Face Masks, Pandemic & Hurricane Season… What's Next?
Town Initiatives - Snapshot

COVID 19. Yes, we are still under a National, State, and Local State of Emergency. Even though the State is in Phase 2 of recovery and re-opening efforts we are experiencing an increase in positive test results in both counties and have reported several positives on the island in June. The Town Commission voted to require mandatory face coverings for those age 6 and over, with some exceptions, civil citations, and fines for non-compliance. That new law went into effect on July 3nd. Of course, the Town is primarily interested in compliance, rather than issuing citations. On June 29th the Town closed public beach access parking, including Overlook Park, Quick Point and public restrooms at Durante Park, and Bayfront Park. We will continue to evaluate that status of our amenities on the island. Existing Vacation Rental properties remain authorized to resume reservations with restrictions: no international travelers are allowed to make reservations at vacation rental properties and 3 states are also prohibited. Certain properties are exempt from the Order including hotels and motels. With the increased activity and interaction on the island, we need to be vigilant and continue aggressively following CDC guidelines on washing hands, not touching your face, maintaining social distancing, and minimizing interaction with others. As we continue recovery and re-opening of amenities, please check www.longboatkey.org for the latest info.

FY21 Budget Development. The Town has been through 2 public Town Commission Workshop Meetings in preparation for the FY21 Budget adoption process, which takes place at public hearings on September 14, 2020 at 5:01pm, and September 29, 2020 at 5:01pm. The Commission set the maximum millage rate for the General Fund Budget the same as the FY20 final millage which is **2.1144.** The Town has two other debt related millage rates- one for the Fire Station projects and one for the next cycle of Beach projects and the associated bonding approved by the voters. Those rates are determined by the debt payments specific to those projects.

Town Facilities and Public Meetings. Town Hall remains closed for walk-ins. If you need to meet in person please contact the appropriate Department for an appointment. The Governor has extended the Executive Order that provides flexibility to local governments for meeting quorum and Sunshine Law requirements through August 1. Commission meetings up to this point were held virtually. Our next Town Commission Regular Meeting is September 14, 2020 at 1pm. The format of the September Commission Meetings will be determined as we get closer to those dates.

Fire Stations Project. In early June the firefighters from the South Station moved into the temporary facility and demolition of the existing facility has already started. During South Station construction we are also renovating Station 91 on the North end. The residents should not expect any service impacts during construction.

Outdoor Venue at Town Center. Phase 1 of the outdoor venue site work continues. The Commission approved the overall Concept Plan for the Town Center property and Phase 2 improvements for the outdoor venue. The funding for the Phase 2 outdoor venue work is included in the FY21 Budget to be adopted in September.

Undergrounding. The Utilities Undergrounding Project continues full steam ahead. Contractors continue to work on the South end of the island installing electrical and fiber conduit, and communicating with neighborhoods on the lighting plans. Public updates are available on the Town's website.

Upcoming Meetings/Events*

July 16, 2020	**9:30am, Zoning Board of Adjustments**
September 14, 2020	**1pm, Town Commission Regular Meeting**
September 14, 2020	**5:01pm, Town Commission Special Meeting for FY21 Budget**
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Fast Facts
"15006 Contacts currently registered in "Alert Longboat Key! (Are you in?)"