
12/10 storm recovery update

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Captiva post office re-opens Monday

Mail service will return to the Captiva post office beginning Monday, Dec. 12, as the facility re-opens for its regular hours. The Sanibel post office, however, remains closed as repairs to the facility continue.

Community Panel meeting Tuesday

The next meeting of the Captiva Community Panel will be held via Zoom on Tuesday, Dec. 13, beginning at 9 a.m. (log-in info below). Included on the agenda:

- Hurricane updates -- Order will be based on availability:
 - County overview – Commissioner Kevin Ruane
 - City of Sanibel – Dana Souza, city manager
 - Comcast – Jen Boyett, Senior Manager for External Affairs
 - LCSO update – Lt. Mike Sawicki
 - Captiva Fire District update – Chief Jeff Pawul
 - EOC/South Seas update – Bob Walter
 - CEPD update – Daniel Munt, administrator
- Additional updates including iguana control, Verizon & Captiva recovery plan – David Mintz
- Panel discussion on Causeway re-opening

- Captiva Drive revegetation & bike lanes
- Vote on new panel members

CEPD meeting Monday

The Captiva Erosion Preventio District will hold its monthly board meeting via Zoom on Monday, Dec. 12, beginning at 1 p.m.. Agenda, background materials and log-in information is at <https://www.mycepd.com/board-meetings>

CCA holiday social Monday

FROM THE CCA:

Please help us fill the boxes and spread some local cheer! The CCA is working with FISH of SanCap to help out families in need this holiday season. The Civic Center is an official drop-off location for the annual "Adopt-A-Family," "Adopt-A-Senior," and "Toy Drive" organized by FISH. Please see the attached letter from FISH Executive Director Maria Espinoza and Program Coordinator Manuela Martinez, as well as the informational flier about this effort. Items will be collected until Dec. 19.

We are open Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday from 11 am to 4 pm and are still offering free WiFi for the Captiva Community. The blue bin will be left outside the CCA doors for after-hour drop-offs.

We hope you will join us on Monday, Dec. 12, at 5 pm for a holiday-themed community social hour. Refreshments and light fare will be provided by the CCA. Also, we have had a generous donation of artwork by Paul Arsenault with sale proceeds to benefit the Charitable Foundation of the Islands (CFI) hurricane relief/employee assistance fund, which focuses on providing financial support to Sanibel and Captiva nonprofit organizations' employees that were impacted by Hurricane Ian.

For more information about CFI's Nonprofit Employee Assistance Program click here <https://www.charitablefoundationoftheislands.org/news/2022/11/22/cfi-announces-100000-matching-grant-for-employee-assistance> .

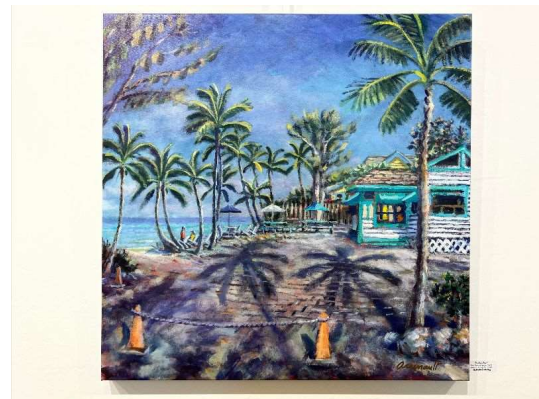
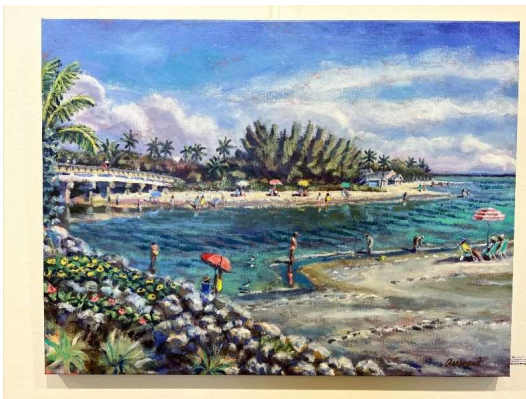
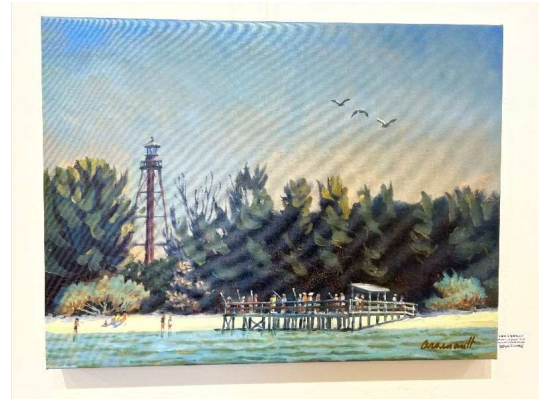
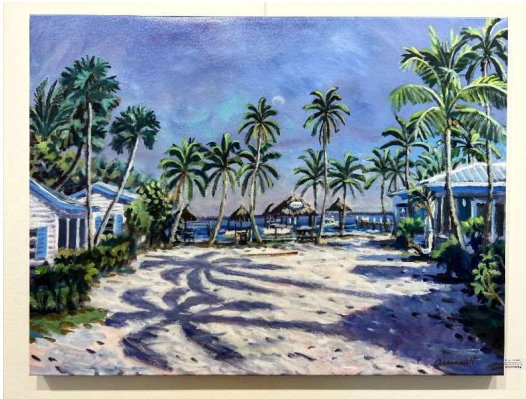
Paul Arsenault is a local artist who lives in Naples and exhibited at the CCA last season. His work features many Sanibel and Captiva landscapes and landmarks. He is offering the proceeds of any giclee prints of his original island-

themed work now through Jan. 31, 2023, to benefit the Nonprofit Employee Assistance Program. You can view this collection by visiting his website: click here

<http://www.arsenaultgallery.com/shorelines---captiva--pine-island-sound.html> .

Many of the prints shown on his website for this collection are available to order and purchase as a giclee, please contact Emily Ankerson to inquire about availability, pricing and sizes.

The following four giclee prints will be available to bid on starting now at the CCA and up through the social event on Monday, Dec. 12:



The prints are:

- "Jensen's Marina" giclee on canvas, 30x40
- "Shelling at Blind Pass" giclee on canvas, 30x40
- "Sanibel Lighthouse" giclee on canvas, 18x24
- "The Mucky Duck" giclee on canvas, 30x30

The above artwork as well as one of Paul's art books and a 2023 calendar are on display at the CCA and bidding is open now through the end of the evening event on Monday, Dec. 12.

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No official date for Causeway re-opening

While a number of possible re-opening dates for the Sanibel Causeway have been floating around, there has yet to be an official announcement about when the Causeway will re-open to the general public. As soon as something is formalized, we will share it.

Last week, the City of Sanibel did issue a traffic alter, noting that the increase in residents, business owners and contractors visiting the island was causing traffic congestion. Motorists should expect heavy traffic conditions and considerable wait time when traveling on island from 7 am to noon, Monday through Friday. Plan nonessential trips around this timeframe.

Sanibel Police Chief Bill Dalton encouraged everyone to “be patient” and follow the directions of the traffic control officers, as SAFETY is our number one concern!

Storm notes

- For those asking about swimming conditions around the island: The Mote Marine website has every public beach south of Englewood and north of Collier/Clam Pass closed for debris and elevated bacteria. Dept. of Health tests aren't consistently showing high enterococcus (a few moderate counts) but don't address debris at all. As of now, all Lee County beach parks remain closed.
- Permanent repairs on the Sanibel Causeway tentatively to be completed by October 2023. Since this has a lot of moving parts, the “tentative” is really tentative. Lane changes and closures will be announced as construction proceeds forward.
- 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 located at 1651 Lee Street, Fort Myers. 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.

- Lee County will resume normal toll operations on the Sanibel Causeway at 6 a.m. Jan. 1. The county's LeeWay toll program will honor its discount programs for island residents who had them prior to the storm through Jan. 31. Island-based LeeWay customers are asked to renew their programs for 2023 now (typically, the annual renewal process takes place in October). Island 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.
- 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 in 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).
- **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.

Upcoming events:

- **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 (details below)

Webinar link: [https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81488397372?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81488397372?pwd=Qjl1WnBFs3BLRnpEdUhhY2F6M0U5UT09)

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