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- The Town was recently notified by **FEMA** that it has earned an advanced rating for floodplain management by exceeding challenging standards set by the voluntary **National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) Community Rating System (CRS)**. The Town's rating jumped from a seven to a five, which also gives residents in special flood zone areas up to a 25 percent reduction in their insurance premiums. Town Manager Roger Hernstadt said *"this achievement and savings has been made possible because the Town has enforced greater compliance in building and zoning codes."* [Learn more](#)
- Town Council adopted the **Fiscal Year 2021 Budget** at the September 21 meeting. The tax millage rate in this budget remains at .95 while also providing the revenue to continue current levels of service AND repay the \$10 million loan to improve Times Square, Bay Oaks Recreational Campus, and Bayside Park. (The next discussion of those improvements is scheduled for the Town Council meeting on October 19.) [View the budget](#)
- Mound House Museum reopened October 6** after being closed for several months due to the pandemic. For operating hours as well as for the schedule of kayak and garden tours and beachwalks at Newton Beach Park, visit [www.moundhouse.org](http://www.moundhouse.org).
- The **Fort Myers Beach Community Pool reopened on Saturday, October 3**, after the completion of a major renovation project to address some health and safety concerns. The State's Health Department inspected the pool's improvements and issued approval for reopening. Due to the pandemic, the pool's operations are different than in the past. [Details](#)
- The **weight room at Bay Oaks Recreational Campus has expanded its hours**. [Details](#). CDC guidelines to prevent the spread of COVID still apply.
- Due to precautions related to COVID, Town Hall status remains no contact operations.** The lobby and offices are closed to the public. Operations are continuing by phone, email, or appointment. Call (239) 765-0202 Monday-Friday 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. for assistance. For matters that can only be handled in person, please call ahead.
- Did you know that Florida Power & Light maintains most of the street lights in the Town? **To report an outage, call 239-334-7754.**
- Big Carlos Pass bridge maintenance** is ongoing through November 20 performed by a contractor for the Lee County Department of Transportation. This project is for spot repairs, not the entire bridge. Motorists are asked to use caution. Sporadic lane closures are expected.
- Water and stormwater rates are increasing effective October 15, 2020**, after completion of a rate study by GovRates, Inc. The adjustment is necessary to fund the water improvement program and ongoing maintenance and continue the capital improvement program. It was approved by Town Council on September 21 after a second public hearing.
- Need to **communicate with Town staff about a permit**? Use the email address below that pertains to the type of permit.  
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