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1/31 storm recovery update

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Feb. 13 is storm debris set-out deadline

FROM LEE COUNTY:

Lee County has announced another set-out deadline for some additional unincorporated areas to place remaining Hurricane Ian debris at the curb.

The following areas are asked to place residential storm debris at the curb by Feb. 13:

- Pine Island north of the Pine Island Road/Stringfellow intersection. (Matlacha and St. James City are unaffected.)
- Waterway Estates
- Fort Myers Shores
- Iona/McGregor (north of Summerlin Road)
- Island Park
- Cypress Lake
- Captiva

Please note, this collection is for residential storm debris only and does not include debris from vacant land, commercial sites or agricultural properties. Those entities must pay to remove materials or self-haul materials to an appropriate site. Go to www.leegov.com/solidwaste for more information.

Lee County Solid Waste has resumed regular yard waste collection in all county-served areas. Residents are asked to use containers, paper lawn and leaf bags or clear plastic bags to set vegetative material – including palm fronds – curbside on their regular collection day. Black plastic bags and bundled yard waste will not be collected with curbside yard waste at this time. Those items will be collected at a later date by the county's storm-debris contractor using specialized equipment.

Lee County has collected more than 5.8 million cubic yards of debris to date. Hurricane Ian left behind an estimated 12 million cubic yards of debris countywide, including debris in all six municipalities.

Residents can track debris collection progress, learn how to stack debris and gather other Hurricane Ian debris information at www.leegov.com/storm/debris. Information about normal curbside pickup of garbage, recycling and yard waste can be found at www.leegov.com/solidwaste

Sanibel Causeway update

FROM FDOT:

As a part of the Florida Department of Transportation's (FDOT) Emergency Restoration of the Sanibel Causeway, crews continue work on McGregor Boulevard and the Sanibel Causeway from Port Comfort Road to Sanibel Island. Westbound McGregor Boulevard has been reduced to one lane approaching and through the toll plaza. LeeWay has resumed normal electronic toll collection.

- Crews continue driving sheet pile around the causeway islands.
- The causeway islands surrounding the temporary roadway are an active work zone and are currently closed for public access.
- Bicyclists are encouraged to utilize another mode of transportation to travel the causeway.
- Pedestrians are not permitted on the Sanibel Causeway.

MOTORISTS ARE REMINDED TO OBEY THE POSTED SPEED LIMIT OF 20 MPH. Crews continue earthwork on the causeway islands. Please use caution and watch for workers and construction vehicles entering and leaving the roadway.

Sanibel update

FROM CITY OF SANIBEL:

Sanibel Curfew: The Sanibel City Council voted to change Sanibel's post Hurricane Ian curfew to **12 am-6 am daily** from the previous curfew of 9 pm – 6 am. Motorists driving on Sanibel streets should expect to be stopped by Sanibel Police officers during the curfew hours of 12 am to 6 pm.

Hurricane Ian Debris Collection: The Sanibel City Council voted to establish **Feb. 20** as the last day residents may place Hurricane Ian generated debris on the City's right of way for collection by the City's debris management contractor.

Recreation Center Memberships – The Sanibel City Council voted to establish Feb. 1 as the date when Recreation Center Memberships are needed to utilize the center's facilities. Since reopening the Recreation Center after Hurricane Ian, residents have been able to use the facilities free of charge and without a facility membership.

The City Council also approved extending the Recreation Center hours beginning Feb. 1 to Monday-Saturday from 8 am to 5 pm.

SCCF Update

FROM SCCF:

SCCF is excited to welcome the public back to our Native Landscapes & Garden Center at the historic Bailey Homestead Preserve on Tuesday and Thursday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

"We have completed the essential clean-up of the garden center grounds and have set up an outdoor checkout service," said Adult Education Director Jenny Evans. "The Honey House, where we normally do our retail checkout, is still in disrepair but we know how eager islanders are to start replanting and we want to support that."

In the Post-Ian Replanting Guide that was published online last month, garden center staff identified 57 of the most resilient species of palms, trees, shrubs, and groundcover, including wildflowers, grasses, and ferns, that survived Ian.

"We are re-opening with limited hours to be able to provide you with in-person guidance as well as many of the native plants that weathered the storm," said Evans. The garden center, located at 1300 Periwinkle Way, will be open

Tuesday through Thursday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Also, the Shipley Trail, which traverses the Bailey Homestead Preserve behind the garden center, remains closed at this time.







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