

David Haynes has been in contact with Charlotte County (CC) Commissioner Truex and shared the following information.

Commissioner Truex has a contact at FEMA that is going to be reaching out to him today. He has had high level contact from the Federal Administration as well. Please be patient. Know that LGI has not been forgotten. Relief, aid & assistance is being worked on from different levels. It is frustrating not to have immediate responses to things, but this was a huge storm with wide ranging impacts. It is not just our island that has had devastating impacts.

So many have donated their time, money & resources to help the island. Hopefully there will be a way to be repaid for these efforts by FEMA. These are questions we can pose to FEMA to see what resources are available.

Keep in mind the island is mostly made up of second homes, investment properties and vacation homes. The initial priority is typically focused on areas where permanent homeowners are living. There are some permanent residents on the island as well & they are, of course, important. It is important to try to stay positive, patient & understand that help will come! Many, including CC are working on it diligently. If it doesn't happen the first few weeks after the storm, please understand that people are trying.

As we all know, there are unique challenges to our beautiful island. The discussions have been geared towards bringing in heavy equipment to chip & mulch what we can, safely burn what we can (under the direction of the Fire Chief), & remove anything that can't be burned. Barge off construction/demo materials. Hopefully, to get a solution for removing household garbage to the mainland ASAP. CC is also trying to find an end destination for the massive amount of debris generated by this storm - not just for the island but for the mainland as well.

We will get this done! Be Patient!

And, love your neighbor.

We are all in this together & we will get through it together.