



TOWN HALL BULLETIN

Important things to know for the week of January 9, 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 5th 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 Boulevard

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 Boulevard.

Questions?
Call 239-765-0202

CURFEW HOURS CHANGED

The Town's curfew hours changed effective January 9 to Midnight to 6 a.m. Contractors entering the Town from the Big Carlos Pass Bridge on the south end of Estero Island must adhere to a 7 p.m. to 7 a.m. curfew. Residents travelling during the curfew hours should be prepared to show proof of residency.

DEBRIS REMOVAL

Sign up to have debris removed from your personal property at iandebriscleanup.com.

FEMA ASSISTANCE

The deadline to [register for financial assistance from FEMA](#) is **Thursday, January 12, 2023**.

LOCAL PLANNING AGENCY (LPA)

An LPA meeting will be held on January 18, 2023, at 9 a.m. to discuss potential changes to the land development code. Items to be discussed at this meeting include decreasing corner lot setbacks for narrow lots, allowing porches to encroach further where corner lot setbacks are decreased, amending side setbacks to 7.5 feet for lots less than 75 feet wide and to 10 feet for lots 75 feet wide or more, and allowing encroachment of new mechanical equipment in the side setback in certain instances.

PARKING FEES AND RESIDENT PASSES

Parking fees were reinstated in select areas in the Downtown District starting January 9, 2023. As more people and businesses have started to return, regulating parking has become necessary. Charging for parking at \$5 per hour returned under the Matanzas Pass Bridge in lots numbered 1-4; In the Downtown District including Old San Carlos Boulevard, Center Street, and Estero Boulevard; and at Waistina Way beach access lot on Estero Boulevard just south of Crescent Street. The two-hour time limit is removed though parking fees will continue to be collected per hour and violations will be ticketed. Prior year resident parking passes will be honored. Residents who no longer have a prior year parking pass will be able to receive a new one once the Town's new passes arrive and a process for distribution has been decided. Residents who need a pass should watch the Town's website at www.fmbgov.com and social media outlets for information. Motorists with handicapped parking placards can park for free at any Town space.

PERMITTING

The hours for the Town's permitting desk in the Community Development Department temporarily expanded starting January 9 so that Town staff can assist property owners who are rebuilding after Hurricane Ian. This temporary change is expected to last through March 29, 2023. Town staff will be available on Town Hall's temporary complex at 2545 Estero Boulevard which is the property just south of the Town Hall building that was damaged by Hurricane Ian.

Monday-Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

During this extended schedule, customers will have access to Community Development staff for permitting assistance by email, telephone, and in-person at the Town Hall Complex. To reach the Permitting Department, email buildingpermits@fmbgov.com or call 239-765-0202 Option #2. To read information about permitting, visit the Town's website at www.fmbgov.com > Doing Town Business > Building Services. An extensive list of frequently asked questions about permitting is available on the Building Services webpage which is a great place to start to get questions answered. **Permitting fees are waived currently but will start being charged again on Monday, Jan. 16, 2023.**

POOL SAFETY

REMINDER: Per Town Ordinance, pools must be surrounded by a fence of some sort, even if it's temporary.

POST OFFICE

The U.S. Postal Service is taking steps to resume post office services on FMB, with trailers expected to be placed in the parking lot of the damaged post office. No timeline is available yet.

SBA LOANS

DEADLINE TO APPLY for a Small Business Administration Loan is Thursday, Jan. 12, 2023.

STREET LIGHTS

Florida Power & Light reported at the Town Council meeting on January 9 that 131 light fixtures along Estero Boulevard are expected to be replaced by this summer with amber lighting that is wildlife-friendly.

TOWN MANAGER

Two Interim Town Managers are supporting the Town currently – Chris Holley and Keith Wilkins. One of their responsibilities is to recruit and select a new Town Manager, and advertisements have been distributed to start the process. To reach the Town Managers, email townmanager@fmbgov.com.