



# Town of Lake Clarke Shores

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## MEMORANDUM

To: Mayor and Town Council  
From: Daniel P. Clark, P.E., Town Manager  
Date: January 4, 2023  
Subject: Status Report for the January 10, 2023 Town Council Meeting

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### Proposed Upcoming Town Council Meeting Schedule

January 10<sup>th</sup> – 6:30 PM Regular Town Council Meeting  
February 7<sup>th</sup> – 6:30 PM Candidates Forum followed by the Regular Town Council Meeting  
February 28<sup>th</sup> – 6:30 PM Regular Town Council Meeting and CRA Meeting  
April 11<sup>th</sup> – 6:30 PM Regular Town Council Meeting  
May 9<sup>th</sup> – 6:30 PM Regular Town Council Meeting

### Upcoming Town Events

January 20<sup>th</sup> – 8:00 AM BBQ Committee Meeting  
February 11<sup>th</sup> – Valentine's Day Sweetheart Food Truck Event  
February 17<sup>th</sup> – 8:00 AM BBQ Committee Meeting  
March 10<sup>th</sup> – 8:00 AM BBQ Committee Meeting  
March 24<sup>th</sup> – BBQ Movie Night  
March 26<sup>th</sup> – Town BBQ  
April 22<sup>nd</sup> - Lake Clean Up

### Insurance Reform 2022

On December 16<sup>th</sup>, the Governor signed Senate Bill 2A addressing insurance reform. There are two aspects of interest to the Town from a flood mitigation/floodplain management perspective.

1. The Bill amends the mandatory flood insurance notice by requiring it to be part of the declarations page and revises the content of the notice to encourage purchase of flood insurance.
2. The Bill requires any residential policy holders who have their homeowner's policy through Citizens Insurance to also purchase flood insurance no matter if they reside in a special flood hazard area (SFHA) or not. This is phased in as detailed in the language for the properties outside of the SFHA but is mandated as a condition of receiving insurance.

### 2023 Legislative Priorities

At the December Town Council Meeting, the Town Council discussed its 2023 Legislative Priorities with its lobbyist Richard Pinsky. Mr. Pinsky works for Akerman, Inc., a law firm with offices across Florida. Mr. Pinsky has been our lobbyist for the past 5 years. The priorities are 1) state grant funding for septic-to-sewer, 2) state grant funding for vegetation removal, and 3) protecting home rule and our ability to govern ourselves. Mr. Pinsky explained the legislative funding request process has changed from last year. A funding request doesn't count against the Representative's bill count limit

and will therefore likely be processed differently than last year. Town staff will be moving forward with several legislative funding requests.

### **Maralago Cay Sewer Lining Project Bid Opening**

Palm Beach County Department of Housing and Economic Sustainability (DHES) has approved a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) of \$224,882 for sewer lining work within our Maralago Cay sewer system. The Engineers' estimate for the work was just over \$300,000. We bid the project per DHES guidelines. The Inspector General sent staff to observe the bid opening at Town Hall. Two bids were received, one for approximately \$981,100 and the second was approximately \$1,143,200.

Since these bids were way beyond the Town's budgeted resources for this project, we began discussions with DHES about reducing the scope to match the \$300,000 budget. DHES suggested that if we were to reduce scope by more than 15%, we would have to rebid the project. They then asked how much the Town could contribute to the Project. They mentioned that it may be possible for DHES to add additional grant funds to the Project so the scope wouldn't need to be reduced or the project be rebid.

The Town has written a letter to Mr. Brown suggesting that the Town could contribute up to \$244,100 toward the low bid price of \$981,100. DHES has already approved \$224,882 and we are asking them to find and approve an additional \$512,118 in CDBG funding for the Maralago Cay sewer lining project. The additional funds would come with a condition that the timeline for construction approved by the Town in Resolution 2022-25 be maintained.

Town staff is asking the Town Council to approve an Agreement with LMK Pipe Renewal, LLC, the responsive and responsible low bidder, for \$981,100 contingent on approval of an additional \$512,118 in CDBG funds from PBC DHES.

### **Pine Tree Bridge FDOT Approval Process**

The redesign process has been completed and FDOT has issued comments. We have until January 13<sup>th</sup> to respond to all comments. We are on track for a February/March bid on this project.