

CENTRAL FLORIDA HURRICANES...CCC IN PARTICULAR

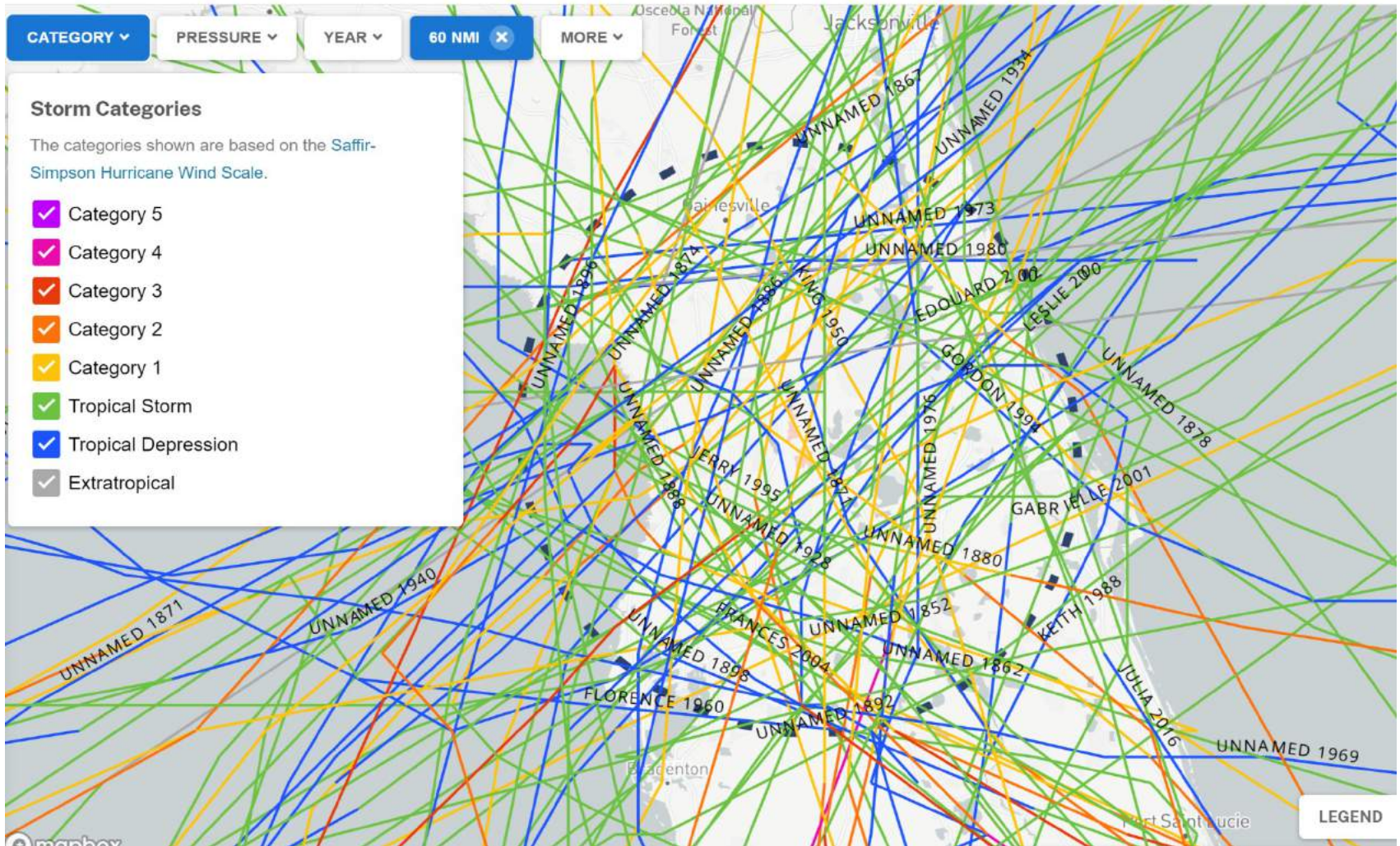
Central Florida has been fortunate that the vast majority of Florida Hurricanes and tropical storms missed our area That does not mean that we are safe from these storms. We have had at least two storms strongly affect our community. Hurricane Charlie (2004) and hurricane Irma (2017) resulted in significant damage. Charlie passed south, going through Orlando. Irma passed to our west. Both storms were losing strength as they approached. It is possible that a future storm could be a direct hit with more strength. Also likely are tropical storms which approach, and which have resulted in lesser, but still significant damage.

TAKE HEED!

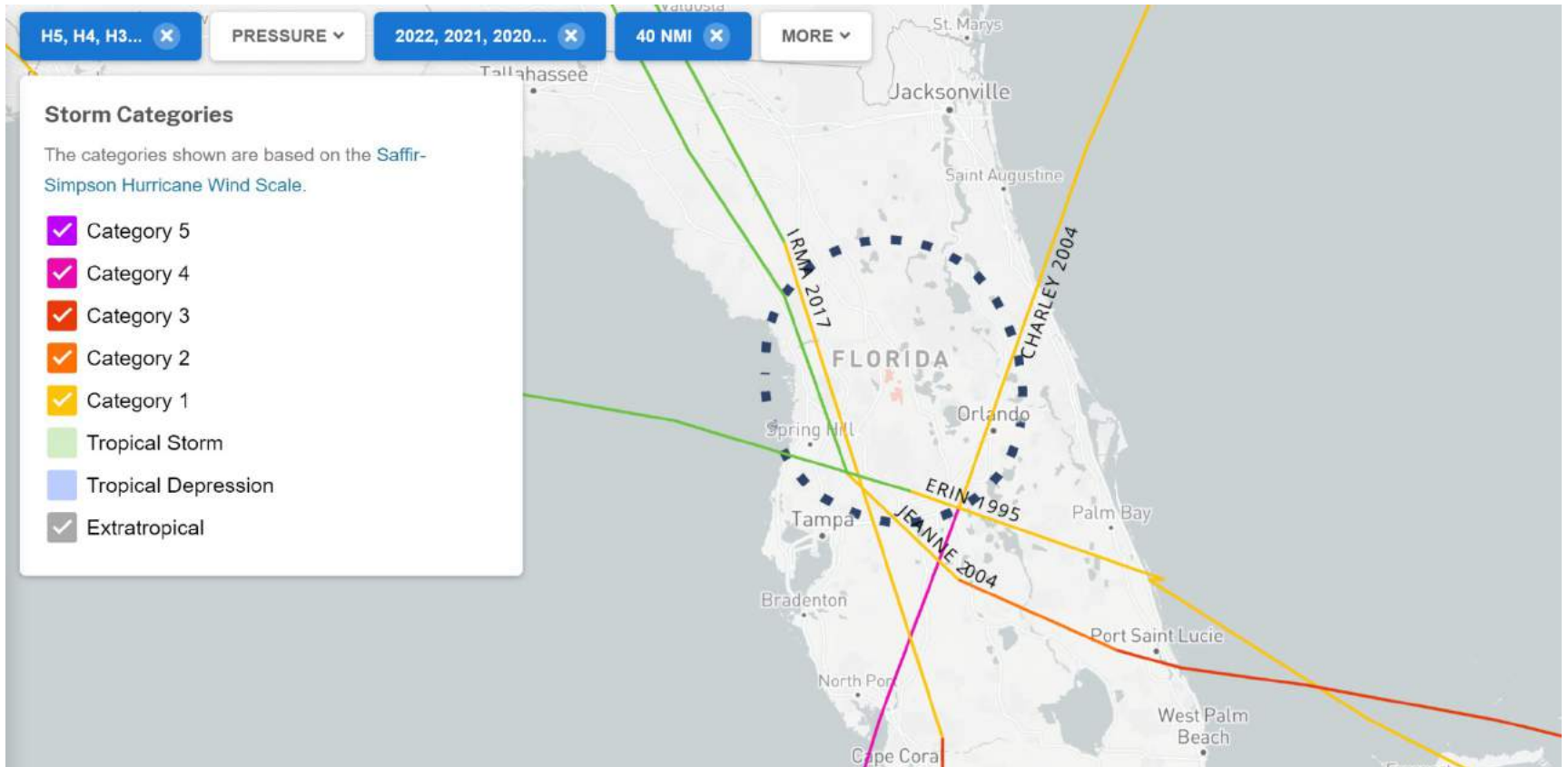
Herein are:

1. Maps showing hurricane and tropical storm paths which were near CCC in it's 50 year history.
2. Anecdotal evidence of hurricane Charlie (copied from the discussion Group)
3. Hurricane Irma aftermath articles and photos from the ECHO
4. Hurricane Irma aftermath photos provided by Cathy Popiel

There have been many storms of various strengths in the area over the years (storms of all strengths since 1852)...so anything can happen!

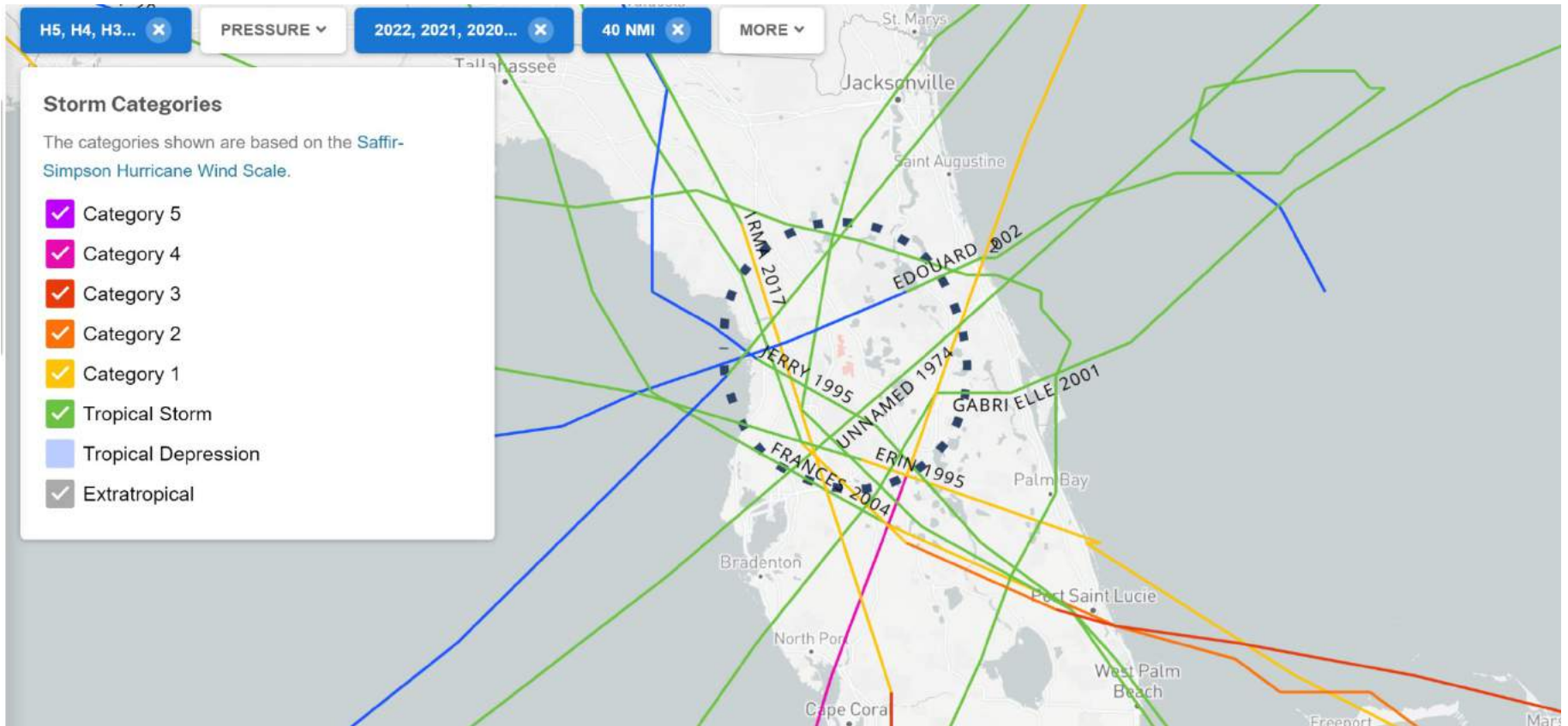


Category 1-5 hurricanes near Wildwoodsince 1972 when CCC opened 50 years ago - Charlie and Irma are in recent memories

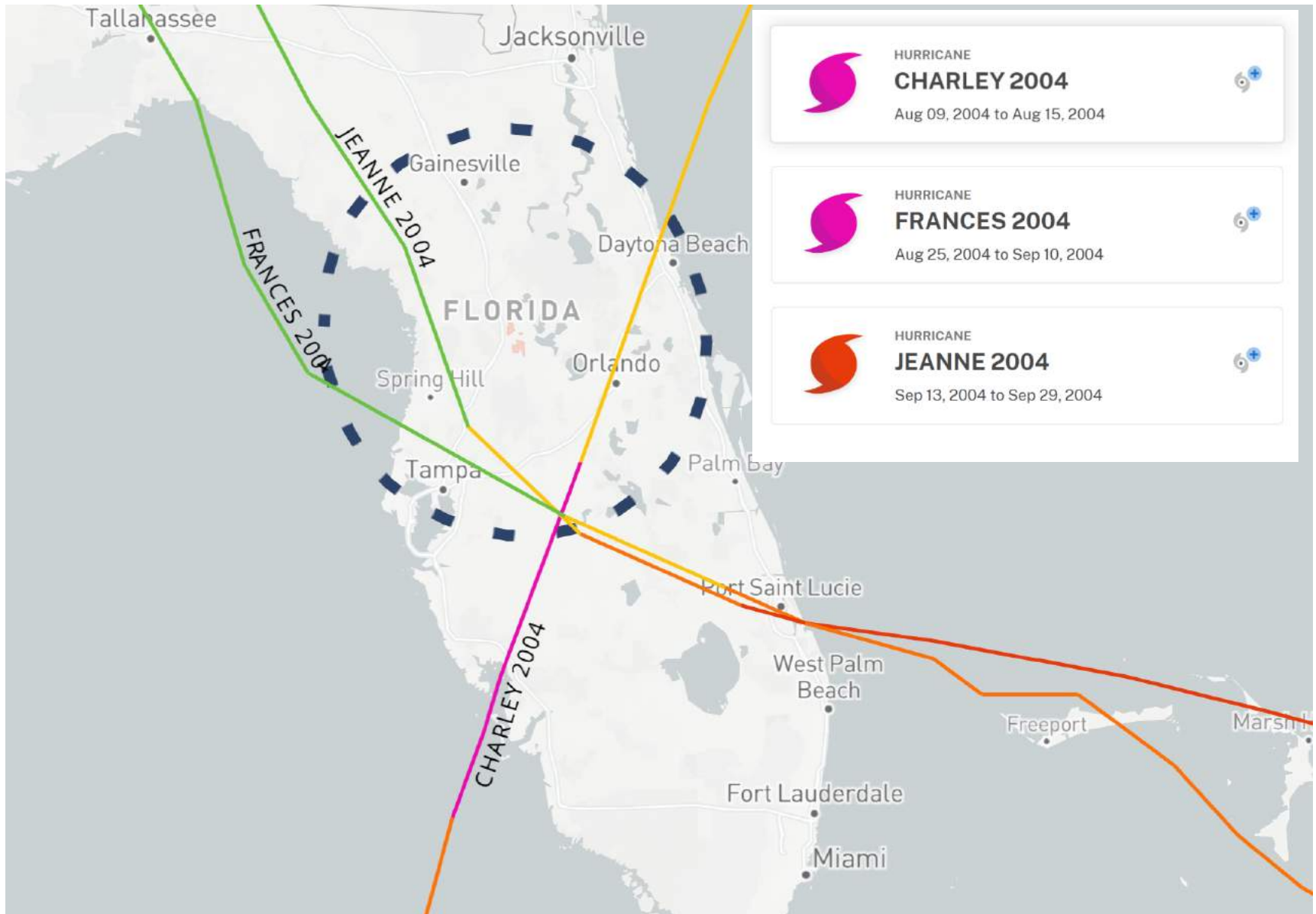


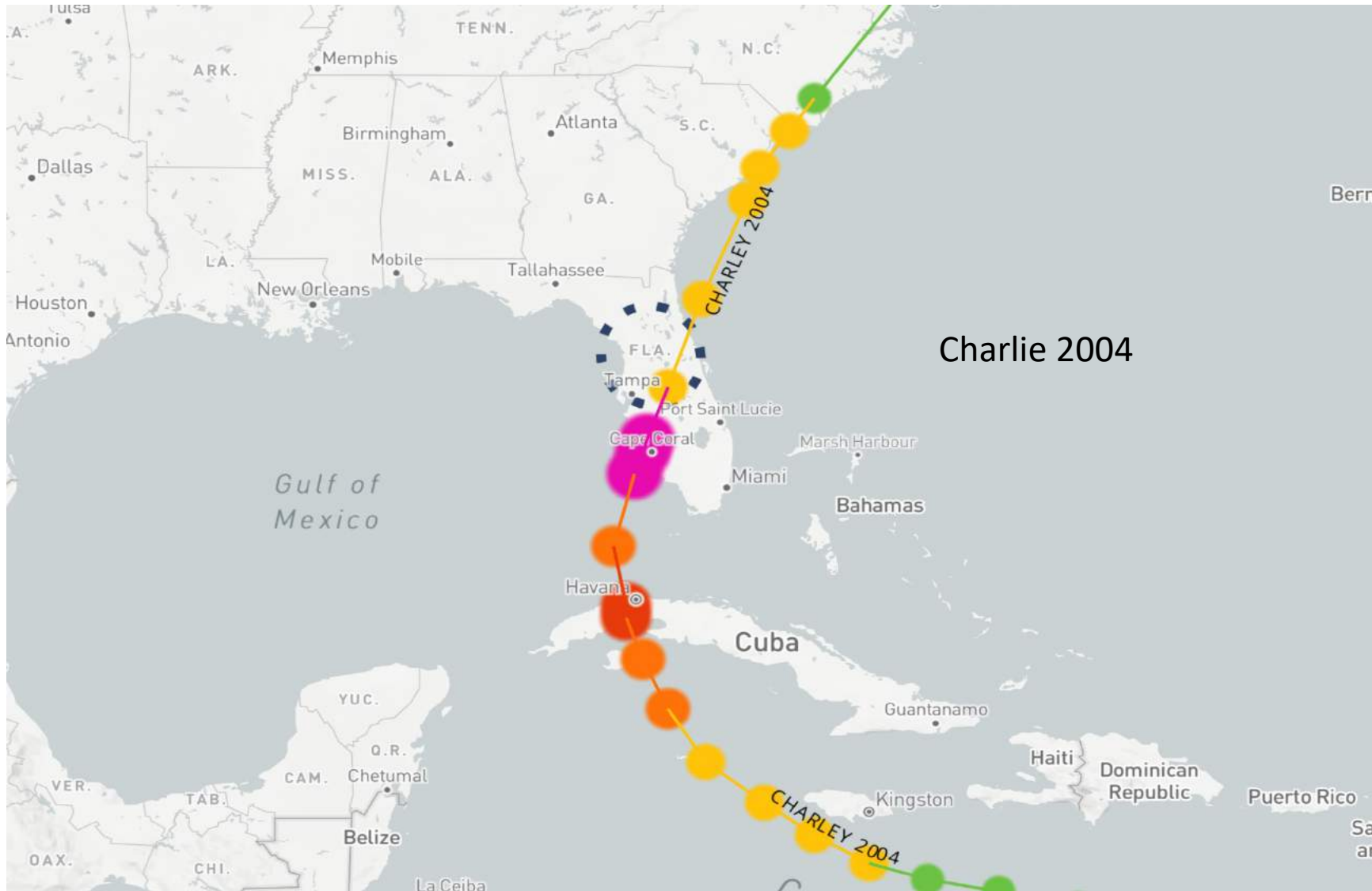
Source: <https://coast.noaa.gov/hurricanes/#map=4/32/-80>

Category 1-5 hurricanes PLUS TROPICAL STORMS near Wildwood since 1972 when CCC opened 50 years ago



Although Hurricane Charley was the strongest and most remembered, at least one other caused some damage to CCC





Charlie 2004

CHARLIE 2004 ANECDOTES FROM THE DISCUSSION GROUP (Aug 2022)

Catherine Main

These are worth watching. In 2004, we had three hurricanes come right up through Wildwood doing damage to the park.

We lost quite a few trees, carports, and some damage to homes (not many).

The first hurricane, Charlie, was predicted to come through here but at the last few minutes turned and went up through Orlando. Frances, Ivan, and Jeanne (I think Jeanne was the name of the last one).

The first was Bonnie which missed us completely.

We were lucky, but our community came together like never before and everyone remained safe.

Jenelle Wiley

Catherine Main I remember that summer well!! I was living in Orlando and one coworker had to have her who house redone because it filled up wenM9ld betee the last 2bof the 3 storms....also, my boss was without electricity for 10 days...and was a bit on the grumpy side.

Pete Gettys

I was asked why I chose to live in the middle of the state. I said because I didn't want to be on the coast where all the hurricanes come.

Our first hurricane season was 2004 and what a surprise I had. Never forget the community coming together to clean up or anything that was needed.

I knew right then I had chose the right place to live.

Catherine Main

Pete Gettys It was remarkable the way people came together. I remember having so many in the clubhouse sheltering from the storm.

Many went to the Wildwood shelter and were turned away because they were at capacity.

Others fled, but some drove as far as Virginia and still couldn't find a vacant hotel. Many said the heck with it and stayed home.

I remember Charlie Abell, Tex Dickard, and Russ going around the community finding a couple of people in their damaged homes and bringing them to the clubhouse. I remember them clearing the roads so emergency vehicles could get in. I remember the (then) restaurant manager s taying and providing \$5.00 meals to people in the clubhouse. I remember people sitting around playing cards, visiting, and being occupied while waiting out the storms. I remember the power being out in Phase II and Phase III and Barb Abell and myself cooking food that would have spoiled had it sat in dumpsters waiting for power to return. People from Phase II and III came to the clubhouse to eat because restaurants in the area were closed and they had no place to cook and/or keep food. The men's locker room was a "medical unit" for those on oxygen or needing some sort of medical care. We learned that the EMS will not respond when winds exceed 40 mph. We learned that the "shelters" in the area are filled to capacity during these storms and there is no room for many of the area residents. Best of all, we learned to come together as a community and recover quickly. It could have been much, much worse.

Pete Gettys

It could have been worse. Think about it Cathy a lot of the people we worked with and ate with are now gone. I hope the people replacing them are as friendly and helpful as they were. I hope not trying to change everything that made the community what it was.

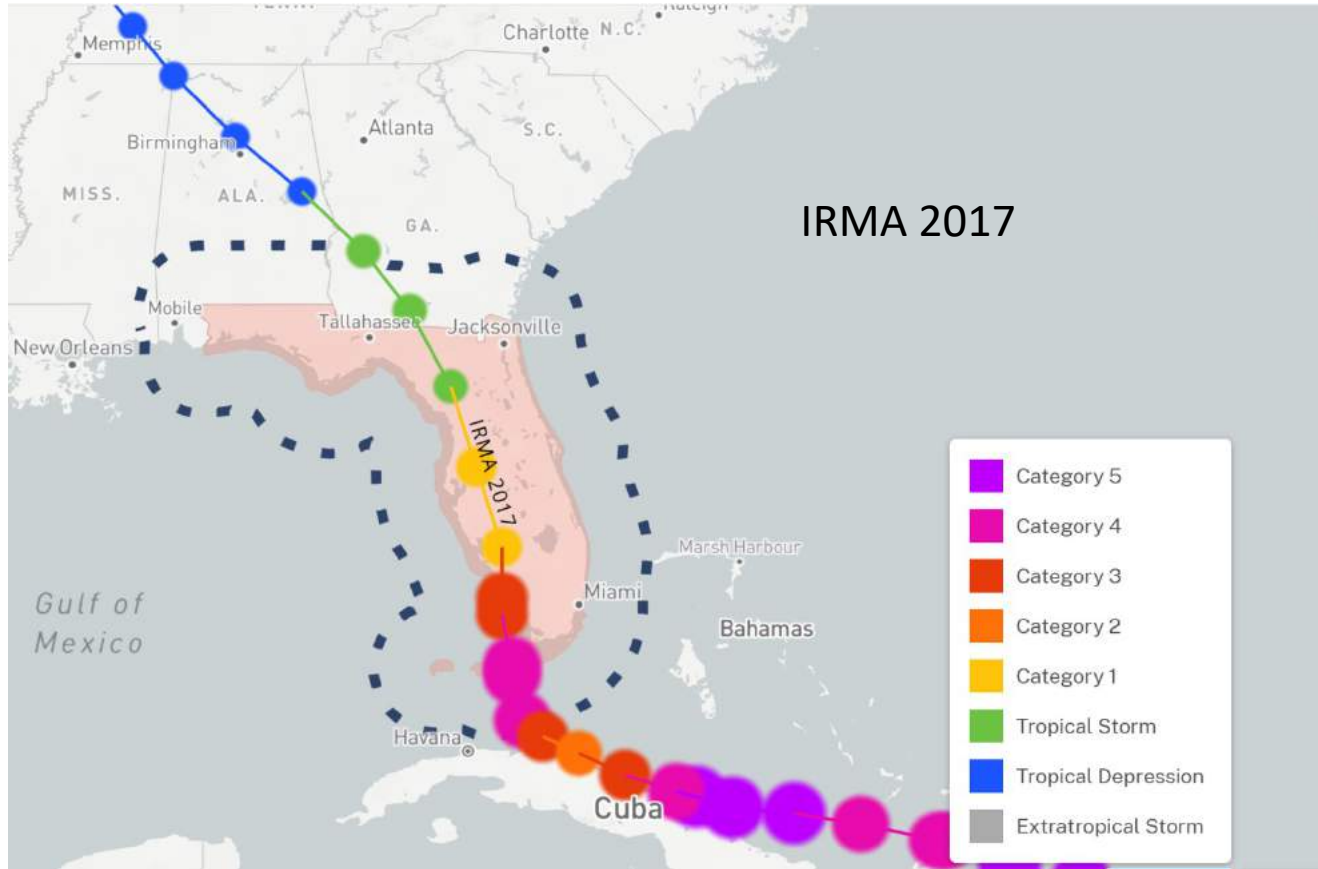
Catherine Main

Pete Gettys There was a real sense of community and "family", Pete.

Frank B. Snyder III

Catherine Main I worked for FEMA during that time and was all over Florida. Got sent in before the hurricane to be FEMA's man on the ground to report in as soon as it passed. After what I have seen our central Florida area appealed to me too!

Irma was a category one storm when it passed to our west.
The following pages document the aftermath of this storm.
Imagine what would happen if it were a direct hit at greater strength!





Message from GM....Paul Gryniowski

Dear Resident;

As you all know hurricane Irma has done serious damage to our community, but luckily no one was injured and only a few homes were damaged. Not counting the residents that had home damage, we were very lucky. Most of the trees fell behind or between homes or onto the roads.

Our volunteers were absolutely outstanding in the many hours they put in cutting and moving downed trees. There were 63 trees on the golf course that had to be cut up and hauled away. Most of these were very large and difficult to work with. There were many volunteers helping out, some for a few hours, some a day or two but every hour of work was appreciated. Thank you to all who helped.

I have to name a few volunteers that in my opinion worked way above and beyond what was expected. Stan Campbell, Dave Beal, Chuck Breuhan, Les and Brenda Moreland, Guz Gaudette and Nina Hicks. These volunteers worked many, many hours for weeks on end.

I also want to thank the Lawn Crew who came in and moved debris and hauled it to the dump area. Some of them used chain saws to cut up trees. I want to especially point out John Kelly and Brian Bagrowski who were in early Monday to cut down trees that were blocking roads. Really a great effort. The maintenance staff worked with the volunteers daily to cut up trees and bring down trees that were up rooted. Please thank all of these people who worked so hard. If I forgot to name some one my apologies. (cont'd on page 2)

GM report From Oct 2017 ECHO

General Manager's Column
(con'td from page 1)

Please spend a few minutes looking up at the trees in your yard, hanging branches are dangerous and could hurt or kill someone if they fell. Have an experienced tree cutter remove them.

I am in the process of settling our insurance claim at this time and we should have funds in to work on the clean up soon. Yard debris must be 4 feet in length or smaller for Waste Management to pick up. I am also looking into an independent contractor to come in and pick up the yard debris. More on this when I get more information but I think they also will have a weight and length requirement.

If you had a contractor cut trees in your yard the contractor is responsible to remove that debris, if they don't remove it will be you're responsibly to remove the debris. FEMA is not going to come and pick up debris nor will Waste Management if a contractor has cut a tree down. Do not bring yard waste to the dump or where the golf course is dumping. We are going to hire a contractor to remove yard debris as soon as possible.

The Board discussed several items but mostly Hurricane Irma debris and how to remove it from yards and the golf course.

The Board did approve to purchase a TIKI type covering to replace the pool awning that was damaged in the storm.



The President's Column

IRMA! IRMA! IRMA! What a naughty lady! Thankfully it's not often we have a hurricane! Luckily I believe no injuries were reported among the residents. We did however, have lots of damage from falling trees and blowing debris. Our staff and many volunteers have been doing back breaking work with herculean efforts to clear streets and pathways of fallen trees, like the huge one that was uprooted by the back gate! The one exception was the tree down on Golfview that was entangled in an electrical line so it couldn't be moved until the power company deemed it safe. It took more time but has been removed. The park repairs are numerous and will demand the attention of the Maintenance staff. Remember folks, your safety is our number one priority.

There have been issues with the back gate. Parts have been ordered so that should be resolved soon. Ponds are overflowing and have been addressed. The grass cutting took a delay but was back up and running in a week's time. Please be patient and while you are waiting, rake your yard and your neighbors yard so the mowers can do their job. Kudos to everyone that took to the streets to rake and blow! That's the way to pull together and get-er-done!

Waste Management will have a truck in the park for 8 hours on Fridays. They will pick up debris and start the clean up process. The debris can not be more than 4 feet in length. If it is more than 4' it will not be picked up. Take pictures to show the snowbirds because hopefully this will all be a memory by the time they return. *(cont'd on page 2)*

Board president report From Oct 2017 ECHO

President's Column
(cont'd from page 1)

The pool was closed a few days to allow the water to be treated. The golf course will remain closed until all the broken and hanging limbs can be addressed. Again safety first! The dining room and lounge missed a few days but were up and serving quickly... Go eat and drink!

Our maintenance crew, with the help of many volunteers have been busy working throughout the park. They have done a remarkable job of clearing the golf course of fallen trees and debris. Let's not forget all that Spanish moss!

The Board members have been pulling overtime to keep Continental moving forward. Remember they are all volunteers with homes and families, and while it may be nice to bring an issue to our attention, please don't call to complain unless you are prepared to offer a solution to the problem.

I want to thank all the volunteers for their many hours of cutting trees.

In closing I ask again to please be patient, we are doing our very best to get the park back in shape.

Thank you,

Stan Campbell
President, CCC

Thanks to Deb Egger, Cyndi Jones, Robin Weber, David Groover and Russ Halveston for providing photos of the damage and the clean up.

I was asked by the resident volunteers to give special thanks to Mike Tredway and Tim Hickman of our Maintenance Department or all their expertise and work in removing the many, many, many trees all around the community.

Continental had a "thank you" pizza party for the volunteers and employees who worked so hard to get our community back to "normal".
Toni Mock



Irma aftermath photos
from Oct 2017 ECHO



THANK YOU IRMA CLEANUP PEOPLE

Kudos for a great job on Tuesday clearing the roads and blocked driveways. In the almost thirty years here at CCC I can't remember a faster response to an after-storm HUGE MESS than we did just a day after we got back in our homes. Not only were our roads cleared quickly month and even our golf course crew was busy on the course greens, a well as blowing debris off the fairways. The fact that we had power in MOST areas was also an unexpected happy experience. After the 2004 storm we had no power in Phase two for several days and spent our nights in whatever safety shelter we could find. Applause to all workers and resident volunteers who worked to clear up a gigantic mess.

Ken and Dottie Owens

THANK YOU VOLUNTEERS AND EMPLOYEES WHO HELPED GET OUR COMMUNITY BACK IN SHAPE!



From Oct 2017 ECHO

Cathy Popiel provided the hurricane Irma pictures on the following pages



Hurricane Irma aftermath 2017



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