

West Galveston Island Property Owners Association

June 17, 2023

0830 Pre-Meeting discussion with Marie Robb.

Gas installation to the neighborhoods is still moving forward. Progress will begin on the eastern portion of the West End first and then move west. There is not a proposed timeline yet.

CenterPoint replacing transformers in our neighborhoods to reduce electrical issues. These replacements can be expedited if an address is given. If you have a troubled transformer, please feel free to call CenterPoint (Brian, 713-679-9003) or Marie.

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The plan to remove parking from the beaches is still ongoing. Currently, this parking cannot be removed, but it can be moved into the neighborhoods. The majority of the neighborhoods that have removed parking from the beaches have instituted additional parking within the neighborhoods either along the beach or into a parking lot. The pocket park #3 is supposed to open soon and pocket park #4 is looking to expand in size this summer.

A beach nourishment meeting with the USACE on Wednesday. USACE is waiting for additional bids including those with larger hopper dredges. There are only 4 of these dredges in the US. To prevent the loss of the current buildup of the sand to be dredged, the City is contemplating reducing the size of the current project to start activities earlier.

The City is looking to include putting signage and sand fencing on all of the beaches in the neighborhood. They are slowly working in additional neighborhoods into the project.

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1000 Call to Order of Hurricane Response Meeting at Jamaica Beach Fire Department

- Listen to the warnings. Please lockup your valuables. If you can get out of the way of the storm, please do.
- I-45 is under construction and inhibiting off island traffic. Be prepared for earlier evacuation orders than in previous years.
- During most hurricanes, the electrical grid is set on a single-trip system. This means that once the electricity is turned off, it will stay off.
- When power is restored, ensure that the breakers to any lower-level outlets/equipment are turned off until it can be verified that they are in working order.

- Sewer pump stations run on electricity and will be out once the electricity goes out.
- Gas services may or may not be available based on debris in the area that could knock down meters. This means permanent generators will have reduced ability to provide power.
- Emergency response vehicles typically cannot drive through more than 2 feet of water.
- Fire truck ladders will not be deployed if the wind is over 35 mph.
- Westend police and fire departments will relocate to behind the seawall.
- Damage assessment after a storm will start immediately after the storm with a windshield survey. This initial damage assessment is sent to the state and FEMA.
- Immediately after a storm, you are allowed to conduct work to protect the structure of your house.
- Electric vehicles and salt water don't mix. In addition, there will be no available state supported charging stations available during an evacuation.
- If you have any water, wastewater, or flooding issues due to poor drainage, please contact Galveston Public Works and Municipal Utilities - Trino Pedraza (409) 974-6098.
- Galveston Parks Department - Kimberly (409) 797-5106
- During an evacuation, City Police enact storm procedures of 12-hour shifts for all employed until they can get back to normal operations. They will be tasked with trying to affect your property while you are away.

In the meantime, if you see something, say something. For all non-emergency issues, please call the non-emergency phone line right away at **409-765-3702**.

1130 Adjournment of the meeting.

The next WGIPOA meeting is July 15, 2023.

Jamaica Beach Alderwoman Taz Jones did a Utube of the meeting at: <https://youtu.be/ty3ijSU0gOY>