



Summer is here- which means it is also Turtle Season. Respect the nests!

Town Initiatives- Snapshot

Code Enforcement- On June 4, 2018 the Commission approved the implementation of a citation process for certain code violations. The citation process allows staff to immediately issue a fine versus scheduling the case to be heard before the Town's Code Enforcement Board. On June 26th the Town issued its first violation for a vacation rental property in a residential neighborhood.

Colony Demo-The Town is in contract negotiations with Unicorp to start demolition of the Colony property as a result of the Emergency Order issued by the Building Official and Fire Marshal. A back-up contract is also being negotiated with a second bidder in case Unicorp is unable to meet the requirements of the contract. There are a number of protective measures and abatement requirements associated with the contract. Demolition is expected to start later this month.

Town Center- In July, the Town and Sarasota County Commissions are both scheduled to formally approve the interlocal agreement that will provide \$400,000 in support to the Arts, Cultural, and Education Center project. The next step is for the Town to demolish the former Amore Restaurant and develop the site into an interim outdoor venue in advance of the fundraising and construction of the new Center.

Sign Code- An updated Sign Code is scheduled for final public hearing at the Town Commission's Regular Meeting on July 9th. The Code is being updated to address a Supreme Court Ruling that requires local government Sign Codes to be content neutral. The new Code limits the size, number, and duration of temporary signs.

Capital Project Highlights

Emerald Harbor- A major Public Works project has started in the Emerald Harbor subdivision. Work includes water and sewer line replacement as well as resurfacing of the streets within the subdivision. Construction is scheduled to take approximately 12 months to complete.

Interim Beach Nourishment- North Shore Groins. Staff is proceeding with plans to place approximately 20,000 cubic yards of sand between the two existing groins at the North Shore Beach Access to assist with erosion at that location. This was a planned and budgeted project. Work is expected to start as soon as possible, but no later than September.

Upcoming meetings/Events

July 4, 2018 Freedom Fest/4th of July Parade (Bicentennial Park and Bay Isles Road (9-11am)

July 9, 2018 Town Commission Regular Meeting at Town Hall (1pm)

Fast Fact

The Town of Longboat Key was formally incorporated in 1955