



Spring... A great time to be on Longboat Key!

Town Initiatives – Snapshot

Welcome to our new Vice Mayor Maureen Merrigan, and Ken Schneier reappointed Mayor for another year!

The 2022 Citizens Survey - thanks to all that responded!!! Sneak preview shows 99% of respondents indicate they are happy with the Quality of Life on Longboat Key and 90% are satisfied with Customer Service by Town Staff - high numbers and great feedback. Congrats to the employees for continuing to recognizing the importance of customer service. Top priorities identified for the Town: Beach Management, Infrastructure Update, Traffic Congestion and Fiscal Sustainability. Overall results to be presented at the April 4th Regular Meeting.

Strategic Planning- April includes the Town Commission Goals & Objectives Workshop, Commissioner’s Strategic Planning and setting Top Priorities for 2022-2023. These meetings help Commissioners hear from the public on various community issues and interests tied to the Town’s Vision Plan. Then Commissioners use their Annual Retreat to prioritize initiatives which guides staff in development of the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Budget.

Visit Town Hall’s Art Exhibit, 501 Bay Isles Road in the Commission Chamber. Twelve local artists were featured in the 71st Town Hall Art Exhibit which wraps up on April 6 and a brand-new exhibit will be installed on April 9th. The Town Hall Art Exhibits are open to the public each weekday from 8:30 am – 5:00 pm. All artwork is for sale directly from the artists. Call 941-316-1955 with any questions, or just drop in to enjoy.

IntroLBK 2022 April 26th- 28th -Sign up Now – registration is limited for this 3-day virtual series. We start each day at 10:00 am via Zoom with the Town Manager and each of the Town’s Department Directors selected for a panel based on the topic for the day. Includes 1-hour presentations, and a 30-minute interactive Q&A session. At the end of the 3-day series, participants will have “met” and heard from every Town department related to their function and services provided. To register or learn more contact Susan Phillips sphillips@longboatkey.org or 941-316-1955.

Green Workshop / Electric Vehicles on April 14th at 10:00 am at Town Hall for those interested in understanding electric vehicles, and the infrastructure that supports them. This workshop is in partnership with Sarasota County, and will cover the basics of how the various types of EVs work, considerations for those interested in buying an EV (including calculating return on investment), local charging infrastructure, and the benefits these cars provide.

Greer Island Spit Management – Town staff is waiting for final project permits from the Army Corps of Engineers. We are eager to begin work to remove the spit and opening up lagoon access and increased tidal flow in the area.

Joint Meeting with the Sarasota County Commission, April 27, 2022 at 1:00 pm. Topics include: County Library Services Review; Status Update on our Town Center Project; Mobility OnDemand update; Barrier Island Traffic Study Priorities and GMD Corridor Plan; and an Update on the St Regis Development. (View live on scgov.net.)

Verizon Cell Coverage. In case you missed it, the Town Commission approved the installation of 9 small cell poles on the island to enhance cell phone coverage. Poles expected to be operational no later than the 1st quarter of 2023.

Gulfstream & U.S. 41 Roundabout Project. Peak season so traffic still a challenge, especially with the State FDOT US 41 & Gulfstream project under construction. Check routes and potential delays in advance of your travel. FDOT Project Website: <http://www.swflroads.com/gulfstreamroundabout/>

Upcoming Public Meetings/Events

- April 4, 2022, 10:00 am Town Commission Goals & Objectives Workshop
- April 4, 2022 1:00 pm Town Commission Regular Meeting
- April 7, 2022 10:00 am Community Meeting – Marine Turtle Protection Ordinance
- April 13, 2022 10:00 am Special Magistrate
- April 14, 2022 9:30 am Green Workshop / Electric Vehicles
- April 14, 2022 9:30 am Planning & Zoning Board (Comprehensive Plan Workshop)
- April 18, 2022 10:00 am Town Commission Strategic Planning Retreat
- April 19, 2022 9:15 pm Planning & Zoning Board Regular Meeting
- April 21, 2022 9:30 am Zoning Board of Adjustments
- April 29, 2022 1:00 pm Investment Advisory / Finance Committee Meeting

Fast Fact(s)

The Citizen’s Survey says... Police Department the number #1 rated service this year at 91% satisfaction!