

NRB NEWS – FEBRUARY 2025

(Please see previous updates for additional important information)

All updates available on townofnrb.com

Future Updates

As you may have noticed, the title and subject line of today's update has changed to NRB News. Hurricanes Helene and Milton prompted the creation of these emailed/posted updates and they have focused on storm related information.

However, as the amount of incoming storm related information has drastically decreased, future updates will occur monthly. They will contain not only things storm related, but also information on town news much like the quarterly Mayor's Message you have been receiving in your mailboxes over the past several years. Changing from quarterly to monthly correspondence not only allows for more frequent and updated information but also provides significant savings for the town in printing/mailing costs. They will continue to be both emailed and posted to the town's website.

Any updates with timing restrictions, such as eligibility for funding opportunities or issues that could have an immediate impact, will be sent in additional emails when received.

Substantial Damage Letters

All substantial damage estimates, for residential properties in NRB, have been received from Tidal Basin. If you have not received your letter, please contact Safebuilt at 727-202-6825 or redington@safebuilt.com.

Information on requesting a substantial damage reassessment and related documents can be found in the 12/17 update at <https://townofnorthredingtonbeach.com/wp-content/uploads/2024/12/12-17-Substantial-Damage-Update.pdf>

Elevate Florida

Newly received information on the Elevate Florida program:

Elevate Florida is a first-of-its-kind, groundbreaking statewide residential mitigation program. Led by the FDEM, this program is designed to protect homes and communities by reducing damage caused by natural disasters like hurricanes and floods.

Application Details

The **Elevate Florida application portal has launched!** To apply, create an account and complete the application on the [Elevate Florida Portal](https://fdem-resmit.my.site.com/Elevate/). The prior link was to the application portal was incorrect, please use the corrected link, <https://fdem-resmit.my.site.com/Elevate/>

Property Owner Eligibility

Your property **does not need to have experienced flooding or damage to be considered**. However, applications may be prioritized based on history of loss.

Property owners must:

- Be over the age of 18,
- Be a U.S. citizen, non-citizen national, or qualified alien,
- The legal owner of the residential property in the State of Florida, and
- **Be able to contribute up to twenty-five percent (25%) of the project's total cost.** Property owners will be required to provide up to 25% of initial inspection costs prior to inspections being completed. Total project cost will vary based on factors such as project type, square footage of living space, foundation and construction type, and any necessary project activities. Approved property owners will receive a detailed breakdown of their construction cost-share and will have time to decide if they would like to move forward with the project's next phase. The cost-share will also include relocation expenses during construction, meaning the program will pay at least 75 percent of these expenses.

Multi-family real estate such as duplexes, triplexes, condos, townhomes, semi-detached homes, apartments and manufactured homes may be

eligible.

Eligible Construction Projects

- **Structure Elevation:** Physically raising an existing structure.
- **Mitigation Reconstruction:** The construction of an improved, elevated building on the same site where an existing building and/or foundation has been partially or completely demolished or destroyed. These activities result in the construction of code-compliant and hazard-resistant structures. Mitigation Reconstruction is the alternative to Structure Elevation when the structure is not sound enough to elevate, as determined during application review.
- **Acquisition/Demolition:** A structure is purchased from voluntary sellers and demolished, to be maintained by the local community as open space. The local community must agree to participate in this project type.
- **Wind Mitigation:** Measures that reduce the risk of future wind damage to structures. This may include alterations to the roof, windows, doors, and other vulnerable components of structures. Wind mitigation is another alternative for homes that are not sound enough to elevate.

Potential Program Benefits

- **Significant Cost Savings** – Homeowners can save 75–100 percent on the cost of protecting their property from future flood damage, making it a cost-effective alternative to managing the project independently.
- **Lower Insurance Premiums** – Reduce flood insurance costs with improved property resilience.
- **Increased Property Value** – Strengthen your home's value with long-term flood protection.
- **Comprehensive Support** – Enjoy end-to-end assistance, from application to construction, including contractor services, temporary housing support, and Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) accommodations.

We encourage you to take advantage of this valuable opportunity to safeguard your home both enhancing resiliency in your community and for all Floridians. If you have any program questions or need help with the

application, you can submit inquiries through the “Contact Us” page on the portal or email info@elevatefl.org. You can also call the contact center Monday – Friday from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. ET at 877-ELEV8FL (877-353-8835). To access TTY services, dial 711.

For more information including a Homeowner Guide and frequently asked questions, please visit the portal at the link above.

Farewell to Commissioners Curtis & Bennett

There will be an open house from 5-6 pm, prior to the March 13th meeting, to extend a fond farewell and thank you for Gary and Richard’s 20 plus years of service to our town. Please join us for coffee, a snack and well wishes for their future endeavors.

The farewell event for Mayor Queen has been postponed and details will be forthcoming when it has been rescheduled.

Where can I find additional information?

Pinellas County has more information that is beneficial to all residents/owners. Please see their updates at:

<https://pinellas.gov/emergency-information/>

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