



## TOWN OF LONGBOAT KEY

### Town Initiatives – Snapshot

**Town Hall Art Exhibit and Artists Reception is on April 18, 2023 at 5:30 pm.** Thirteen local artists are participating in this 75<sup>th</sup> Town Hall Art Exhibit! Each artist will bring additional work to show in addition to the installed exhibit. Refreshments provided by the Resort at the Longboat Key Club, Harry’s Continental Kitchens, Gold Coast Eagle Distributing and the Longboat Observer. If you miss this event you can view the Art Exhibit Monday-Friday from 8:30 am – 5:00 pm. If you’re looking for something special to decorate your home – remember, all the artwork is for sale!

**Reminder to help conserve water.** The Town’s potable water system has been experiencing record high water usage this season, which appears to be from a combination of a very high peak season population, and a very dry February and March. As such, the Town advertised reminders of irrigation restrictions across multiple venues, including the Longboat Observer, utility bill inserts, and the Town’s social media outlets. (Even-numbered addresses – Tuesday only / Odd-numbered addresses – Sunday only / irrigation not allowed between 10am and 4pm). The Town continues to monitor water usage as peak season is expected to wind down in April and May. We encourage our residents and visitors to observe water conservation.

**Save the Water Drops – Green Workshop available on the Town’s website.** Jackie Leboutz, Water Resources Program Assistant UF/IFAS Extension Sarasota County discusses where our potable water comes from, the future of Florida’s supply, and what steps we can take to conserve it. You’ll see information on leak detection tips, water-efficient appliances, and other devices, and simple ways to reduce your use at home by changing your habits.

**Community Open House on April 15 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 remains on schedule for an end of June completion. We’ve already held several events that were planned this season and appreciate the contractor working with the Town to accommodate events during construction. The April 1 Savor the Sounds Concert is the last of this season so hope you can make it.

**Town Commission Goals & Objectives Workshop with Community Leaders 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.

**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 May 2023. Check out FDOT’s Project Website: <http://www.swflroads.com/gulfstreamroundabout/>

### Upcoming Public Meetings/Events

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| • April 3, 2023  | 10:00 am | Town Commission Goals & Objectives         |
| • April 3, 2023  | 1:00 pm  | Town Commission Regular Meeting            |
| • April 10, 2023 | 10:00 am | Citizens Tax Oversight Committee           |
| • April 12, 2023 | 10:00 am | Special Magistrate                         |
| • April 15, 2023 | 1:00 pm  | Community Open House                       |
| • April 18, 2023 | 9:15 am  | Planning & Zoning Regular Meeting          |
| • April 18, 2023 | 5:30 pm  | Town Hall Art Exhibit & Artists’ Reception |
| • April 24, 2023 | 10:00 am | Town Commission Strategic Planning Retreat |

### Fast Fact!

The Town Hall Art Exhibits have been held for 20 years, 75 exhibits, 112 Artists, and 1559 pieces of artwork!