

Good morning HRT members,

First, I'd like to report that as of yesterday (Monday) afternoon, we have an internet connection again. Life is better.

HRT Meeting (Monday, August 28th)

Thank you to those who were available and able to attend the abruptly called HRT meeting. I will be sending out notes that Dick Foster made during the meeting.

It was good to have Keith Livermore of the CDD, Andrew Kail of the CDD-River Club, and Scott, the head of the security team with us at the meeting yesterday who provided us with appreciated information. Ray Juan, the Property Manager for the POA was not able to make it to the meeting, but we have been in frequent contact.

NHC Update

As of this morning, and according to the National Hurricane Center, Hurricane Idalia is still predicted to make landfall north of us, although we remain under a hurricane watch. There are still some unknowns so we shouldn't let our guards down. (More to come today as we receive NHC updates.)

The River Club is closed today and tomorrow. The City of Venice offices are closed and the evacuation shelters are opening as of 8:00 a.m. this morning. Many other businesses have or will be closing today.

Will the HRT Be Activated?

General Assessment Team

We may find that as with Irma, the general assessment team was not called up, because other than power outages, there was little damage to the VGRC community.

After *Idalia* has passed, Joe DiVigilio will be making a quick inspection of the property, and based on his inspection, it may (or may not) be necessary for the team to be called up (or out) to inspect the property.

Security Team

As of now (7:00 a.m.), we have not been advised if or when the security guards will be leaving the property. I spoke with Keith Livermore who confirmed that they will leave their post when the winds are a *sustained* 35mph. At that point, the HRT will assume responsibility for the front gate.

If and when the security team is called for duty, you will have three-hour shifts. I am reaching out (by separate email) to members of the HRT who have indicated a desire to serve as a security team volunteer to determine availability. If you do not receive an email and you want to serve on the team, please let me know.

We will create a schedule for the Security Team including who would report for duty when the security guards leave.

There should be a clear understanding that safety is a priority for all volunteers. This includes the HRT security team members who would only remain on duty until they feel it is unsafe to remain at the guard station.

The 35, 45, 50 Rule

As a reminder, in addition to the employees and security guards who will leave the property at wind speed of **35mph**, the fire department and emergency transport systems are suspended at sustained **45mph** winds. The police will continue to respond to calls until sustained winds of **50mph**.

Look for updates as new information is received.

Thank you again for volunteering. You are honored and respected for your willingness to serve during a difficult time.

Mary (615-481-9761).

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Best,

Mary Rau-Foster