



TOWN OF LONGBOAT KEY

Town Initiatives – Snapshot

Hurricane Idalia. Some residents continue recovery from Idalia. If you have storm-related debris for WM pick-up please contact Julie at Public Works Department jmanderson@longboatkey.org or 941-316-1988. If you were impacted and need FEMA Disaster Aid www.DisasterAssistance.gov , 1-800-RED-CROSS. If you are looking for information on Florida Dept of Emergency Management (FDEM) Residential Mitigation Program visit residentialmitigation@em.myflorida.com. Also, to help the Town collect damage data that may trigger public assistance funding, please report any damage (water intrusion, structural damage) to permitdesk@longboatkey.org or you may call (941) 316-1966 to report it. Idalia was a great reminder to be prepared and have a plan!

Car Haulers are now being seen with return of our seasonal residents & visitors – but they are **not allowed to load/unload along the Gulf of Mexico Drive corridor.** (Not allowed in the center turn lane and not in the right of way). They *are* allowed to load/unload on Bay Isles Road across from Mediterranean Plaza as long as they don't block driveways, or parking in a no parking zone. If you are in a neighborhood with private roads, please ask your association management about loading and unloading vehicles along those roadways.

The Town's Residential Rental Registry requirements officially begin on October 1st. This Registry is for any Residentially Zoned Property that rents for less than 6 months. Owners or vacation management companies will now, along with applying for a Business Tax Receipt (BTR), need to register their rental with the Town and meet the various requirements including having a life/safety inspection and including proof of Certification in all future advertising. For further information please contact Code Enforcement by phone at 941-316-1966 or by email at codeenforcement@longboatkey.org .

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.

Finally, we'll be enjoying Fall temperatures instead of the blazing hot August and September! It's a beautiful time to visit Town parks and beaches. Visit our website for locations and check them all out. Each park has its own identity, amenities, and can go from a quiet preserve – think Quick Point or Durante Park, or to an active park setting like Bayfront Park! Don't forget Bicentennial Park with its butterfly garden, such a serene spot to stop when you are in the Town Center District.

Speaking of the Town Center District... the Town Center Project, Phase 2 is nearing completion! Jon F Swift is putting final touches to the Karon Family Pavilion and the planning is underway for opening day. 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! This will be a milestone for the Town!

St. Regis project is on schedule for completion in March 2024, and opening in July 2024! On October 2, 2023 the Town Commission will hold second reading and public hearing on Unicorp's application for additional surface parking for the St. Regis Resort. The meeting is Monday, Oct 2 at 1:00 pm at Town Hall, 501 Bay Isles Road, LBK.

It's Still 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

Upcoming Public Meetings/Events

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| • October 2, 2023 | 1:00 pm | Town Commission Regular Meeting |
| • October 9, 2023 | 9:00 am | Joint Meeting with City of Sarasota (1945 First St., Sarasota) |
| • October 11, 2023 | 1:00 pm | Joint Meeting with Sarasota County (1660 Ringling, Sarasota) |
| • October 11, 2023 | 10:00 am | Special Magistrate |
| • October 17, 2023 | 9:15 am | Planning & Zoning Board Regular Meeting |
| • October 19, 2023 | 9:30 am | Zoning Board of Adjustment |
| • October 31, 2023 | 1:30 pm | Joint Meeting with Manatee County |

Fast Fact!

Town Center Ribbon Cutting Ceremony Is 41 Days Away!