



Town Manager Brief – June 2024

TOWN OF LONGBOAT KEY

June 1 Starts the 2024 Hurricane Season – Prepare Now! Are you already registered for the June 5 Disaster Preparedness Seminar? The event is over-capacity now... If not registered, you can watch the video recording on the Longboat Key Chamber website that will be published after the event. You'll hear from Brian Lamarre, Meteorologist in Charge, National Weather Service Tampa & NOAA Gulf of Mexico Regional Collaboration Team Lead; Matt Myers, Manatee County Emergency Management Chief; Sandra Tapfumaneyi, Sarasota County Emergency Management Chief; and Bob Harrigan, Chief Meteorologist, ABC7-WWSB TV. You'll also have Fire Chief Dezzi, and Deputy Police Chief Rubino there to answer any other questions you might have!

The Fiscal Year 2024-2025 (FY25) Budget Process continues on June 17 at 9:00 am. The public is encouraged to attend the second of the Town Commission's FY25 Budget Meetings to see how your tax dollars are budgeted and the projects they make possible. The first Budget Workshop was held on May 20, and June 17th continues the discussion to identify and fund priority projects for the upcoming fiscal year. At the **1:00 pm June 17 Regular Workshop Meeting** the Commission will hear a canal dredging project presentation and have discussion after.

June 1, 2024 utility rate increases for water and wastewater will go in effect as a pass-through of the increased Manatee County rate charged to the Town. Effective **July 1, 2024 rates will increase on garbage & recycling** in accordance with the new Waste Management contract.

June 1 – Sept 30 ban on use of fertilizers containing nitrogen & phosphorous. June 1 - September 30, at least 50% slow-release fertilizer is required. The stormwater runoff during rainy season can wash fertilizers from our lawns into Sarasota Bay & Gulf waters. The fertilizer's nitrogen & phosphorous runoff can cause harmful algal blooms such as red tide. Check out Town Code Chapter 102, Fertilizer Management for more information on training requirements for applicators, and Fertilizer-Free Zones!

Sea Turtle Nesting & Shorebird Nesting Season is off to a good start! Beach-fronting lights turn yellow or red this time of year to minimize disorientations when turtles are nesting or hatching. Also, remember that *dogs are not allowed on Longboat Key beaches!* – only trained service animals with leashes, not therapy or emotional support animals. No matter how well-behaved your dog is, to wildlife on our beaches, dogs are seen as predators and their presence on the beach causes stress, and often results in disrupted nesting for both shorebirds and turtles. Please remove furniture from the beach, cover holes, and leave only your footprints. More at www.longboatkey.org

Summer Storytime at Bayfront Park Recreation Center - Wednesdays at 10:30 am on June 19, July 24 and August 7. Join Sarasota County Library staff for Summer Storytime - brand new fun for Longboat Key kids. Come out for Storytime and then stick around to enjoy all the wonderful amenities at Bayfront Park!

Summer Hours for the Sarasota County Pop Up Library on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month from 10:00 am to 11:30 am (June 4th & 18th) 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.

Utilities Undergrounding Project. All underground electrical infrastructure is in place with individual property conversions complete in Phase 2 (North end). Work is in progress to close out this phase and then Gulf of Mexico Drive poles can come down. Work continues in Phases 3 & 4 over the Summer and early Fall followed by final FPL removal of poles and aerial wires.

Breeze OnDemand Transit continues to be a popular transit option! The *Breeze OnDemand* service is a whole-island single transit solution! The service 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

Upcoming Public Meetings & Events

- June 3, 2024 10:00 am Town Commission Regular Meeting
- June 12, 2024 10 am Special Magistrate
- June 17, 2024 9:00 am Town Commission Budget Workshop Meeting
- June 17, 2024 1:00 pm Town Commission Regular Workshop Meeting
- June 28, 2024 10:00 am Town Commission Special Meeting

Fast Fact!!

Longboat Key's first Least Tern shorebird nest of the 2024 season staked out on May 24th, and The first marine sea turtle nest was staked out on April 30th!