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Hello to our friends and neighbors! What a few weeks it has been! First we dealt with Hurricane Helene at the end of September, and two weeks later, we all dealt with Hurricane Milton. Milton was one of the strongest storms to hit the Tampa Bay area in over 100 years! We saw significant flooding all along our coasts and pristine beaches from Helene, only to be followed up by more than a foot of rain and strong winds from Milton.

Both storms caused a major scare for many and delivered a walloping punch to residents in Florida. It's during these difficult situations that we see one's true character, including the true character of a neighborhood and its residents. And based on this, we should all be proud of Bay Crest. Our neighborhood came together prior, during, and after the storm with each resident relying upon others and contributing back based on need and ability. We pray for the family members and friends of our residents as well as those we don't know who have suffered loss due to the hurricane. Many lost their home, valuables, employment, and security. It was no surprise that our residents, who worked so well together to support and assist one another, quickly began reaching out to help others within days of the storm's passing.

Due to the recent hurricanes there will be no current articles submitted by the board in this issue.

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For boat ramp permits and gate keys, contact the Taxing District at boatramp@baycrestpark.net.

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As a service to Bay Crest residents, Bay Crest residents 18 or younger or full-time students to age 26 who have made their annual contribution can promote their Bay Crest services at no charge in the Bay Crest newsletter. Examples would be babysitting, pet care, tutoring and lawn services.

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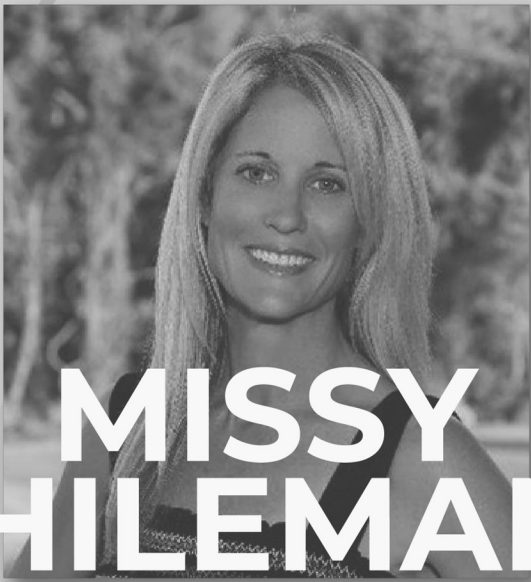
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Assigned Street	Block Captain Name	Block Captain Email
Archwood Circle	Casey Moran	caseymoran33@gmail.com
Arrowwood Drive	Awilda Moyet	awivette63@gmail.com
Bay Crest Drive (Front to BC Lane)	Joan Irwin	joacra1@netzero.com
Bay Crest Drive (BC Lane to south end)	Lori Sarnese	lori@sarnese.com
Bay Crest Lane	Lori Riski	lori.riski@baycare.org
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If there's anything that we can do to help this stressful transition of rebuilding our community, please reach out. We can assist with the process to sell, purchase, rent, or rebuild. We are committed to helping build a better, stronger, even more beautiful Bay Crest! Many Blessings to you all!

Let's rebuild our community together. Contact us today for advice, referrals, or assistance with your real estate needs.



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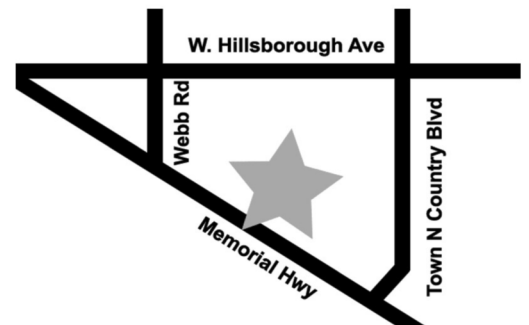
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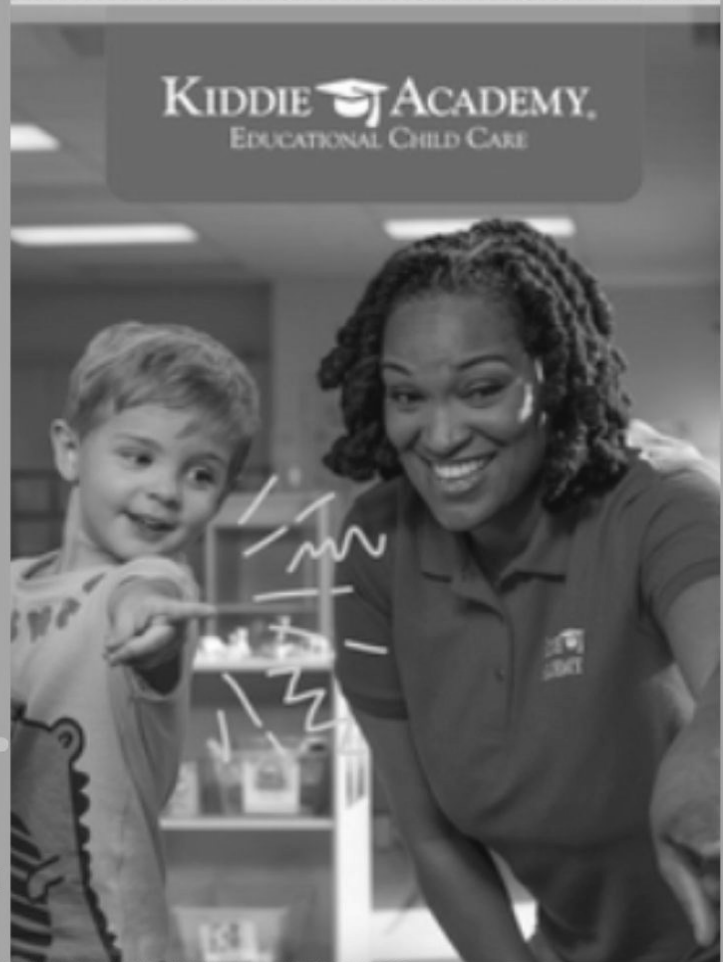
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A proud community is defined not just by its triumphs, but by how it responds to tragedy. In times of adversity, the strength of the bonds between residents becomes evident, revealing a shared commitment to support one another. Through acts of kindness, the establishment of support networks, and efforts to honor loss, communities can transform sorrow into solidarity.

As we reflect on the power of unity, it is clear that when individuals come together in the face of tragedy, they create a legacy of resilience and hope. A proud community not only survives adversity but emerges stronger, fostering a spirit of compassion that will endure for generations to come.



Surviving Loss: Rebuilding Life After a Hurricane

The destruction caused by a hurricane is overwhelming. The physical and emotional toll of such a loss can feel insurmountable. Yet, amidst the devastation, stories of resilience and hope emerge as individuals and communities come together to navigate the challenging journey of recovery. This article explores the experience of surviving loss after losing a home in a hurricane and the steps many take to rebuild their lives.

The Immediate Aftermath

When the winds die down and the rain stops, the reality of the situation begins to set in. For those who have lost their homes, the immediate aftermath can be chaotic. Families often find themselves sifting through debris, searching for belongings that may have survived the storm. The sense of shock can be profound, making it difficult to process the enormity of the loss.

In these early days, finding safety and shelter is paramount. Many individuals rely on local shelters, friends, or family for temporary housing. The kindness of strangers often shines through as communities rally to provide support. This collective response can be a lifeline, reminding those affected that they are not alone in their suffering.

The Emotional Toll of Loss

Losing a home is not just about the physical structure; it encompasses the loss of memories, stability, and a sense of belonging. Individuals may experience a range of emotions, including grief, anger, and anxiety. It's crucial to acknowledge these feelings and seek support. Talking to friends, family, or mental health professionals can help individuals process their emotions and find healthy ways to cope.

Support groups can also provide a sense of community. Connecting with others who have experienced similar losses can foster understanding and solidarity, creating a space where individuals can share

their stories and find encouragement.

Rebuilding: The Path Forward

After the shock, the process of rebuilding begins. This often involves both practical and emotional steps. Here are some key aspects of the journey:

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- **Assessing Needs:** Understanding what is needed to begin rebuilding is essential. This may involve applying for disaster relief, accessing government assistance, or seeking help from local charities. Knowing where to find resources can make a significant difference.

- **Creating a Temporary Home:** Many individuals find ways to create a sense of normalcy in temporary living situations. This could involve setting up a rented space, staying with family, or even living in a mobile home. Personalizing these spaces, can help restore a sense of comfort.

- **Establishing Routines:** Developing a daily routine can provide stability during chaotic times.

Simple activities like regular meals, exercise, and family time can create a structure that fosters healing and resilience.

- **Reconnecting with Community:** Engaging with neighbors in the same situation can help individuals feel connected and purposeful during their recovery.

Conclusion

Surviving loss after losing a home in a hurricane is a complex journey that involves navigating grief, seeking support, and rebuilding. While the path is difficult, many individuals find strength in their resilience, the support of their community, and the hope for a brighter future. Through this process, they not only rebuild their physical homes but also foster a renewed sense of purpose and connection to their lives and communities. In the end, it is this spirit of resilience that shines brightly, illuminating the way forward.

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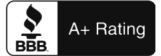
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4718 SOAPSTONE DR	3	2	0	1,415	Private	\$406,000	03/29/2024
4921 SHETLAND AVE	2	1	0	1,100	None	\$355,000	04/12/2024
4616 BAY CREST DR	3	2	0	1,669	None	\$623,900	04/12/2024
4617 BAY CREST DR	3	2	0	1,656	None	\$625,000	04/17/2024
4703 BAY CREST DR	3	2	0	1,528	Private	\$500,000	04/22/2024
8444 BOXWOOD DR	4	3	0	2,195	None	\$515,000	04/23/2024
4623 BAY CREST DR	3	2	0	1,640	None	\$720,000	04/26/2024
8702 THORNWOOD LN	3	2	1	1,668	Private	\$665,000	05/03/2024
4703 TRAVERTINE DR	3	2	0	1,408	Private	\$455,000	05/17/2024
8405 MILLWOOD DR	4	2	0	1,683	Private	\$515,000	05/21/2024
8725 BAY POINTE DR	3	2	1	1,727	None	\$590,000	06/14/2024
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