COVID 19 "Stay Vigilant During Incremental Recovery Efforts"

Town Initiatives - Snapshot

COVID 19. We have had some good news over the past 3-4 weeks. There have been no new reported positive COVID-19 tests of our residents since the first of April. This is gives us some confidence that what we are doing here on Longboat Key, is working. There continues to be a number of positive tests on the mainland in both Sarasota and Manatee Counties. On April 29th the Governor issued a new Executive Order (EO-112) known as the Safe, Smart, Step-by-Step Plan for Florida's Recovery. He has reinforced certain restrictions such as vacation rentals, and keeping bars, nightclubs, fitness center, gyms, and other personal services closed. The Order starts the process to re-open certain services including elective medical procedures, and restaurants with certain restrictions on indoor dining. We need to be vigilant and aggressively following CDC guidelines on washing hands, not touching your face, maintaining social distancing, and minimizing interaction with others. The Town has extended its emergency orders through May 15th. There are no changes except the incremental opening of our Tennis Center. As we continue to consider the recovery and re-opening of amenities please check www.longboatkey.org for the latest info.

Tennis Center. The Town's Tennis Center will be opening with restrictions on May 8th. Play will be limited to singles only, with hours of operation, and number of courts restricted initially. The Tennis Center staff will be notifying members of the new rules. We will evaluate the conditions as we open some of the services as part of our plan to ultimately re-open the facility full time.

Alert Longboat Key – the Town is transitioning to a new Emergency Notification System for phone, text, and email notifications during emergency incidents, or time-sensitive public safety messaging. We will be fully operational in Alert Longboat Key by May 25, 2020.

Virtual Commission Meetings. At this time Town Hall continues to be closed for walk-ins. The Governor has extended the Executive Order that provides flexibility to local governments for meeting quorum and Sunshine Law requirements. Commission meetings are being held virtually. Our next Regular Commission Meeting is scheduled for May 4th. Agenda items are limited and the public will still be able to view, listen in, and comment. Instructions on how to participate is posted on the Town's website with the meeting agenda and materials.

Fire Stations Project. We received delivery of the temporary fire station for Station 92 on the South end of the island. Over the next 30 days the facility will be set up and the crews will be transferred to the temporary station. Once that occurs we will be moving forward with demolition of the current station and then into the construction phase. While that station is under construction we will also be renovating Station 91 on the North end. The residents should not expect any service impacts during the construction.

Outdoor Venue at Town Center. Phase 1 of the site work for the outdoor venue is underway. We will be updating the Commission on May 4th of a proposed concept plan on the site that will identify a Phase 2 for the outdoor venue and longer term identify buildable parcels for future community buildings.

Undergrounding. The Utilities Undergrounding Project continues full steam ahead. Contractors working through the Country Club Shores area installing electrical and fiber conduit and communicating with the neighborhood on the neighborhood lighting plans. Public updates are available on the Town's Website.

Upcoming Meetings/Events*

Most Meetings and Events have been cancelled in May due to COVID 19- please check the Town's website at www.longboatkev.org for the latest information

May 4, 2020 1pm, Virtual Meeting, Town Commission Regular Meeting
May 18, 2020 9am, FY21 Budget Workshop, Town Commission (format to be determined)
May 26, 2020 9:15am, Planning & Zoning Board Meeting (Virtual)

Fast Fact

"316-1201 – The number you should call to report COVID-19 violations of the Governor's Order or the Town's protective measures"