



Town Manager Brief – November 2024

TOWN OF LONGBOAT KEY

The Town’s Recovery Priorities. Debris removal continues into November with the Town’s debris contactors working on public neighborhood streets, and FDOT clearing the Gulf of Mexico Drive corridor. Waste Management continues their scheduled collections for garbage, recycling, yard debris removal and will contract for additional debris pick-up. Permitting for repairs, and rebuilds are being expedited by Planning, Zoning & Building Dept. staff, with construction activity hours continued through November for work from 7am – 7pm daily. Building permit fees for storm repairs have been temporarily waived by the Town Commission. Our most important priority is supporting our residents and businesses and providing our customary exceptional service. There’s a lot yet to do but we’re LBK Strong! and we will restore our paradise with your support.

“Let’s Talk Longboat!” continues with its second in the monthly series on November 19 @ 3:30pm. Please join us for another afternoon of “*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 second of this monthly series at 3:30 pm on November 19, 2024, at the Bayfront Park Recreation Center. Hope to see you there, and let’s talk Longboat!

The first Firehouse Forum will be held on November 12 at 10AM as a Microsoft Teams Meeting. This is another monthly series to engage with our community and share valuable information on a variety of subjects. This month’s program is hosted by Fire Marshal Jane Herrin discussing 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 home or office. E-mail tadams@longboatkey.org for info on how to join the meeting.

Light Up Longboat!! Mark your calendars for the November 23rd 5:30 pm Tree Lighting Event to kick off our holiday season! Join the fun at the Town Center Green, 600 Bay Isles Road for the 6th Annual Tree Lighting Event hosted by the Town and Longboat Key Chamber of Commerce. Lots of our non-profit organizations also participate to help make this a fun & festive evening.

Did you watch the Tip Talk YouTube video on Hurricane Preparedness and Re-Entry Decision-Making with Town Manager Tipton and Assistant Town Manager/Public Works Director Brownman? It’s a very informative video about hurricane preparedness and 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](#) for this video and others!

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. Boaters (commercial & recreational), fishermen, and beachgoers are asked to avoid the area for the next few months until the project concludes.

Upcoming Public Meetings & Events

- November 4, 2024 1:00 pm Town Commission Regular Meeting
- November 11, 2024 Veterans’ Day - Town Hall Closed
- November 12, 2024 1:00 pm Town Commission Regular Workshop Meeting
- November 13, 2024 10:00 am Special Magistrate
- November 15, 2024 9:00 am Consolidated Retirement System Board Meeting
- November 19, 2024 9:15 am Planning & Zoning Board Meeting
- November 21, 2024 9:30 am Zoning Board of Adjustment
- November 23, 2024 5:30 pm Light Up Longboat Key!
- November 28-29, 2024 Thanksgiving Holiday - Town Hall Closed

Fast Fact!

Beginning with TS Debbie’s arrival on August 4, we’ve been in storm response/recovery mode for 90 days!