

# MARINA VILLAGE BREEZE

## September 14, 2017

Hello Fellow Owners,

We were very lucky, perhaps blessed, that our resort suffered relatively minor damage compared to many of the properties in the area. To give you a flavor of Beach life since Hurricane Irma, here is the [Chamber update](#) we received this morning.

We have a bunch of items that need attention and our tradespeople have all been contacted. We expect they'll be here in the next few days. Every unit is going to be deep cleaned by Gulf Coast Services, our cleaning company, because virtually every unit experienced some water and wind intrusion by the storm. They can do 3 units a day, and are starting the process tomorrow. All of the bedspreads and other linens in the units are being removed and washed by Gulf Coast Linen, although they haven't gotten their power restored yet!

Staff is putting in long, hot days, focusing on getting all 25 of our vacation homes safe and comfortable for occupancy **in week 38, next Saturday, the 23<sup>rd</sup>**. By the way, all of the waterfront time-share resorts on the Island are like us, aiming to open for Week 38 at the earliest.

Here's some of the details:

1. OUR ELECTRICITY CAME BACK LAST NIGHT, HOORAY!! Taki is the only staff member who has electricity at his house so far!
2. The carpet guys are here now and will be working their way through the building.
3. We've started the AC in all the units and the dehumidifiers are at work on all the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor units.
4. We must have received a lightning strike or a powerful surge when the electricity came back on, or went down last Saturday, we're not sure which, and it caused some electrical damage.
5. The elevator is shut down because a specialized contactor switch in the control box needs replacing. The repair team has been here and they've ordered one to be air-freighted in.
6. The phones are out. We will continually update the recorded phone message with our current status as soon as they're back up and running.
7. The fire panel that controls all the pull-alarms and automatic smoke detectors in the elevator is in "TROUBLE" mode and won't allow a reset. Also 5 of our 10 exit signs were blown away. The Fire Marshall came by yesterday and said Life-Safety Rules will prevent the building from being occupied until these repairs are made. I ordered new exit signs from Amazon last night and they will be here Saturday; Semmer Electric will install them next week. The alarm panel will be repaired next week too.
8. The pool filled with storm debris and needs to be cleaned, then re-balanced. Tim, our pool guy, super-chlorinated it last Saturday before turning the pumps off before Hurricane Irma arrived. As you can imagine, he's swamped and will be here in the next few days to get it up and running for safe use.
9. Our wonderful pontoon boat is safe and sound, but it might be a couple of weeks before we get it back in the water. The docks

- at Moss Marina were basically destroyed by Irma and they need to clear the debris and set up some temporary facilities for tying up boats as they're "splashed".
10. The fences around the picnic and recycle areas were destroyed. The tiki hut lost a chunk of its roof. We stored the bikes on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor during the hurricane, so once we re-open, staff will be locking them every night until the fence can be replaced.
  11. We've informed Interval and RCI that we are closed for Week 37 and expect to open for Week 38. If you had banked units those weeks, please work directly with them.

On a sad note, Christos has developed an issue with his heart and is in the hospital for a few days' observation. Can you imagine: the hospital is so overcrowded that he is in a bed in the hallway on the surgery floor! We're going to visit him this evening. If you want to send him a note wishing him well, reply to this newsletter and we'll forward it to him. On top of that, he informed us last week that he is leaving at the beginning of October to move back to Connecticut to take care of pressing family matters. We're going to miss him and his upbeat humorous personality, and his great work keeping things ship shape.

Thank you for all the kind words of support in response to the last newsletter. Please be patient if you asked specific questions. We are concentrating on communicating to everybody via this general newsletter and then contacting owners and guests specifically for weeks 37 & 38.

I will keep you informed of new developments and progress in a couple more days. Thank you!

Paul Rosen,  
on behalf of the Board of Directors

Handy links for you:

[Our website](#)   [Contact Us](#)  
[Current Unit-Weeks For Sale](#)   [Current Owner Swaps Offered](#)

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## **Hurricane Irma: News And Resources For Businesses 9-14-17 6am**

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**This update has the latest information from the Town of Fort Myers Beach and Lee County Emergency Management as well as links to numerous resources for disaster relief. Updated info in other areas such as restaurant reopenings is also included.**

**The Fort Myers Beach Chamber of Commerce main office will be closed until further notice. You can reach us by phone at 239-454-7500.**

### **Small Business Disaster Assistance**

[U.S. Small Business Administration](#)

[Emergency Bridge Loan Program](#)

[Resources from the Florida Chamber of Commerce](#)

[Other Disaster Assistance Programs](#)

For consultations with the [Small Business Development Center at FGCU](#)

please contact Duane Hoversten at [dhoversten@fgcu.edu](mailto:dhoversten@fgcu.edu)

## **Island Open to All**

The Town of Fort Myers Beach is now open, with no re-entry pass needed to cross either Matanzas Pass Bridge or Big Carlos Bridge.

## **Latest Update from the Fort Myers Beach Town Manager**

If you have no way to charge your cell phone, come to Town Hall.

We also have limited ice available; bring a container to Bay Oaks after 10am.

The County lifted the curfew for the Town.

Garbage - Advanced Disposal will pick up garbage through this week. Regular waste pickup starting next week (9.18.17)

Debris Removal - be sure to separate horticulture debris from construction related storm debris - pick up schedule yet to be determined.

For individual FEMA assistance, you can call 800-621-3362 for information or assistance.

## **Latest News From Lee County Emergency Management**

Lee County Emergency Management is working on locations to set up points of distribution where residents can come for water and other essential items.

Location details will be released soon. It's anticipated multiple sites will be announced.

Emergency Management also is working with partners to set up a Disaster Recovery Center. This will be a physical location where impacted residents who have signed up for FEMA assistance can walk in and apply for State and

Federal Assistance.

Many roads in the community are still flooded and may be impassible. Please observe warning signs and do not drive through standing water. A list of roads where caution is needed is at [www.leeec.com](http://www.leeec.com). Intersections without working traffic signals must be treated as four-way stops.

We are transitioning out of the Germain Arena shelter to the three other available shelters at Alico Arena, Dunbar Middle School and North Fort Myers Recreation Center. There are about 600 residents in these shelters.

Trash pick-up is occurring where trucks can get through. Lee County Solid Waste has resumed normal schedule days for residential customers for household waste only. Another update will be forthcoming on debris removal.

For wellbeing checks, please continue to call 2-1-1 or 239-433-3900. Do not call 9-1-1 for wellbeing checks.

## **Other News (thanks to the [Island Sand Paper](#) for compiling this information)**

There is steady progress in returning Fort Myers Beach to a pre-Irma condition and all hands are on deck. Town Hall opened this morning, Power is slowly returning to Island homes and businesses. Downed trees are turning into piles of cut branches at the curb. While not anything near normal, we are steadily making our way there. Here are some updates of interest to Islanders:

### **Curfew Lifted-**

The post-Irma curfew has been lifted for Fort Myers Beach and most other areas of Lee County. An 8pm – 7am curfew remains only for the Village of Estero, Bonita Springs and the Lehigh Acres Fire District.

### **Town Hall Open-**

Fort Myers Beach Town Hall is now open 8:30am-4:30pm Monday-Friday. They are available to offer assistance with questions regarding permits or home repairs. “Make it safe” minor repairs or repairs that must be done immediately

may be done before a permit is issued, but residents are urged to come to Town Hall with any questions. Lack of a permit for storm repairs may have an impact on insurance and future sale of the property.

If residents have no way to charge their phone, they can do so at Town Hall during business hours. Their air conditioning is working also. As with elsewhere on the Island, phone lines are not yet reliable. Please continue to be patient in trying to reach Town Hall by phone.

#### ICE-

The Town has a limited supply of ice available. Residents are asked to bring a container to Bay Oaks Recreation Center on Thursday after 10am.

#### Boil Water Order-

The Town of Fort Myers Beach DOES still have a Boil Water Order in place. While the Lee County Utilities lifted their precautionary boil water order Tuesday, a water line break on Fort Myers Beach necessitated that the precautionary boil water order be extended for Fort Myers Beach. Under a boil water notice, water used for consumption (drinking, cooking, teeth brushing, washing foods or ice making) should be either 1) bottled water, 2) boiled for a full minute or 3) disinfected by using 8 drops per gallon of water. Tap water may be used for bathing, shaving and washing. For more information contact FMB Water at 239-274-2200.

#### Free Hot Meals-

Beach Baptist Church is offering free hot meals from 12:30-5:30 pm. Beach Baptist is located at the corner of Estero Blvd. and Connecticut St.

#### Generator Safety-

Division Chief Ron Martin of the Fort Myers Beach Fire Control District asks that anyone using a generator be aware of the following:

1. It is never safe to operate a generator in your home.
2. Never attempt to fuel a hot generator, heat from the generator can easily ignite flammable vapors from fuel.

3. Place your generator and make connections in a dry area.

As always if you need emergency assistance call 911. For all other needs or services please visit a Fire station. Fire Stations are located at 3043 Estero Blvd, 121 Lenell Rd and 17891 San Carlos Blvd.

Trash Pick Up-

Advanced Disposal resumed trash pick up on Wednesday in areas accessible to their trucks. They are working to overcome a shortage of collection trucks after theirs were flooded during Hurricane Irma, after moving them further from the beach. Household trash should be bagged and placed at the curb.

We are told that they will collect household trash this week. Regular pick up will resume next week. Do not mix hurricane debris with regular trash. Also keep landscape debris separate from construction related storm debris like drywall and appliances. Collection of storm debris will be announced later.

Beach Businesses Open-

As power is restored and delivery trucks resume deliveries the following businesses are open now or will be by Friday.

[PierSide Grill](#)

[Yucatan Beach Stand](#)

[Nervous Nellie's](#)

[Truly Scrumptious](#)

[Nauti-Parrot Dock Bar](#)

[Castaways](#)

[Pete's Time Out](#)

[Topp's Supermarket](#)

Publix

7-Eleven near Santini

CVS

Lights Out = 4-Way Stop!

While traffic signals are slowly being brought back online, many in SWFL remain dark. Lee County Sheriff's Office asks motorists to use extreme caution

while driving during this post-storm period. Debris remains on many roads and intersections with dark traffic lights are especially dangerous. Any intersection with dark traffic signals should be treated as a 4-way stop.

#### Schools Closed-

Lee County Schools will remain closed the rest of this week and resume classes on Monday, September 18th. Check the Lee Schools website for more information [www.leeschools.net](http://www.leeschools.net)

## **Beware of Scams!**

The Consumer Protection Coalition urges Florida homeowners and insured drivers to take precautions in advance of Hurricane Irma and beware of Assignment of Benefit (AOB) scams after the storm.

Damage from Hurricane Irma could create new opportunities for unscrupulous home repair vendors and trial attorneys to profit off the disaster by asking homeowners to sign an AOB to start repair work. In doing so, the homeowners lose control of their insurance policy, allowing a vendor to inflate the cost of claims and file lawsuits against insurance companies that dispute the amount. What results are increased insurance costs that put the dream of home ownership out of reach for many Floridians.

Consumers do not need to sign an AOB to initiate storm-related repairs and should be cautious of vendors who pressure them or refuse to do the work unless they sign one.

Automobile owners should also be on the alert for auto glass harvesters going door to door in affected neighborhoods offering vehicle owners new windshields – even ones without damage - before an insurer has the ability to inspect it.

### **Here are some tips to protect consumers against fraud:**

- Call your insurance company first to report losses.
- Hire only licensed, reputable companies and be wary of strangers who

call or knock on your door asking for personal information.

- National Association of Mutual Insurance Companies
- Review all documents before signing, and ask questions so you know exactly what you are signing. Ask who is responsible for paying the vendor – you (the consumer), or your insurance company.
- If you suspect fraud or suspicious activity, call the Florida Department of Financial Services, Division of Consumer Services Insurance Consumer Helpline at 1-877-693-5236.

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