



# TOWN HALL BULLETIN

Important things to know for the week of February 20, 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 5<sup>th</sup> worst natural disaster in the history of the United States.



**View Town Council meeting agendas and minutes**

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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

### PHASE 2 POST-HURRICANE PERMITTING INFO. (Effective Feb. 16, 2023)

Note that the following work does not require a building permit:

- Emergency temporary application of tarps to structures to reduce risk of further water intrusion. Removal and/or replacement of roofing requires a permit.
- Removal of washed-up debris on a property. Partial or full demolition of a structure initially located on the property requires a demolition permit.
- Asphalt roof shingle replacement of less than 1 square of shingles (10ft x 10ft area, or less), provided the secondary water barrier and/or sheathing does not require repair. Otherwise, a permit is required.
- Repair of minor water leaks that do not involve the reduction or extension of structural, mechanical, plumbing, or electrical systems. Alteration to the water supply lines or DWV systems requires a permit.

When a permit is required, the applicant is responsible to acquire an issued permit prior to beginning construction.

### PERMITS FOR REBUILDING

A public computer, scanner, and printer are available at the Community Development Dept. reception area at 2545 Estero Boulevard. Members of the public are welcome to use these to complete applications for permits. Assistance is provided if needed. A wealth of updated information about permitting can be found at [www.fmbgov.com](http://www.fmbgov.com). Click on the dark blue sand dollar on the homepage labelled "Permitting". An extensive frequently asked questions section and building services resource library is available.

### DEBRIS REMOVAL REMINDER

March 1 is the last day for property owners, that they can push debris off their property curbside to be picked up for free. Debris that is curbside by March 1 will be picked up sometime before March 29. This deadline DOES NOT apply for private property owners who have signed up for debris removal through [www.iandebris.com](http://www.iandebris.com). Sign ups are still being accepted for this service.

### STORMWATER

Earthview LLC, a vendor chosen through the Town's bid and selection committee process, is beginning operations to clean and repair the stormwater system damaged by Hurricane Ian. This is for the systems on the Town's side streets as Lee County is responsible for Estero Boulevard. This effort involves approximately 9.12 miles of drainpipe including culverts, 59 curb inlets, 504 catch basins, seven junction boxes, six skimmer boxes, and 95 major outfalls. Stormwater cleaning will be performed with hydraulically propelled or mechanically operated equipment.

### UTILITIES

If a property's water is not being used at this time, water and sewer base fees can be waived and the meter can be locked to prevent further billing. Property owners should email the Utilities Department at [utilities@fmbgov.com](mailto:utilities@fmbgov.com) with their name and service address. PLEASE NOTE – All residents are required to pay stormwater fees. If property owners pay their water bill at [www.eonlinebill.com/ftmyers](http://www.eonlinebill.com/ftmyers) or through the automated payment, with a credit card, there is a 3.5 % credit card processing fee added. This fee was approved by Town Council in the Fiscal Year'23 Budget which began on Oct. 1, 22.

### PARKING PASSES ARRIVED

Parking fees were reinstated in select areas in the Downtown District starting January 9. 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 parking lot on Estero Boulevard just south of Crescent Street. We are in process of adding additional spots soon. Stay tuned. Watch the Town's website at [www.fmbgov.com](http://www.fmbgov.com) and social media outlets for information. Parking fees will continue to be collected per hour and violations will be ticketed. The residential/business parking permits have arrived. 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. Residents who need a new parking pass can come to Town Hall temporary complex at 2545 Estero Boulevard to receive one. Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

### EASEMENTS FOR SAND REPLACEMENT

To accomplish the emergency berm and renourishment of the Beach, 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 only gives the Town permission to place sand on the owner's private property. It does not give the Town rights to private property. The easement document along with construction plans and other information can be found at [www.fmbgov.com/beach](http://www.fmbgov.com/beach).

### POOL SAFETY REMINDER

Per Town Ordinance, pools must be surrounded by a fence of some sort, even if it's temporary. The barriers can be as simple as construction fencing at this time.

### TOWN COUNCIL MEETINGS

The next Town Council meeting will be held at 9 a.m. on Monday, March. 6, 2023, at DiamondHead Beach Resort, 2000 Estero Boulevard.