

Dear Bay Beach Resident...this is an important message.

You should be aware the town of Fort Myers Beach is installing a Storm Water System throughout most of the town. When you purchased your unit in Bay Beach you paid for the installation of our very own Storm Water System (it was in the price). You also currently pay to operate and maintain this system - a system that not a penny was and is being paid for by anyone outside Bay Beach. Our Storm Water System always has been and is still permitted, monitored and controlled by the South Florida Water Management District, a state regulatory organization.

For over three years the town of Fort Myers Beach has been attempting to produce an acceptable ordinance to correct an earlier highly defective Stormwater Ordinance. Bay Beach has been temporarily provided a reprieve from efforts to control and paying anywhere from \$125,000 to over \$250,000 minimally per year into the towns system – a system that does not accept a drop of our water from Bay Beach. This January 22nd the Town Council will once again bring a Stormwater Ordinance to a vote. Bay Beach and members from other town systems have been working with the town to produce an ordinance that meets the town's and Bay Beach's needs. In spite of these efforts and innumerable redrafts there are elements on the Council and Town Staff that refuse to allow their latest draft to come before the Council.

It is imperative that we muster at least 300 people from Bay Beach to attend the January 22nd Town Council meeting and make ourselves heard. Please talk to your spouse, your children, your neighbors even friends and plan to bring them to the meeting. Even if you are reluctant to speak before the Council just your presence will be sending a message. Having at least 300 Bay Beach people in town hall sends a powerful message. Having 300 people each taking their allotted 3 minutes to speak will be the most powerful statement ever made in Southwest Florida. You can be assured that such a message will be heard. If you wish, when you attend, we can provide you with talking points to consider.

Your help is essential!! If this effort fails each resident will pay unduly more and more forever!!

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