

# ISLAND WALK HOA

## PHASE ONE

# NEWSLETTER



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### Useful Websites

<http://www.flash.org/hurricanestrong/>

<http://hillsboroughcounty.org/en/residents/public-safety/emergency-management>

<https://www.ready.gov/hurricanes>

### **EVACUATION ZONE = A**

#### **Shelter**

Shields Middle School

15732 Beth Shields Way

Ruskin, FL 33573

**Additional useful information  
can be found on our website.**

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## Hurricane Season!

### *Are you prepared?*

As the 2018 Hurricane season starts, it is imperative that everyone take a few moments now to ensure their own personal preparedness plans, procedures and supplies are ready, not just for the potential of hurricanes or severe weather but for any emergency.

### **History & Forecast**

The 2018 Atlantic hurricane season forecast calls for the number of named storms and hurricanes to be slightly above historical averages, but less than last year. A total of 14 named storms, seven hurricanes and three major hurricanes are expected this season. This is slightly above the 30-year average of 12 named storms, six hurricanes and two major hurricanes.

### **WHAT TO DO NOW? => **PREPARE****

- Sign up for warning systems as The Emergency Alert System (EAS) and National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Weather Radio also provide emergency alerts.
- Practice going to a safe shelter for high winds, such as a FEMA safe room or ICC 500 storm shelter. The next best protection is a small, interior, windowless room in a sturdy building on the lowest level that is not subject to flooding.
- Gather needed supplies for at least three days. Keep in mind each person's specific needs, including medication. Don't forget the needs of pets.
- Keep important documents in a safe place or create password-protected digital copies.
- Protect your property. Remove patio furniture and planters. Install check valves in plumbing to prevent backups. Consider hurricane shutters. Review insurance policies.