

11/30 storm recovery update

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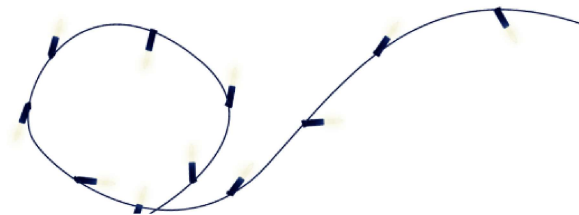
Community Gathering *& Wine Tasting*

December 1st
4 - 6 PM

JOIN YOUR FRIENDS FROM BAILEYS
AT THE ISLAND STORE

We invite you to join us in celebrating our reopening with hors d'oeuvres and wine tasting at The Island Store on December 1st 4-6 PM

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Need a reason to get out of the house? Join your friends at the Island Store on Thursday 4-6 pm for a reopening celebration. We want to host the community for a gathering at The Island Store this Thursday 4-6. Hors d'oeuvres and wine tasting complimentary while supplies last (although they have an almost endless supply of wine).

Island Water to resume billing

FROM ISLAND WATER ASSOCIATION:

Island Water Association suspended water service bills for a 90-day grace period after Hurricane Ian in recognition of the damages and recovery efforts on Sanibel and Captiva Islands. Base charges, including the meter reading fee and demand charges, were also waived for this suspended billing period.

Island Water Association will therefore resume water service billing the week of

Dec. 26, 2022, with members receiving their first water service bill in January 2023. This bill will include base charges for the billing month (none for the 90-day grace period) and charges for water consumed during the 90-day grace period plus the current month. All metered water consumption during the 90-day suspension will be charged at IWA's lowest tier rate of \$3.30 per 1000 gallons.

The Board of Directors approved this temporary exception to IWA's increasing tiered rate structure to provide relief for accidental water usage due to storm damage. Water service charges and billing will resume at normal tiered usage rates after the January billing.

CCA plans Dec. 12 social

FROM THE CCA:

Our first Community Social was a hit, and the CCA is pleased to announce it has scheduled another one for Monday, Dec. 12, 5-6 pm. Please stop by to connect with fellow community members and for some holiday cheer. Light fare and beverages will be provided courtesy of the CCA, but if you are in the mood to bring an appetizer or treat to share, please let me know!

We are offering additional Wi-Fi drop-in hours at the CCA starting on Monday, Nov. 28. The Civic Center will be open every week on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday from 11 am to 4 pm. (We will be closed Wednesday, Saturday, and Sunday unless otherwise posted.) We plan to offer this service until there is reliable Wi-Fi on Captiva, as long as we are able to continue using this resource from the State. Please note that hours will be adjusted around the holidays-look for an email with the adjusted hours towards the end of December.

Hurricane re-entry passes

Hurricane re-entry passes are still available from the City of Sanibel at the Fort Myers Regional Library Meeting Rooms, located at 1651 Lee Street, Fort Myers. The center schedule is:

- Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday – 8 am-5 pm, closed from noon to 1 p.m. for lunch
- Tuesday – 8 am-4 pm, closed from noon to 1 p.m. for lunch

You may click [here](#) to download a copy of the hurricane re-entry pass application for residents or businesses. Please print and complete the application before you arrive at the distribution center. Printed copies are available at the distribution center. The name of the individual who is issued the pass will be written on the pass. Re-entry passes may not be assigned or transferred to another person.

Off island businesses will be limited to five passes. They must provide an employee name for each pass issued. Additional passes will be handled on one/one or as needed basis.

Storm notes

- **Save the date:** FEMA town hall meeting 6 p.m. Dec. 8 at BIG Arts, 900 Dunlop Road, Sanibel. Will include presentations, Q&A and staffers on hand to help with your issues.
- For updates on **debris removal**, go to the Lee County website's Debris Dashboard (or use this link -- <https://www.leegov.com/hurricane/storm/debris>). The dashboard shows Captiva is still in the first phase of removal, with multiple passes planned to remove all the storm-damaged materials... so if not everything has gotten picked up yet, the trucks will be back for a second (and a third, and a...) pass. Just keep moving debris out near to the road right-of-way (so they can reach it) and keep separating it into vegetation, C&D debris, white goods, etc. (so it goes to the right place).
- **Need help** with debris cleanup? Contact iandebriscleanup.com to register with the state for help to remove debris from your private residential or commercial property.
- **A curfew continues** on both Sanibel and Captiva, 9 pm to 6 am. Residents with licenses showing an island address can travel during the curfew hours, but you may be stopped by law enforcement to ensure you are allowed to be on the island.
- **Mail delivery** for the islands is still in town at 14080 Jetport Loop, between Interstate 75 and Treeline Avenue south of Daniels Parkway.
- **General deliveries** are allowed on the island, but drivers must show paperwork with the island address for the delivery
- **Comcast** crews have been working on the island, but no firm date for restoration of services has been announced. A phased restoration is expected, to keep checking your connection... and don't forget to reboot your system after electric power has been restored.

- Reports are that **cell service** on the island is terrible in many locations. Community Panel members are reaching out to Verizon reps (among others) to see what (if anything) can be done. In the meantime, look into switching your phone to Wi-Fi calling if you're near a reliable wi-fi hot-spot (such as the CCA and the fire station)... but be cognizant of the limits of their broadband signal, and keep usage to a minimum if possible.
- **The CEPD** has established a "Hurricane Ian Recovery" page on its website with information regarding sand cleanup, permitted activities and more. Go to <https://www.mycepd.com/hurricane-ian-recovery> for details.
- The **Lee County Tax Collector** has mailed 2022 property tax bills, which include instructions on dealing with damaged property. The early-pay discount period has been extended to Dec. 31, 2022. If you have questions regarding the assessment for the recent beach renourishment project, contact the CEPD office or email dmunt@mycepd.com.

Upcoming events:

- **Island Store Community Gathering** – Thursday, Dec. 1 4-6 p.m.
- **FEMA town hall meeting** – Thursday, Dec. 8, 6 p.m. at BIG Arts.
- **CCA Community Social** – Monday, Dec. 12, 5-6 p.m.
- **CEPD board meeting** -- Monday, Dec. 12, 1 p.m. Details at mycepd.com
- **Community Panel monthly meeting** – Tuesday, Dec. 13, 9 a.m. via Zoom (details below)

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