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## After Hurricane Ian... Help Us Restore Historic Palm Cottage™ Five Ways You Can Help

It's hard to believe that Hurricane Ian roared into Naples just over a month ago. Along our coastal areas, including the Naples Historic District, there is still so much to be accomplished to get everything back to "normal."

The oldest house in Naples, Historic Palm Cottage, fared pretty well considering what could have happened. Restoring historic buildings is complicated and requires exceptional patience. For example, the Cottage's floors and walls are made of materials no longer available to the building industry today, so the professional restoration of these iconic materials to keep Palm Cottage as a living museum is imperative.

Society President & CEO, Elaine Reed, is optimistic about the restoration plan. She says, "For the first time in our history, the Society filed an insurance claim. While we are in hot pursuit of a fair assessment and payout, we know there will be many items not covered by insurance, such as the alley gate system and landscaping in the adjacent Norris Gardens. But, the Naples community is already coming together to help. As stewards of Naples oldest house, we are immensely grateful that so many people understand the significance of this preservation work. Thank you, sincerely."



With a little TLC, cleaning muscle and oil, the furniture at the Cottage will return to its pre-hurricane grandeur.

**How can you help Naples Historical Society?**

1. Donate an item - [click here](#) for our wish list!
2. Become a Naples Historical Society member - [Click here](#) to join!
3. Make a donation online or send a check in any amount to:  
Naples Historical Society  
Hurricane Ian Recovery  
P.O. Box 201  
Naples, Florida 34106
4. For gifts of stock, please call President & CEO Elaine Reed at 239-261-8164.
5. Volunteer your time by contacting John Telischak, Education Manager, [jtelischak@napleshistoricalsociety.org](mailto:jtelischak@napleshistoricalsociety.org). Once Historic Palm Cottage is fully restored, volunteer help will be needed for a myriad of VIP tasks. We don't know that date yet, but we'll keep you informed.

Thank you very much for your patience, understanding and good wishes!

**Factoid – Did You Know the Cottage's floors are made of Dade County Pine, an exotic hardwood that has been protected from commercial logging for decades?**

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