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FROM FLORIDA DOT:

Motorists should expect intermittent lane closures on McGregor Boulevard on Monday, March 27, and Tuesday, March 28, between 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. for geotechnical work. They are not on the Causeway itself, but on McGregor Boulevard between Port Comfort Road and the toll plaza. Delays are to be expected, so please plan ahead.

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.

- The causeway islands surrounding the temporary roadway are an active work zone and are currently closed for public access.
- Westbound McGregor Boulevard has been reduced to one lane approaching and through the toll plaza.
- Crews continue driving sheet pile around the causeway islands.
- · Crews continue earthwork on the causeway islands.
- 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.
- MOTORISTS ARE REMINDED TO OBEY THE POSTED SPEED LIMIT OF 20 MPH. Please use caution and watch for workers and construction vehicles entering and leaving the roadway.

For further questions, please contact Jennifer Dorning by email at Jennifer.Dorning@dot.state.fl.us or by phone at (239) 338-7723. Please visit www.swflroads.com/SanibelCauseway for additional information.

Volunteer expo to help island nonprofits FROM CFI:

Southwest Florida residents who have pondered how they can assist Sanibel and Captiva Island recover and rebuild from Hurricane Ian are invited to the inaugural Get Inspired! SanCap Volunteer Expo hosted by the Charitable Foundation of the Islands (CFI) at Sanibel's BIG ARTS on Dunlop Road on **Thursday, March 30, 4-7:30 p.m.** The event is generously underwritten by Sanibel Captiva Trust Company.

The SanCap Volunteer Expo will include a discussion at 5 pm led by long-time Sanibel residents Porter Goss and Chauncey Goss. Porter Goss was the first mayor of Sanibel in 1975, representing Southwest Florida in the U.S. House of Representatives for 16 years and served as Director of the CIA under President George W. Bush in 2004. Chauncey Goss grew up on Sanibel, served on Capitol Hill in Washington, D.C., was a candidate for the House of Representatives, sits on many area Boards and has been highly involved with water quality issues and the South Florida Water Management District. They will be joined by Captiva Community Panel Vice President David Mintz.

Participating in the event will be more than 15 local nonprofit organizations from Sanibel and Captiva, serving those who live and work on Sanibel-Captiva and nearby. Guests will receive a directory with an overview of the participating nonprofits and will learn about volunteer opportunities available. Organization representatives will answer questions and sign up interested volunteers from 4-5 pm and 6:15-7:30 pm.

Online registration is required and space is limited. Please register at www.mycfi.org. For details, call Dolly Farrell at (239) 355-8614 or email dfarrell@sancapcfi.org.

Upcoming events

- Community Panel meeting: Tuesday, April 11, 9 am via Zoom. Agenda at captivacommunitypanel.com
- **CEPD** meeting: **Monday, April 17**, 1 pm via Zoom. Agenda at mycepd.com.







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