

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.

Here are the guidelines for using the skiff 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. Transportation of reasonable amounts of construction materials, generators, and supplies will be allowed.

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. Charlotte County has lifted their boil water advisory, but not for western Charlotte County. The island water plant must get clear readings before the order is relaxed for HBBC. Jack Boyer noted that heavy equipment on the island keep breaking lines. That damage just keeps pushing back the all clear notice.

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

Here is your Thursday Recovery Update:

Fire Sprinklers and Hydrants:

* I know that we have already told you this, but neither the fire sprinkler system or fire hydrants are functional. Repairs are needed before the water department can put water pressure back the system. Otherwise, water will spray out into severely damaged areas with broken sprinkler pipes. Placida Beach is also a part of our system, so they need to have their repairs completed as well. They worked on their system on Wednesday. Piper Fire is scheduled to be out Thursday to work on our system.

- * Please do not leave any power on in your unit if you are not in residence. Turn off all the breakers inside before you leave. Wiring can spark a fire. It is just not worth the risk. If you are in residence, please be ready to turn your breaker off if problems develop.

Ferry:

- * The ferry is floating thanks to the unrelenting efforts of Captain Tom Loveday! He just wouldn't give up on her. Tom says that it was a team effort. Our thanks go to Tom, Steve Lohr, Captains Slavek and Captain Gary for efforts that are above and beyond the call of duty. Please show them your appreciation!

- * The insurance adjustor had not come to inspect the ferry yet because they were trying to find someone who could come and float her. Now that it is floating the claim should progress quicker since all they have to do is come to the dock to inspect it.

- * George Pettengill has been in contact with Chris at Gasparilla Marina. He reports that it will be another two weeks until the marina is restored to where they can pull the ferry. Chris also offered to store the replacement motors for us once they are available. That will help out a great deal since we want to be able to grab two motors as they become available.

Skiff:

- * The skiff has been returned to service and the rental pontoon boat is being returned. Captain Tom reports that the replacement motor is running good. The guidelines for ferry boarding are at the beginning of this eBlast.

Captains:

- * Captain Dave's home suffered damage from Hurricane Ian. He is not able to offer any time to captain for us until further notice.

- * Tom has not been able to contact Captain Dan. We hope he is OK.

- * Tom has been contacted by someone wanting to come onboard as captain at HBBC. Tom and our associates at Grande Property Services will be following up with him.

Barge Landing:

- * Captain Tom continue to monitor the condition of our barge landing. He does what he can to keep it usable. He doesn't recommend shell be used as fill. George is reaching out to Rob Hill to see how he is willing to help us restore the barge landing to stable condition.

Windstorm Insurance Claim

- * Gena met with the Citizens Insurance Company field adjuster on Monday and Tuesday. Stuart was hear to document damage at HBBC by photograph. He was on every roof and in every unit. It was two marathon days. I really feel that we have a true advocate with him. He will be writing up his report and getting it to our desk adjustor.
- * Citizens will be sending out a structural engineer to evaluate the badly damaged buildings. Stuart and I looked over the pilings and both came to the same conclusion. That their probably wasn't any significant shift in the buildings. Consider that an unprofessional opinion, but the ground around the pilings was not disturbed. The heavy duty connectors would have damaged the beam if they were moving violently. There were no significant stress cracks apparent inside or out. Let's take comfort in that until we know something definitive.

Debris Removal:

- * The team is working to come up with plans for the removal of blown debris. Clean up will be a ongoing project for quite some time. Please check in with Steve Lohr or the captain on duty before lending a helping hand. It is important that your efforts compliment the overall plan.
- * Volunteers should remember to dress properly. That means protective shoes and gloves.
- * If you are planning to volunteer to clean up, please be sure to read the safety information that was provided earlier.
- * It is important to follow instructions on how to process debris. For example, the construction debris going into the contractor bags need to be item specific. For example, all shingles in one bag. Dumping everything all into one bag is just going to cause extra work.
- * We will be setting up specific clean up days and will be sending out more information. I am currently meeting with the staff and George to work out the specifics. Please stay tuned.

One day you will thank yourself for never giving up.

The Board