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Fireworks in Fort Myers Beach on New Year's Eve

Town of Fort Myers Beach, FL – The Town of Fort Myers Beach will once again be hosting a fireworks display on New Year's Eve though this year promises to be bigger and better thanks to a generous donation. The fireworks will start at midnight from a barge in the Gulf.

Traffic is expected to be heavy in the Downtown District. It is recommended that visitors consider using the convenient public transportation options offered by LeeTran.

- The free open-air beach trams will extend service until 1 a.m. from Bowditch Point Park to the beach library.
- Route 410 from Bowditch Point Park to Lovers Key State Park will extend service times to 1 a.m. Jan 1, 2024, following the fireworks festivities.
- Route 490 which travels between Times Square and the Beach Park and Ride at 11101 Summerlin Square Drive will run its normal service until the last departure off the beach around 10:35 p.m. At that time, a shuttle service will start from the Main Street Park & Ride (at the foot of the Matanzas Pass Bridge) to the Beach Park and Ride until 1 a.m. Jan 1, 2024, following the fireworks festivities. Riders seeking transportation from the beach to the Beach Park and Ride after 10:35 p.m. will need to walk over the bridge to the Main Street Park and Ride to catch a shuttle to the Beach Park and Ride.

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The Town of Fort Myers Beach is on Estero Island off the southwest Florida coast of the Gulf of Mexico. The beach stretches for seven miles and is known for white sand, shell finds, and sunsets. The Town took a direct hit in September 2022 from Hurricane Ian, a category five storm, and is in active recovery. Many shops and restaurants are restored and open for business! The Town has been incorporated since 1995.

IMPORTANT NOTE: The Matanzas Pass Bridge will be closed to oncoming traffic from midnight to 1:30 a.m. Big Carlos Pass Bridge on the sound end of the Island will be open.

For information about Town parking, text the word PARKING to 239-FMBeach (239-362-3224) or visit the parking section at www.fmbgov.com > *Things to Do* > *Parking*. The Town’s Beach and Street Enforcement (BASE) team monitors town spaces and posts the percentage of their availability at 11 a.m., 2 p.m., and 5 p.m. daily. The Town operates several hundred pay-for-parking spaces in and near the Downtown District and beach accesses and there are also several commercial lots.

Please help keep everyone safe and the festivities enjoyable by observing the Town’s ordinances that prohibit personal fireworks displays in any part of the Town, including the beach, and open containers of alcohol outside the boundaries of Times Square. Also, please dispose of trash in the proper receptacles.

Watch the Town’s website and social media outlets for updates.

For information about New Year’s Eve activities and entertainment that will be going on in retail and restaurant establishments, visit the FMB Chamber of Commerce website at www.fortmyersbeach.org

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