



Time is running out to complete the 2021 Citizens Satisfaction Survey!

Town Initiatives – Snapshot

2021 Citizens' Satisfaction Survey. The 2021 Annual Citizen's Satisfaction is underway – Don't miss the chance to express your views on the Town's performance in providing services, and keeping Longboat Key a premier community. February 3rd is the last day to submit your response! Your feedback on specific quality of life issues, as well as opinions on services, and priorities is crucial in making sure we continue to meet citizen expectations. Each owner received a letter in January with a unique code to complete the online survey.

New Pass Bridge Maintenance Project Begins in February. Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) is performing a maintenance project on the New Pass Bridge. Lanes of traffic and existing speed limit will be maintained during the project with marginal inconvenience anticipated for drivers, boaters, pedestrians, bikers, or island mobility. The project schedule projects completion by Summer 2021.

COVID-19 & Vaccine. Approaching 11th months- there is finally good news with approved vaccines, and established vaccination sites within each county. Eligibility to receive the vaccine is currently limited to long-term care facilities, front line health care workers, and persons 65+. The Florida Department of Health (FDOH) is lead in setting up sites to roll out the vaccine. We continue to advocate for a more convenient site for our residents. Check the Sarasota County and Manatee County Health Department websites for the latest information on how to register. We continue to see a number of new positive test results for residents on the island. Don't forget, the Town's Mandatory Face Coverings Ordinance remains in place until at least March 31st. Please wear a mask and continue following CDC recommended precautions, especially as our snowbirds continue to arrive.

Canal 1A and Greer Island Emergency Dredge Underway! This is a quick project. Our contractor has mobilized on-site, established the dredge template, and installed turbidity curtains to protect the neighboring seagrasses. Excavation and sand placement is underway. The work should be completed within a two-week period. The project is to re-establish limited boat access and flushing of the Greer Island lagoon.

Town Center News. The staff is working with the Town Commission to adopt guiding principles for Phase 3 of the Town Center. Phase 3 is the longer-term goal of community facilities on the property. In the meantime, the 1937 era Historic Whitney Beach Cottage has arrived at its new home as part of the Town Center site. The Longboat Key Historical Society will use the cottage to house historical photos, artifacts, and information with plans to open periodically for visitors. Further improvements to the outdoor venue will occur this year. We are talking with groups that may have an interest in offering events at the outdoor venue for the 2022 season.

Utilities Undergrounding Project - FPL Switch Orders for Phase 1 are underway. The first feeder has now been energized. This is a big deal- it allows the actual conversion process to commence for Phase 1 from overhead to underground electrical services. As they work through energizing the new underground equipment for Gulf of Mexico Drive feeders and subsequently extend the switch orders into the neighborhoods, the actual aerial to underground conversions for individual homes in these areas can be completed. Town staff and our contractor Wilco Electric, LLC, will be reaching out to property owners as the individual conversions are scheduled. The final work in Phase 1 will include replacement of the existing public street lights. Phase 2 work progresses on the North end of the island in the Village areas installing the conduits for FPL, Comcast, and Town fiber and street lights.

Village Parking Permits. The Longbeach Village Residents-Only Parking Permit program has been in effect since January 1. Over 100 residents have purchased permits for 2021. 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.

Upcoming Public Meetings/Events

- February 1, 2021 1:00pm Town Commission Regular Meeting (In-person/Hybrid format)
- February 8, 2021 10:00am Special Magistrate (In-Person)
- February 16, 2021 1:00pm Regular Workshop Meeting (In-person/Hybrid format)
- February 18, 2021 9:15am Regular Meeting Planning & Zoning Board (In-person/Hybrid)

Fast Fact

Over 1200 citizen survey responses received so far- great response!