

Regular Workshop – May 16, 2016  
Agenda Item 11  
Consent Item

Agenda Item: Consideration of Request for Temporary Closure of Bay Isles Road for July 4, 2016 Freedom Fest

Presenter: Town Manager

Summary: For the past several years, and again this year, the Longboat Key Chamber of Commerce has organized a July 4th celebration for Town residents and guests. This community celebration features food, music, children's games and a brief parade. The Town Commission is asked to approve this request for temporary closure of Bay Isles Road between the hours of 8:30 – 11:30 AM for this event. Bicentennial Park will be the venue for food, music and children's activities and the Town Hall facility will be open for public use during these hours.

Attachments: 5-10-16 Memo, Manager to Commission;  
5-9-16 Letter, Chamber of Commerce to Commission.

Recommended Action: Approval of the Consent Agenda will forward this item to the June 6, 2016 Regular Meeting Consent Agenda for formal action.

## M E M O R A N D U M

Date: May 10, 2016

**TO:** Town Commission

**FROM:** Dave Bullock, Town Manager

**SUBJECT:** Request for Temporary Closure of Bay Isles Road for Chamber of Commerce 2016 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 5-9-16 letter.)

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

This request is recommended to be placed on the May 16, 2016 Regular Workshop Meeting for consideration and forwarded to the June 6, 2016 Regular meeting Consent Agenda for approval.

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.

Staff recommends the Town's continued support of this event.

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



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May 9, 2016

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Dear Mayor Duncan and Town Commissioners,

The Longboat Key Chamber of Commerce would like to request the closing of Bay Isles Road again this year for our 14<sup>th</sup> annual Freedom Festival on Monday, July 4, 2016. 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. And, we certainly hope that the Mayor and each of the commissioners will participate in the parade. 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

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**End of Agenda Item**