

Flu shots available at Lee County Health Department

Flu shots are now available at the Lee County Health Department at 3920 Michigan Avenue in Fort Myers. Hours are 8 a.m. until 3 p.m. Monday through Thursday.

Medicare will pay for influenza vaccine shots. For those without Medicare, the cost is \$25. Pneumonia shots are also available for \$35.

For information call 461-6180 or online at www.lee-county.com/healthdept

Who should get a flu shot

- >> People 50 years of age and older
- >> Children aged 6 – 59 months of age and their siblings
- >> Household contacts and out-of-home caregivers of children 0 to 59 months of age should be vaccinated annually to prevent these contacts from infecting young children with influenza.
- >> Children 6 months – 18 years of age with chronic illness
- >> Anyone who wishes to reduce their chance of catching influenza, particularly those who provide essential community services
- >> People with chronic disorders of the lungs or heart
- >> People less able to fight infections because of a disease they are born with
- >> Those with Human Immunodeficiency Virus Disease (HIV)
- >> Patients under long-term treatment with steroids
- >> People being treated for cancer with x-rays or drugs
- >> People who have required regular medical follow-up or hospitalization during the preceding year because of chronic diseases, including diabetes mellitus, kidney diseases and blood cell diseases such as sickle cell anemia
- >> Pregnant women

Canterbury School offering scholarships

Canterbury School is offering need-based merit scholarships to area fifth and eighth grade students entering Canterbury's sixth or ninth grades for the 2008/2009 school year. Each scholarship is for 50 percent of tuition through the twelfth grade year of high school.

To qualify, students must pre-register to take a test given at Canterbury School on either Saturday, December 1, or Saturday, December 8, from 9:00 a.m. until noon. Students who perform well on the exam will be invited to interview for the scholarships.

The four-year scholarship is valued at more than \$26,000 and the six-year scholarship at more than \$45,000.

"The Need-Based Merit Scholarship Program was created for students new to Canterbury and entering either sixth or ninth grade in the fall," said Julie Peters, director of admission at Canterbury School. "We look for students who demonstrate they will benefit from a Canterbury education and who will add to the distinction of Canterbury School."

For information about winning a six-year or a four-year scholarship to Canterbury, the area's leading college preparatory school, contact the Admission Office at 415-8945.

Go behind the scenes...at Cape Coral Hospital Hospital tours this Sunday

Ever wanted to know what operating rooms and surgical areas are really like? Well, unless you're a surgery patient, surgeon or the OR staff, you may never have the experience. But on Sunday, Nov. 11 from


1 p.m. until 4 you can.

Residents are invited to an interactive expo at Cape Coral Hospital. See, touch, examine and participate in mock surgical cases. Several different scenarios are

available during the 45-minute tour. Bring your friends and family. Open your horizons and explore behind the operating room doors.

Tour areas include: Same Day Surgery • Operating Room • Post Anesthesia Care Recovery • Cape Coral Hospital Auxiliary

Tours are continuous and meet in the hospital lobby, no advanced registration needed. ■




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FLORIDA LAW STATES THAT INSURANCE COMPANIES MUST GIVE DISCOUNTS TO HOMEOWNERS WHO PROTECT THEIR HOMES AGAINST HURRICANES.

Southwest Floridians have seen in the past few years the great damage that hurricanes and storms can cause if windows and doors are not covered. You will pay for hurricane protection, whether you own it or not. Living in sunny Florida carries with it a responsibility to protect houses and property against hurricanes. One of the most significant changes that a homeowner can make in the cost of wind-related insurance premiums is to protect the openings of a home with approved hurricane shutters or impact-resistant glass. If these are rated to withstand at least 110-mph winds and also impact from windborne debris, a homeowner will receive the full scheduled premium credit.

Review insurance policies now to make sure coverage is adequate.

Contact the Florida Department of Financial Services in your city for detailed information on insurance. In addition, this office will review policies for homeowners.

Remember: Insurance companies stop writing policies when a named hurricane moves into the Gulf of Mexico or the Atlantic Ocean off Florida. Obtaining insurance from the state-backed Citizens Property Insurance Corp. may take weeks.

Inc. Magazine Recognizes Storm Smart in Annual 'Inc. 500' List

Fort Myers, Fla. — Storm Smart Industries, the largest hurricane protection company in Southwest Florida, has been included by Inc. Magazine in its annual "Inc. 500" list of the fastest-growing privately held companies in America. Coming in at Number 387, Storm Smart is the highest listed hurricane protection company, as well as the only honoree, based in Fort Myers.

While Storm Smart has been experiencing triple-digit growth for the past several years, the past two years of increased storm activity have brought hurricane preparedness to the forefront of people's minds.

Brian Rist, Owner and CEO of Storm Smart Industries, states "We take great pride in how our team of more than 150 committed professionals have risen to the challenges of such tremendous growth and continue to provide our customers with first-rate products and service. I want to take this time to personally thank every member of the Storm Smart family, especially our wonderful customers who have entrusted us with the protection of their homes, and ultimately, the safety of their family's lives. We do not take that responsibility lightly and will continue to earn that trust, one customer at a time."

While Storm Smart has an extensive advertising program, the majority of sales originate from customer referrals, a fact that employees take with great pride.

Along with this year's "Inc. 500" listing, Storm Smart has also been recognized by the Lee County Economic Development Office as the Ninth Largest Manufacturing Company in Lee County, as well as receiving a "2006 Best" award from The News-Press.

Brian Rist, President of Storm Smart Industries, has been helping residents prepare their homes against wind, rain and heat for nearly a decade. If you have any questions or need information about today's articles, please call Storm Smart Industries at 239-278-9092.