TOWN OF LONGBOAT KEY
TOWN MANAGER BRIEF

Sea Turtle Nesting Season: Begins May 1st and ends October 31st each year. Please remember if your property is visible from the beach to turn off, block, or use turtle-friendly lighting. If you go to the beach, please bring your furniture and recreational equipment off the beach at nighttime. Learn more at www.longboatkey.org.

Let's Talk Longboat: Meet with Town Manager Howard Tipton, Assistant Town Manager Isaac Brownman, and other Town Leadership on May 12th, 3:00 p.m. at the Bayfront Recreation Center, 4052 Gulf of Mexico Drive. Bring ideas, questions, and concerns to the table. This is a great forum to share what's on your mind and hear the most recent Town updates.

The Town would like to share important information regarding electric vehicles (EVs): As seasonal residents prepare to leave, please store lithium-ion batteries (for bikes and equipment) in a cool, dry place, partially charged (40-60%), and away from heat, moisture, and the potential for damage. For added safety and storm preparedness, residents are encouraged to relocate EVs off the island during extended absences to reduce risks from floods or saltwater exposure.

Sarasota County Pop-Up Library: On May 5th, from 10:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m., the pop-up library will be at the Town Center Green and offer multiple services including book access, technology assistance, database instruction and family story time. Call 941-861-1110 to confirm event and additional information.

The Fiscal Year 2026-2027 (FY27) Budget Process: Begins May 18th, 2026, at 10:00 a.m. Residents are encouraged to attend the Town Commission's budget meetings to see how tax dollars are allocated. Leading up to this, the Town held a Goals & Objectives Workshop on April. 6th, then reviewed the Citizens Survey results at the Regular Meeting. During the Strategic Planning Retreat on April 20th, Commissioners set project priorities for FY27. Now, efforts focus on securing funding for these initiatives.

2026 Longboat Key Disaster Preparedness Seminar: May 14th, from 4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m., at the Longboat Key Club Harbourside Ballroom. Experts will share important tips to help our community prepare for hurricane season. Learn what to do before, during, and after a storm. For more information contact the Longboat Key Chamber of Commerce at info@lbkchamber.com or call 941-383-2466.

2026 Post Disaster Re-Entry Program: Longboat Key has implemented a tiered decal re-entry system prioritizing emergency personnel who will assess the conditions, followed by essential personnel, with residents returning once it is deemed safe. 2026 Re-Entry Decals can be picked up at Town Hall or Police Department.

Upcoming Public Meetings & Events

- **May 4, 2026 – 1:00 p.m.:** Town Commission Regular Meeting
- **May 18, 2026 – 10:00 a.m.:** Town Commission Special Workshop (Budget)
- **May 18, 2026 – 1:00 p.m.:** Town Commission Regular Workshop
- **May 19, 2026 – 9:15 a.m.:** Planning & Zoning Board Regular Meeting
- **May 20, 2026 – 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.:** Blood Drive at Town Hall
- **May 21, 2026 – 9:30 a.m.:** Zoning Board of Adjustment Meeting
- **May 25, 2026:** Memorial Day, Town Administrative Offices Closed

Fun Fact: No one in Florida lives more than 90 minutes from a beach, thanks to the state's long coastline and geography.