
3/14 update: CCA event March 21

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CCA's Upcoming Fund-raiser:

'Raising Glasses & Raising Funds'

FROM THE CCA:

The Captiva Civic Association (CCA) is honored to be an integral part of the Captiva community. As a nonprofit organization, we must rely upon donations and sponsorship support to maintain our facilities, make necessary improvements, and bring quality programming to our members and guests.

Like most of the island's homes and businesses, Hurricane Ian has caused us to tackle a series of unexpected expenses. We now need some repairs to the Civic Center building (which houses the library), its grounds and the historic cottage we lease to Lee County for our resident deputy sheriff.

Some of our most pressing needs post hurricane are:

- AC replacement (we may need to replace all five of our units)
- Generator replacement
- Roof repair
- Siding replacement (for the historic sheriff's cottage)
- Landscaping replacement
- Parking lot repair and reconstruction
- Exterior Audio Visual system components

- Exterior bulletin boards and signage
- Pavers & patio repair

Directly after the storm, as soon as the island became accessible, the Civic Center opened its doors to the community for people to have air conditioning, to access WiFi, and to shower and do laundry. Our priority has always been to serve our community, respond to its needs, and fulfill our mission to preserve the quality of life, ambiance, and environmental integrity of our beloved barrier island.

This year we have decided not to hold our traditional ABC Gala fundraiser, instead our fundraising event, “Raising Glasses & Raising Funds” will be held at the CCA on **Tuesday, March 21**, from 5:00 to 8:00 pm. Reservations are \$75 per ticket. The evening will provide an elegant cocktail party for our guests, an open bar, wonderful hors d'oeuvres prepared by Chef Jarred from the Captiva Island Yacht Club, amazing music from the Roy Gerson Trio, and a paddle raise facilitated by auctioneer extraordinaire Tommy Williams.

Invitations have been mailed, and we will call to confirm your reservation once we hear from you. If you do not hear from us by **Thursday, March 16**, to confirm, please call (239) 472-2111. If you are unable to attend but wish to support the CCA with a donation, please remember that contributions to the CCA Foundation are tax-deductible.

We look forward to seeing you, and thank you so much for continuing to support the CCA!

A special thank you to Stephanie Bissett, Broker Associate with Premier Sotheby's International Realty, our Presenting Sponsor for this event.

Panel meeting this morning

- Community Panel meeting: Tuesday, March 14, 9 am via Zoom (<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81747162497?pwd=UXVHaEdEZGtuUIBUSy9xU1BtK0xKZz09>, Passcode: 841558)

Among the items on the agenda:

- County overview – Commissioner Kevin Ruane (invited)
- Sanibel Causeway update – Jennifer Dorning, Florida DOT
- LCSO update – Lt. Mike Sawicki

- Captiva Fire District update – Chief Jeff Pawul
- CEPD update – Daniel Munt, administrator
- SCCF update – James Evans, Matt DePaolis or Carrie Schuman
- South Seas update – Bob Walter
- South Seas HOA Council: Bottlenose Bay waterpark – Ken Suarez
- Additional updates (Roosevelt Channel slow-speed zone) – David Mintz
- Rauschenberg wastewater plans – Kendall Baldwin. WXY Studio
- Hurricane Ian discussion and feedback – Linda Laird
- Captiva Drive revegetation & bike lanes – John Jensen
- Panel ordinances review (parking, noise, golf carts, fertilizer) – David Mintz

Send them your storm shots

FROM BREEZE NEWSPAPERS:

The Breeze Newspapers is preparing a book marking Hurricane Ian and is in the process of collecting photos of the storm and its aftermath (the two-three weeks following). The book will include Fort Myers Beach, Sanibel-Captiva, Pine Island-Matlacha, Cape Coral and North Fort Myers.

In addition to our own photos, we are seeking contributions so as to make sure the book is reflective of not only hurricane damage, but of the people “who weathered the storm” and came through it.

Aerials/drone/from the water shots are especially welcome as are photos of crews and teams in action during (in the EOC, etc.) and following the storm, as well as damage shots taken for assessment purposes. Also especially welcome are pictures of your team(s) and officials performing immediate recovery tasks and/or assisting those affected.

Source credits will, of course, be provided.

Photo submissions can be emailed to Michael Pistella at mpistella@breezenewspapers.com. For more information or questions, you can contact me via email or phone.

Thank you in advance for any assistance :)

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