
2/27 Storm recovery update

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Recovering our resilience March 9

FROM SCCF:

“Emerging from Hurricane Ian: Stronger & More Resilient” will be presented on Thursday, March 9, 6-8 p.m., at Big Arts on Sanibel (along with a virtual option). The seminar is sponsored by the SanCap Citizens for a Resilient Future in collaboration with the City of Sanibel. Former Sanibel Mayor Porter Goss will give the keynote, and Sanibel City Council Member John Henshaw will moderate.

This will be the first of a two-part community event series hosted by the newly formed SanCap Citizens for a Resilient Future, of which SCCF is a member, together with the City of Sanibel. This first event will focus on sharing community stories about Hurricane Ian experiences. A following second event will dig deeper into lessons learned and set the stage for citizen-led collaborative planning focused on building greater resiliency for the future.

More information about the program and how to register will be coming soon. For now, please **hold the date!**

Real estate recovery session today

FROM SCCF:

“Navigating Post-Ian Real Estate Challenges” will be offered today (Feb. 27) at 1 p.m. virtually. Join us for a panel of real estate industry experts as they dive into the complexities of the market after Hurricane Ian. Our panel will discuss the impact of the hurricane on the housing market, what buyers and sellers can expect in the aftermath, and strategies for navigating the challenges.

This webinar will give attendees a deeper understanding of the topics and questions we have all been experiencing since Sept. 28, 2022. Topics will include: Current Real Estate Market, Sanibel Build Back & FEMA 50% Rule, Insurance Considerations and Requirements, Lending Considerations and Requirements, Investment Considerations and 1031 Exchanges, Appraisals & Tax Considerations.

Register [here](https://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001BH1KVvOZqKx45oVUzIG6eKklzyY53RoP3TzNVuldNWz3xioADQVm-Fcs50Q5dZhYUgS9Y6SNPs9jlpYKbOy25Uz078BLmRIboN54LRdk1_iWRi-7pUZOf3s7zlo5RO_dnGD6P5dPQavFLWIMQLYnO7hOD9AzmwEyrvyTtht_r2iWe9yiS4BWNyublQ_HXzlcxY6wQdo5j00epkdnV4DPqL48B0xK8FPkAX-4jldy_xPTxNwuwTxydSfrrE4hcqjN4Nqcpie84=&c=RrVLUQVItX_KYP-_iiXXI4vZNj5pH_11OcyX5AICLbW-vb0jd5L_Lw==&ch=nBPWohRmmgRarXqtmu9D417jHDvGdtZcQVHQDjw1DyW-_dPVdJAF5g==). (Or copy-and-paste: https://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001BH1KVvOZqKx45oVUzIG6eKklzyY53RoP3TzNVuldNWz3xioADQVm-Fcs50Q5dZhYUgS9Y6SNPs9jlpYKbOy25Uz078BLmRIboN54LRdk1_iWRi-7pUZOf3s7zlo5RO_dnGD6P5dPQavFLWIMQLYnO7hOD9AzmwEyrvyTtht_r2iWe9yiS4BWNyublQ_HXzlcxY6wQdo5j00epkdnV4DPqL48B0xK8FPkAX-4jldy_xPTxNwuwTxydSfrrE4hcqjN4Nqcpie84=&c=RrVLUQVItX_KYP-_iiXXI4vZNj5pH_11OcyX5AICLbW-vb0jd5L_Lw==&ch=nBPWohRmmgRarXqtmu9D417jHDvGdtZcQVHQDjw1DyW-_dPVdJAF5g==)

Sanibel Causeway update

FROM FLORIDA DOT:

Crews continue driving sheet pile along the Sanibel Causeway. At this time, the contractor does not anticipate lane closures or major delays to traffic due to construction at least through Feb. 28.

Sanibel Causeway Emergency Restoration: 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.
- Crews continue earthwork on the causeway islands.
- **MOTORISTS ARE REMINDED TO OBEY THE POSTED SPEED LIMIT OF 20 MPH.**

- 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.

Many oversized vehicles are crossing the causeway to assist with recovery efforts on the island. Please be patient as travel may be slower than usual. Please use caution and watch for workers and construction vehicles entering and leaving the roadway.

Beachgoers are not permitted within the construction zone. The Causeway Islands remain closed and vehicles are not permitted to stop in the active construction zone. This is to allow for the work to progress safely and to allow the contractor to focus on the reconstruction.

For further questions, please contact Jennifer Dorning by email at Jennifer.Dorning@dot.state.fl.us or by phone at (239) 338-7723.

Landscape restoration lecture March 2

FROM CITY OF SANIBEL

Want to know how Hurricane Ian impacted the vegetation of Sanibel, as well as considerations for replacing plants that were destroyed?

Stephen Brown, with the University of Florida Institute of Food and Agriculture Sciences, will discuss this topic, and more, in the BIG ARTS Auditorium, on Thursday, March 2, at 3 p.m., following the Sanibel Vegetation Committee Meeting. The presentation is open to the public, and interested persons are encouraged to attend! The city plans to record the presentation for posting on the city's website.

Stephen Brown is a faculty member and an Extension Agent with the University of Florida Institute of Food and Agriculture Sciences. He holds a Bachelor of Science in Soil Science from the University of California, Riverside, and a Master of Science in Soil Fertility and Plant Nutrition from the University of Florida, Gainesville. He is responsible for taking university-based research on Florida Friendly Landscaping for both commercial and residential clientele.

As such, he plans, develops, implements, and evaluates various methods for

clientele outreach and education. For more information, visit the website at Lee County - UF/IFAS Extension (ufl.edu).

Phased opening of beach parks set

FROM LEE COUNTY

Lee County plans a phased reopening of beach parks with the overall goal of working alongside local, state and federal partners to progress as quickly as possible, while ensuring safety for the community and the best use of taxpayer dollars.

On Captiva, the county plans to reopen Alison Hagerup Beach Park by **mid-March**. Turner Beach is controlled by the City of Sanibel, and a reopening date for that park has not been set.

Residents and visitors are advised:

- Beaches and beach parks have not been restored to pre-Hurricane Ian conditions.
- Some amenities such as restroom facilities, piers and walkovers have not been repaired or replaced at this time.
- Debris continues to wash onshore and quickly may be obscured by sand.
- Beach shoes should be worn at all times.
- Debris can still be found in near-shore areas, such as dunes or mangrove-lined coastlines.
- Closure signs are posted where necessary, and www.leeparks.org has status updates.

For more information on additional openings and available amenities, visit the Park Progress Map tool at www.leeparks.org. For Hurricane Ian information, visit www.leegov.com/storm.



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