



No complaints about the weather in Longboat Key- it's all relative ☺

Town Initiatives- Snapshot

FEMA Reimbursement- The Town has just received over \$6.6 million dollars in reimbursement from the Federal and the State of Florida for the beach impacts associated with Tropical Storm Debbie in 2012. That funding will go back into the Beach Fund and assist with future projects related to the Beach Management Program. Congrats to our Public Works and Finance Team for continuing to pursue this claim.

Undergrounding Project- Next update to the Town Commission is scheduled for the February 19th Workshop. Street lighting pole design will be discussed with the Commission at this public meeting. This will include pole types and heights on both GMD and in the Neighborhoods. Construction is expected to start in April and take over three years to complete.

Non-Conforming Properties-The “Certificate of Build Conditions” program was approved by the Commission in January. This offers an opportunity for certain non-conforming properties to certify their existing conditions in advance of a potential redevelopment. On February 4th the Commission is scheduled to will hold its final public hearing on proposed changes to the Code regarding redevelopment of non-conforming properties.

Zoning Code Update- Town staff has prepared a draft update to the zoning code. It has been reviewed and recommended by the Planning & Zoning Board. The update was presented to the Commission at their January workshop and will be discussed further at their February 19th meeting.

Gulfstream and 41 Roundabout- The City of Sarasota and the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) continues to advance their plans for a roundabout at US 41 and Gulfstream in downtown Sarasota. The Commission has expressed concern to the State about the impacts to Longboat Key and authorized the hiring of a consultant to review the State’s engineering assumptions on the project. The Town’s consultant is scheduled to present that peer review on February 19th.

Former Amore Restaurant/Future Arts, Cultural, and Education Center (ACE)- Ringling College updated the Commission in January that they are recommending the project be phased due to the size and estimated cost of the facility. The Commission will be discussing Ringling’s request at their February 4th meeting. The demo contractor is scheduled to start the demolition of the former restaurant this month. The Town is working with the permitting agencies to approve some additional site work that will help facilitate the use of the property as an outdoor venue until the future Center is constructed.

Upcoming Meetings/Events

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| February 4, 2019 | 1pm Town Hall, Town Commission Regular Meeting |
| February 19, 2019 | 1pm Town Hall, Town Commission Regular Workshop Meeting |
| February 26, 2019 | 1:30pm Manatee County Government Building (Bradenton), Joint Meeting with Manatee County Commission |

Fast Fact

50% of the flood insured properties on the Key were built before 1975