
12/14 storm recover update

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SBP recovery presentation

FROM CITY OF SANIBEL:

“Hurricane Ian: Moving Forward with Recovery.” Join Claire Balsley, Director of Disaster Assistance Programs for SBP, a national disaster recovery and resilience organization, to learn how to navigate recovery processes (such as FEMA vs. SBA programs) on Wednesday, Dec. 14, at noon at the Sanibel Recreation Center, 3880 Sanibel Captiva Road. After the presentation there will also be time for individuals to ask questions.

Pre-registration not required. Contact 239-472-0302 or 239-395-1860 with questions.

Updates from the Community Panel meeting

- The City of Sanibel is planning to reopen the Sanibel Causeway to the general public on **Monday, Jan. 2**, as the numerous benchmarks set by

the city for recovery have been (or will be) met. A curfew will remain in effect after the re-opening, although the hours or terms may change somewhat to accommodate both island workers and seasonal residents.

- As previously announced, Lee County will restart the toll program for the Causeway **Jan. 1**. Island-based LeeWay customers should renew their programs for 2023 now (typically, renewal takes place in October); you can renew online at www.leegov.com/tolls, or call 239-533-9297.
- Comcast reported that Captiva is **90% restored**, but that service interruptions may continue as they switch off generators back to regular power. If you have not seen your service return, contact Comcast (they recommend the app as wait time for phone calls is long) so they can determine what issue is causing the problem.
- **Iguana eradication** will restart hopefully after the first of the year, as the Community Panel voted to fund trapper services for a year with reimbursement expected from Lee County.
- Even though the offices have not reopened, you can contact the **CEPD** with assessment questions (or anything else pertaining to the beaches) at 239-472-2472 and leave a voicemail. The line is checked regularly, and you will receive a callback.
- There will be an update at the January Community Panel meeting on the status of **SB-4-A**, a disaster relief bill before the special session of the Florida Legislature this week that could authorize “the refund of ad valorem taxes for residential improvements rendered uninhabitable by certain hurricanes; providing for the extension and suspension of payments and discounts of certain taxes and assessments...”

If you want to view the entire meeting, it’s available online at <https://youtu.be/4VkoFEbCKqY> or via a link on the News page of the Community Panel website.

Help CCA spread holiday cheer

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. 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.



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