



# TOWN HALL BULLETIN

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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.

## July 4<sup>th</sup> celebrations

- **Parade** – 10 a.m. – Route starts at Bay Road and Estero Boulevard and travels Estero Boulevard to Times Square.
- **Fireworks** – 9 p.m. – Launching from the pier at Times Square and planned to last for 20 minutes.

### PLEASE NOTE:

Personal displays of fireworks are not permitted anywhere in the Town, including the beach.

The Matanzas Pass Bridge will be closed in both directions during the parade and to oncoming traffic during the fireworks.

Hurricane Season is here and it's past time to prepare your family and your property. Click [here for hurricane preparedness information](#).

Congratulations to **Patrick McKeown**, author of the book "Crown Jewel of Fort Myers Beach: The Mound House", for being selected by Town Council as the **FMB's annual Citizen of Distinction**.

**Summer hours** are in operation at [Bay Oaks Recreational Campus and Fort Myers Beach Community Pool](#). Bay Oaks is open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. The Pool is open Monday through Sunday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Town Council accepted the **Fiscal Year 2021 Audit** at its June 6 regular meeting after the Audit Committee reviewed it on May 9 and 24. The audit shows that the Town is growing in financial strength, has a strong base to carry through the future, and has experienced great positive change over the past five years. The audit kicks off the annual budget season. Council will hold hearings in September on the Fiscal Year 2023 budget.

Also at the June 6 meeting, **Town Council set the tentative millage rate for Fiscal Year 2023 at .99 for budget planning purposes**. This rate would be a modest increase from the current .95 millage if it is enacted. It could be lowered at the September budget hearings if the proposed Fiscal Year 2023 budget initiatives that are under development are deferred or postponed.

Mound House and Newton Beach Park will host **Calusa Kids Summer Camps** July 11-15 and 18-22. To register, visit [Super Science and Amazing Art](#).

Mound House is hosting a **summer lecture series** that will include presentations about Latino history, creatures from birds to bugs, and butterflies. Visit [www.moundhouse.org](http://www.moundhouse.org) for information and to reserve your spot.

**Dock Marine Construction Corporation** has been awarded the bid for the work to expand **Matanzas Pass Mooring Field**.

**Electric vehicle charging stations** are to be installed at Times Square-Center Street, Newton Beach Park, and Town Hall.

A property owner adjacent to Bayside Park has agreed to construct a **public walkway and dinghy dock** that will enhance access to the area.

**Construction of Bayside Park** is progressing and expected to be complete this summer. Stay tuned to the Town's website, social media outlets, and weekly digital newsletter *FMBeach News* for details about a ribbon-cutting ceremony to be held when construction is complete.

