



WATERCREST Newsletter

Brought to you by your Watercrest Communication Committee

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April Meetings:

BOD:

Thurs 04/06/2023 5:00-6:00
Organizational Mtg. 6:00-8:00
General Mtg. Jacaranda Library

ARC:

Mon 04/03/2023 10:00
Amenity Ctr

Mon 04/17/2023 10:00
Amenity Ctr

NEW BOARD OF DIRECTOR AND COMMITTEE APPOINTEES

The Watercrest Board of Directors is pleased to announce its recently appointed Director, Janet Slavin. Janet is an Attorney who is licensed in the State of New York. She has practiced both as a Trial lawyer in the field of Civil Litigation and in the field of Real Estate and Contract Law. Her professional knowledge and experience makes her a valuable addition to our Board.

The Board of Directors also announces the addition of two more members of the Watercrest Finance Committee: William Isenstein, Former President of the Watercrest HOA and Robert Petrix, Former Treasurer of the Watercrest HOA. Both were Officers on the first Watercrest Board of Directors and were instrumental in bringing this organization to life. Their knowledge of our community and its origin will serve us well as we move forward to meet the challenges ahead.

The Board would also like to congratulate and welcome Mike Benedetto as a newly selected member of the Watercrest Hearing Committee. Mike is a long term resident of Watercrest and a past Board member. The BOD is continuing its vetting of a 3rd Hearing Committee member and will have a decision before the next BOD Meeting.

Exploring mywatercrest.com

Become familiar with the ins and outs of the Watercrest Association, the rules that govern it and the services available to you. In our continuing effort to familiarize residents with the information contained within our website, MYWATERCREST.COM, this month's Newsletter will be highlighting the **Watercrest Community Hurricane Binder**.

WATERCREST COMMUNITY HURRICANE BINDER

Another extremely helpful bit of information found within the document section of mywatercrest.com is the Watercrest Community Hurricane Binder. Hurricane season is just around the corner. For those new to the area, Florida's official Hurricane season begins on June 1 and ends on the last day of November each year. Hurricane preparedness is a very important aspect of Florida Living. As anyone who was present during Ian's visit last year can attest, being prepared can make the difference between a best-case outcome or a devastating one. But, even if you are a seasoned Floridian, you can always learn something new about how to best survive a hurricane. **Remember too, you can decide to evacuate before a hurricane hits, but your home cannot.** Being prepared and preparing your home beforehand is the only way you can help minimize your losses when a big one hits.

Your Watercrest Community Hurricane Binder is divided into five (5) sections:

Pre storm, Post storm: This section is mainly geared to the precautions the Association should be taking at certain critical times before a hurricane is expected to strike and the assessment activities after a storm has passed. The Board of Directors would be responsible for ensuring these precautions are taken. They may also solicit Volunteer help from the Residents in performing these tasks.

Resident Information Sheets: This section details actions that should be taken whether you are evacuating the area, going to a local shelter or sheltering in place. It recommends supplies to have on hand, the names of the County Shelters, Emergency Contacts and a detailed list of what each homeowner should do to secure their property. This is an important section that everyone should read. There is also a **Disaster Kit Reference Sheet included in this section.** This is an important list of items you will want to have on hand in the event of a hurricane. If you are going to a shelter make sure you also have identification information with you for each member of your party. Remember, Flido and Miss Kitty have needs too. If you are going to a pet friendly shelter you need to bring enough pet food to sustain your pet while you are there.

Emergency Contact Information: This is a list of Federal, State, County and Local Agencies that are prepared to assist you in an emergency. It also contains information on TV and Radio Stations in the area that will be broadcasting storm information.

Evacuation Map: This section shows the location of the various shelters in the area. You should familiarize yourself with those closest to you. Do not assume you will always be able to get into the nearest shelter. Shelters fill on a first come first served basis and you are not guaranteed a spot in your preferred shelter. Please plan ahead and evacuate early.

Spec Sheet: This section contains reminders of important facts and common things you should be aware of and plan for with a hurricane.

If you are a seasonal resident and are planning to go away for an extended period of time during hurricane season you should always prepare as if you are expecting a storm while you are away. Do not leave it up to your good neighbors to do it for you if a hurricane happens to come along. **Community Wide Standards allow you to only install your storm shutters or engage your rolldown or accordion shutters once the State of Florida announces a State of Emergency exists for the Venice area. Also, they cannot be left up any later than seven (7) days after the emergency has been lifted for the Venice area. For this reason, if you are leaving the area you should have a plan in place where you have a designated person in the local area who will be responsible for putting up and taking down your protective shutters at the appropriate time.**

You should also be aware that although Watercrest is in a Zone X flood area and your mortgage company may not require you to have flood insurance, there is always a possibility of flooding during a hurricane or prolonged period of heavy rain. County drainage ditches are designed to help with runoff, but they are not foolproof. They can become clogged by debris during a storm or in the case of a storm lingering for a prolonged period they just may not be adequate to keep water out of your home. It is always recommended that you investigate obtaining a flood insurance policy. Policies must be in effect **before** hurricane season. Your regular HO insurance and Wind insurance does not cover flooding.

Are you or a neighbor you know celebrating a Marriage, a milestone Birthday or Anniversary? Are you a new Grandparent or Parent? Has someone in our Watercrest Community received a special award or special recognition for something. Lets celebrate by posting this in the monthly newsletter. To submit please email specifics to the Communication Committee at:

watercrestcommunicates_irene@aol.com

WATERCREST RECOGNIZES:

Please Welcome Our New Neighbors:

Rollin Swanson & Patty Hammer, 9851 Haze Dr.

Will be spreading time between Erie PA and Watercrest

Kenneth and Denise McGill, 9912 Haze Dr.

Will be fulltime residents and are from New Jersey