



TOWN HALL BULLETIN

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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



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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.

The next **Household Chemical Waste Collection Day** hosted by Lee County in the parking lot of the FMB Community Pool at Bay Oaks **will be Wednesday, Nov. 17, 2021, 8 a.m. to Noon**. This is a FREE drive-through event. [Acceptable items](#).

November 8 is designated World Town Planning Day by the [American Planning Association](#) to celebrate the role that Town Planning plays in creating livable communities.

Residents with questions about building, remodeling, and permits are encouraged to stop by Town Hall on Tuesdays from 9 a.m. to Noon. Appointments are recommended to limit wait times. Email ilen@fmbgov.com

Hurricane season ends November 30. [Please stay prepared!](#)

Turtle season ended October 31. Thanks for everything you did to keep the turtles and their hatchlings safe. FMB had 87 nests and all 87 hatched! The next season starts on May 1, 2022.

Have you lost an item in the Town or on the beach? It might be in the lost and found box at the front desk of Town Hall. Stop by Town Hall, 2525 Estero Boulevard, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Welcome signs incorporating the Town's new logo that was adopted in 2020 are under development. They will be replacing the current welcome signs that are at the foot of the bridges onto Estero Island.

Town Council adopted Ordinance 21-06 to allow a new environmentally friendly alternative to petroleum-based plastic and paper-based straws. This new ordinance replaces the one from 2017 which was the Town's first ban on plastic straws.

Construction on a new traffic signal at Old San Carlos and Estero Boulevards in the Downtown District is on track to be complete by the end of the year. This signal is the Town's first project using FDOT's Local Agency Planning (LAP). The Town acquired LAP certification in 2020.

Wright Construction has been chosen as the contractor to redevelop Bayside Park for a cost not to exceed \$885,346. A construction start date has not yet been set. Redevelopment plans have been underway for Bayside Park for a few years along with Bay Oaks Recreational Campus and Times Square.

Stop by the new office for Matanzas Pass Mooring Field that opened October 1 at 450 San Carlos Boulevard in the Harbour House building. Management of the Mooring Field has transferred from Matanzas Inn to the Town's Public Works staff. The Town is leasing the new office space. The office is currently open from 7 a.m. to Noon. The new phone number is 239-224-4118. Boaters can [reserve mooring balls](#) online and request [pumpouts](#) online.

The Town has opened 35 new paid parking spaces at Town Hall for evenings after 4:30 p.m. and all day on the weekends. In addition, BASE team members are providing information daily at 11 a.m., 2 p.m., and 5 p.m. about the percentage of Town-owned parking spaces (not commercial spaces) that are available. Text PARKING to 239-FMBeach (239-362-3224) to access this info.

The annual selection of new **board and advisory committee members** occurred in October. [Click here](#) to read about the Town's advisory boards and committees.

Dogs are welcome in and on Fort Myers Beach as long as they are kept on a leash that is no longer than six feet, cleaned up after, and don't chase shorebirds or enter the Critical Wildlife Area at the south end of the beach.

Town Offices will be closed on the following federal holiday

Thursday, November 11, 2021 / Veterans Day