

## Mother's Day Mayhem

It was a day filled with good and bad.

Mother's Day started out with some dreary downpours but as my family and I exited our morning church service, the sun was beginning to break through the clouds. We went on our way to Sea Palms for a Mother's Day buffet. Again, the weather looked a bit dicey, but looked like we might get in our afternoon bike ride after all. After coming home and getting a chance to exhale from overeating, we decided to get ready for our ride, when the power went out. I know the power lines coming north on Frederica are constantly tested during a storm. I figured a limb had fallen on one, as is usually the case. My daughter and I decided to ride down toward the south end of the island, when we came upon Sea Palms. The same place where we had been less than an hour before had become a disaster area. I grew up in Indiana, one of the Midwestern states famous for tornados, but I had never been this close to the real thing. Pine trees snapped off, whole live oaks plucked out of the ground like wayward weeds in my lawn, debris everywhere.



The good news; no one was hurt.

The bad news many people will be cleaning up and making home repairs for some time.

I immediately told my daughter to come with me to see if we could get to our friend's house on the other side of the shredded Sea Palms driving range nets, in the Enclave of Sea Palms. However, with another darkening cloud looming and not sure that we could even get through all the debris and any other hazard, such as power lines, we turned and headed back to our house.

Glynn County responded superbly, as backhoes were already on the scene along with numerous 4-wheelers with men carrying chainsaws. I was quite impressed at their efficiency. Good to know they have been trained well.

With the good news that apparently no one was injured by the swirling mess of trees, I was equally surprised that someone had already stuck signs at the hardest hit areas touting their clean up services. I also heard several stories of opportunists offering clean up services to those in the most need of help, at slightly inflated prices.

I finally made it to our friend's house on Monday, and they had the most trees down that I saw in all of the Enclave. They spent the day wondering how this mess will ever be cleaned up, and not knowing where to begin, but the process has started and they will certainly

have stories to tell. They escaped inside their home with very minimal damage as dozens of trees somehow missed their house. The bad news is: unless you have wind damage insurance, if a tree doesn't end up on your house, you pay out of your own pocket to get it removed. In our friend's case 90% of the trees weren't touching the house. Just doesn't seem fair, but Mother Nature had her way on this Mother's Day.



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### Correction...

In the last issue in the "Faithworks Launches Cancer Network of Hope" Annie Forbes was misidentified as the Pastor of Elm Grove Baptist Church in Meridan. She is in fact a Licensed Minister, who attends Elm Grove Baptist Church.



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