



Town Center Green – Trees are lit for the season. Check it out!

Town Initiatives – Snapshot

Hurricane Season is finally over! November 30 was the last day of Hurricane Season and we're grateful that Longboat came through relatively unscathed. Like Hurricane Irma, Hurricanes Ian and Nicole were significant hurricanes to the communities where landfall was made. However, on Longboat Key – none of them brought more than tropical storm conditions to the island as they passed.

Town Center. Groundbreaking for the Karon Family Pavilion kicked off the construction of the privately donated stage and the Town's site work on the Town Center Green is now underway. Construction is scheduled for completion in Summer 2023. Even though the site will be under construction, the Town is working to schedule markets, concerts, and other community events during this construction phase. Stay tuned.

Town Commission seats decided – no election required. The Qualifying Period for Commission District Seats 1, 3 and 5 ended on November 21, 2022. There were no contested elections which means on March 20, 2023 we will administer the Oaths of Office to Gary Coffin, District 1; Ken Schneier, District 3; and Deborah Murphy, District 5. Congratulations to each and thank you for your commitment to serve the Town as Commissioners!

St. Armand's Circle Winter Spectacular – Plan your trips to avoid delays. The Winter Spectacular event started on November 18 and runs daily through January 3, 2023 with the attractions open weekdays from 4 – 9 pm; weekends from 12 – 9 pm; and holiday weeks from 12 – 9 pm. We anticipate traffic delays during this period due to higher than normal pedestrian traffic and vehicles travelling around the Circle. This is a City of Sarasota permitted event. For concerns or comments e-mail Corinne Arriaga, Transportation Planner at pedmanager@sarasotafl.gov

December 12, 2022 Regular Workshop Discussion Items. The Regular Workshop Meeting begins at 1 pm and includes presentations and Commission discussion of the following topics.

GMD Corridor Study; Sea Level Rise Update & Next Steps; Drainage/Flooding Assessment for Sleepy Lagoon and Buttonwood Harbour Neighborhoods; and Utilities Undergrounding Project Update

St. Regis. Construction continues on the St. Regis site with completion currently planned for the summer of 2024. The contractor has requested and receive approval on a case by case basis for extended work hours to address large concrete pours on the project that can not be interrupted. They continue to work directly with the neighboring properties to keep them informed and address concerns that may come up.

Utilities Undergrounding Project. All underground electrical infrastructure is scheduled to be in place by December 31, 2022. Switching and energizing is expected to continue for phases 2, 3, & 4 into Spring 2023. Following energizing of each phase, FPL will schedule pole removals. Upon removal of certain poles and wires, the Town will complete certain streetlight pole installations currently obstructed by active overhead power wires.

Gulfstream & U.S. 41 Roundabout Project nearing completion! The FDOT roundabout project was delayed slightly due to Hurricane Ian impacts with the November completion of roadway improvements pushed into at least mid-December. Final completion of all related construction is projected for the Spring of 2023. Check out their progress and anticipated opening at FDOT Project Website: <http://www.swflroads.com/gulfstreamroundabout/>

Verizon Wireless Coverage. The Verizon 9 small cell pole placement is complete and meters are being set. Three of the poles are fully energized and on-air now. FPL and Wilco are working on the connections for all others and when connected, an integration team will get those sites to a temporary on-air status, then to permanent status as Utilities Undergrounding Project connections are complete.

Holiday hours. Town Hall will be closed on Friday, December 23rd, Monday, December 26th, and January 2, 2023.

Upcoming Public Meetings/Events

- December 5, 2022 1:00 pm Town Commission Regular Meeting
- December 12, 2022 1:00 pm Town Commission Regular Workshop Meeting
- December 13, 2022 9:15 am Planning & Zoning Board Regular Meeting
- December 13, 2022 10:00 am Special Magistrate

Fast Fact(s)

Voter turnout on Longboat Key for the November election- Sarasota County (75%) Manatee County (76%)