



Town of Lake Clarke Shores

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MEMORANDUM

To: Mayor and Town Council
From: Daniel P. Clark, P.E., Town Manager
Date: April 4, 2022
Subject: Status Report for the April 12, 2022 Town Council Meeting

Proposed Upcoming Town Council Meeting Schedule

April 12th – 6:30 PM Regular Town Council Meeting
May 10th – 6:30 PM Regular Town Council Meeting, followed by the CRA Meeting
June 14th – 6:30 PM Regular Town Council Meeting
July 12th – 6:30 PM Budget Workshop, followed by CRA Meeting, and Regular Town Council Meeting

Upcoming Town Events

Great American Clean Up – April 23rd, 8:00 AM LCS Boat Ramp Park
2022 LCS Fishing Tournament – May 7th, dawn start
Town BBQ – May 15th, 11:30 AM Town Hall
2022 Summer Fishing Camp – June 6-10, 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM

Lawrence Rd Progress

Construction along Lawrence Road of our 12-inch water main project is moving forward slowly. The contractor is citing labor shortages and material shortages for the delay. PBC has been very understanding of the contractor's problems and has allowed for an extension of the CDBG grant deadline so the \$125,000 is still available for this project.

Septic-to-Sewer

We know this is a big discussion issue all over Town. We know people are doing research and getting facts for themselves or to share with others. We want to acknowledge Jennifer Chrzanowski and Roger Hoofnagle for contacting FDEP and asking questions. We thought it was worth sharing the questions asked and the FDEP responses with everyone. We have posted this information to the Town's website as well as our social media platforms. FDEP has reviewed the information shown on the Town's website and has made no recommendations for change.

PBC General Obligation (GO) Environmental Bond Discussions

On January 28th PBC BCC held a workshop on the proposed 2019 Environmental Bond Referendum to see if the BCC would like to reconsider that proposal now. As reported by our consultants attending the meeting, the discussion was positive and generated some questions for staff. Most important to us is the question of what water quality projects need to be funded? PBC DERM will be preparing the list and the County's Water Resources Task Force (WRTF) will be helping prioritize the projects for the county wide water quality improvement portion.

I attended the WRTF meeting on March 31st where the potential 2022 Environmental Bond was discussed. The Chairman of the Committee told the Director of DERM that Lake Clarke Shores needs to be at the top of the priority list. I'm sure the request we've made for \$1.7M will be on the list as DERM has already vetted that project through the Lake Worth Lagoon Initiative where it was ranked 4th. We will be working with WRTF and DERM to get the rest of our Project on the priority list along with \$1M for vegetation removal in Lake Clarke.

At the WRTF meeting I was also able to talk with Commissioner Kerner's Aid and Commissioner Marino's Aid about our concerns and the projects we will be putting forward. I serve as a member of the Lake Worth Lagoon Initiative which is chaired by Vice-Mayor Weiss, and will be discussing our financial needs and our seriously positive approach to improving both Lake Clarke water quality and the Lagoon water quality.

Improving Lake Water Quality

- The Legislature failed to fund our request for \$2.05M to assist with our septic to sewer project and our Lake vegetation cleaning project.
- We will be submitting these same requests to Palm Beach County Tuesday (4/12) as a consideration in the GO Environmental Bond prioritization list. We will also be submitting an \$11M request for the rest of the septic to sewer project. The request from the County is for "shovel ready" projects. Most grant applications are for "shovel ready" projects so it's imperative we get our system designs complete and permitted as soon as we can.
- We will be applying for Clean Water Act Section 319 monies. This section of the CWA funds connection of the homes to the new municipal sewer system. Section 319 monies are not always available, but seems to be now.
- Discussions are continuing with FDEP on the 4e Plan application. FDEP has asked that we monitor Lake water quality at three locations twice each year. The locations are the Pine Tree bridge, the boat ramp, and the Mediterranean bridge. These locations were monitored through our NPDES MS4 permit until 2013. Since Palm Beach County Department of Environmental Resource Management (ERM) did the sample collection, analysis, and reporting then and still does some monitoring and reporting for the MS4 to FDEP, we have asked ERM if they will do this additional monitoring again.

NPDES Illicit Discharges

As part of our overall commitment to Lake Water Quality Improvement; our Utility Department has been looking into some illegal/non-stormwater discharges. Due to Federal Mandate 40 CFR 122.26(d)(2)(iv)(B) and Town of Lake Clarke Shores NPDES Permit No. FLS000018-004; the Town is required to detect, remove, prohibit and enforce any non-stormwater discharges to the separate municipal storm drain system unless the illicit discharge or illegal dumping is specifically exempted or covered by an individual NPDES permit. This mandate includes direct non-stormwater discharges to the Lake or our canal systems. The Town has codified our responsibilities in the Town's Code of Ordinances Sections 62-161 through 62-165 (Ord. 2021-02).

Utilities is providing notices to residents of improperly connected pool drains, roof drains, and grey water lines. Our goal is to improve lake water quality through voluntary compliance with our Ordinances. If voluntary compliance doesn't work, we have the authority to issue fines from \$125 to \$2500 per occurrence per day.

The Utility Department shares Best Management Practices that makes complying with the ordinances simple. For example, just run your pool overflow over your grass to remove the pollutants before it enters the Lake. Please watch for our Buzz newsletter to get more helpful hints.