



# TOWN HALL BULLETIN

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

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This weekly publication will cover brief news items related to the Town's recovery from Hurricane Ian. The Town was directly hit on September 28, 2022, by Hurricane Ian, which has been described as the 5<sup>th</sup> worst natural disaster in the history of the United States.



**View Town Council meeting agendas and minutes**

**Sign up** to receive notice of meetings.

Meetings are currently being held on the temporary Town Hall complex at 2545 Estero Blvd.

## 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 Blvd.

## Questions?

Call 239-765-0202

### MARCH 29 DEADLINE for the IAN DEBRIS CLEANUP SIGN UP

Sign ups are still accepted for debris removal through [www.iandebriiscleanup.com](http://www.iandebriiscleanup.com). Deadline to sign up is Wednesday, March 29. March 1 was the last day for property owners to push debris off their property curbside to be picked up for free. Debris that was curbside by March 1 will be picked up sometime before March 29.

### FISH KILLS CLEAN UP

Town staff continue working on the Beach daily to remove dead fish and other material that washes up daily. To date, around 25K pounds have been hauled away. An increased level of dead fish washing up with tides can be caused by Red Tide, which is a toxic algae bloom that periodically happens. The Health Department also has an advisory in place since Hurricane Ian about entering the Gulf or any other body of water due to the level of debris that landed in the water after the storm. To learn more about Red Tide visit:

<https://lee.floridahealth.gov/newsroom/2023/02/2023-02-20HEALTHOFFICIALSISUUREDITIDEALERTFORLEECOUNTY.html>

<https://myfwc.com/research/redtide/statewide/>

### MENTAL HEALTH RESOURCES FOR IAN SURVIVORS

Hurricane Ian has added a new level of uncertainty and frustration to the lives of storm survivors in Florida. While coping with this stress, it is important to check on the emotional wellbeing of yourself, your loved ones, and your neighbors. Visit: [https://www.fema.gov/fact-sheet/mental-health-resources-ian-survivors?fbclid=IwAR1x-ybKHR5-SF8rTydEAAYTA-87\\_JH8HgVb8GpuDI4nMeKz9SV-RIZG5C8&mibextid=Zxz2cZ](https://www.fema.gov/fact-sheet/mental-health-resources-ian-survivors?fbclid=IwAR1x-ybKHR5-SF8rTydEAAYTA-87_JH8HgVb8GpuDI4nMeKz9SV-RIZG5C8&mibextid=Zxz2cZ) to find list of available resources that may help.

### SIGN UP FOR SHRC THROUGH FDEP FOR HELP WITH REPAIRS

Sheltering in Home for Recovery Continuation (SHRC) helps homeowners with minor repairs so they can live in their home while completing their recovery. To learn more and apply, visit [ianrecovery.fl.gov/unite](http://ianrecovery.fl.gov/unite) or call the Unite Florida support line at 1-800-892-0948.

### MARCH 12-18 IS FLOOD AWARENESS WEEK

Flood Awareness Week is annually set by the Florida Floodplain Manager's Association and FEMA to promote the National Flood Insurance Program. The Town voluntarily participates in this program that helps residents protect themselves against flood loss through the purchase of flood insurance at reduced insurance premium rates. This program also sets higher regulatory standards to reduce flood risk and potential flood damage. Visit Town's website page about [Flooding](#)

### THE TOWN'S SIGN ORDINANCE REMAINS IN PLACE

It prohibits signs of certain sizes and in certain places. Fines are possible if this ordinance is violated. To read the ordinances, visit [www.fmbgov.com](http://www.fmbgov.com) >FMB>Town Ordinances. Click on the codified ordinances link in the first paragraph and scroll down to Chapter 30-SIGNS.

### STORMWATER

Earthview, LLC begun operations to clean and repair the stormwater system on the Town's side streets damaged by Hurricane Ian. To date, 480 linear feet has been cleaned with over 280,000 gallons of water removed and 40 yards of debris. (Lee County is responsible for Estero Boulevard.)

### PARKING PASSES

Parking fees were reinstated and fees per hour continue to be collected. Paid parking is enforced island wide in all Town marked Parking Areas, including beach accesses. Violations will be ticketed. Prior year resident parking passes will be honored. Residents and businesses who need a new parking pass can visit the Town Hall temporary complex at 2545 Estero Boulevard Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

### FP&L HAS STARTED RESTORATION OF ELECTRICITY IN TIMES SQUARE

Underground lines are being installed in Times Square by FP&L. This work may restrict access to businesses on the beachside of Times Square. Some of the pavers will be taken out and parts of Times Square may be unavailable to the public while this construction is underway.

### EASEMENTS FOR SAND REPLACEMENT

Beachfront property owners are being asked to sign a temporary construction easement to place sand on the beach areas that are private property. Signing this easement does not give the Town rights to private property. It only gives permission to place sand on it. The easement document, construction plans and other information are at [www.fmbgov.com/beach](http://www.fmbgov.com/beach).

### TOWN COUNCIL MANAGEMENT & PLANNING SESSION and Joint Session with LPA

The Town Council M&P Session will be held at 9 a.m. on Thursday, March 9, 2023. A joint session with the Local Planning Agency (LPA) will follow at 1 p.m. Both meetings will be at DiamondHead Beach Resort, 2000 Estero Boulevard.