



Summer Is Definitely Here- Monitor the Weather for Storms and/or Extreme Heat!

Town Initiatives – Snapshot

Commission Recess The Longboat Key Town Commission takes recess from regularly scheduled meetings during July and August each year. They resume regular meetings on September 11, 2023 at 1pm. It remains a busy time for all as we continue to advance projects, wrap up our Budget process, and prepare for the next fiscal year.

The Fiscal Year 2023-2024 (FY24) Budget Process continued on June 30, 2023 at 9:00 am. The first Budget Workshop was held on May 15, 2023 and the second on June 20th continued the discussion to identify and fund the Commission's priority projects for the upcoming fiscal year. On June 30th the Commission set our maximum millage rate for FY24. They will meet again September 11 and September 26 (both at 5:01pm) to hold public hearings to set the millage rate for the Town, and formally adopt the FY24 Budget.

Gulfstream & US 41 Roundabout Construction Project is FINALLY wrapping up! Construction started in mid-March 2021 and it's great to see all lanes open, and construction equipment moved out. Gulfstream Roundabout Landscaping begins in July when construction and final acceptance are complete and will include mowing and installation of plant material and art.

Mosquito precautions. Remove mosquito habitats. Eliminate standing water in rain gutters, planters and buckets and keep your swimming pool water treated and circulating. **And avoid getting bitten.** Use EPA registered mosquito repellents when necessary, cover exposed skin with long-sleeved shirts, long pants, socks. Stay indoors when possible, especially if there is a mosquito-borne disease warning in effect. Yellow bug lights are not repellents but tend to attract fewer mosquitos than white lights (they are also great during turtle nesting season). Cover gaps in walls, doors, and windows to prevent mosquitos from entering your home.

And... It's HOT outside! There has been a bit of a heat wave throughout our region. Try to schedule outdoor work, exercise, and sports during morning and later afternoon hours. Important to hydrate – drink water even if you don't feel thirsty! Never leave kids, older people, or pets in cars as temperatures inside parked cars can double within minutes.

Town Center Project, Phase 2 is nearing completion! The pavilion/stage construction continues toward completion. Grab your calendar and "Save the Date" for November 11, 2023 @ 3:00 PM for our Veterans' Day Celebration and Karon Family Pavilion Ribbon Cutting!

Greer Island Spit Removal and Canal 1A Dredging. The Town's contractor, Coastal Dredging Company is preparing to mobilize in mid-July. Turtle and shorebird nests delayed the start of the project but construction can begin now.

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.

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! You can make a difference!

Upcoming Public Meetings/Events

- July 12, 2023 10:00 am Special Magistrate

Fast Fact!

John Hancock was the first person to sign the Declaration of Independence! Happy 4th!!