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The Season

It is that time of year again, summer is right around the corner and with it comes 100 degree days and the start of Hurricane season. Residents up and down the Texas coastline should be paying particularly close attention to the weather after experiencing one of the most devastating Hurricanes to ever make landfall. August 25, 2017 will be a date that is inked in the history books and will be talked about for years to come as families share their stories and experience about Hurricane Harvey.

Hurricane Harveys swath of damage ran from Port Aransas, Texas to Houston, Texas to Port Arthur, Texas, and finally rained itself out in Nashville, Tennessee. The highest storm surge was recorded in Aransas County, at 12.5 Feet. Once the storm made its way to Houston, it dropped 51.88 inches of rain which is a record for a single storm in the continental United States. Houston lies in Harris County, and it was reported that 18 inches of water covered 70 percent of the 1,800 square mile county. The Texas department of insurance said that Hurricane Harvey resulted in 670,000 personal and commercial property claims. That number includes 354,000 residential property claims, 203,000 automobile claims, around 37,000 commercial property claims, 66,000 flood claims, and 12,000 other claims. In total it is estimated that Hurricane Harvey caused \$125 Billion in damages.

Hurricane season runs from June 1st through November 30th. These 6 months are the longest months of the year, especially for residents living in coastal communities. The peak of the season is between August and October, but Mother Nature has already delivered two tropical disturbances before the start of the 2018 season, so who knows what this year has in store.

The "experts" at Colorado State University who publish the annual Hurricane forecast, predict that the 2018 Hurricane season will have slightly above average activity. Their research concluded that there will be 14 named storms, 7 of which turn into Hurricanes, and 3 of those will turn into major Hurricanes. Below are a few tips from the National Hurricane Center on what to do before Hurricane Season, during the storm, and after the storm.

Before the Hurricane Season:

- Determine safe evacuation routes inland
- Check emergency equipment, like flashlights, generators, battery powered weather radios
- Buy food that will keep and store drinking water
- Buy plywood or other material to protect your home
- Review your insurance policy

During the Storm (when in a warning area):

- Closely monitor radio, TV, or NOAA weather radio for official bulletins
- Close storm shutters
- Follow instructions by local officials. Leave immediately if ordered.
- DO NOT stay in a mobile or manufactured home
- Notify family outside of the warning area of your evacuation plan

After the Storm:

- Keep listening to radio, TV, or NOAA weather radio for updates
- Wait until an area is declared safe before entering
- Once home check gas, water, electrical lines and appliances for damage
- Use a flashlight to inspect for damage. Never use candles and other open flames indoors
- Take photographs of any damages on your property

Until next time my friends, be prepared and stay safe.

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Events

June : IFMA Luncheon
 June 8: ACA Golf Classic
 June 12: SACA Luncheon
 June 13: AAFAME Luncheon
 June 14-15: IIAT Trade Show
 June 14: IREM Luncheon
 June 17: Fathers Day
 June 28-20: TASBO Conference
 June 20: IASA Luncheon
 June 20: SA BOMA Luncheon
 June 21: SAABE Luncheon

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