



## **COMMUNITY UPDATE SEPTEMBER 23, 2022**

According to the Friday, September 23, 11AM forecast from the National Hurricane Center, Fort Myers is now within the cone of the probable path of Tropical Depression Nine. While the exact path and timeline is not determinable at this time, the storm is expected to intensify to a hurricane as it moves northward from the Caribbean. As a result, Shell Point has activated the Hurricane Plan for the community. This update provides a summary of activities the Shell Point staff will be doing through the weekend, resident responsibilities, and the next steps which may be implemented on Monday depending on the development of the storm.

The Hurricane Plan provides for all residents (IL and AL) to stay in their homes for a category 1 storm. The only exception are those residents who have been approved to shelter in the Larsen Health Center due to a medical condition. For a category 2 storm, residents may stay in their home. The Island shelter in the parking garage will be open for those who choose to shelter there. Depending on the storm conditions of a category 2 hurricane, a decision will be made as to whether all garden apartment residents will need to relocate to the Island shelter. For a category 3 or higher hurricane, all residents will be required to evacuate to the Island or Larsen Health Center shelters. As an aside, at the point in time when the Island shelter is opened for residents, the pet shelter in the Arbor will also be opened.

This weekend, while continuing to monitor the development of the storm, Shell Point staff will be securing the campus, making preliminary plans to ready the two shelters with supplies, ensure staffing plans are in place, and implementing communication protocols.

As residents, please use the weekend to secure your home, lanai,

and yard by bringing in items which may be easily blown around. Take down hanging plants, move light outdoor furniture and cushions inside, etc. If you need assistance with this task, please call the Call Center at (239) 454-2190 and our staff will respond as soon as possible. Ensure that you have the necessary supplies in your home such as flashlights, bottled water, medications, etc. If you intend to leave campus for the duration of the storm, please notify your Court Representative and the Call Center at (239) 454-2190.

On Monday, there will be more clarity about the storms strength, direction, and timeline. Starting Monday, please monitor your email and Shell Point TV more frequently as these are the primary ways we will be communicating with residents about forthcoming hurricane plans.

Thank you for your attention.

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