



# Town of Lake Clarke Shores

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## MEMORANDUM

To: Mayor and Town Council  
From: Daniel P. Clark, P.E., Town Manager  
Date: November 2, 2021  
Subject: Status Report for the November 9, 2021 Town Council Meeting

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### **Proposed Upcoming Town Council Meeting Schedule**

November 9<sup>th</sup> – 6:30 PM Regular Town Council Meeting followed by CRA Meeting  
December 14<sup>th</sup> – 6:30 PM Regular Town Council Meeting  
January 18<sup>th</sup> - 6:30 PM Regular Town Council Meeting followed by CRA Meeting  
February 8<sup>th</sup> – 6:30 PM Regular Town Council Meeting

### **Upcoming Events**

Infrastructure Oversight Committee Meeting, November 17<sup>th</sup> – 6:30 PM  
Zoning Board of Adjustment Meeting, November 17<sup>th</sup> – 6:30 PM  
Menorah Lighting Celebration, November 28<sup>th</sup> – 5:30 PM  
Holiday Parade – December 4<sup>th</sup>, 11:00 AM  
Jim and Judy Tackett Annual Tree Lighting Event – December 4<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 PM  
Code Enforcement Board Meeting, December 8<sup>th</sup> – 6:30 PM  
Holiday Home Décor Contest – December 16<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 PM

### **2022 Special Legislative Funding Request (HB2001)**

We have asked Representative Silvers to assist us in securing a 2022 Special Legislative Appropriation of \$600,000 for the Pine Tree Bridge Replacement. The bridge project is expected to cost \$1.2M and Rep. Silvers is allowing us a 50/50 match in this request. Senator Berman is addressing this request in the Senate.

### **2022 Special Legislative Funding Request (HB2161)**

Palm Beach County and the Town have asked Representative Silvers to assist us in securing a 2022 Special Legislative Appropriation of \$1,700,000 for the Lake Worth Lagoon Initiative (LWLI) Grant Program. The LWLI Grant Program special appropriation will support the MICA West Water Quality Improvement program. The MICA West Water Quality Improvement Program is the Town's first effort to address water quality and nutrient loading issues in Lake Clarke. It will put sewers in the MICA West area along with new watermains and regraded swales. Palm Beach County will be addressing this issue in the Senate on behalf of the Lake Worth Lagoon Initiative.

### **2022 Special Legislative Funding Request (HB2???)**

We have asked Representative Silvers to assist us in securing a 2022 Special Legislative Appropriation of \$350,000 for the removal of vegetation in Lake Clarke. The Lake has been declared impaired by the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) for nutrients and biomass.

We plan to match the \$350,000 with an additional \$350,000 from the Town as requested by Rep. Silvers. Senator Berman is addressing this request in the Senate.

### **Discussions with FDEP about Lake Clarke**

Staff and our Consultants, Jones Edmunds, had a virtual meeting with FDEP to discuss what the actions need to be regarding the Lake and the declaration of "Impaired". We are impaired based on levels of chlorophyll-a, total phosphorus, and LVI (an indicator of biomass). We will be responsible for a majority of the cleanup of the Lake. We have options: we can commit to cleanup efforts and they will postpone enforcement action, or we can wait for the enforcement action to occur and then we do the cleanup. We are talking to them about an Alternate Remediation Plan (ARP) which will commit us to a certain level of cleanup and then a reassessment by DEP of the Lake water quality. In staff's opinion and that of our Consultant, negotiating an ARP with DEP is the best (least costly and fastest to improve Lake water quality) approach for the Town.

### **2022 Legislative Session House Bill 471**

House Bill 471 has been filed by Representative Roth for Lake Clarke Shores. The legislation is a Local Bill and simply declares Edgewater Park an enclave. This legislation is important to the Town and we are grateful to Representative Roth for his hard work on this Bill.

### **2021 Audit**

The audit has started for the FY2021. This is year two with our new auditor CRI (Carr, Riggs, Ingram). The Auditors will be on site the second week of December. If you get a call from them or a questionnaire in your email, please respond as soon as possible. Mr. Ron Bennett (Nolan, Holt, and Minor) is assisting staff to expedite the audit process.

### **Blueway Trail and Lake Worth Beach**

Staff members of the Town met with all five Commissioners of Lake Worth Beach to discuss the Blueway Trail, the boat lift, paddle sports portage, and fishing piers. It seemed as though we had consensus of at least three of the Commissioners who would pass a resolution supporting the project. The resolution was scheduled for Commission approval on November 2<sup>nd</sup>. The Commission pulled the resolution from the agenda and suggested the issue might be heard after the holidays.