The conditions at HBBC are critical and dangers are present. We strongly encourage owners do not access HBBC until an all clear is given. This is consistent with governmental mandates for public safety. Anyone accessing the property does so at their own risk. HBBC disclaims all liability from resulting injury.

No one should be walking on the property without adequate shoes. Glass and nails are included in the storm debris.

### **Another Important Notice or Two!**

Here are the guidelines for using the pontoon boat to access HBBC:

- 1. Only six people will be transported per trip with only what they can carry. No carts will be brought down to the dock.
- 2. No construction materials (lumber, plywood, etc.) allowed on the pontoon boat.
- 3. No generators, pressure washers, or gasoline powered equipment of any type allowed on the pontoon boat.

The boat will still be limited to six passengers and their belongings when the skiff returns to service. However, we will be able to transport reasonable amounts of construction materials, generators and supplies.

As always, the captain on call has final say with regards to what can be taken to the island on each trip. We understand that this may cause some inconvenience, but the safety of the passengers, crew and vessel will always take priority. Thank you for your understanding.

Boil Water Advisory from Little Gasparilla Water Utility is still in place even though Charlotte County has lifted their boil water advisory. The island water plant must get clear readings before the order is relaxed for HBBC.

There is a burn ban on Little Gasparilla Island. No open fires are allowed.

## Here is your Sunday Recovery Update:

**Utilities:** 

- \* Power is still on. Steve reports that many units have not been powered on due to damage to the units.
- \* The sewer plant was down most of the day on Saturday. NES sent an someone out to repair it. Some wires melted during the power up. It is back and working now. The status of the sewer plant is a major factor that will be considered before we give the all clear. It will be evaluated over the next few days.
- \* Remember to turn off all the breakers in your panel when you are ready to leave the island for home. Please follow this practice until the fire sprinkler system is restored. We hope to hear more from Piper Fire on Monday.

Galloway Roofing completed roof work today in an effort to try to mitigate further water intrusion. The roofs that have no structure at all were not covered. A structural engineer will have to evaluate these units. It is very likely that those units will need to be completely rebuilt.

Window openings- The logistics of delivering the plywood for window boarding is being worked out for Sunday delivery along with a crew to install the plywood.

The refrigerators have been emptied of food. The exception is one crib with a refrigerator. That crib was stocked with furniture, so hopefully the owner took care of the refrigerator before the furniture was moved there. Dominic D. is moving the trash to the mainland. He has a bit left to move, but he is picking it up this morning.

Debris Removal-- As we transition into formal plans for debris clean up and disposal, I thought it would be a good idea to include some information about how the county will help remove debris. They won't come to the island. We will need to get the debris over to the mainland. Attached is the information about the particulars.

Erika reports that Monday evening there is a meeting next to the firehouse to meet with two non profit Christian disaster relief organizations. There will be 20-30 volunteers coming to LGI for about 30 days. The volunteers are trained in this type of work. The organizations are <a href="mailto:spokentogether.org">spokentogether.org</a> and CityServ.us.

Picking up the Common Areas-- Quite a bit of information had been provided a few days ago giving safety tips for hurricane recovery work. Please be sure to read through that material if you would like to volunteer to help.

Erika is looking into FEMA resources and grants that are available to the association. Stay tuned.

Still waiting to get a date for the ferry to be assessed by the insurance company. It is hard to know if the ferry can be repaired or totaled. In the meantime, George is researching replacements for the hull and motors.

Leonor Frigola share the October 7th *Coconut Telegraph* published by the Little Gasparilla Property Owners Association. I am attaching a copy of it to share with you. This is another resource that you may want to check out.

I will be heading to the island Sunday so that the contractors and I can meet with the Citizens adjustor. I am not sure if I will have internet access to file an eBlast for Monday. The other board members have been brought up to speed on how to get an eBlast out to you if any important development comes up. Please understand that you may not get an update for a day or two.

"No matter what's happening, chose to be happy. Don't focus on what's wrong. Find something positive in your life." Joel Osteen

#### From:

www.winknews.com/2022/10/07/hurricane-help-local-resources-for-storm-recovery/

# **HURRICANE HELP: Local resources for storm recovery**

Charlotte County Public Works contractors are removing vegetative storm debris. It is the home and business owner's responsibility to bring the debris to the curb and to properly separate it. For this post-storm pickup, do not put vegetative debris in bags because it will not be picked up. Debris that is not properly separated will not be picked up. Residents should separate disaster debris into these six categories and place piles in the public right-of-way, off the road and not on private property:

- •Construction and demolition materials (non-recyclable building construction materials drywall, asphalt shingles, plastic sinks/tubs, floor tiles, etc.; non-recyclable building contents and personal property carpeting / rugs, furnishings, clothing, etc.)
- •Electronic Waste e-waste discarded electrical or electronic devices. Used electronics which are destined for refurbishment, reuse, resale, salvage recycling through material recovery.
- •Household hazardous waste (paints, cleaners, oils, batteries, pesticides, etc.); please be sure these materials are in a secured container and are not leaking in any way.
- •White Goods large home appliances such as stoves, refrigerators, freezers, washing machines, driers, etc. (please follow the (name of the jurisdiction) guidelines for disposal of refrigerators. Place refrigerators curbside free of putrescent

waste.

Vegetative materials (trees, limbs, brush, leaves, etc.) Please be advised that debris removal crews will, enter onto private property to collect or remove debris.

•Normal Household Trash – normal household waste, recyclables and bagged debris of any kind will not be collected with your storm debris. Please continue to follow the normal garbage removal schedule.

Please do not attempt to place garbage or other household refuse with the disaster debris, as it will not be accepted, and will delay your storm debris collections

# **Coconut Telegraph - Hurricane Ian Update & Request for Information** October 6<sup>th</sup>, 2022

Today's Coconut Telegraph has a question-and-answer section, an information collection plea, updates from our water utility and our fire chief and lastly a summary.

## **Questions and Answers**

**Do I need to register with FEMA if I have insurance?** Yes, it's a good idea. See the information in the following link, scroll down for pertinent information.

Policy, Guidance and Fact Sheets | FEMA.gov

Do I need to register with FEMA if this is my second home?

Help After A Disaster (fema.gov)

**How can I get to the island?** Pirate's Water taxi is running. 941-697-5777. Weekly Boat Rentals has offered free transportation as well. 941-704-9684.

Can I take any of my garbage to the marinas? No, keep it on the island for now or take it home by car. Marinas can not handle any at this time.

Can I take any of my debris to the marinas? No, keep it on the island for now.

Can I burn on the island? No, there is currently a burn ban.

What is a primary, homesteaded or principal home? Your home is primary, homesteaded or principal if you live there the majority of the time and it's registered with the county as such. A person can have only one homesteaded property.

What is a secondary home? If you own more than one home your secondary home is where you live the remainder of the time.

#### What is a public adjuster?

- A claims adjuster is a professional tasked with evaluating an insurance claim to determine the insurance company's liability under the terms of an owner's policy.
- An independent adjuster is not directly employed by an insurance company but is hired by an insurer when a claim is made, thus providing third-party objectivity and greater perceived fairness to those filing a claim.
- Public adjusters are also independent but are hired by claimants rather than insurers. In cases where significant dollar amounts are involved, adjusters help the claimant to obtain the highest possible settlement from the insurer.

NAPAICC is a company that has been on the island three times since the hurricane to collect information for homeowners who have hired them. Please feel free to view their website for more information at <a href="https://napaicc.com/">https://napaicc.com/</a>. If you are interested in an introductory letter from this company and a link to the form to start the process, please look at the bottom of the Telegraph. (We can't add a link to our website right now.)

#### What is Operation Blue Tarp?

Operation Blue Roof (army.mil)

www.usace.army.mil/Missions/Emergency-Operations/Blue-Roof-Information

Do I qualify for Operation Blue Roof?

Once a mission has been assigned to USACE from FEMA at the request of the affected state, here is what would qualify for the Blue Roof Program.

- 1. The home must be the primary residence\* of the person or household requesting the emergency roof covering; *AND*
- The residence has NO more than 50 percent of the roof framing damaged. The framing must support the plastic sheeting as a temporary repair, and be able to provide safe shelter once contractors install the tarp; AND
- 3. The resident certifies that he or she is the owner of the residence requested to be covered *OR* is a renter that has obtained legal permission to continue occupying the residence until more permanent repairs are made; *AND*
- 4. The resident certifies that they will shelter in the residence that they have requested to be covered; *AND*
- 5. The roof must be standard roof shingles, or a similar material that will allow contractors to nail the tarp in place. Contractors will consider repairs to metal roofs and mobile homes on a case-by-case basis and will install the cover if possible. Contractors cannot cover roofs made of materials such as slate, asbestos or clay tile, or other material which would be exceptionally difficult to repair or would likely be damaged during tarp installation.

Operation Blue Roof is managed by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers on behalf of the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

#### How do I begin to clean my home? <a href="CDC Cleanup">CDC Cleanup</a>

Here's an example of a cleaning company that handles hurricane clean ups. They decontaminate the mold without ripping everything out making less work later for homeowners.

**Full Spectrum Cleaning Services** 

#### What do I do with my debris (burnable and house debris)?

Some islanders are using the following system with success on certain parts of the island. More information will follow.

There are various types of hurricane debris. (1) Branches and trees, which is our main focus first at this time. There is also (2) house debris (lumber and building materials). (3) The collection of junk that was in your back yard. And lastly (4) household garbage, which the marinas can't take right now.

- (1) Cut your yard & tree waste (burnables) into 3-foot sections, cut the Y's and kinks out. Lay them all in the same direction. Place the individual piles at a 30 to 45-degree angle to the golf cart path with a two-foot distance between each pile, so the machine has room to grab each separate pile. Leave the piles far enough away from your golf cart path so as not to impede traffic. Your golf cart path needs to be wide enough for two lanes of traffic, leave enough room for 2 dozers to pass. Piles that's don't follow these guidelines will be left or they may be pushed back on your property.
- (2) Also try to place your house lumber and building materials in a pile **out of the** way for now to be sorted later, keep them far away from the paths. If you don't keep them out of the way, they will be pushed back into your yards to make room for FPL and the National Guard equipment.
- (3) Any previous storage (junk) needs to stay where it is. If it's in with your debris, you can be fined severely.
- (4) Household garbage needs to be stored for now so animals cannot rip into it and to keep the smell on the island to a minimum. Once the marinas clean out, we will be able to use their dumpsters again. For now, take it with you when you leave and plan to take it further than the marina.

### **Information Collection:**

The LGPOA would like to gather information from all islanders to aid in the cleanup of LGI and pass on information to those who can use it. If you request help, you will be contacted prior for any directions and permission. As your answers change, please let us know and we'll update your information. Volunteers will be dispersed where there is a need.

Copy and paste this into an email, type in your answers and return to twrhonda@gmail.com. If you don't have access to email presently, feel free to

text your answers to 941-999-7788 using question numbers and your answers only.

#### Information requested:

- 1. House number(s) please specify home, condo or lot:
- 2. Name:
- 3. Cell phone number for texting:
- 4. Email:
- 5. Have you been to the island to see your home, condo or lot?
- 6. If not, do you have any information about your home, condo or lot and how did you receive it?
- 7. If possible, would you like to have someone take pictures of your property? (Inside and/or outside, please specify)?
- 8. Has your insurance adjuster been out to gather the information needed?
- 9. Did you have your home or condo covered with hurricane insurance?
- 10. Was your home leveled by the storm?
- 11. If not, has your home already been secured?
- 12.If your home was not destroyed, do you have major or minor roof problems?
- 13.If possible, would you like someone to go access damage, report to you and purpose a temporary fix (tarps or plywood, etc.)?
- 14. Is your golf cart path passable?
- 15.Is your LGI home your primary or secondary home?
- 16.Do you have a boat available to run people and/or provisions?
- 17. Can you help others? If so, what services can you help with and what dates are you available?
- 18.Can you provide an overnight shelter for volunteers/workers? (1 bed, 2 bed, etc.)

Email us or text anytime you have time, a boat or a place for people to stay. We will direct you to the people in need.

# From: Little Gasparilla Water Utility

# HURRICANE IAN UPDATE 10/5/2022

Hurricane Ian left quite a mess. Jack, Ashton and crew are clearing pathways and making good progress. They still have 3 houses on the island to reach, but for now lines have been secured with no leaks detected; although there are a few meters that need to be replaced.

A Boil Water Notice is in effect until Charlotte County Utilities gives the all clear and our water samples on the island come back clear. If you do smell chlorine, that will be LGWU disinfecting the system/water to prepare for normal usage.

Our office is not usable at this time and our phone lines are down but we are trying to proceed as normal. We will also try to respond to any calls, texts or emails as soon as we possibly can.

For any <u>emergencies</u> you can call or text Ashton at 941-626-8295 or Jack at 941-626-8294.

## From: Fire Chief Bill Underhill

Please stay clear of the FPL tree cutters and if FPL starts landing their helicopters to bring supplies, stay away as well.

## **Summary:**

If you are coming out to work on your property, volunteer, or meet adjusters that's totally understandable. Just remember, the resources used to get to the island could be used for those in need. You might want to give it some time. The mainland is just as bad, if not worse than the island. Your properties may be unsafe. in most cases and there are health risks for all who are here. For example, a neighbor was told his house was unsafe, prior to his trip down. Today he arrived and realized it was told was true. He had to turn around and leave. There are also many health risks for all who are here, right now it's a good idea to wear steel toed shoes, bring good work gloves and you may need a hard hat. Lots of people are having bad infections in their feet and legs. As you know if you have a red

circle around your wound, it's serious. It happens quickly in this environment and remember, there are no doctors available and no response teams for the island.

Everyday progress is being made. Please be kind and courteous to everyone on the island. People are in different levels of shock. Think before you move anything anywhere. Ask yourself, how will this affect others? The sand paths are our main arteries for FPL and all heavy equipment used for cleanup needs access. There needs to be enough room for 2 dozers to pass on sand paths. The paths will be regraded once cleanup is complete. Rumors are frustrating for everyone, get your information from trusted sources. Be sure to get referrals from anyone who wants payment from you. And lastly and most importantly, stay safe.



To all the residents of Little Gasparilla Island,

My name is Scott Harris, I am the CEO of NAPAICC INC, we are a full service claims management firm, as well as Licensed Public Adjusters, with over 25 years of General Contracting experience, as well as having working within one of the largest Insurance Companies here in Florida, as a Field Adjuster, and Complex Claims Adjuster.

My partner Jay and I were Invited on the Island at the request of Terri, Pedi, and Eileen Handberg, and we were able to tour the Island for damages. We understand that this Hurricane has impacted your property as well as your lives. The damages are severe, and your Insurance claim is complex, not only from the circumstances surrounding the storm, but logistically as well.

We are offering our services to anyone on the Island who needs our services, we can manage your claim for you even if you reside out of state. Please feel free to contact us directly for more information, and stay safe.

For your convenience we have made it easier for you to sign up with our firm, please use this link;

https://na4.documents.adobe.com/public/esignWidget?wid=CBFCIBAA3AAABLblqZhAMEN WecNuVOku1t4koWY9Ivxbc3KEdx1wWyUr QdjEWS-TU3Cx QP7WJVuRel704E\*

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