

June 1st - Start of Hurricane Season - make sure you have a plan!

Town Initiatives- Snapshot

Fertilizer Rules. June 1st is not just the start of hurricane season. It's the start of Summer-long restrictions on certain type of fertilizers on Longboat Key. Town Code, Chapter 102 states that "No applicator shall apply fertilizers containing nitrogen or phosphorous within the Town during the restricted period (June 1 through September 30)." If you have any questions about fertilizer use please feel free to contact Chris Elbon, Code Enforcement Officer.at 316-1966, x 2520

Gas Station at Broadway and Gulf of Mexico Drive. The Town is currently reviewing plans to renovate the former gas station at Broadway and Gulf of Mexico Drive. The existing structure will be renovated into a fast casual restaurant.

Town Center Outdoor Venue. The Town is in permitting with the Water Management District for initial site improvements at the former Amore Restaurant Site. The plan is to active the site as an outdoor venue supporting various types of community and public events. In addition the Town will be soliciting additional input on longer term improvements for the venue. The initial project is primarily funded through a partnership with Sarasota County's Community Reinvestment Program.

Pickleball. The Town continues to investigate opportunities to expand Pickleball courts on the island. Sites adjacent to the Library and Tennis Center are being evaluated. The Commission has scheduled a workshop discussion on this issue at their June 17th Meeting.

Legislative Update. An update on the recently completed 2019 State Legislative Session is scheduled for the June 17th Commission Workshop Meeting. The Town's Lobbyist will highlight the results of the session especially as it relates to areas of interest to the Town.

Undergrounding. The Commission approved up to 35' poles on Gulf of Mexico Drive and up to 25' poles in the neighborhoods to accommodate smart technology. The light fixtures on the poles will be lower. The contract with the Town's undergrounding contractor, Wilco Electrical LLC, has been approved. On July 1st at 9am at Town Hall there will be a public project kick-off meeting and Q & A with the project team.

Village Parking Issues. On June 3rd the Commission adopted a series of parking-related restrictions within the Village area. They include reducing the speed on Broadway to 20mph, increasing the parking setback from intersections on Broadway to 50', and restricting parking on various streets. The new restrictions were implemented after concerns from the residents related to parking conflicts associated with the commercial properties in the area.

Upcoming Meetings/Events

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| June 13, 2019 | 3pm Joint Meeting with City of Sarasota, Temple Beth Israel, 567 Bay Isles Road |
| June 17, 2019 | 9am Town Commission Budget Workshop, Town Hall 1pm Town Commission Workshop, Town Hall |
| June 18, 2019 | 9am Planning & Zoning Board Meeting, Town Hall |
| July 1, 2019 | 9am Undergrounding Public Information Meeting, Town Hall 1pm Town Commission Regular Meeting, Town Hall |

Fast Fact

Three of the last four largest tropical storms to hit the US didn't even exist 5 days out from landfall - listen to your emergency management officials