



Ok- Good or Bad we are now entering the rainy season- pay close attention to the weather!

Town Initiatives – Snapshot

Severe Weather Events. The 2021 Hurricane Season is off and running. Be sure your disaster plan is up to date, check your disaster supply kit to ensure you have supplies organized *before its needed!* Identify an evacuation location – remember hide from the wind; run from the water! Evacuate far enough inland to be out of range of storm surge, coastal flooding, and make sure the structure you inhabit can withstand hurricane force winds. If you haven't signed up for Alert Longboat Key's emergency notification system- please, do it now.

Outreach to High-Rise Condominiums & Older Multi-family Structures. In the aftermath of the tragic collapse of the Champlain Towers South in Surfside, the Town has reached out to Property Managers & Boards of high-rise condominiums, and older multi-family structures, particularly those built before 1980. It is critically important to have structural engineering inspections, and to act on any structural deficiencies, or damage in a time-sensitive manner. Town staff can assist with identifying resources, and engineering professionals, to conduct those inspections, or advise on follow-up measures needed to ensure the safety of our residents.

Commission poised to adopt new processes for Citations and Fees Related to Noise Enforcement. At the July 2, Commission Meeting, they will discuss, and take formal action on two important items to strengthen our Codes to support the immediate enforcement of violations of the Town's Sound Regulations. The Town's Special Magistrate will be authorized to review and enforce violations, and impose penalties. A companion Resolution establishes the citation process, fines for violations, and appeals (in time for the July 4th weekend).

Property Appraiser's Offices release updated Property Valuations... and they are up! Sarasota and Manatee County Property Appraisers have released their valuations for this year and both are up. They set the valuation as of January 1st of each year and report it to local governments by July 1st. Sarasota reports an increase of 6.36%, with Manatee just behind reporting 5.17%. The combined values are 5.99% which is a positive trend for Longboat Key.

COVID-19. Yes, it is really month 16 (466 days) of COVID-19. The Governor's State of Emergency for the COVID-19 pandemic has expired. The good news is the number of new positive test results remain down and vaccines up. Currently the Town has 0 active cases! Thank you for being careful during the past 16 months, and also taking advantage of the various ways to receive the vaccine. According to the Florida Department of Health, 99% of our residents have received at least their first shot. Please continue to follow CDC guidance and safe practices.

New Pass dredge and sand placement has wrapped up on the South end – groin work continues on the North. The Town's contractors are focusing on the 5 new North end groins. All seaward portions of the 3 most northern north groins are complete and construction has started on the remaining 2 groins. Necessary vegetation from the fill and groin areas to be removed in July. The landward groin construction is in August-September, followed by back fill of all groins with sand. Please visit <http://olsen-associates.com/lbk2021/> for the latest updates.

Utilities Undergrounding Project. Work is wrapping up in Phase 1 (Country Club Shores area) with 88% completion of single-family conversions with remaining to be completed in July. Phase 2 work on the North end continues, and work on Phase 3 in the GMD, area has begun. Fiber conduit is being installed in the Bay Isles & Harbourside area. The undergrounding project remains on schedule and under budget.

Both Fire Stations to be completed in July. New garage doors for the South Station are expected on July 9, with minor interior work being completed. Stay tuned for announcement of Grand Opening ceremony sometime in July. Thanks to our firefighters and public for their patience during construction.

Upcoming Public Meetings/Events

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| • July 2, 2021 | 9:00 am | Town Commission Regular Meeting (In-person) |
| • July 8, 2021 | 9:00 am | Manasota League of Cities (In-Person) |
| • July 12, 2021 | 10:00 am | Special Magistrate (In-person) |
| • July 15, 2021 | 9:30 am | Zoning Board of Adjustment (In-person) |
| • July 30, 2021 | 1:00 pm | Investment Advisory/Finance Committee Meeting (In-person) |

Fast Fact

TS Danny is the 4th time in modern satellite era to have the 4th named storm before July 1st!