

## **Plan to Attend the 2008 Hurricane Preparedness/Response/Recovery Meeting**

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Hurricane season spans from June 1 – November 30<sup>th</sup>. The 2005 hurricane season was a wake up call to many West Islanders that the securing of their homes and evacuation planning are extremely important responsibilities of all residents of the Texas Gulf Coast area. This year the forecasters predict a higher than average active hurricane season with a high probability of a major storm making landfall in the US. The City of Jamaica Beach and West Galveston Island Property Owners Association are organizing the **Annual Hurricane Preparedness/Response/Recovery meeting for May 31, 2008 at 10:00 am until noon. The meeting will be held at the Jamaica Beach Public Service Building, 16628 FM 3005.** The speaker presentations will start at 10:00 and last about 80-90 minutes with time for questions and answers. The presentation agenda will include short talks and handouts addressing hurricane preparedness and island evacuation from the National Weather Service, Galveston County Emergency Planning Office and the City of Galveston Emergency Planning Office. Galveston and Harris County evacuation routes, traffic flow and island access will be discussed. The second half will be presentations concerning hurricane response/recovery, and what to do AFTER the storm, including how to get timely information on post-storm conditions, island access and information needed to start home repair. Representatives from City Planning and Public Utilities will discuss what the city plans and what residents can do after the storm. Speakers from the Galveston Insurance Association will also address post-storm damage reports, home repair and inspection and certification issues.

The meeting will also have informational booths including the American Red Cross, Galveston County Health Department, Galveston Insurance Associates and UTMB Community Outreach with educational and resource materials. We will have an activities table for young children. Complimentary soda, water and hotdogs will be provided.

Your family and home hurricane preparedness and evacuation plans need to be in place BEFORE the first gusts of wind. Please make every effort to attend this important informational meeting. For further information, please visit the PPOA website: [www.PiratesPOA.com](http://www.PiratesPOA.com).