



# Town Manager Brief – April 2024

## TOWN OF LONGBOAT KEY

**The 2024 Citizens Survey results are in - thanks to all that responded!!!** Sneak preview shows 98% of respondents indicate they are happy with the quality of life on Longboat Key, and 95% rated the Town as an excellent or good place to retire. Respondents also conveyed high levels of satisfaction with the Town's emergency services, public safety and maintenance of parks and recreational facilities. Top priorities identified for the Town: Traffic Congestion & Safety, Beach Management/Shoreline Protection, Infrastructure Upkeep and Fiscal Sustainability. Overall results to be presented at the April 1<sup>st</sup> Regular Meeting.

**Goals & Objectives Workshop Meeting on April 1, 2024 at 10 am.** Our annual Goals & Objectives Workshop is held each year prior to the Commission's Strategic Planning Retreat to gain public input and ideas from the community. Come out and join the conversation with the Town Commission on issues important to your neighborhood or organization.

**The Sarasota County Library Design for the planned Library on Longboat Key.** This meeting follows up on the February 12, and March 18 Public Input Workshops and will include Commission discussion of some desired building enhancements such as the design and size of the community room, an elevated deck, etc. to better serve the needs of our community.

**In the meantime, we have the Sarasota County Pop Up Library here to serve residents** on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm (April 2<sup>nd</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup>) 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.

**Town Hall Art Exhibit and Artists Reception is on April 23, 2023 at 5:30 pm.** Thirteen-fifteen local artists will be participating in the 79<sup>th</sup> Town Hall Art Exhibit! Each artist will bring additional work to show, in addition to the installed exhibit. Refreshments are provided by the Resort at the Longboat Key Club, Harry's Continental Kitchens, Gold Coast Eagle Distributing and the Longboat Observer. If you miss this event, stop by Town Hall Monday-Friday from 8:30am – 5pm to view the exhibit. Need something special to decorate your home? All the artwork is for sale!

**Town Canal Navigation Maintenance Program** re-baseline. First Line Coastal Engineering has completed the canal assessment inspection. In addition, the re-survey of the canals and channels is underway. A canal status sheet (per canal) is being developed. At the same time Cummins Cederberg is in the process of updating the Engineers Opinion of Probable Cost for the creation of the Seagrass Mitigation area. This info could be used in the FY25 Budget development process.

**Utilities Undergrounding Project.** All underground electrical infrastructure is in place. All property conversions in Phase 2 are complete, all other transition connections are nearly complete, and removal of poles and aerial wires are underway. Phases 3 & 4 continue to progress forward.

**Breeze OnDemand Transit – finally here!** The *Breeze OnDemand* went into service on January 29<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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 April 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

- April 1, 2024 10:00 am Goal & Objectives Workshop with Community Leaders
- April 1, 2024 1:00 pm Town Commission Regular Meeting
- April 10, 2024 10am Special Magistrate
- April 15, 2024 10:00 am Town Commission Strategic Planning Retreat
- April 16, 2024 9:15 am Planning & Zoning Board Meeting
- April 18, 2024 9:00 am Zoning Board of Adjustment
- April 23, 2024 5:30 pm Town Hall Art Exhibit & Artists' Reception
- April 30, 2024 1:30 pm Joint Meeting w LBK Commission & Manatee County Commission

**Fast Fact!!** Town Hall Art Exhibits - 21 years, 79 exhibits, 114 Artists, and 1681 pieces of artwork!