



TOWN OF LONGBOAT KEY

Town Initiatives – Snapshot

Red Tide has been reported in our area and for the first time this year we've begun seeing some accumulation on our beaches, and within Sarasota Bay. Typically dead fish accumulation washes out with the next tidal cycle. In the event accumulations reach our threshold for pick-up staff will coordinate clean up efforts. Call Public Works at 941-316-1988 with questions.

Legislative Session kicks off on Wednesday, March 8. The Commission and staff are sharing with our Legislative Delegation the Town's legislative priorities and issues of concern to us locally, regionally and at the State level. If you'd like a copy of our Legislative Priorities adopted at the October 17, 2022 Regular Meeting, please contact the Town Clerk at scobb@longboatkey.org or 941-316-1999 and request a copy.

Community Open House on March 11 at Bayfront Park from 9:30am – 12:30pm. Visit the Park anytime between the hours of 9:30am until 12:30pm to check out all the Town Departments, and the services each provides to our residents & visitors AND you'll get to check out Police & Fire vehicles and apparatus. The Open House will include representatives of various local non-profit organizations that serve the island. You can also enjoy lunch from Mainline Lobster Food Truck, a vendor with banana breads, macaroons and other treats, another with spiked pickles, and other craft vendors. Hope you can join us!

Town Center Update & Events. Hope you've been watching the progress on Phase 2 of the Town Center as the project continues to be on time for an end of June completion. We've already held a few of a series of events that are planned this season. We appreciate the contractor working with the Town to accommodate these events during construction. There is an upcoming Concert on March 4, and April 1 and the Howard Allen Art Show was just held this past weekend. Stay tuned and feel free to check our website for more details on the remaining events.

Town Commission Goals & Objectives Workshop with Community Leaders coming up on April 3, 2023 at 10am. Our annual Goals & Objectives Workshop is held each year prior to the Commission Strategic Planning Retreat to gain public input from the community. If your Homeowners' Association or stakeholder group did not receive an invitation, please contact the Town Clerk at 941-316-1999.

Free Shredding Event at Town Hall on March 10 from 9am – 12pm. The shredding truck will be at the front parking lot at Town Hall. Please feel free to bring personal documents to shred. Call the Town Clerk's Office at 941-316-1999 for more information.

Save the Water Drops – Green Workshop on March 28 from 10-11am. Join us at Town Hall for this presentation by Jackie Lebouitz, Water Resources Program Assistant UF/IFAS Extension Sarasota County. Learn where our potable water comes from, the future of Florida's supply, and what steps we can take to conserve it. You'll leave with information on leak detection tips, water-efficient appliances, and other devices, and simple ways to reduce your use at home by changing your habits.

Utilities Undergrounding Project. All underground electrical infrastructure is in place. Individual property conversions are underway in Phase 2 (North end of the island) and is expected to continue for Phases 3 & 4 into Spring 2023 followed by final FPL removal of poles and aerial wires.

Gulfstream & U.S. 41 Roundabout Project is open, but still not complete. Check traffic congestion before you leave for the mainland and plan your commute time accordingly. Final completion of all construction projected for the Spring of 2023. Check out FDOT's Project Website: <http://www.swflroads.com/gulfstreamroundabout/>

Upcoming Public Meetings/Events

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| • March 6, 2023 | 1:00 pm | Town Commission Regular Meeting |
| • March 8, 2023 | 10:00 am | Special Magistrate |
| • March 16, 2023 | 9:30 am | Zoning Board of Adjustment Meeting |
| • March 20, 2023 | 1:00 pm | Town Commission Statutory Meeting |
| • March 20, 2023 | 1:30 pm | Town Commission Regular Workshop Meeting |
| • March 21, 2023 | 9:15 am | Planning & Zoning Board Regular Meeting |
| • March 28, 2023 | 9:30 am | Save the Drops – Green Workshop @ Town Hall |

Fast Fact: The highest natural point on Longboat Key is 12 feet. Not surprising, there have been no reported cases of altitude sickness.