



Turtle Season is over; one more month of Hurricane Season with everything quiet on that front, keep our fingers crossed....

Town Initiatives- Snapshot

Traffic, Traffic, Traffic. This season is expected to be an especially tough year as it relates to traffic congestion. Not from Town projects; but from the impact from projects within the City of Sarasota. A quick summary of the projects that may impact traffic flow on the South end of the island.

The State installed the new speed tables in St. Armands for a one year pilot program

Roundabout Construction on US41 at 10th and 14th Streets (completion still 8-12 months out)

Fruitville Road Roundabout- construction started with 12-15 months duration. Will include a period of time where westbound Fruitville is closed at US41

Australian Pine Removal and new multi-use pathways- Coon Key Bridge to St. Armands. Will require single-lane closures for portions of the work

During season, it will be important to plan around peak drive times and check your traffic app (Google maps, Waze, etc) before you head out.

Undergrounding. The utilities undergrounding project continues to be full steam ahead. Our work is currently focusing on GMD both on the South and North ends of the Key. The conduit design for the fiber is being finalized and work will soon be shifting to the neighborhoods starting with Phase 1 in the South end of the Key. Project status is available on our website and our next public update is scheduled for the November 12, 2019 Regular Meeting.

Outdoor Venue/Town Center. We have been working with the Longboat Key Chamber of Commerce to schedule our first event in the Town Center. A holiday season tree lighting ceremony is being scheduled for Saturday, November 30th starting at 5:30pm. First opportunity to show off the Town's property and start to imagine how it may develop over time. The Chamber is also finalizing plans for a monthly Saturday concert series starting in January on the Town's open venue site. Look for more info over the next couple of weeks.

Red Tide. Some elevated levels of red tide have been present South of Sarasota in the Naples and Ft. Myers area. We continue to monitor the conditions and forecasts and are encouraging Mother Nature to cool the water temperatures and keep the winds moving South and/or to the West.

Broadway Street. A reminder that the speed limit on Broadway has been reduced to 20 mph and additional parking restrictions have been approved in the Village. Please respect the neighborhood as you visit the two restaurants at the end of the street.

Pickleball. The Town is moving forward with plans to add two permanent pickleball courts in Bayfront Park. They will be just to the East of the existing court using a portion of the basketball court. The basketball court will be expanded 15' to maintain a half court of play. The Tennis and multi-use court remain as is.

Upcoming Meetings/Events

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| November 4, 2019 | 1pm, Town Hall, Town Commission Regular Meeting |
| November 11, 2019 | Veterans Day- Town Hall closed |
| November 12, 2019 | 1pm, Town Hall, Town Commission Regular Workshop Meeting |
| November 28 – 29, 2019 | Thanksgiving Holiday- Town Hall Closed |
| November 30, 2019 | 5:30pm, Town Center, Tree Lighting Ceremony |

Fast Fact

“64 turtle violation cases opened this season resulting in 2 citations and 4 cases before the Magistrate”