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# 12/28 storm recovery update

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## Sanibel & causeway update

### FROM CITY OF SANIBEL:

**Sanibel Causeway – Eliminating Requirement for Re-entry Passes.** By consensus, the Sanibel City Council supported the decision to end the requirement for re-entry passes on Jan. 2, 2023. The police checkpoint that has been in place since the causeway reopened will be deactivated early that morning. However, the city's curfew will remain in effect between the hours of 9 pm and 6 am daily and the police checkpoint will be in place during the curfew hours.

The City of Sanibel asks that non-residents respect and understand the fact that Sanibel is still actively working to recover from Hurricane Ian. While the requirement for reentry passes will no longer be necessary on Jan. 2, we are discouraging visitors at this time and look forward to welcoming back visitors later in our recovery.

Please note the following:

- Beaches and beach parks, including the Sanibel Lighthouse, remain closed – Sanibel is not open to beach visitors and the Mayoral Proclamation, extending Sanibel's State of Emergency, prohibits non-residents from being on the beach.

- The fishing pier and boat ramp are closed.
- The City's shared use path (bike path) still has stacked debris waiting for pickup in many places. Nails from debris that could cause flat tires may exist on the bike path, and the City is discouraging people from using it.
- Debris collection from individual lots and the City's rights-of-way is still ongoing. Trucks collecting debris will interrupt traffic flow at times and may cause travel delays.
- Most businesses are closed.
- There is nothing to see or do – yet.
- Residents/contractors with re-entry passes should continue displaying their reentry passes at all times on their vehicle's dashboard to assist Police.
- During the hours the curfew is in place, vehicles with the following credentials will be allowed through the island checkpoint:
  - Sanibel and Captiva residents with a resident re-entry pass and a valid driver's license. The name on the driver's license must match the name of the person to whom the re-entry pass was issued.
  - Guests of Sanibel and Captiva resorts with a printed reservation confirmation where the name on the reservation matches the name on the person's driver's license.
- People driving on Sanibel Island between the hours of 9 pm and 6 am should expect to be stopped by police patrols to verify residency or resort guest status. All persons leaving the island after 9 pm should expect to be stopped by police at the causeway checkpoint.
- Residents and business owners who observe any suspicious activity at any time on the island, should report this activity to the Sanibel Police Department immediately by calling 911.

**Hurricane Re-entry Passes** –The City of Sanibel stopped distributing re-entry passes Dec. 23. Sanibel and Captiva residents who have extenuating circumstances that prevented them from obtaining a Hurricane reentry pass by Dec. 23 should call 239-472-3700 for assistance.

## **Re-vegetate the right way**

### **FROM SCCF:**

The SCCF Native Landscapes & Garden Center's new Post-Hurricane Ian Replanting Guide offers tips for re-vegetating lawns and landscapes in Southwest Florida following Hurricane Ian, with a focus on storm-resilient native plants.

“Since its founding, SCCF has advised islanders on best practices for native

landscapes that create habitat for wildlife and pollinators, protect water quality, conserve water, and provide natural beauty,” said Adult Education Director Jenny Evans. “This publication continues that mission, and we hope it can be a source of inspiration for our community as we continue to rebuild in the New Year.”

The Native Landscapes & Garden Center will re-open to the public with limited hours on Jan. 24, 2023. Hours will be 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tuesday through Thursday.

The Native Landscapes & Garden Center is located at the historic Bailey Homestead Preserve at 1300 Periwinkle Way, Please direct any questions to [info@sccf.org](mailto:info@sccf.org) or 239-472-1932.

### [DOWNLOAD GUIDE](#)

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## **Ian recovery presentation now available**

[Click Here](#) to view recording of SBP Presentation: Hurricane Ian: Moving Forward with Recovery.

In this presentation, Claire Balsley, Director of Disaster Assistance Programs for SBP, a national disaster recovery and resilience organization, explains how to navigate recovery processes (such as FEMA vs. SBA programs).

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## **Upcoming events**

- **CEPD** monthly meeting – Monday, Jan. 9 @ 1 p.m.

- **Community Panel** monthly meeting – Tuesday, Jan. 10 @ 9 a.m. via Zoom



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