



TOWN OF LONGBOAT KEY

Town Initiatives – Snapshot

FDOT Crosswalk work now underway on Longboat Key. FDOT has started construction of their crosswalk safety upgrade project. The project begins at the South end of Longboat Key and works its way North through Holmes Beach. The crosswalks included within the Town are Country Club Shores mid-block pedestrian crossing; Bayfront Park mid-block pedestrian crossing; near Banyan Bay Club; near Companion Way; and South of Broadway Street.

Gulfstream & US 41 Roundabout Construction Project is FINALLY completed! Construction started in mid-March 2021. It's great to see all lanes open, and construction equipment moved out. The roundabout landscaping is a separate project and begins this month with anticipated completion in November/December 2023.

The Fiscal Year 2023-2024 (FY24) Recommended Budget delivered on August 1. The Town Manager's FY24 Recommended Budget has been delivered to Commissioners and the public. The Commission 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. The FY24 Budget was developed during Budget Workshops on May 15, 2023, and June 20th during which the Commission identified funding for their priority projects for FY24, and on June 30 when the maximum millage rate was set.

FPL Utilities Undergrounding Project Update. On July 20th FPL issued a statement indicating that nationwide supply chain challenges and design scope changes have created delays for completing the undergrounding project. Their current estimate is for project completion in early 2024.

Mosquito precautions. Remove mosquito habitats. Eliminate standing water in rain gutters, planters and buckets. Keep your swimming pool water treated and circulating. **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 to use during turtle nesting season).

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. It's 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! Jon F Swift has completed the majority of site work, including the additional enhancements of the parking lots and adjacent areas. Mark your calendar with a "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. Coastal Dredging and their subcontractor are working on removing the vegetation from the spit. The contractors are also mobilizing the dredge equipment. Dredging of the western spit will commence on or around August 1 pending completion of the pre-dredge survey and staking. Additional clearing and location of submerged utilities is taking place on the East side of the bridge, in preparation of dredging that material. A construction schedule has been posted on the Town's website and any updates will be posted as well.

It's Sea Turtle Nesting & Shorebird Nesting Season! Beach-fronting lights are 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

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.

Upcoming Public Meetings/Events

- August 9, 2023 10:00 am Special Magistrate
- August 18, 2023 9:00 am Consolidated Retirement System Board of Trustees

Fast Fact!

FDOT's Gulfstream & US41 Roundabout Project took ~868 days to complete!