



Finally, 2021 – Less is better (think hurricanes, pandemic, coyotes)

Town Initiatives – Snapshot

Utilities Undergrounding switch overs in Phase 1 is underway! This is a big deal- the actual conversion of our first phase from overhead to underground electrical service. As they work through energizing the new underground equipment for this neighborhood, the actual switch over to individual homes in that area should be complete by February 2021. The final work in Phase 1 will include replacement of the existing public street lights.

Village Parking Permits. The Longbeach Village Residents-Only Parking Permit program begins January 1. Commissioners adopted the Program and related fee schedule on December 7th. Requests for permits should be directed to the Police Department’s non-emergency number 941-316-1201 or by e-mail through the Town’s website. Public parking remains at the Town Dock and adjacent to the two restaurants at the end of Broadway.

Coyotes, again? Town hosting a Florida Fish & Wildlife (FWC) Conservation Commission public information session on January 12th at Town Hall at 2:00pm. For two years there were no sightings, or coyote reports, then in late October and into November, a few sightings were reported. In each case, they were minding their own business, and not aggressive. As we did in 2018, the Town invited experts from FWC to hold public information sessions with biologists and specialists to educate the public about coyotes, how to protect yourself, your pets, and how to make your property unattractive to them. For information, or to report sightings, contact the Police Department non-emergency number at 941-316-1201, or by e-mail through the Town’s website.

COVID-19 & Vaccine. We are approaching the 10th month, and there is finally good news with approved vaccines, and local vaccination sites being established. The Governor prioritized eligibility to receive the vaccine for long-terms facilities, front line health care workers, and persons over 65. FDOH is lead in setting up sites to roll out the vaccine. Check the Sarasota County and Manatee County Health Department websites for the latest. We are seeing an increased number of new positives test results for residents on the island. Don’t forget, the Town’s Mandatory Face Coverings Ordinance remains in place until March 31st. Please wear a mask and continue following CDC recommended precautions, especially as our snowbirds continue to arrive.

2021 Citizens’ Survey. The 2021 Annual Citizen’s Satisfaction will launch in mid-January. Your feedback on specific quality of life issues, as well as opinions on services, and priorities is crucial. Each owner will receive a letter with a unique code to complete the online survey. February 3rd is the last day to submit your response.

2020 Annual Report. Our annual report for the past year has been completed. Typically, the TM Brief spotlights news looking forward. But for this, keep an eye on our website for a special edition of “Talk of the Town” featuring a *look backward* at accomplishments, and milestones of 2020. It will be an illustrated, and concise review of an unprecedented year with some exceptional achievements!

Town Center News. The Town’s new lease agreement with the Longboat Key Historical Society paves the way for the Historic Whitney Beach Cottage to be re-located to the Town Center site later this month. This 1937 era cottage, will house historical photos, artifacts, and information with plans to open periodically for visitors.

Upcoming Public Meetings/Events

- January 5, 2021 1:00pm Town Commission Regular Meeting (In-person/Hybrid format)
- January 11, 2021 10:00am Special Magistrate (In-Person)
- January 12, 2021 2:00pm Florida Fish & Wildlife Conservation Commission re Coyotes (virtual)
- January 15, 2021 9:00am Sarasota County School Board Convocation of Governments (hybrid)
- January 19, 2021 1:00pm Regular Workshop Meeting (In-person/Hybrid format)
- January 21, 2021 9:15am Regular Meeting Planning & Zoning Board (In-person/Hybrid)

Fast Fact

There is currently 168,520 lineal feet of overhead utility power lines on Longboat Key