



TOWN HALL BULLETIN

January 2022

www.fmbgov.com / 239-765-0202

Text **HI** to 239-FMBeach (239-362-3224) for answers to frequently asked questions about Town services

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



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

[Sign up](#) to receive notice of meetings

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.

Florida Department of Transportation has scheduled a [public hearing](#) on the SR 865/San Carlos Boulevard-Matanzas Pass Bridge Enhancement Project. The hearing will be held on Thursday, Feb. 3, 5-7 p.m., at Chapel by the Sea, 100 Chapel Street.

Wright Construction has been chosen to perform improvements to Bayside Park. Work is scheduled to start this month. Also, the design firm DRMP is working toward **100% design of improvements that are planned at Times Square** with bidding expected to happen later this year. In addition, DRMP has completed [designs at 90% for the redevelopment of Bay Oaks](#). Construction at Bay Oaks is underway on the Beach School parcel with the main project to be completed in 2023.

At the January 10, 2022, Town Council meeting, Councilors confirmed their previous decision to **increase parking fees from \$3 to \$5 per hour**. The increase took effect immediately for parking at the 389 town-operated parking spots. The decision was made by Town Council at the September 2021 budget hearings to enact this parking fee increase effective January 1, 2022, but Town Council discussed the matter again on January 10. Read about [parking in the Town](#).

Traffic is picking up on FMB. Please be extra aware of bicyclists and pedestrians. Kindly drive your vehicle with care and respect. The [LeeTran Tram seasonal service has begun](#). Remember that **parking in the Town has been expanded with additional spaces at Town Hall after 4:30 p.m. and on weekends and holidays**. For assistance with information about parking and to check availability of spaces, **text 239-FMBEACH (239-362-3224) and follow the prompts**.



In December, the Lee County Board of County Commissioners and the Lee County Sheriff's Office launched a [Text to 911](#) service. In an emergency, residents of Lee County and visitors can text 911 when it is not safe to make a phone call.

Trash collection services in the Town are provided by a contracted service provider through an agreement with Lee County Government. For information about trash collection, horticulture waste pickup, or recycling, visit the [Lee County website](#). Here are three ways to report problems:

1. Call 239-533-8000
2. Fill out a form online through the [Request for Action Center](#)
3. Email SolidWaste@leegov.com

The "reFresh Estero Boulevard" improvement project is making great progress and nearing completion! Keep up on the schedule of work each week by [signing up](#) to receive by email the "Construction Look Ahead."

Questions about permits for building or remodeling? Walk in appointments for property owners to visit Town Hall are available for quick answers every Tuesday from 9 a.m. to Noon. Email ilen@fmbgov.com. Click [here](#) for answers to frequently asked questions about building permits or codes.

Thought about volunteering for one of the Town's advisory boards and committees? Now is your chance to get involved! **Openings are available on the [Audit Committee](#) and the [Public Safety Committee](#)**. Applications are accepted [online](#). Read the [ordinance](#) that governs the Town's boards and committees.

Have you or someone you know lost something in the Town or on the Beach? We have a collection of items such as phones, keys, wallets and more that have been found. Stop by Town Hall at 2525 Estero Boulevard during business hours from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.