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HURRICANE SEASON BE PREPARED

DEAR RESIDENT:

Hurricane season is upon us once again beginning June 1st and will last through November 30th. Florida can be threatened at anytime during this season. The information contained in this letter



will help you prepare for a hurricane or other severe weather emergency and understand how your Association will also prepare your community. This letter was also written to help you take precautions to protect your family and property. Please take a moment to read this very important information.

The Board of Directors of Brickell Key II Condominium Association, Inc. and KW Property Management & Consulting would like to ensure that all unit owners receive as much information as possible to aid in the preparation for any upcoming storm. A tropical storm or hurricane can develop within hours threatening the area. During these months, special precautions need to be taken by everyone in the community. Stay tuned to local weather updates during the season. Several weather services offer email and text notifications for severe weather such as www.weather.com. The following terms are used by weather forecasters:

HURRICANE WATCH-A hurricane may strike our area within 48 hours.
HURRICANE WARNING-A hurricane may strike within 36 hours.

Management will mass email periodic updates to all owners and let you know of current conditions or when services have been restored. **Please make sure that management has an updated email address for you.**

All residents are encouraged to develop a personal disaster preparedness plan before an emergency strikes. The following internet links can aid you in further preparations:

- <http://www.nhc.noaa.gov>
- <http://www.fema.gov>
- <http://www.floridadisaster.org>

Hurricane *(cont from page 1)*

Please be advised that at the time a Hurricane Watch is issued, KW Property Management Company and its personnel will begin to secure the building and common areas. Before sustained winds reach dangerous levels and the hurricane becomes an imminent threat, the essential personnel will shut down the property's equipment such as the elevators, HVAC equipment and domestic water pumps. This will assure your systems will be operational after weather conditions return to normal and power has been restored.

PLAN AHEAD:

Special Need Residents

Special needs residents should be sure to register NOW with the front desk or office. Residents who require special care or special transportation must preregister with the Miami-Dade County Emergency Evacuation Assistance Program at 305-513-7700, 888-311-3233 or 305-468-5402 or by visit page:

https://www.miamidade.gov/global/service.page?Mduid_service=ser1470238193996672

Registration applications may be found in our Community Portal under Hurricane Plan -- Hurricane Plan 2024 -- Miami Dade Emergency & Evacuation Assistance Program.

CLEAR BALCONIES

Implement as many precautions as practical in advance, such as removing all furniture from your balconies, removing, and securing all outside items that might become projectiles during the storm, closing hurricane shutters and placing towels on windowsills and on the bottom of all exterior doors.

If you are leaving town for any length of time during hurricane season, please remove all balcony/patio furniture, plants, loose objects and assign a nearby relative or friend to close the shutters. In the event of a storm, do not rely on the Association's staff to make preparations for you; their time will be dedicated to securing the community's mechanical operations and common areas.

EMERGENCY SUPPLY KIT

Residents are urged to develop a disaster preparedness plan before emergency strikes. As part of your plan have an emergency supply kit ready. Be sure to have a flashlight, battery operated radio, water, and food supplies. A full list is available at: <http://www.floridadisaster.org/index.asp>

INSURANCE

Review your insurance policies to ensure you are fully covered. Inventory and take pictures of your apartment and valuables and store photos and documents in waterproof container.

PLAN YOUR EVACUATION

Have a transportation plan and a pre-planned place to stay during an evacuation. Remember that pets are not allowed in most evacuation shelters. Call in advance so you can make plans for you and your pets. As you exit, please sign the security log giving a phone number and address where you may be reached after the storm. Only essential personnel may be allowed back on the community for several days after the storm.

Remember that barrier islands are subject to storm surge or flood and there is only very limited access to leave the island to the mainland. You will want to evacuate well ahead of the possibility of flooded roads and mass traffic jams.

When an evacuation order is issued, EVERYONE must evacuate the community. An evacuation area is no place to be during a hurricane. Employees and emergency responders are expected to evacuate as well.

There will be no emergency services during a storm, and authorities will not be available to help you. Essential condo operations, such as the elevators, air conditioning, water service etc. will be suspended. The Condominium could become inundated by a storm surge.

Please also keep in mind that if you do not evacuate, you can expect that there will be no building or Association services once the staff evacuates and possibly for several days after the storm.

At the time a call for evacuation has been issued, the Association employees will conclude the procedures to prepare the community's common areas for the storm and leave. Once an evacuation order is given, you should be packed and prepared to leave. Government officials advise elderly and handicapped residents not to wait for the official evacuation order; please leave early.

After the hurricane has passed, all essential personnel will return to the property as soon as physically possible.

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Please be safe and plan ahead!

PLAN TO STAY AWAY

Once evacuated, you should plan on having to stay away for up to a week or more. Government officials will block the return of all persons, except essential emergency personnel, from coming back to the barrier island for up to several days.

PLANNED VACATIONS

If you plan a vacation during Hurricane Season that is more the seven days, please be sure to close your shutters prior to your departure. Likewise, if you plan a vacation, less than seven days but imminent threat is on track and you are not available to close your shutters, please notify the management office at brickellkeyii@kwpmc.com for assistance in closing your shutters. Please note that we do not have a preliminary schedule as to when the Façade Project will commence. Contracting Specialist South East, LLC have a Hurricane Preparedness Plan in place which may be found in our Community Portal under Hurricane Plan -- Hurricane Plan 2024 -- CSI SE 23-023 Hurricane Preparedness Plan.

LET US DO OUR JOBS

While we know it may be tempting to try and call the property to see how we fared during the storm, please do not do so. Management, Maintenance, and the Board will be extremely busy getting things back to normal. Management will mass email periodic updates to all owners and let you know of current conditions and when services have been restored. Please make sure that management has an updated email address for you.

Even if Government officials open the barrier island for residents to return, keep in mind that the property may not be ready for you to return, depending on the level of damage incurred, if any. Try to stay away until you hear from us via mass email or the website that it is safe to return.

Thank you for your cooperation and we hope you have an enjoyable and safe summer.

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Stress is present in everyone's life. Consider these tips for coping.

- Include exercise in your day, even if it is just a walk around the neighborhood.
- Make sure you get enough sleep, at least seven to eight hours a night.
- Eat a healthy diet, limit alcohol and caffeine, and drink enough water each day.
- Make sure that you take time for yourself each day.
- Remember that no one is perfect.
- Learn to set priorities in your life and focus on completing them as well as you can.
- When you are confronted with a stressful situation, change what you can, and don't waste energy on what you can't change.

If you feel that the stress in your life is more than you can handle, there is help available. Seek the advice of a medical professional, mental health therapist, or a clergy member to explore all of your options.



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APRIL IS NATIONAL KITE MONTH.

- In ancient China, it was believed that kites could ward off evil spirits. Today, the kite is regarded as a symbol of good luck.
- The first recorded attempt to use kites to obtain scientific data occurred in 1749 when two Scottish scientists, Alexander Wilson and Thomas Melville, fastened thermometers to kites in order to record the temperature of the air at high altitudes.
- In 1847, chief engineer T.G. Hulett used a kite to string the first steel cable over the Niagara River in order to continue construction of a suspension bridge over the gorge.
- The first patent issued for a kite was granted in 1866 for a hexagon-shaped flat kite with two inwardly bent masts.
- In 1887, E. D. Archibald, an English meteorologist, took the first aerial photograph by attaching a camera to his kite.
- In 1898, a modified Hargraves Box Kite rose more than two miles over the Earth's surface to a height of 12,471 feet (3,801 meter) above Milton, Massachusetts. Today's kits are restricted by aviation rules to fly no more than 300 feet high or within three miles of an airport.
- Guglielmo Marconi, inventor of the wireless telegraph, used a hexagon kite in 1901 to lift an antenna four hundred feet in order to receive the first radio signal ever transmitted across the ocean.
- During World War II, kites bearing pictures of enemy aircraft were used by the United States Navy for target practice. Huge box kites were also flown above American war ships to ward off attacking enemy aircraft. Long steel wires were suspended from each kite, causing damage to any approaching planes.
- On April 4, 1975, a world record was set by Kazuhiko Asaba of Kamakura, Japan, for the most kites flown on a single line--1,050. Since then the record has been broken a number of times. The current record is 11,284 kites on one string.
- The largest kite in the world is flown each year in Hoshubana, Japan, a small village near Tokyo. The kite measures 36 feet wide and 48 feet long and weighs nearly a ton. It can take 50 or more men to send the kite aloft.



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