



TOWN OF LONGBOAT KEY

What’s going on in December?

Sarasota County Pop Up Library now available on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm (December 5th and 19th) in the back parking lot of Town Hall. You can get a library card and borrow or place holds on books, music, audiobooks, movies, use mobile hotspots, Launchpads and more at the Pop-Up Library or ask for tech assistance, database instruction or make other inquiries.

New Pass Groin Tightening Project contractor mobilization is underway this week. Some of the rock is ready to ship to the Overlook Park staging area. The existing rock will be removed to place geotextile material, and then existing and new rock materials will be re-placed in order to lessen leaking sand through the groin. The work is expected to be completed in January 2024.

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 has em”bark”ed 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 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. Trucks delivering construction and landscaping materials directly to a site must also unload in a safe and legal manner! Watch this [Tip Talk video](#) with Police Chief Turner for information about the right/safe way vs. the wrong/dangerous way to park for unloading.

FDOT Crosswalk work continues on Longboat Key. FDOT is under construction of their crosswalk safety upgrade project. Included 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. The new crossing south of Broadway Street and the lighting upgrades near Banyan Bay Club and Companion Way are expected to be complete in February 2024, and the new Pedestrian Hybrid Beacons (PHB) at Country Club Shores and Bayfront Park are anticipated in March 2024.

Country Club Shores (CCS) Asbestos Cement Watermain Replacement Project. The \$5.5 million watermain replacement construction project in CCS Phases 4 and 5 is underway, with the contractor mobilizing equipment and materials to the site. The project will begin on Bogey Lane and after completing that work, the contractor will continue working south to north starting on Halyard Lane. Contract has about 420-days remaining.

The Utilities Undergrounding Project continues to press forward. Phase 2 has nearly all properties energized with final transitions planned to occur during December. Phase 3 Gulf of Mexico Drive feeders from Ace Hardware to Neptune Avenue are energized. Conversions are in progress for the transformers coming off of those feeders. Phase 4 switching requests and authorizations through FPL will occur once Phase 2 is complete.

The Town’s Residential Rental Registry requirements has been in effect since October 1. The 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.

Flood Mitigation and Resiliency HMGP Grants All three of the FEMA HMGP Grants applied for under Hurricane Ian have made it to the review process (Village, Sleepy Lagoon and Buttonwood). Staff and our consultants are in the process of answering Environmental Review Questions.

Upcoming Public Meetings/Events

- December 4, 2023 1:00 pm Town Commission Regular Meeting
- December 11, 2023 1:00 pm Town Commission Regular Workshop
- December 13, 2023 10:00 am Special Magistrate
- December 19, 2023 9:15 am Planning & Zoning Board
- December 21, 2023 9:30 am Zoning Board of Adjustment

Fast Fact!

We have 870 Residential Rental Registry applications completed since October 1 kickoff!