



# TOWN HALL BULLETIN

Important things to know for the week of March 27, 2023

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This weekly publication covers 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 at DiamondHead Beach Resort, at 2000 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

### MEET & GREET TOWN MANAGER CANDIDATES

Candidates for Town Manager will be available at DiamondHead Resort from 8 a.m. to 9 a.m. on Monday, April 3, 2023, to meet and greet anyone from the public who wants to attend. Light breakfast will be served. Each candidate will be interviewing with Town Council members individually after this event in the morning. Each candidate will then be interviewed in a regular Town Council meeting open to the public starting at 1 p.m. that same day.

### SIGN UP FOR IAN DEBRIS CLEANUP ENDED ON WEDNESDAY MARCH 29

### EARTH DAY

Join us for a neighborhood around Mound House clean up at 9-11 a.m. on Saturday, April 22, at 451 Connecticut Street. Additional parking available at 216 Connecticut.

### PERMITTING DESK HOURS MONDAY-THURSDAY 7:30AM TO 4:30PM

Effective Wed., March 29, the Town's Permitting Desk will return to regular operational hours and days. These days are Monday through Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

### MOUND HOUSE MUSEUM REOPENS TUESDAY < APRIL 4<sup>th</sup>, 2023

Join us on Tuesday, April 4, at 9 a.m. for our reopening ribbon cutting! To celebrate, admission will be free that day! The Mound House museum and museum store will be open Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday 9 am to 4 pm, and the grounds will continue being open seven days a week from 7:30 am to 4:30 pm.

### EASTER EGG HUNT

Bay Oaks Easter Egg Hunt, sponsored by DiamondHead Beach Resort and the Fort Myers Beach Woman's Club, will be held on Saturday, April 8. Registration starts at 9 am with the egg hunt at 10 am. This event is for three age groups: 0-5, 6-8 and 9-13

### PROPERTY OWNERS MIGHT BE ELIGIBLE FOR FEMA MITIGATION GRANTS

Financial assistance through FEMA's Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) might be available for interested property owners in the Town. This program helps property owners rebuild homes or businesses stronger than they were before Hurricane Ian. Property owners do not apply for or receive these funds directly, but they are administered through the Town. The Town must have at least 50 interested applicants before this program can be implemented, and property owners need to submit a preliminary interest application. The deadline for interest applications is April 10, 2023. Fill out applications of interest at this link: <https://forms.gle/MxRKeStN2ja3kh2d9>

### SIGN UP FOR SHRC - NEW PROGRAM 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.

### TOWN'S PARTICIPATION IN NFIP ALLOWS PROPERTY OWNERS A 25% DISCOUNT ON FLOOD INSURANCE

The Town has earned a class 5 rating in the National Flood Insurance Program, providing all property owners in Fort Myers Beach a 25% discount on flood insurance rates. To participate and remain in good standing in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP), communities must, at a minimum, regulate all development in the designated Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA) in accordance with NFIP criteria and any applicable State and community floodplain management laws. Repealing or amending previously compliant floodplain management measures, or failure to enforce its floodplain management regulations, can result in suspension from the NFIP.

### EASEMENTS FOR SAND REPLACEMENT

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 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 MEETING

Next Town Council meeting will be held at 1 p.m. on Monday, April 3, 2023, at DiamondHead Beach Resort, 2000 Estero Boulevard.