

Marina Village BREEZE

December 8, 2022



A Mix of Feelings Now...

Fellow Marina Villagers,

We want to start by asking you to take a good look at the above pic taken from Marina Village. **Pretty much every open space you see** was a motel, a restaurant, or some other business that's no longer there. And some of the remaining buildings are so broken, they too will be gone soon. When viewed in person walking down the street it's unbelievable, but it's reality.

Lauren and I got back here on Sunday after a Thanksgiving break. We'll be here until just before Christmas, and again after the holidays through January to direct progress.

Yesterday, Laurie, Lauren and I met with a senior executive from the **insurance adjustment** firm, and he gave us assurances that things are moving forward as fast as possible given the colossal magnitude of this disaster. By mid-January, it should be clear what the insurance company is going to fund. It'll either be fair, or we'll be engaging professional counsel. As of today, we still have not received the first insurance dollar. We're hearing the same story throughout the beach but it doesn't make us feel any better, all the same.

The three of us took a second drive down **Estero Blvd** yesterday; it was more disturbing than our first one a month ago. Many of the destroyed buildings along Estero Blvd have been demolished (the Beached Whale, Heavenly Biscuit and Mom's, all three 7/11s, Shuckers and the Cottage, etc. etc. etc.) and much of the debris moved elsewhere, including Lover's Key! The destruction deep into the residential neighborhoods is now clearly visible...and distressing. Almost one-third of the homes on the island are completely destroyed or beyond repair and being demolished. One-third! It's heart breaking.

Once again, we want to **thank you for the overwhelming support** you've shown us, and more importantly, for our beloved Marina Village. Member response in the first 10 days since our annual letter was delivered, both in voting and in paying your \$1,231 maintenance and assessment fees, has outpaced all previous years. Some of the credit goes to the ease of it being online, but my sense is it's

mostly your unequivocal support in getting Marina Village up and running.

Owners have reached out to us with **questions**, fortunately only 2 were uncivil. Regardless, on our website under the [2023 Annual Letter](#) tab, these questions have been addressed as best we can.

Now, before wrapping this up, please take a **second look** at the photo at the top. This time, notice how our two buildings had NO protection from the wind and waves churning up the Gulf during the hurricane. We endured an 8' storm surge, 153 mph sustained winds and 200 mph gusts ... and amazingly withstood it all with comparatively repairable damage. Thanksgiving 2022 is still in our hearts today as we appreciate how lucky we were and still are.

On behalf of the Board of Directors,
Paul, Lauren and Laurie

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