

Hurricane Ian- Wow, we were very fortunate...

Town Initiatives – Snapshot

Hurricane Ian and Recovery Efforts. Our thoughts and prayers are with those seriously impacted by Hurricane Ian. There is some damage on the island but fortunately it has been generally minor. It was an historic storm that has seriously impacted areas to the South of us. We are still in recovery here on the island. Power is being restored around the island and other services are still coming on line. Debris removal will occur by a separate contractor that should start pick-up early the first week of October. Follow the Town’s website for the latest information.

Comfort Station. All Angels Episcopal Church has set up a comfort station on the island for those that are out of power or internet and/or just need a place to stop by. Minor refreshments are available. Special thanks to Reverend Dave Marshall, and the Church for organizing the site, and Dr’s O’Neil and Reed for helping sponsor the effort.

Alert Longboat Key Emergency Notification System. Hurricane Ian certainly highlighted the importance of the Alert Longboat Key emergency notification system. The Town was able to provide important evacuation, re-entry, and recovery information to residents as soon as that critical information was available. If you are not registered, please do so today! E-mail sphillips@longboatkey.org with your name, Longboat Key address, phone number(s), and e-mail address(es). Your registration will be confirmed by return email.

TOWN MEETING CANCELLATIONS & RESCHEDULING. With the storm approaching and then impacting our area, a series of meetings have been postponed and/or rescheduled.

- The agenda items from the September 27, 2022 Regular Workshop (1pm) will be rescheduled to a later date.
- The September 27, 2022 Special Meeting (Budget) has been rescheduled to October 3 at 5:01pm. This is the adoption of the Fiscal Year 2023 (FY23) Budget effective October 1. The Governor issued an extension that allows the Town to adopt the Budget after September 30 due to Hurricane Ian.
- The October 3, 2022 Regular Meeting has been rescheduled to October 17.
- The October 17. 2-22 Commission Strategic Planning Retreat will be rescheduled.

Town Manager Transition- On Monday, September 12, 2022 the Town Commission approved a contract with Howard N. Tipton to become the next Town Manager. His start date will be January 30, 2023. Howard is the current County Administrator for St. Lucie County and has over 40 years of experience in local government in Florida. A contract extension for the Town Manager is being scheduled for approval on the October 17, 2022 Regular Meeting to ensure an overlap and smooth transition with Mr. Tipton’s start date.

Town Center Phase 2- Construction is underway at the Town Center. The site improvements include regrading, stormwater improvements, walkways, landscaping, and lighting. The privately donated stage is also included in the work. Construction is scheduled to be completed in the Summer of 2023. A groundbreaking for the stage is being planned for November. Even though the site will be under construction, the Town is working with several event sponsors to offer programs on the property during this transition/construction phase.

Undergrounding Project. The undergrounding project continues to move forward. We will be assessing any impacts from the Storm and working with FPL on their availability for switch order approvals, as well as line and pole removals as they provide emergency response throughout the State to help restore existing power infrastructure. The new poles installed by Verizon for improved cell coverage are awaiting meter installation and fiber testing.

Gulfstream & U.S. 41 Roundabout Project. Getting closer to the November completion. Check routes and potential delays in advance of your travel. FDOT Project Website: <http://www.swflroads.com/gulfstreamroundabout/>

Upcoming Public Meetings/Events

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| • October 3, 2022 | 5:01 pm | Town Commission Special Meeting (Budget – 2 nd & adoption) |
| • October 12, 2022 | 10:00 am | Special Magistrate |
| • October 17, 2022 | 1:00 pm | Town Commission Regular Meeting (October 3 rd Reschedule) |
| • October 18, 2022 | 9:15 am | Planning & Zoning Board Regular Meeting |
| • October 28, 2022 | 9:15 am | Planning & Zoning Board Comp Plan Workshop |

Fast Fact(s)

Hurricane Ian was the 4th strongest hurricane to make landfall in Florida