



TOWN HALL BULLETIN

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Thank you for your interest in this monthly publication that provides brief news and information about a variety of Town topics. Comments and suggestions are always welcome - publicinfo@fmbgov.com



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Meetings are held at 2525 Estero Boulevard in Town Council Chambers.

Watch Town Council meetings live

All Town Council meetings, Local Planning Agency (LPA) meetings, Special Magistrate Hearings and Town advisory committee meetings are broadcast live on the [Town's YouTube channel](#)

Meeting dates and times are posted on the [Town's website](#)

The calendar section on the home page is one way to keep up with dates and times.

Another way is to [sign up to receive email notifications](#) of meetings and other info as it is posted on the website.

Follow the Town of FMB, including Bay Oaks, on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, and LinkedIn; Newton Beach Park and Mound House on Facebook and Instagram



Town Hall is open 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Appointments are encouraged to limit wait times.

Questions?

Call 239-765-0202

PLEASE NOTE:

All Town Hall employees and visitors may not have been vaccinated against COVID.

On October 1, administrative management of upland services for Matanzas Harbor Mooring Field will change from Matanzas Inn to the Town. Office space has been leased by the Town at Harbour House, 450 Old San Carlos Boulevard. Matanzas Inn will continue to provide facilities such as restrooms, the dock, trash, water, and laundry. Town staff will manage and maintain the facilities.

Fright Night at Bay Oaks will be Friday, Oct. 22, 6 to 9 p.m. Cost is \$4/person or \$10/family of four and will be accepted at the entrance (*please, cash only.*) Candy donations are being accepted at the Bay Oaks and FMB Community Pool front offices during open hours. Address is 2731 Oak Street. Questions? Call 239-765-4222.

The next **Household Chemical Waste Collection Day** hosted by Lee County in the parking lot of the FMB Community Pool at Bay Oaks **will be Wednesday, Nov. 17, 2021, 8 a.m. to Noon.** This is a FREE drive-through event. [Acceptable items.](#)

On September 16, the Fiscal Year 2022 Budget was adopted by Town Council after the required second budget hearing. The Town's .95 millage rate was retained. Effective January 1, 2022, parking fees will increase from \$3 to \$5 an hour and short term rental registration fees will increase to \$300. Fees at Bay Oaks for residents will be reduced. One addition to the proposed budget at the time of approval was \$25,000 for security cameras. A proposed addition of \$230,000 for a community policing program was not supported by the majority of Town Councilors though it was a topic of much discussion.

Possible solutions for the installation of safety and wildlife-friendly lighting along Estero Boulevard were presented to Town Council in September by Town Lighting Engineers. Town Lighting Engineers was contracted in February to review options and input from the community. Three options for lights (amber, white, or both) and three options for system ownership (utility program, Town-owned, or combination) were presented for a decision to be made at a future Town Council meeting.

Plans for a **2022 Leadership Conference** are underway and **the Town is seeking community input about when and for how long to hold the conference.** The conference educates interested community members about Town services, facilities, locations, government and personnel, and has been a popular event in the past. [Please take this short survey.](#)

Officials from Lee County and the Florida Department of Transportation briefed Council in September about **plans for improvements to streets, crosswalks, landscaping and traffic patterns at the base of Matanzas Pass Bridge.**

Hurricane season ends November 30. [Please stay prepared!](#)

Turtle nests are hatching and nesting season will end on October 31. Thanks for continuing to help make the hatchling's path to the Gulf clear by removing beach furniture, filling in holes in the sand, turning off lights. [Turtle Time, Inc.](#)

Town Offices will be closed on the following federal holiday
Thursday, November 11, 2021 / Veterans Day