



TOWN OF LONGBOAT KEY

What's goin' on...?

Veterans' Day Observance and Ribbon Cutting for the Karon Family Pavilion, November 11, 2023 at 3pm - 600 Bay Isles Road, Longboat Key. Don't miss this milestone event for the Town where we honor our Veterans, and then formally open the newest community amenity here on the island - The Karon Family Pavilion. Parking will be available at most locations in the vicinity of the Park except for Temple Beth Israel (they host Sabbath services on that day). Come out and celebrate this special day!

Speaking of the Town Center District... Phase 2 of the Town Center Project is now completed! The Karon Family Pavilion construction is complete and park landscaping is being dressed out for the ribbon-cutting and dedication. Thanks to the generosity of the Karons and other donors that made this possible! We are finally approaching opening day. Plan to be there November 11, 2023 @ 3:00 PM! This is a much-anticipated milestone for the Town!

Fundraising for SRQ VETS for a check to be awarded on Veterans' Day as part of the Town Center event. SRQ VETS is a 501(c)3 organization, founded and led by Veterans in the Sarasota area. These are local Veterans helping local Veterans. Check out their website at www.SRQVETS.us. Mail donation checks to the Longboat Key Foundation, PO Box 8297, LBK, FL 34228 or visit www.LBKFoundation.org and donate through the website. We've already raised in excess of \$30,000! The Foundation will continue to accept your tax-deductible donations right up until Veterans Day when the funds are awarded to SRQ VETS.

Bayfront Park Dog Park – K9Grass Artificial Turf Project. Calling all Dog Lovers! A generous donation funded a pilot project to install K9Grass artificial turf in 75% of the large dog park. The grass is so popular with dogs, residents and guests that the Town is em"bark"ing on a fundraising campaign to complete the last 25% of the large dog park, and completely cover the small dog park with the same product. It creates a cleaner, and better smelling space for dogs and their people! Our goal of \$175,000 will fund full conversion of both dog parks! Donations are being accepted through the Longboat Key Foundation, PO Box 8297, LBK, FL 34228 or www.LBKFoundation.org.

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 park 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 is off to a great start with 811 already registered! This program 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 publishing 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 continues on Longboat Key. FDOT is under construction of their crosswalk safety upgrade project. The project began at the South end of Longboat Key and is working 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.

Mark your calendars for the November 25th 5:30 pm Tree Lighting Event to kick off our holiday season! Join the fun at this 5th Annual Tree Lighting Event hosted by the Town and Longboat Key Chamber of Commerce. Lots of our non-profit organizations also participate to help make this a fun & festive evening.

Upcoming Public Meetings/Events

- November 6, 2023 1:00 pm Town Commission Regular Meeting
- November 8, 2023 10:00 am Special Magistrate
- November 13, 2023 10:00 am Town Commission Strategic Planning Retreat
- November 14, 2023 9:15 am Planning & Zoning Board
- November 16, 2023 9:30 am Zoning Board of Adjustment
- November 17, 2023 9:00 am Consolidated Retirement System Board of Trustees

Fast Fact!

Veterans' Day & Karon Family Pavilion Ribbon Cutting Event Is 10 Days Away!