

## **EBIA Newsletter**

**December 2017**

To those of you who left Paradise last Spring and are just returning, Welcome Back! You will notice a few changes in our landscaping since your left, thanks to Hurricane Irma.

### **Landscaping**

Although we experienced some damage from Irma, the landscaping along Bay Beach Lane and Estero Blvd. continues to thrive. We had to re-stake some trees that had fallen and replace some plants, but our staff and vendors continue to do a good job.

### **Security**

We still get a few trespassers, on the stormwater property, and the Sheriff's Department has been vigilante in writing Trespass tickets. Also, the parking pass system is working, identifying Bay Beach residents in the private EBIA parking area.

### **Tree Removal**

Many Trees on the Stormwater Property were blown over during Irma. These trees will be cut up and removed in early December. Also, the indigenous plants will be removed along Buccaneer Bay.

### **Financials**

As reported at the EBIA budget meeting in October, EBIA remains financially sound and the Board of Directors voted unanimously to lower assessments to our residents another 4.4% for the 2018 budget. The assessments have been lowered 28.7% since we purchased the stormwater property in 2015.

### **Stormwater Issues with the town of Fort Myers Beach and Lee County**

Efforts to extract monies from Bay Beach residents by some leaders of the town of FMB, for a stormwater system that has no benefit to us, continues. We have attended several meetings with both FMB and Lee County officials reinforcing our position that EBIA owns and maintains their own private stormwater system, which is permitted by SFWMD, and that the FMB Stormwater utility offers no benefit to Bay Beach residents. Case law supports the concept that residents not benefiting from this system are exempt from assessments from that utility. Once again, the Town Council is said to be working on re-writing ordinance 15-08 to remove private permitted stormwater facilities (such as ours) from this ordinance.

### **Grandview Sales**

Grandview sales are at 10 reservations today, and the London Bay personnel are quite optimistic that enough sales will be in place to begin construction of the Grandview tower in 2018.

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