

## MEMORANDUM

Date: June 10, 2014

**TO:** Dave Bullock, Town Manager  
**FROM:** Juan J Florensa, Public Works Director  
**SUBJECT:** Request for Temporary Closure of Bay Isles Road for Chamber of Commerce 2014 Freedom Fest Event Between the Hours of 8:30 and 11:30 AM

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The Longboat Key Chamber of Commerce organizes a community celebration for the Fourth of July each year in Bicentennial Park and along Bay Isles Road. The event features a brief parade, food, music, children's games, and activities.

The Chamber requests Town Commission consideration for the temporary closure of Bay Isles Road between the hours of 8:30 and 11:30 AM for this year's event to allow for the parade and for safety of the participants during the event. (See attached 5-21-14 letter.)

Town Code provisions require Town Commission authorization for temporary road closures.

In previous years the Town has assisted during this event by providing staffing and minor equipment. The costs to the Town associated with this event are approximately \$1,100.

This request was forwarded from the June 16, 2014 Regular Workshop Meeting for approval. Staff recommends the Town's continued support of this event.

Please let me know if you have any questions concerning this item.



**Longboat Key  
Chamber of Commerce**

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May 21, 2014

Mayor Jim Brown  
Town Commissioners  
501 Bay Isles Rd.  
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Dear Mayor Brown and Town Commissioners,

The Longboat Key Chamber of Commerce would like to request the closing of Bay Isles Road again this year for our 12<sup>th</sup> annual Freedom Festival on July 4, 2014. The Freedom Festival will begin at 9:00am and end at 11:00am.

As in previous years, the festival will consist of kids' games, prizes for all, patriotic music, a brunch and a parade. The parade will kick off the event at 9:00am with kids' on decorated bikes, pets, and various community organizations and individual floats. Basically, it is an old-fashioned community celebration of the Fourth of July.

The event will take place on Bay Isles Rd. and Bicentennial Park. As in past years, we will work closely with the Public Works Department and Police and Fire Departments.

Thank you for your consideration of this request. We have always been good stewards of the property and we hope we will be granted permission once again to provide Longboat Key with a patriotic 4<sup>th</sup> of July.

Sincerely,

Gail Loeffgren  
President  
Longboat Key Chamber of Commerce



**End of Agenda Item**