



Town of Lake Clarke Shores

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MEMORANDUM

To: Mayor and Town Council
From: Joseph F. Lo Bello, CPA, Town Manager
Date: February 15, 2024
Subject: Status Report for the February 20, 2024 Town Council Meeting

Proposed Upcoming Town Council Meeting Schedule

February 20th- 6:30 PM Regular Town Council Meeting
March 12th- 6:30 PM Regular Town Council Meeting and CRA Meeting
April 9th – 6:30 PM Regular Town Council Meeting

Upcoming Town Events

February 21st – 11:00am to 2:00pm – Footprints Senior Club
February 21st – 4:00pm to 6:00pm – Pickleball Courts Grand Opening
March 15th – 7:30pm – Children's Movie Night
March 17th – 11:30pm to 2:30pm – Annual Town BBQ

Pine Tree Lane Bridge

The Pine Tree Lane Bridge replacement project Request for Proposals (RFP) were opened on October 26, 2023. The Town only received one bid at 3.2 million vs. the Town's budget of 1.35 million. We redesigned the project and changed the RFP to completely closed the bridge during construction instead of one lane at a time open during the duration of the project. We are hopeful this will bring more contractors to bid on the project, bring down the overall cost of construction and shorten the duration of the construction. We are currently rebidding the project and bids are due on March 7th. The Town is also requesting an additional \$500,000 appropriation from the State of Florida (the Town was already awarded \$600,000 in 2022).

FL Mango Rd Projects

Palm Beach County provided an update regarding three Florida Mango Rd Projects affecting the Town:

1. From Edgewater Dr. to Barbados Rd. Construction is completed. The remaining work includes final pavement markings and new traffic signs.
2. From 10th Ave N to Edgewater Dr. They will replace bridges over the L-9 and L-10 Canals, widen the road to three lanes including bicycle lanes and sidewalks. Plans are completed and permits were issued. The project and bid advertisement are on hold until FPL obtains its relocation permit and provide a schedule for pole

relocation. FPL expects the permits to be issued in March. Construction is expected to last 24 to 30 months due to the replacement of two bridges and only allowing one bridge closure at a time.

3. From Barbados Rd to Myrica Rd. They will replace the culvert crossing at the L-7 Canal. Plans are almost completed. They anticipate bid advertisement this Summer. Construction is expected to last 9 months.

Pickleball Courts

The Pickleball Courts are open for play from dawn to 9 pm. The Town is waiting on the completion of the resurfacing of the basketball court (please see before and after pictures below), tree trimming and other minor amenities before having a formal ribbon-cutting ceremony. We have scheduled the formal ribbon cutting ceremony for Wednesday, February 21st from 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm.



Water Meter Change Outs

Utilities had their first on site meeting with Professional Meters Inc. (PMI) who will be performing our system wide water meter change outs. The first change outs are scheduled to be in LCS starting in late February. There is a total of roughly 1,500 meters (LCS, Seminole Manor, and Hypoluxo Village) that will be changed out and the crew is expected to do 30-50 per day. Overall, the project is expected to take 45 working days to complete. There will be days when the crew is instructed not to do any work due to monthly meter reading time periods, these are referred to as black-out dates. In total, the project should be done in 2-3 months.

PMI will knock on the resident's door before any work begins to announce themselves and inform the customer of the work to be accomplished. The meter change out is typically completed in a short period of time and the water is expected to be off for only 10-15 minutes. If water is running when the contractor arrives, and no one answers the door, they will move on to the next house and reschedule that meter install for a later date.

Lead Service Line Inventory

Great news to report! We have been approved for full financial assistance through the Florida Rural Water Association (FRWA) to complete our Lead Service Line Inventory program. This funding should cover the cost necessary to hire a contractor to perform all the visual inspections and field work related to completing the inventory. Due to system age, Hypoluxo Village (2005) does not require visual inspections to be performed. However, both Lake Clarke Shores and Seminole Manor need this visual verification. The work for each of these systems have been approved for up to \$50,000. We do not have a start work date yet, but staff expects this work to be completed by early summer.

Other items to report:

- The Town held its second BBQ Meeting on February 6th.
- Mayor Freebold and Town Manager Lo Bello attended the Florida League of Cities Legislative Action Days in Tallahassee from January 29th through 31st.
- The Town held its Valentine's Day Food Truck Event on February 9th.
- FPL has scheduled the removal of the ½ cut wood poles on Pine Tree Lane for May.
- We were notified the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers will release water from Lake Okeechobee into the Lake Worth Lagoon through the C-51 canal beginning February 17 due to heavier than normal El Nino rainfall.