# MANAGER'S CORNER

June, 2023

Hello Residents,



MEMORIAL DAY: Remember what this weekend is all about. Have a safe holiday!



SAVE THE DATE: The annual Barbecue is coming! It is scheduled for Wednesday, August 9th at noon. More details to follow in July with a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board.

**BICYCLES**: Please lock your bicycles and secure any items of value.

**HOME MAINTENANCE:** Please take some time to dispose of your excess clutter on your carports and around your home. These will become flying objects during storms and especially as we approach Hurricane season. Also, please look at the condition of your home, awnings and driveways. Some are in need of immediate attention including pressure washing, painting and weeding. We all like to have a nice place to live so please do your part. If you need assistance with this, please let me know and we can work out something.

<u>HURRICANE PREPARDNESS</u>: I have placed Disaster Planning Guides on the desk in the Club House. Now is the time to prepare for Hurricane Season. As stated above please dispose of excess clutter that could be flying hazards.

**OFFICE AVAILABILITY:** The office hours will be limited from June 6 - 30, 2023. There will be limited coverage during that time.

<u>PET RESPONSIBILITY</u>: It seems common sense, but I've gotten reports that some residents who have pets are not disposing of the pet waste in THEIR OWN receptacles. Please don't use anyone else's but your own trash can. It may not seem like a big deal to you, but to those who do not have pets, it is highly offensive. This is also addressed in the Rules and Regulations on page 8, Section G-b. Pet owners are required to adhere to these rules.

<u>SIGN</u>: We have been working with a sign company for quite some time and a sign is currently being designed and has to meet various parameters. Once approved, it will have to meet many codes and restrictions and go to fabrication. So, there are many hurdles to navigate. We appreciate your patience as we seek to have a new sign that will reflect our Polynesian flair as best we can. The old sign was certainly iconic but was not to current codes.

<u>POOL:</u> The pool has a leak and will be closed for repairs and cleaning from Monday, July 10 through the afternoon of Thursday, July 13<sup>th</sup>. I apologize for the inconvenience. <u>UMBRELLAS:</u> Please put the umbrellas down at the pool when you leave. We have lost several due to them being left up in the evenings. If you put it up, please put it down.

Happy Summer & Blessings to you all, Denise Cobb

# **Be Red Cross Ready**

# **Hurricane Safety Checklist**

Hurricanes are strong storms that cause life- and propertythreatening hazards such as flooding, storm surge, high winds and tornadoes.

Preparation is the best protection against the dangers of a hurricane.

### **Know the Difference**

Hurricane Watch—Hurricane conditions are a threat within 48 hours. Review your hurricane plans, keep informed and be ready to act if a warning is issued.

**Hurricane Warning**—Hurricane conditions are expected within 36 hours. Complete your storm preparations and leave the area if directed to do so by authorities.

#### What should I do?



- ☐ Listen to a NOAA Weather Radio for critical information from the National Weather Service (NWS).
- Check your disaster supplies and replace or restock as needed.
- ☐ Bring in anything that can be picked up by the wind (bicycles, lawn furniture).
- Close windows, doors and hurricane shutters. If you do not have hurricane shutters, close and board up all windows and doors with plywood.
- ☐ Turn the refrigerator and freezer to the coldest setting and keep them closed as much as possible so that food will last longer if the power goes out.
- ☐ Turn off propane tanks and unplug small appliances.
- ☐ Fill your car's gas tank.
- ☐ Talk with members of your household and create an evacuation plan. Planning and practicing your evacuation plan minimizes confusion and fear during the event.
- ☐ Learn about your community's hurricane response plan. Plan routes to local shelters, register family members with special medical needs as required and make plans for your pets to be cared for.
- Evacuate if advised by authorities. Be careful to avoid flooded roads and washed out bridges.
- ☐ Because standard homeowners insurance doesn't cover flooding, it's important to have protection from the floods associated with hurricanes, tropical storms, heavy rains and other conditions that impact the U.S. For more information on flood insurance, please visit the National Flood Insurance Program Web site at www.FloodSmart.gov.

### What supplies do I need?



- □ Water—at least a 3-day supply; one gallon per person per day
- ☐ Food—at least a 3-day supply of non-perishable, easy-to-prepare food
- ☐ Flashlight
- ☐ Battery-powered or hand-crank radio (NOAA Weather Radio, if possible)
- ☐ Extra batteries
- ☐ First aid kit
- Medications (7-day supply) and medical items (hearing aids with extra batteries, glasses, contact lenses, syringes, cane)
- ☐ Multi-purpose tool
- ☐ Sanitation and personal hygiene items
- ☐ Copies of personal documents (medication list and pertinent medical information, proof of address, deed/lease to home, passports, birth certificates, insurance policies)
- ☐ Cell phone with chargers
- ☐ Family and emergency contact information
- Extra cash
- ☐ Emergency blanket
- ☐ Map(s) of the area
- ☐ Baby supplies (bottles, formula, baby food, diapers)
- ☐ Pet supplies (collar, leash, ID, food, carrier, bowl)
- ☐ Tools/supplies for securing your home
- ☐ Extra set of car keys and house keys
- ☐ Extra clothing, hat and sturdy shoes
- Rain gear
- ☐ Insect repellent and sunscreen
- ☐ Camera for photos of damage

#### What do I do after a hurricane?



- Continue listening to a NOAA Weather Radio or the local news for the latest updates.
- Stay alert for extended rainfall and subsequent flooding even after the hurricane or tropical storm has ended.
- ☐ If you evacuated, return home only when officials say it is safe.
- Drive only if necessary and avoid flooded roads and washed-out bridges.
- Keep away from loose or dangling power lines and report them immediately to the power company.
- ☐ Stay out of any building that has water around it.
- ☐ Inspect your home for damage. Take pictures of damage, both of the building and its contents, for insurance purposes.
- Use flashlights in the dark. Do NOT use candles.
- Avoid drinking or preparing food with tap water until you are sure it's not contaminated.
- ☐ Check refrigerated food for spoilage. If in doubt, throw it out.
- Wear protective clothing and be cautious when cleaning up to avoid injury.
- ☐ Watch animals closely and keep them under your direct control.
- Use the telephone only for emergency calls.

## Let Your Family Know You're Safe

If your community has experienced a hurricane, or any disaster, register on the American Red Cross Safe and Well Web site available through RedCross.org/Safe and Well to let your family and friends know about your welfare. If you don't have Internet access, call 1-866-GET-INFO to register yourself and your family.



# **HURRICANE PREPAREDNESS**

## **Evacuation Reminders**

- 1. Evacuation procedures are simple. The checklist below will show what steps to take when preparing for a possible hurricane evacuation. Manatee County residents are encouraged to stay with friends, family members or in hotels / motels located outside the predicted flooding areas or surge zones. If these options aren't available, you can use Manatee County shelters as a last resort.
- 2. You <u>DO NOT</u> have an assigned shelter for your area! Any open shelter near your home will accept you as a refugee from the storm and assist you and your family. <u>Manatee County shelters</u> are opened depending on the direction and size of the storm. This gives the Manatee County Emergency Management team the flexibility to protect as many people as possible. <u>Daughtrey Elementary 515 63<sup>rd</sup> Ave. E. is the closest for Hawaiian Village Residents</u>. However, they do not accept pets.
- 3. Remember that Manatee County shelter facilities are austere at best and your comfort will depend on what you can carry. Lawn chairs, cots and small folding tables are a good idea.
- 4. Obey the instructions of local authorities. Travel light, but carry essential and valuables.
- 5. Load your hurricane survival kit and other supplies in your vehicle.
- 6. Leave your pet(s) in an approved animal shelter. Pets are not allowed in any of Manatee County's shelters with the exception of seeing-eye dogs. Make these arrangements well ahead of time (prior to the beginning of hurricane season). Do not leave your pets in your home or release them to roam and fend for themselves.
- 7. People who are pre-registered as a <u>Special Needs Program</u> client must be ready to evacuate, with their recommended evacuation kit, when called.
- 8. People who should have registered as a Special Needs client, but have not, need to contact friends or family members for transportation to the Assisted Care Shelter or a hospital. If this is not possible contact Manatee County Emergency Management at 941-748-4501 for assistance.

## **Evacuation Checklist**

It is recommended for families to have a minimum of 5 days worth of supplies in a hurricane survival kit, as well as other items for use at a shelter and/or upon return to your home. These are some recommended steps:

- Step 1: Ensure your vehicle has a full tank of gasoline. Check tire pressure and inspect fluid levels.
- **Step 2**: Obtain cash rolls of quarters and small bills for use in vending machines. Remember that most vendors will not accept checks or credit cards after a hurricane.

# **Step 3**: Pack the following:

- Items that require no cooking
- Items that are ready to eat
- Include a can-opener and plastic or disposable utensils
- Include toiletries and enough personal hygiene supplies for two weeks

# Step 4: Pack important documents and papers:

- Birth/Marriage Certificates
- Passports/Visas
- Wills and Power Of Attorney
- Computer Disks with valuable information and/or System Disks
- Video tape of household goods and of the interior/exterior of the house
- Pet vaccination documentation
- Personal phone/address book
- Medications

## Step 5: Pack Clothing, Bedding, and Bathing Supplies:

- Pants, Shirts, Underwear, Socks, Etc
- Pillows, Sheets, and Blankets
- Towels and Face Cloths

## **Step 6**: Inspect the house for loose external items:

- Trash Cans and Receptacles
- Lawn and Patio Tables/Chairs
- Toys (Swing Sets, Riding Toys, Etc.)
- Secure Television Antenna or Satellite Dish
- Unplug Appliances (Televisions, Stereos, Computers, Etc.)
- Turn Off Gas and Electricity to the house

Step 7: Check your pet into a pet friendly hotel/motel, kennel, or veterinarian office

# **People with Disabilities**

Prepare ahead. Make arrangements with friends, relatives, neighbors or your local emergency management office if you'll need assistance in an evacuation. Remember to bring medications, written instructions regarding your care, special equipment and bedding with you. If you have a guide dog or leader dog, please refer to the section on planning for your pet in case of a disaster. Guide dogs, of course, are permitted in shelters. If you think you will need assistance in an evacuation, register now with your local emergency management office.

If you require respirators or other electric-dependent medical equipment, you should make prior arrangements with your physician. If you require oxygen, check with your supplier about emergency plans.

## **Older Adults**

Elders can be especially susceptible to the dangers of severe weather and emergencies. If you're an older adult, planning ahead of time can be your best defense against disasters. If you live alone, you must take special precautions in the event of a disaster. If you have to evacuate and don't have transportation, make arrangements with friends, neighbors or your local emergency management office.

If you are a home health care patient, let the health agency know where you will be during a disaster. Ask when care can be re-established. Contact your physician if you are homebound and under a doctor's care. Remember, excessive stress and anxiety can contribute to increased episodes of illness, particularly for people with heart disease.

Make prior medical arrangements if you require respirators or other electric-dependent medical equipment. Contact your physician about arrangements. If you require oxygen, check with your supplier about emergency plans.

If you have to evacuate, remember to take identification, medications, written instructions regarding your care, special equipment and bedding. If you will need assistance during an evacuation, register now with your local emergency management office.

## **Food Items**

- Bottled drinking water
- Bread
- Crackers
- Cookies, snacks
- Canned fruit
- Canned meat, fish

- Apples, bananas
- Dried fruit
- Canned/boxed beverages
- Fruit drinks
- Peanut butter

### Non-Food Items

- Ice
- Coolers
- Plastic forks and cups
- Napkins
- Can opener (non-electric)
- Batteries for flashlights and radio
- Plastic trash bags
- Charcoal
- Water purifying tablets
- Flashlights
- Candles and matches
- Clothing and bedding
- Extra socks and underwear
- Pillows
- Sleeping bag and blankets
- Washcloth and towel for each person
- Soap, toothbrushes, toothpaste
- Deodorant
- Shaving kit
- Contact lens solution
- Hair care items and mirror

- Dentures
- Sanitary napkins and tampons
- Paper towels, toilet paper
- Hearing aid batteries
- Watch or clock
- Portable radio with fresh batteries
- Chlorine tablets
- Spare pair of eyeglasses
- Cash
- Prescription medicines
- Important papers (drivers licenses, insurance policies, social security cards)
- Toolbox with hammer, nails, screws, screwdrivers and wrenches (to use after the storm to make your home livable again)
- Cell phone (take an extra battery or a means to power or charge it)
- A list of people to contact for emergencies

## First Aid Kit

- Keep contents of first aid kit in a waterproof metal or plastic box.
- Prescription medicines (four-week supply)
- Bandages and Band-Aids
- Antiseptic
- Adhesive tape rolls
- Aspirin
- Insect repellent
- First aid handbook
- Scissors

- Antibacterial soap
- Safety pins
- Thermometer
- Needle (for splinters)

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