



Colonial Pointe Newsletter

June 2022

matt@sandcastlePMB.com

239-466-3330

All communications are by email or blast. Please make sure Matt has your correct information to stay informed.

HURRICANE SEASON IS HERE..... ARE YOU PREPARED?

Is it our year? We sure hope not but just incase are you prepared? A personal safety plan can make your family safer during hurricane season. **First**, know your **EVACUATION ZONE**, designated by a single letter A, B, C, D, or E. (See the current ALL HAZARDS GUIDE or visit www.LeePA.org or use the **LeeEvac smartphone app**). Next, know your home's vulnerability to fresh water flooding and wind. Your plan is based on this knowledge.

There are several websites that have excellent information for getting prepared. For Lee County in general: <https://www.leegov.com/hurricane>. **Another one to help you have everything in one place is:** <https://www.visitfortmyers.com/sites/default/files/images/family-emergency-plan.pdf>.

One of the check lists: **June 1st**. Review your plan NOW for hurricane season. Get familiar with your evacuation route and preferred location. Keep your prescriptions full and up-to-date (include OTC meds). Pack a First Aid Kit, include sunscreen and insect repellent. Get a car charger (or solar charger) for your cell phone. Post emergency numbers by each phone and in your supply kit. Keep your vehicles fueled.

72 Hours before the Storm: Hold a family meeting to discuss your plans and options. Monitor local TV or radio and listen for evacuation orders. Check food and other supplies. Withdraw cash from bank. Pay bills that are due soon. If you plan to go to a hotel, make your reservations. Fill your car's fuel tank, check tire pressure and fluid levels. Write down phone numbers of family/friends. Make plans for your pets. Gather valuables to take with you or put them in a safe place. (Remember, your dishwasher is water proof.) Start freezing water in containers or zip lock bags (fill freezer).

48 Hours before the Storm: (Hurricane Watch Issued) Turn your refrigerator and freezer to the coldest setting. Pack clothes (for hot/cool weather; sturdy shoes and rain gear). Move patio furniture and other loose items indoors. Monitor TV/radio weather information. Install window shutters. For **Colonial Pointe**, metal shutters can go up five (5) days before the storm and must be removed five (5) days after the storm. If painted or clear, they can be installed longer. Continue monitoring local TV/radio for current information. Take down awnings and canopies.

36 - 24 Hours before the Storm: (Hurricane Warning Issued) If you are staying in your home, put supplies in the safe room. Fill bath tub with water (for sanitary use ... not drinking). Fill washing machine. Super chlorinate your swimming pool (do not drain it). If evacuating, pack car. If evacuating, turn off water/unplug electricity (leave frig / freezer on).

PLEASE BE AWARE..... there have been numerous sightings of a BOBCAT and COYOTE in the neighborhood. We have at least three confirmed sightings, at various times of the evening, of a coyote roaming the street on the north and south sides. Please make sure your children and animals are supervised after dark.