



TOWN OF LONGBOAT KEY

Town Initiatives – Snapshot

June 1 Starts the 2023 Hurricane Season – Prepare now! Attend the June 1 Disaster Preparedness Seminar @ 3:15pm at the Longboat Key Club Harbourside Ballroom (3000 Harbourside Road). Come to hear from Florida Department of Emergency Management Director Kevin Guthrie; Jon Lai, President & CEO of Sanibel-Captiva Chamber of Commerce; Steve Litschauer, Manatee County Emergency Management Chief; Ed McCrane, Sarasota County Emergency Management Chief; and Bob Harrigan, Chief Meteorologist, ABC7-WWSB TV.

The Fiscal Year 2023-2024 (FY24) Budget Process continues on June 20, 2023 at 9:00 am. The public is encouraged to attend the second of the Town Commission’s FY24 Budget Meetings to see how your tax dollars are budgeted and the projects they make possible. The first Budget Workshop was held on May 15, 2023 and our second on June 20th continues the discussion to identify and fund those priority projects for the upcoming fiscal year.

Town Center Project, Phase 2 is nearing completion! The pavilion/stage construction continues with final touches in June and completion in July/August 2023 (due to a delay in the electrical panel). “Save the Date” for November 11, 2023 @ 3:00 PM finally our Veterans’ Day AND Town Center Pavilion/Stage Grand Opening/Ribbon Cutting Event!

Greer Island Spit Removal and Canal 1A Dredging. The Town’s contractor, Coastal Dredging Company is preparing to mobilize. A nesting shorebird colony, and turtle nests, have delayed the start of construction. Construction is anticipated to begin in July.

It’s Sea Turtle Nesting & Shorebird Nesting Season! You’ve seen 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. Please remove furniture from the beach, cover holes, and leave only your footprints. More at www.longboatkey.org

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.

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 under review by the Selection Committee with this initial effort funded by a previously acquired FEMA grant. Local Mitigation Strategy (LMS) Committee approval has been obtained for the projects located in the Manatee County and projects in Sarasota County will be voted on by the Sarasota LMS Committee in June.

June 1 – Sept 30 ban on use of fertilizers containing nitrogen & phosphorous. June 1 - September 30, 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. Check out Town Code Chapter 102, Fertilizer Management for more information on training requirements for applicators, and Fertilizer-Free Zones!

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 early Summer followed by final FPL removal of poles and aerial wires.

Upcoming Public Meetings/Events

- June 5, 2023 11:00 am Town Commission Regular Meeting (includes St. Regis at 1pm)
- June 14, 2023 10:00 am Special Magistrate
- June 15, 2023 9:30 am Zoning Board of Adjustment
- June 20, 2023 9:00 am Town Commission Special Workshop (Budget)
- June 20, 2023 1:00 pm Town Commission Regular Workshop Meeting
- June 27, 2023 9:15 am Planning & Zoning Regular Meeting
- June 30, 2023 9:00 am Town Commission Regular Meeting

Fast Fact!

The 2023 hurricane season forecast --13 named storms, 6 hurricanes and 2 major hurricanes (Category 3 or higher). It only takes one!