

### A MESSAGE FROM YOUR H.O.A.

I hope everyone has a great summer and that our state and our community are spared from Hurricanes and severe weather issues. It is said we are moving into a La Nina current pattern in the Pacific and that should provide warmer dryer weather. These conditions are also said to impact the Jet Stream which often knocks down forming hurricanes. The resultant forecasts are for a greater than normal number of named storms and USA mainland land impact hurricanes. I am working on a hurricane preparedness program and will let you know what we are able to get done.

I think everyone was relieved that the water restrictions have been removed. I asked the Water board and the plant operator to consider going to the color-coded water condition system we suggested. They will let us know. Meanwhile it behooves everyone to read, understand and observe the lawn watering rules! Keeping within the guidelines which facilitate the design criteria of the systems could very well keep us from ever getting to where we once again have severe restrictions.

I have reported on Facebook that the County is in the process of finalizing a contract for supplying water and sewage treatment. We hope to be able to present that to you for your consideration in June or July. As previously mentioned, we are still looking forward to the possibility of finalizing an agreement with them before the end of the year.

As far as the lawsuit is concerned, the new Judge has ordered mediation, and we are in the process of scheduling that. Hopefully it will be done during the week of June 24th . We will report the results as soon as we have them.

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### FROM THE EDITOR

Rainy season has begun! And now the grass and weeds will be growing like crazy. The complaints about the last couple of months of water bans will turn into complaints about the lawnmowers not mowing often enough. You can't have it both ways, folks. Those of us who have lived for years know the drill and we are used to it. If, indeed, a tropical storm or worse heads our way, here's some advice for the new -comers. Move everything outside out of harms way. If you have awnings or shutters, close them. They should be up the rest of the time as a safety issue for emergencies if someone needs to be able to see into your home. Buy 2 gallons of water per person per day for a week, just in case the water supply is disrupted. Have enough food and pet supplies on hand for a week. Candles, flashlights and batteries can always be used. Many people remain in their homes during a storm. We usually have a few days to prepare, but if you like, you can secure your home and go out of town. FYI, areas of the park are on different power grids. While homes in the southern area were without power for a week, homes on the northern edge did not lose power because they are part of Vero Beach grid. Visit this link for tax free items for disaster preparedness:

https://floridarevenue.com/DisasterPrep/ Documents/2024/2024%20Disaster%20Preparedness% 20Sales%20Tax%20Holiday%20-%20External%20FAQs%20-%20Sales%20and%20Use%20Tax%20Dealers.pdf

In the meantime enjoy the gorgeous display of the flowering trees and bushes in the park. This poinciana tree is on Felicidad, one of several trees here.

And worry about the weather, just be prepared!



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I am sorry these delays are getting on everyone's last nerve, but I want everyone to remain mindful of why this law suit was started and why it matters! Not only has it accomplished a great deal. It will set the path for future homeowner treatment.

We will keep you informed by Facebook and our Website. If there is need, we will call an emergency meeting and you will all have plenty of notice as to when and where.

Have a great summer everyone, everywhere!

Bob Heslop, President, SLCCV HOA



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## FLORIDA PRIMARY ELECTIONS 2024

Since there are many new Floridians here, I'd like to share the process for the August 20th election. Florida is a "closed primary" state. If you are registered, you will get a sample ballot in the mail. You must register by July 22nd, If you want to vote by mail, you will have to request a mail-in ballot from the Supervisor of Elections office which can be done on the website. Mail-in ballots are no longer being sent unless you specifically request one. If you get a mail-in ballot, you can still vote early or on the 22nd: take the ballot with you, but make sure it is voided or destroyed as required by law.

Not all races are primaries. County School Board, County Commission and City Councils races are usually decided on Election Day. However, where there are more people running for the same office in the same party the winner may go on to face an opposing candidate in November. This is case this year for the position of county sheriff. There are four Republicans in the primary. The winner will face the Democrat candidate in November. Other positions being voted on in August include Supervisor of Elections, County Tax Collector and County Appraiser.

It's going to be interesting to say the least! Please register and please vote!



*Primary Election August 20 <sup>th</sup>, 2024 Deadline to register: July 22, 2024* 

# **BIG FRANK'S PRESSURE CLEANING**

Spanish Lakes Resident 772-882-6132 or 772-480-3904 (cell)

### HURRICANE PREPAREDNESS FROM CONGRESSMAN BRIAN MAST

Hurricane season is here and it's time to prepare for everything that comes with it. Florida gets more hurricanes than any U.S. state and being smart and planning ahead can mean the difference between life and death. A hurricane's path and intensity can radically change in hours or even minutes so it's important to think ahead, act quickly, and be prepared for any contingency.

#### Here's what you can do now:

**Learn your evacuation routes**: If ordered to evacuate, then evacuate. There's no telling to what extent an incoming hurricane may damage your community, neighborhood, or home. Know your <u>local evacuation</u> <u>routes</u> and make contingencies for where you can stay. During a hurricane, emergency response services may be significantly delayed or temporarily unavailable.

Please note that bridges may be shut off to traffic, therefore those near the coastline or on barrier islands should especially heed evacuation notices.

**Create or update your disaster kit**: Ensure you have a seven-day supply of necessities. This includes nonperishable food items, bottled water, a battery-powered radio, a flashlight, batteries, cash, medicines, a firstaid kit, pet food and supplies, or any important family documents.

If you're not in an area under an evacuation notice, plan ahead in case you lose power or water for several days.

**Create or update your family emergency plan:** In the case of separation, have a list printed and on hand with the telephone numbers of family or loved ones outside your area.

Sign up for emergency and weather alerts: Download <u>FEMA's mobile app</u> which includes weather alerts, shelter locations, and other emergency resources. Sign up for emergency alerts from your county, whether it is <u>St. Lucie County</u>, <u>Martin County</u> or <u>Palm Beach County</u>. Additionally, visit your municipalities' websites for city or neighborhood-specific alerts.

**Become familiar with county resources**: Visit these websites to view shelter locations and other alerts: <u>Martin County</u>

### Palm Beach County

#### St. Lucie County

To receive up-to-date information on potential hurricanes in the Atlantic basin, refer to the <u>National Hurri-</u> <u>cane Center Website</u>. For local severe weather and hazard information, refer to the National Weather Service's <u>Miami forecast website</u> (includes Palm Beach County) or the <u>Melbourne forecast website</u> (includes Martin and St. Lucie Counties).

In the case of an impending hurricane, you must heed *any* evacuation notices to ensure safety.

#### If there's a power outage:

**REPORT** the power outage to your power company.

Florida Power & Light Company (FPL): Report online or call 1-800-4-OUTAGE (1-800-468-8243).

Track the outages on the **<u>Power Tracker map</u>**. Sign up for **<u>outage alerts</u>**.

STAY AWAY from flooding, downed power lines, and debris.

**DO NOT** use a generator indoors. It can be deadly. Use a generator outdoors at least 20 feet from windows, doors, or ventilation. Do not refuel your generator while it is hot or still running.

#### If there's flooding:

Pay attention to authorities for information and instructions. Return home only when authorities say it is safe. Avoid driving except in emergencies.

Wear heavy work gloves, protective clothing, and boots during clean up and use appropriate face coverings or masks if cleaning mold or other debris.

People with asthma and other lung conditions and/or immunosuppression should not enter buildings with indoor water leaks or mold growth that can be seen or smelled.

Children should not take part in disaster cleanup work.

Be aware that snakes and other animals may be in your house.

Be aware of the risk of electrocution. Do not touch electrical equipment if it is wet or if you are standing in water. Turn off the electricity to prevent electric shock if it is safe to do so.

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### HURRICANE PREPAREDNESS (continued from page 3)

Avoid wading in flood water, which can be contaminated and contain dangerous debris.

Underground or downed power lines can also electrically charge the water.

Use a generator or other gasoline-powered machinery ONLY outdoors and away from windows.

Visit <u>Ready.gov</u> for more information.

#### Other tips:

Get your home ready to endure the storm: Cover your windows or close and lock your shutters. Properly store objects that can cause damage or become lethal projectiles, such as lawn furniture or trash cans. For surfers: Do not enter the ocean to surf or swim before a tropical storm or hurricane. While these storms produce larger waves than usual ahead of landfall, they also are extremely hazardous due to powerful rip currents and steep waves.

Attention boaters: Prepare to safely store your vessel well ahead of a storm. Storm surge and wind can propel a boat anywhere. Refer to county or city resources and orders when planning to store your vessel.

**Fill your gas tanks**: Ensure your car has a full tank of gas in the event you are ordered to evacuate to safety. Be cognizant that it may be difficult to get gas in the few days prior to an impending storm due to the lines for gas that may form.

**Don't leave your pets behind**: Do not let your pets outside during the storm and maintain control over them. In addition to your emergency supply kit, make sure you include pet items such as leashes or carriers, pet food, water, and bowls. Print and have on-hand photos of your pet in case you are separated from them.

**Be aware of price gouging**: Charging "unconscionable prices" for essential items - such as food, ice, or generators - in short supply prior to a disaster or during the early recovery period is illegal in the state of Florida. These laws are triggered by a declaration of a state of emergency.

If you witness a suspected case of price gouging, <u>file a price gouging complaint with the Florida Attorney</u> <u>General</u> or call the Florida Attorney General at 1-866-9-NO-SCAM (1-866-966-7226) to report an incident. Additional resources:

<u>The National Hurricane Center</u>: This website provides up-to-date weather information on hurricanes. You can also find additional information from the <u>National Weather Service</u>.

**FloridaDisaster.org**: This website includes information on how to plan and prepare for a hurricane in Florida, the latest news about hurricanes, information on local shelters, and more.

It only takes one hurricane to devastate a community, a home, or a family. I urge everyone to begin preparing their emergency kits and contingency plans. I hope these steps are helpful to you as we enter the hurricane season.

For further information on hurricane preparedness and resources, visit <u>the detailed hurricane resource guide</u>. Stay safe!

\* Due to copying this information from Congressman Mast's email, links are live. You can find his website to get more information.)



### LIBRARY AND PUZZLE NEWS

#### LIBRARY/PUZZLES:

#### **HELP:** TWO VACANCIES IN LIBRARY: MON-DAYS AND TUESDAYS:

**LIBRARY:** All books and materials are from the donations of our Village People and are welcomed. However, there are a few restrictions that have to be observed in order to maintain space and standards.

All who volunteer are also book lovers so we understand the relationship many book lovers have with their books. Before donating,, please look at it carefully. Is it yellow? The cover gone? A wee bit moldy? Stained. Smell of cigarette smoke. PLEASE DO NOT DONATE IT TO THE LIBRARY. We prefer that your loss not be our gain.

LARGE PRINT: The large print section has been growing with many excellent titles and popular authors. Both the hard and soft covers are on the shelves filed together . All genres that are Large Print are shelved together. Easier for you to find. You'll be surprised by the authors.

**MAGAZINES**: Should be no more than three months old. The staff weeds through them constantly and we have to dispose of older magazines by bringing them home and putting them out for the rubbish. Please do us a favor and dispose of them – and keep us from being the "middle people".

**PUZZLES**: YES!! We do have puzzles, many of them....and have found out that many of you don't know that...or where they are! They are in the low cabinets against the wall in the Billiard Room in the Longevity Center. Also, on the honor system. However, when donating puzzles, please be sure they are COMPLETELY IN TACT. If there is even one piece missing, please put them out with those old magazines. Please don't leave them on top of the cabinets!

We THANK our Volunteers (there's a Staff List posted in the Library), as all these services would not be available without their many hours keeping it all going for our Village.





### C.O.P. NEWS

Our group is always looking for additional members! If you would like to serve our community in this way, please contact John Morton, 603-801-7791. The commitment requires driving patrol one week every four to six weeks. That's 7 days, 3 hours each day. The three shifts are 4am-noon, noon-7pm and 7pm-4am. That also allows for flexibility within the shift for your personal schedule. We try to vary driving times during any shift so we have a good presence in the community. Some people comment that they never see our car go by their house. Considering the size of the park and the number of miles of streets here, we can't be everywhere at the same time. Rest assured we have passed all of the 1,250+ homes at least once during every shift, and have driven 15 miles around the park, also during every shift. That's what you will be doing if you join our ranks.

While this is a volunteer position with the Sheriff's

Department, we do pay a stipend to our drivers.



According to our agreement with the Sheriff's

Department we are eyes and ears only. We are not supposed to get out of the car or carry weapons of any kind. However, we do carry a sizeable first aid kit in the case of an emergency.

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Sunday Carol Fensterer 772-595-1457 Monday VACANT Tuesday VACANT Wednesday Ellen Curran 315-247-0770 Thursday Nancy Squires 561-308-7855 Friday Jill Miller 772-469-6076 Saturday Carol Fensterer 772-595-1457

DISPOSAL of Books: Paul Fenton 508-753-1020 Books to be discarded – Recycled Books to be Donated -- Vietnam Veterans PUZZLES: Betty Tuttle 203-767-6458

INFO CONTACTS: Nancy Squires 561-308-7855 Carol Fensterer 772-595-1457 Jill Miller 772-469-6076

### **KEEP THE DREAM ALIVE**

### By Franklin B. Clymer

When you think of all who bled and died To keep the American dream alive Is this the dream they once knew As they laid down their lives for me and you. Marxism was once so despised And now we can hardly believe our eyes. We came to arms when we heard the world cry And now we have people saying let's give it a try. Their goal in life is to have America die As they continue to push their big lie. What happened to justice and liberty The blindfold is all she chooses to see. Since we have no borders any more How do we protect the ones we love and adore?

Slavery we abolished over a century ago But now leaders tell us of a new way to go. They'll be the masters of this new race you see They will choose what is best for you and me. If you don't believe it just ask a Marxist today These people know exactly what they must say. The Greek Philosophers once said, A nation without borders will soon be dead. There is a God in Heaven they must erase away Because this God revealed in scripture, stands in their Way.

Will America awake before it's too late Because it will be the biggest mistake, we'll ever make. Together we can keep this dream alive. It will only happen with God by our side.

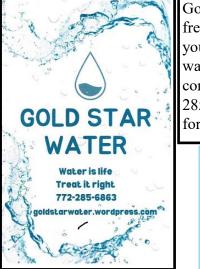
#### BLESSED IS THE NATION WHOSE GOD IS THE LORD Psalm 33"12



The Forgotten Man Table



Memorial Plaque SLCCV Veterans



Gold Star Water offers a free water analysis. If you are interested in water filtration systems, contact Garrett at 772-285-6863 for more information.



SOMETHING TO DO THIS SUMMER



### VILLAGE CART

The Village Cart is SLCCV's version of the Welcome Wagon. Meetings for new residents are held four times a year in the clubhouse lounge. Learn about our community from the experts. You may hear about a volunteer opportunity that interests you. If you haven't attended one yet, please feel free to come! The next scheduled greeting is Sunday, July 14th, from 1:00-2:00pm. (Subject to change)



SLCCV Memorial Day Service 2024

### **EMERGENCY INFORMATION FORM** AREA # SLCCV NEIGHBORS HELPING NEIGHBORS PROGRAM 1st SURVEY DATE: PLEASE INDICATE TYPE OF SURVEY AND DATE: UPDATED: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE:\_\_\_\_ NO CHANGES: DATE: WHO COMPLETED FORM:\_\_\_\_\_ HOUSEHOLD ADDRESS Owner Renter ALL INDIVIDUALS LIVING IN HOME: Name\_\_\_\_\_phone\_\_\_\_\_CIRCLE ONE: cell/land Name\_\_\_\_\_phone\_\_\_\_\_CIRCLE ONE: cell/land Name\_\_\_\_\_ phone CIRCLE ONE: cell/land Are residents(s) FULL YEAR PART YEAR WHERE? PETS IN HOUSE? \_\_\_\_YES \_\_\_\_NO (optional) (Please list kind of pets & their names HERE OR on back if not enough room) EMAIL: (optional) IN EMERGENCY, WHO CAN BE CONTACTED? Phone NAME City/St RELATIONSHIP: (CIRCLE ONE) (SON/DAUGHTER, SIBLING, FRIEND) NAME Phone City/St RELATIONSHIP: (CIRCLE ONE) (SON/DAUGHTER, SIBLING, FRIEND) NAME Phone Citv/St RELATIONSHIP: (CIRCLE ONE) (SON/DAUGHTER, SIBLING, FRIEND) DOES SOMEONE HAVE ACCESS TO KEY TO HOME? Yes\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_ City/St\_\_\_ Phone Who/Where RELATIONSHIP: (CIRCLE ONE) (SON/DAUGHTER, SIBLING, FRIEND) Please return this completed form to the Rec Dept front desk to the attention of : NHN Data Processor rev 08/09/22 ADDITIONAL INFO IF NECESSARY: use back of this paper

SLCCV \_\_\_\_\_ M:LIST \_\_\_\_\_



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Proverbs 22:1 A good name is to be chosen rather than great riches, Loving favor rather than silver and gold.



Recently departed friends and neighbors names will not be published unless requested by family or friends.

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