



TOWN HALL BULLETIN

Important things to know for the week of February 6, 2023

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Staff extension numbers are not operational at this time. Please use the main phone number to contact any staff person or department.

This weekly publication covers brief news items related to the Town's recovery from Hurricane Ian which directly hit FMB on September 28, 2022. Ian has been described as the 5th worst natural disaster in U.S. history.



View [Town Council meeting agendas and minutes](#)

Sign up to receive notice of meetings

Meetings are currently being held at DiamondHead Beach Resort, 2000 Estero Boulevard

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.

Sign up to receive email notifications of meetings and other info as they are 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



The Town Hall temporary complex is on the property next to the Town Hall building that was damaged by Hurricane Ian. Address is 2545 Estero Boulevard.

Questions?
Call 239-765-0202

PERMITS FOR REBUILDING

A public computer and scanner are available at the receptionist's area at the Town Hall complex at 2545 Estero Boulevard. Members of the public are welcome to use these to complete applications for permits or other Town business. Assistance is provided if needed. A wealth of updated information about permitting can be found at www.fmbgov.com. Click on the dark blue sand dollar on the homepage. An extensive document of frequently asked questions is regularly updated on the website.

PERMITS FOR SPECIAL EVENTS

Permits are now required for any public event that an organization would like to hold in the Town, including parades, concerts, festivals, fairs, markets, etc. For information and the application, visit the Town's website at www.fmbgov.com > Doing Town Business > Community Development > Community Development Applications & Forms > Special Events. Email specialevents@fmbgov.com with questions.

MATANZAS PASS MOORING FIELD EXPANSION

Although Matanzas Pass Mooring Field remains closed, the construction of 19 additional moorings west of Matanzas Pass Bridge have been completed. These moorings will accommodate vessels up to 85 feet in length. Added to the Town's current 70, these new moorings bring the total for the entire Mooring Field to 89. This project was in process before Hurricane Ian. The closure of the field due to the storm provided the opportunity for it to be completed. Watch the Town's social media outlets and website for information about when Mooring Field will re-open.

OPEN CONTAINER ORDINANCE

Residents, visitors and business owners are reminded that open containers of alcoholic beverages are not permitted to be carried or consumed in any public area of the Town, including the Beach, Times Square, sidewalks, parking lots, etc.

PUBLIC RESTROOMS

Portable public restrooms, 10 total, have been placed in Times Square and at the Palm Avenue Beach Access. One accessible bathroom is at each of those locations.

PRESIDENT'S DAY HOLIDAY

The Town Hall complex at 2545 Estero Boulevard will be closed on President's Day, Monday, February 20, 2023, for the national holiday.

EASEMENTS FOR SAND REPLACEMENT

To accomplish the emergency berm and renourishment of the Beach, the Town needs beachfront property owners to sign a temporary construction easement to place sand on the beach areas that are private property. Signing this easement only gives the Town permission to place sand on the owner's private property. It does not give the Town rights to private property. The easement document along with construction plans and other information can be found at www.fmbgov.com/beach.

KEY QUESTIONS WITH KEY STAFFERS

Vice Mayor Jim Atterholt has produced nine videos featuring various staff people and town leaders talking in depth about a variety of subjects that relate to the Town's recovery from Hurricane Ian. Topics have included beach renourishment, the interim town managers, permitting, the history of hurricanes in FMB, and more. Watch these videos on the Town's YouTube channel.

REIMBURSEMENT FOR BEACH EROSION PROJECTS

Property owners who need to remedy coastal beach erosion and replace sand might be eligible for reimbursement of costs through a program by the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP). Visit www.floridadep.gov/hurricane for information, instructions, and the application form. Email hrrg@floridadep.gov with any questions.

TOWN COUNCIL MEETINGS

The next Town Council meeting will be held at 9 a.m. on Monday, Feb. 6, 2023, at DiamondHead Beach Resort, 2000 Estero Boulevard.

CHANGES TO LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE

The Town Council meeting agenda on Monday, Feb. 6, is scheduled to include discussion about decreasing corner lot setbacks for narrow lots, allowing porches to encroach further where corner lot setbacks are decreased, amending side setbacks to 7.5 feet for lots less than 75 feet wide and to 10 feet for lots 75 feet wide or more, and allowing encroachment of new mechanical equipment in the side setback in certain instances.

POOL BARRIERS

Property owners: please be aware that water-filled swimming pools require barriers around them. These barriers can be as simple as construction fencing at this time.