

August 27, 2023 (Sunday) 9:00 p.m.

Re: Hurricane Idalia

Dear members of the Venetian Golf and River Club community,

Most of you are aware that Venice is among the west coast of Florida cities now under hurricane watch for storm, Idalia. *(What is with the I-named hurricanes that threaten the U.S. to wit: Ivan, Ike, Irma, Ian, and now Idalia?)*

The hurricane models currently show that Hurricane Idalia is projected to make landfall in the northwest part of Florida, including the Tampa area. Please note, and as we found with Hurricane Ian eleven months ago, hurricanes can change course. Regardless, we can expect that we may experience high winds and heavy rains.

We are hoping that you have prepared for a possible hurricane during this season. If you have not and want information, we direct your attention to the Hurricane Corner on the Community Association website, <https://vgrcca.org/hurricane-corner>.

We have provided a variety of information including hurricane preparation suggestions. We encourage you to

visit the site to get information that you might find relevant and helpful.

You may be aware of the Hurricane Response Team (HRT) that serves the VGRC community by providing education and post-hurricane services. This team, which is sponsored by the Community Association, is made up of volunteers from our community, who have undergone training in preparation for service.

The HRT is called out when Raymond Juan, the Property Manager for the POA, leaves the premises (when the winds reach a sustained 35 mph) and notifies us that the team should step up. The *HRT Security Team* provides 24-hour security at the front gate until the security team is able to return after the storm. The *HRT General Assessment Team* does a *golf cart drive-by* post-storm assessment of the damage to the homes and community property. Any report is then submitted to the POA (Property Owners Association and the CDD (Community Development District)).

The *HRT Reach Out Team* is available to check on any residents who have indicated a desire to be called or visited after a storm passes. If you know of someone who would like this service, please have them contact me (maryraufoster@gmail.com) for a referral to the Reach Out Team.

If you have questions or concerns, please direct them to Raymond Juan at [Venetian@ciramail.com](mailto:Venetian@ciramail.com). 941-488-9200.

If you have questions about the Hurricane Response Team or hurricane preparation, please feel free to contact me. ([maryraufoster@gmail.com](mailto:maryraufoster@gmail.com) 615-481-9761).

Please stay safe.

Mary Rau-Foster