

M E M O R A N D U M

Date: May 26, 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

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.

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.

This item was forwarded from the May 16, 2016 Regular Workshop Meeting Consent Agenda for formal action.

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 14th 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 4th of July.

Sincerely,

Gail Loeffgren

President

Longboat Key Chamber of Commerce

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