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## **DAILY UPDATE TUESDAY, OCT. 18, 2022**



### **STORM RECOVERY INFORMATION**

#### **AND RESOURCES**

*Tuesday, October 18, 2022*

#### **TOWN COUNCIL MEETING**

Thursday, October 20, 2022, 2 p.m., the Town Council of the Town of Fort Myers Beach will hold a public meeting at the former SkipOne Seafood restaurant, 17650 San Carlos Blvd., Fort Myers Beach, FL. (adjacent to Smugglers Cove Adventure Golf).

#### **COMMUNITY MEETING**

On Tuesday, October 25, 2022, at 4 p.m., there will be a second meeting to provide an opportunity for residents to hear representatives from various agencies assisting in the restoration of FMB. This meeting will take place at the same location of the Town Council meeting, 17650 San Carlos Boulevard.

#### **SOUTHERN BRIDGES OPEN**

The Florida Department of Transportation has completed temporary repairs to four damaged and closed bridges that provide access to the south end of Fort Myers Beach. This includes Big Carlos Pass, Big Hickory, Little Carlos Pass and New Pass. On Wednesday, Oct. 19, 2022, residents and their hired contractors can access the island from the north and south beginning at 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Mondays and Tuesdays will be reserved for essential response personnel. Wednesdays through Sundays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. will be for residents and their hired contractors.

#### **WATER RESTORATION**

All water service requests will be coordinated with the required structural

and electrical inspections once the Island's water system is restored. The Utilities Department does not have working phones at this time. Please email [utilities@fmbgov.com](mailto:utilities@fmbgov.com) if you need to reach the department. We are NOT providing water to any side streets at this time. We will move to the side streets one by one once the Utilities Department has confirmed that the main transmission line is stable.

### **DAMAGE ASSESSMENTS**

The Town's Building Inspectors, in conjunction with Army Corps of Engineers infrastructure assessment team, are conducting rapid assessments of buildings. The assessments are to quickly determine if the structure is habitability.

### **FIRST PASS OF DEBRIS REMOVAL ON ALL FMB STREETS IS COMPLETED**

Since debris removal began on October 7, approximately 120,000 cubic yards has been collected, with 50,000 cubic yards collected yesterday and today. Additional passes through all streets will be made until all debris is removed.

### **POWER RESTORATION**

After the first two homes were connected Saturday, Oct. 15, 2022, several more homes have had power restored. The Town provides a daily list to FP&L of properties that are approved for power reconnection after those properties have passed structural and electrical inspections. FP&L will energize your homes when they have completed the repairs in your area and the Town has approved your inspections. FP&L says it will replace all meters on residential properties.

### **FIRE INSPECTION AND PERMIT FEES SUSPENDED**

To aid the residents of Fort Myers Beach, the Board of Fire Commissioners and Fire Chief Ronald L. Martin are suspending all fire inspection and permitting fees. This suspension of fees began on Monday, Oct. 17, 2022, and will continue for 90 days.

### **CONTRACTORS**

Be sure to use only licensed and registered contractors. Don't become a disaster scam victim! A list of registered contractors of all types, including electrical, is on the Building Services page of the Town's website at [www.fmbgov.com/building](http://www.fmbgov.com/building) and is being updated regularly. You can also access the state's database of licensed contractors at [www.myfloridalicense.com/wl11.asp](http://www.myfloridalicense.com/wl11.asp)

## **TRASH PICKUP**

Waste Management trucks are picking up trash on the island daily. For health and safety reasons, they ask that you dispose of your food and kitchen waste first and save other household debris for later pickups. Separate food and household trash from construction debris, appliances and electronics.

## **SAFETY MESSAGE FROM THE FMB FIRE DEPARTMENT**

The fire department asks that you be mindful of parking and/or otherwise piling debris near fire hydrants. Please keep the area around fire hydrants clear and free of vehicles and debris.

## **STAY CONNECTED**

We wanted to make sure that you know about and are connected to all of the ways that the Town is providing information directly.

- For permitting, reach out directly to Daphnie Bercher, Community Development Director, by phone at 239-537-5960 or email at [daphnieb@fmbgov.com](mailto:daphnieb@fmbgov.com).
- For permitting info, please visit and continue to check the Town's Building Services Webpage at [fmbgov.com/building](http://fmbgov.com/building) as well as the homepage on the Town's website - [www.fmbgov.com](http://www.fmbgov.com)
- As we have new information, we will continue to share it with all media outlets as well as post it on our website, on the Town of Fort Myers Beach Facebook page, and text and email it to anyone who is signed up through our website to get messages directly
- To sign yourself up to the website, click this link: <http://fmbgov.com/list.aspx>
- You can also email [publicinfo@fmbgov.com](mailto:publicinfo@fmbgov.com)

## **INSURANCE HELP**

The Division of Consumer Services can assist insurance customers in the aftermath of Hurricane Ian.

Visit [myfloridacfo.com/Division/Consumers/HurricaneIan.htm](http://myfloridacfo.com/Division/Consumers/HurricaneIan.htm) or call **1-877-693-5236** from 9 am to 5 pm.