
12/3 storm recovery update

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CEPD apportionment update

FROM CEPD:

There have been many inquiries regarding the recent assessment letters and property tax bills. Residents may still send payments to Captiva Erosion Prevention District (CEPD) at the address listed on the assessment letter (P.O. Box 365, Captiva, Florida, 33924). As payments in full are received, a process is started to amend the property tax bill for the associated parcel with the Lee County Tax Collector (LEETC).

If you have not paid your property tax bill, the line item for the recent beach renourishment project will be removed. If you have paid both CEPD and LEETC, you will be issued a refund from LEETC. The option to pay in full ends on Dec. 20, 2022.

Since there is no direct mail delivery on Captiva, the CEPD is legally obligated to send any mailers regarding Captiva properties to the address on file with the Lee County Property Appraisers Office (LEEPA) (www.leepa.org). If you wish to change the address where you would receive these mailers, it cannot be done at the CEPD offices. These changes must be filed with LEEPA. CEPD utilized the mailing list provided by LEEPA on July 1, 2022, for the current assessment letters.

Island Water to resume billing

FROM ISLAND WATER ASSOCIATION:

Island Water Association will 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.

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 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.

Causeway tolls resume Jan. 1

FROM LEE COUNTY:

Lee County will resume normal toll operations on the third of its three toll bridges – the Sanibel Causeway – at 6 a.m. Jan. 1.

The county's toll program – called LeeWay – will honor its discount programs for Sanibel residents who had them prior to the storm through Jan. 31. Sanibel-based LeeWay customers are asked to renew their programs for 2023 now. Typically, the annual renewal process takes place in October. Sanibel residents with power and internet access can renew online at www.leegov.com/tolls. A phone line for renewal also is available at 239-533-9297 beginning today,

Thursday, Dec. 1. LeeWay also will email Sanibel program participants this month.

Contractors who are doing work on Sanibel should visit the website to obtain a free LeeWay transponder and to deposit funds into an account to avoid paying the \$3 administrative fee that is applied to those without transponders.

Transponders from other entities, such as SunPass and E-ZPass, also work. Visit www.leegov.com/tolls for a complete list. All three county toll bridges are all-electronic; no cash is accepted.

NOTE: The City of Sanibel has not yet established a date when re-entry passes will no longer be required. Please watch for future announcements from the city concerning the Sanibel Causeway re-entry pass requirements.

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.

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.
- The next **City of Sanibel update** will be held on Tuesday, Dec. 6, beginning at 9 a.m. as part of the City Council meeting. The meeting will be broadcast on Facebook Live using the usual link.
- 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 **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

Upcoming events:

- **FEMA town hall meeting** – Thursday, Dec. 8, 6 p.m. at BIG Arts, 900 Dunlop Road, Sanibel.
- **CEPD board meeting** -- Monday, Dec. 12, 1 p.m. Details at mycepd.com
- **CCA Community Social** – Monday, Dec. 12, 5-6 p.m.
- **Community Panel monthly meeting** – Tuesday, Dec. 13, 9 a.m. via Zoom Webinar link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81488397372?>

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