



# TOWN HALL BULLETIN

Important things to know for the week of February 27, 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 Blvd.

## 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 Blvd.

## Questions?

Call 239-765-0202

### DEBRIS REMOVAL REMINDER

March 1 is the last day for property owners to 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 DOESN'T apply for private property owners who have signed up for debris removal through [www.iandebriscleanup.com](http://www.iandebriscleanup.com). Sign ups are still accepted for this service, although the deadline to sign up is Wednesday, March 29.

### FISH KILLS CLEAN UP

Since last week, Town staff have been working on the Beach daily to remove an increasing amount of dead fish that have started washing up daily. After an FWC permit to use heavier equipment to remove the fish was received on Monday, Feb. 27, the Town is using equipment from Lee County to make clean up more efficient. On Monday of last week, the Lee County Health Department reported that the Gulf waters around Lynn Hall Memorial Park had been tested and found to have "alert levels" of Red Tide. An increased level of dead fish washing up with tides can be caused by Red Tide, which is a toxic algae bloom that periodically happens. The Health Department also has an advisory in place since Hurricane Ian about entering the Gulf or any other body of water due to the level of debris that landed in the water after the storm.

To learn more about Red Tide visit: <https://lee.floridahealth.gov/newsroom/2023/02/2023-02-20-HEALTHOFFICIALSISUUREDITIDEALERTFORLEECOUNTY.html>.

### TOWN RECOGNIZED WITH PRESTIGIOUS SENATORS' PRIDE OF FLORIDA AWARD

Last week at a pre-session regional luncheon hosted by Senators Passidomo, Albritton and Martin, Mayor Dan Allers accepted the award along with Councilmember John King, Interim Town Manager Keith Wilkins, and Town Staff members Steve Poposki, Community Development Director; Roxanne Frank, Utilities Customer Service Clerk; Danielle Felton, Administrative Officer to the Town Manager; Amy Baker, Town Clerk; and Donna Romilio, Town Hall Receptionist. Each of these individual staff were also recognized by Mayor Allers for their specific contributions during the Town's recovery from Hurricane Ian.

### TASK FORCE OF LEE COUNTY LEADERS INCLUDES MAYOR

Lee County leaders met Monday, Feb. 27, to discuss recovery efforts following Hurricane Ian. The Lee Board of County Commissioners voted Commissioner Kevin Ruane as chairman of this task force in November 2022. This was the first meeting of the group, which includes 13 elected officials and representatives of government entities in Lee County.

### MATANZAS PASS MOORING FIELD

Matanzas Pass Mooring Field is starting a phased reopening beginning with WET STORAGE ONLY of the 19 newly installed systems west of Matanzas Pass Bridge. Registration for this service is accepted through [the Town's online Dockwa system](#). The Town recently completed construction of these additional moorings to accommodate vessels up to 85 feet in length. This project was in process before Hurricane Ian. The closure of the field due to the storm provided the opportunity for it to be completed. We are currently only leasing to WET STORAGE VESSELS until additional amenities are available again. Many of the docks on the island were damaged during Hurricane Ian, including the Town's public dinghy docks.

### STORMWATER

Earthview LLC, is beginning operations to clean and repair the stormwater system on the Town's side streets damaged by Hurricane Ian. Lee County is responsible for Estero Boulevard.

### PARKING PASSES

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. Parking fees continue to be collected per hour and violations will be ticketed. Prior year resident parking passes will be honored. Residents, businesses who need a new parking pass can come to the 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).

### TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

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