



# The GP Responder

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## Message from Incident Commander, Gordon Holtby

I hope you enjoy the 7th edition of The GP Responder. Our Gran Paradiso – Community Emergency Response Team (“GP-CERT”) has now been in existence for just over three years. I am extremely proud of what our volunteers have accomplished during that time, and feel fortunate that you have entrusted me with leading the team.

This edition starts off with an article on “Recapping the 2021 Hurricane Season”, which somewhat surprisingly was the third most active season on record. The second article - “GP Weather Recap” – provides a 2020 versus 2021 monthly comparison of everything from wind speeds to number of lightning strikes within our own community. My personal thanks to David Elwart – our own resident weather guru - who contributed both of these articles. The third article may be of interest to those in our community who recently added pools—”Pool Preparation during Hurricane Season.”

New residents are welcome to join the all-volunteer GP-CERT team. GP-CERT is about empowering our community – both educating our volunteers about disaster response, and communicating safety messages and information to our residents. If interested in learning more about GP-CERT, please reach out to any of the volunteers listed at the end of this newsletter for more information. Our next meeting is on Tuesday, March 8<sup>th</sup> @ 6 pm in the craft room, so please feel free to join us at that time.

Sincerely,  
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## Volunteers Needed!

GP-CERT is a volunteer organization that deploys in the aftermath of disasters in the community. There is a continued need for volunteers to work in areas such as damage assessment, search and rescue, team organization, communications, and basic first aid. Volunteers will be assigned to tasks based upon their desires, skills and experience. Background/training in these areas is encouraged but not required. The GP-CERT training and preparation will allow community members to respond and assist each other in those hours or days between the incident and the return of our property management staff.



For more information or to volunteer, please go to the GP-CERT website at <https://gp-cert.org> or contact Gordon Holtby at [gordon.holtby@gmail.com](mailto:gordon.holtby@gmail.com)

# Gran Paradiso Weather Recap 2020 /2021

Submitted by Dave Elwart

The following chart shows monthly totals for 2020 and 2021 as logged on my personal backyard weather station on Basilica Drive in the Villagio neighborhood.

As you review the data you will notice the following trends:

Highest wind speed in 2021 was 38.2 Mph vs 35.3 in 2020. We received 4.00” less rain in 2021. Also, 2021 low temperature was 4.1 degree warmer than 2020 and 2021 high temperature was 1.5 degrees cooler. 2,145 lighting strikes in 2021 were far fewer than the 8,745 lighting strikes in 2020 (6,600).

Additional details can be found at [https://www.wunderground.com/dashboard/pws/KFLVENIC125?cm\\_ven=localwx\\_pwsdash](https://www.wunderground.com/dashboard/pws/KFLVENIC125?cm_ven=localwx_pwsdash)

Month/Year	Wind	Rain	Temperature	Humidity	Lighting Strikes (within 10 miles)
<b>January 2020</b>	20.7 Mph Max	.98” Total	40.1 Min 84.6 Max	24% Min 99% Max	11
<b>January 2021</b>	22.4 Mph Max	0.41” Total	44.4 Min 81.1 Max	32% Min 99% Max	1
<b>February 2020</b>	32.3 Mph Max	1.68” Total	48.0 Min 83.8 Max	26% Min 99% Max	20
<b>February 2021</b>	27.8 Mph Max	1.41” Total	44.4 min 84.0 Max	28% Min 99% Max	23
<b>March 2020</b>	34.9 Mph Max	0.00”	49.1 Min 86.5 Max	31% Min 86.5% Max	0
<b>March 2021</b>	22.7 Mph Max	0.84”Total	50.0 Min 86.3 Max	40% Min 99% Max	4
<b>April 2020</b>	28.0 Mph Max	6.24” Total	59.4 Min 88.7 Max	36% Min 88.7% Max	675
<b>April 2021</b>	25.1 Mph Max	2.34” Total	50.4 Min 88.0 Max	33% Min 99% Max	167

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# Gran Paradiso Weather Recap 2020 /2021

Submitted by Dave Elwart

<b>May 2020</b>	26.2 Mph Max	3.64" Total	60.3 Min 91.4 Max	40% Min 99% Max	742
<b>May 2021</b>	23.3 Mph Max	0.19" Total	65.8 Min 90.7 Min	31% Min 99% Max	44
<b>June 2020</b>	24.3 Mph Max	7.31" Total	73.0 Min 93.9 Max	43% Min 99% Max	1565
<b>June 2021</b>	23.8 Mph Max	6.84" Total	71.4 Min 91.2 Max	46% Min 99% Max	488
<b>July 2020</b>	31.5 Mph Max	6.61" Total	73.8 Min 94.5 Max	54% Min 99% Max	2006
<b>July 2021</b>	32.5 Mph Max	12.33" Total	73.2 Min 93.0 Max	58% Min 99% Max	377
<b>August 2020</b>	32.6 Mph Max	8.18" Total	75.0 Min 94.1 Max	48% Min 95% Max	2836
<b>August 2021</b>	28.3 Mph Max	9.83" Total	75.0 Min 92.8 Max	51% Min 99% Max	505
<b>September 2020</b>	27.8 Mph Max	7.06" Total	78.7 Min 93.9 Max	49% Min 98% Max	849
<b>September 2021</b>	37.4 Mph Max	5.33" Total	70.7 Min 91.4 Max	40% Min 99% Max	430
<b>October 2020</b>	35.3 Mph Max	3.45" Total	59.0 Min 86.9 Max	43% Min 99% Max	15
<b>October 2021</b>	19.1 Mph Max	0.92" Total	66.2 Min 90.0 Max	36% Min 99% Max	97
<b>November 2020</b>	22.0 Mph Max	1.89" Total	44.2 Min 79.0 Max	35% Min 99% Max	4
<b>November 2021</b>	17.0 Mph Max	2.98" Total	52.3 Min 81.5 Max	25% Min 99% Max	8
<b>December 2020</b>	22.4 Mph Max	0.41" Total	44.4 Min 81.1 Max	32% Min 99% Max	1
<b>December 2021</b>	38.2 Mph Max	9.27" Total	53.2 Min 81.5 Max	32% Min 99% Max	1

# Recapping the 2021 Hurricane Season

submitted by Dave Elwart

The 2021 hurricane season (June 1, 2021 through November 30, 2021) was the third most active season on record with 21 named storms, 7 which were hurricanes. A named storm must have sustained winds of 39 mph or greater, a hurricane must have sustained winds of 74 mph or greater. The total was higher than was predicted by the National Ocean Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) at the beginning of the season in May.

The 2021 season will be remembered for its fast-paced start and its abrupt finish. For the seventh consecutive year, a storm developed prior to the official start of hurricane season. The activity basically shut down once we entered October.

Named storms passed through the letter W at the end of the season with Wanda being the last system to be named. 21 storms in 2021 were far less than the 30 named storms in 2020.

Florida was impacted by three landfalling tropical storms in 2021, but they were relatively weak. Elsa, Fred and Mindy all made landfall in the Big Bend/Panhandle region of the Sunshine State. Southwest Florida was thankfully spared once again from tropical impacts.



# Pool Preparation during Hurricane Season

submitted by Trent de Persia

Preparing your pool or spa/hot tub prior to a Tropical Storm or Hurricane is necessary to ensure they provide continued enjoyment after the storm has passed. According to the Florida Swimming Pool Association ([www.floridapoolpro.com](http://www.floridapoolpro.com)) there are some basic things you should do to your pool/spa before and after the storm.

## Before storm:

Do not drain your pool! Maintaining proper water levels will ensure the weight of the water keeps the sides and bottoms in place during a storm, especially where water tables may rise during heavy rains.

Turn off power at the circuit breakers to the pool equipment. You may also want to cover pumps and other electrical equipment to reduce exposure to wet weather.

Shock your pool (super chlorinate it). If you lose power for an extended period of time this will help to maintain the pool chemistry. Consult your pool maintenance professional for details.

Clear unsecured objects from poolside – chairs, tables, pool equipment, etc. – that may become flying projectiles in high winds. If you can't store items inside, then gently and carefully place them in the pool to keep them from being affected by the wind. Remember, place items in the pool rather than toss them - you don't want to damage the side and bottom of the pool. Also, pool chemicals may damage some items, so be careful.

## During the storm:

Do not use the pool or spa before, during, and directly after a storm. Lightning, high winds, and other dangers are unpredictable.

Do not go outside to check or change anything during the storm. Wait until after the storm to assess damage.

## After the storm:

Before turning the pool pumps back on, clear debris from the pool with a net, uncover equipment covered prior to the storm, and check electrical connections/wiring. Consult a professional if anything appears to be damaged.

You may want to shock the pool again to balance the chemicals in the pool. Consult your pool professional.

More details regarding pool maintenance and safety prior to and after storms can be found at:

[www.floridapoolpro.com](http://www.floridapoolpro.com) or <https://www.floridapoolpro.com/hurricane-pool-safety/>





The Gran Paradiso – Community Emergency Response Team (GP-CERT) has been formed to assist neighbors in the event of a natural or man-made disaster. The team is comprised of your neighbors who have undertaken the appropriate training to assist where needed.

Please submit articles and/or corrections to the newsletter publisher, Carole Myles, at [cmyles252@gmail.com](mailto:cmyles252@gmail.com).



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