



Town of Lake Clarke Shores

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MEMORANDUM

To: Mayor and Town Council
From: Joseph F. Lo Bello, CPA, Town Manager
Date: July 5, 2023
Subject: Status Report for the July 11, 2023 Town Council Meeting

Proposed Upcoming Town Council Meeting Schedule

July 11th – 6:30 PM Budget Workshop, followed by CRA Meeting, and Regular Town Council Meeting
August 8th – 6:30 PM Regular Town Council Meeting
September 12th – 6:30 PM First Budget Hearing, CRA Meeting, and Regular Town Council Meeting
September 27th – 6:30 PM Second Budget Hearing and Regular Town Council Meeting

Upcoming Town Events

August 18th - 6:30 PM Movie Night at Town Hall Park Pavilion
September 23rd – 8:00 AM Lake Clarke Cleanup in conjunction with the International Coastal Cleanup at boat ramp
October 27th – 5:30 PM Monster Mash Food Truck Event at Town Hall

Hurricane Season Preparedness

Senior staff held the first of several meetings in June to plan, discuss and review our emergency preparedness plan. Some precautionary measure we are working on include:

- Surveying the Town for tree and tree branches growing in the power line and reporting them to FPL;
- Checking all Town equipment to ensure they are in working order;
- Sending notifications to all contractors about securing dumpsters;
- Videoing Town Property and assets; and
- Assigning personnel for storm events.

Pickleball Courts

Pickleball Court construction started last month and all is proceeding well. We had a \$8,900 change order to redirect and improve our existing irrigation system. We are looking to relocate existing paver bricks platform due to their location directly under a live oak tree. We are also meeting with FPL and other vendors for court lighting. The estimated completion is November 2023.

Pine Tree Lane Bridge

We are waiting for the Florida Department of Transportation to send us a funding agreement for the \$600k grant. After execution of the funding agreement, we will publicly bid the Pine Tree Bridge replacement project. Once the Town Council approves the agreement with the lowest cost responsive and responsible contractor, we will issue a notice to proceed and the contractor will start construction. This project is currently shovel ready.

Traffic and Calming Study

Staff has started compiling data and discussing the Town's current roadway conditions to the traffic engineer. The data consist of location map of traffic calming devices and vehicles speed collected from our radar units.

Implementation of Ordinance 2023-02

Staff is working on creating and distributing educational materials to residents on the new requirements of Ordinance 2023-02 regarding the parking of specified vehicles including trailers, commercial vehicles, recreational vehicles, boats and boat trailers in residential districts. Residents have until August 28, 2023 to comply with the new requirements.

Arabian Rd Entrance Wall

One of the entrance walls at Arabian Rd was hit by a vehicle in June. The damages are extensive and the wall may need to be replaced. We may need to replace or update the other wall as well so they match. We're working with our insurance company for the costs of damages and subrogation. We're waiting to learn more from the County about the status of the road work and installation of new storm drains on Florida Mango Rd before we replace or fix the wall or walls.

Electronic Permit

Staff completed their training on the Town's new electronic permit portal. We expect to transition to this new portal by the end of the month. More information will be provided on our website as we get closer to the start date. When we transition to the new portal, the Town will no longer accept in-person paper application. All permit applications will have to be submitted online on the portal.

Sewer Rates from Lake Worth Beach

We have been paying Lake Worth Beach (LWB) to pump our sewage to the East Central Regional Sewage Treatment Plant (ECR) since we bought the Utility in 1988. Along the way, the sewage flows through County owned piping. So, in our bill we have LWB operating costs, LWB R&R costs, PBC R&R costs, and ECR R&R costs. The rates fluctuate because of significant construction issues at ECR. As a result, it is very hard to budget. In 2013, the Town joined several other small municipalities that do business with LWB and became a member of the Sub-Regional Partners. The Sub-Regional Partners have some oversight and limited authority in the preparation of the LWB sewer budget. However, we have no control over PBC or the ECR. The LWB City Engineer who has a seat on the ECR Board has been working to keep out costs as low as can be. ECR has been neglected for a long time and they are now trying to make overdue repairs. We estimate that sewer rates for the South Utility Service Area will increase by approximately 8% for FY2024.