

# Grand Venezia Condominium Association, Inc.

## HURRICANE PREPAREDNESS NOTICE

August 28, 2023

TO: ALL RESIDENTS

FROM: COLEEN VERDON, MANAGER

Tropical Storm Idalia is moving toward Tampa Bay and could turn into a hurricane. PLEASE CLEAN OFF YOUR BALCONIES AND HALLWAYS of items being stored there NOW! The rains should start around 2:00 P.M. on Tuesday, September 29<sup>th</sup>. Staff will not be on the property on Wednesday.

We know historically that the Grand Venezia property floods even in a heavy rain. Therefore, it is prudent to prepare for the worst-case scenario. We believe **significant flooding** may occur and that vehicles could be unable to get in/out or possibly destroyed by water. It is not safe to drive in a flooded street, therefore *our recommendation is to relocate to a safer area until the storm passes.*

Please refer to the Pinellas County website for shelter locations, special needs shelters, pet shelters, a Personal Property Worksheet and an Emergency Checklist: [www.pinellascounty.org/emergencymanagement](http://www.pinellascounty.org/emergencymanagement). The county has shelter locations for your pets and the form is available online for your use. Make sure they have a bag packed with a collar or microchip, leash, medications, food & water, toys, blanket, identification photo, and bags for waste.

If a mandatory evacuation is called you should leave the property as it is not safe to stay. If you choose to stay, emergency services will not be able to assist you at that point. Water and gas to the buildings may be interrupted and you will most likely lose power. If fire alarms go off, there is no way to silence them.

- **The staff will be making storm preparations on the property early on.**
- **Staff will be permitted time to secure their homes and leave town if necessary.**
- **Your game plan should not rely on staff, you must prepare your unit in anticipation of a hurricane or tropical storm NOW.**

If you leave, please **slowly** turn off the water to your unit, remember to take your pets, clothes, medications, insurance policies, cash and/or credit cards, phone chargers and identification.

### Prepare NOW and keep in mind:

1. **Bring all balcony furniture, potted plants and other items in doors. If you are not here, call someone to do this for you!**
2. **If you or someone you know with mobility problems needs assistance relocating to a shelter, please arrange for that ASAP.**
3. **PLEASE DO YOUR PART WITH TRASH AS STAFF WILL BE UNABLE TO REMEDY A BROKEN COMPACTOR if they are not on site. Be prepared to bag your trash (contractor bags work best) and keep it inside your condo until the storm passes so that we don't have water, trash and rats to deal with in addition to normal clean up after the storm.**
4. **The pool will be closed (locked) and super-chlorinated- No swimming permitted.**

Please take this and the Pinellas County advisories seriously. We care about the safety and well-being of our residents first and foremost; the property can always be restored. Please be safe and have an evacuation plan!