



# Town Manager Brief – October 2024

## TOWN OF LONGBOAT KEY

### Hurricane Helene Recovery!

**The Town’s Recovery Priorities as of October 1 (not necessarily in this order!)** Flooded Areas, Damage Assessments, Road Infrastructure, Water & Wastewater Systems, Boil Water Advisory, Access through both ends of Longboat Key (reliant on SR 789 repair through Bradenton Beach), Debris Removal, Waste Management Collections (garbage, recycling, yard debris removal), and most important – supporting our residents, and providing our customary exceptional service. There’s a lot yet to do but we’re LBK Strong! and will restore our paradise with your support.

**Comfort Stations are set up at All Angels Episcopal Church, Temple Beth Israel and The Paradise Center that began this morning and are open 9am – 4pm. Christ Church will open Wednesday, Oct 2 through Saturday from 10am-4pm.** They each have air-conditioned space for residents to re-charge themselves & electronic devices, enjoy water, cool beverages, and snacks. Please bring your own charging devices.

**Let’s Talk Longboat kicks off on October 15 @ 3pm.** The Town Manager will be kicking off a new monthly series, “*Let’s Talk Longboat!*” It’s designed as a relaxed, unstructured, “no agenda” afternoon, where community members (this means You!) can discuss issues, or ask questions about whatever is on *your* mind. A completely open dialogue, in a laid back format! We invite you to the very first of the monthly series – 3 pm on October 15, 2024 at the Bayfront Park Recreation Center. Hope to see you there, and let’s talk Longboat!

**The Firehouse Forum begins on October 8 at 10AM as a Microsoft Teams Meeting** is another monthly series to engage with our community and share valuable information on a variety of topics. The first Firehouse Forum kicks off during Fire Prevention Week with Fire Marshal Jane Herrin as our guest speaker. She’ll cover the important topic of smoke detectors, a crucial part of keeping your home and family safe! Our residents and business owners can join from the comfort of their own home or office. E-mail [tadams@longboatkey.org](mailto:tadams@longboatkey.org) for info on how to join the meeting.

**Florida City Government Week is October 21-25, 2024!** Monday 9am-1pm Open Equity **Vaccine Clinic** (photo ID and insurance card(s) as applicable; Tuesday, 10am-12pm **Pop-Up Library & Treats** with the Town!; Wednesday – Friday, **Photo Scavenger Hunt**; Thursday 10am-12pm **Departmental Selfies Social Media** posts; Friday 9am-12pm **Town Hall Shred Event & Suncoast Blood Center Blood Drive**. For more information 941-316-1999 or [sgarcia@longboatkey.org](mailto:sgarcia@longboatkey.org)

**Did you watch the Tip Talk YouTube video about Hurricane Preparedness and Re-Entry Decision-Making** with Town Manager Tipton and Public Works Director Brownman? It’s very informative video about hurricane preparedness. They also explain all the decision-making regarding utilities restoration for the island, post-storm damage assessment of facilities and infrastructure, road clearing, and debris management! Visit the Town’s YouTube Channel at [Longboat Key - YouTube](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC...) for this video and others!

**Utilities Undergrounding Update** Underground project schedule will be impacted by an amount of time to be TBD as assessment of damage to new infrastructure and recovery efforts ensue.

**The Gulfside Interim Nourishment project** includes placing ~80,000 cubic yards of fill, at the Gulfside Road Public Beach Access and working north to the Ohana seawall. This project also includes dune planting to revegetate the dune system. The contractor is planning to mobilize beginning next week

### Upcoming Public Meetings & Events

- October 7, 2024 10:00 am Town Commission Regular Meeting
- October 9, 2024 10:00 am Special Magistrate
- October 15, 2024 9:15 am Planning & Zoning Board Regular Meeting
- October 21, 2024 1:00 pm Town Commission Regular Workshop Meeting

### Fast Fact!

As Hurricane Helene passed us, it was 130 miles away and gaining intensity to a Category 4!