



# TOWN HALL BULLETIN

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**View Town Council meeting agendas and minutes**

**Sign up** to receive notice of meetings

Meetings are held at 2525 Estero Boulevard in Town Council Chambers. Seats are arranged to social distancing standards and attendees are required to wear masks.

**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 remains closed to the public to prevent the spread of COVID, but most services are being conducted by email or phone.

**Questions? Call 239-765-0202**

Appointments can be set up for things that cannot be done virtually.

## The State of Florida has launched an [online reservation system for residents to sign up to receive the COVID vaccine.](#)

- **Status of the Estero Boulevard Lighting project:** At the February 16 Town Council meeting a \$185,000 contract was approved with REDD, Inc., DBA as Town Lighting Engineers, to study safety and wildlife-friendly lighting on Estero Boulevard and create a plan to address. To assist, a stakeholder group of staff and community organization members was assembled by Town Council at the March 15 meeting. This group is scheduled to meet via Zoom on March 24.
- **Status of the revitalization of Bayside Park:** The bid process for construction is expected to start by summer. At the March 15 Town Council meeting, Councilors authorized the Town Manager to apply for a \$91,000 grant through AARP to help with the costs.
- **Status of the revitalization of Times Square:** Site plans are available [here](#). Preparation and planning will continue this year with construction expected to occur in 2022.
- **Status of the revitalization of Bay Oaks Recreational Campus:** Final site plans are expected in April from DRMP, Inc., after approval by the Lee County School Board.
- **Signs to improve public awareness of bicycle safety between Crescent Street and the Red Coconut** were approved by Town Council on March 15. No bike lanes exist in this area. Bikes and pedestrians share the sidewalk. Bikes travel with traffic and stay left on the sidewalk, while pedestrians stay right.
- **An initiative to encourage residents and snowbirds to write notes to legislators about the importance of supporting clean water** has launched with mailers, newspaper ads, and social media posts. Please get involved! [Learn how](#)
- **Until April 15, Advanced Disposal will be starting trash, recycling, and horticultural waste pickup in the Town at 6 a.m. instead of 6:30 a.m.** This time change was necessary to combat challenges in traffic and volume in this seasonal period.
- **Do you need a building or remodeling permit, or need to speak with Town staff about a permit?** [Click here for information.](#)
- **Scholarships are available from two community organizations for educational pursuits by traditional and non-traditional students.** Learn about the scholarships and apply at [FMB Kiwanis](#) and [FMB Community Foundation](#).
- **The next household waste collection event** sponsored by the Town and Lee County **will be held in the parking lot at Bay Oaks on Friday, April 30, from 9 a.m. to Noon.** [Read the list of acceptable items.](#)
- The [ReFresh Estero Boulevard project](#) that the Town began with Lee County in 2015 is expected to be complete this year. The project has been replacing water and stormwater structures and improving road from the North end of Estero Boulevard to the South end. **In February, Town Councilors approved several "contract close out" change orders on work the Town's contractor completed for more than \$5 million below the contracted amount.**

