

Update on Hurricane Idalia

Wednesday, August 30, 2023

Dear Venetian Golf and River Club Community members,

I think that it is safe to say that we dodged a bullet. Despite sustained winds throughout the night (Tuesday) of up to 47 mph (see <https://www.windfinder.com/report/venice>) our neighborhood escaped damage. (Please see caveat note below).

VGRC Property Damage

Two members of the Hurricane Response Team (HRT) (Amy Kirkpatrick and Joe DeVirgilio) reported a downed large tree branch on a Mestre Place sidewalk. Joe, who is the leader of the General Assessment team for the HRT, made his usual post-storm inspection of the property. He was happy to report that there was no (*observable from the street*) additional damage to the VGRC community. We continue to have some impressive wind gusts here, but they are less impressive than those that we experienced last night.

Reach-Out Program

As mentioned in a previous email, the HRT will reach out to any member of the community who would like a member of the Reach-Out team to follow up with them after the storm. We are pleased to announce that a member of our community requested that service. Paula Kolodny, who provided that service last year, did so again this year. Thanks to our neighbor who made the

request to HRT member, and to Paula who responded in a caring way.

Remain Vigilant

And now, the caveat... we may have had a *little* dance with the devil (*Idalia*) but don't take your prom clothes off yet, because this prom continues until November 30th (the last day of the hurricane season). We are entering a period that historically has the greatest number of storms. (More information on that coming in a later email) It may be unwise to think that we are safe after one brief cha-cha-cha dance.

Hurricane Shutters

If you did not arrange to have someone install hurricane shutters, you are encouraged to do so now for any future storm threats. Please note, VGRC (including the POA, CDD, and Community Association) and the Hurricane Response Team do not get involved in identifying or recommending individuals or companies that will assist you. The policy is that the responsibility rests with the homeowners to make the arrangements. Your best source of information will be (1) your neighbors, (2) word of mouth or (3) Next-door Neighbor.

Idalia Damage

As a final note, it has been reported that Manasota Key Road north of Blind Pass/Middle Beach is washed out and traffic cannot pass in either direction. More to come as the information becomes available.

The Hurricane Corner

It is the goal of the Hurricane Response Team to provide storm/hurricane information. To that end, the HRT and Community Association created and maintains a site on its website <https://vgrcca.org/hurricane-corner>, that may make it easier to access hurricane-related information. What would you like to see included on this site?

On behalf of the Community Association-sponsored Hurricane Response Team, we thank you for allowing us to provide this service to you, our neighbors. Stay safe and well.

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