

REMEMBERING HURRICANE IAN® (Sept 23- Oct 1, 2022)

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Here in Florida's Kissimmee Bay Country Club (KBCC) subdivision in which there are about 300 residencies including single-family homes and town houses, we continue to count our blessings that no one's homes were devastated by Hurricane Ian. Of course, at the least, many KBCC house-holds suffered some minor damage – primarily pool enclosure screens blown out, due to wind that reached at least 80 MPH, and some occurrences of roof leakage due to a combination of the high winds and heavy rain fall. All-in-all, we were spared the life-changing devastation that so many of our fellow Floridians experienced and our prayers went out to every one of them. So now the whole state is mustering all resources to get back to "normal", but for some, it would never be the same again.

One of the incredible after-effects of Ian was self-evident/on-going to residents within the KBCC community. To begin with, here in our KBCC subdivision, we are blessed to be immediately adjacent to and have access to East Lake "Toho", the 10th largest lake in Florida. However, as a consequence of the heavy rains that we experienced in our community as a result of Ian, all of our local golf course ponds and many other local ponds, rivers, and streams poured into the lake such that its capacity was severely exceeded. Consequently, the lake had "back flow" that actually caused water to rush back into our local KBCC ponds and from street gutter drains; thus, we had lots of flooding, not so much in homes, but in the streets and on our golf course. In fact, the lake was so high that even our local "marina" was completely flooded and the channel from the marina out to the lake was not recognizable! I was never aware of any homes that incurred inside flooding, but the presence of all of this water was phenomenal – if not unprecedented in recent history!

The last announcement by local officials stated that the flooded waters in our community would probably not recede until October 12 based on the Army Corps of Engineers actions to reduce the lake level. We did have some additional rain on Thursday, October 6, 2022, but this didn't really add anything to what we already had to deal with!

The graphic on the following page, as found on a web site, shows the path of Hurricane Ian and other details.

Needless to say, as homeowners in Central Florida for over 26 years, the arrival of the hurricane season from June 1 - November 30 of each year, coupled with our extremely uncomfortable hot and humid summers, is definitely not our favorite time of the year!

HURRICANE IAN PATH



(From a Wikipedia site)

NOTABLE CHARACTERISTICS (From the link below):

Hurricane Ian was a Category 5 storm at peak intensity with 160 mph winds, caused over \$112 billion in damage, and resulted in at least 160 deaths across the Caribbean and the U.S.

Deadliest Florida hurricane since 1935.

Third-costliest U.S. hurricane on record.

Rapid intensification linked to warm ocean temperatures.

DETAILED FACTS:

<https://www.bing.com/search?q=hurricane+ian+facts&form=ANNNB1&refig=6ac6697536e44e53ba8b6c0a3ee31a78>