



***August means we will be entering the peak of hurricane season- never too late to have a plan!***

### **Town Initiatives- Snapshot**

**Commission Recess.** The Town Commission is in recess. Their next regularly scheduled meeting will be on September 9th.

**CodeRED.** The Town utilizes a number of ways to communicate with the public when an emergency happens including the media, our website [www.longboatkey.org](http://www.longboatkey.org), social media (Twitter, Facebook), and CodeRED. CodeRED is a system where individuals can sign up to receive alerts when there are major emergencies that impact the residents. To sign up visit [www.longboatkey.org](http://www.longboatkey.org) or call 316-1999, x 1212

**Turtle Season.** Just a reminder that turtle season runs from May 1<sup>st</sup> through October 31<sup>st</sup>. It is a very active season this year. Our Code Enforcement is also active enforcing our lighting and beach obstruction regulations. Remember to remove furniture, toys and other items from the beach and clean up your trash. Fill in any holes you dig and knock down sandcastles you build, as these can be unexpected obstacles for the turtles.

**Undergrounding.** The Town's electrical contractor officially started working on site on July 22nd. Initial Phase 1 work is on the South end starting along Gulf of Mexico Drive. A project link is on the Town's website with background information, status updates, and schedule. The contractor has been permitted to work from 7:00am – 7:00pm to help expedite the project.

**Groins Project- North End.** The Town has been working to permit the 5-groin project at the very North end of Longboat Key. We have received notice from the State of Florida of their intent to issue the permit. This is still an early step in the process and the staff will be presenting the Beach Management Plan update to the Commission at their October 1, 2019 Regular Meeting at which time an update on the Groins project will also be discussed.

**Pickleball.** At the Town Commission's direction, the staff is pursuing the expansion of the number of pickleball courts at Bayfront Park. This would include replacing the two existing tennis courts at the Park. The Town is currently evaluating options to add tennis courts in a location outside of Bayfront Park. The Commission will be updated on the project at their September 9, 2019 Regular Meeting.

**Grants Gardens.** Grants Gardens located at 524 Gulf Bay Road has scheduled a neighborhood meeting regarding their plans to redevelop their property. The meeting will be held at the Bayfront Park Recreation Center at 6pm on August 14<sup>th</sup>. This is a meeting scheduled by the property owner to inform neighboring residents of the nature of their upcoming request to the Town. The proposed entitlements, in part, seek to bring the existing use into conformance with Town Code requirements, as well as an overall redevelopment of the site and adjacent property and will require public hearings before the Town Commission.

**New Restaurants.** Construction continues at the former gas station at Gulf of Mexico Drive and Broadway. Completion is expected sometime in the Fall. Work also continued on the Shore Restaurant. The Town has not been notified of an opening date, but they are currently in the recruitment process for their new employees.

### **Fast Fact**

***So far this season we have 1324 turtle nests on the island compared to 983 nests last year***