



TOWN OF LONGBOAT KEY

We're going to the dogs, 😊 but not like you think!

“Bark in the Park” Social for Longboat Dogs & Friends of Bayfront Dog Park (4052 Gulf of Mexico Drive) on Friday, March 1 from 3-5pm. Treats will be provided for both dogs and their peeps! Town Manager Howard Tipton will talk about the pilot project of 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. Howard will also talk about other enhancements the Town is planning, seek your great ideas, and discuss how you can help make it all happen! BYODogs!

The Town’s Community Open House on Saturday, March 9 from 10am – 2pm is a “Do Not Miss” free event at the new Town Center Park (600 Bay Isles Road)! It’s the first event of its kind on the island with live music on our new stage, food trucks, local restaurants, civic organizations, non-profit organizations, businesses, houses of worship, and so much more!. Everything, and everyone who makes this such a special community will be at this FREE event – hopefully, you’ll be there too!

Household Hazardous Waste and E-Scrap collection will be held in conjunction with the March 9 Community Open House on March 9 from 10am – 2pm. This is a drive-through collection station in the Paradise Center parking lot (546 Bay Isles Road) where you remain in your vehicle. Residents of Longboat Key from both Sarasota and Manatee sides of the island are welcome. They will not accept TVs, computer monitors, and no commercial hazardous waste. Thank you to Sarasota County for hosting this.

A Free Shredding event on Friday, March 8 from 9am – 12pm at Town Hall. Shred Medic will be on site for the drive-through drop off of all your documents which go directly into the on-site shredder. They do not shred CD/DVDs, Flash Drives, VCRs, batteries, cellphones/electronics. Questions? Call 941-316-1999.

Sarasota County will be hosting their 2nd public input meeting on March 18th regarding the planned Library on Longboat Key! This meeting follows up on the February 12th Public Input Workshop and will be held at Town Hall on Monday, March 18, at 1:30pm. Hope to see you there!

In the meantime, we have the Sarasota County Pop Up Library here to serve residents on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm (March 5th & 19th) in the back parking lot of Town Hall. AND they will also be at the March 9th Community Open House, adjacent to the Longboat Key Historical Society cottage.

Savor the Sounds Concert Series has two March concerts which will conclude the 2024 Season! Saturday, March 16 features YESTERDAZE! Gates open at 4:30 with live music by Mike Sales and then the band kicks off at 5:30. On Saturday, March 30 enjoy soulRcoaster which is the last concert of the season. Advance Ticket Sales Monday-Friday 9am-5pm at the LBK Chamber Office, 5390 Gulf of Mexico Drive, Suite 102. For information call 941-383-2466. VIP tables w chairs available by advance purchase only.

Breeze OnDemand Transit – finally here! The *Breeze OnDemand* went into service on January 29th as a whole-island single transit solution! Now we are enjoying an on-demand service that runs from Coquina Beach/Manatee transit stop to the downtown Sarasota Breeze transit location and anywhere in between! Set up your Breeze OnDemand Account at www.scgov.net/breeze or by calling 941-300-1553. Scan the QR Code, Download the App, and start riding! It’s a Breeze 😊

FDOT Crosswalk safety upgrade project work continues on Longboat Key. 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 work during March is planned to be conducted Sunday-Thursday with nighttime single-lane closures from 8pm-5am to avoid peak season traffic disruption.

Upcoming Public Meetings/Events

- March 4, 2024 1:00 pm Town Commission Regular Meeting
- March 9, 2024 10am - 2pm Community Open House, Town Center, 600 Bay Isles Rd.
- March 13, 2024 10:00 am Special Magistrate
- March 18, 2024 1:30 pm Sarasota Co//LBK Library Public Input/Workshop Meeting
- March 25, 2024 10:00 am Town Commission Statutory Meeting
- March 25, 2024 1:00 pm Town Commission Regular Workshop Meeting
- March 26, 2024 9:15 am Planning & Zoning Board Meeting

Fast Fact! Funding for the K9Grass pilot project in the large dog park was a gift of \$125,000 from Irene Hess!