

A dramatic sky with a large, dark, billowing cloud formation, possibly a hurricane, over a landscape with trees and a rainbow. The clouds are dark and textured, with some lighter, golden-yellow highlights. A faint rainbow is visible in the lower right portion of the sky. The foreground shows a line of green trees and a grassy area.

**Hurricane IAN  
storms over  
Cottages**

## *The Cottages assesses damage*

Hurricane IAN hit Southwest Florida as a Category 4 hurricane with a very strong storm surge. This storm was apocalyptic; a 100 year storm. Power and internet have been restored to Olde Cottage Lane. We are very fortunate as this is not the case throughout Pelican Landing. Green Acres has done a truly terrific job of clearing our street. The smaller debris in the yards and backyards will take more time. Please be patient, they will get to it all.

One of the huge oaks on the right at our entrance was severely damaged in the hurricane. Green Acres removed the large limbs that blocked our road but removing the entire tree will require a professional. Please be cautious as you turn onto the street as the damaged oak is very close to the corner.

We are still assessing our damages. Green Acres was here on Thursday & Friday cleaning up the huge amount of tree debris. Several homes have damage to the pool cages. We were under a boil water order which means the water was not safe to drink or use to wash dishes unless boiled for at least one minute. The electricity was off, the Internet was not working, and cell phone service was intermittent only. Finally everything seems almost back to normal except for the required repairs.

All in all, we think we were very lucky. We did not have the predicted flooding on our street. However, the water in the lake behind our homes on the south covered the seawall and the entire fairway of Hurricane 12. The water was from storm surge water coming up Spring Creek. The water levels dropped quickly by the next morning as the surge retreated. I hope all of you find your homes in good shape and those of you who stayed through the hurricane are doing well.

*Please call your Home Watch for a complete assessment of your home.*



# *Green Acres cleans up fast!*

**G**reen Acres showed up at the Cottages at 8:00 am on Thursday morning after IAN left our area. They spent all day Thursday cutting and raking debris off the road. They spent all day Friday picking up the branches and debris on the curbsides of East and West. Along the street there is hardly any evidence of the storm. We had asked Steve to put the Cottages at the top of the list for storm damage clean up. Most other communities in Pelican Landing are still a mess. Thanks to Steve and the GA crew.





# *Large oak blocks entrance*

**G**reen Acres crew cleared as much of the entry street blockage as they could. Soto Tree Service has put us on the list to have the rest of the tree removed. GA does not have the equipment or insurance coverage to work on higher elevations













## *Surge water covers Hurricane 12*



Surge water covered the entire fairway of Hurricane 12 along the south side of the Cottages.

Water was over the entire sea wall and reached 6 feet from the edge of some lanais. Normal water level is usually about 3.5 feet below top of seawall. Luckily the water started receding by the next morning.





*Several lanai cages damaged*











Cage sceeens  
have been torn



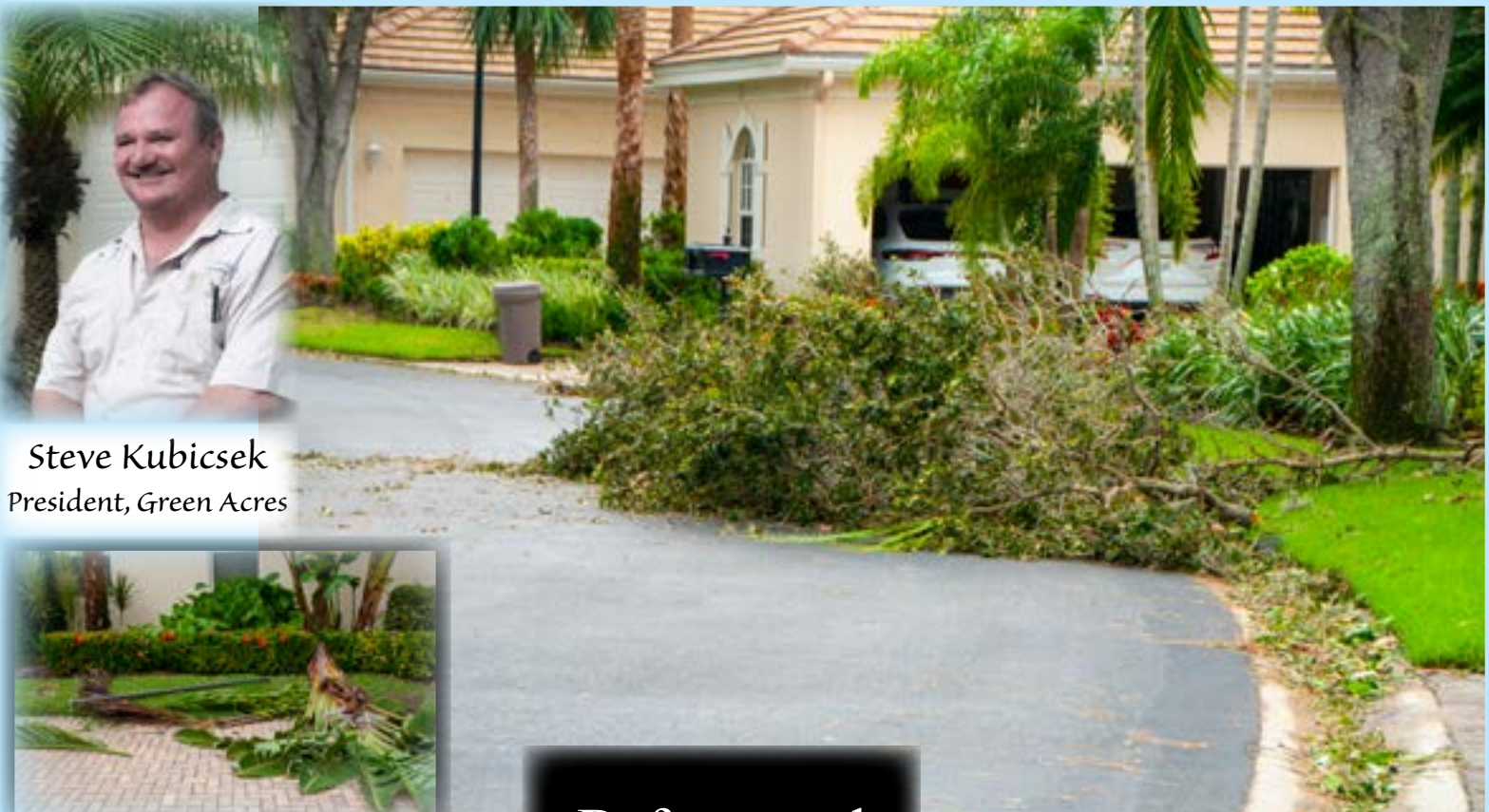




Tree branches  
& Shrubs







Steve Kubicsek  
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Before road  
clean up







After clean up  
by Green Acres