



TOWN OF LONGBOAT KEY

Town Initiatives – Snapshot

The Fiscal Year 2023-2024 (FY24) Budget Process begins May 15, 2023 at 9:00 am. The public is encouraged to attend the Town Commission’s FY24 Budget Meetings and see how your tax dollars are budgeted and the projects they make possible. The lead-up to the budget process was the April 1 Town Commission Goals & Objectives Workshop with community members to gain their priorities. At the April 1, Regular Meeting, results from the Citizens Survey were presented for Commissioner information and discussion. Next was the April 17, 2023 Town Commission Strategic Planning Retreat where Commissioners prioritized 2023-2024 projects and initiatives. Now the work begins to identify and fund those priority projects for the upcoming fiscal year.

Joint Meeting with Manatee County Commission on May 25, 2023 @ 1:30 pm. The Longboat Key Town Commission will travel to Bradenton to participate in a public Joint Meeting with Manatee County Commissioners. The meeting will be held at the Manatee County Administration Building at 1112, Manatee Avenue West. Topics proposed are the Broadway Roundabout, Transit, Greer Island, Beaches & Red Tide, and Library & Education.

Recycle Right! Recycling Cart Stickers are HERE! Waste Management and the Town are providing stickers for recycling carts to help identify what can, and can’t be recycled. Get yours at Town Hall, Monday- Friday 8:30am - 5:00pm. *Recycle Right!* and help us enhance our recycling efforts.

APTIM Comprehensive Adaptation Plan Work for Buttonwood, Sleepy Lagoon and the Village. The Town and Kimley Horn are pursuing Federal Hazard Mitigation grants and State Resiliency grants for these projects. The Sleepy Lagoon area request-for-proposals for engineering design is currently advertising with this initial effort funded by a previously acquired FEMEA grant.

Greer Island Spit Removal and Canal 1A Dredging. The Town’s contractor Coastal Dredging Company will conduct pre-construction sea grass survey and begin initial mobilization and some vegetation removal in May.

It’s Sea Turtle Nesting & Shorebird Nesting Season! You’ll see beach-fronting lights turning yellow or red this time of year to minimize disorientations when turtles are nesting or hatching. Also remember that pets are not allowed on Longboat Key beaches – only trained service animals with leashes, not therapy or emotional support animals. The presence of animals on the beach causes stress, and often results in disrupted nesting. Please remove furniture from the beach, cover holes, and leave only your footprints. More at www.longboatkey.org

Reminder of the Town’s Fertilizer Management Ordinance and June 1 – Sept 30 ban on use of fertilizers containing nitrogen & phosphorous. The remainder of the year at least 50% slow-release fertilizer is required. The stormwater runoff during rainy season can wash fertilizers from our lawns into Sarasota Bay & Gulf waters. The fertilizer’s nitrogen & phosphorous runoff can cause harmful algal blooms such as red tide.

If you didn’t make it to the April 18 Town Hall Art Exhibit and Artists’ Reception... the exhibit remains open to the public through June 30. Please visit and view this 75th Town Hall 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!

Utilities Undergrounding Project. All underground electrical infrastructure is in place with individual property conversions underway in Phase 2 (North end of the island) and continues in Phases 3 & 4 into late 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 before heading to the mainland and plan your commute time accordingly. Final completion of all construction projected for May 2023.

Upcoming Public Meetings/Events

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| • May 1, 2023 | 1:00 pm | Town Commission Regular Meeting |
| • May 10, 2023 | 10:00 am | Special Magistrate |
| • May 15, 2023 | 9:00 am | Town Commission Special Workshop Meeting for Budget |
| • May 15, 2023 | 1:00 pm | Town Commission Regular Workshop Meeting |
| • May 16, 2023 | 9:15 am | Planning & Zoning Regular Meeting |
| • May 19, 2023 | 9:00 am | Consolidated Retirement System Board of Trustees Meeting |
| • May 25, 2023 | 1:30 pm | Joint Meeting with Manatee County Commission |

Fast Fact!

The Town of Longboat Key has the lowest mill rate at 1.9900 compared to our surrounding municipalities! Anna Maria comes in second at 2.0500.