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**SUBJECT:** Final Report of 2024 Citizens' Satisfaction Survey by University of South Florida, Florida Institute of Government

### **Recommended Action**

None, informational only.

### **Background**

In January 2020, 2021, 2022, and 2023, the Town conducted its Annual Citizens' Satisfaction Survey. The survey was developed in partnership with the Florida Institute of Government (FIOG) at the University of South Florida. The results of the survey were presented and considered in the strategic planning for each of those specific fiscal years.

In January 2024, the fifth annual survey was sent out to property owners throughout the Town. Conducting this annual survey has provided an on-going opportunity for respondents to rank how satisfied they are with Town services and how important it is for the Town to work on specific quality-of-life issues. The survey was conducted to provide input to Town staff, administration, and the Town Commission in advance of the annual Commission Strategic Planning Retreat.

The Town worked with the FIOG on the survey tool and implementation of the on-line survey and continued to refine the process. The survey instrument included a series of standard questions that are intended to be asked each year. Over time this will help the Town identify trends in the responses. In addition to the standard questions, a series of policy-type questions are included each year to provide additional feedback to the Commission regarding current issues facing the Town.

The survey was launched the week of January 8, 2024. The survey closed for submissions on February 10, 2024. A total 1392 surveys were completed this year (44 more than received last year).

### **2024 Citizen Survey Executive Summary and Report**

FIOG analyzed the data and published both an Executive Summary and a full 2024 Annual Citizen Survey Report. The Executive Summary provides an abbreviated overview of the major findings from each section of the survey. The full 2024 Annual Citizen Survey Report contains a complete account of the survey responses accompanied by a detailed discussion of the results. A copy of the original survey instrument is found at the end of the report in the Appendix. In addition, a Fact Sheet and responses to the open-ended questions are provided as an attachment.

Dr. Stephen Neely with FIOG will make a brief presentation during the Commission's April 1, 2024, Regular Meeting and will provide an overview of the survey results and answer any questions.

**Staff Recommendation**

None, informational only.

**Attachments**

- A. 2024 Annual Citizen Survey Executive Summary and Full Report
- B. Fast Facts Sheet
- C. PowerPoint Presentation
- D. Responses to Open-ended Questions



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*Disclaimer: This study was conducted on behalf of the Town of Longboat Key, FL as part of the Town's ongoing quality improvement efforts. The findings of this study should not be construed as generalizable research.*

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## Executive Summary

## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY: 2024 CITIZEN SURVEY

This report summarizes responses to the Town of Longboat Key's 2024 Citizen Survey. Building on prior iterations of the survey, the 2024 initiative focused on recurring themes (such as quality of life on Longboat Key, community amenities, government services, and future policy priorities), as well as on emerging policy topics/issues (such as hurricane preparedness, canal usage, and lawn maintenance). The "Complete Report" – provided in the following pages – summarizes the research methodology and survey responses. A copy of the questionnaire is also provided in the Appendix to this report. Below is an abridged overview of the key themes and takeaways that emerged from the 2024 survey responses.

### *Quality of Life and Community Satisfaction*

- The 2024 survey responses showed a continuation of the high levels of satisfaction observed in prior iterations of the survey with regard to residents' quality of life on Longboat Key. This included high levels of satisfaction with the aesthetics, safety, and reputation of the community. Specifically, over 98% of respondents rated the overall quality of life on Longboat Key as either "excellent" or "good", which compares very favorably to other communities throughout the region and state.

### *Traffic and Infrastructure*

- Traffic congestion remained a significant concern among residents, with a notable percentage of respondents expressing dissatisfaction. For example, 59% of residents reported dissatisfaction with the flow of traffic and congestion in the community, while 63% identified traffic as one of the most important issues facing the community. This suggests a need for additional improvements in traffic management and infrastructure maintenance moving forward.

### *Municipal Services Satisfaction*

- Respondents conveyed high levels of satisfaction with the Town's emergency services, public safety, and the maintenance of parks and recreational facilities. Emergency services and public safety both received over 85% satisfaction rates, underscoring their effectiveness and importance to residents.

### *Community Engagement and Communication*

- Residents provided mixed feedback on the Town's communication efforts and their familiarity with community initiatives, suggesting an opportunity for additional efforts and strategies to reach the community with vital information and engagement opportunities. While 73% of respondents feel adequately informed by the Town, there are opportunities to improve engagement through more interactive and accessible platforms, as well as to raise awareness of the valuable Town initiatives, such as the Annual Hurricane Seminar, the "Talk of the Town" Video Series, and resident's opportunities to serve on Town Boards.

### *Hurricane Preparedness*

- Respondents demonstrated high overall levels of hurricane preparedness, though the responses indicated some areas for increased education and engagement. For example, nearly half (49%) said that they are “very prepared” for a major hurricane, while another 45% reported being at least “somewhat prepared”. However, less than half reported being familiar with the Town’s annual hurricane seminar.

### *Development and Growth Management*

- Concerns over the pace and nature of development highlight the need for balanced growth strategies that preserve the community's character. In open-ended responses, a significant portion of residents expressed concerns about the impact of new developments on the Town's character.

### *Lawn Maintenance*

- The data indicate varying levels of compliance with Town ordinances related to lawn maintenance practices, highlighting an opportunity for the Town to enhance education and enforcement efforts. Initiatives could include community workshops on sustainable landscaping, incentives for switching to electric lawn equipment, and clearer communication of maintenance ordinances to ensure widespread adherence and promote a healthier and more sustainable community environment.

### *Public Transit*

- Public transit services were identified as a crucial area for improvement, with only 19% of respondents expressing satisfaction with current offerings. In open-ended comments, the primary issues cited include limited routes, infrequent schedules, and inadequate coverage of the Town. When asked about their likelihood of using “on-demand” transit services, a large majority (78%) said that they would use such a service for airport transit, while 57% said that they would be at least “somewhat likely” to use the same service for “on-island” transportation. This feedback points towards a significant opportunity for the Town to expand and enhance public transit options, potentially including the introduction of more eco-friendly transport solutions to align with community values around environmental conservation.



# Complete Report

# INTRODUCTION

This report presents findings from the Town of Longboat Key’s 5th annual Citizen Survey, conducted in 2024. On behalf of the Town Manager and Commission, the survey was conducted by the Florida Institute of Government (FIOG) in order to gather feedback from residents on the quality of life on Longboat Key, satisfaction with municipal services, and future policy considerations. Collaboratively developed by FIOG and Town officials, the survey questionnaire addressed eleven distinct themes, which included recurring topics such as the overall quality of life, community amenities, government services, Town communications, and future policy priorities. Additionally, the survey addressed specific policy areas such as hurricane preparedness, canal usage, and airport transportation. The subsequent sections summarize the data collection methodology employed in this survey, followed by a detailed analysis of the responses.

# DATA AND METHODS

The 2024 Citizen Survey followed up on previous questionnaires (2020 to 2023) and was developed by FIOG in collaboration with Town leaders. The Appendix to this report contains a copy of the survey instrument. As in prior years, invitations to participate were disseminated via postal mail to all residential addresses, directing residents to the Town’s designated online portal hosting the survey. The list of residential addresses was furnished to FIOG by the Town, with each address assigned a unique personal identifier/code (included in the invitations). Individuals who didn't receive an invitation were offered the opportunity to obtain the code from FIOG upon verification of their identity and address. This measure ensured that only responses from property owners and residents were included in the analysis and that only one response was accepted per household.

Additionally, survey access was promoted through various channels, including local media and the Town’s official social media platforms. Of the 8,817 mailers distributed, 1,392 completed and valid questionnaires were returned, resulting in a response rate of 16% with a margin of error of +/- 2.46. Table 1 summarizes respondent demographics. As in prior years, the predominance of responses came from homeowners who reside on Longboat Key for at least half of the year, although there is a diverse representation regarding length of residency. Notably, more than a third of respondents (36%) reported not participating in the 2023 Citizen Survey. At the Town’s request, data on age, income, and race/ethnicity were not collected in order to ensure respondents’ anonymity.

**Table 1. Profile of Survey Respondents**

	Frequency	Percentage
<i>What is your gender?</i>		
Male	722	52.2%
Female	587	42.4%
No Answer	74	5.4%
<i>What type of home do you live in?</i>		
Apartment	24	1.7%
Town House or Condominium	886	63.9%
Single Family Home	458	33.0%
Other	19	1.4%
<i>Do you rent or own your home?</i>		
Own	1,382	99.7%
Rent	4	0.3%
<i>How long have you lived on Longboat Key?</i>		
Less than 5 years	391	28.2%
5-10 years	383	27.6%
11-20 years	277	20.0%
More than 20 years	337	24.3%
<i>How much of the year do you spend on Longboat Key?</i>		
11-12 months	451	32.5%
8-10 months	182	13.1%
6-7 months	320	23.1%
3-5 months	274	19.7%
1-2 months	154	11.1%
None of the Year	7	0.5%

# 2024 CITIZEN SURVEY RESULTS

The sub-sections below provide a condensed summary of the survey findings. These are outlined in accordance with the survey questionnaire, to include: (1) the overall quality of life on Longboat Key, (2) satisfaction levels concerning community amenities, (3) satisfaction with government services, (4) satisfaction with Town interactions, (5) the overall direction being taken by the Town, (6) Town communications, (7) future policy priorities, (8) hurricane preparedness, (9) utilization of canals/waterways, (10) transportation services to and from the airport, and (11) lawn maintenance practices. Notable trends, in comparison to previous years’ surveys, are highlighted where relevant.

## *Quality of Life*

Table 2 summarizes citizens’ perceptions of their quality of life on Longboat Key. As in prior years, a significant majority of respondents rated their quality of life positively, with 67% considering it “excellent” and 32% rating it as “good”. Similarly, Longboat Key was regarded favorably by residents as a place to live and retire, with 67% and 66% of respondents rating it as “excellent”, and another 30% and 29% describing it as “good”, respectively. As a place to visit, Longboat Key receives high praise from residents, with 69% rating it as “excellent” and 26% as “good”, indicating its appeal as a tourist destination despite subsequent concerns over traffic and overall congestion.

**Table 2. Citizen Ratings of Quality of Life on Longboat Key**

<i>How would you rate the Town of Longboat Key in each of the following areas:</i>	<b>Excellent</b>	<b>Good</b>	<b>Fair</b>	<b>Poor</b>	<b>Unsure</b>
Overall Quality of Life	66.6%	31.7%	1.6%	0.1%	-
As a Place to Live	66.9%	29.5%	2.6%	0.4%	0.6%
As a Place to Retire	66.2%	28.7%	3.0%	0.7%	1.5%
As a Place to Work	11.5%	16.8%	17.2%	6.0%	48.5%
As a Place to Visit	68.6%	26.3%	3.0%	0.2%	2.0%

Residents’ positive assessments of the Town – particularly as it pertains to quality of life – are in line with those observed in prior years. Figure 1 shows the response trend from 2020 – 2024, indicating that these sentiments have remained largely consistent over the 5 years during which the survey has been conducted.

Figure 1. Quality of Life on Longboat Key, 2020 - 2024

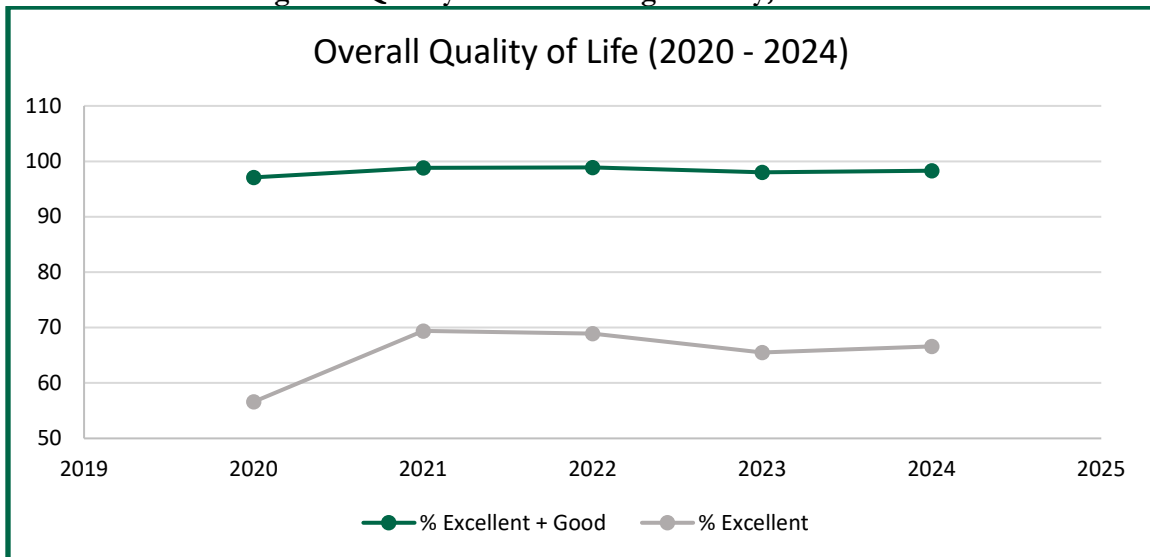


Table 3 summarizes residents’ satisfaction with several key attributes of the community. Overall, respondents express high levels of satisfaction with the community’s reputation, aesthetics, and safety, with 76%, 65%, and 81% respectively indicating that they are “very satisfied” with the community in these areas. However, opinions diverge sharply when it comes to traffic flow and congestion, with a notable 42% saying that they are “somewhat dissatisfied” with traffic related issues, while another 18% were “very dissatisfied”.

Table 3. Citizen’ Satisfaction with Characteristics of Longboat Key

<i>Please indicate your level of satisfaction with the following characteristics of Longboat Key?</i>	<b>Very Satisfied</b>	<b>Somewhat Satisfied</b>	<b>Neither Satisfied / Dissatisfied</b>	<b>Somewhat Dissatisfied</b>	<b>Very Dissatisfied</b>
Overall Reputation of the Community	75.6%	22.1%	1.8%	0.3%	0.1%
Overall Aesthetics of the Community	65.4%	30.6%	2.9%	1.1%	0.0%
Overall Safety of the Community	80.7%	16.6%	1.7%	0.7%	0.7%
Flow Traffic and Congestion	3.0%	17.0%	20.6%	41.6%	17.8%
Access to Public Transportation	5.4%	13.1%	54.2%	18.5%	8.8%
Access to Retail, Dining, & Entertainment	24.8%	44.4%	17.0%	12.4%	1.4%

Access to public transportation also garnered mixed feedback, with only 5% of respondents saying that they are “very satisfied”, while a majority of 54% indicated that they are “neither satisfied nor dissatisfied” and 27% said that they were “dissatisfied. In sum, the community's reputation, aesthetics, and safety were highly regarded by residents, though persistent concerns regarding traffic congestion and access to public transportation remain high.

When considered in the context of other communities throughout the region and state, Longboat Key continues to enjoy higher than average perceptions when it comes to quality of life. Table 4 depicts the 2024 responses in comparison to other communities who have conducted similar studies over the past 3 years. As the data underscore, the Town boasts significantly higher quality of life ratings from residents than are typically seen in communities throughout Florida.

**Table 4. Quality of Life, Comparative Analysis**

<i>Quality of life responses compared against other communities in Florida.</i>	<b>Excellent</b>	<b>Good</b>	<b>Excellent + Good</b>
Longboat Key (2024)	67%	32%	98%
Sarasota County (2023)	49%	49%	88%
Hillsborough County* (2021)	-	-	87%
City of Lakeland (2023)	28%	56%	84%
Fort Lauderdale (2021)	18%	50%	68%
Coral Springs* (2021)	28%	52%	80%
*measured as % very + somewhat satisfied;			

As in prior years, residents were asked to share additional comments to help Town officials better understand their responses, particularly the factors that influence their quality of life on Longboat Key. A sample of these responses (n=300) was analyzed using an emergent coding technique. This analysis was augmented by the use of a generative AI tool (*OpenAI: ChatGPT 3.5*) in order to identify the most common themes, as well as the tone and tenor of these responses. Figure 2 provides an overview of the 5 most common themes identified through this analysis. As in prior years, traffic congestion stood out as the most common concern that residents have about their quality of life on Longboat Key, with 79% of respondents voicing concerns over congestion, traffic safety, and/or the impacts of traffic on their quality of life. In general, the tenor of these comments was decidedly negative. A comprehensive analysis of these responses is provided in Table 5.

**Table 5. Analysis of Open-Ended Responses (Quality of Life)**

Topic	Themes	Frequency	Sentiment
Traffic Congestion	<p><i>Frustration with Congestion:</i> Residents express frustration with the increasing traffic congestion, particularly during peak seasons. They mention difficulties turning onto main roads, long wait times to exit subdivisions, and challenges accessing amenities due to traffic.</p> <p><i>Unsafe Driving Behaviors:</i> Concerns are raised about unsafe driving behaviors, including speeding, aggressive tailgating, illegal passing, and running red lights. Residents report witnessing dangerous driving incidents, which contribute to a sense of insecurity on the roads.</p> <p><i>Impact on Quality of Life:</i> Traffic congestion is seen as a significant detractor from the quality of life on Longboat Key. It leads to longer commute times, difficulty making restaurant reservations, and heightened stress levels for residents and visitors alike.</p>	79%	42% negative 50% neutral 8% positive
Infrastructure Concerns	<p><i>Drainage Issues:</i> Residents highlight drainage problems, particularly in areas like the Village, Buttonwood, and Dream Island Road. Flooding during heavy rainfall or high tides is a recurring issue, impacting road safety and property conditions.</p> <p><i>Road Conditions and Construction:</i> Comments mention the need for road maintenance and improvements, especially in areas prone to congestion. Ongoing construction projects, such as roadwork and utility upgrades, are also cited as sources of disruption for residents.</p>	61%	34% negative 60% neutral 6% positive
Quality of Life Impacts	<p><i>Coastal Flooding:</i> Concerns about coastal flooding are prevalent, with residents experiencing property damage and safety hazards. The frequency and severity of flooding events, attributed to climate change, negatively impact residents' enjoyment of island living.</p> <p><i>Noise Pollution:</i> Residents express annoyance with noise pollution from lawn mowers, leaf blowers, and construction activities. Responses suggest that this detracts from the island's tranquility.</p>	38%	52% negative 42% neutral 6% positive

	<p><i>Development and Change:</i> Some residents lament the loss of Longboat Key’s charm and character due to excessive development. They express nostalgia for a quieter, more idyllic island lifestyle and fear further degradation of their environment.</p>		
Retail, Dining, and Entertainment	<p><i>Desire for More Options:</i> While acknowledging existing retail and dining establishments, residents express a desire for more diverse and affordable choices. They seek additional year-round restaurants, family-friendly entertainment options, and unique boutiques to enhance their island experience.</p> <p><i>Concerns about Pricing:</i> High prices and limited competition are cited as drawbacks, prompting some residents to shop online or travel to Sarasota for better deals. The lack of affordable dining options is also mentioned as a barrier to enjoying island life.</p>	26%	18% negative 80% neutral 2% positive
Public Transportation	<p><i>Limited Use and Accessibility:</i> Public transportation is not widely used or considered essential by most residents. However, there are calls for improved accessibility, particularly for off-island destinations like the airport. Suggestions include reinstating an end-to-end trolley service or providing shuttle options for residents and visitors.</p>	16%	20% negative 72% neutral 8% positive
<p><b>Note: Analysis conducted on sample of 300 comments with OpenAI: ChatGPT 3.5</b></p>			

Concerns over infrastructure – particularly drainage and road construction – were also a common theme in these responses, as were considerations such as noise pollution, the availability of public transportation, and the overall pace of growth/development on the island. A complete list of the open-ended responses has been provided to Town officials for further analysis and consideration.

### *Community Amenities*

Table 6 summarizes residents’ familiarity with key amenities provided at different locations within the Town of Longboat Key. As in prior years, Bayfront Park and Durante Park are relatively well-known among respondents, with 46% and 41% respectively indicating they are “very familiar” with them, while large majorities were at least “somewhat familiar” with each. However, familiarity with the Quick Point Nature Preserve remained considerably lower, with only 18% of respondents indicating that they are “very familiar” with the amenity. Similarly, familiarity with the Tennis Center and Town Center was somewhat mixed, with 26% and 30% respectively indicating they are “very familiar” with these offerings, while 29% reported not being familiar with the Town Center, and 41% said the same about the Tennis Center.



**Table 6. Familiarity with Town Amenities**

<i>How familiar are you with the Town of Longboat Key amenities provide at the following locations?</i>	<b>Very Familiar</b>	<b>Somewhat Familiar</b>	<b>Not Very Familiar</b>	<b>Not at All Familiar</b>
Bayfront Park	46.3%	38.0%	10.1%	5.5%
Durante Park	40.9%	31.8%	17.4%	9.9%
Quick Point Nature Preserve	17.5%	24.5%	33.3%	24.7%
Tennis Center	26.2%	32.9%	23.6%	17.3%
Town Center	29.7%	41.2%	20.5%	8.7%

Table 7 summarizes residents' satisfaction with these same amenities, along with the Town's beaches. As the results suggest, Longboat Key's beaches and way-finding signage receive high satisfaction ratings, with 65% of respondents indicating they are very satisfied with both (93% overall satisfaction for the Town's beaches). A majority of residents also expressed satisfaction with Bayfront Park (79%), Durante Park (73%), and the Town Center (57%). A majority of respondents expressed neutral opinions when asked about the Quick Point Nature Preserve and the Town's Tennis Center, underscoring the lack of familiarity associated with these amenities.

**Table 7. Citizen' Satisfaction with Town Amenities**

<i>Please indicate your level of satisfaction with the following characteristics of Longboat Key?</i>	<b>Very Satisfied</b>	<b>Somewhat Satisfied</b>	<b>Neither Satisfied / Dissatisfied</b>	<b>Somewhat Dissatisfied</b>	<b>Very Dissatisfied</b>
Beaches	65.0%	27.8%	3.3%	2.8%	1.0%
Bayfront Park	42.5%	36.5%	19.3%	1.4%	0.3%
Durante Park	40.2%	33.1%	26.0%	0.5%	0.2%
Quick Point Nature Preserve	20.8%	27.8%	50.1%	1.0%	0.3%
Tennis Center	21.0%	26.3%	51.5%	1.1%	0.1%
Town Center	20.4%	36.9%	40.1%	1.9%	0.7%
Way-Finding Signage	65.0%	27.8%	3.3%	2.8%	1.0%

As in prior years, respondents were asked to provide input about the use of the Town Center, including their preferences for future events and activities at the Town Center Green. Specifically, residents were prompted that *“The Town is planning a variety of events at the Town Center this season, to include markets, concerts, an art show, and a community open-house. Do you have any suggestions for future events at the Town Center Green or its new stage?”* Table 8 summarizes responses to this question. Once again, a sample of responses was analyzed using both manual coding and a generative AI program in order to identify and summarize the most common themes and suggestions. The results highlight an appreciation for the quality and diversity of the Town’s current offerings, though these sentiments are tempered by concerns over the impacts of these events on traffic and congestion.

**Table 8. Analysis of Open-Ended Responses (Town Center Activities and Events)**

Topic	Themes	Frequency
Appreciation for Existing Events	Respondents in this category expressed satisfaction with the existing events and activities on Longboat Key, such as farmers markets, concerts, art shows, and community gatherings. They viewed these events positively and were supportive of their continuation and expansion.	70%
Diversity of Event Offerings	Respondents in this category emphasized the importance of diversity in event offerings to cater to the varied interests and preferences of the Longboat Key community. They suggested a wide range of events, including cultural festivals, music concerts, art shows, and educational programs.	60%
Desire for Community Engagement	This category includes respondents who emphasized the importance of community engagement events. They expressed interest in activities that bring residents together, foster a sense of belonging, and promote interaction among neighbors.	50%
Concerns about Traffic and Development	This category encompasses respondents who expressed concerns about the potential negative impacts of increased traffic and development associated with new events and projects on Longboat Key. They highlighted the need for careful planning to address traffic congestion and minimize disruptions to residents' daily lives.	40%
Mixed Opinions on Development Projects	Respondents in this category expressed mixed opinions about ongoing development projects, such as the Town Center Green. While some welcomed the initiatives, others raised concerns about their impact on traffic, aesthetics, and the overall character of Longboat Key.	30%

Note: Analysis conducted on sample of 300 comments with *OpenAI: ChatGPT 3.5*

### Government Services

Table 9 summarizes respondents' satisfaction with the quality of core public services provided by the Town of Longboat Key. Police services, fire/ambulance, and emergency management services received high overall satisfaction ratings, with 55%, 57%, and 54% respectively indicating they are “very satisfied” with these services. Maintenance of streets and sidewalks, solid waste services, and parks and town facilities were also rated positively, with a significant proportion of respondents expressing they are at least “somewhat satisfied” with these services.

**Table 9. General Satisfaction with Longboat Key’s Public Services**

<i>Please indicate your level of satisfaction with the quality of the following services provided by the Town of Longboat Key:</i>	<b>Very Satisfied</b>	<b>Somewhat Satisfied</b>	<b>Neither Satisfied / Dissatisfied</b>	<b>Somewhat Dissatisfied</b>	<b>Very Dissatisfied</b>
Police Services	55.4%	29.9%	13.0%	1.3%	0.3%
Fire & Ambulance Services	57.1%	24.2%	18.3%	0.3%	0.1%
Emergency Management	54.3%	30.0%	13.8%	1.4%	0.6%
Maintenance of Streets/Sidewalks	33.4%	39.2%	12.7%	10.8%	3.9%
Solid Waste Services	46.6%	40.0%	11.2%	1.9%	0.3%
Parks and Town Facilities	44.9%	41.6%	12.2%	1.1%	0.1%
Water & Wastewater Utilities	35.4%	44.6%	16.7%	2.5%	0.9%
Storm Water Management	23.4%	34.1%	23.3%	12.5%	6.7%
Permitting	20.5%	29.4%	41.5%	6.5%	2.2%

Code Enforcement	21.9%	28.4%	42.6%	4.9%	2.2%
General Town Administration	32.7%	41.3%	23.5%	1.7%	0.8%

Conversely, assessments of the Town’s stormwater management, permitting, and code enforcement services were more mixed, with relatively few respondents indicating they are “very satisfied” with these offerings. Overall, residents have positive opinions of the Town’s essential services such as emergency response and waste management. While services such as code enforcement and permitting continue to show room for improvement in meeting residents' expectations, it’s important to note that respondents did not voice significant levels of dissatisfaction with these services, as a plurality in each case expressed neutral opinions, which may reflect lack of familiarity with these services rather than any underlying dissatisfaction.

In order to better understand residents’ experiences with and perceptions of these services, the survey asked respondents to indicate whether they have personally used or interacted with several key departments over the past year. Table 10 summarizes satisfaction with some of the same core services but is limited to those residents who report having used these services over the past 12 months. As the data show, residents who have utilized and interacted with specific Town departments are generally satisfied with these same departments. In each case, a majority indicated being satisfied with the services they’ve utilized, including 93% with Parks and Town Facilities, 98% with Fire and Ambulance Services, and 90% with Police Services. Only Permitting and Code Enforcement received more than 10% “dissatisfied” responses (18% and 14% respectively). Given the nature of the work done in these departments, these numbers can be interpreted as positive overall.

**Table 10. End-User Satisfaction with Longboat Key’s Public Services**

<i>Please indicate your level of satisfaction with the quality of the following services provided by the Town of Longboat Key:</i>	<b>Very Satisfied</b>	<b>Somewhat Satisfied</b>	<b>Neither Satisfied / Dissatisfied</b>	<b>Somewhat Dissatisfied</b>	<b>Very Dissatisfied</b>
Police Services (n=237)	69.2%	20.7%	5.5%	3.4%	1.3%
Fire & Ambulance Services (n=165)	86.7%	11.5%	1.2%	0.0%	0.6%
Parks and Town Facilities (n=916)	50.9%	41.6%	6.1%	1.3%	0.1%
Permitting (n=341)	30.8%	37.5%	17.3%	11.7%	2.6%
Code Enforcement (n=204)	30.4%	33.8%	18.1%	11.3%	6.4%

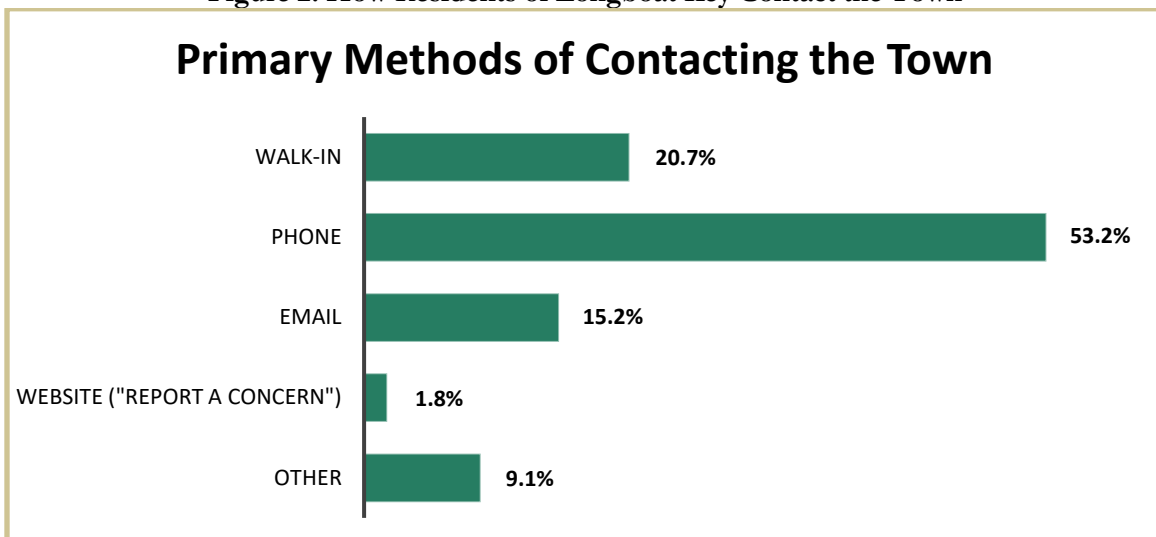
General Town Administration (n=445)	43.4%	39.1%	13.5%	2.7%	1.4%
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### Town Interactions

As in previous years, respondents were also asked to indicate whether they have contacted the Town for assistance at any point over the past 6 months. Among the 1,392 respondents, 439 reported having done so (32%). These respondents were asked a series of follow up questions about their most recent contact with the Town in order to better understand how residents are connecting with Town staff and services, as well as how satisfied they are with the assistance they receive.

Figure 2 shows that most residents continue to contact the Town by phone for assistance (53%), while another 21% choose to walk-in to Town facilities for support when needed. While many resident concerns do require this level of interaction, others can be more easily and efficiently resolved using digital platforms such as the Town’s online “Report a Concern” portal. However, digital interactions between Town staff and residents were decidedly limited, with only 15% of respondents saying that they contacted the Town via email, while only 2% utilized the online “Report a Concern” link when reaching out to Town staff for assistance. Better visibility and promotion of these tools may help to facilitated more efficient communications and resolutions for residents in need of assistance from the Town.

**Figure 2. How Residents of Longboat Key Contact the Town**



Next, those residents who have contacted the Town for assistance in the past 6 months were asked to provide feedback about their most recent interaction with the Town. Table 11 summarizes these responses. According to the data, a majority of respondents found it easy to contact the appropriate Town official or department, with 52% “strongly agreeing” and 38% “agreeing” that it was easy to do so. Similarly, a significant portion indicated that their concerns were addressed in a reasonable time (51% strongly agree, 33% agree), and that Town employees were courteous and respectful (64% strongly agree, 29% agree).

Roughly three in four respondents reported that their concerns were completely resolved (43% strongly agree, 30% agree), and a similar number expressed satisfaction with their overall experience (52% strongly agree, 27% agree). Notably, a small proportion disagreed or strongly disagreed with the statements, suggesting some areas where improvements can be made to enhance citizen satisfaction with town services, though overall the responses suggest a positive service experience for those residents who contact the Town for assistance.

**Table 11. Satisfaction Related to Interactions with Town Officials**

<i>Please indicate your level of agreement with each of the following statements:</i>	<b>Strongly Agree</b>	<b>Agree</b>	<b>Neither Agree / Disagree</b>	<b>Disagree</b>	<b>Strongly Disagree</b>
It was easy to contact the appropriate town official or department	51.6%	38.2%	4.6%	4.3%	1.4%
My concern was addressed in a reasonable time	50.7%	32.6%	7.3%	6.9%	2.5%
My concern was completely resolved	42.5%	30.1%	12.9%	8.5%	6.0%
Town employees were courteous and respectful	64.1%	29.3%	5.5%	0.7%	0.5%
Town employees were knowledgeable	57.1%	30.3%	8.5%	3.4%	0.7%
I was satisfied with my experience	51.8%	26.7%	9.5%	8.1%	3.9%

### *Overall Direction of the Town*

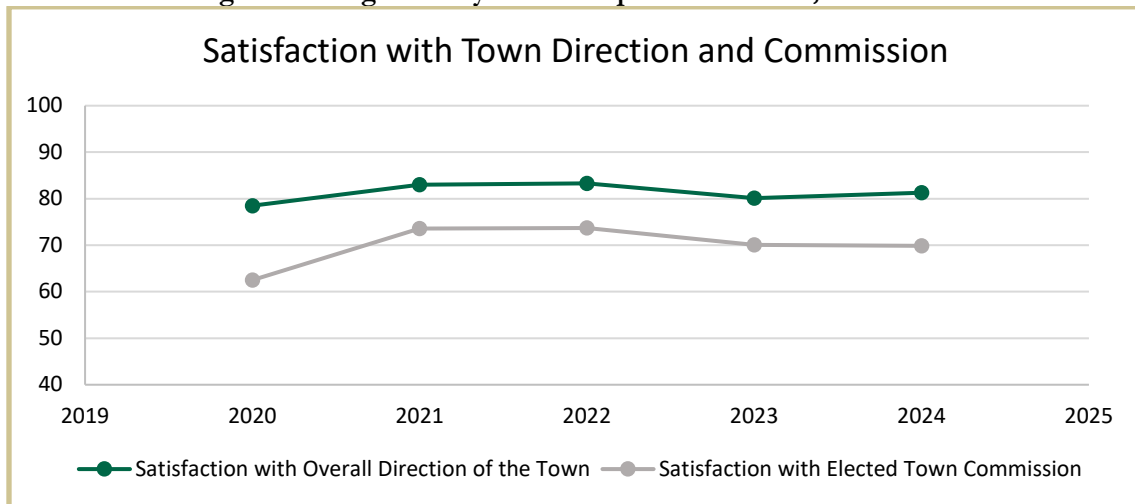
Table 12 summarizes respondents' satisfaction levels with the overall direction being taken by the Town of Longboat Key, as well as with the performance of the elected Town Commission. Regarding the Town's direction, a significant proportion of respondents expressed satisfaction, with 30% indicating they are “very satisfied” and 51% saying that they are “satisfied”. However, a notable portion also expressed neutrality on the matter, with 15% stating they are “neither satisfied nor dissatisfied” with the direction being taken by the Town at this time. A slightly smaller majority expressed satisfaction with the elected Town Commission's performance, with 24% indicating they are “very satisfied” and 46% saying that they are at least “satisfied” with the job currently being done by the Town Commission. Again, a considerable proportion of respondents expressed neutrality towards the Commission's performance (26% neither satisfied nor dissatisfied), which may suggest some opportunities to better inform residents about the work being done on their behalf by the Commission, as well as the efforts underway to improve the community moving forward.

**Table 12. Satisfaction Related to Interactions with Town Officials**

<i>How satisfied are you with...</i>	<b>Very Satisfied</b>	<b>Satisfied</b>	<b>Neither Satisfied / Dissatisfied</b>	<b>Dissatisfied</b>	<b>Very Dissatisfied</b>
The overall direction that the Town of Longboat Key is taking	30.0%	51.3%	14.5%	3.7%	0.5%
The job that the elected Town Commission is doing to serve the residents of Longboat Key	23.7%	46.3%	25.8%	3.5%	0.7%

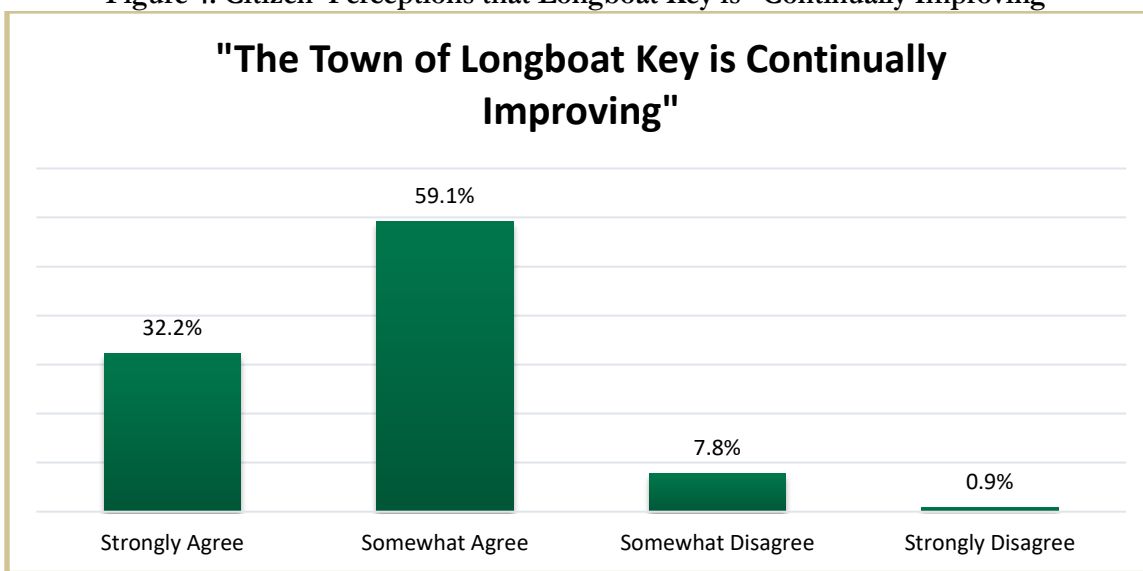
When compared with the results of prior years' surveys, these responses are generally consistent. While there was a slight uptick in satisfaction with the overall direction being taken by the Town (compared with 2023), both metrics remain slightly below the previous highs observed in 2021 (Figure 3, below).

**Figure 3. Longboat Key Leadership and Direction, 2020 - 2024**



Building on these responses, an additional question added to the 2024 survey asked residents whether they agree that the Town of Longboat Key is “continually improving”. The results – shown in Figure 4 below – indicate that a large majority of residents (91%) agree with this statement, though only one in three (32%) say that they “strongly agree”. Overall, these responses bode well for the Town and suggest strong support among residents for the Town’s ongoing effort and initiatives.

**Figure 4. Citizen’ Perceptions that Longboat Key is “Continually Improving”**



### *Town Communications*

Table 13 summarizes respondents' satisfaction levels with Town communications, including their access to information and opportunities for citizen engagement within the Town of Longboat Key. A majority indicated being satisfied with their access to Town information, with 34% saying they were “very satisfied” and 38% being “somewhat satisfied”. Similarly, a majority expressed satisfaction with the Town's efforts to keep citizens informed (42% “very satisfied”/35% “somewhat satisfied”). Satisfaction levels were notably lower when it came to opportunities to participate in Town government and the effectiveness of the Town's social media sites. In each case, a majority of respondents expressed neutrality on these matters, indicating potential areas for improvement in promoting civic engagement and enhancing communication channels within the community.

**Table 13. Satisfaction with Town Communication Efforts**

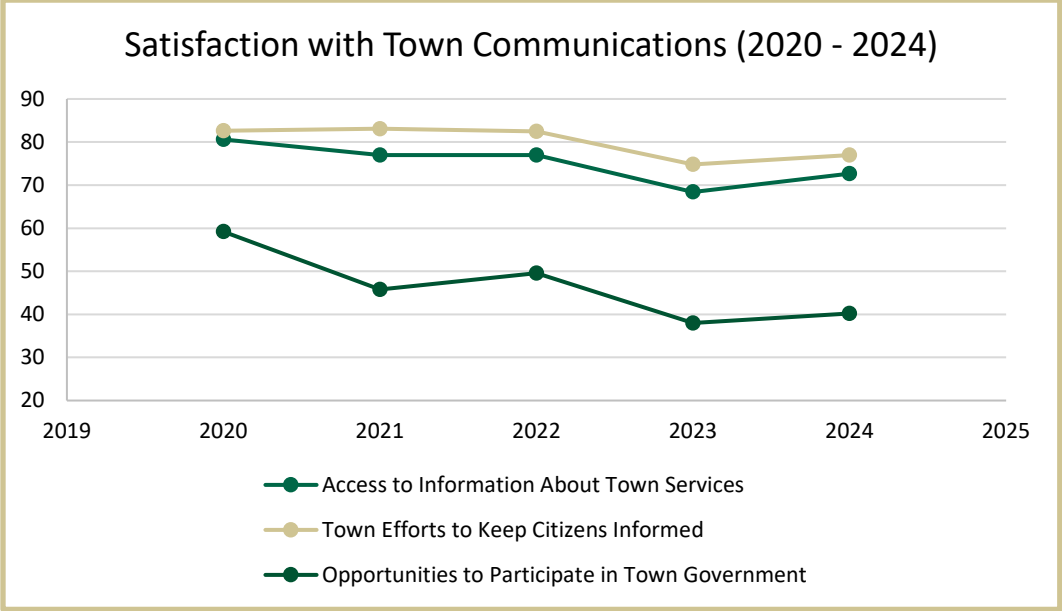
<i>Please indicate your level of satisfaction with each of the following:</i>	<b>Very Satisfied</b>	<b>Somewhat Satisfied</b>	<b>Neither Satisfied / Dissatisfied</b>	<b>Somewhat Dissatisfied</b>	<b>Unsure</b>



Access to information about Town services	34.2%	38.4%	24.1%	2.7%	0.5%
Town efforts to keep citizens informed	41.6%	35.4%	18.2%	4.1%	0.8%
Opportunities to participate in Town government	20.8%	19.4%	55.9%	2.8%	1.2%
The Town’s social media sites	14.9%	25.0%	57.9%	1.7%	0.6%

In general, satisfaction with these communication efforts improved slightly over the levels observed in 2023, though the numbers remain slightly below highs observed over the past 5 years. The overall 5-year trend appears to be relatively stable and consistent (Figure 5, below).

**Figure 5. Citizen’ Satisfaction with Town Communications, 2020 - 2024**



In an effort to improve upon the Town’s communication efforts, respondents were also asked to identify the information sources that they rely on the most to stay up to date and informed about Town issues/events. The results – presented in Figure 6, below – are consistent with those observed in prior years. Namely, local newspapers continue to be a preferred information source for a large majority of residents (75%). A significant number also report using the Town’s E-Notification system (49%) and website (43%). Conversely, only a small percentage of respondents engage with the Town on social media for these updates.

The data also suggest opportunities to improve the visibility and impact of organization level communication efforts, such as the Town Manager’s Brief (14%).

**Figure 6. Citizen’ Methods of Staying Informed About Town Issues and Events**

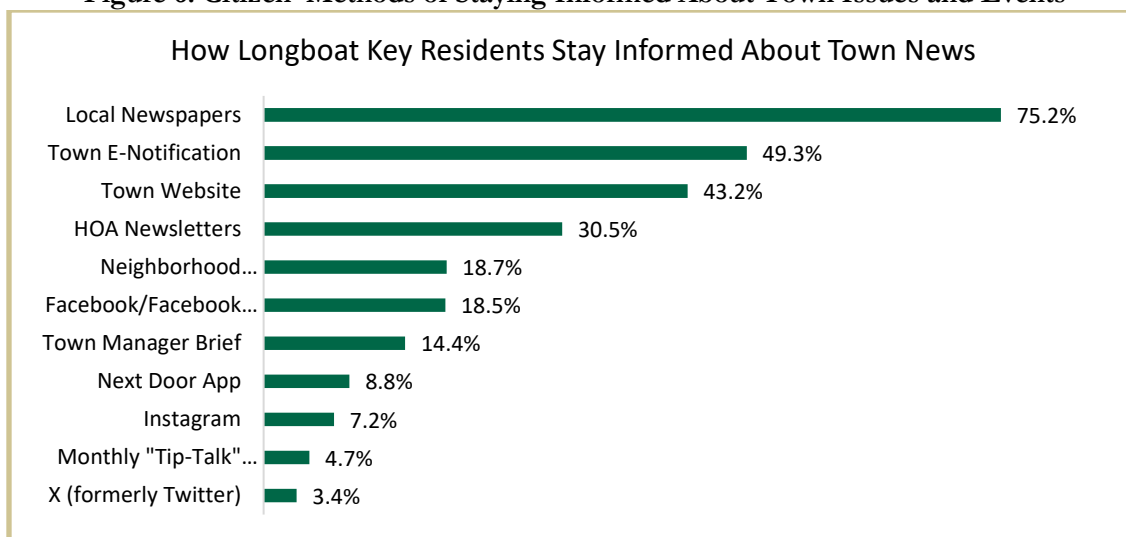


Table 14 summarizes feedback from residents who have utilized the Town's website in the past six months, focusing on their perceptions of its usability and effectiveness. A majority of respondents agree that the website is easy to navigate, with 40% “strongly agreeing” and 52% “somewhat agreeing” that it's easy to find needed information. Similarly, a significant portion of respondents agrees that the website design meets contemporary standards, with 39% “strongly agreeing” and 55% “somewhat agreeing”. Additionally, respondents indicate overall satisfaction with the website's provision of current news and important information (46% strongly agree/48% somewhat agree). Finally, the website is generally perceived as user-friendly, as indicated by 38% “strongly agreeing” and 54% “somewhat agreeing”. Overall, the feedback suggests a positive online experience among residents who have used the Town’s website.

**Table 14. Citizen perceptions of the Town’s website**

<i>Do you agree or disagree with the following statements about the Town’s website?</i>	<b>Strongly Agree</b>	<b>Somewhat Agree</b>	<b>Somewhat Disagree</b>	<b>Strongly Disagree</b>
It’s easy to find the information you need.	40.0%	52.1%	6.9%	1.1%
The design is relevant to today’s standards.	38.7%	54.7%	5.9%	0.7%

The site provides current news and important information.	46.2%	47.7%	5.2%	0.9%
The site is “user-friendly”.	37.9%	53.7%	7.0%	1.4%

Table 15 summarizes respondents' levels of familiarity with various Town of Longboat initiatives and ordinances. The data reveals that the "Lights Out" ordinance is the most well-known among respondents, with a significant majority (59%) indicating they are “very familiar” with it. Conversely, initiatives such as the Chamber of Commerce & Town's Annual Hurricane Seminar, the Town's Annual Citizen Academy, and the Town Manager's Monthly Brief show lower levels of familiarity, with only 15%, 7%, and 11% respectively indicating that they are “very familiar”. These initiatives also exhibit relatively high proportions of respondents indicating they are “not at all familiar”, suggesting potential areas for improvement in public awareness and outreach efforts. Similarly, ordinances and initiatives such as the Town's Short-Term Rental Restrictions, the Town Fertilizer Ordinance, and the "Talk of the Town" Video Series show varied levels of familiarity among respondents, with notable proportions indicating they are “not very familiar” or “not at all familiar”, highlighting the need for enhanced communication strategies to increase public awareness of these measures.

**Table 15. Familiarity with Town Initiatives**

<i>How familiar are you with each of the following Town of Longboat efforts?</i>	<b>Very Familiar</b>	<b>Somewhat Familiar</b>	<b>Not Very Familiar</b>	<b>Not at All Familiar</b>
The Chamber of Commerce & Town’s Annual Hurricane Seminar	14.5%	28.9%	25.9%	30.8%
The Town’s Annual Citizen Academy	7.3%	13.6%	29.3%	49.8%
Opportunities to Serve on Town Board’s	6.9%	21.5%	33.3%	38.2%
The Town’s Short-Term Rental Restrictions	29.2%	42.1%	15.3%	13.4%
The Town Manager’s Monthly Brief	10.9%	22.7%	28.0%	38.4%
The “Talk of the Town” Video Series	5.2%	11.1%	29.4%	54.4%
The Town Fertilizer Ordinance	7.2%	14.4%	24.4%	54.1%
“Lights Out” Ordinance	59.3%	27.8%	7.3%	5.7%

Moreover, respondents were relatively less familiar with opportunities to serve on Town boards and commissions, with only 7% indicating they are “very familiar” with these opportunities. This indicates a potential need for increased promotion and outreach to encourage civic engagement and participation in local governance. Overall, the data underscores the importance of proactive communication and engagement efforts by the Town to ensure that residents are informed about key initiatives and ordinances, fostering a more informed and engaged community.

### *Policy Priorities*

As in prior years, residents were presented with a list of possible policy priorities and asked how important it was for the Town of Longboat Key to focus on each in the coming years. The survey results indicate that residents prioritize certain issues more than others. The top priorities include Traffic (Congestion/Safety), with an overwhelming 86% of respondents considering it “very important”, followed closely by Beach Management/Shoreline Protection (82%), and Infrastructure Upkeep (80%). These issues are deemed critical by the vast majority of the community, signaling a strong desire for the Town to focus on traffic management, preserving the shoreline, and maintaining infrastructure. Fiscal Sustainability also ranks high on the list of priorities, with 75% of respondents identifying it as “very important”, alongside Street Flooding (69%), underscoring concerns related to financial health and climate resilience.

**Table 16. Importance of Town Policy Priorities (as % of row total)**

<i>In your opinion, how important is it for the Town of Longboat Key to address each of the following issues in the coming years?</i>	<b>Very Important</b>	<b>Somewhat Important</b>	<b>Neither Important / Unimportant</b>	<b>Somewhat Unimportant</b>	<b>Very Unimportant</b>
Beach Management/Shoreline Protection	82.4%	15.5%	1.7%	0.3%	0.1%
Sea-Level Rise (Adaptation Plan)	62.1%	22.7%	9.2%	2.9%	3.1%
Canal Dredging	36.5%	39.0%	17.8%	3.4%	3.4%
Street Flooding	69.3%	24.2%	5.1%	1.1%	0.3%
Redevelopment of Aging/Non-Conforming Properties	31.0%	38.4%	18.2%	7.1%	5.4%
Infrastructure Upkeep	80.4%	17.8%	1.6%	0.3%	0.0%

Fiscal Sustainability	75.2%	20.4%	3.4%	0.7%	0.4%
Traffic (Congestion/Safety)	85.8%	11.9%	1.8%	0.4%	0.1%
New Waste-Water Line to the Mainland	56.7%	32.8%	8.8%	0.7%	1.0%
Bayfront Rec Center Replacement	12.8%	32.5%	35.1%	11.4%	8.1%
Environmental Initiatives	47.0%	30.7%	14.2%	5.7%	2.3%

On the other end of the spectrum, the survey reveals areas that residents consider less critical. The Bayfront Rec Center Replacement has the least support, with only 13% of respondents viewing it as “very important” and 35% considering it “neither important nor unimportant”. Similarly, the Redevelopment of Aging/Non-Conforming Properties doesn't seem to be a pressing issue for a majority, with only 31% identifying it as “very important”. Canal Dredging and New Waste-Water Line to the Mainland are seen as somewhat moderate priorities, with 37% and 57% considering them “very important”, respectively. This indicates that while there is some interest in these areas, they do not command the same level of urgency as traffic, environmental protection, and infrastructure concerns among the residents.

Residents were asked to rate the top 3 “most important challenges facing the Town of Longboat Key at this time”. Table 17 highlights the Top 3 most important concerns – as identified by residents – compared with those observed in prior years. As in the past two years, Traffic Congestion was identified as the most pressing issue facing the Town (63%). Property Insurance Costs increased significantly as an area of concern for the second year in a row, with 58% identifying it as one of the top 3 issues facing the town (up from 52% in 2023). Finally, Beach Erosion was identified as a top issue facing the Town by just over a third of respondents (36%). Red-Tide, which was the third most commonly cited issue in 2023, ranked fourth in 2024, with 32% selecting it this year.

**Table 17. Three Year Trend of Most Important Issues Facing Longboat Key**

2022	2023	2024
Traffic Congestion (63.6%)	Traffic Congestion (69.7%)	Traffic Congestion (62.7%)
Red-Tide (50.8%)	Property Insurance Costs (51.8%)	Property Insurance Costs (58.2%)
Beach Erosion (40.9%)	Red-Tide (44.1%)	Beach Erosion (35.8%)

### *Alert Longboat and Hurricane Preparedness*

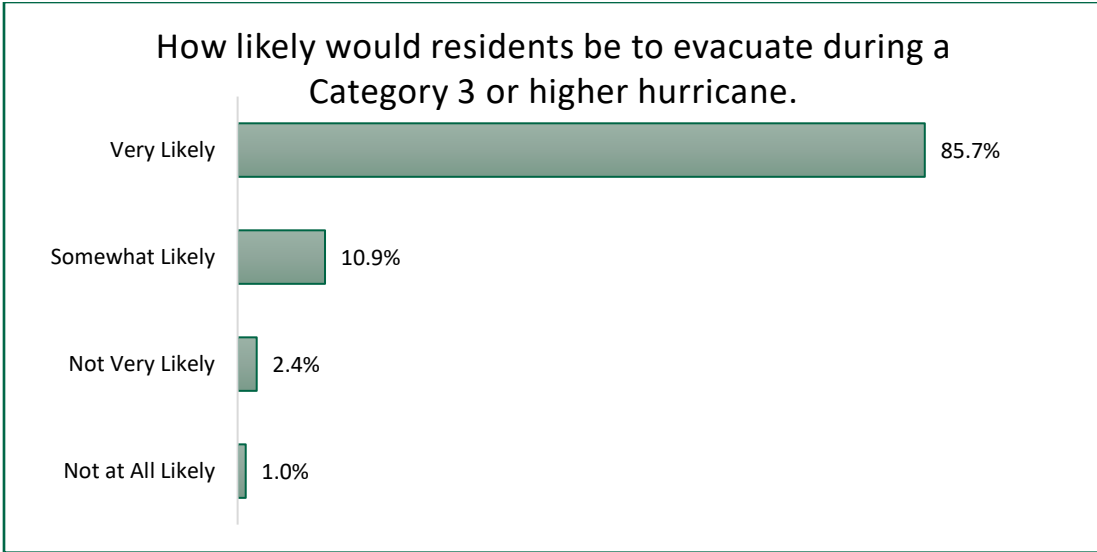
Following up on last year’s iteration of the Citizen Survey residents were asked a series of questions about their household’s readiness for a major hurricane, as well as how likely they would be to evacuate if a major storm were to threaten Longboat Key. Table 18 shows that most residents feel that they are prepared for a major hurricane, with 49% saying that they are “very prepared”, while 45% say that they are at least “somewhat prepared”. The data highlighted above show that familiarity with the Town’s Annual Hurricane Seminar is relatively low. Increasing awareness of and attendance at this event could help to improve overall readiness on the island and increase the proportion of households that are “very prepared” for a major storm.

**Table 18. Town Residents’ Hurricane Preparedness**

<i>How prepared is your household if a major hurricane were to impact Longboat Key</i>	<b>Frequency</b>	<b>Percentage</b>
Very Prepared	674	48.5%
Somewhat Prepared	625	45.0%
Not Very Prepared	60	4.3%
Not at All Prepared	15	1.1%
Unsure	15	1.1%

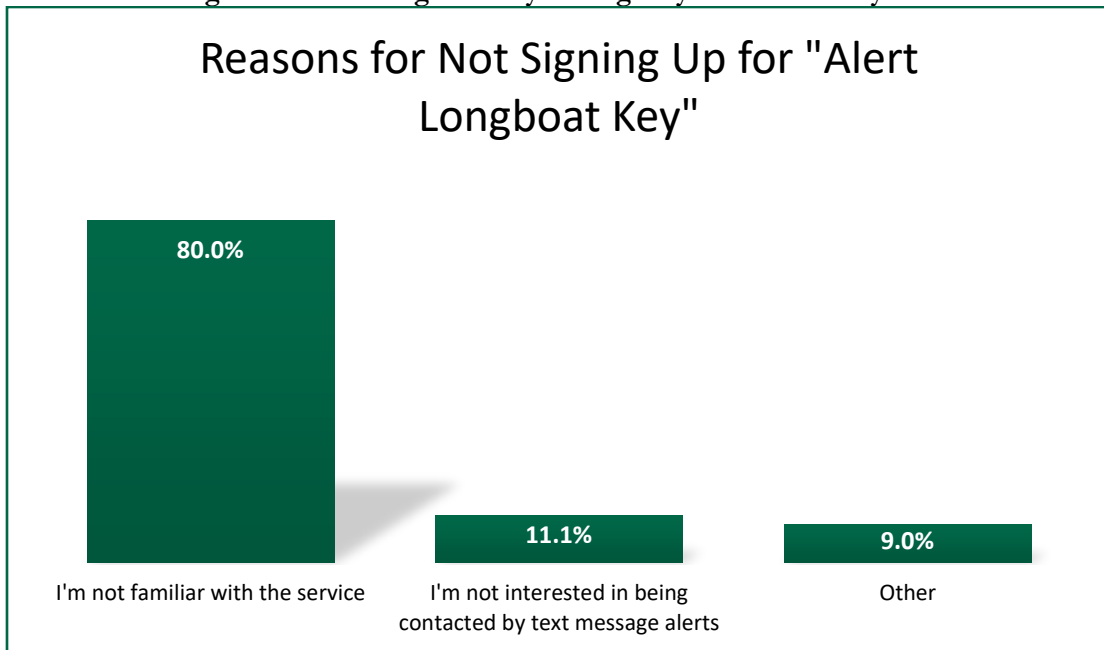
Figure 7 summarizes responses to the following prompt: *“In the future, if Longboat Key were threatened by a Category 3 or higher hurricane and an evacuation order was issued, how likely would you be to evacuate?”* As the data suggest, the overwhelming majority of residents would be likely to evacuate under these conditions. In total, nearly 97% say that they would be at least “somewhat likely” to evacuate for a Category 3 or higher storm, with 86% saying that they would be “very likely” to do so. Overall, these responses are consistent with those observed in 2023, when 89% of respondents said that they would be “very likely” to evacuate under the same circumstances, while 9% said that they would be “somewhat likely” to do the same.

**Figure 7. Hurricane Evacuation**



Additionally, residents were asked whether they have signed up for the Town’s Alert Longboat Key Emergency Notification System to receive emergency updates. In total, 77% indicated that they have signed up for the service, while another 9% said that they weren’t sure whether or not they’d done so. Of the 14% who have not signed up for the service, most (80%) indicated that they are not familiar with it, while a small percentage (11%) said that they are not interested in receiving updates via text message (Figure 8).

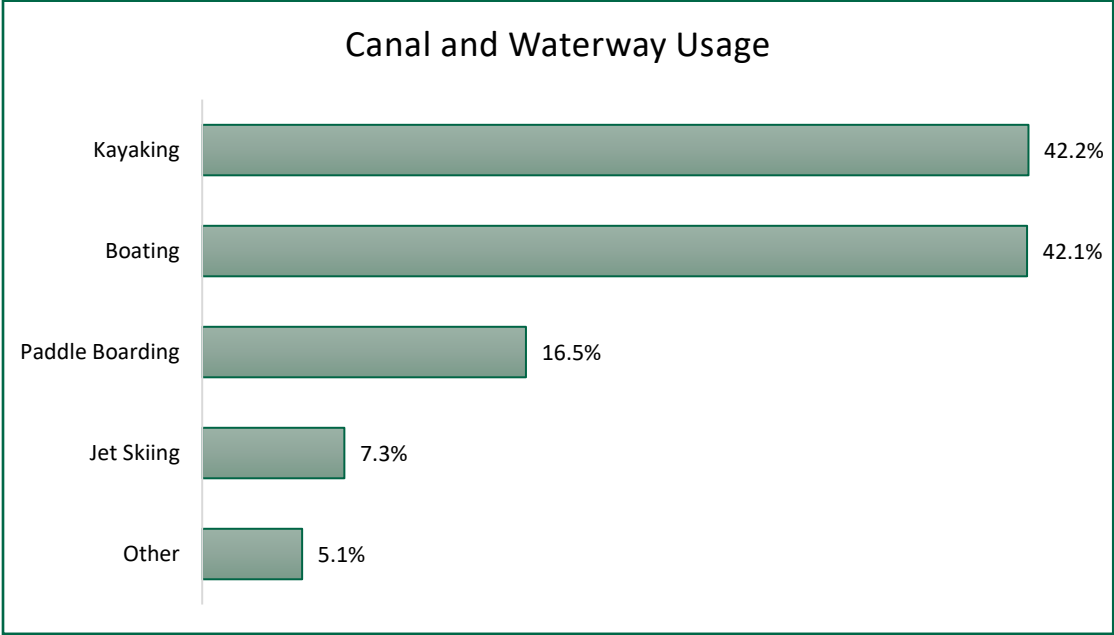
**Figure 8. Alert Longboat Key Emergency Notification System**



*Canal Usage*

Following up on the 2024 survey, residents were again asked to identify which, if any, water-based activities they regularly engage in on the Town’s network of canals and waterways. As was the case in 2023, kayaking (42%) and boating (42%) were the most commonly cited activities, with only a small percentage (7%) suggesting that they use the Town’s waterways for jet skiing (Figure 9).

**Figure 9. Canal and Waterway Usage**



As a follow up, residents were asked what, if any, barriers they face in accessing and making use of the Town’s canals and waterways. A sample of these responses was analyzed using both manual coding and a generative AI program in order to identify and summarize the most common themes and suggestions. The results highlight concerns over the maintenance and navigability of the Town’s waterways, as well as safety related concerns (such as speeding watercraft, unmarked shoals, and oversized boats). Additionally, a number of residents voiced a desire for more watercraft storage options to improve their access and the usability of the Town’s waterways.



**Table 19. Analysis of Open-Ended Responses (Accessing Canals and Waterways)**

Topic	Themes	Frequency
Accessibility and Storage Concerns	Many residents express a need for more kayak storage options and easier access to launches for kayaks, paddle boards, and small boats. This includes a desire for more public access points, better signage, and additional rental options on the island.	21.6%
Dredging and Maintenance Issues	A significant number of responses highlight the need for canal dredging to address shallow waters that restrict access during low tides. Residents also report issues with debris, mangrove encroachment, and sediment buildup that hinder navigation and enjoyment.	18.9%
Safety and Navigation	Concerns about boat traffic, speed limits, and the presence of large boats in narrow canals affecting safe navigation were mentioned. Additionally, unmarked shoals and sandbars in Sarasota Bay pose dangers.	18.9%
Public Transportation and Geographic Barriers	Limited by the lack of personal transport or reliance on public transportation, some residents find it difficult to transport equipment like kayaks or to access rental locations, particularly those without direct access to the canals or living far from accessible points.	13.5%
Environmental and Regulatory Concerns	Environmental issues such as red tide, manatee protection, and water quality are noted, alongside a desire for regulations that ensure canal navigability and address the impact of docks and boats on canal space.	10.8%
<b>Note: Analysis conducted on sample of 300 comments with OpenAI: ChatGPT 3.5</b>		

### *Airport Usage and Transit*

Following up on the 2023 survey, residents were also asked to identify which, if any, local airport they prefer when flying to and from the region, as well as their interest in on-demand transportation options (both for airport transit and “on-island” use). As was the case in 2023, an overwhelming majority (90%) of respondents identified the Sarasota/Bradenton International Airport (SRQ) as their preferred airport for traveling to and from the region. A small percentage (6%) also identified the Tampa International Airport (TPA) as their preferred travel hub in the region (Table 20).

**Table 20. Preferred Regional Airport**

<i>What is your preferred airport when flying in and out of the region?</i>	<b>Frequency</b>	<b>Percentage</b>
Sarasota-Bradenton International (SRQ)	1,253	90.2%
Tampa International (TPA)	87	6.3%
St. Pete-Clearwater International (PIE)	8	0.6%
Other	11	0.8%
I don't fly in and out of the region	30	2.2%

As a follow-up, respondents were asked whether they would regularly utilize on-demand public transit services if they were available for transportation to and from the airport, as well as around the island of Longboat Key. A majority of residents expressed an interest in on-demand airport transit, with 49% saying that they would be “very likely” to use such as service, while another 28% indicated that they would be at least “somewhat likely” to use the service. Residents were slightly less enthusiastic about using an “on-island” transit service, though a small majority (57%) did say that they would be at least “somewhat likely” to use such a service if it were available.

**Table 21. Likelihood of Using On-Demand Public Transit Services (as % of row total)**

<i>How likely would you be to use...</i>	<b>Very Likely</b>	<b>Somewhat Likely</b>	<b>Not Very Likely</b>	<b>Not at All Likely</b>
An on-demand public transportation option for trips to and from the airport.	49.2%	28.4%	15.2%	7.2%
An on-demand transportation service throughout the island of Longboat Key	20.6%	36.4%	32.2%	10.8%

## Lawn Maintenance

Finally, an additional section was added to the 2024 survey to measure issues related to the environmental impact of lawn maintenance activities on the island. Respondent were asked about their use of gas vs. electric-powered lawn equipment, as well as their adherence to the Town’s fertilizer and “Lights Out” ordinances. Among those residents who reported using lawn equipment (either directly or through a contractor), a plurality reported only using gas-powered lawn equipment (44%), while another 26% reported using a mix of both gas and electric-powered equipment. One-in-ten respondents (10%) reported using only electric-powered equipment, while another 20% were “unsure”.

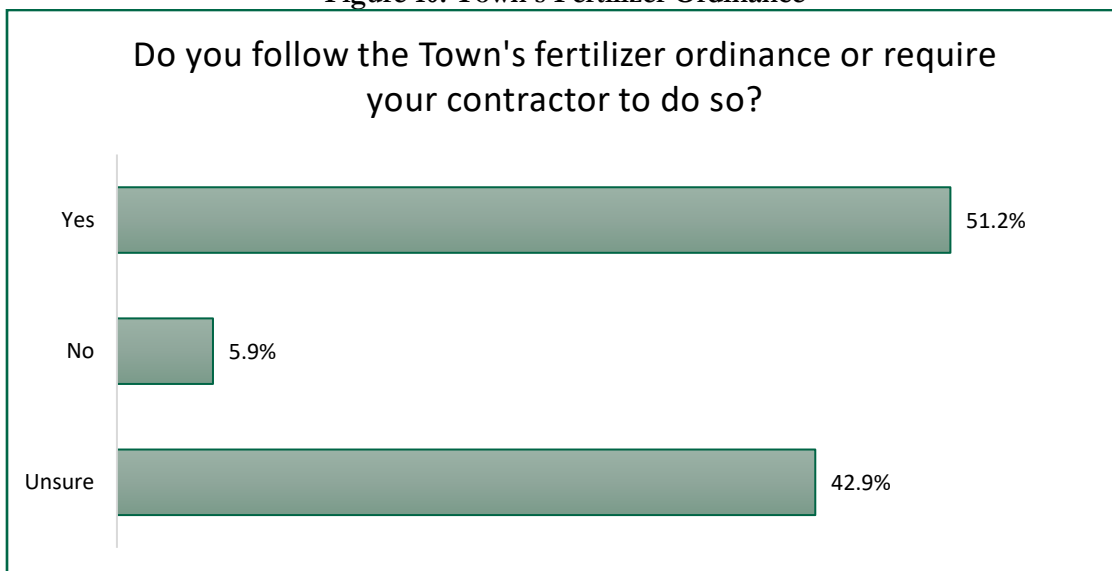
**Table 22. Gas vs. Electric-Powered Lawn Equipment**

<i>Do you use electric or gas-powered lawn equipment?</i>	<b>Frequency</b>	<b>Percentage</b>
I use only electric-powered lawn equipment	59	10.1%
I use only gas-powered lawn equipment	256	43.8%
I use both gas and electric-powered lawn equipment	151	25.9%
Unsure	118	20.2%

*Note: Residents how use contractors for all or part of their lawn care needs were instructed to answer – as best they could – about the equipment used by their contractor.*

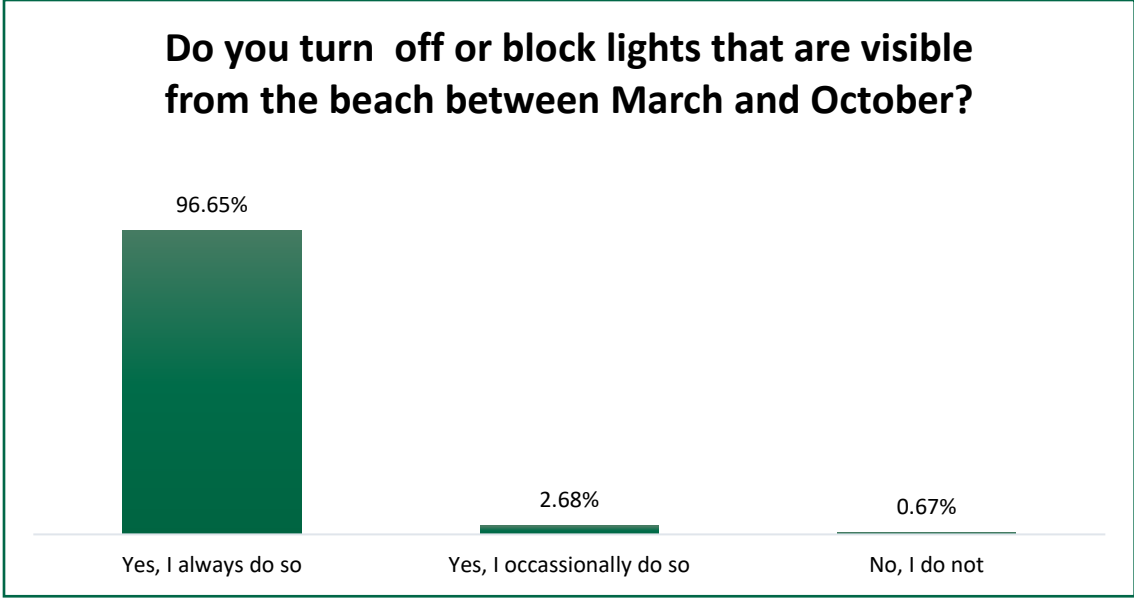
As a follow-up, residents were asked whether they follow the Town’s fertilizer ordinance. (Those who use outside contractors for their lawn-care services were asked whether they require their contracts to follow the ordinance.) As shown in Figure 10, a small majority (51%) say that they do follow the ordinance, while only 6% indicated that they do not. However, another 43% indicated that they were “unsure”, suggesting a possible need for better communication of the ordinance to residents moving forward.

**Figure 10. Town's Fertilizer Ordinance**



Finally, residents were asked whether they regularly follow the Town's "Lights Out" ordinance by turning off and/or blocking lights that are visible from the beach between March and October in order to protect nesting sea-turtles. As shown in Figure 11, an overwhelming majority of those residents who have lights visible from the beach (97%) report following the ordinance "always", while less than 1% say that they do not follow the ordinance at all.

**Figure 11. "Lights Out" Ordinance**



## CONCLUSION & RECOMMENDATIONS

The 5th annual Longboat Key Citizen Survey (2024) has highlighted both the strengths of the community and Town government, as well as some areas for improving public service delivery and Town communications moving forward. The high quality of life, satisfaction with municipal services, and strong community values provide a solid foundation for addressing challenges and embracing opportunities for growth and improvement. This concluding section offers a restatement of the key findings and themes that emerged from the survey analysis, as well as a series of general recommendations by which the Town can pursue continual improvements moving forward.

### *Key Themes and Takeaways*

Below is an abridged overview of the key themes and takeaways that emerged from the 2024 survey responses. A copy of the questionnaire is also provided in the Appendix to this report.

#### *Quality of Life and Community Satisfaction*

- The 2024 survey responses showed a continuation of the high levels of satisfaction observed in prior iterations of the survey with regard to residents’ quality of life on Longboat Key. This included high levels of satisfaction with the aesthetics, safety, and reputation of the community. Specifically, over 98% of respondents rated the overall quality of life on Longboat Key as either “excellent” or “good”, which compares very favorably to other communities throughout the region and state.

#### *Traffic and Infrastructure*

- Traffic congestion remained a significant concern among residents, with a notable percentage of respondents expressing dissatisfaction. For example, 59% of residents

reported dissatisfaction with the flow of traffic and congestion in the community, while 63% identified traffic as one of the most important issues facing the community. This suggests a need for additional improvements in traffic management and infrastructure maintenance moving forward.

#### *Municipal Services Satisfaction*

- Respondents conveyed high levels of satisfaction with the Town's emergency services, public safety, and the maintenance of parks and recreational facilities. Emergency services and public safety both received over 85% satisfaction rates, underscoring their effectiveness and importance to residents.

#### *Community Engagement and Communication*

- Residents provided mixed feedback on the Town's communication efforts and their familiarity with community initiatives, suggesting an opportunity for additional efforts and strategies to reach the community with vital information and engagement opportunities. While 73% of respondents feel adequately informed by the Town, there are opportunities to improve engagement through more interactive and accessible platforms, as well as to raise awareness of the valuable Town initiatives, such as the Annual Hurricane Seminar, the "Talk of the Town" Video Series, and resident's opportunities to serve on Town Boards.

#### *Hurricane Preparedness*

- Respondents demonstrated high overall levels of hurricane preparedness, though the responses indicated some areas for increased education and engagement. For example, nearly half (49%) said that they are "very prepared" for a major hurricane, while another 45% reported being at least "somewhat prepared". However, less than half reported being familiar with the Town's annual hurricane seminar.

#### *Development and Growth Management*

- Concerns over the pace and nature of development highlight the need for balanced growth strategies that preserve the community's character. In open-ended responses, a significant portion of residents expressed concerns about the impact of new developments on the Town's character.

#### *Lawn Maintenance*

- The data indicate varying levels of compliance with Town ordinances related to lawn maintenance practices, highlighting an opportunity for the Town to enhance education and enforcement efforts. Initiatives could include community workshops on sustainable landscaping, incentives for switching to electric lawn equipment, and clearer communication of maintenance ordinances to ensure widespread adherence and promote a healthier and more sustainable community environment.

#### *Public Transit*

- Public transit services were identified as a crucial area for improvement, with only 19% of respondents expressing satisfaction with current offerings. In open-ended comments, the primary issues cited include limited routes, infrequent schedules, and inadequate coverage of

the Town. When asked about their likelihood of using “on-demand” transit services, a large majority (78%) said that they would use such a service for airport transit, while 57% said that they would be at least “somewhat likely” to use the same service for “on-island” transportation. This feedback points towards a significant opportunity for the Town to expand and enhance public transit options, potentially including the introduction of more eco-friendly transport solutions to align with community values around environmental conservation.

### *Recommendations*

Based on the results discussed above, the following recommendations are offered to Town leaders. These recommendations aim to address the most common and impactful concerns raised in the survey in an effort to ensure that Longboat Key remains a regional leader in quality of life.

#### *Recommendation 1: Improving Traffic Management and Infrastructure*

- Explore advanced traffic management solutions to alleviate congestion and improve flow, especially during peak seasons.
- Explore smart traffic management systems that use real-time data to optimize traffic light timings, reduce congestion, and improve pedestrian safety. Consider the implementation of traffic apps that provide residents with congestion updates and alternate route suggestions.
- Conduct a comprehensive assessment of current infrastructure to identify critical areas for improvement. When/if resources allow, focus on upgrading roads, bridges, and public transport facilities to support efficient traffic flow and accommodate future growth.

#### *Recommendation 2: Enhancing Communication and Engagement*

- Encourage more use of digital communication platforms to ensure broader community access to information and participation in Town affairs. This could include the development of a more interactive mobile app that allows residents to report issues, access information on Town services, and participate in regular forums or polls.
- Promote and increase awareness of current Town initiatives and efforts, such as the Annual Hurricane Seminar, the Town’s annual Citizen Academy, and Opportunities for residents to serve on Town Boards. Increased participation in these initiatives can help to improve community relations as well as desired policy outcomes.

#### *Recommendation 3: Strengthening Environmental and Preparedness Initiatives*

- Increase awareness of and participation in environmental protection and emergency preparedness programs through educational campaigns and community events. These could include educational materials aimed at promoting the community benefits of electric-powered lawn equipment, as well as regulations such as the Town’s fertilizer ordinance.
- Review the Town’s comprehensive preparedness plan in light of evolving weather patterns. This could include strengthening the community’s emergency preparedness through more detailed planning and community drills, as well as enhancing communication strategies to ensure that all residents are aware of and understand their role in emergency situations, including evacuation routes, shelter locations, and emergency supply kits.

*Recommendation 4: Balancing Development with Community Character*

- Ensure that the Town has clear and strategic guidelines for development that preserve Longboat Key’s unique character while accommodating desired growth and improvements.
- Engage residents, business owners, and stakeholders in a collaborative planning process to ensure development aligns with community values and needs.
- Foster a “Community-Driven Planning Process” by encouraging residents to participate in the planning process. This can be achieved through the use of workshops, surveys, and public consultations to gather input and ensure development projects align with the community’s vision and values.

By focusing on these strategies, Longboat Key can address current challenges while laying the foundation for a sustainable, engaged, and thriving community for years to come. These recommendations are designed to be adaptable and scalable, ensuring that the Town can continue to evolve in response to new opportunities and challenges as they emerge.



## Appendix: Survey Instrument

Dear Town of Longboat Key Resident,

You are receiving this survey because we want to know what you think about the quality of the services you receive from the Town and the amenities available to you here on Longboat Key. We also want to hear your thoughts about the Town's most important priorities for the coming year and into the future. Your input will be very helpful as we set priorities for the future and make sure we continue to provide the highest level of service possible within our existing resources.

In order to collect this important feedback, we have contracted the Florida Institute of Government (FIOG) at the University of South Florida. We would like to request that one member of each household complete the survey. This questionnaire will only take 10-15 minutes of your time to complete, and your responses will be entirely confidential. We are greatly appreciative of your time and participation in this important effort!

For questions, please contact us at:

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Sincerely,

Howard Tipton  
Town Manager

Please enter your unique survey access code from your survey invitation in the space below.

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How would you rate your overall quality of life on Longboat Key?

Excellent

Good

Fair

Poor

How would you rate the Town of Longboat Key in each of the following areas?

	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	Unsure
As a place to live	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
As a place to retire	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
As a place to work	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
As a place to visit	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Please indicate your level of satisfaction with the following characteristics of Longboat Key:

	Very Satisfied	Satisfied	Neither Satisfied nor Dissatisfied	Dissatisfied	Very Dissatisfied
The overall reputation of the community	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
The overall aesthetics of the community	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
The overall safety of the community	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
The flow of traffic and congestion	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Your access to public transportation	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Your access to retail, dining, and entertainment	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

In the space below, please provide any additional information that you would like us to know about your responses to the questions above and your quality of life on Longboat Key.

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Are you familiar with the Town's current ordinances regarding the use of "car carriers", namely that it is illegal to load and unload "car carriers" on Gulf of Mexico Drive and that doing so can lead to heavy fines?

Yes

No

How familiar are you with the Town of Longboat Key amenities provided at the following locations?

	Very Familiar	Somewhat Familiar	Not Very Familiar	Not at All Familiar
Bayfront Park	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Durante Park	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Quick Point Nature Preserve	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Tennis Center	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Town Center	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Please indicate your level of satisfaction with the quality of the following Town of Longboat Key amenities:

	Very Satisfied	Satisfied	Neither Satisfied nor Dissatisfied	Dissatisfied	Very Dissatisfied	Unsure
Beaches	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Bayfront Park	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Durante Park	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Quick Point Nature Preserve	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Tennis Center	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Town Center	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Way-Finding Signage	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

In the space below, please share any information that would help us to better understand your responses to the previous two questions

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Compared to a year ago, have you been leaving the island for appointments and recreation more often, less often, or about the same.

More Often

About the Same

Less Often

The Town is planning a variety of events at the Town Center this season, to include markets, concerts, an art show, and a community open-house.

Do you have any suggestions for future events at the Town Center Green or its new stage?

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In the past year, have you personally used any of the following services provided by the Town of Longboat Key? (please choose 'yes' or 'no' for each service)

	Yes	No
Police Services	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Fire and Ambulance Services	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
General Town Administration	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Parks and Town Facilities	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Permitting (i.e. Planning and Building)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Code Enforcement	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Please indicate your level of satisfaction with the quality of the following services provided by the Town of Longboat Key:

	Very Satisfied	Satisfied	Neither Satisfied nor Dissatisfied	Dissatisfied	Very Dissatisfied	Unsure
Police Services	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Fire and Ambulance Services	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Emergency Management and Preparedness	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Maintenance of Streets and Sidewalks

Solid Waste Services (i.e. Trash and Recycling)

Parks and Town Facilities

Water and Waste Water Utilities

Storm Water Management

Permitting (i.e. Planning and Building)

Code Enforcement

General Town Administration

Please provide any additional information that you would like us to know about your responses to the question above.

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Have you contacted a Town official or department in the **past six months?**

Yes

No

*Skip To: End of Block If Have you contacted a Town official or department in the past six months? = No*

For the following questions, please answer based on **your most recent contact** with a Town official or department.

How did you first contact the Town for your most recent inquiry?

Walk-In

Phone

Email

Website ("Report a Concern" Link)

Other (Please Specify in the Box Below)

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Please indicate your level of agreement with each of the following statements (as they pertain to your most recent contact with a Town official or department):

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neither Agree nor Disagree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
It was easy to contact the appropriate Town official or department	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
My concern was addressed in a reasonable time	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
My concern was completely resolved	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Town employees were courteous and respectful	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Town employees were knowledgeable	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I was satisfied with my experience	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Please feel free to share any additional information that you would like us to know about your most recent contact with the Town.

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Have you visited the Town's website in the **past six months**?

Yes

No

*Skip To: Q23 If Have you visited the Town's website in the past six months? = No*

Do you agree or disagree with the following statements about the Town's website?

	Strongly Agree	Somewhat Agree	Somewhat Disagree	Strongly Disagree
It's easy to find the information you need	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
The design is relevant to today's standards	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
The site provides current news and important information	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
The site is "user-friendly"	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Do you currently follow the Town of Longboat Key on any of the following social media platforms?

	Yes	No
Facebook	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Instagram	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
X (formerly Twitter)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Which of the following sources do you use to stay informed about Town issues, services, and events? (Please check all that apply)

- Town Website
- HOA Newsletter
- Neighborhood Newsletter
- Facebook/Facebook Groups
- X (formerly Twitter)
- Instagram
- Next Door App
- Town E-Notification (i.e. Email Announcements)

- Local Newspapers
- Town Manager Brief
- Monthly "Tip Talk" Videos

How familiar are you with each of the following Town of Longboat Key efforts?

	Very Familiar	Somewhat Familiar	Not Very Familiar	Not at All Familiar
The Chamber of Commerce & Town's annual hurricane seminar	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
The Town's annual Citizen Academy	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Opportunities to serve on Town Boards	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
The Town's Short-Term Rental Restrictions	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
The Town Manager's Monthly Brief	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
The "Talk of the Town" video series	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
The Town Fertilizer Ordinance	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
"Lights Out" Ordinance (During Turtle Nesting Season)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Please indicate your level of satisfaction with each of the following:

	Very Satisfied	Somewhat Satisfied	Neither Satisfied nor Dissatisfied	Somewhat Dissatisfied	Very Dissatisfied	Unsure
Access to information about Town services	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Town efforts to keep citizens informed	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Opportunities to participate in Town government	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
The Town's social media sites	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Please provide any additional information that you would like us to know about your responses to the previous question.

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Are you familiar with the Town's Vacation Rental Registration, which requires any property that is rented in a residential zone district for 6 months or less must register with the Town and obtain a Business Tax Receipt as well as an inspection?

Yes

No

In your opinion, how important is it for the Town of Longboat Key to address each of the following issues in the coming years?

	Very Important	Somewhat Important	Neither Important nor Unimportant	Somewhat Unimportant	Not at All Important
Beach Management/Shoreline Protection	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Sea-Level Rise (Adaptation Plan)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Canal Dredging	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Street Flooding	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Encourage the Redevelopment of Aging Nonconforming Properties	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Infrastructure Upkeep (i.e. Roads, Utilities, Town Facilities, etc.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Fiscal Sustainability	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Traffic  
(Congestion/Safety)

New Waste-Water Line  
to the Mainland

Bayfront Rec Center  
Replacement

Environmental  
Initiatives

In your opinion, what are **the three most important challenges** facing the Town of Longboat Key at this time? (Please select no more than three).

Beach Erosion

Sea-Level Rise

Infrastructure Upkeep and Development

Hurricane/Emergency Preparedness

Red Tide

Fiscal Sustainability

Illegal Rentals

Taxes

Property Insurance Costs



- Cell Phone Coverage
  - Traffic Congestion
  - Other (Please Specify in the Box Below)
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How satisfied are you with the overall direction that the Town of Longboat Key is taking?

- Very Satisfied
- Satisfied
- Neither Satisfied nor Dissatisfied
- Dissatisfied
- Very Dissatisfied

Do you agree or disagree that the Town of Longboat Key is continually improving?

- Strongly Agree
- Somewhat Agree
- Somewhat Disagree
- Strongly Disagree

How satisfied are you with the job that the elected Town Commission is doing to serve the residents of Longboat Key?

- Very Satisfied
- Satisfied
- Neither Satisfied nor Dissatisfied
- Dissatisfied
- Very Dissatisfied

How likely are you to recommend the Town of Longboat Key as a place to live to your family, friends, and/or colleagues?

- Very Likely
- Somewhat Likely
- Not Very Likely
- Not at All Likely

*Skip To: End of Block If How likely are you to recommend the Town of Longboat Key as a place to live to your family, friends... != Very Likely*

What are some reasons why you might not recommend Longboat Key as a place to live to your family, friends, and/or colleagues?

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Have you signed up for the **Alert Longboat Key Emergency Notification System**?

- Yes
- No
- Unsure

*Skip To: Q38 If Have you signed up for the Alert Longboat Key Emergency Notification System? != No*

Please let us know why you haven't signed up for the **Alert Longboat Key Emergency Notification System**.

- I'm not familiar with the service
- I'm not interested in being contacted by text message alerts
- Other (Please Specify) \_\_\_\_\_

How prepared is your household if a major hurricane were to impact Longboat Key?

- Very Prepared
- Somewhat Prepared
- Not Very Prepared
- Not at All Prepared
- Unsure

In the future, if Longboat Key were threatened by a Category 3 or higher hurricane and an evacuation order was issued, how likely would you be to evacuate?

- Very Likely
- Somewhat Likely
- Not Very Likely
- Not at All Likely

What, if any, steps can the Town of Longboat Key take in the future to help you safely evacuate if the island is threatened by an extreme weather event?

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The Town of Longboat Key has 82 canals, which creates the opportunity for water based recreational activities. Which of the following activities do you participate in on Longboat Key's waterways? (please check all that apply)

- Boating
- Kayaking
- Jet-Skiing
- Paddle Boarding
- Other (Please Specify) \_\_\_\_\_
- None of the Above

What, if any, barriers do you face in accessing and making use of Longboat Key's canals and waterways?

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What is your preferred airport when flying in and out of the region?

- SRQ (Sarasota/Bradenton International Airport)
- TPA (Tampa International Airport)
- PIE (St. Pete/Clearwater International Airport)
- Other (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_
- I don't fly in and out of the region

If an on-demand public transportation option was available for trips to and from the airport, how likely would you be to use this service?

- Very Likely
- Somewhat Likely
- Not Very Likely
- Not at All Likely

If an on-demand transportation service was available throughout the island of Longboat Key, how likely would you be to use this service on a regular basis?

- Very Likely
- Somewhat Likely
- Not Very Likely
- Not at All Likely

Do you use electric or gas-powered lawn equipment?

Note: if you use a contractor for all or part of your lawn care needs, please answer as best your able based on the equipment used by the contractor.

- I use only electric-powered lawn equipment
- I use only gas-powered lawn equipment
- I use both gas and electric-powered lawn equipment
- I do not use any lawn equipment
- Unsure

Do you follow the Town's fertilizer ordinance or require your contractor to do so?

- Yes
- No
- Unsure

Do you turn off or block lights that are visible from the beach between March and October in order to protect nesting sea-turtles (in compliance with the Sea Turtle Protection Ordinance)?

- Yes, I do so always
- Yes, I do so occasionally
- No, I do not
- I do not have lights visible from the beach on my property

How long have you lived on Longboat Key?

- Less than 5 years
- 5-10 years
- 11-20 years
- More than 20 years

Which of the following best describes how much of the year you typically spend living on Longboat Key?

- 11-12 months
- 8-10 months
- 6-7 months
- 3-5 months
- 1-2 months
- None of the year



Where do you expect to be living in 5 years?

- Longboat Key
- Another community in the Tampa Bay region
- Another community in Florida
- Outside of Florida
- Unsure

*Skip To: Q53 If Where do you expect to be living in 5 years? = Longboat Key*

Please tell us why you don't expect to be living in Longboat Key in 5 years?

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What type of home do you live in?

- Single Family Home
- Town House or Condominium
- Apartment
- Other

Do you currently own or rent your home?

Own

Rent

What is your gender?

Male

Female

Prefer not to answer

Did you respond to the Town's 2023 Citizen Satisfaction Survey?

Yes

No

# 2024 Citizen Survey | Fast Facts

## The Town of Longboat Key



**98%** of residents are happy with the **Quality of Life on Longboat Key** -- among the most positive in the region and throughout the state of Florida!



Years the Town has conducted an annual survey

**5**



Number of surveys completed

**1,392**



Survey Response Rate

**16%**



Satisfaction with Town Services

**98 %** Fire Rescue Services

**98 %** Parks and Recreation

**90 %** Police

**87 %** Solid Waste



Top Priorities for the Town

**# 1** Traffic Congestion & Safety

**# 2** Beach Management/Shoreline Protection

**# 3** Infrastructure Upkeep

**# 4** Fiscal Sustainability

### ISSUES-BASED RESPONSE



Hurricane Preparedness

**48%** of respondents feel very prepared for a major hurricane

**77%** of residents have signed up for Alert Longboat Key to receive emergency notifications

**86%** of respondents would evacuate with a Category 3 or higher hurricane



For full survey report, please visit:  
[www.longboatkey.org/residents/citizen-survey](http://www.longboatkey.org/residents/citizen-survey)



# 2024 Citizen Survey

Town of Longboat Key, FL

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Summary of Final Report

April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024



# 2024 Citizen Survey

Town of Longboat Key, FL

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# Summary

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**Purpose:** The 2024 Citizen Survey was conducted to solicit feedback from residents across a range of critical issues. The results are intended to help Town management improve public service delivery and set priorities for the future.

**Approach:** Building on surveys conducted over the past 4 years, the questionnaire was divided into 11 key areas, which included:

1. Quality of Life on Longboat Key
2. Community Amenities
3. Government Services
4. Town Contacts
5. Overall Direction
6. Town Communications
7. Town Priorities
8. Hurricane Preparedness
9. Canal Usage
10. Airport and On-Island Transit
11. Lawn Maintenance Practices

# Methodology

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- ✓ Web-based questionnaire;
- ✓ Responses solicited via postal mail invitation;
- ✓ Unique Identifier;
- ✓ 8,817 survey invitations mailed out;
- ✓ 1,392 completed/usable responses;
- ✓ Response rate = 16% (margin of error +/- 2.46)
  - ✓ There was a very slight increase in response rate from 2023, and the overall response rate remains considerably above average for this methodology.

# 1. Quality of Life

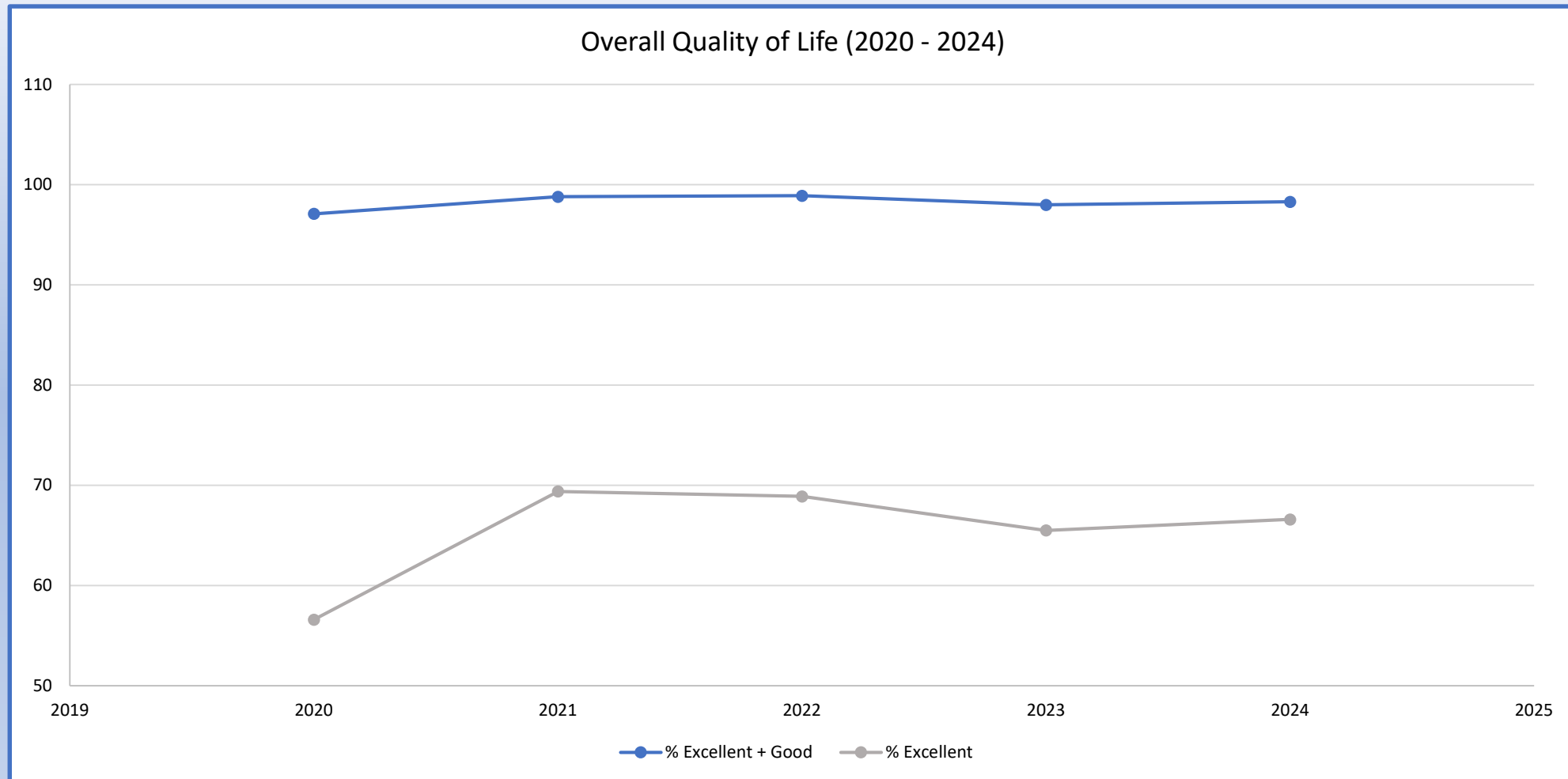
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Respondents expressed very positive attitudes regarding their quality of life on Longboat Key.

- ✓ 98% described the overall quality of life on Longboat Key as either “excellent” or “good”.
  - ✓ 67% chose “excellent”; this is consistent with the previous year’s results.
- ✓ 95% rated the Town as either an “excellent” or “good” place to live and place to retire.
- ✓ 60% of respondents indicated that they were either “somewhat” or “very dissatisfied with traffic congestion on Longboat Key.”
  - ✓ This was down slightly from 66% in 2023
  - ✓ Traffic remained among the most important challenges facing the Town according to 63% of survey respondents.



# 1.1 Quality of Life on Longboat Key (2020-2024)



# 1.2 Quality of Life Comments

Topic	Themes	Frequency	Sentiment
Traffic Congestion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Frustration with Congestion</li><li>• Unsafe driving behaviors</li><li>• Impact on quality of life</li></ul>	79%	42% negative 50% neutral 8% positive
Infrastructure Concerns	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Drainage Issues</li><li>• Road Conditions</li></ul>	61%	34% negative 60% neutral 6% positive
Quality of Life Impacts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Coastal Flooding</li><li>• Noise Pollution</li><li>• Development and Change</li></ul>	38%	52% negative 42% neutral 6% positive
Retail, Dining, Entertainment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Desire for more options</li><li>• Concerns about pricing</li></ul>	26%	18% negative 80% neutral 2% positive

## 2. Town Center Event Comments

Topic	Themes	Frequency
Appreciation for Existing Events	Satisfaction with the existing events and activities on Longboat Key, such as farmers markets, concerts, art shows, and community gatherings. They viewed these events positively and were supportive of their continuation and expansion.	70%
Diversity of Event Offerings	The importance of diversity in event offerings to cater to the varied interests and preferences of the Longboat Key community. They suggested a wide range of events, including cultural festivals, music concerts, art shows, and educational programs.	60%
Desire for Community Engagement	Emphasized the importance of community engagement events. They expressed interest in activities that bring residents together, foster a sense of belonging, and promote interaction among neighbors.	50%
Concerns About Traffic and Development	Expressed concerns about the potential negative impacts of increased traffic and development associated with new events and projects on Longboat Key. They highlighted the need for careful planning to address traffic congestion and minimize disruptions to residents' daily lives.	40%

# 3. Government Services

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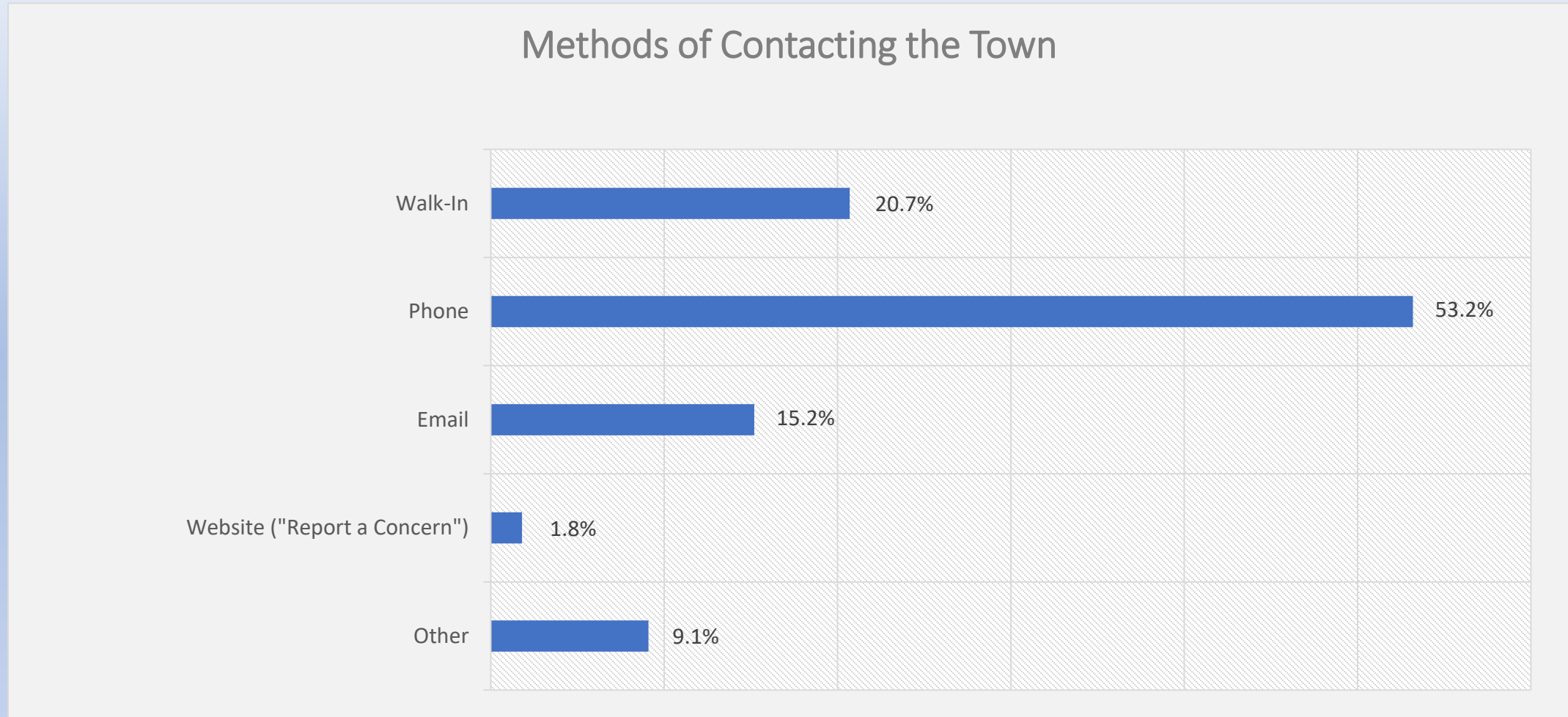
Residents who interacted with key Town departments reported high levels of satisfaction with the services provided:

- ✓ Police – 90%
- ✓ Fire/Ambulance – 98%
- ✓ Parks/Town Facilities – 93%
- ✓ General Town Admin. – 83%

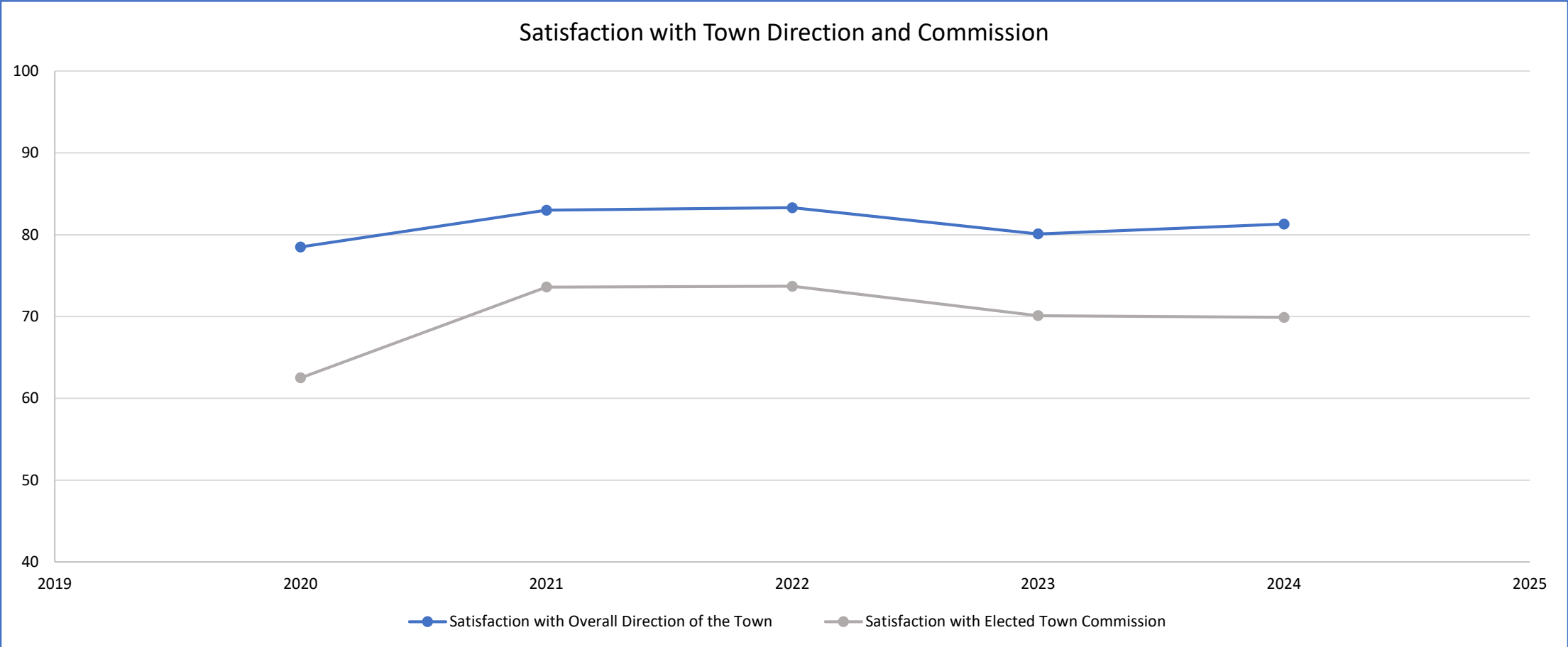
Citizens who contacted the Town for assistance in the past 6 months gave Town staff high marks:

- ✓ Easy to Contact – 90%
- ✓ Courteous/Respectful – 93%
- ✓ Knowledgeable – 87%
- ✓ Satisfied with Experience – 79%

# 3.1 Methods of Contacting the Town

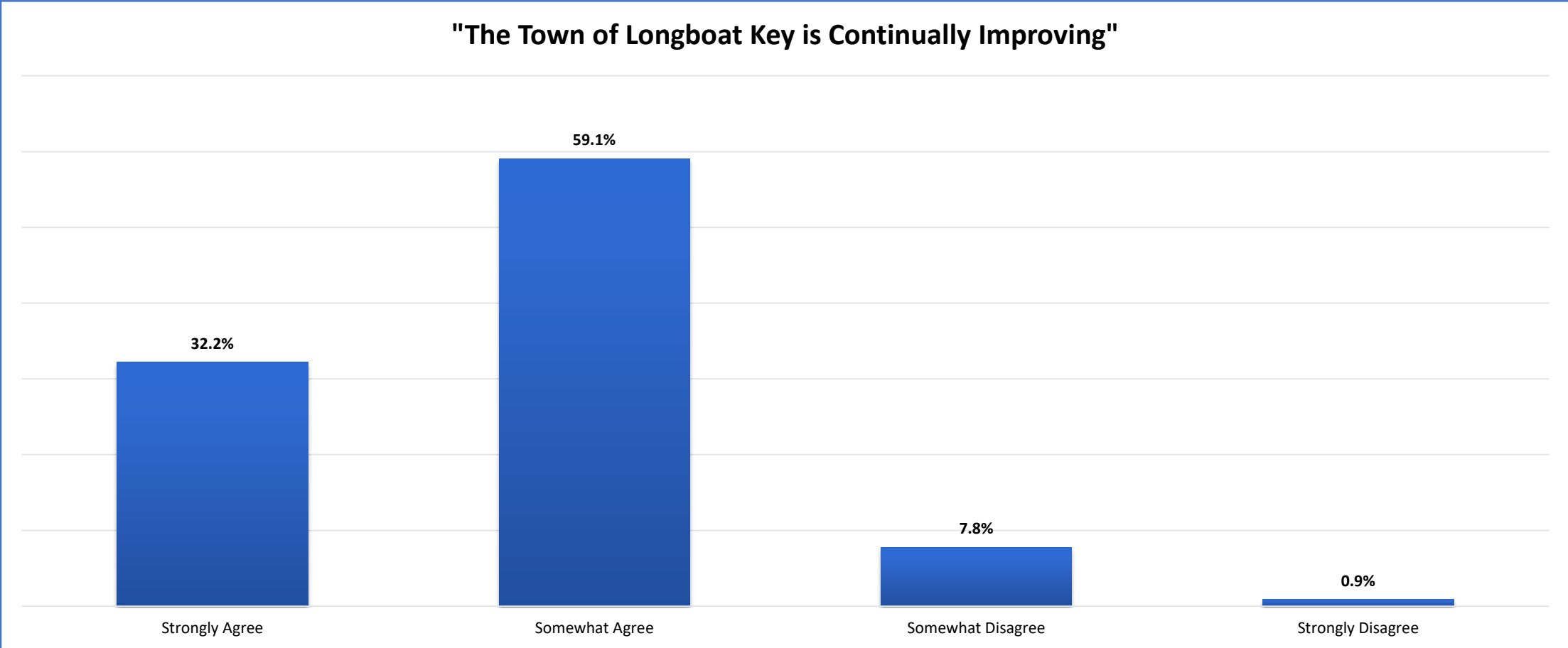


# 4. Overall Direction of the Town

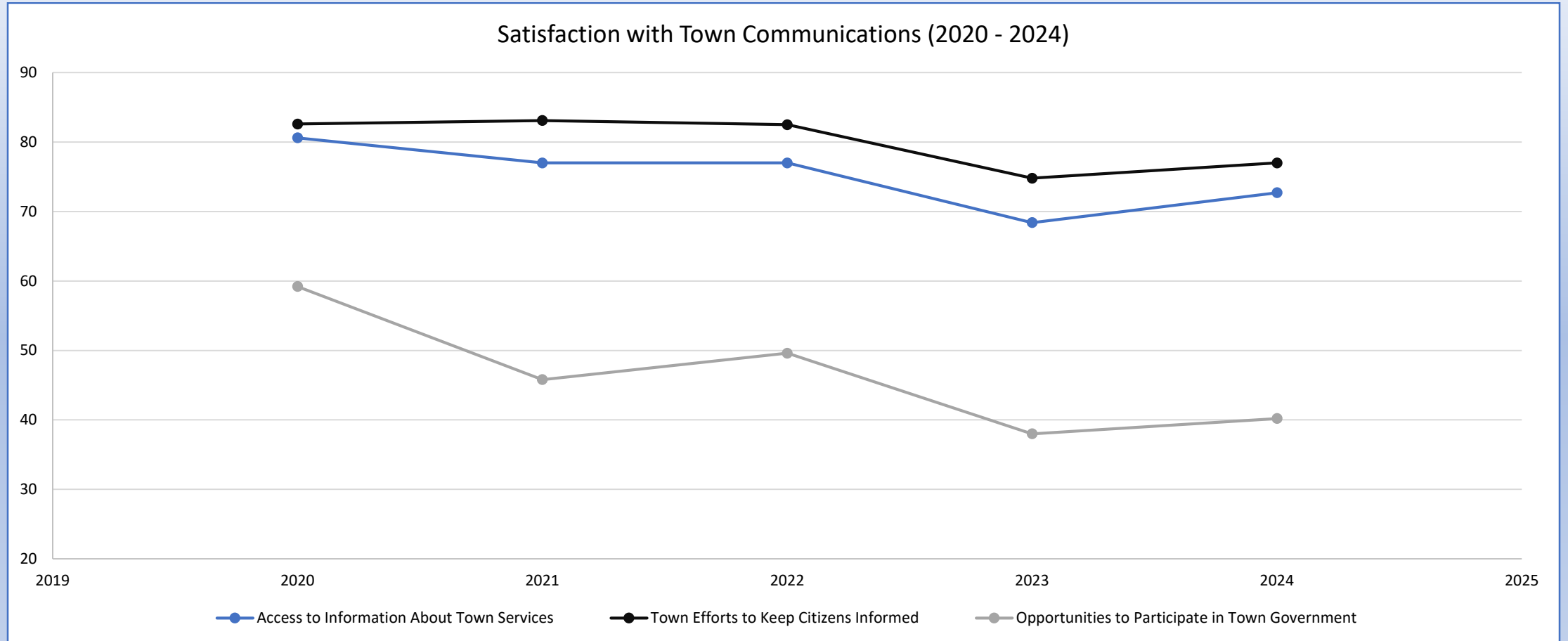


# 4.1 Continual Improvement

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# 5. Town Communications: 2020 – 2023 Trends





## 5.1 Familiarity with Town Initiatives

- Annual Hurricane Seminar – 43%
- Citizen Academy – 21%
- Opportunities to Serve on Town Board – 28%
- Town Manager’s Monthly Brief – 34%
- “Talk of the Town” Video Series – 16%

# 6. Town Priorities: Three Year Trend

Three-Year Trend of Most Important Issues Facing Longboat Key		
2022	2023	2024*
Traffic Congestion (63.6%)	Traffic Congestion (69.7%)	Traffic Congestion (62.7%)
Red-Tide (50.8%)	Property Insurance Costs (51.8%)	Property Insurance Costs (58.2%)
Beach Erosion (40.9%)	Red-Tide (44.1%)	Beach Erosion (35.8%)

\*Red Tide was the 4<sup>th</sup> most commonly cited challenge in 2024.

# 7. Hurricane Preparedness

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- ✓ A large majority of residents (94%) say that they are at least “somewhat prepared” for a major hurricane, though only half (49%) say that they are “very prepared”.
- ✓ 86% say that they would be “very likely” to evacuate for a Category 3 or higher hurricane if instructed to do so.
- ✓ These numbers were largely unchanged from 2023.

# 8. Barriers to Use of Town Waterways

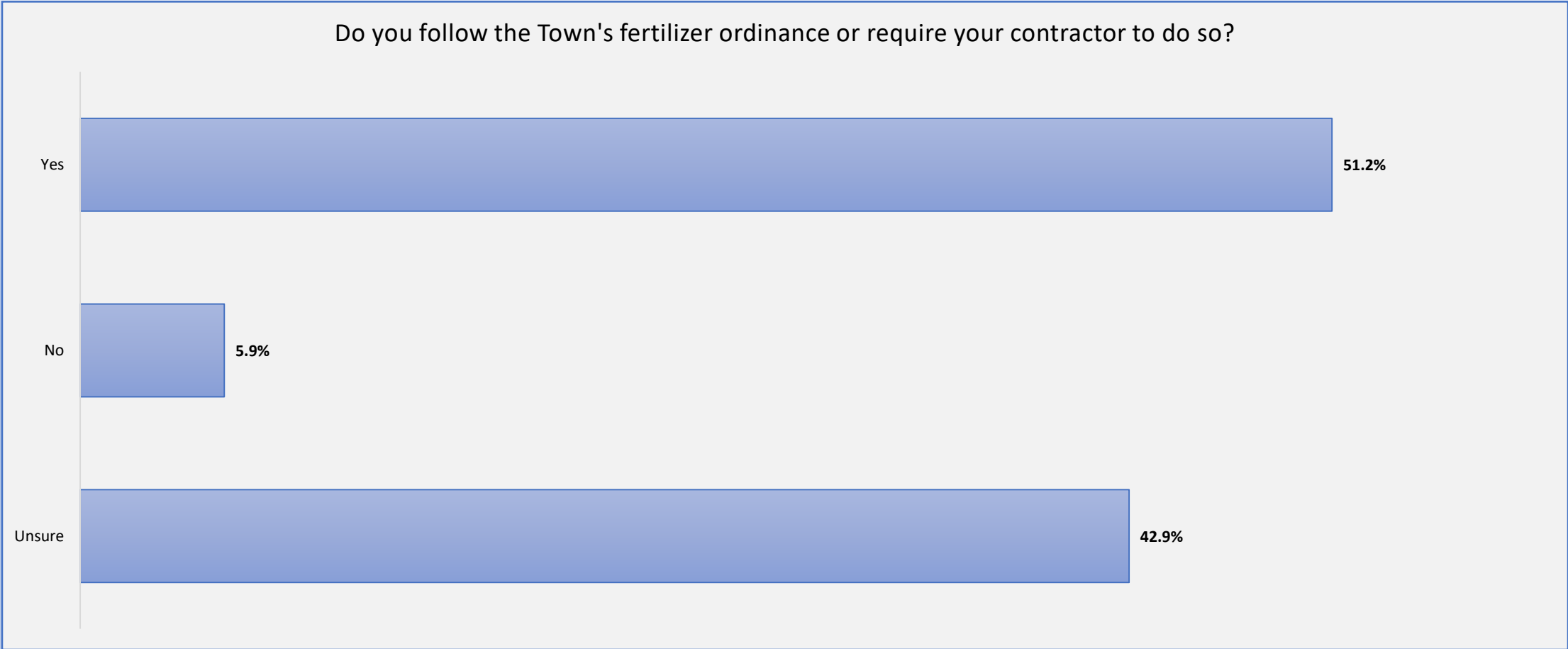
Topic	Themes	Frequency
Accessibility and Storage Concerns	Many residents express a need for more kayak storage options and easier access to launches for kayaks, paddle boards, and small boats. This includes a desire for more public access points, better signage, and additional rental options on the island.	22%
Dredging and Maintenance Issues	A significant number of responses highlight the need for canal dredging to address shallow waters that restrict access during low tides. Residents also report issues with debris, mangrove encroachment, and sediment buildup that hinder navigation and enjoyment.	19%
Safety and Navigation	Concerns about boat traffic, speed limits, and the presence of large boats in narrow canals affecting safe navigation were mentioned. Additionally, unmarked shoals and sandbars in Sarasota Bay pose dangers.	19%
Public Transit and Geographical Barriers	Concerns about boat traffic, speed limits, and the presence of large boats in narrow canals affecting safe navigation were mentioned. Additionally, unmarked shoals and sandbars in Sarasota Bay pose dangers.	14%

# 9. Lawn Maintenance Practices

## Current Lawn Equipment Practices

- Electric-Powered Only – 10%
- Gas-Powered Only – 44%
- Both Gas and Electric – 26%
- Unsure – 20%

# 9.1 Adherence to Town's Fertilizer Ordinance



# Questions

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- For follow-up question, please contact Stephen Neely at [stephen@forwardanalytics.org](mailto:stephen@forwardanalytics.org)



**In the space below, please provide any additional information that you would like us to know about your responses to the questions above and your quality of life on Longboat Key.**

You have to leave Longboat Key for almost all retail other than Publix and CVS.  
Limited dining on Key. To leave Key to go to Sarasota and/or Bradenton for retail, dining entertainment etc requires bridges, traffic and patience.

You do a great job of managing our paradise here. Only suggestion is managing building going forward. Only so much room on this island; and more big builds make for impossible passage during peak season. Please keep that in mind.

You cannot get anywhere due to congestion on the streets

Would love to see the ferry become a reality as an alternate route to downtown Sarasota from Long Boat Key

Would love to see a mid key water taxi to Sarasota during high season. A trolley that had its own lane to Sarasota and Bradenton would be nice.

Would love to have more bistros/breakfast places on island

would love to have a shuttle service to and from SRQ.

Would love more public transport options, particularly in the evening which could help address the late day congestion into both St. Armands and Bradenton. Wish some casual dining would take advantage of available space in Publix complex

Would love more dining on the island.  
Traffic congestion is a result of visitors

would love a casual tavern with food by publix.

Would like transportation from the Key to the Circle

Would like to see more dining options

Would like to see an organic market, more gasoline station choices, less touristy shopping. Traffic is horrible, and will continue to get worse once the St. Regis is open. Took 45 minutes to get to St. Armand's Circle yesterday from 2425 Gulf of Mexico. We need a hospital/doctors on Longboat.

Would like to see a shuttle to and from Bradenton beach. When we first bought we thought it ran regularly to LBK

Would like to have free trolley back would love to go  
Into St Armand and not worry about parking. Like to go to Coquina beach and o. The Anna Marie and not have to drive

Would like to be able to build a smaller home on our property. Min sf requirements have made it impossible to build what we need due to higher cost per sf to build on LBK.

Would like more restaurants on Longboat Key.

would like more restaurants



Would like light posts on Tarawitt Drive.

Would like LBK seafood market, nor Publix, and additional good quality restaurants.

Would like additions retail and dining options. Especially in the winter months when it is impossible to leave the island because of traffic.

Would like a better police presence at the Bay Iles Pkwy. Traffic light as the left turn drivers refuse to yield going southbound. We were run off the road last week by a woman who refused to yield right of way!

Would have liked to see the Town take an active financial interest in the library that has been serving the people of the town on a volunteer basis for many years.

would have given more positive responses, but flooding degrades the quality of life

Would be nice to have someone controlling traffice to get on and off island, possibly in St. Armands and near Cortez Road

Would be nice to have more performing arts events at the central pavilion

Wondering why the debris from Ian is still not cleaned up at Quick Point, it may not be the towns responsibility  
Also, we feel there could be more enforcement of the yellow blinking lighted crosswalks. Perhaps red lights instead if legal  
Also wondering if it's possible to put speed limit signs on bike path/sidewalk. With lots of new ebikes people are not signaling and going very fast. Perhaps no ebikes on the path??

Wonderful town to live in if we could only straighten out Bradenton Beach with the traffic did they ever hear of traffic cops

With weather patterns changing, I feel the town has not addressed any of the issues of flooding. I lived most of my life on an island in MI and had flooding several times and the town IMMEDIATELY addressed the issue and all waterfront properties had to bern to a flood stage to protect all that lived there. The town then placed pumps to address the problem when needed. That was in 1974, again in 1985....and still to this day they protect the homeowners. This town has not helped anyone.

With so many people on the island, Beach traffic North is sometimes impossible for a good part of the day. Almost feels dangerous at times, should an emergency occur. Can't imagine how much worse both bridge construction projects will make it for the foreseeable future. Lots of our neighbors are already thinking about selling and getting off the island—and we haven't even included the humongous development going in on Cortez—just makes one scratch their head and ask why safe, thoughtful zoning isn't done by this state and local governments.

Wish we had more restaurant options on LBK. It's frustrating to see the open retail space at the Publix shopping center. It would be a terrific location for a restaurant.

Wish there were more dining options on LBK. Upsets me that the change in the speed limit close to the gas station on the south end of LBK isn't easier to see. The cops are always pulling people over for speeding. But there is no warning that it changes from 45 to 35. And the 35 mph sign is obstructed by trees/bushss. Feels like a speed trap.

wish for coffee shop or bakery like Panera's, or Peaches or Starbucks

Why is underground work on poles/lights taking so long and when will the work be completed?

Why does the speed limit on Gulf of Mexico Drive change from 45 to 35 in the vicinity of the Longboat Key Club. There are the same golf courses, residential and commercial establishments along the entire road. Why 35 MPH in that area. It seems like a speed trap for motorists.

While traffic at peak season times can be troublesome it is only at these times. Access to and from the island is fine during all other times.

When the St. Regis opens, traffic in season will hugely degrade the quality of life on Longboat. Something really has to be done and we are hopeful town officials are SERIOUSLY thinking about how to address this.

whatever happened to the minimizing road signs effort several years ago? They're back... and more!

We would like to see the sidewalk on Gulf of Mexico drive repaired or replaced.

We would have given an excellent rating in many categories if it were not for the difficult traffic problems here on LBK. Rather than making our island more satisfactory for tourists or beachgoers on the north end and beyond, I would concentrate on transportation solutions - ferry, on-call public transport, any other creative solutions people can come up with.

We work in many counties and City's and your Building Department is by far the best, most knowledgeable, and customer service friendly of any of them!

We visit St. Armands and downtown Sarasota for retail, dining, entertainment.

We realize that the seasonal traffic delays/stoppages result from impacts off-Key (such as the Cortez-beach intersection). Because a comprehensive solution is not likley to be found, key to us would be to limit development on the key to net zero and to avoid key enhancements (like additional beach parking) that would bring traffic to the Key.

We purchased our home on Yawl 7 years ago. Our decision was heavily based on being on the water. However our canal level is extremely low. We are often unable to get our boat out and frequently when we do go out our time is cut short due to low tide and the need to get back down our canal before we are unable to. We have called the city MANY times and have repeatedly been told our canal should be next on the list to be dredged. Yet nothing has been done. This is very disappointing.

Secondly the speed limit on Gulf of Mexico increases just near our house. The late night speeding cars are not only dangerous but very loud. We request that the lower speed limit be maintained down the entire stretch due to the residential streets and pedestrian traffic.

~~We owned and lived on LBK for over 25 years...traffic has become a major problem.~~ With the opening of the St. Regis we will have even more problems getting on and off the island. We thought we were maxed out on building but see that there are more developments proposed. We are limited to dining, retail and health care. We could use a coffee shop, a casual lunch place, etc. We time our visit in town to early morning. Traffic on and off the island a MAJOR concern. We worry about emergencies. Getting through the circle is a challenge, many of us take short cuts and some of them are a concern.

We need traffic cams on LBK and more traffic alerts when there are festivals etc. on City Island and St Armand's Circle.

We need to move traffic better along with more Center Lanes, More Passing Zones and Larger Right Turn Areas and REMOVE bikes from the Roads along with golf carts.

We need to look at transportation options.

We need to find a solution to on and off Island traffic!

We need the center lane where it is not and smarter people when it comes to using the center lane where it exists. Age of citizens should not matter. If you can drive you must drive properly. Also, so many do not drive at the posted speed limit when there is no excuse not to.

We need our canal to be dredged but the town does not seem to value our northern section of the island. The underground project also seems to be low priority although we paid our assessment years ago!

We need our canal dredged. It is silted due to the town drainage from the GMD.

We need more waterfront restaurants for residents to enjoy. Gulf of Mexico Blvd is not as beautiful as it was ten years ago when I retired. ? Our Public works employees. Shrubs are overgrown and trash on sidewalks. We need more pet collection containers for mid key and north. Great EMS personnel. Yoga class through the town is great!

We need more roundabouts. Every single stop light or stop sign should be a roundabout. Roundabouts are far more efficient than stop lights.

We need more restaurants with all of the population/resort growth. Traffic is horrible at certain times of year, but we keep building more space for more population.

We need more restaurants on Longboat Key, it's probably our biggest complaint. We're hoping the St. Regis helps with that, but we could also use a few casual restaurants. We're surprised there isn't one near Publix! Also, if it were an ideal world we would have a boat service taking people from the island into town. With Uber being limited on the island, a convenient way to get into town would be a huge advantage. Even if it ended at 7pm, we could get into town for dinner, then Uber back.

We need more restaurants here very badly.

We need casual restaurants and a movie theater so we don't have to leave Longboat to get them.

We need better access to downtown Sarasota- water shuttle? Ferry?  
Traffic is the biggest complaint

We need another grocery store, gas station, and convenience store. The very few we have are monopolies and charging ridiculous prices. The town needs to look into helping the residents with insurance options and lowering the high insurance cost(s).

We need an extra key to the mainland even privately financed and using a toll.

In order to reduce traffic off the island another market would be necessary, eg Aldi at the North end?

We need a whole foods on this island, along with more restaurants for access due to traffic here

We need a water shuttle from Longboat to downtown Sarasota

Use City point for parking not an amusement park which would be all wrong for Longboat Key. We don't need tacky amusements on this fragile Key

We love to walk the beach. This, however, is not feasible near us as one of the owners has built a sea wall around his property with "BEWARE OF DOG" signs everywhere. We have actually gotten stuck due to the tide coming in on the rocks in front of his place which required being rescued. How could the town of LBK allow an owner to put up something so treacherous to residents? How does a person "own" the beach?? This is a death/drowning waiting to happen and something should be done about it.

We love the safety of LBK too. It's a great place to live

We love living on the island. The only frustration is the traffic.

We love living on LBK- the retail is "weak" but I am considering St Armands in that comment- basically St Armands is a tourist attraction with mostly tourist items....it comes off low end and a bit cheesy.

We love living on LBK but it definitely has issues. We need more dining options, a shuttle to/from SRQ airport, and traffic congestion improvement.

We love living here

we love LBK but the Regis development is concerning

We love it inLBK!

We love being on the key. When we need to go into town the traffic flow/timing rules our lives. We live here year round.

We live here full time and are retired. We try to take trips during rental season because of the traffic and wait times at restaurants. So typically we don't have to deal with it. We love the island but have 2 concerns....

1. The increase in flooding in the Village. We have a 1953 historic home and love it but are finding the amount of water coming to us even after a hard rain has increased significantly. We believe all the new huge homes being built much higher than our home is sending us the flood of water.
2. We have a condo at Neptune right by the City offices. Crossing the road to go to the beach has become very dangerous because people rarely stop for you and where we cross is right after a curve in the road which makes it even more dangerous. We need a warning sign.

We have vacation and had a winter home in longboat key for over 30 years. It is our place to come and wind down, enjoy family and friends, and enjoy our best life. Feel very fortunate to have found this beautiful, beautiful place and came when it was quieter than the Lauderdale side of Florida and Commer. It is getting very congested as we age which makes the traffic and the time to get from place to place a challenge.

We have owned property in the village since 1954. Many changes are not all for the better. Too much involvement by the city government in the affairs of long-term property owners. All property owners should have a vote in city affairs that will increase the tax burden on property owners.

We have over populated our beautiful Key. The Regis does not belong on the key. It is a small city. Our sidewalks are not for walkers especially when you have sidewalk on one side not both.

We have loved Longboat Key for the 22 years we have had a condo but the enormous amount of building, especially the condo's and convention center on the old Colony property will make a terrible overbuilding and traffic problem a nightmare. We feel trapped in our condo because of the heavy traffic. In the past we could make a reservation at a restaurant with ease now we have to plan a week in advance. I believe the quality of life that made Longboat special is gone....SAD.

We have enjoyed our life on LBK for the past 27 years. We hope to see a curtail of over building—especially high rise units and hotels. Forget what the developers want and listen to the wishes of the community!! Most of us are here because we wanted a small, quiet place to live. The traffic flow from more hotels and mega condos would be more disastrous than it already is. Good luck with your future endeavors.

We have always loved longboat key however over the last few years the level of commitment to the north end of the island and the traffic posed by the exit off the island especially to the north as a result of the coquina beach expansion have made life on longboat limiting .

We have had a home off Marbury Lane for 20 years. Since the Presbwyteeian church and the public utility was built on General Harris we have constant flooding on the streets which was not the case before. The retention pond that they have is insufficient for the amount of swamp land they built on ! Something should be done to help the residents with the drainage systems.

Traffic heading north has made access to other restaurants and activities impossible. Coquina should have one entrance with a light so that traffic from longboat continues to flow. Traffic is backed up past general Harris often during peak periods.

We have a family condo there - Go there for 2 months in the winter. Do NOT use public transportation. Would LOVE to see a bridge built between Lido & Siesta Key - would siphon off much of the excess traffic on the main causeway to Sarasota - thus making it MUCH easier to get around.

We feel that life on Longboat Key is as close to ideal as life can get!

We feel it is a lovely, quiet community, with not many public activities, fun spaces or offerings.

We enjoy LBK very much. We are actually residents of Pinellas, City of Dunedin. Like towns and size. We are quite satisfied with the operation of both towns for our needs and pleasures.

We don't use the public transport but love everything about LBK- except traffic during season- we mostly spend summer and fall on the Island.

We don't use public transportation.

We do not live on the Key full time but it totally meets our current needs. Traffic and dining out can be a problem in the "on season" but does not negatively affect us because we are flexible and can avoid peak traffic times and dining times. If we need to purchase items from a store such as Target or Walmart, there's always

We desperately need and want additional places to dine, to get good coffee, to shop on the Island. Maybe it needs to be easier for people to open a business here.

We desperately need a bakery, quality donut shop

We could use another grocery store and some help with traffic

We are very happy to be part of the LBK community and look forward to becoming full time residents in the very near future. As such, we appreciate the city council being balanced and pragmatic in their decisions that affect the island residents.

We are very concerned that the St Regis, when opened, will add an inordinate amount of traffic to the Gulf of Mexico Drive which will only add to the severe traffic congestion we experience on LBK during tourist season. The Town Planning Commission made a major mistake in judgement when they approved the St Regis plan. Very troubling.

We are very concerned that our traffic congestion will continue to get worse each year.

We are very concerned about the St. Regis property, its size, its parking capacity, and the likelihood that the resulting increased traffic volume will have a substantial impact on our enjoyment of life on LBK. We are not aware of any real-life compensating benefits to us as property owners here on the key.

We are stuck on the island during high visitation periods and it takes 1-1/2 to 2 hrs to get off the island at either end

We are quite happy with living on Longboat Key. I'm not sure about the "markets" on the new town park area behind Publix; it seems to border on a flea market. The fresh market on Lemon on Saturdays is enough.

We are not interested in seeing longboat become a retail or entertainment location  
We love that it is a nice retreat from the everyday demands

We are new homeowners to the area so as we spend more time on Longboat opinions could differ.

We are in LBK mainly during the summer, and traffic is not an issue, but i have heard that traffic is a big issue during the "snowbird" season. Need to improve access to public transportation to alleviate traffic.

We are disappointed that the City has allowed a hotel/convention center to be built. We are very concerned that property use such as this will cause traffic gridlock and erode the comfort and safety of the permanent residents with no discernible benefit other than income to City/State governments.

Water retention around our condo at Bay Harbour is a problem after a heavy rain. The two entrances to our condo become very flooded. It can be a dangerous situation.

Was unable to access survey from computer!

Was thinking about removal of excess signage on the roads, seems like to keep the natural aesthetic some duplicate street/road signs could be removed

Volume of traffic to high. To many visitors. To much beach access for visitors.

Very pleasant place to live during the months of January - May  
Traffic congestion is an increasing issue/concern.

Very happy that a friend showed us this piece of paradise a couple of years ago. We are happy we moved here.

Very difficult for new businesses to get approval to open and come t LBK

Very concerned about traffic flow especially during high season.

Very concerned about the building code departures being permitted.

Utility pole removal is taking too long. Cable services subpar

Upgrade to public areas and park is appreciated

Two biggest issues are overdevelopment and traffic congestion.

The latter causes a shortage of workers and a difficult time trying to enjoy the entertainment off LBK. Huge problem even mentioned by our guests.

Traffic. Traffic. 30min. to 1 hour to get off north end is unacceptable!

Traffic, traffic, traffic has ruibed the quality of life on Longboat Key

Traffic, traffic, traffic

Traffic, especially in season, is problematic. Planning travel times off Island has become a source of many jokes.

Traffic, especially in season, is a mess.

traffic, as you know, is a detriment; people need to go the speed limit on GMD--going too slowly is almost worse than too fast(!) I would like to use public transportation, but don't know how feasible it would be to have a schedule that works for enough people to have a positive impact on congestion...

Traffic, #1, obviously, although I think the round-about coming off Bird Key is helping. Lighting, undergrounding of electrical and issues with transformers. Not much in public transportation. The police accreditation progress is looking good. Hopefully we will see that soon.

Traffic

St. Armbands parking ,cross walks, activities are a huge contributor to traffic



Traffic within the LBK island and getting off is becoming worse every year and more concerning is during the In Season months. Add in the St Regis occupants, Gulf of Mexico Drive and departure to mainland will be nearly impossible. As a resident in Country Club Shores, we cannot exit our road to head north or south anymore as no opening in the traffic to proceed, especially with no middle lane to approach the turn.

traffic to get on and off the island, especially heading north is impossible.

Traffic to get off the north end of the island is terrible

Traffic to get off the island is terrible. Possibly a live theater or movie theater would offer more on island options.

traffic terrible, especially getting into Sarasota

Traffic terrible in season.

Need to go off island for shopping.

Everything is too darn expensive, especially for retirees!

Traffic situation depends on season. In season please schedule road maintenance during the night. If there are road works scheduled please inform residents so that we can plan accordingly. If traffic is really bad have police presence to move things along.

More 'cheaper' snack and dining option to be encouraged to LBK. Our restaurants are great but don't always want to spend \$\$\$

Traffic remains a terrible problem and the town continues to approve projects that exacerbate the problem

Traffic rating mainly pertains to peak seasonal times

Traffic prevents me from going off the island and things are very expensive on the island. To get to anything reasonable, it can take 1-1.5 hours to just get OFF the island. Not sure how to fix that, but people going WAY under the speed limit cause some of the backups.

traffic on the north end in season is a huge drawback. Also, flooding in our neighborhood, Sleepy Lagoon, is becoming untenable--homes are starting to go on the market because of it.

Traffic on Northside if key has become unbearable in winter months...due bot to seasonal residents and two drawbridges (LBK and Cortez). I would also like to see more done to attract a more racially/ethnically diverse seasonal and permanent residents.

Traffic on key is the biggest issue. Particularly left hand turns onto GOM drive.

Traffic on both ends of the key has been increasingly problematic and little seems to have been done to work with the respective towns on management solutions.

Traffic on both ends of the island is terrible

Traffic on and off the island can be extremely difficult and can spoil a fun time on our beautiful island.

Traffic on and off island is always an issue. Need more restaurants so we can stay on the island.

Traffic off island during the season outrageous. One must fix both Bradenton Cortez light with a round about and improve access to St. Armand Circle. Neither of which are under your control,. You could return the 45 mph areas on. both ends of the island--that you dropped to 35. You need to finish the electric lines project---- note near Publix and elsewhere.

Traffic north through Bradenton Beach and South through St Armands Circle is very bad during the winter seasons. I am also concerned that improvements to Coquina Beach will reduce the tree cover. I am please at the constant efforts to replenish the beach. Red tide is a constant issue. Blocking access to the beach by the Ohana residence is unfair to the balance of the residences on Longboat.

Traffic north from Longboat to Anna Maria is awful at certain times. Not sure to make it better, but perhaps a study would help.

Traffic moves too slow in 45mph areas. Publix transportation would assist with people that need a ride or no longer drive and would also perhaps help with getting employees on and off the island. Uber is expensive for some. Could definitely use retail that is appropriate to the residents and restaurants that are more casual. Looking forward to LoKey Grille.

Traffic makes getting on and off the island difficult. Access to retail, dining and entertainment is therefore difficult.

traffic limits my ability to go to restaurants and retail shopping

Traffic issues should be a top priority for Longboat Key. I know that there are some projects in the works (roundabouts, turn lanes), but the timeline is simply too long. It is well known that there are traffic issues, and these projects should be started immediately.

Traffic issues need to be addressed at LBKC main entrance light and Bay Isles South entrance!  
Need more detail/dining on the Key.

Traffic issue biggest problem for Islanders....

Traffic isn't a concern for me given we chose to live on a barrier island with only one road in/out. I do wish though violations/warnings would be given to the many, many who drive 10-20 miles under the 45 mile/hr section of LBK.

Traffic is variable and season.

We don't use public transportation.

Traffic is unbearable!!!! PLEASE do not allow any more residential building. We cannot handle the traffic and the public access now! In my case, I would NEVER buy on LBK anymore. Far too many people and dogs for this small island. It is no longer Paradise. Just another place on the water that went out of order!

Traffic is the worst, but the problems are off island and reverberate back to us. More dining and retail would make it easier to not leave when traffic is at its worse.

Traffic is the only real negative here. A few more restaurants and pubs on the island would help when we can't easily get off.

Traffic is the only negative on LBK. Not much to be done

Traffic is the major problem. More development on and off the key is the cause. Bigger or better bridges will only increase the problem

Traffic is the issue. A big part of the problem is the pedestrian traffic at St. Armand's circle. Needs to be managed as it creates back up traffic issues to get on and off LBK.

Traffic is terrible, leaving Longboat Key on either North or South exits. We don't believe adding additional condominiums or traffic circles improve the situation.

Traffic is terrible at times and is going to get worse with the new hotel. This is a danger if injured or elderly people need to get off the island quickly, and even in non-emergency times it affects quality of life. It is our biggest concern about our otherwise beautiful town.

Traffic is terrible

Would like more restaurants on key so wouldn't have to go into Sarasota

Traffic is slightly crazy "in season" on GMD - making entrance and exit to/from side streets difficult. The last year has been more difficult because of the increase in construction traffic on GMD with utilities projects and resorts/condos construction .

traffic is ridiculous, there are simply too many visitors for the residents to enjoy any quality of life. Police officers do nothing when tourists slow traffic to 25 - 30mph. They literally sit there on the side of the road watching the congestion. Parking empty police cars on GOM is about the dumbest waste of time ever. Put an actual officer in the car and have him WORK! I lived and worked on LBK for the past 4 years. Now I commute and it's not worth it. We moved off the key this year because it makes NO SENSE to pay out this kind of money to live here and living here sucks. Boring, limited restaurants, everything overpriced beyond it's worth. Housing is a joke out here. How do you expect to get workers to these businesses? DONT COME HERE UNLESS YOU ARE A MILLIONAIRE should be the LBK slogan. You are not doing anything for the workers, residents that are not millionaires. Also, would it be the end of the world to let dogs walk on the beach? It's like living in a police state without working police. This community has become a joke. Far from when our folks and grandparents moved here.

Traffic is really bad during Season.

TRAFFIC is my main concern

Traffic is made worse by allowing people to drive 30 to 35 MPH.....no one wants to speed, but some of us who live here full time often have places to go.

Traffic is insane during winter months

Traffic is increasing because of new constructions and a two way traffic on the island. New constructions mean taxes but we pay the price on our quality of life. The town need to do a moratory on the new constructions. We need a strategic plan ( no wishes) to show what the island will look like in 5 and 10 years. Clear objectives about the risk and the mitigation of flooding, and the rise of water level.

at this point, don't make use of public transportation, but do think it needs improvement-  
retail is fine-

available dining leaves much to be desired .... would like to see more options as getting off the key makes mainland dining unappealing (I do understand that off season is very difficult for restaurants)

traffic is horrible in season and prevents you from both leaving and returning to the island. Very few places to dine.

LBK's reputation continues to be one of a place full of very rich old windbags.

Traffic is horrendous during the season. Must work with AMI to solve the traffic congestion.

Traffic is horrendous during peak winter season.

Please- no additional housing on the island. Growing population any further will negatively impact aesthetics on the island.

Traffic is horrendous and the traffic circles are not easy to navigate.

Traffic is getting ridiculous as more people discover our little slice of heaven.

Traffic is getting more and more congested, a lot of new construction and no relief from traffic congestion at all hours more so in the high season.

Traffic is getting a lot worse, which I'm sure we're all aware of. Turning left out of our subdivision has become an exercise in patience waiting for a safe gap to turn. I put dissatisfied for safety, overall the police and fire situation is great, but driving on Gulf of Mexico can be terrifying. Very happy to see the number of police cars out there, but we rarely leave the island (because sitting in traffic isn't fun) but we've been here a month and I've seen a car driving full speed in the wrong lane, seen cars attempt to pass other cars over double solid lines, seen aggressive tailgating, running red lights, veery high speed, etc. Police can't be out there 24/7 and when they aren't it's like Mad Max.

Traffic is fine 95% of the time, but at peak times in season it can be very frustrating.  
I don't use public transport

TRAFFIC IS EXTREMELY HIGH DURING DEC -MARCH ON THE KEY & HEADING INTO SARASOTA. NEW ROTARIES ARE CONFUSING & FEEL DANGEROUS.

Traffic is dreadful; would like to see more restaurants

Traffic is definitely a problem with living on LBK.

Traffic is becoming unbearable.

Traffic is bad. New Roundabouts are extremely bad. Should have traffic lights instead. Too many people are moving here. Soon it will be as congested as New York City! Stop the building to stop people moving here!

Traffic is bad getting off LBK January to May.

Traffic is bad during high season, so much so that certain restaurants warn us to leave plenty of time to go 2-4 miles on Gulf of Mexico Dr.

traffic is awful in season

Traffic is an issue. Not sure if anything can be done about it. There is little public transportation. Dining options are okay but limited.

Traffic is an issue and needs to be another bridge or lanes.

Traffic is always a problem during seaso. I work full time here but almost exclusively on the key. Some of my workers commute an that sure is a hassle.

Traffic is always a concern. Worried about the added traffic St Regis will bring.

Traffic is actual pretty good on the island, only gets bad if you head over the bridge to Anna Maria

Traffic is a significant issue on Longboat, further impacted by the disaster on Anna Maria.

Traffic is a real issue. Fortunately, we have never had a medical emergency but I hate to think of getting off the island in case there was. I fear for the safety of bike riders in the bike lane. There are MANY people who drive down GMD that should not be behind a wheel.

Traffic is a problem especially for medical services. Would like to see more restaurants and shops.

Traffic is a problem during 'season' which limits access on and off the island.

Traffic is a perennial problem & will be made worse by all the town projects. We don't need any more community centers--we need more commercial enterprises in current commercial areas NOT adult classes. NO MORE rotaries--left-turn lanes far superior. And lower millage rates.

Traffic is a nightmare in season.

Traffic is a mess due to heavy volume and only 2 ways off the key  
Mid island causeway?

Traffic is a major problem. I am concerned that with the new hotel and their ability to have conventions/ big weddings will make traffic extremely difficult...Disappointed that you would approve such a big hotel without thinking of what this would do to our ability to get on and off the island, particularly those of us that are year around...

Traffic is a major priority for us.

Traffic is a major concern, especially during the season. I wish there was an additional way to get onto and off the island.

Traffic is a huge deterrent to even wanting to be at my property here many weeks of the year.

Traffic is a huge concern - we are at the mercy of Sarasota and Bradenton Beach when we need to leave the island. It is always been this way but I think it has gotten worse - Coquina Beach traffic has always (for the 11 years I have been a resident) but a bit anxious to see how the new hotel on Bridge Street will aggravate this! I have learned to now leave at the north end between 2:30 pm and a couple of hours after sunset or try to get back onto Longboat from Cortez between 10 & 3 (or later) on beach days.

traffic is a bear and there isn't enough restaurants

Traffic in-season can be unbearable. Trying to get off the island via St Armands is impossible between 4:00-6:00 PM. Very worried about worsening traffic when St Regis opens. The north end of the island is not any better.

Traffic enforcement of parking in pedestrian/bike path poor. Especially by Mobil station.....where the "No Parking" signs are located.

Traffic in the tourist season is difficult; availability of gas station services lack;

Traffic in season is horrendous, but it can't be helped with only one artery of traffic north to south. We would truly appreciate the return of the public bus which traversed the whole island and connected to downtown Sarasota.

Traffic in Season is awful. With only 2 ways off the island, not sure much can be done.

Traffic in season is an issue and with the Saint Regis due to open it will only get worse.

Traffic in Season is a problem with no obvious solution. More restaurants and events on the island are helping, such as town center. New island-wide on-demand transit will be great.

traffic in season has ruined our quality of life

Traffic in season has always been difficult, but with the recent new buildings, it has become almost intolerable. We do not leave the key at either end between 2:30 and 4:30 in season. The St Regis is a perfect example of what we DO NOT NEED on this island. It stands out glaringly, an eyesore, looking like a shopping center and totally alien to the landscape here and when complete, will add immeasurably to our traffic nightmare. We came to LBK years ago because of the lovely quiet lifestyle. All this development, both here and around us in Sarasota and Manatee, is spoiling that and it is heart breaking.

Traffic in recent years has become dangerous, very disruptive, and longer wait times. I fear that once the Monster Hotel/CONDO is opened, it will be worse. There are too many full timers on the island so this traffic snag appears to be year round.

Traffic in high season makes living here stressful and difficult to make plans for cultural events and such. Overbuilding is a concern because of lack of proper consideration of those who live and pay taxes in LBK.

Traffic in high season is always a negative.

traffic in high season has always been an issue..

Traffic in "Season" too high

Traffic getting out of hand during high season. The new St. Regis entertainment/hotel/condo complex should never have been allowed to be built. Speed limits need to be reduced to make both crossing GMD as well as especially bicycling on GMD safer.

Traffic getting on/off island during winter months is awful! Not sure bringing in more people with a big hotel such as the St. Regis was such a good idea. Will just add tremendously to the congestion!

Traffic getting on and off the island is awful. Lack of quality retail, dining and entertainment on island.

Traffic getting off key is getting worse each year. The circle on 41 along with the lights make it a nightmare to get back on to the key.

Traffic flow on the Northern part of the Island is too congested

Traffic flow issues make it difficult to arrive at destinations in a timely manner on many occasions

Traffic flow is terrible and will only get worse with the opening of the St Regis and Rosewood on Lido. We need a bridge to the mainland and GET RID OF THE TRAFFIC CIRCLE

Traffic flow is seasonally dependent. Round-about on 41 is a plus ..St. Armand's circle still a bottleneck in high season

Traffic flow is main reason for dissatisfaction. The inability to leave the island in the afternoon through early evening without sitting in standstill traffic is unacceptable.

Traffic flow is fine most of the year. It's only during heavy tourist season that we have to deal with slow, non-moving traffic, or trying to turn left coming onto GMD from our street.

Traffic flow and congestion is what it is, and out of the control of the Town. We know what season is like, and our Commissioners do the best they can to help us out. Don't use public transportation at this time.

Traffic during the season is untenable

Traffic during the season is brutal. It would also be nice to have more upscale dining options on island.

Traffic during season is terrible.

Traffic during season is terrible.

Traffic during season is terrible.

Traffic during season a constant issue



Traffic during prime season can be a complete disaster!! If there is an emergency and you need to get into Sarasota for medical services good luck.

Traffic during peak season/holidays - Entering and exiting the island is major problem. Need more quality dining options on the island especially given the traffic situation during peak season.

Traffic during peak season is terrible. Better access from the mainland should be pursued via another bridge or boat. Both north and south bridge traffic should be improved. Building of St. Regis will only make things worse. There seems to be very little planning involved in the excess development of Longboat Key. Money seems to be driving everything at the expense of aesthetics and comfortable living.

Traffic during in-season is ridiculous

Traffic during high season is, of course, challenging when trying to get on/off the key at peak times. Not crazy about the time it's taking for LBK to deal with issues of flooding in areas always prone to flooding. Also I kind of feel we're regulated too much in certain things. Love the police & fire departments!

Traffic during high season is terrible

Traffic during high season can often become unnerving.

Traffic continues to worsen and it concerns me to see even more and more development of dense condominium complexes and potential hotel from Bradenton Beach to the north, along with Coquina Beach parking in season, as this impacts the north end of LBK.

Traffic continues to get extremely heavy during the winter season. I'm very high on our police department. They do an excellent job. It's dissatisfying that when you go to the police station you talk with a speaker outside the door and not to a policeman inside. I realize part of that comes from the federal government and for safety reasons but I feel we may be losing touch with our citizens. I'm unaware of any problems with safety regarding the police prior to the speaker system being installed. I recently pulled a permit for a bathroom renovation and the process worked pretty well.

My wife is concerned about the underground utilities. We don't understand why this hasn't been resolved completely by now.

We love LBK. We also feel that often the city commission and planning dept go overboard on regulations trying to keep LBK up to their standards. Be reasonable and logical. Commercial businesses need to survive and over regulation is not the answer.

Overall we love Longboat.

Traffic continues to be the major problem. The underground utility project has stalled.

Traffic continues to be an issue. Not being able to use OnDemand to the Manatee side looks like it may be solved but looking forward to seeing it work.

Traffic continues to be a real problem especially during the high season.

Traffic continues to be a problem. And makes access to services complicated. More retail on-island would be appreciated, And a regular weekly Farmers Market would be ideal. When we first bought our condo, there was public bus service and an arts center nearby. We are sorry to see those go and hope Manatee County will

Traffic continues to be a problem.

hour! We could use more restaurants and quality shopping rather than t-shirt shops

Traffic continues to be a major problem getting on or off the island

Too few dining and entertainment options on the island

Maybe a reasonable coffee shop/ diner option could be an improvement

Traffic contestation limits ability to get on and off the island. At times during high season it is impossible to do so in less than 1.5 hours. This is a bit scary when trying to make Dr appoints. Difficult to attend church off island and any other events.

Traffic congestion to cortez bridge. Add a thru traffic lane, or another bridge. Maybe pedestrian crossing bridges over gulf dr in bradenston so traffic keeps flowing. Construction vehicles tearing up grass between sidewalk and gulf of Mexico dr. Add some public pikleball courts on the north end of the key. There's vacant parking lots just south of longboat pass bridge.

Repair & add public pikle ball courts on the at bayfront park. My taxes went up 240% I haven't burdened the county 240% nor have I recieved 240% better services

Traffic congestion is worsening and the amount of development needs to be scrutinized in terms of its impact on residents. The St. Regis garage was a big win for residents by not caving in to the developer's wishes and listening to resident's concerns and voting accordingly.

Traffic congestion is seasonal but could be ameliorated by adding a center turning lane throughout the island.

Traffic congestion is my only issue along with very poorly designed cross walk lights. They are also dangerous for both pedestrian and vehicles. Lawsuits are probable.

Traffic congestion is my biggest concern...definitely need a center median along the Country Club Shores area to facilitate turning onto Gulf of Mexico Drive

Traffic congestion is a major issue! The traffic flow is horrible.

Traffic congestion has been a real problem for years. Not sure what can be done to fix it. If the idea of transporting people to LBK from Sarasota by boat materializes, I hope that it will not encourage crime. Looking forward to the underground project being completed.

Traffic congestion especially at the North End of the island, beach erosion, and continued flooding on the North End are our biggest concerns effecting the quality of life on the island.

Traffic congestion and expected increase thereof due to approved higher density properties, ruin our area.

Traffic congestion a MAJOR concern

Traffic concerns us especially with St Regis Project. Hoping for restaurant diversity on the island.

Traffic causes a huge problem in terms of accessibility to anything

Traffic can come to a halt without notice due to roadworks (tree clearing etc.) Should be broadcast either in advance or asap if an emergency situation.

Traffic can be horrid this time of year, and the shopping is limited compared to other areas in which I've lived. However, in the past I would have to drive 8 hours to get to a beach, and now it's in my backyard.

Traffic can be congested, but that is to be expected. My biggest concern is the impact of St Regis, which changes the vibe of the island. I also worry about the amount of renters replacing the residential vibe.

Traffic can be problem when construction limits to one lane during high season. Can miss planes or doctor appointments. Code red would be nice when this happens.

Traffic build up on the north & south bridges is unbearable.

Traffic becomes much worse during season.

Traffic backups on St Armands and over the Bridge continue to be a problem. Airport parking inadequate. Parking at St Armands limited. New monitored parking on side streets make patronizing business there difficult.

Traffic backups need to be figured out one way or another. Also, police should warn or fine drivers on Gulf of Mexico Drive when they drive too far below the speed limit. These drivers help create backups and are not considerate of other drivers behind them. It's a problem that needs to be addressed.

Traffic back-ups can be horrible at "rush hour" periods. Getting around or past St Armand's Circle is crazy slow.

Traffic backups at longboat pass bridge during the season, its tough to walk across GMD at Broadway intersection or turn out in a vehicle at times, the Traffic Noise from GMD continues to grow

Traffic backing up on Anna Maria bridge daily during peek season is a real problem

Traffic at times is an issue. Also giving more access to natural gas for stoves ...

Traffic and stormwaater drainage degrade the quality of life here.

Traffic and public transportation are not the town's fault but make life difficult at times.

Traffic and homeowners insurance are problems

Traffic and flooding streets are our main concerns

Traffic and crowding by far the biggest negatives. The public tennis center is a terrific resource that provides unrivaled physical and social opportunities to the LBK community.

Traffic and congestion is a major concern, as I am sure it is for many residents. I think the new St. Regis hotel is a concern for many as far as worsening the traffic situation, although I personally don't think it will have a big impact. I just hope that town leaders will maintain the placid, serene feel of the island. Longboat Key is clearly different than Anna Maria island to the north and St. Armand's circle to the south. I truly appreciate those two locations but I immensely enjoy the palpable differences as soon as I drive onto LBK. The lushness of the island is incomparable and it is so important to keep it that way.

Traffic and access to and available parking is a terrible mess.

Traffic always an issue "in season" due to either slow moving cars, frequent turning into residences & beach goers. More variety of retail and eating establishments at the north end would be welcome. The Town of LBK departments provide excellent service!

Traffic - Speeding - Little enforcement of traffic laws. Cameras should be recording and performing traffic law management.

Access to and from the island as the result of traffic is awful. Visitors should be required to pay to access the

Traffic - Construction on both ends of the island causes congestion. We wish there were more restaurants on the island to choose from.

Town Manager needs to work with Bradenton Beach on solving traffic issues going North. The main problem is the "roundabout" at Bridge Street. This needs to be removed allowing for freer flow of traffic.

Town Hall services are very difficult to respond. I've been told that all are working remotely and are only responding through email inquiry.

Tourist season always impacts the traffic. I haven't used public transportation in recent years.

too much traffic and too many transient short term visitors

Too much traffic and not enough restaurants on the Key. During season it is difficult to get off the Key to dine. The roundabout has made it even worse than it was before.

too much traffic

Too much new development.

Too many signs and old utility paraphernalia impair the aesthetic of GoM Drive.  
We need several more (and better) restaurants on the key.

Too many restaurants have left. Nothing really to do either. Takes way too long to build new restaurants and get approvals. Very disappointing for example, to see that Columbian is coming ... and nothing for several years has happened. I do the the Recreation Center renovation is very nice

Too many big building and complexes creating more traffic and overall muddying the old Florida aesthetic.

too hot in summer for year around residency. traffic in season a big problem

Too difficult to get on and off the island during snowbird season. Need door to door transportation from breeze in which you can reserve a ride in advance. Right now they are not able to reserve a ride unless it's same day and up to 1 hour before. This is not helpful for the elderly population. Wish there were more dining options for vegetarians.

To reduce congestion, we should have a better bus system along GOMD from Bradenton Beach to Armand's Circle. This would improve general quality of life and remove cars from the drive up and down the island.

Time it takes to get on and off the Island during Season is a very negative issue regarding living on Longboat Key

Tie-ups in season getting on and off island are terrible. Should create extra lanes in heavy flow direction  
A good Chinese restaurant is needed in Publix shopping center or elsewhere

Those pedestrian lights around the downtown Sarasota traffic circles really impact traffic and cause major delays throughout the week for traffic leaving LBK going into Sarasota. Foot bridges with handicap elevators for ADA issues and stairs up to the foot bridges would be a better solution v ground level crosswalks with red lights. Also way too many crosswalks within short distances negatively impact traffic flow throughout the day. Poor design and dangerous for pedestrians and vehicles.

This survey could be interpreted differently during season & the off season. As a full time resident the quality of life improves significantly during off season, with the exception of the weather. I think the town does a great job dealing with the dual seasons. I've visited &/or lived here since the 1950's & the only issues I am unhappy about is the building- replacing the old Florida homes with McMansions & the traffic. (The ambiance of the Village has declined significantly.)  
Both issues, some call progress.

This is not necessarily something the Town can control, but airport transport has been a challenge. Uber/Lift drivers are rare on the Island and thus I have learned that I need to call for a driver to provide at least an hour to arrive. Note that I have no problem whatsoever getting transportation from the airport to LBK.

This is an amazing place to be!

These questions don't relate to long term residents. The new "improvements" will only decrease the satisfaction of residents and only increase the tourism, and money in local government pockets. We don't want to live in west coast Miami .

There's too much traffic now and it will only get worse when the St. Regis opens. We built a house here 7 years ago and the quality of life has declined since.

There should be more restaurants and retail options at the Avenue of the Flowers

There should be more food options on the island

There should be a toll for non residents (excluding business owners/staff) from coming on/off the key.

There is too much traffic and it's getting worse. The St. Regis Resort will make this a nightmare. Stop increasing the density on LBK. There are not enough pedestrian crosswalks on Gulf of Mexico Blvd.

There is so much traffic on the GMD in season that one can not get anywhere in a "reasonable" amount of time. This can be attributed to overbuilding on the island.

There is room for improvement in all areas above. Traffic especially is a priority. We are a destination and know that each season it is the same situation.

There is no longer public bus service to and from LBK. There should be servicing to and from the airport. It is very noisy here daily with lawn mower and leaf blower racket. Condos should be encouraged to use FI friendly ground covers and landscape for low maintenance and electric motors.

there is little variety in types of restaurants on Longboat Key. I understand the challenge of traffic in season.

There is lack of stores for purchasing regular supplies like Target, Sam's Club or Costco. Also cost at Publix is higher as compared to in Sarasota itself

There are too many people on the island and too much traffic during the season. No new housing units should be built.

The undergrounding project has created a mess of the sidewalks. I hope that get fixed when they are done.

The undergrounding for Sleepy Lagoon was a failure. Being lied to about the water intrusion was terrible. The flooding in our area is very hard to deal with.

The two things that concern me most and bring down my level of satisfaction about living in LBK are the flood hazards that seem to be growing and the traffic.

<p>The traffic situation must be a top priority. There are times when there is no way off the island, especially during tourist season. For year round residents, this has a big impact to the quality of life here.</p>
<p>The traffic situation is untenable and I don't want any more roundabouts. Need better public transportation</p>
<p>The traffic seems to be just getting by. However whenever there is any utility or road work affecting traffic flow, the congestion becomes intolerable.</p>
<p>The traffic seems to be getting worse. The waits at dining places is longer then it was in the past</p>
<p>The traffic problem should definitely be addressed. May need to work with Sarasota and Bradenton to work on the neighboring issues causing more congestion on Longboat. Circle needs to have crosswalk lights not a speed bump. If they could have to wait to group up people instead of it just stopping every time 1 person goes backs</p>
<p>The traffic on Longboat Key is ridiculous even to go to the grocery store. Trying to get reservations is also a nightmare.</p>
<p>The traffic on GMD moves too slowly. Most of the time the average speed is 30-35 mph. We should start a campaign to encourage people to try and drive the speed limit (not exceed it). Adding more roundabouts on Longboat will only make the traffic slower and back things up. The situation in St Armands is out of control. The pedestrians tie up the crosswalk and traffic builds. There needs to be a better way to control pedestrian traffic. The ability of pedestrians to freely stop traffic to cross in the cross walk could be controlled by some electronic monitoring system. This same problem happens in Bradenton Beach.</p>
<p>The traffic on and off the Key, especially during Season, and especially from the north end is so heavy at times, it can take an hour just to drive from General Harris Dr to Coquina Beach. And frankly, I see it getting even worse once the hotel goes in on AMI. It would also be nice to have a bit more choices of ethnic foods/restaurants on the Key. Flooding and drainage are also a huge issue for many communities, including Sleepy Lagoon.</p>
<p>The traffic is terrible at most time on the Island. Still waiting for the underground electricity to be done. The Island doesn't need any more large hotels or condo construction!</p>
<p>The traffic is really bad getting on and off the island. TToo much construction to the north and crazy traffic on Lido Key. It can be life-threatening to try and get off this island, due to the length of time it take to get through traffic</p>
<p>The traffic is our main concern - we are often caught in the congestion and have occasionally missed an appointment due to the back ups.</p>
<p>The traffic is killing the LBK/Sarasota area for everyone. And once the new developments on the island are completed, God help us.</p>
<p>The traffic is horrific. There is a lot of dangerous drivers and a lot of road rage. There needs to be some control over electric bicycles and animals on the sidewalks. It's dangerous to walk out there at times! Electric bikes should not be allowed on the sidewalks, they go way to fast. I hope we can maintain the rules about having no dogs on the beach. I am starting to see that one slide quite regularly--dogs are definately on the beach and I don't care for dogs.</p>

The traffic is awful and golf carts should be encouraged with a designated lane.

The traffic is a problem.....while construction is continuing, there is no attention to infrastructure.

The traffic is a problem in March. I always leave early if going to mainland and return before 3.

A couple of extra restaurants would be nice.

That New Mexican was pretty terrible when I went. The others are crowded. Harry's is very good.

The traffic in season is unbearable and not safe in case of emergency.

The traffic in and out of LBK during peak season is a main concern. The high insurance / HOA fee is another main concern.

The traffic has gotten to be unbearable during the high season. The massive new development at the old Colony site is going to make this an impossible situation. Why would you ever approve this.

The traffic has gotten much worse from when we purchased our apartment 18 years ago. The long lines of slow traffic getting on and off the island is can sometimes take 30-45 minutes or longer. Something needs to be done to help the people living on LBK with the flow of traffic please.

The traffic getting on and off the Key at busy times is really terrible, I feel badly for people working on the Key

The traffic getting on and off the island in the last 5 Years has become horrible I dread having to go in town or to the airport and what we have retail wise on the island is very limited which is okay but requires fighting the traffic to go in and off the island

The traffic flow needs to be corrected. Traffic coming from longboat key to st Armand's slows to a crawl bc of the pedestrians in the circle. The circle needs trained crossing guards who let cars go through at a time, and then let pedestrians walk. It needs to be staggered. It will only get worse with the St Regis.

The traffic during season makes it impossible to exit the island at either end. This problem will only get worse with the construction of 6000+ new homes on Cortez in conjunction with the building of a new bridge in Cortez and new hotel on Bridge Street.

The traffic during morning and afternoon/evening rush hours is a significant deterrent to living on LBK. LBK needs more safe crossing zones with flashing lights. It can be very difficult to cross, especially for those who are less mobil and during dusk and evening as it is hard to pedestrians  
LBK should have a desinated location for car carriers to safely unload / load cars

The traffic during high season makes it impossible at times to get off the key. If you have a theatre ticket or dinner reservations in Sarasota, you have to leave yourself extra time to get there and maybe still be late.

The traffic congestion here is totally ignored by the powers that be. There is no regulation for driving north off of the island to the Cortez bridge; it takes hours to go 2 miles with people coming off of the beach from 3 to 5 p.m. and then the sunset traffic. I don't have the answer, I just know I'm moving off LBK.



The traffic conditions at St. Armand's Circle are abominable. I live in the DC area and have multiple homes around the country in tourist locations. I have never, ever seen such poor traffic control as what residents and "snow birds" have to deal with because there is NO control of pedestrians at the circle. Why are there no lights controlling the pedestrian crossings? Why are there no decorative fences controlling pedestrians? Or crossing guards? It really is unacceptable. Sorry to complain but it's a very unnecessary inconvenience to everyone living on LBK or visiting it.

The traffic backup at the North end is terrible. AMI traffic circle backs up traffic PAST Whitney Plaza every evening. It can take over an hour to get to Cortez. PLEASE ADDRESS THIS ISSUE...work with AMI to alleviate the traffic or get a better traffic flow.

The traffic and congestion during the winter high season is not acceptable for such beautiful town filled with such great amenities. Sitting in traffic for hrs and hrs refrains you from wanting to leave your home.

The traffic and congestion continues to worsen every year - a significant reason to consider relocating

The town's grassy areas next to the sidewalks along Gulf of Mexico Drive seem neglected. Downed limbs remain the whole season. Traffic is a nightmare getting on and off the island in the afternoon/early evening discouraging dining/retail/entertainment options North or South. I do not feel like Manatee County has much access to public transportation or at least I do not know how to use it.

The Town should have forced the Golf courses to allow residents to play and at a discounted rate whenever zoning, etc. negotiations were carried out. Thank you for not allowing a second garage.

The Town seems to be averse to businesses and restaurants. They make it difficult for business and restaurants to survive with many of the restrictions. traffic also needs to be addressed as does public parking. Everyone should be able to enjoy the beaches and access. blocking the beaches from the public should not be an option, with seawalls, no parking or otherwise.

The town of Longboat key and the residence. Make it very difficult to enjoy the community. There are too many rules and regulations.

The Town loses sight of what makes Longboat special. It is growing too fast and not enough thought is being put into the long term effects it is going to have on the quality of life.

The town is not doing enough to ensure the safety of residents who have now been flooded multiple times. Drains are completely clogged and even an hour of rain with not storm surge causes extensive street flooding in the north end. The negligence of the town has caused heartache and financial stress and burden for residents and needs to be addressed immediately.

The town & police have to start doing something about all the people driving UNDER the speed limit. The traffic on this island isn't caused by lots of cars. It's caused by inconsiderate people not paying attention to the actual speed limit.

the standing water in the side streets is worrisome

The St.Regis complex is an abomination! A perfect example of those responsible for the quality of life on LBK giving in to a developer for "progress and updating the island for the future". It is an esthetic eyesore and will change the quality of life for all residents especially those at the south end of the island.

The sidewalks should be lit up, perhaps with low heights in order not to interfere with the turtle season. I like to walk in the evenings sometimes and it is very dark, particularly in the fall and winter seasons.

Also, I would really like to see sidewalks on both sides of the road in order to avoid crossing when walking or cycling. When the traffic increases, it is quite challenging at times to cross. Also, it would be nice to be able walk on the west side of the road, particularly when hot, as it is shadier.

I do believe that increasing lighting and expanding the sidewalks would motivate more people to walk and/or cycle. Thank you.

The sidewalks on GMD are treacherous due to unevenness and need to be replaced.

Traffic, as you know, is very congested. The 35 mph speed limits at either end of the island serve no purpose

The quality of the town engineering is low. Town should hire a qualified engineer and aggressively push contractors to do timely and quality work.

The public transportation is almost nonexistent.

It would be nice to have more restaurants on Longboat Key. Same goes for shopping/retail but feel that more restaurants is a higher need, especially family type dining.

The pedestrian yellow flashing light by Country Club Shores IV entrance on GMD needs to be change to a RED STOP LIGHT. Too many people think it is a caution light and do not stop. There is going to be a serious accident to pedestrians.

The only real challenge to our safety is the dispatch service being outsourced. The overall lack of knowledge of the island by dispatch makes the process more stressful and challenging.

The only fly in the ointment of LBK is the traffic! This, in turn, impacts all walks of life.

The one thing I have most dissatisfied with is that when as a resident, I call for police or ambulance, the calls go through Sarasota, as opposed to directly going to Longboat Key. I think it was a huge mistake to have all police phone calls go through Sarasota. We don't get as good response from them as we did from the local police

The one major problem we encounter is the flow of traffic going north off the island in the late afternoon/early evening, particularly in season but feels like it is happening already in January.

The north end of the island needs landscaping replaced from storm damage. A lot of the public parking on General Harris needs gravel or something added. The grass has died and it's become extremely muddy and extremely rutted.

the new Breeze system should make getting around easier and, hopefully, ease some of the traffic.

The longboat pass bridge opens too frequently, backing traffic up for miles on the island

The Longboat Key has always had an impeccable reputation and outstanding beauty and peacefulness. We moved into the area (not on the key until recently) 50 years ago and enjoyed passing through the pristine ambiance visiting a favorite restaurant regularly.

The lack of public transportation is appalling. I read in a local newspaper that the town has been working for years on some sort of agreement for public transportation for 4 years and the best they can come up with is transport that needs to be booked in advance and only operates limited hours. How about bus/trolley service connection between AMI and LBK and St. Armands. January to April you cant get off the island to shop, dine or anything else due to the traffic.

The issues of traffic, flooding, canal maintainence and mangroves MUST be addressed sooner rather than later.

The issue with calling 911 to an off-island site is problematic and troubling. Hope we never have an issue of importance.

The island is beautiful. The ongoing building of multifamily condos and hotels is creating a traffic horror and destroying what is good. The split between 2 counties seems to be inefficient.

The ingress and egress road access is frequently challenging. Efforts need to be made to improve the situation for emergency medical and evacuation needs and also general freedom of movement. Creation of a shuttle boat service would be helpful.

The infrastructure is nowhere close to the influx of visitors and residents. The roundabout at 789 & US 41 is lovely - except for the planners who decided that adding 4-5 crosswalks was a good idea. Roundabouts are supposed to keep traffic moving... and crosswalks do just the opposite. It's going to be a (continued) disaster

The inability to turn left onto Gulf of Mexico Blvd during season due to a mile long line of traffic is really frustrating.

We do have opportunities for retail business and dining and the town makes it almost impossible for

The GMD gets too busy. I really think that the parking spots around the left side of Armand Circle need to be removed. That circle would operate so much more efficiently if that were to be accomplished.

The general very good aesthetics have been totally ruined by the monstrosity of the St Regis which is no more than a giant carbuncle on our beautiful island how the planning department allowed that to happen is beyond comprehension

The flow of traffic onto the island in the morning makes it very difficult to pull out of our development. Trying to get off the island between 3pm and 5:30 is also very difficult.

The flow of traffic is a problem and is likely to become worse. However , the Town of Longboat Key has little power to improve the situation.

The power to make a difference rests with the officials at Sarasota. Most of the problem is and remains to be

The flow of traffic and consequent congestion in some months of the year are very annoying.

The flow of traffic and congestion impacts my responses to every other question about life on LBK.

The flooding of streets continues to be a problem. I feel access to public transportation is very limited. Traffic during season is bad.

The flooding in the north end needs to be addressed and mitigated.

The entrance to the island needs some tropical landscaping, more signs are needed for bicycles to have bells on the sidewalks

The current population density should be held to current levels.

The constant neighborhood flooding is a serious issue that is not being addressed in a meaningful way

The congestion and over building such as St Regis is very annoying in season .

The city seems to be anti-business, making it difficult to expand retail and restaurant businesses. They are very lacking in sufficient retail and food options.

The City has decided taken a turn for the worst with the new town commissioners, manager, and police department. Staffing and benefits have increased dramatically while police service and city priorities have suffered.

The bridges need to be restricted from opening during rush hours.

The biggest need is for more year-round restaurants

The best thing LBK could do is put pressure on Sarasota to improve the traffic flow thru St Armand's Circle That is far and away the primary reason that it is difficult during high season to get off the island (terrible for safety and for catching your flights) The easiest method would be to add "Walk/Don't Walk controllers at the 2 main

The beaches are beautiful, very well maintained homes and landscaping. Parks are also well maintained. Restaurants are very hard to visit, reservations can be very difficult to get. Traffic is a big problem. Can't imagine when the Reggies property opens what life on the island will be like with Traffic.

The aesthetics on the north end need improved. More consistent street landscaping. We need to charge a toll to get on to LBK so as to reduce non resident traffic.

The answer to the question on traffic depends on time of year and/or time of day.

The amount of traffic, especially during season, is getting ridiculous to move on and off the island. Building more quantity of condo units does not help.

The amount of hotel and condo development has changed the character of LBK to the negative, as per a 20 plus year resident.

The advent of the St Regis will add up to a horrendous traffic situation

The addition of Island-wide On Demand service is a great step forward. Thank you. It would be wonderful if Longboat Key residents could also take OnDemand to the airport. The possibility of a future water taxi to downtown is also encouraging. Any other service to reduce the cars on Gulf of Mexico Drive would be most appreciated.

The ability to get on or off Longboat remains the thorn in an otherwise wonderful experience. There is seemingly no consideration for Longboat residents should they need emergency medical care. It's really shameful

Thanks to your loose, greed-driven permitting process, LBK became "a traffic-choking concrete jungle"! Probably too late to try to fix now. You could of course freeze all permitting that involves adding multi-level concrete structures which would add additional heart beats to this Island.

tennis club us great

Telephone wires are still up on Long Boat Key--finish the job  
Should have built a roundabout concurrent with creation of St Regis  
Should have some sort of webcam on the bridge so we know if traffic is stopped or moving

Taxes way to high for what you get

Taxes are too high! The winter months can't handle the current traffic congestion!

Taxes are out of control and far exceed the quality of the services provided.

Taxes and insurance costs are way too high and unfair

Take down the power poles! Why has this taken so long?

Suboptimal responses are due in large part to traffic congestion on the island.

Stop the roundabout on the North End of the island. NO MORE ROUNDABOUTS!

Speeding along GMD bad;  
noise trucks early am;  
need more timed lights;

Speed limit on GMD is too high for safety. Cars routinely go 50-60 mph down the island. Add more police patrols. Add more red light crosswalks with cameras for fines for violators.

speed limit considering all the bikes on longboat key  
Perhaps lowering speed limit to 40mph

Special assessment for installation of underground utilities was a disgrace when increased taxes should have been used. The town has allowed increased commercial construction that has made traffic and congestion intolerable. Many canals have never been completely dredged such as the southwest one on Tarawitt Drive. This has created a serious safety issue as well as a decrease in property values  
If someone were to fall into this section of the canal they would sink down several feet and would more than likely drown.

Something must be done to coordinate the traffic flow from St. Armands to Cortez in Bradenton Beach. There must be some positive things the 2 cities can do to accomplish a better flow of traffic in season.

Someone needs to experiment with potential solutions to the horrible traffic issues on the north end of the island. FDOT and others ignore any suggestions.

some of these answers are "seasonal"- too many visitors who don't drive the speed limit, clog up the stores and restaurants. It is hard for full time residents sometimes to live a normal life as everything seems to cater to tourists.

Some of the right of ways don't appear to be kept up. Perhaps it is due to utility construction. Hope they will be repaired. Bayfront park may need some landscaping improvements, lots of dead vegetation. Maybe the recent storms damaged plants and normally green grass.

Single biggest issue, in season, is traffic congestion, only likely to get worse once St. Regis opens.  
Second biggest issue, for us, is fear of over-development, with its potential to destroy the very features that make Longboat Key so special.

Significant problems:  
Unfinished underground power  
Overdue paving of Tarawitt Drive

Sidewalks are in terrible shape and are a safety issue

Separate bike lane needed.  
Community center required

Seasonality and road construction should never be done at Greg same time. Season- most traffic, most construction and BAD traffic?????!!?

Seasonal traffic is main problem

Seasonal Traffic is biggest issue affecting quality of life

Seasonal traffic is an obvious problem but I fear the increase of traffic once the new St. Regis Resort brings in hundreds of vehicles year round.

Safety is ranked low because the underground power is unreliable and potentially life threatening for electrocution. Power is being turned off during flooding, which is increasing in frequency. Safety is also low because roads are not passable with the flooding.

Routine road maintenance and construction should not be planned during busy seasonal times

Retired don't use public transportation traffic in season can be a problem

Retail could be a bit better.

Restaurants are great. Traffic is horrendous. Internet signal is lacking, road drainage poor, police enforcement on beaches is poor, property values increasing, hate the increased building & consequently traffic on the Key, thankful for storm announcements, underground utilities & beach renourishment

Request faster response & notification of adverse traffic conditions.

Repair the flooding in the Village at Broadway, Lois, Russell and Fox Streets.

Remove speed bumps - they help nothing

Regarding traffic I want to see how the new circles work in season.

I'd like the undergrounding project to be finished. Well past what was expected

Regarding traffic --- yes it can be a challenge during "season" but the rest of the year is quite the opposite. Bottom line - we choose to live on an island with significantly restricted access/egress .... that's part of the beauty of living here.

Regarding the question about work on the island. We are retired. There are only service jobs available and it is difficult to get on the island. Public transportation would help from parking garage on St. Armand's or Sarasota. Thank you for not allowing golf carts on the road.

really don't know how traffic could be improved through Anna Maria

Re: First question...

If the Town Leadership deems it important, you may want to put some effort into the LBK image/reputation i.e. snobby, rich people...and a boring island.

Rating on aesthetics is based on the amount of contracting work being done on Gulf to Mexico Drive impacting landscaping in addition to the damage done by the last hurricane.

Rating on traffic is based on two concerns, First the speed of traffic. 45 mph is fast when you consider the

Rated higher for a visitor than a resident as the flooding in my area is alarming and I don't think action steps are in place to improve this distressing problem. Has made me consider selling my home and moving off LBK.

Quality of life would be greatly improved if the drinking water was potable.

Quality of life will go down as soon as St. Regis opens.

quality of life has gone down since electric bikes are allowed on all the paths. We have actually stopped riding our bikes as a result of the danger these bikes, and scooters, pose.

Public transportation was better in the past with the SCAT. Especially for seniors (who don't, or shouldn't be, driving). Please lower the speed limit. We live on the bay side of GMD, and in high season it can be difficult (and unsafe) to cross GMD.
Public transportation not a factor in my life. Much much much more could be done to improve access to retail, dining and entertainment including but not limited to subsidies. We could use additional restaurants, a first class library, a robust theater group and an arts cinema. Codes about construction noise are rarely enforced. A
Public transportation has gotten better with OnDemand from Sarasota County BUT it restricts it boundaries too much..... Stops at Manatee county .... what are you to do then?
Property taxes are very high and support many services not provided for in our community such as public school tax.
Probably no better place to live and retire. Traffic is the biggest difficulty; there are times when it is impossible to leave the island; this is a great inconvenience and also a safety/health issue, if emergency transport off the island is needed.
Prices at restaurants are high due to inaccessibility of workers. More restaurants would be nice.
Power line work seems to take forever! I prepaid the tax assuming I wouldn't be dead by the time it was finished!
Please run a trolley or other free frequent public transportation. Or run an on demand service that is free. It is very difficult to get around unless you drive a car. And the traffic from everyone being in their cars is awful.
Please pave the streets in The village. Thanks
Please partner with Sarasota County to provide On Demand service to all of Longboat Key. The ferry from Bradenton should be expanded to down the bay to Sarasota locations.
Please no more commercial development.
Please keep the old trees. Too many beautiful woods have been removed. It changes the beauty of our island and makes it hotter. These woods are hammocks that keep our island cool. We are not nearly as beautiful as we were 4 years ago.
Please get the undergrounding complete and keep high density building under control.
Please fix the traffic problem in the high season months, we need to fix the St Armands circle congestion
Please do what you can to restore bus service.
Planning and development for the future creates challenges in the now. Current population (many retired and seniors) are against change and say if it is not broken why fix or change it. Traffic, beach erosion, flooding, basic services/utilities, safety of personnel/property will be future problem sets for the Longboat Key community.



Perhaps work that causes congestion on GMD could possibly be done early in the morning or late at night. I realize this contradicts LBK regulations, but when GMD is down to one lane, ground stop prevails.

Pedestrian crosswalks should have on-demand traffic signals that show red to stop traffic. I've seen too many close calls with cars driving through flashing yellow pedestrian crossing lights while pedestrians were crossing.

Parking near Shore Restaurant at north end of Island is lacking and the signage is very poor, particularly at night.

Paradise Center has added greatly to the community since they are open year round with excellent programs.

Fitness Quest is also good, especially to have physical therapy available on LBK. But Gulf of Mexico Drive is heavily used as a bypass—my husband was killed by two cars on it 5 years ago, and still, people drive too fast

overall safety excellent .. town commissioners / police chief & team have been proactive and engaged on addressing the speeding concerns in the Village.

thank you. despite these efforts, Broadway continues as a speedway - in both directions. would appreciate

Out of season everything is excellent. Traffic flow stands still during holidays and February through April.

Our quality of life has dropped a notch this year due to repeated flooding threats to our home and neighborhood.

Our above low ratings are based on the following concerns.

1. The beach at 6399 Gulf of Mexico Drive is completely washed away into the parking area. Is there a plan to repurpose this sand back to the beach?

Ordinance or community intervention for clean air from medical marijuana use flowing freely in multi-family dwellings... not much recourse or help from community resources in mitigating this nuisance and major health hazard.

Open house bandit signs need regulations

Only 1 grocery store on the Key so they can have prices be as high as they want. This is the same for all the restaurants. It is getting more and more expensive to do anything on the key, not to mention the amount of traffic and adding the St. Regis is not going to help.

Often very difficult to get on and off the Key

Of course everyone cites traffic congestion. Sorry, but it's a real negative for me. For dining, I realize restaurants here on the key have to "make it up in the busy season" but the hardest thing about entertaining visitors is getting a reservation...either have to do it 2 weeks in advance or they don't take reservations at all.

Obviously you're aware of the horrible traffic issues leaving both ends of the island. I recognize that the back ups in traffic are from St. Armands which is Lido and the terrible new roundabout at Gulf Stream and 41 which is SRQ - and also, the Bradenton Beach traffic to the North. Those communities don't seem to care about dealing

Obviously traffic is still an issue

Obviously traffic in the winter season can be just horrible whether going North or South. Prior planning is essential. I do not see any practical solution. Going North to Anna Maria is a one lane road that is becoming a tourist hot spot and a new hotel pending. Going South St. Armonds with the amount of pedestrians creates delays and the opening of the St. Regis may aggravate the situation even more.

obviously in season and worker traffic is really challenging.

Not there full time but with regards to when we ARE there, this is how we feel.

Not sure what it's like to work on LBK because I'm retired. Would love a few more places to eat or shop but definitely do not want to deal with more traffic. Probably should have chosen very satisfied but do not want to deal with any more traffic.

Not sure what could be done but traffic is hellacious at times.

Not sure what can be done, but traffic is consistent the biggest issue for full time residents like us (and part time residents too). Better real time traffic info would be one idea to help, as would limiting on island "pass-through" traffic to/from Anna Maria (know this might not be possible).

NOT MUCH RETAIL CHOICES AND RESTAURANTS ARE BASICALLY THE SAME ONE FOR THE LAST UMPTEEN YEARS.

Not much by way of dining and entertainment. But that does keep the tourists out. Ha ha.

Not enough restaurants to support the population

Not enough police enforcement or investigation. Our bikes were stolen but cops did not even want a picture of it. Enforce both slow drivers and speeders. Much safer if consistent speeds.

When will electrical wires be removed?

no need for public transportation, traffic congestion Jan - April is difficult.

No more roundabouts, especially on Broadway St and GMD. Totally not necessary.

No affordable housing for workers.

RE taxes for part time residents are very unfair. We use less resource's and cannot vote.

Needs more on key restaurants and pickleball courts!

Needs a vibrant town center with art and cultural activities.

Need to widen the road out of Longboat Key to Sarasota before the bridge

Need to improve pick up of litter and/or police dropping of litter. Most litter I see when walking Gulf of Mexico is due to contractors.

Need to find a better way to deal with the traffic on Gulf of Mexico drive

Need to bring back bus service between st Armand's and at least coquina Beach for connections to Anna Maria

Need to address the traffic issues coming and going from Longboat.

Need streetlight on GMD.

Need public transportation to airport. A traffic plan for getting on the island is needed.

Need more restaurants and stores on island.

Need more pickle ball courts

Need more dining options during the season because it's impossible to get to Ana Maria or Sarasota because of traffic.

Need less traffic and more restaurants and a Detwiler grocery store.

Need LBK library part of Sarasota network asap

need improved and safe bike lanes

Need Improve access due to traffic on St Armand's to the south and Bradenton area from the north.

1. Consider a speed change to 50 MPH
2. Consider two lanes each direction in areas where it works

need center turn lane

Need better way to make traffic work . A population grows, we need more options i retail and restaurauts

Need better traffic flow, expanded Gulf of Mexico Road. Stoop Fishing on the bridges at night. More varied dining options.

Need another grocery option (that stocks/carries items the LBK Publix doesn't) and more dining/takeout options

Need access area for dog on section of beach

Need a wider bike lane. Currently very dangerous.

Pedestrian crosswalks should be considered to be a red light not a flashing yellow.

Flow of traffic on/off island in season needs improvement

Need a middle Island Bridge east to and from Sarasota (toll would be fine)

My satisfaction with the community would be excellent, except flooding issues that are on the books but remain unfunded and unsolved are frustrating and can be dangerous with changing weather patterns.

My responses are based on my active residency since December, 2000.

Coastal flooding which has caused property damage and unsafe living conditions. Rather than maybe once a year- this has occurred three times in the last 6 months. Climate change, flooding, red tide outbreaks are making life here unpleasant and so I am considering moving. I don't want to Leave LBK but may have to die my own peace of mind.

My only complaint is traffic problems, just like everyone else. I feel road work should be done off-season. Also, I feel that when there is a backup for any road problem, a police officer should be there to keep traffic moving. Also, Coquina beach during season, the holdup of traffic coming out of the parking lot should be directed by someone. Cars cutting people off who have been in traffic for hours trying to get home from work. Workers don't want to work on LBK for that reason. Why do people leaving the beach think they are more important than I am and feel they can cut one off. If there could be someone directing traffic from the beach it would be so much better.

My family has lived on Longboat Key full time almost 4 years and can not think of anywhere else in the U.S. that we would rather spend the rest of our lives.

My dissatisfaction with the traffic situation is all about traffic delays on Gulf of Mexico Drive, particularly during peak season and also during rush hours. This also affects access to retail, dining and entertainment.

My concern is flooding of roads and properties in sleepy lagoon. This really needs to be a priority. We have repeat flooding in the homes.

More dining and entertainment options so do not have to leave the Island

most of traffic issues are in Anna Maria but during peak seasons it backs into Longboat Key. It does make it challenging to go to many stores, restaurants, gas stations, etc.

Most of the meetings I have and the events I attend are off Longboat, the travel over the past 20 years has gotten so difficult....I would move if it were easier to do.

More retail would be better

More restaurants.

More restaurants would be nice.

More restaurants need to be added again. The obstructionists in LBK Village need to stop complaining about restaurant development ie Lokey and the old patti george.

More restaurants are needed on the island

More restaurants & shopping

More multi use

More money for pickleball less money for tennis center

More medical services and practices on the island to serve the aging population to limit driving long distances.  
More willingness to replace palm trees which obscure water views with smaller trees which cause less damage.

More dining options mid island

More attention should be given to maintaining and enlarging bike paths. The sidewalks are in disrepair. The traffic is horrible.

More attention needs to be placed on the effect of proposed projects on traffic. Until traffic is alleviated all year round population density and hotel units should not be increased.

More access to an expanded tennis program at the public courts to include coffee shop, fitness center, expanded clubhouse.

Maybe there is and I don't know about it, but I would like to know what events are happening here without having to get the observer

Many of the roads in neighborhoods including mine are in disrepair and could use repaving.

Make sure rental units register with town and pay tax's to help longboat key. Should make high fines if they don't register if the town get tips that they are renting or not let them rent for a period of time.

Make road 3-4 lane to alleviate traffic especially after St Regis opens Turning lane can be used unbound in the morning n outbound in the afternoon

Mainly the traffic in season is a real problem getting off the island.

low crime is great, but rated safety as satisfied due to bike and pedestrian issues on GMD

Love living on LBK; however, we need more restaurants, less ginormous hotels like St. Regis. We also need more lighted crosswalks, especially where there is public parking on the bay side.

Love LBK☺

Love LBK due to its beauty both Sarasota Bay and the Gulf. My major complaint is the traffic when we are trying to get off the island to shop or go to a show. I heard a rumor that you might put a roundabout on the north end of the island. PLEASE DO NOT!!

Love it

Love how safe we are on LBK. Traffic and public transportation are a major issue. Also, communication about emergency weather events is great... but not when GMD has a problem or a planned shut down. \

Love having sidewalks along Gulf of Mexico Drive. Wish some sidewalks were not so close to the road of some kind of barrier, plantings or otherwise.

Looking forward to using Breeze On-Demand

Looking forward to better restaurant options, once the St Regis opens

Longboat needs more quality restaurants, so at peak periods, we do not have to go into Sarasota. PattyGeorge was sold, but nothing has taken its place. i have heard that the Longboat Resort won't renew Chart House's lease. That would be a shame.

Longboat key is truly my slice of paradise. It's combination of laidback feel with a upscale vibe can't be beat! Longboat key is beautiful and most of the homes are beautifully maintained. I would like to see more clean up on beaches.

Longboat Key is a very special place. While it is true that it has limited retail, dining and entertainment, I do not think those should be the goals or areas where we should focus. We have a very limited amount of exquisite land and water that should be protected from too much commercial growth and kept sustainable for its residents, its natural beauty and its ability to sustain climate change. Additionally, It's the sense of community and community offerings that make LBK a great place to live. We can go to restaurants and entertainment elsewhere.

Longboat is a very special place that has been able to endure growth to maintain its progressness yet keep to its bylaws and founders vision. There is very few places in North America that geographically can allow such a controlled liveable community.

Living at The Players Club sometimes it takes 5 minutes or more to turn North during season. Not sure of the solution but it would be great if there was a way to create breaks in traffic.

Limited restaurant and dining options for Longboat Key. Many serve marginal food at best.

Limited knowledge of public transportation

Limited amount of shops

Like everyone else that lives on LBK, we are very concerned about the traffic situation especially with the St. Regis opening

Life is good on LONGBOAT KEY!

Leaving north end of island impossible. A solution or new bridge before old bridge would solve problem

LBK offers an expensive but high quality lifestyle

LBK needs public transport!

LBK needs an urgent care facility on the island, as well as a 24 hour pharmacy since medical emergencies occur at night.

LBK is truly a paradise for those lucky enough to live here. We must continue to maintain the standard of living we currently have. Density must maintain and proposals to ruin the aesthetics of our community and make traffic worse such as those that Ride Entertainment is looking to build at Ken Thompson Park should be strongly discouraged.

Any restaurants and businesses that want to build on existing lots and buildings should have permits fast tracked. This would enable and encourage residents to stay on the island and not to mention, make use of empty structures.

LBK is beautiful, comfortable & safe. However, it is not diverse; many residents are very conservative politically. My U.S. Representative is narrow minded and often wrong. This impacts our lives on LBK. Example : red tide is an environmental issue, but our politicians are pro- Business only and do not care about the environment at all. So red tide gets worse over time.

LBK is beautiful and quiet. We enjoy the mostly resident feel and limited daily parking + limited weekly rentals make LBK fantastic as limits the beach crowds. LBK could use additional shopping options. LBK is mostly older drivers going 10 mph below the speed limit which causes traffic. We could use police to enforce traffic to make certain vehicles are going the speed limit. My guess is many of the older drivers should be flagged as being dangerous to pedestrians.

LBK is an ideal residential community. Although it is attractive to visitors, it lacks certain tourists' attractions. The lack of attractions helps LBK retain its residential benefits.

Traffic is a problem in season and needs to be addressed with the state.

LBK is a wonderful place for all types of people. It is safe, has a good fire department and police force. It has a park with shuffleboard,,tennis, pickleball and lovely beaches. There is a great place to relax. You can always find a new friend.

LBK is a lovely, peaceful location, even with the current level of construction.

LBK is a beautiful, safe community that places its emphasis on its residents rather than on tourism which is the reason we chose to live here.

Large properties on LBK should provide shuttles to/from airport, downtown Sarasota, and St. Armand's. This would appeal to visitors who wouldn't have to rent cars for their stay and help the island with traffic.

Lack of short term rentals makes it difficult for family to visit.

I like the additional police presence I see on LBK. I am very worried about traffic congestion to get to the City. I would like to see the Ferry Boat option added to LBK to get to downtown Sarasota.

Just bought our condo last year, so this may change!

Survey should also have a N/A response....

January thru April traffic is very hard to navigate, getting on and off the island is very slow. The rest of the year it is fine. The overall quality of life here on the island is fantastic

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It's paradise!

It's a beautiful community in which we feel privileged to live, however, traffic can be challenging. We make plans with traffic in mind and pay attention to when it would be difficult due to congestion to travel north or south on Gulf of Mexico Dr. Also, it's challenging to travel by bicycle on Gulf of Mexico drive because the cars

It would be nice to have an hourly trolley on LBK.



It would be desirable to have more restaurants, and a very good coffee shop and sandwich shop on LBK.

It was a perfect place in 1984 but today, we have turned Longboat into a suburb of Lido Beach- with too many high rise building and increased infrastructure to support it.

It unconscionable that Publix has been allowed to not fill the space at the shops. And also unconscionable as a good community member that they completely disallow any restaurant in the space. We need a small cafe/coffee shop to meet friends anytime of the day. The outside space at Publix is not pleasant or inviting. It's ridiculous to think that it would be competition for them to have a cafe in the strip. NOONE goes to Publix for coffee. We need to put pressure on them to allow the needs of the community to be met.

It sure gets congested when road work is going on GMD. Though understandable, it would seem advisable to do work that holds up traffic at night or off-season if possible.

It is well past time for the Town to pressure the state agency for a turn lane on Gulf of Mexico Drive as it passes units 1&2 and unit 3.

It is unsafe for the pedestrians to have right of way over vehicles, it gives pedestrians a false belief that they are safe to cross intersections without looking both ways. Most intersections are visually blocked by landscape. If a pedestrian gets hit by a car he will lose every time.

It is difficult to pull out onto Gulf of Mexico Drive from my community. Traffic seems to almost always be a problem in season, and off-season traffic has become more of a problem than in the past. It would be nice to have two grocery stores on the island. I often would like a place to go for lunch more like Panera. Reading APTIM's report, I am aware that erosion and sea level change has increasingly become a problem. It concerns me that grant money does not seem to be available to small communities, like Gulfshore, that are already experiencing frequent flooding. We want to do our share to address this problem and become more resilient. I would like the Town to coordinate with us and help to establish working relationships with neighboring properties, help us to research the problems and solutions. The cost of finding the right solutions and implementation of solutions are high, and few of us have reserves that are set up to face this high cost. Having experts that we could call on for guidance would be a helpful first step. For example, would the first step be to have a topographic survey and surface elevation study or hire a civil engineer for a flood study. Each of these steps would be expensive. It would be nice if we could have an expert from LBK Public Works to visit and give guidance to us. Possibly even facilitate a working partnership and meeting with our neighbors to discuss how working together would result in outcomes that make a real difference to all parties.

Islandwide, strong free wi-fi would be very helpful. Cell service is spotty at times, and it is helpful to be connected.

Island trolley system would help in season to minimize traffic

Interested to see how the st Regis fits in with the community

Increased street lighting along Gulf of Mexico Dr. would be helpful. Traffic flow and congestion are problems in season. St Regis will need someone to keep traffic flowing in and out of complex.

Inability to get on/off island because of over building !!!!!!!!

In season when we have peak traffic, have officers or traffic facilitators controlling the traffic lights at the southern exit of Longboat. Also work with Sarasota to facilitate the flow of traffic over the bridges.

In season traffic unacceptable

In season traffic is horrible and getting worse. Why the town allowed the St. Regis is beyond me. More and more people and no change in roads

In season traffic is a major problem - just to get out of my street!

In season traffic is a huge problem and concern!

In season traffic getting on and off the key needs coordination with connecting municipalities (AMI, Lido, Sarasota)

Creates concerns regarding emergency vehicle access getting to the mainland should the situation warrant.

in season requires planning and reservations, especially Jan - April

In my opinion the newly installed roundabouts will cause havoc when in season causing heavy traffic tie ups effecting the circle and ultimately LBK.

In high season, the traffic crawls between St Armand's and the Publix and it is near impossible to get into a restaurant without reserving months in advance. Space is always a premium but it would be good to earmark land to be acquired for parking, additional businesses and lower income housing so there are workers living on island who can provide support services to island residents. We don't want the traffic to make it so onerous for roofers, plumbers, etc to access the island that they stop wanting to service it.

I'm fairly new to LBK so I haven't had a full opportunity to explore the town.

I'm a year round resident. If the local overcrowding development continues this Key will be ruined.

I'd love to see Whitney Plaza come to life, by creating a community center there, and upgrading the visual aesthetics to make it more inviting.

I'm sure you know that traffic is a major concern, both on the island, and especially trying to leave via either end. Alternatives to everyone using their automobile must become available.

I'm hoping that longboat key does not turn into a hi rise island. LBK has something very special about it plus not ruin it like other close by locations. Yes we could need more restaurants and shopping but not more high density housing. Keep it special. I understand the small shopping area that has Lazy Lobster and other shops has been recently sold. I hope it stays in its current zoning and is not change by some slick corporate maneuvers. Because once it's gone it's gone. Thanks for the survey.

I'm concerned about over building  
There are too many high rise buildings and apartments and there are more coming. LBK is loosing its quaint lifestyle due to over building. Traffic is beginning to get congested

I, and many neighbors, are concerned that LBK is turning away from a charming community, somewhat akin to Martha's Vineyard, into Miami, especially with the development of the Saint Regis. I am concerned LBK decision makers are receiving illicit kickbacks at the expense of residents' quality of life.

I would welcome more high-quality restaurants and more entertainment.

I would love to see additional dining options. The quality of food and service has deteriorated not only on Longboat but everywhere since Covid.

Traffic is a problem. Work should be done off season or individuals notified in advance of construction etc to

I would like to see the shuttle bus service back in operation

I would like to see more restaurants. Less focus on developing large hotel/residential facilities. The island can't handle more traffic.

I would like to see more restaurants available on Longboat Key. I would also like to see GMD have two lanes each way. Or two ways going off island during peak hours and two lanes coming on island during peak. The center lane could be used both directions depending on the time of the day.

I would like to see future development limited

I would like to have more access to retail establishments and services, especially grocery store options.

I would be more satisfied if there were a second gas station at the north end. More satisfied when the delayed underground is were complete and the landscaping was restored.

I worry that the Longboat is being overbuilt. Traffic and congestion in season is bad and getting worse

I worry that in season it's going to be even worse than it is when the st Regis development is complete to get on and off the island. We need some solution. People I know are leaving the island because they can't stand the traffic. Yet development keeps going on

I wish LBK could fill the strip malls with small businesses that could serve the public more.

I understand the snowbird traffic but it would be helpful if tickets would be handed out for those who drive 15 mph less

I understand it's an island. I DON'T WANT a lot of retail, restaurants, public transport, more condos, etc. I DON'T WANT this island to turn into an Anna Maria or Siesta Key. I started coming to LBK in 1958. LBK developed much better than the surrounding islands. We have to hold the line, otherwise we lose the ambiance.

I think traffic is going to be a night to get ten times worse when the St. Regis opens!! And more people will move and leave the island

I think the community could be more attractive. Perhaps with the new entertainment area, it will be more attractive. I think the St. Regis is an eye sore.

I think that Town government at some point down the road should consider making available its 10Gbps wireless Internet service to local business' and residents at a reasonable cost but well below the cost of Frontier or Comcast/Xfinity.

I think putting in a traffic circle on the north part of the island is a mistake.

I suggest better coordination with neighboring communities to address traffic flow during the high season. And please fight with all available resources any proposals by the City of Sarasota to reduce any portion of Fruitville Road to only 1 lane in each direction as this would have serious repercussions for traffic flow off of LBK,

I moved to longboat key to get away from the hustle and bussle of city congestion and local goverment spending. I like the way the city keeps things quite . Not a lot of traffic or major road construction minimal public transportation . One way in one way out , Yes theres increase traffic during season but as a resident thats

I miss the peacocks.

I miss the former Town Manager's monthly update letter.

The traffic issue never changes. It's not fixable by LBK since the problems are in Bradenton Beach and St. Armands

I miss having regular bus service on the key.

I love Longboat Key just the way it is. Traffic seems to be a problem for some people during the winter months but following the speed limit, planning and patience are the key to dealing with it. My perspective of the City Staff, First Responders, and the Police Force is very positive. They are attentive professional and ready to assist

I love longboat key and have been here for years. but when I have to continually say there is too much traffic to even THINK of going out, that affects my satisfaction and enjoyment of living here. It is going to destroy people wanting to be here.

I LOVE it on Longboat Key. I get a little concerned about congestion on GMD, but otherwise perfect place to live.

I live on the North side of the island and many nights, I cannot even turn north out of my driveway until after 7:30. They need to add lights out of Coquina Beach and not allow everyone on the beach to merge onto Gulf of Mexico Drive and figure out a way to have two lanes departing or switch to coming in to alleviate the traffic. I

I live here 7 months @ year and experience the highs and lows of congestion issues.

I like the new ability to request a \$2 ride; however, I think a regular trolley service would work better for me. Dining options on the island are slim. Most are expensive. Would like more casual dining options.

I like being able to go to the restaurants on the island but hate the traffic situation in trying to go to dinner off the island.

I just had a sinkhole, 6 feet away from my mailbox, called it in on a Sunday, and the town had a barricade by it within half an hour. Excellent work, service on a Sunday, and all done with a terrific attitude. We are grateful.

I have very little knowledge about local government and its services.

I have owned on LBK for 25 years and recently moved here full-time in 2020. I love it here!

I have owned a condo on the island for 20 years. Great dining but traffic is a problem. At peak hours police traffic direction would be helpful.

I have lived here for 22 years. Traffic in season is always an issue especially leaving the key and driving north through Coquina Beach. Afternoons and evening can back up to Harry's. This will only get worse when the huge housing Development is finished on Cortez and 75th st. It seems there is a lot of talk and no answers. Maybe

I have been coming back since 1983. I have owned 3 condos. GREAT

I gave my answer on working here knowing that it is difficult for people to get here in season due to traffic.

I feel we should be very careful with all the building & providing more opportunities for more ppl. The traffic is horrible during season & actually quite busy off season. We are basically a one road island & for those of us that have to work it's terribly stressful.

I don't use public transportation. We would enjoy more dining and retail.

I don't use public transportation, but when then time comes that I will need to do so, I would like to see improvements in place.

I don't like the development of the former Colony property.

Very little public transportation for those working on the island.

Impossible to get off the island at either end during season at certain times.

I don't require public transportation.

I do think one concern people have here as they get older is proximity to healthcare services (esp. in an emergency). I do know that the fire dept. EMTs are excellent -- but, I know folks have concerns/sometimes move to mainland as they get older because traffic to the hospital can be bad in season.

I do not use public transit

I chose LBK because I wanted to be near downtown but not in the city.

I believe traffic would be helped if the waste management trucks could push over to the side of the road that they're on and let cars pass even though it's on the yellow double line the other day there were more than 30 cars backed up because of one dump truck I find that very disturbing

I believe the grass and sidewalks that the city are in charge of along GOM especially between the South Gate to Bay Isles and Publix and Bay Isles Parkway always looks horrible. Broken sidewalks and the grass and beds look bad. If our personal property looked like this we would be getting letters to improve.

I appreciate all of the people that work hard to insure that LBK maintains its status as an elite community.

I and several of my neighbors are going to complain about the public sewage system which is a complete disaster. As soon as we get a little rain, the public sewage system fails to drain properly - to be exact it does not drain at all. In result, we got flood in our houses not once, but twice last year - flood ruined our floors, walls, all

I am unhappy with the changes on the island. Longboat has long been a residential island, not a commercial island with lots of shops and restaurants. I would hate to see Longboat become more like Siesta Key or Anna Maria. Both are great islands but with different characters. Being a more residential island sets us apart from

I am not retired yet, so I cannot comment on that lifestyle. I have never used public transportation on the island, so I have no comment about that. We could always use more retail, dining, and entertainment.

I am looking forward to retiring there.

I am in favor of beautification of GMD and improving traffic flow. Taxes seem to be increasing at an unacceptable rate so would like to see that growth slow significantly.

I am happy to see that some transportation options will become available, but I don't know if it will be enough to keep those of us who hope to retire and age in place here on the island. We shall see!

I am concerned about bicycles threatening the safety of pedestrians and their dogs on the sidewalk. Many cyclists don't ring their bells and the bells are not heard by hearing impaired people. Need wider bicycle paths. Also need more dog waste receptacles. In season traffic is terrible. An Asian fusion restaurant and a casual

I am a snowbird and completely satisfied with my stay here.

I hope the town of Longboat Key does not waste any money on climate change and rising sea levels. Please refer to a study done by NASA within the past decade which used satellite images and time comparisons. Sea levels have actually declined one to two inches over the past century. Local flooding is generally caused by poor

How on earth are we going to be able to shop one small grocery store with yet another huge complex being built ( St. Regis) we need another grocery store at the north end.

Hoping the new Breeze availability improves public transportation availability and excited to have it and try it, but not sure it will do anything significant for traffic. Very concerned about the proposed introduction of a ferry system into neighborhoods and local plazas, this needs to be avoided. Let them try the system to existing

High traffic volume aside we need more retail and dining, ie Whitney Beach Plaza and Bay Isles

High season traffic is so restrictive it's a lifestyle changer

High season traffic is a challenge.

Hate the traffic circles

Gulf of Mexico dr needs public transportation north and south (both counties)

Great place to visit primarily for my family and I. traffic is a problem sometimes.

Great place especially not during season

Glad to see a new shuttle service on the island.....I would encourage the use of golf carts wherever possible as a viable alternative to autos

Getting through the Circle during the season is a nightmare. Perhaps signals would work better than pedestrians able to just put their foot in and stop all travel.

Getting on and off the island is at times very challenging and worsening with increased traffic.

Getting on and off island at times can be slow

getting off the island in peak season

Getting around on LongboatKey is a big challenge due to traffic congestion. Especially St. Armand's Circle is terrible. This is mainly due to constant crossings by pedestrians which stops the flow of traffic.

Generally very positive

General retail would be helpful.

G of M Dr is inadequate for flow traffic, esp when St. Regis Resort opens  
Need a bridge at 10th St

For ped crosswalks, need blinking red lights, not yellow. Virtually every truck doing work along the road has blinking yellow lights. We live here so we know where the crosswalks are; visitors do not, and we see them drive through the crosswalks even when yellow lights are blinking. Yellow means caution; red means stop. If Flow of traffic on north and South Island areas tend to backup during season due to bottlenecks on Anna Maria to north and St. Armands to south. Public transportation could have impacts on backups depending on pickup/dropoff points. I witnessed a considerable backup caused by trash pickup recently.

Flow of traffic off season is good. In season, something needs to be done.

Flooding is an issue.

Finish burying all the power lines that were supposed to be finished way before now!

February - April, traffic worsens. Would like to keep island more private and no more huge condos. Cleanliness is superb. Friendly neighbors. Protection of Wildlife and sea life. Perfect island. We are happy with our purchase. Once again, just stressing no more building of condos. Will worsen traffic.

Fear of having a medical emergency and getting to the hospital in time especially during high traffic times . Speed limit too low in some areas on Gulf of Mexico.

Family's been here for 52 years and it's been steadily down hill. It used to feel like a friendly small town but not any more.

Excellent Quality of Life Town

Everyone knows traffic is a nightmare in the winter/spring season and nothing is ever done about it

Everyone knows how awful traffic is in season. But we are largely at the mercy of the City and County of Sarasota

Everybody knows that LBK has a severe traffic problem during the season. New developments will just make it worse.

Ever increasing property assessments / property taxes adds a great deal of stress to living on LBK, and/or passing on your home to your kids and grandkids.

Entertainment is questionable during season. Long delays and traffic make trying to get to off island entertainment unreliable.

Enjoy LBK but traffic during the winter season is impossible. Resources for entertainment & dining in Sarasota & Bradenton are excellent if one can get to them.

Easy access to public transport to ease congestion.

Each time we have to leave LBK & return to real life it gets more & more difficult.

I especially love off season because it reminds me of LBK 45-50 years ago.

Our tiny place allows me to experience the gorgeous & raw natural beauty of the island.

impossible to get out where there is no middle land for turning. Longboat Key Estates Exit to Gulf of Mexico Drive



During season, the traffic is so bad we can't support the businesses. it would be nice if we had more walkability to a nice village - like seaside, florida - behind the Publix would be a great area for some upscale boutiques and services for the residents.

During Season the traffic is awful, and with only retail and services on the island access to the mainland is extremely important making it necessary to leave an hour just to go to the doctor

During season the traffic is an issue

~~During season the keys are almost un navigable, causing thousands of hours of wasted time and money for all drivers.~~ There is no reason why the city of Sarasota can't give fair warning when they are well aware of road closures. It baffles me why road work is not done in the SUMMER when traffic and road usage is greatly reduced. The arrogance of waiting until "season" to schedule projects has been unanswered for years. This year, continuous road repair, sewer line replacement have made navigating more difficult. Constant housing construction and re-construction in the neighborhood is annoying , not only due to the number of simultaneous projects underway, but worker trucks often block or take up too much of the street,, so that they can, for their convenience, park close to the job site. Sometimes the builder will put a fence around the Sani cans, which should be required at all job sites.

During season it's very difficult to get off and on the Island. we live in the middle of the island and either direction is affected after 1pm in the afternoon

During high season traffic is quite congested on Longboat Key

Due to traffic there is limited access to Sarasota for Drs. Appointments, cultural events and airport runs. It can never be predicted when there is a major delay. The expense for insurance and taxes are making us reconsider our plastering here through retirement. For instance getting stuck in traffic on the way to a hospital.

Drivers do not adhere to speed limit nor crosswalks. Crosswalks should have RED lights instead of yellow

Drainage issues for roads need priority over canal dredging. Particularly in the Village, Buttonwood and Dream Island Road.

Don't think scheduled public transportation is necessary

Would add to the traffic congestion

Dissatisfaction with traffic only relates to "in season".

It would be nice to see more dining opportunities (coffee shops) in other areas of the Key rather than St Armands

DINING: The dining options feel limited and out-of-date. There are more banks than retail shops and restaurants in lots such as Bay Isles (Publix/CVS). An option might be to repurpose buildings like the Bank of America one - which is old and not fully in use (how many customers do they actually get per day?), to include more vibrant options such as a restaurant or a gym.

dining options at the Shoppes at Bay Isles

Difficult to get through St. Armands Circle for dinner in Sarasota because of pedestrian crossings in the circle.

Difficult to find parking and get reservations at local restaurants

Difficult to drive off island in mid afternoon and later, especially during season

Cut back bushes at NW corner of Broadway and GMD to clear view Looking Northbound.

Current condition of ROW on GMD is not as well kept as it has in past. Storm issues and a lot of construction both town and private has torn up turf. The Public Works crew do an amazing job with the parks and beach access points. Seems like there are a lot of signs on GMD which are not aesthetically pleasing when driving up

Crosswalk lights our poor design. St Armand's roundabout speed bumps poorly conceived.

Crossing guards at the circle would improve LBK traffic.

Could be more dining options. Traffic off the island is very frustrating during season.

Congestion on the key during Feb- March is horrific

congestion getting on or off the island is a major barrier to staying a resident.

Congestion and traffic are a major concern to me. It effects the ability to get to retail, dining and entertainment. It also effects the ability for service workers to get to the island to provide services to those who live here.

Concerned with increased cost of living, real estate taxes and cost for insurance.

Concerned about traffic, particularly with new St. Regis.

Safety due to driving speeds (either too slow or fast) and pedestrian crossings.

Concerned about the new public transportation and the safety.

Concerned about new resort at Colony site b/o traffic, safety, congestion

Community efforts to get Town Green going is good.

Coming on the island from Cortez there is room for a turn lane to be made for cars turning onto Coquina beach parking lot. The grass verge is very wide. It would speed up traffic coming onto the island.

City of Sarasota and Bradenton Beach have no concern for LBK regarding the timing of their infrastructure projects.

City Govt is too inflexible

Can't get off the island

Can improve traffic flow going south on Gulf Mexico if traffic guards were used at crossing passes during Holiday Weekends and Major Special Events are held on St. Armand Circle. It already works well during Easter Break.

By Access you mean available, not necessarily affordable.

Bus service is needed! Some residents actually have limited transportation available.

Boat shuttle to sarasota to avoid bridge traffic

Bike path north of 5000 LBK has a gap in seam that should be repaired. The gap exposes both cyclists and pedestrians to potential injury.

Bicycle Lane could be improved for the length of the Island

Being on the island is wonderful as long as you don't have to travel during the day. Traffic congestion, especially during season, is awful. We carefully time our plans to leave early in the day and have all errands done in the morning when possible. There is limited retail available in the area and now that St. Armand's charges for

Been coming here for 40 years.....couldn't ask for a better quality of life. Thanks to all the people who make it happen!!

Beautiful place to live but not w/o issues. Traffic and overcrowded conditions detract

Beach is wonderful.

bad traffic is seasonal; as are restaurant options which we could have more of. Our publix+cvsv+ is crucial, without it we would not be able to stay. We look forward to the water taxi !!!

Bad beach erosion at the north end of Gulfside Road because of the Ohana seawall.

As you probably know, the restaurant selection north of Publix is limited. It would be nice to have more options. But I realize that requires demand (probably year-round) and responsible business owners to carry forward. Harry's is great, but expensive. Food delivery options are decent via GrubHub (not DoorDash), majority of the options are off the Key and driven in from downtown Sarasota.

As you know, seasonal traffic can be unbearable and often there are no police in sight when that is happening

As traffic continues to rise and rise our love of this place goes down and down

As our primary residence, LBK is an ideal place to live for all the reasons we chose as excellent in the survey. However, the traffic congestion is a major problem when there's a need to leave the island, especially during this time of year when snow birds come to the island. We are very concerned about the additional traffic congestion that will come with the opening of the St. Regent complex. We would like to know if the city of LBK is making provisions for expanding lanes of traffic to accommodate the additional influx of residents.

Thank you sincerely,

Herb Hirsch and Lori Atkinson

As more and more people live here year round, we need more retail options and food services.

As long as you keep approving new construction, traffic will only worsen in high season. Need a third bridge!

As difficult as it may be to enact, there needs to be a mid-key access point (a new bridge) to get on and off the island. It is just too difficult and takes way too long with only the two existing bridges. I understand that it would be a monumental task, but it is imperative that something be done! What exists now is just not sufficient.

As always, traffic is bad during winter season. I wish there were more dining options and retail stores for clothing.

As always, the heavy traffic at peak times is the known problem. Also, there are very few designated areas where people can cross Gulf of Mexico Drive safely.

As a full time resident the traffic is the big problem.

Instead of funding traffic studies the direction should be modifying driving behavior, such as make GMD a toll road, restricting traffic access hours by raising draw bridge at certain times or one way traffic on certain days, maybe weekends..

As a "barrier island", Longboat Key is restricted to one main traffic artery, Gulf of Mexico Drive. During "season" this can result in periods of heavy traffic trying to enter or leave the Key (single bridge). Irritating, but with proper planning, manageable - part of living where we do and worth the "price". Also, lack of a cell tower on the north end often results in a less-than-acceptable signal for cell phone use. Something certainly should be able to be done about this!

An airport shuttle would be helpful

Although I feel very safe living on Longboat Key (LBK), having lived here full time for thirty-eight years, I feel the sidewalks are very unsafe (referring to the north end of LBK). There are many blind intersections coming onto Gulf of Mexico Drive, there are pot holes, sink holes, uneven pavement areas, rocks, dirt, sand, overgrown foliage and E-bikes travelling too fast. In addition to that there are many full-time, part-time and visitors who do NOT abide by the twenty mile and hour speed limit in Sleepy Lagoon. There are so many people walking, riding bikes, walking dogs, pushing baby buggies on these narrow streets. Maybe monitoring or speed bumps could be considered.

Although I do not now need public transportation, I'm very sure it needs to be improved. The traffic in "the season" is very bad although this year so far does not seem to be as bad as it was last year. I do not know of a solution, though.

Allowing too much building

What happens when the new hotel comes on line. Traffic will be awful.

Too much development for this small key.

All of my responses would have been excellent were it not for the traffic. As I watch new buildings going up, I envision the problem becoming worse than it already is. I do wish to commend the police and fire departments for their excellent work.

Afternoon traffic to get off key terrible

After living here 11 years, there is very little that has been done by LBK to ease the traffic. The 911 service is not good and should be back on Longboat rather than farmed out. If every citizen was asked to give \$100 per year LBK would have a lot of money to offer a quality 911 service again. F

Aesthetics - concerned about the new strip center going up on GMD as articles in the paper have made it sound like it will be not be particularly well landscaped . Also dismayed at how close that huge house being built mid island is to the road - hopefully there is required landscaping so its not quite so in our faces. Traffic as you know

Additional restaurants on the Key would be very helpful, particularly during season. I believe we will need a traffic light at the St. Regis when that opens up. I'm concerned about the development on the island. I think cutting down natural vegetation will lead to more flooding during storms.

Adding national restaurants

Enjoy locals but few nationals would help

Add more traffic lanes, or public transportation. Increase speed limit. Stop building condos, etc. too much traffic!

Access to/from the Island has become a real issue during the high season. The number of visitors for resorts and hotels is making traffic unbearable in the high season. It does not seem that the Town is taking any measure/capable of influencing Sarasota City and County to regulate new developments and road traffic density.

Access to the mainland is very limited as a consequence to living on a barrier island.

access to retail - I only shop at Publix and CVS for pharmacy. Occasionally at Ace Hardware. All other retail services I do online or in Sarasota

Access to restaurants etc is all traffic and time of season dependent. Biggest negative to life on LB is cost of property insurance.

Access to dining is excellent, retail is minimal as is entertainment

Access to dining and entertainment is good, but you must leave the island to shop for most clothing and hardware.

Access to amenities is good if you want to go in the morning. Otherwise, any off island destinations are too difficult due to traffic.

Access onto GMD during winter season can be dangerous. Getting off the island is so dependent on what is going on on St. Armand's and the roundabouts and traffic light at Cortez.

A wonderful place, appreciate employees and services. Taxes have risen a lot pretty quickly and too much development.  
Expensive place to live.

A traffic light is essential at the new St Regis.

A little more beach access for visitors would be nice.

28 year resident. Traffic is seriously effecting LBK quality of life. GMD closures and one way problems are totally unacceptable. Where are the police? Hiding?

1. Gulf of Mexico Drive needs to be improved.

2. Traffic on GMD is horrendous during season.

3. Need for more restaurants.

1. Lack of public transportation on LBK is an oversight. There is absolutely no way to get around except by car.

2. Empty storefronts (for example, the Publix shopping center FOR YEARS, makes the place look poor. How hard would it be to put in a deli or a coffee shop? 3. The traffic can be a nightmare---especially going up towards

1) the crosswalks across GOM drive are very unsafe. The lights are not visible enough, there are no signs emphasizing the requirement to stop for pedestrians and almost every time we cross someone zooms past unaware. Please fix this before someone dies. Also there needs to be more crosswalks on some areas.

1 gas station, bad

Limited opportunities to eat.

"Season" impacts our life tremendously with congestion and lack of dining and entertainment that gets booked up at this time.

**In the space below, please share any information that would help us to better understand your responses to the previous two questions (Town Amenities)**

You should have space to respond "Not Applicable"

You ought to provide information to car haulers and their customers where unloading and loading is permitted. A substantial issue.

You need to replace the YELLOW flashing lights on GMD crosswalks with RED ones. To most drivers yellow means "slow," but red clearly means "stop." I've submitted this suggestion to the two island newspapers, but evidently the town managers haven't noticed, or don't care. The present system is dangerous to pedestrians.

You allowed someone to build an unpassable sea wall that prohibits walking north. Why????? This is an accident/death waiting to happen if it hasn't already.

With younger families moving onto the key there needs to be more activities for children. A splash pad at Joan Durante would be amazing.

When you removed the Australian Pine trees in mass from the point nature park you took away the true beauty of the park. This occurred in the 1990's.

When the town hosts a collection for whatever, be sure to post all particulars, so those of us who took the time to bring in contributions don't need to walk around, ask others where to find the site. Be sure to let us know that the water department is north, and post the address in an obvious place to LBKers to see. On the doors to the buildings, post a list of departments in the town and their contact information.

when entering LBK, there is only one way to go for town hall, tennis, etc  
i preferred miles instead of arrows

What you describe as a Town Centre does not actually exist. The \$20million wasted on the 'Town Folly' ie The Green does not constitute even a part of a town Centre. Good money spent on an Commissioners Ego trip which struggle to be used for 85% of the year.

What used to be white sand on the beaches is now gritting brown sand.

What is Way-Finding Signage. The beaches could use a few restrooms in a few areas. Wouldn't want a lot of restrooms that would bring in off island traffic but some for the residents.

What is way finding signage? Just signs. Ok

We use the trails in BayFront Park mainly as the park is within walking distance for us

We use the parks frequently and enjoy the amenities they offer.

We think that Durante Park is way-under-funded. Definitely my favorite place to go as our dogs walk there every day! Town Center Green is wasted space. Please, no more or bigger signage on GMD.

We think it's curious that the music concerts at the Town Center carry an attendance charge. This is a first in all of the places we have lived.

We purchased a condo in July 2022, and have not yet been able to spend a significant amount of time on LBK. Thus, we are not yet familiar with many of the parks and amenities.

We own a condo and expect to retire to LBK in near future. When will power lines be buried?

We no longer cycle on the island after having accidents from inattentive motorists. We use the Legacy Trail instead.

We need to figure out a better solution for beach erosion as we do a beach nourishment and within a year it's already gone. We need a longer term solution.

We need to continue, as we are, attending to renourishment and protection of our beaches.

we need to check out these places!

We need additional pickleball courts at both Bayfront Park and it's also time to share the love of the capacity at the tennis center

We need a VITAL and VIBRANT community center! We need a senior center! There should be organized community exercise, games, library, water aerobics, and clubs that meet at the town center or Bayfront. Get it going, people! SO much to improve, but really not that hard. Either have it happen at Bayfront or at the town center.

We need a solution on Whitney Beach to have public access around the properties reaching to the beach (elevated walkways in water?).

we live on the beach and do not use public parks

We know the island well. We don't need signs to go to most places.

We just have concerns around beach erosion and hope maintenance is continued to persevere the coastline - especially with the large new hotel coming soon

We haven't used many of the town facilities. Partly I suppose because we are LBKC members.

We have not used Durante Park or the Tennis Center

We have few public beaches on LBK and I have no idea where Durante Park is.

We don't play tennis.

We don't need further development in Town Center



We do not appreciate the lack of appreciation of our beaches from visitors to LBK. They leave trash, conduct themselves in improper ways, bring their dogs, and take up what used to be our private beach area!

We aren't into sports. We do not want to be asked for money to help these sports function. Use the gated communities.....they're usually empty.

We are not at all familiar with the places we listed as "Unsure" since you do not have a place to indicate we do not go to those places.

We are fairly new to Longboat Key and have not had the opportunity to visit any of the parks, etc.

We are anticipating the enlargement of Town Center. Extra parking will probably be needed. Parking in shopping center will become a concern. Shopping Center needs a coffee /ice cream shop...rents too pricey to attract a new business. Beach access has been a concern. Public Transportation on and off island has been a concern. Water Taxi to mainland would be used if offered. And finally, another access to the mainland (a proposal made every few years) would now be an astronomical proposal, but warranted.

Visited last few years, but purchased last year, so that may affect this...

Traffic problem is well known. Toll on the bridge may help and reduce taxes.

Traffic flow on and off the St Armand's bridge is an issue but we see no way to solve it—  
You are doing a very good job.

Traffic at St. Armonds is crazy a lot. Season runs off locals

TOWN DOES A COMMENDABLE JOB

Town Center waste of space could be used for more useful things (e.g. deli north end; gas station; pharmacy); since LBK tried to "beautify" GMD we have MORE signs and more eye-level eyesores than we did before.

Town center should be rebuilt updated and up graded for the taxes we pay. Beaches need to go back to Natural white.

Town center is nice and I love the monthly market. However, parking is an issue as there are not enough parking spots at Publix as it is and when there is a daytime event at the town center, both shoppers and town center visitors are fighting for the same small number of spots.

Town Center is another example of several loud voices getting their way at great price to the Town.

Town Center is a wasted space

Town Center is a huge waste of taxpayer \$\$ for minimal return. the space would have been better used for stores, etc.

Town Center could use a few restaurant options

Too much signage along coquina beach, although that's not LBK!

Too much priority given to pickle ball, which is loud and disturbing when you're trying to enjoy our beautiful park. For all our tax dollars I think it is ridiculous to have to pay to go to the music concerts and charging even more for VIP section. If you want it to enrich the pleasantness of the island and build community those should be free and welcoming to all.

Too much marking and signage causes a cluttered look to town.

Too many signs. At least half could be eliminated (excluding speed limit signs). One Bay Isles sign is spelled Bay Isle. More left turn lanes and wider bike paths were good ideas.

Too many signs.

Too many signs still along Gulf of Mexico Drive.  
The pickle ball courts seem to be thriving. Many friendly people playing especially on weekends.  
Not sure I know where Quick Point Nature Preserve is located.

Too many signs on the road

Too many signs on Gulf Drive creates a untidy appearance

Too many signs

Too many road signs on GMD. Fdot has sign envy.

Too early to tell about the Town Center and it's contribution to our lifestyle

This will sound silly. However, I do wish that the seaweed was being regularly cleaned off the beaches. I know it is left for supposed ecological reasons, but it's removed on other beaches regularly.

There should be sign at beach entrances that Dogs are Not Allowed. We always see them on beach and unleashed dogs on golf course.

There should be an area dogs have access to on the beach

There should be a walkway through the mangroves with a small pier like at the park near Mote. It's a mess. It could be a nice attraction but it falls short.

There needs to be more pickleball courts and parking at Bayfront to support the community.

There may be an ordinance against car carriers loading and unloading on GMD however, the ordinance is NOT BEING ENFORCED

There is a need for more pickleball courts

there could be larger signage

The way-finding signage is unfortunate. It must be needed, but it destroys the beauty of the roadway. It also makes me question why we took down the power lines. They were much less offensive than the multitude of signs.

The upgrades to the Tennis Center irrigation and drainage are much appreciated. More food vending machine options would be worthwhile.

The trees on longboat often block signage. We are excited for the development of the new town center. The Quick Point nature preserve needs better parking and signage.

The Town should provide greater support to the pickleball amenities, especially in light of its strong support of the tennis facilities.

The Town should make a dog friendly section of the beach for at least a portion of the year. I have lived in other towns in Florida with dog friendly beaches and they have proven to be neither an annoyance nor harmful to the environment/wildlife

The Town does an excellent job of keeping our parks and beaches in good condition. These amenities help improve the quality of life on Longboat Key, in addition to our property values.

The town center seems very under used

The town center pavilion is ugly and will not age well. Why have such a mediocre structure?

The town center is not interesting or well landscaped.

The Town Center is in a state of becoming. The process so far is very nice, but there's quite a way to go before it feels like a functioning town center.

The Town Center is a total waste of money. Seldom used.  
A good restaurant was levelled for it, at a time when we need more of them,

The tennis center is world class. Better than the Islandside Key Club courts. Great staff at the tennis center. Love the LBK men's tennis tournament!!!  
Thank you for not adding Pickleball to this location. It is too loud.

The tennis center could use a renovation to spruce up the common areas, restrooms, etc.

The tennis center building needs renovation. It's a hovel at this point.

The signage is so much better now! LBK's beach has always been difficult to walk on. I rarely go on the beach now. I don't know if there are still drop-offs or not. Would love to have a gorgeous beach that measures up to the high standards of LBK.

the signage is fine but what does the Town Center have??? a Publix?

The recent storms have left our beaches basically non-existent. It seems that the town has little incentive to keep them up as they have been dragging their feet for years about taking corrective action.

The quality of the beach sand is severely deteriorated since the dredging project.

The public beaches are a nuisance and need to be monitored and patrolled. Out of towners come and leave garbage everywhere. Sometimes the public beach only allows for certain numbers of cars because there are residences next to it. People park on side of road at Publix or any place close by. This needs to be monitored by local police. If the parking lot of a public beach is full, then you need to go somewhere else.

The playground at Durante park is filthy and needs repair. The tennis center has such high costs it is prohibitive - also no lessons for children or families - only adults. There has been very little programming at the town center since it was inaugurated - we need MUCH more... We desperately need a park district and a community center with access to a gym/fitness center, access to childcare (even if just while at the community center), summer camps, etc.

The parks are fine; however, due to the terrible traffic and congestion, why bring more people to Longboat.

The only issue I have with the beaches are holiday garbage when public beaches are over crowded and also the number of people taking dogs to the beach is increasing - that needs attention.

The money spent on replenishing (by dredging) the beach in our neighborhood was a sad waste of money, and while we live a short walk from the beach and use it frequently, we would be strongly averse to spending more money on that. As expected (being familiar with similar attempts at other beach-front communities), the beach decided its own natural configuration and reversed the beach replenishment accordingly. The results were clear, and compelling. We sincerely hope that LBK learns from this experiment and refuses to head any calls from (in our opinion) short-sighted property owners to repeat it.

The latest beach renourishment has negatively affected the nature beauty and wildlife of the Gulf beaches. Toward the southern portion of the island, shell hunting and turtle nests are less frequent.

Area have much better vendors with much higher quality goods. At present the town green offers very little to do at all to the community.

also for doing that in communities where they cannot turn around without damaging individual properties' landscaping!

The few amenities that are available are nice.

The existing car carrier ordinance is unreasonable and unfair to part-time residents and "snow birds" who rely on the transporters to deliver their cars. At the least, the town should supply maps on-line of allowable places where the vehicles can be delivered.

The continued development of the Green Space Project would be a major economic gain for encouraging people to visit and purchase residential properties . Having a future facility with a state of the art Public Library along with an establish adult learning center makes LBK unique.

The condition of the beaches north of Rolling Waves Beach Cottages due to erosion in addition to private property beach rights make it impossible to walk the beach. As a homeowner and resident of LBK I resent the fact that the possibility to walk the beach northbound is so restricted.

The building at Bayfront Park is old and small and should be replaced. Exercise classes there are very crowded in season.

The beaches were an enormous draw to our purchase. We wish there were hours for dogs for our love to swim. Since new homeowners we are just learning about the area.

The Beaches up to the north of the island are in terrible shape and need attention - renourishment and do something about all the rock revetments.

The beaches at the beach access at the 6400 block are unsatisfactory. It is a dangerous situation with exposed rock and foundations. Also many families from off island will inundate the already small beach area and park right next to you with loud music and parties. An emergency beach replenishment should be conducted.

The beaches are our crown jewel and not enough is being done to enforce existing laws restricting smoking, dogs and alcohol consumption on the beaches, especially around the public access points. Trash is also a huge problem around the holidays. More resources should be put into protecting our beaches.

The beaches are not being restored after hurricanes/storms. We're not getting sand. It is impacting the property values of the houses whose values are tied to the amenity known as "the beach".

The beaches are nice enough but boring. We're most familiar with Durante Park and the maintenance there seems to be lacking, also, there used to be events there.

The beach in my neighborhood behind Gulfside Rd is continually eroding. There is very little beach left.

The beach at North Shore rd is beautiful now that has been renourished. There is a problem with jet ski's beaching between the concrete groins where children and families are swimming. The North Shore beach should be "no craft landing" ...before someone gets hurt.

The amount of erosion on the beaches really needs to be addressed especially those of us that have access to the beach behind Gulfside Road.

Tennis centers needs upgrading

Tennis center needs so much attention to the conditions of the courts. They don't drain well, aren't maintained with the clay amount or grooming

tennis center is why i live here

Sometimes overkill on the signage.

Some of beach access signs hard to find.

I wish more access in mid beach near cedars east vs all the restricted accesses to the public beach

Since when did the Town decide to be the pickle ball capitol of the area. They over-crowd, overrun Bayfront Park. We do not need more free pickle ball courts. Built them and charge like the Tennis Center, or reserve them for LBK residents or renters. Town Center is coming along, but parking is an issue.

signage? what signage?

signage to parks need to be bigger.

Signage for restaurants is very small for tourist. Our beach by Gulfside has been eroded again.

Signage for Quickpoint is woefully inadequate. Outrageous beach erosion at Gulfside.

Signage for beach access needs to be larger and detailed more as to quantity of parking spaces.

Relatively new to LBK

Read the don's sign at each beach entrance, there's more do not's than have fun!

Quick Point Preserve needs attention first of all addressing invasive

Quick point deserve could use some upgrading of landscaping and interpretive info widen walkway under bridge (I see construction now so maybe it's being done)

Public Works takes excellent care of Joan Durante Park. Also, we have noticed that there is less trash at Quick Point Preserve. Both are wonderful, and deserve care and attention.

Public Tennis Center should have fencing to keep balls on players' courts so as not to disrupt play on other courts. The facility is mediocre compared to what it should be for the amount of players on the Island. The whole facility needs an upgrade, with locker rooms, amenities, etc., compare to other facilities.

Priority to preserve some green space - there is hardly any left.

Please see my previous comment

Please finish the balance of the turf at dog parks at Bayfront.

Please don't add any more pickleball courts to Bayfront Park.

Please keep rec center and exercise classes held there at Bayfront Park.

Please do not take out all the tennis courts for pickleball at Bayfront Park.

Perhaps LBK should consider a pickleball pass fee to the numerous players and/or a parking fee. Should also consider a public parking fee for the public beaches.

PEDX with flashing yellow lights should be Red, with overhead signage to warn on coming vehicles.

Pedestrian crosswalks, although important, seem to be in useless locations. Round-about at Broadway and G of M Drive is a huge waste of money, i.e. not needed.

Parks are lovely.

Parking signage at north end is poor.

Parking can be a problem all over the island, along with excess traffic.

Parking at Bayfront is never sufficient during season for dogowners due to the large amount of pickleball players

Our younger members visit the lovely parks but we have not. They do enjoy the parks.

Our rank of dissatisfaction re the beaches is primarily because the public beach along Gulfside Drive on the north end is virtually non-existent. I understand the issues surrounding the erosion and that it's very complicated and expensive, however, the severe erosion has detracted from our beach experience on the Key. Also, I am an advocate of more pickleball courts at Bayfront, or perhaps elsewhere if feasible.

our beaches need constant attention. The quality of sand needs to be improved on the ENTIRE key not just in certain areas. WE need to not allow people to put junky furniture in the dunes and leave it there for years on end, never used. We need more thoughtful beach renourishment projects. We need more beach patrol, maybe not police but someone who can keep the dogs off and make sure zoning is being followed.

Our beaches are no longer white and pristine. They are overrun by seagrass and other vegetation. The beach is eroded and formed a high ledge which you do not see when it is high tide. it causes one to fall. They are an embarrassment, especially the one in front of 3900 Royal Road.

Our beaches are awesome but something needs to be done at the federal level as more and more dog owners are granted access with their supposed emotional support animals. Car carriers do not seem to pose a tremendous problem on our key. What' is becoming more of a concern is the golf carts coming over Longboat Pass Bridge! Please don't change the speed limit on Gulf Of Mexico Drive to accommodate golf carts!

Our beach is beautiful and we spend our time there. Have toured other areas and will continue to as we get more familiar with the area.

Other than the dog park I do not use many facilities. I belong to the Key Club so many of my needs are satisfied there

Nothing to comment.

Not technically 'way finding' but the town really needs to put up some raccoon crossing signs at the south end!! There's a minimum of 1 hit and killed a week!! And animal control has to come clean them up – and they always do... So it should be just the same cost for public works to put some signs up.

Not sure where Town Center is located.

Not much going on at the Town Center. I am guessing there will be more in the future.

Not much beach parking.

Not happy AT ALL with Ohana obstruction of beach and the sand distribution issues caused.

Not familiar with town center

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Not familiar with Quick Point Nature Preserve. To state the obvious, Bay Front needs more parking and pickleball courts. Is the large green space there being used for anything? If not, install pickleball courts. It is the main sport played by most of our residents.

Not enough knowledge to offer fair opinion.

Not dog friendly.

not a tennis player...

Not a tennis player

None.

None

none

None

new to area so we arent familiar with some of these



New residents

Never understood the need for a Town Center that cost millions of dollars to buy and develop for less than 9,000 residents, most of whom leave for 5 -6 months. With all the activities available to residents in Sarasota, in my opinion, it's a waste of taxpayer funds.

Needs more activities in Town Center...

Need to keep beaches cleaner (from litter).

Need to give the car haulers a break. They provide a service to tax payers. And their presence provides a little traffic calming.

Need to address beach erosion as on going project.

Need real library on island. Another bakery, market Chinese restaurant in Town Center, a bit more commercial

Need more pickleball courts at Bayfront

Need more information about town center.

Need more boat dock access at public parks

Need more activities for Residents who work. Meaning exercise, art and classes during evening / weekends.  
Also a dog beach area

Need beach replenishment plans and communication;  
should create natural beach dune structure

National Marketing / advertising folks publish minimum sign sizes based on speed limits and distance from the road. By any standards the signs are woefully small and too many are installed on the same poll so even if the signs were larger there is no way to read more than one or two from a passing vehicle

N/A

My "unsure" answers are because I currently do not use these amenities.

Multiplicity of traffic signs at entrance of Bayfront Park will cause a tragic traffic accident. Public access to pristine Longboat Key beaches has been compromised by not keeping the beach access restricted. The beach area requires patrolling to prevent alcoholic beverages and rowdy visitors from littering the area.

More positive than negative.

More pickleball courts at Bayfront Park would be nice.

More parking is necessary at Bayfront Park and definitely at the Town Center during events.

More efficient and friendly post office employees!!!

More concerned with rising taxes and misuse of the additional funds. Unfortunately, the town is allowing the influx of mostly Notherners to bring their values to FI and create the same problems they left the cold weather for.

Many thanks to the Karons and others who made the new Karon Family Pavilion a reality

Many of us use car carriers and so there should be a suggested area to load and unload them.

Many LBK residents ship their cars to/from LBK. Where and how are carriers supposed to load/unload vehicles without violating this law or encroaching on a bike path?

Many beaches along the island are difficult to use as wave action creates berms and these are rarely leveled.

Main concerns with Beach - erosion! Second is the concern that someone will start the trend to try to stop pedestrians from crossing their beach - if its true that current law is that they own the land up to the waterline - Love BeachFront park - but entitlement of pickle ball players is amazing when it comes to parking spaces - Every condo should be required to have a sign that says - watch out for pedestrians, since they aren't looking out for you - as they pull out.

Look forward to more additions, a Library?, to the Town Center as it is a wonderful addition to the island.

Longboat needs to rebuild and replant the Beach Dunes to protect the homeowners on the island

Longboat Key has neglected its beaches on the north end of the island, significantly decreasing the value of living and visiting the area. The erosion is astonishing and the city isn't doing enough to improve it. Soon the condition of the beaches will erode the value of property.

Longboat is a wonderful place other than the problem with flooding and traffic. It is a concern to be trapped on the island a few times a year because the roads flood. Traffic also restricts mobility on and off the island daily.

Like to keep longboat a more relaxed community than a fast past destination

Like to beach walk but not great on LBK due to junk on sand

LBKTC is fantastic. So welcoming. Kay should be applauded.  
Bayfront Park is a great place to walk. I love all the amenities.

Keep doing good work

just not that well acquainted.

just moved here

I've barely used the town center. Usually, they say I have to go into Sarasota to get anything accomplished. I don't know where the tennis center is! If I did I would likely use it as Bayfront is practically impossible to get on due to pickleball..

It would benefit to have the beaches machine raked occasionally

It would be nice to add a few more EV chargers (not Tesla) on the island. Also, I would like to see LBK relax the ordinance of no dogs on beach. Why not allow leashed dogs.

It would be great to have the beach sand raked and replenished regularly.

Intersection not well marked and have landscape blocking

Inadequate parking. Great bike paths. You should ban vehicles from the island and make everyone travel by bicycle or walk.

In season parking is a concern at Bayfront Park.

We are happy to see the development of the Town Center. Looking forward to more events at the Karon Pavillion. That being said, we need to find the balance of having events in the Town Center with creating more congestion and traffic.

I'm not sure what Way-Finding Signage means?

I'm happy with the areas that I frequent.

I'm concerned that, like the Kennedy Center, the operating/maintenance expenses of the LBK Town Center will become albatross on the backs of LBK taxpayers.

I'm certain they are just fine, but of no interest personally.

If we may, we be heard of Durante Park. and vaguely guess where a nature preserve is.

Don't know much re what May be in the Town Center other than the post office and an ATM.

If way-finding signs were better, you wouldn't need hundreds of them. The number of confusing and useless signs is a blight on GMD

If street signs could be illuminated at night.

If it is illegal for car carriers, why is so many car carriers comin on to the island.

If a person can legally enter they should be able to walk as far north or as far south as they want. The town should sue the owners of "Ohana" to ensure access. It is an illegal pier into the Gulf. (3 sides have water)

I'm not sure what the Town Center is!  
Is it where we vote?

I'd love to learn about beginniner pickleball lessons or groups. We live here full time and would to meet others.

I'd like more proactive approach on renourishment. Eg the hurricane had a big impact and I think the previous timetable needs to be accelerated

I would like to see more Pickle ball courts and more activities for seniors. I don't believe there is a senior citizen center on the Island and I would like to see one

I would like a few more pickleball courts, preferably covered. I know they're building a concert venue, but I don't know where it's suppose to be, & a small grocery market would be nice in Whitney plaza.

I wish the beaches could be machine raked more periodically instead of when a major storm has hit.

I will check out Durante Park & Quick Point Nature Preserve at the next opportunity. Unfortunately, until I become a permanent resident & move into my LBK condo, I have no automobile transportation & must depend on public transportation. This has made it very difficult to explore the island.

I very much want the public library added to the Town Center. I would like space there or at Bayfront for more fitness classes. I want the tennis courts to remain priority over pickleball. At the Tennis Center, the courts in the back need to be re-done.

I used to be very satisfied with the beaches but because of each being blocked at the Ohana Estate I am now much less so.

I use the amenities at Bayfront and Town Ctr on occasion.

The hours at the library need to be expanded, or close it entirely to save tax dollars.

Addresses are often unreadable when you're driving BECAUSE of this. By the time you get to the address you're going to, you've gone by because you can't read the address from the street unless you're standing

I think you need to limit the playing on Bayfront Park for pickleball or tennis to just residents and or owners. Also you charge for the tennis center to play there, but you don't charge for the pickleball courts, this seems really unfair to the tennis players. If you happen to go play on the tennis court that is also stripped for pickleball the pickleball players get really mad, make rude comments and most of them live in Sarasota and not even on the key. Personally you should make Bayfront Park a member only club similar to the tennis center.

I think we need many more EV charging stations. The above mentioned parks would be good places to facilitate this. The single station at Bayfront Park could be converted into a dual station. The city could do more to educate and encourage condo associations about how to accomplish this on our properties. It is not such a problem where people own their own home and can charge from an outlet in their garage, but those of us in condos don't have that option. we really need several level 3 fast chargers on the island that can charge most vehicles in less than one hour. The existing level 2 chargers can take up to 15 hours or more to fully charge a vehicle, thus occupying the parking spot much longer. The faster chargers can be activated by personal credit cards. I often have to drive my vehicle into Sarasota to charge because the Bayfront charger is usually occupied. This is a common complaint that I hear from many LBK residents.

I think the banners placed at LBK entrance are tacky. And, the way finding signs are silly. If you enter from the Sth end, they point north & vice versa; what other direction would they point to, the Gulf or the bay??

I think the amount of signage is excessive and detracts from the beauty of the island. I know that we just had several storms that impacted the beaches, but a long term solution like groins might help the problem.

I think that the beaches should provide some public bathrooms.

I think that a good and concise list of things offered by the town would help.

I spend the most time at Bayfront Park. The wait some days for the pickleball courts is painfully long. The town needs to stripe the 2nd tennis court for pickleball and allow picklers to use it most mornings. The town has many places to play tennis, but not enough pickleball courts.

I play at the tennis center 3-4 times a week. As wonderful as it is, it could be slightly better maintained but otherwise, it's an incredible and necessary part of my life for health and self-satisfaction. I live in CA 6 months and LBK 6 months. The Tennis Center is better than anything I have in CA.

I own a condo on the south end of the island at Bay Harbour Condos and do not go to the northern area very often to explore the parks that you have mentioned.

I need to learn more since just became a resident

I need to explore the parks and other amenities of LONGBOAT KEY

I love the parks in Longboat key. I am a little concerned with the Town Center Green. I have seen homeless camping on the parking lot behind the Chase Bank. I did call the non-emergency police number and the Dispatcher was very helpful- Thank you.

I love Bayfront but it needs more pickle ball courts.

I live near Durante park and the raccoons are a major problem! There is no lighting on street and this makes it impossible to walk at night. Neighbors have been approached and attacked by the raccoons. It's very unpleasant.

I would love more information on the tennis center.

I know where I'm going.

I know many people have issues with the parking at Bayfront Park. We are able to walk to the park so not a concern for us. As far as pickleball at the park, many people that do not live on Longboat Key are using the courts. It may alleviate the wait time and usage if there were a requirement for residency.

The beaches are beautiful. I have seen dogs on the beach and have never seen any type of security or enforcement.

I hope the park-like setting at Town Center does not get over developed.

I have only used Bayfront and so cannot comment on the others

looking forward to a revitalized Library that should serve as a center of intellectual activities for LBK residents & guests.

I have no idea where the Quick Point Nature Preserve is.

I think the laws against loading/unloading car transport trucks is illogical. Longboat Key residents ship cars to & from their Longboat Key homes, and the transport trucks are not able to load or unload the residents' cars. If there are areas where the transport trucks can load or unload cars, there should be signs indicating where those locations are. The current laws seem to be meant to frustrate residents.

I have never heard of the creek park

I have never actually visited the tennis center and the Quick Point Nature Center.

I have been a resident of LBK since 2004 and receive the town commission mail so very aware of the towns infrastructure, projects and government.

I have a personal situation related to Beach Access. I purchased a condominium which was advertised as have Deeded Beach Access, and now this is being disputed. The Town is of No Assistance what so ever,

I have a dog I take to the Bayfront Sog park every day. I would like to see the small dog side of the dog park refinished like the big dog side. That turf is so clean and keeps the dogs from getting muddy and dirty.

I get really concerned about animals on the beach. LBK should post more signs and FINE people who disobey this important rule that keeps our beaches pristine. As it is impossible for people to effectively clean up animal waste at beaches, animals should not be allowed on any beach.

I feel the beaches need to be refurbished.

I enjoyed the tennis courts and Bayfont Park when I was younger.

I don't use the tennis center so I don't know anything about it

I don't use all of the amenities listed

I don't play tennis, so I am not as familiar with the tennis center. My husband does, however.

I don't play tennis, but am familiar with where the tennis center is. I am planning on attending the markets at Town Center, but haven't yet this year.

I don't feel like there is much information available about these spaces. Signage for beach access is kind of poor

I don't think a roundabout is needed on Broadway

I don't play tennis.

I don't play tennis so not sure what the courts are like or the ease in reserving a court.

I don't know how/cost to join the tennis center... would like to see more pickle ball courts

I do think that as a resident that is beach front, it seems that no one ever checks the beach for trash. I have personally picked up trash on the beach. Also, the streets flood in many places.

I do not utilize the tennis courts

I do not use the facilities

I do not see listings of activities in the parks except holidays and some exercise classes

I do not play tennis therefore am unfamiliar with the Tennis Center.

I do not have any concerns in this area. I view all of the above as good investments for Longboat Key.

I couldn't drive to Durante or Quick Point Nature Preserve if my life depended on it and I have owned here forever.

I cannot believe that you are considering a Sarasota County Public Library on The Green!!! We should not be involved with Sarasota County in any form. They are corrupt and in bed with the developers. It will only lead to negatives for our beautiful island of Longboat Key. Keep up INDEPENDENT!!!!!!

I appreciate the town keeping the beaches and parks very clean—especially in season. I am a full time resident so use amenities throughout the year.

I am very satisfied with the beaches, but many of the beach visitors do not follow the posted rules, including no alcohol. I think the sign is WAY to small and that the rules just aren't enforced.

I am very new to the community. I recently purchased a condo at Whitney Beach. I am very satisfied with LBK thus far and very impressed with the Town's responsiveness to questions I had about the new rental registration requirements. I feel the Town workers are top-notch! Thank you for asking, this alone says a great deal!

I am very family with all points except quick point nature preserve. Parking at Bayfront can be a challenge at time but love the new parking spaces added this year

I am very confused about the tennis center and looking for more information. I am trying to just hit some balls to see if it is something I am interested in. It seems the courts on the "town hall" side are empty often and sure if I can just go for a bit to hit balls.

I am unfamiliar with some of the areas listed above and do not play tennis.

I am too hesitant to bring kids to Longboat beaches because of no lifeguards.

I am somewhat surprised that the beaches are not "cleaned/swept" more often.

I am only most familiar with those I use.

I am not sure the signage is great since i don't know where a number of these places are!

I am happy and satisfied - totally

I am always a little concerned when people are fishing on the beach next to people that are swimming. In November one person caught a fairly large shark close to swimmers. In would cause an uproar to designate fishing only or swimming only areas.

I almost hit a car carrier parked in the middle of GOM Drive while exiting the LBKC at night! So dangerous!

How about you enforce the speed limits....on the LOW end? Too many people go 30-35 on GMD and it causes horrible backups.

Hope tennis courts are not just for St Regis customers.

Haven't used the Tennis Center.



Have only been here for short stays. Will be retiring here soon.

Have not visited town center

Have not utilized Quick Point and have not been to the Town Center since recent additions likely would be satisfied if I had.

Have not made many Town Center events. Regarding signage, it appears to be sufficient.

Have never played tennis so can't really comment on that.  
Way-Finding Signage can be a little difficult to see.

Have never been to Town Center

Hard getting to Nature Preserve and most people don't know about it.

Happy with everything

half the stuff I do not use so thats why i am unfamiliar with it, as a 54 year resident of the Island.

Gulfside beach erosion & Ohana-inspired private beach claiming distressing

Get control of the pickle ball folks. Bayfront Park is ruined by the fanatics - restore one or two tennis courts, make sure the basketball court remains, and charge the pickle ball folks like we do at the tennis center.

From what I know, the town center is new and we have not been to it yet. We do not play tennis.

Frequent user of the Tennis Center. Great staff there.

For us, the recently completed stage near Publix is a waste of valuable real estate. Any one of the many other uses for that area would have been better for the community.

For elderly parents taking classes on LBK, it is not user-friendly for them to call for transportation to and from their destination. Needs to be easier to call for arrangements in advance. Thank you for trying to get this service!!

Far too many signs and signage already - no need to add more - as a matter of fact, would appreciate a task force to assess the signage and to best simplify / consistent format while not impacting the safety of our citizens -- especially along GMD.

Expand the Monthly market. Try to get more produce and food vendors. Try to sponsor events like the World Ukulele Day at The Bay in Sarasota on Feb 2. It drew a nice size attendance for the Town Center Green space.

Entirely too many traffic signs !

enjoy the parks and do not wish to see them developed

Easy access to the above areas which are in excellent condition.

Durante Park needs to be paved.

Durante Park is an under-utilized jewel! But don't tell anyone or advertise or it will be overrun! These amenities are wonderful and deserve "bragging rights" but please keep it a secret!!!

Durante park boardwalk in the location that is built with a plastic wood product is incredibly slippery when wet with dew in the morning. Someone will fall and get hurt. Recommend it be replaced with another product or coated with a nonslip product.

Don't use tennis center.

Don't use the way signage. So can't express how I feel

Don't use the tennis center.  
Not sure where the town center is?

Don't use tennis but only Publix and bank

Don't know what is "way-finding signage".

Don't know tennis center and possibilities but do know that plying pickle ball here is tough

Don't know about way-finding

Do not use many of the parks so no comment as opinion would be selfish and unfounded

Do not play tennis, but am familiar with the tennis/pickleball complex at Bayfront Park. A fine facility. We've only been to the Town Center a few times so not qualified to make a comment at this time.

DO not expand pickle ball at Bayfront.

Dissatisfied with using a lane for busses only when the traffic is so horrendous

Dining options - shoppes at bay isles

Continuing pickleball squabbles at Bayfront reduce my evaluation. I have not played there often or in a long time, I just hear stupid stories.

Conflicts between condo visitors to beaches and others need to be better managed

communication about most events is not good

Cleanliness and maintenance of these areas is most important and I am very proud to bring friends and relatives to these spots because they are so beautiful.

City could have saved residents and property owners tax dollars by turning these facilities over to the respective counties Parks and Recreation Department. they have the experts trained to operate these type of facilities

Being located on the north end of LBK the beach access is deeply concerning in that one is prohibited from walking all the way to Beer Can Island due to certain property owners. In addition the erosion of the beaches is an additional concern

BEACHES: I understand dogs are not permitted on LBK beaches due to private real estate as well as the turtle conservancy.

Idea - perhaps allowing dogs during limited time periods (of the year and day) might accommodate some residents, ensuring their canines maintain good health and exercise as well as providing a safe space for dogs to run. I'm aware of the dog park at bayfront park, but that location and option does not work well for

Beaches should be raked a little more often.

Beaches on the north end of the island need to be addressed. Erosion from the storms.

Beaches on the north end are breathtaking. We used to be able to walk from Emerald Harbor to the north end, but now the two landowners have gotten more protective of their domains. I do not see this changing.

I think Manatee County may be trying to expand their Coquina beachgoers to LBK. It is a shame. One wants the island to remain as peaceful as possible. Traffic is going to get worse with the massive development coming to 75th and Cortez. I do not get the sense Manatee County cares as much about protecting its 1/3 of LBK as Sarasota County is. It's really a shame the island is in two counties - although the property tax rev to Manatee from the northern 1/3 is not something they will give up.

beaches need trash cans!!!!

Beaches are non-existent any more. Why would a tourist come to a beach town only to find no beach?

Beaches are most important to community. Beach renourishment program great, however concerned about resent erosion of beach and sand dunes along the entire key. We should have plans to renourish possibly more often if needed and sand dunes addressed also with new plantings and such.

Beaches are great and recent improvements at the north end of Longboat have made a very postive impact. The only negative is the restriction of beach use by the Ohana residence.

Beaches are excellent except for beach erosion due to high impact storms

Beaches are eroding and the town and or counties are slow to respond. the beach at Bradenton is a mess and too much traffic is created making it impossible to get off the island with any time predictability.

beaches - Certain areas are combed and when they do this they comb/rake right down to the shoreline which takes away the 'hard' sand that many of us older people need to walk. The pedestrian path on Gulf of Mexico Drive is dangerous to walk on, especially in busy season as it caters to bikes as well. Most of the bikers do not adhere to the rules, i.e. to alert people when approaching to the rear. They also go much too fast - my understanding is that it is 10 mph! A lot of people who live here do not use the path to walk as they are too frightened. So, as for myself, I prefer to walk on the beach but when they rake the sand it is almost impossible for me to walk on as I have balance problems. Why cant they just rake and leave the HARD SHOULDER for us to walk on. I find it very inconsiderate that this happens. For the older inhabitants of LBK I find it unbelievable that both these issues are not addressed. We should be able to walk the path, safely, without bikes roaring up sometimes at 26 mph and that rakers take the hard, walkable, sand away from us! I'm very upset I can't use the 'pedestrian' path safely and, at times, the beach! This island is not catering to the mostly older generation who live here.

public is going to continue to pay to have sand put on this section of the beach then the public needs to have access. The Ohana seawall is still an issue for those of us living north of this obstruction.

Beach erosion is a chronic issue...each year the beach seems to narrow

Beach erosion has significantly diminished the experience on the north end.  
Planned uses of town center buildings duplicate Bayfront park building.  
We do not need to maintain two buildings. Town center and Bayfront park facilities do not facilitate remote ownership participation.  
Change the land acquisition fee assignment to allow for infrastructure maintenance and improvement.

Bayfront park use and appeal is negotiated by the over emphasis of Pickle Ball. Basketball courts have been reduced for normal play by intersecting a third court between the other courts. Dangerous to children who just want to play and throw basketball. The covered area is a way station for pickle ball players waiting or otherwise occupied. Parking not good. Only 4 swings in children's area. 2 for toddlers and 2 for older children including adults.

Bayfront Park turned out amazingly. The beaches are fantastic but was disappointed to find out that a home was allowed to block the beach behind their home. DO NOT let this be a habit. One of our pleasures and beauty of this island is the endless stretch of beach.

Bayfront Park should have a permanent kayak dock and launch. The current facilities are inadequate, unpleasant, & unsafe. Too much attention is being given to the outspoken pickleball players.

Bayfront park pickleball needs information signs on etiquette rules. The courts are in poor shape. It is way too crowded, with extremely long wait times. Do you realize that many players come from many miles away to play on LBK?

Bayfront Park parking an issue

Bayfront park needs to flex the remaining tennis court to pickle ball courts

Bayfront Park needs more pickleball courts or build a pickleball facility somewhere else on the island. Ok to charge membership like the tennis center.

Bayfront Park needs more parking and a better recreation building.

Bayfront Park is very nice. A new building would improve the site.

are even worse than before. All cracking has reappeared, and surface repair has begun to peel off making PB courts 1, 2 and 3 unplayable.

Bayfront park is a jewel. There seems to be no overall plan to make the best use of the other parks. Town focus seems to be on funding new amenities (Karens stage and Whitney shops community center) with no thought to the need and use of existing resources.

Bay front park is beautiful to visit but lacks appropriate number of toilets and pickleball courts to accommodate the high number of people that are there on any given day.

Bay front park is a gem

Durante park great. I get nervous out there alone though. Are there snakes?

As university professionals you should stop using split infinitives.

As a person gets older their usage of some of these deminishes

As a fan of pickleball, my opinion is we need more places to play v

Am awaiting further development of town center before I can give it a thumbs up.

allow dogs on the beach, add some showers to the beach parking. no services for day visitors is a pretty crappy way to not let the locals enjoy this island. obviously this is what longboaters want. Keep the island all to themselves. widen the canals like you said you would. make the residents on the canal adhere to the rules, not just allow the bigger boats to dock any which way they please.

all of the above are true value for our life on the island it must be protected. The signage should be enhance for bicycles along with better way to put the garbage bins in the bike path.

Again, the amount of people exceed the small amount of land put aside for public use. We do very much enjoy Durante and Bayfront parks often, but know there are issues with overflow and parking at Bayfront. Nice upgrade for dog owners. The town center needs parking facility or leased use of the churches parking on off hours when events happen.

Again, access to the beaches should be for all. Parking and traffic should be addresses so that others can enjoy our Key. There seems to be an elitist attitude to exclude rather than share the wealth of nature and what we have.

Admire the unified look of black signs, i.e. Tennis

Additional parking for pickle-ballers would be nice.  
The dog park is awesome! Any chance of lights for the park, Or would the town accept donations for lighting at the dog park?

Add amenities for people that live here full time. Not for visitors. No more pickleball. Don't encourage more people to come on island. No more amenities for snowbirds.

Add a some pull up bars or exercise stations in the playground of Durante park. Perhaps a few pickle ball courts in the huge open space behind the pavillion.

A major concern is the red tide and the effect it has on the quality oif life on LBK.

A better explanation of "Way-Finding Signage" would be helpful

"Signs, signs, everywhere a sign." Was that song written about LBK?

- (1) Not enough Public Pickleball courts (the same people dominate them and play 2x-3x per day)...perhaps an online booking system and also add pickleball to the Tennis Center.
- (2) Beaches need more grooming (MORE cleanup removal when seaweed or red tide is present)
- (3) Landscaping needs to be better...did something happen to the landscape budget? Weeds seem to be taking over and it is appearing to need TLC (let's focus on natural beauty and resources of the island plesae)

**The Town is planning a variety of events at the Town Center this season, to include markets, concerts, an art show, and a community open-house.**

**Do you have any suggestions for future events at the Town Center Green or its new stage?**

You need to improve traffic conditions if you are doing that!

You need to find a better way to deal with traffic

You are doing a fine job.

Yoga classes , sound bath class, tai chi - more classes that you don't need to sign up for a whole " season" - boot

Yes. I think that a community center that houses clubs, courses, a senior center, exercise space, gosh---even a swimming pool for water aerobics would be so delightful! Maybe even a coffee house in that cute little house

Yes! Get it underwritten by donations and not by taxes! Seek sponsors, donations, and young artists and nonprofits wishing to get on stage.

Yes , having a Town of Longboat Key building dedicated to the Sarasota Public Library along with an Adult Learning Center would have a longterm positive economic affect.

Yes - more instrumental concerts - not loud bands. Family-friendly events or events that are free to attend and bring your own picnic. You could have a "safety town" event where kids bring their bicycles and can ride around the pathway learning traffic rules and how to obey signs and lights.

We could have a splash pad installed at the Town Center - that would be a huge draw for families. Also a playground on the edge would be lovely - there are no playgrounds on the south end of the island.

Wouldn't mind a concert now and then.

would love to see that library and its services. improved and more frequent music options.

Would love a good farmers market

would like to see weekly music groups appear on the same night/afternoon of each week

Would like to see the market at least twice a month.

Would like to see a music concert series at the new stage to showcase both local artists and guest artists.

Would like to see a Jazz Fest theme

Would enjoy a wine and food festival; outdoor concerts, a farmer's market occasionally; outdoor movies at the park; events that appeal to various ages and generations, not just retirees.

With the variety of entertainment venues in the area do we need more?

Wine, bourbon and tequila tasting events

Wine tasting, gourmet cooking demonstrations

Why isn't there a playground for children? More designated parking for events.

Why don't we invite the jaguar and corvette shows now band at Armand circle

More farmers market

Where would one park?

Where is the town center green??

Whatever you do, find a more effective way to inform the residents of what and when.

Well the Town certainly do not have a clue how to use this waste of money, that is for sure, They will clutch at any straws they can trying to justify the monies they have almost criminally wasted. Those monies needed spending on town owned streets which are so dilapidated, they are like those of a third world country in parts.

Weekly evening music series. Get some food trucks and make it a party

Weekends for those of us who work fulltime off the island

We'd like to see more frequent markets, farmer's markets

We will look forward to these events!

We want events that do not attract any significant number of people from the mainland, to Longboat.
We should add a Farmer's Market similar to what Sarasota holds every Saturday.
We need fewer events.....not more!
We look forward to more events on the island. Each season we find ourselves leaving the island less often, finding it less and less necessary to go across the bridge.
We like what you have planned.
We like concerts.
We have a lot more children on Longboat Key now then we have over the last 30 years, we could use more events and access to kid tailored amenities.
We don't think the Town should force itself, by inventing events absent strong demand by a diverse resident groups, to spend Town funds in this initiative. We don't think you will find the audience to justify the cost, even among those that might advocate for such events.
We don't need more art shows.
We do NOT know what you mean by "Town Center" so we cannot answer. Maybe we should!
We can't leave the island due to congestion.
We are excited about the art show, markets and concerts.
We adore farmers markets and have gone to a couple in the surrounding areas. Art is a large part of my life being in the field. Concerts and theater are of interest also.
Vintage and specialty car shows. Very successful on St Armands' Circle.
Veterans' Day event!
Very excited
Venue for charity events.
Vendor exhibition
Upscale art show
Theatre
Up north our towns put on a variety of music concerts for Free during the summer. We are disappointed that Longboat Key does not provide similar events with different types of music.
True farmers market
Adult concerts geared to 50plus age group
Traffic makes it less often. And we would welcome more on-island events and services. A WEEKLY REAL Farmers' Market with organic, local produce and proteins would be very, very welcome but not one like the
Traffic Due to the Circle in Bradenton Beach makes us a Prisoner of LBK. Headed into Sarasota Again the Circle with light all around the circle back up onto LBK. This is not working for residents and NOTHING is being
Town should post and inform in advance about any event to make sure the community is participating.
Town Hall meeting with leadership including an opportunity for "meet and greet."
Town Center is a delight. More accessible for walkers and wheelchairs w be appreciated .
Town center green is in a terrible location. It causes traffic jams in the Publix parking lot and despite the sings against, many use the Publix parking lot for city events. The stage and events should be located elsewhere.
Town Center becoming a meaningful asset
Too new to know, hope you don't bring in lots of outsiders, keep it quiet! Thats why we moved here versus
Those sound good
Those events are fine, but having them more frequently would be a plus.
Those are all great suggestions / additions
This sounds great! Looking forward to more activities on the island.
this project was a huge waste of money
These sound nice and maybe an outside movie in the nice spring weather.



These events sound great.
There are many jazz acts in Sarasota: Eddie Tobin, James Suggs, Synia Carroll, Sarasota Jazz Project, Skip's Dixie theatrical productions, lectures by prominent people who live here who are willing to talk.
Theater/musical performances featuring local community theaters -e.g Rise Above Performing Arts, Asolo Rep, Florida Studio Theater, Westcoast Black Theater Troupe.
Holiday celebrations - e.g. St. Patrick's Day festival, Christmas sing-along
Theater East parking
The village green is turning out great. I do not leave the island as much because of the roundabouts on Rt. 41 I
The town has done a fine job in offering interesting events at the Town Center Green. The Veterans Day ribbon cutting ceremony was outstanding.
The Town blew the opportunity to have a true performing arts center. The LBK Fondation laid the groundwork with Ringling College and had worked for 2 years educating the residents and getting pledges for close to 18 million dollars. The incompetent Town Commisioners dragged their feet, "slow-walked", their cooperation and consent and finally scared off Larry Thompson and his Board at RCAD. Lost opportunity due to stupidity. Now all we have at the Town green is an ugly and cheap-looking Pavillion. Window of oppportunity was slammed shut-
The planned events are great .... keep them coming ..... the first concert was great .... we will attend all of then
The more events the merrier, especially in peak season when traffic makes leaving LBK a nightmare.
The markets have been wonderful. We are looking forward to attending an Art Show this year. Future seating for the Pavillion concerts would be appreciated. The average age on Longboat Key is 70+ and older people have a difficult time lowering and raising themselves onto picnic blankets.
The markets have been great & I hope they will continue.
The Markets and Art Shows are NOT good. They bring in people from off LBK and increase the traffic and especially cause congestion and parking issues around the Tennis Center, not to mention noise. I am very much
The market is a nice touch. Concerts, movie nights, food truck evenings, maybe in conjunction with concerts, things of that nature. Maybe a "bulletin board" in the Publix area with announcements / activities @ the Town Center.
The market is a great idea
The grounds around the Town Center are not very level or lush with landscaping. It could use some additional attention to the lawn/grass areas.
The Green was built with insufficient parking and Publix does not want people using their parking lots. This needs to be addressed before looking for additional events.
The first Market held at Town Center was nice, but it would be great to find produce vendors to join in. Last year there was a vendor that sold microgreens which was fabulous. We also had vendors selling plants.
The fewer, the better
The empty building in Whitney plaza I think can be used for some community activities like yoga and other classes used at the building at Bayfront. This comity center I think might be better moved to the Whitney plaza
The Christmas tree lighting and activities is always a hit, as was the first town market. My suggestion is to try things out and monitor the response.
The "Town Center" is an ill conceived idea. Locals are typically are older and not likely to attend. Sarasotans will avoid it because of the traffic problems associated with visiting the island.
Taylor Swift!
Take the stage down. Stop acting like you're Casey Key or Miami. Let us year-rounders alone and stop spending our money on your pet projects.

Strings Con Brio would be good for a concert for light classical or popular music. Call 941-677-3291 or 941-504-4758.

I live in Longboat Key year round so it would be nice to have concerts year round. It will be easier for those

Stop wasting money that creates more congestion and start making Longboat more affordable.

Speaker Series

Sounds like the planning has gone well - no additional suggestions (yet)!

sounds great!!

sorry..wasn't fan of the event center. Bringing more people to get on the island doesn't seem logical. Come to longboat for the beach and vacation and enjoy sitting in traffic.

Some of us still work, so more Saturday or Sunday events would be appreciated.

Since LBK has so many HOA's and Co-op's on the island, having an educational event for HOA's with expert speakers that could share their knowledge and talk about the role HOA's must assume to ensure the future of LBK into 2040 and 2080 if we are to retain LBK's shoreline and luster.

Senior health fair?

Seeing these events a very popular with residents and non-residents alike, parking is a major issue.

See previous comment

Seasonal festivals

Resident only events.

Regular farmers' markets; a mobile library.

Regarding the first question:

Can't get off-island due to traffic. If we have dinner plans off-island, we leave LBK after lunch and spend the day shopping in B'ton or S'sota. Why do pedestrians have the right-of-way at St. Armand's and not town down Sarasota? There are red-lights that stop them downtown. Couldn't that happen on the Circle. That is a big reason LBK traffic gets backed up driving to Sarasota. I know St A isn't part of Longboat, but don't we have a voice in county problems? If not, shouldn't we? We are discussing the library with them. PS, as much as many

Reasonably staged shows, musicals and opera.

Real Farmers market to get food, not crafts. Concerts will be great!

Publicize an email notification of events or sign up for text notifications with a link to web page with details

Provide adequate parking and flow of traffic.

Produce at the markets and keep up with the great music events please

Possibly theater, or plays, we have a lot of very talented people and groups who live here.

Please see previous comments.

Please organize it and have enough parking.

Classical music or jazz.

Musicals

Quality market stalls

Please make the viewing area a covered area, such as a pavilion, as that would be nice for sun and/or rain protection. Make the stage large enough to accommodate a 5-6+ piece band, & an area for food trucks. I don't know where the Town Center Green is?? Outdoor movies during summer, may be popular(?)

Please have a variety of music concerts not just country or rock and roll.

Please don't interrupt the flow of traffic that needs to get off island....that is crucial....I don't want to miss the opera because you have an amateur art show

Please control traffic and parking.

Please bring in showcases from all the local performing arts orgs - Cuban Ballet, Black Theatre, Opera, improv, etc. Can be a win-win if they have a table providing info on subscriptions. Also regular performances by local musicians for just low key evenings would be great.

Please advertise this not aware of any things that go on at the Town center
Plays
Plays and classical music performances
Play time events for children during school vacation weeks
Plan to allow for issues with parking and traffic congestion ahead of time.
Piano concerts .
Perhaps Town of Longboat department heads along with Police and Fire/EMT representatives presenting the ins and outs of there roles, and suggestions to the community on how we can help improve what their departments
Perhaps some different kinds of music. We recently drove to Anna Maria for a band at their community center.
perhaps consider an open music jam. The Blue Rooster used to host a weekly event run by Al Fuller and it was 100-150 dancing people and musicians from all over North America. Blue Rooster has closed.
Perhaps a stand up comedy event from the Karen Pavilion
perhaps a 'health' show featuring LBK's doctors, dentists and physical therapists on the island. also feature other businesses such as insurance companies.
Performances on the stage
People have different interests whether it is music or the theater. As long as the offerings appeal to a variety of
parking needs to be addressed and fixed before future events are held!
Parking is going to be a challenge....
Parking is always a concern so I'm not anxious to attend some events
Parking and traffic are a problem
parking always seems to be an issue
PARKING
Outdoor movies
Lectures from prominent speakers, many of which are retired - semi retired in our community.
Outdoor film night on the lawn.
Outdoor concerts.
out DOOR THEATRE
Orchestra, maybe high school orchestra
High school play performance.
Should be low fee
Open mic night
Comedy night
Karaoke night
Only if the traffic is managed and does not create a bottle neck on the island.
One stage, although lovely, does not make a town center. Or if it is the town center, it's missing most of the
Once a month during season have a band and food/drinks available like they do in Sarasota on first Fridays. No charge for the music. Currently every music event there seems to have an admission fee.
Oldies concert
October festival
Obtaining adequate parking.
Nothing to add
Not yet
Not unless you can provide parking and traffic control. If you attract more people from the mainland, we'll have more nightmares with traffic.

not thrilled with Town Center as it draws more traffic to LBK
Not so much the type of event as making sure they are marketed and people know about them. That's a really buggy area so making sure to deal with that so people aren't uncomfortable. The town is mostly older folks and not families so maybe some tai chi or yoga. Dog friendly events. Small fundraisers for local non profits. Definitely offer local business free vendor spots. If you're doing events, (per my last response haha) being a
Not right now
Not really. Sounds promising
Not really interested
Not really
not really
not off the bat, but will think about it!
Not needed
Not interested. Parking is always a problem for the handicapped prople.
Not interested in such events
Not interested
Not for events, but communication to residents about upcoming events could be better.
Not at this time. Events mentioned/planned seem to address the needs of the residents.
No. The town center is a waste of money.
No. Not sure we need any new/additional events
No. I think that Town Center Green was a waste of land & resources as there already exists beautiful community spaces. Now we have another to fund.
No. I prefer the island to remain quiet and peaceful. Concerts and markets are not necessary and may tend to
no. I am very concerned about increased traffic on and off the island.
No. Keep doing what you're doing, but sue the owners of Ohana to get pedestrian beach access up and down
No, we attend several concerts, theatre and art showings in Sarasota, more than enough
No, thank you.
No, thank you.
No, however, there should be signs allowing us to skip St Armands event traffic. I know it will annoy residents living on event detour streets, but that is what comes with living there, and should be no surprise.
No, good luck.
No, but what is planned looks good
No suggestions, but an increase of activities will allow the residents to become more familiar with each other and also off the Tourists something fun to do.
No suggestions
No suggestion but it is a real good idea and would bring more people and guest to the island.
No other than please manage the traffic congestion and parking problems
no other suggestions
no on the town center. as far as leaving the island, we don't feel comfortable scheduling off island activities due to the traffic congestion. it can take 1 hour to get off the island to the cortez bridge, on the north end. traffic is no- let us see whether these will capture an audience
No I think you have great ideas for future events. However, I would like to see one fast food restaurant....
No clue.
No can't help you.
No but the beauty, pristine and longevity of the Longboat Key serenity should be preserved as well as possible.
No but happy the Town is working on events
no but concerned about whether there is enough parking there and what affect it will have on traffic

New local band TheRoute41Band would love to play a show. They play hits from the 60's, 70's and 80's. Call or text Rick Mastria at 508-326-4617 or email THEROUTE41BAND@gmail.com.
Need more shade.
Need better advance communications on such events
Music; TED talks
Music/food festival; wine and food festival
Music, music,music, of all genres
Music would be great as would a speaker's series at a time when it would not be so hot
Music venues.
Music one evening a week in season
Music from "vintage" bands, eg tribute bands playing Beatles, Beach Boys, etc
Music and Farmers Market
Music
Music
Movies, blood drive
Movies
Movie nights, speaker series, chess playing, mahjong play, more concerts, more frequent farmers markets, long table dinners (very common other places)
Movie night?
More wonderful musical & comedy events. Classical music, maybe the Perlman can be here?? Many musicians on the island. Can ? who is here and have great jazz, rock, rap, & classical music from residents right here. NO PUBLIC LIBRARY - we already have a great small LBK library- most sufficient. You are really barking up the wrong
More regular monthly craft show dates (why only Mondays) FUN seasonal community get togethers (food, drinks entertainment) but offer residents for free or low cost concerts, picnics, etc. maybe movies in the park and sell drinks or snacks Don't charge big bucks for FUN...
More parking
More of same!
More musical events, and maybe a comedy show once in a while.
More music!
More music would be nice. There isn't one restaurant that offers music on LBK.
More music events
more music events
More music
More markets and events centering around dogs
More good live music
More food trucks and music. Better notification of market days.
More farmers markets on the island so you do not have to travel to Sarasota.
More events would be great. Where is the Town Center?
More events please. Also unsure of library status. Is the town funding?
More early evening music events would be nice.
More concerts; Blues and BBQ event; movie night
More concerts. Also, we have a nice library adequate for Longboat Key residents. Assume this push for a new library is political or money driven, and we do not need to succumb to such nonsense. We are self sustaining

-More concerts of various genres.
-Different entertainment options such as plays; book/poetry readings; comedians; lectures.
-The monthly Market is a cheesy , cheap event. Discontinue the Market.
More concerts like we used to have at Durante Park.
More concerts and markets
more concerts
More arts and crafts shows
More advanced notification
More advance advertising of upcoming events.
Meet the politicians event
Maybe just more notices of events
Maybe a concert
Markets, concerts and art shows would be welcome
Markets in the off season as well with LESS knick-knacks & souvenir type things & more food, bakery, fresh produce. More parking for events.
Markets and free concerts.
Markets and concerts would be fantastic. Punk rock flea markets would be incredible.
Markets and concerts sounds excellent--it would be good to engage with the Arts Council's new CEO who is keen to promote continued arts support in the area
Make the events open to all without charge.
Make the events free
Parking was not easy
Make sure these events do not turn the Town Center into a flea market.
Longboat key residents should also have preferential pricing for the events.
Make sure there is enough parking.
Make sure events continue to be free. Concerts would be very nice.
Loved the concerts on the lawn.
Love to see an actual farmer's market there
Love this . Would like something every week. Craft shows , current music live, plays etc.
would be wonderful.
A true farmers market would be an awesome addition!
LOVE the 5 markets being held this year. Would love to see arts/crafts fair as well. Husband would love a Chili
love having concerts, art shows, farmers markets on LBK
Love art shows and markets.
Love all of the above
Looking forward to!
Looking forward to events.
Looking forward to attending more events at the Town Center! Please make sure they are publicized well in
Looking forward to attending all planned events. Frequent farmers market and byob concerts would be great.
Look forward to the events
Longboat Key Jazz Festival
Local talent showcase, lawn concerts

Local musicians and different type of music to reach out the families and the old timers. For instance, on Sunday morning or afternoon, it will be nice to get regular concerts. As a good example, in Naples they provide music Local cover bands doing concerts. See Ringling by the bay for examples
Live music, food trucks. Even some of these great entertainers at the local bars are awesome and probably less expensive than a full band.
Live Music please!
Live music is appealing to us.
Live music
Limit activities to avoid traffic congestion
Like the farmers market. Not interested in concerts.
Lets see how the new stage goes and then will comment.
Let's get the library and rec center at town center
Let us know WHO to contact if we have an idea for a performer. Who schedules the list of performances in the
Less crap more high quality.
Leaving less often due to the heavy traffic congestion. More Town Center events would be a wonderful idea to avoid traffic. Farmers markets would be wonderful.
Know you are doing great
Kids carnival, games, and contests
Keep up the good work! It's a great addition to island life!
keep these coming
Keep on improving
Just to make them free to the public
Just more of the above, based on demand.
Just make sure you have parking for the events
Jazz fest
Jazz concerts similar to Sarasota Art Museum outdoor events would be wonderful. Children's plays on weekends.
Jazz bands.
jazz
I've been doing tai chi and chi gong at The Paradise Center. I don't know what the town's plans are for that venue, but I certainly hope it will remain! It's a great location for the activities offered, at an affordable price, and a convenient location. Perhaps some of the exercise-type classes offered there could blle held at the Green rather than their parking lot.
It's penny ante. Ehhh.
It would be wonderful if the town provided some free evening concerts/entertainment to LBK residents
It would be nice---music--classisal, folk, jazz. A folk. music festival over one or two days. It would be nice to do a Shakespeare on the Green using perhaps local actors, or students from USF. Think how Joseph Papp changed Central Park with his originally small outdoor theater.
It would be nice to have concerts but it seems that nothing goes on after 7 or 8 pm. Needs to have more entertainment. It could also be beneficial to have an island restaurant fair where the local restaurants meet
It would be nice to have a very good Farmers Market with excellent produce, at least during the high season.
It would be awesome to have a weekly farmers market.
Install EV chargers

Increase the frequency of these events.
Include The Paradise Center in Town Center activities. It's a "hidden gem" on Longboat Key!
inadequate parking
In favor of markets and concerts
In addition to the above mentioned events, perhaps something for children. There are not many full-time children living on the island, but they visit during holidays.
I'm thrilled to see that there will be concerts at the Town Center. I am hopeful they will continue during the "off-
If you can find a way to control traffic without disturbing the residents daily lives , go for it !!!!
If the Tidewill facility ever comes up for sale the Town should buy it and incorporate it into the Town Center concept rather than build other buildings. That would help maximize green space in that area.
I'd love to be involved. I have references from Island Chapel.
I'll give any of your events a try!
I would most welcome a book fair with readings; but also appreciate cook-offs, antiques market, craft shows, live music.
I would love to see live music there however it seems like the plan is to charge for these type of events which will prevent many from attending which is unfortunate as this is a community area.
I would love for us to have "Shakespeare in the Park" like NY City and Louisville, KY. But I recognize that I may be the only resident wanting this. The problem with any event is lack of parking. This is a serious problem for Town
I would like to suggest TED Talk type events when a special guest speaker would have a talk on their topic of expertise. Perhaps the program is 2 hours in total, with the talk being 30 - 60 minutes long and then a short time
I would like to see free or cheaper concerts!
I would like to see and partake in more musical events at the park free or reasonably priced
I would like there to be no future events.
I would like more options "after season" in the summer and fall months.
I will think on that!
I was surprised that the fee to hear a concert was so high. A playground would be nice. Room for pickleball? The Town Center is not used much.
I was just at the event in January very nice. Although I was not aware it was even going on. Luckily I drove by
I vote for the concerts.
I think we need an art center as we had in the old days in the village we had the wrong Boat art center I think we're making a mistake and not having our own art center here how long boat key
I think the town is trying to make it a destination. I, for one, would like to see more fresh food - like the
I think that concerts, farmers markets and artisan markets would be embraced by the community. - Including area food trucks and some music for a festival day is also a fun and festive way to spend the afternoon or evening! -food and shopping( local restaurants and stores set up a booth) -It's a challenge to find plants and small tropical trees for sale on the island, hosting of a tropical plant sale
I think direct email information to residents would help in planning for events. Often times in the past, the event is happening before I am aware.
I personally would much rather have seen badly needed pickleball courts go there. The majority of Bay Isles residents felt the current development was a waste of money
I love the farmer's market
Maybe some student entertainers fro the high schools or Ringling.
I love that we now have that venue!!



I liked the longboat key market in January, maybe meet ups for different groups
I like music festivals.
I have not attended anything at the Town Center so will look forward to those events. I would like to receive email information about the events.
I don't know much about them, how are they promoted?
I don't know enough as to how the concerts and other shows will be selected. Is there a method and how will the community know the process? Will there be community input?
I am sorry, I am too new, but I like the idea of concerts!
I am not in favor of more events at Town Center
I am not for adding traffic to Longboat Key from off island. It is almost impossible during certain times of the year to get on and off the island because of the huge influx of people and cars. During tourist season I feel like a prisoner because I don't want to fight the traffic back onto the island- mostly from the north
I am looking forward to what will be offered in the coming months
I agree but feel parking is a concern. Suggestions: music programs, community speakers, art shows featuring local artists, etc.
Hopefully it will only be open to residents of the island for fear of heavy traffic, et al?
Help with traffic issues.
Having markets, concerts, arts shows, etc. is great and we're looking forward to attending these events.
Have programming off season. Remove impervious surfaces at the Town Center -- the money was for green
Have no ideas to contribute other than a request that anything done does not impede the flow of traffic for any extended period of time, many more than a few minutes.
Have market at an increased frequency through May.
group exercise in park (yoga, etc). outside movie wine tasting festival craft beer tasting festival chamber music
Great ideas! Concerts and art shows are wonderful. How about lectures and presentations (interactive) on local history and natural science?
Great ideas
Great idea! The more activities on the island the feeling of being trapped on the island during the busy season.
Great idea to have events at the town center!
Good music. Local musicians
Good music.
Garage Sales/Estate Sales as a Venue, July 4th and other prominent Town events to be held here, as well as perhaps Job Fairs and other income producing events.
Fundraising events
Free/inexpensive music events
Free concerts
For those of us who reside close by would like better planning for entering and auto parking.
Food Trucks Movie Nights
Better advertising and awareness for all events!

Food trucks or farmers market.
Food trucks and live concerts would be nice.
Craft markets are very boring.
-Food Trucks (we have such limited options for quality dining)
-Public Talent Show could be fun
-Comedian Show
-Pizza Party
Food truck festival
Open vendors
Food truck expo
Food Truck events
Food truck event; more concerts;
Food Truck day
Food festival, wine festival, juried art show
Folk music
Focus on the traffic flow and circulation entering St Armand's!
Florida Studio theatre plays would be a nice addition or Comedy Club performers.
Fix it up!!! Get a landscape architect to give it some beauty commensurate with the island's reputation.
The tree lighting ceremony has improved but falls very short of a wowie kind of event. The town should supplement it. There should be more lights on all the trees. Add a nice walkway with benches.
And then if you want to stop for a coffee or drink after something, there's no where to go.
Fireworks at 7/4 and New years?
Find enough parking so that Publix shoppers and town center visitors can co exist.
Figure out parking situation! Inadequate for large events.
Festivals and car shows
Farmers with fresh produce. More March outdoor concerts.
Farmers markets - weekly, not monthly
Farmers markets
farmers markets
Farmer's market would be nice
Farmers market with vegetables not crafts!
Farmers market with real local produce, not trinkets or things one could buy anywhere. Activity open house for clubs, vendors and volunteer organizations to provide information on things to be involved with. Kid friendly performance/activity during Christmas week and mid-March so grandparents and seasonal residents can do
Farmer's market with farm products. Community Theater.
Farmer's market - NOT a craft and art market.
Farmers' Market
farmers market
Farmers Market
Farmers market
Farmer's Market.
farm fresh produce
Family members enjoy the farmers market at town center and the one to coquina beach
Fairs, food show, outdoor play, concert w cocktails

to me. It'd be nice to make that more available to all residents, which will lead to more business and higher recurring vendor participation. That said, I think we should do something different than Sarasota. Nearby cities have art festivals, farmer's market, etc. Seems to be the same list of vendors at the circle and downtown Sarasota. Maybe we have events like Margarita/Taco Festivals, Pizza festivals ("Best of SRQ"), Taste of Longboat (meet the local business owners and city officials type of event), Pizza festivals, BBQ cookouts, Wine tastings or other higher-end food festivals. Maybe Fish & Game could provide some awareness classes (water safety, responsible fishing, wildlife protections, etc.). Birding is big here. That will draw some folks.. May think of an event to promote local businesses in general, like service providers, not just products like a "Longboat Commerce Event." Longboat would be a great setting for a food competition show on FoodTV or something similar.. I know parking is limited, but anything to promote our piece of heaven, while drawing revenue - is a events there so far are very weak in their food and art available for purchase, much worse than surrounding areas. I will no longer attend them unless they improve substantially.

Events that appeal to a racially/ethnically diverse population.

Evening events with food and beer trucks. Closing down an area of street or parking area for pedestrians

Ethnic or cultural things are always fun.

Environmental talks re low maintenance landscaping and low noise blowers and mowers.

Entertainment

Engaging speakers

Educational programs such as turtle watch, local bird and wildlife information.

Early evening music, use the town center bandstand

Don't overdo it. We don't need a festival every weekend

Don't block traffic.

Do things that are exciting, like downtown Sarasota. The street concerts there are great and a lot of fun

do not plan events that draw people from the mainland. traffic is bad enough already

Do more events with the Hermitage.

Do it during off hours to minimize traffic

Cover bands...Fleetwood Mac, Eagles

Comedian,

Dancers

Consider that mobility challenged people need access...paved walkways and handicapped accessible parking.

Consider a comedy shop a few times per year

concerts?

concerts, yoga , group exercise, food markets.

art market, antique market

Meet and greet same day each month, same time.

Concerts, the Hermitage event was just right

Concerts would be great!

Concerts which feature oldy Goldie's in music like 40's 50's 60's! We love that.

Concerts where people can bring their own blankets, chairs, food and drink. Possible movie nights

Concerts that are free-of-charge like the ones years ago at Durante Park.

Art and Craft shows

Concerts sound fun. But, if it's any indication for future events, parking issues, during markets have sometimes been difficult. Great idea to have a town center!

Concerts from the Orchestra and the Key Chorale and Choral Artists of Sarasota.
concerts for the adult residents (blues, classical, jazz, etc.)
Concerts featuring all kinds of music.
Concerts corresponding to age/demographics of residents
Concerts & live music would be a great add!
Concerts - farmer markets
Concerts
Concerts
concerts
Concert Sunday
concert ,
Concerned about traffic and parking effecting entrance into Bay Isles and parking at Temple for members. Plan needed for when there are very popular events. Also security concerns for Temple
Community yoga or other similar activities. The one ask from someone who works is to provide time frames before 9am and after 5pm for events that are planned.
Community yard sale would be great. Most of us are having trouble downsizing.
Community theater?
Community picnics/events
Concerts with contemporary music
Events for families with children
Markets, twice a month
Holiday events
Comedy Stand Up Night
Collaboration with The Sarasota Opera Company to bring performers to the Town Center. Bringing opera to the
Charge less for the music
Chamber groups (classical) and jazz ensembles
Car shows
Car show, food trucks
Car Show
Can't wait to see what you have at the town center...Monday market not great but good
broaden to include arts & crafts -- demonstrations
potential lecture series similar to Ringling lecture series
Bring back more art markets/shows and let us know ahead of time who is handling them so that artists (like me) can find out and apply before its too late to do so.
Book readings
Long term plan presentations
State of the Town meetings
Open forums with T/M, Police chief, Fire Chief
Beach discussions
Flooding issues and resolves
Bluegrass Concert
Bluegrass Open Jam
bi-weekly live entertainment; bingo; ravinia(google it) style concerts, weekly farmers market(like on constitution and 41S) wine tastings; beer tastings;. check out Seaside Florida - it's upscale and a gathering place for residents. give people a reason to come out and stay on the key!

Big Bands.
Better parking.
Better marketing/communications to get the word out
Better have police directing traffic.
Better communication on the events that are going on. Email communication would be useful
Better Christmas Chanukah decorations
Be conscious of traffic considerations and make sure there is adequate parking
At my hometown in MN, we have enjoyed many outdoor concert evenings featuring local musicians trying to get more experience to well established artists. Its always low key, regular and fun!
As I write above, I think these events should be free of charge and encourage more of the residents to come meet one another. The more people feel a sense of community, know their neighbors, and have a sense of ownership of the island, the more participatory and active they will be.
As few events as possible.
Art shows, Farmers Markets, Community events. Not sure about concerts, depends on type of music and crowd
Art festivals.
Anything that is focused for children. Arts and crafts, story time, bouncy houses, etc.
Anything I can enjoy without huge crowds, and let's not develop ideas intended to bring people from the
Anything and everything you do will be valuable.
Anything and everything would be welcome.
Anything ! Farmers Market would be great.
Any kind of events would be great!
Any free entertainment would be welcome!
Antique show
Antique car show would be fun. Fall or Spring festivals would be fun
Announcing Event Details in Local Newspapers/ Newsletters
An every Friday music event would be a great way to bring everyone together tho traffic/parking issues would need to be carefully thought out!
Amore was fine with me.
All we foresee is more traffic more traffic more traffic
All the plans sound great!
All the ideas listed above are fine, and they are good for the community as long they don't promote traffic or interfere with the island's live style.
All the activities above are great.
All that sounds good.
All sounds good
All sounds good
All sound great!
All of the above would be good. Need to improve communications around calendar of events.
All of the above sounds great. Perhaps food trucks at these venues.
All events are welcomed. You now have a farmers market on Monday. But I work full time in downtown, so can't join the fun. But glad you have it for those that can't drive into town.
Again, traffic will make it undesirable. People won't want to be stuck in traffic.
Address parking issues
Add/include something for children too. There are plenty on LBK.

Add additional parking
Accessibility should be allowed to any attendee on foot or via electric shuttles that transport people up and down LBK and can be easily access able on foot from each condominium site were we live. No private transportation should be allowed to enter LBK from the south or north end on these special event days and throughout the high season . Only residents living in LBK should be allowed to use their own cars .
A wine, beer and mocktail event with local restaurants participating.
A Taste of Longboat Key would be fun-if all of the restaurants and food trucks that frequent our island would
A snow bird welcome evenet and a snowbird leaving party. Lol
A resident (possibly subsidied) reপরatory theater group to populate the stage on a regular basis, not just ad hoc.
A real farmers' market would be welcome.
A real farmers market with real fruits and veggies
a more regular farmers market would be superb
A market every now and then is not sufficient. I still have to leave the island for many things.
a library?
A good model is the Bay. Its events are varied and advertised well.
A Dog Fest? We used to attend a community dog fest where the theme was all about dogs with food, contests,
A concert by Tim McCaig or other local artists.
A car show. Easter Egg Hunt. Touch a Truck (for kids),
We loved attending the Fire House open houses years ago.
A big miss was not building an entertainment venue in that space where the stage sits. Could have brought in some good shows and the arts and fixed up that tired area. Would be nice to hear local music or host art shows throughout the year. Maybe even a Building meet and greet. A get to know your neighbors with different food
\$25 for concerts is too high priced. Suggest a movie in the park.
invite community groups to perform at no cost.
rest rooms!!
Marketing needs to be more than just online.
- check out Ravinia in highland park chicago area. They have fantastic concerts and it's known thru out the area. Get some excellent artists and symphonies would be great.

**Please provide any additional information that you would like us to know about your responses to the question above. (Public Service Comments)**

You keep having to redo road maintenance projects, because you don't do a complete job the first time. We have been having a dumpster sitting on the driveway of one of our neighbors where the roof work has been unfinished for at least a year with no interference or consequences from you people. Storm drains that are plugged up should be blown clear so as not to make rivers out of our streets. Finally finish that damned undergrounding project. You're already at least a year behind from your original plan. then you can come around and clean up the mess you made while doing it, including fixing of streets and sidewalks!

Would love to see the second trash day moved to Friday. Also, information concerning alternate dates associated with holidays is hard to come by/understand. The Town information and WM actions are not aligned.

Would like to see increased water pressure.

Worried raising street level will force flood waters into our house & property.

Workers often begin outdoor work before 8 am & do not stop at 5 pm. Police should drive in the subdivision to enforce the law. The town of LBK is too crowded, too much traffic. It's gotten much worse over the last few years.

Whether I've used all of the above or not, I am happy that LBK provides the services and that the staff is very customer service oriented.

When will the burial of electrical lines be finished that we paid for years ago!

When we were stuck between floors on our elevator in our home, the fire rescue guys were fabulous!!!

When picking up trees or sticks that we've gathered from wind storms I feel that it's a burden to have to bundle them with string I think that those workers could just pick them up and put them in the trash truck

When obtaining a building/remodeling permit in spring 2022 the office was very helpful.

What is the Town doing to insure that LBK residents in Manatee County will have the same access to a new library as Sarasota County residents?

We've had a problem with buckling asphalt on Putter Lane for years. It should have been patched, but the trip hazard was overlooked until the new water supply project is completed (maybe at the end of this year?)

Went to a class on CPR at the first station - that is such an asset to the community.

Went for walks on the beach this past week and every day I was out there, there was a new set of dog prints. More enforcement around dogs on the beach. Also we are paying taxes for the underground utility project and it seems the project has stalled. In fact I have called FPL twice as since Hurricane Ian the power line to our building is tied to a palm tree across the driveway and then running along the grass to the building. It never got buried because every time I call they tell me they are waiting on the utility project. Sidewalks are still torn up from this project too.

weekend calls to police go through Sarasota dispatch...very slow response.

We should have more enforcement of mangrove cutting and do more about those who don't respect lighting that affects turtles.

We rely on rental income from our condo to meet the high cost of maintenance and ownership. Please curb additional restrictions that adversely impact our ability to do so.

We really need to figure out how to deal with the flooding with heavy rain/storms. We are not personally affected where we reside, but others on the island have some pretty bad issues.

We paid for underground utilities...so why is the power shut off and we have to evacuate?

We need to do whatever we can to keep the quality of our police force and fireman at a top level.

We need more patrol on Public beaches and larger waste management or frequent waste management so that garbage once full doesn't sit there for days

We need better drainage in flood prone areas.

We need a long term solution to the flooding problem at the north end of LBK.



We live on the northern tip on North Shore and have the boat docks behind our townhomes and administration was very responsive to questions about dredging behind and around Greer Island. It's wonderful now being able to get in and out.

The only disappointment is that the no tying up signs on the north east tip of Greer are ignored by boaters and not really enforced by the DNR?? Not sure who is supposed to enforce this. There have been times we have been cut off from getting to our docks due to people tied up and blocking our access back to our home.

We live in the Village and have flooded twice this year. I have heard from no one in the town and neighbors that have contacted town admin are very dissatisfied.

We live in Sleepy Lagoon. SOMETHING has to be done about the street levels

We live in Sleepy Lagoon and the flooding is unacceptable and needs to be addressed.

We live in Sleepy Lagoon (Norton Street) and we have flooded streets and standing water every time there is a storm. Our garage has had water in it 3 times in the last 6 months. The city needs to fix the drainage system in our area.

We live in one of the safest communities in Florida. Our Police Chief's approach to providing service seems to be to park unoccupied cars around the island and putting the responsibility for traffic control onto the backs of the tax payers. Our Town Manager has given up on the very popular goal of consolidating the Town under one county because of some pushback from Manatee County. However, the undergrounding project never gets completed and all focus seems to be on providing a round-about that is not needed. The Code Enforcer needs to be reasonable about turtle light enforcement.

We live in District five in a "private" condominium/marina project and are regularly assessed for improvements and maintenance such as our streets, fire hydrants, potable water delivery system, force main sewer system, sea walls and marina. The Town never offered help with our canal during multiple Red Tide events. It is not fair to ask us to help pay for the future canal dredging. We were assessed at one of the highest rates for the undergrounding project yet after three years where are the benefits?

We live directly across a canal from a home that is very poorly cared for. They likely are not violating any code. I also recognize the need to allow families to live as they wish; yet find this irritating. Everyone else takes great pride in the upkeep of their homes and property.

We left a holiday tip for both the garbage and the recycle people. The garbage men came first and took both tips, leaving the recycle people empty handed. They should be severely reprimanded.

We imagine water/sewage/trash removal bills have to be as high as they are for good reasons, but they are higher, by a factor, than those at our other two homes. And it's truly unconscionable that more is being done, and done aggressively, about the flooding the the Village.

We have significant flooding on Gulf of Mexico in front of our home each time it rains. We have had water main breaks and sometimes lose water pressure in our home.

We have owned a home on Rountree Drive for 26 years. We tore our home down in 2015 and built a new FEMA home completed in 2017. In the 18 years prior to building our new home we had never experienced flood waters. We have now been flooded from the canal and the street 3 times: Eta Nov 2020 - 4"; Hurricane Idalia - 5 " , Dec 2023 No Name Storm another 4.5 ". This is a town owned street and we feel the town should do something soon about this issue. We have lost \$10,000 of pool equipment, water damage to items on our lower garage level, landscaping, and lots of hours of clean up of the flood waters.

We have neighbors who have been impacted worse. They have had to redo the interiors of their homes a few times spending hundreds of thousands of dollars. We feel the town should take action on Rountree as they have done (Lyons Lane) and are planning to do on Village Streets and Buttonwood Harbor. We need help on Rountree!

We have had some issues with sewer pipes at our location and suspect the town infrastructure may be contributing due to age, etc.

We have a largely developed island. Codes and the extreme number of rules and regulations imposed on a largely sedentary population are excessive.

We have a house in Sleepy Lagoon and would like to know how the town can help protect the roadways from flooding to enable residence to be able to evacuate when necessary.

We had to have our condo inspected for less than 6 mos. rental and we understand the inspection for safety reasons however the \$200 charge seems to be a "money grabber" for the city.

We find Longboat Key to be extremely clean and well-managed.

We are walkers and there are areas of the sidewalk that are in dire need of repair. One section has had an orange cone on the hazard area for almost a year.

We are very concerned about the lack of canal maintenance. We cannot get our boat into our canal on Putter Lane.

We are quite new to LBK, and have not used/interacted with all these services and entities, but our overall impressions are extremely positive.

we are fairly new residents

Water utility staff outstanding in answering queries. Code enforcement, never got any reply to email or voicemail queries. Sidewalks mostly ok, but construction trucks damage grass, cause giant ruts, & road and Sidewalk damage.

Water quality is among lowest in nation...need more chlorine or something to improve water quality

Water pressure is very poor and hopefully will improve with the new water main; the smell of sewage around the pumping stations in Country Club shores needs to be improved.

Water mitigation for flooding.

Water cost are very expensive in comparison to other parts of the country.  
Building permits are very expensive and not beneficial for common home owner's when doing home repairs!

Waste management is very dependable.

Waste Management does not recycle we are told!!!

Walk ways have numerous areas of broken and or heaved cement. Dangerous toe-trips and bike riding.

Very dissatisfied with Sarasota Dispatch communications

Very dissatisfied about information/status/progress in correcting poor drainage at end (bayside) on Yawl Lane. Especially the drains that have been covered over by builders over the years and are not functioning!

Utility billing could be improved to make the online access to bill statements more user friendly.

Unsure=not used

Unfortunately with climate change, environmental engineering and floodwaters from Sarasota Bay will need more money allocated sooner rather than later. People cannot afford constant property damage from water. Innovative methods need to be considered.

Undergrounding project was mismanaged by the town. 2 years and you are still not done. You installed cell towers in residential areas and ignored the health concerns of the residents and their other objections.

Twice weekly trash collection is totally unnecessary and is a major source of exhaust pollution and traffic holdups, not to mention a waste of money. In enlightened countries, collection is on a bi-weekly basis

Trash is not always collected in my community

Town website needs clarifying.

Town website and Facebook page are helpful resources.

Town offices have been working remotely and are unavailable to speak to in person, in the office. They will only respond to email inquiries.

Town has to continue to address street flooding and find better ways to stop it!

Town has changed code to allow a bar and restaurant to be built on a residential street. This will inevitably create major quality of life issues that will not be addressed by code enforcement.

Town employees do an excellent job. We are also impressed with the new Town Manager. The Commission members also work well together now so they are able to move Town initiatives forward.

Town code enforcement is very weak.

Took to long to get Permits

Took forever to get various permitting for out condominium at 2425 GMD

Too much building; construction hours not enforced; Town spending money on pet projects instead of basic infrastructure.

Too many rules limiting freedom.

Too many people are NOT following the law regarding rentals

Too many minor renovations to one's property need permits.

Puddles the size of small ponds can be found on streets after storms.

Need sidewalks on west side of GOM Grive.

too many areas need sidewalk patching

This may be covered later in the survey, but I would like to bring it up now as I am reminded of Code Enforcement, considering the flack raised by Bay Isles residents opposed to Mr. Whittall's St. Regis parking structure. Mr. Whittall has increased Bay Isles property values while Bay Isles residents have diminished ours (my east-facing condo is located in Seaplace). Perhaps there should be a height limit proposal for trees on the island. As highrise residents on the west side of Gulf of Mexico Drive look eastward, Bay Isles trees are blocking the bay views we once enjoyed & paid dearly for. As they grow, the trees will further restrict the bay views of the St. Regis as well. Mr. Whittall compromised his so-called "eyesore" in order to make Bay Isles residents happy. Now it's time to introduce a COMPROMISE FOR EVERYONE. A tree height limit will afford the necessary compromise for everyone on the island who values gulf & bay views. PLEASE CONSIDER THIS.

There's nothing to move the storm water from Norton Street. I hear there is talk of remedying that in 2024. Well, what about the upcoming storm season?? Stop talking about stuff and get it done. The taxes are sky high here and I don't know what all of that tax money is doing.

There should be more police involvement during season to maintain that drivers go the speed limit and not 25 MPH. Also, parking at Bayfront should have reserved parking for dog park visitors only as we so often have to turn back.

There shld be a na answer to some of these questions, because many I have not used so how wld I know satisfaction level

There is bad flooding in the north end of LBK when it rains and storms.  
We need help to drain these areas  
I'm unable to leave my home during these street floodings.

There is a serious safety issue at the intersection of Longboat Club Drive and Sands Pointe Road. The City says "not my problem" but so does Longboat Resort/Club and the Associations. This has to be addressed before someone gets seriously hurt or worse. The City won't be able to say, "not my road" when that happens

There is a problem with 911 calls going thru the Sarasota Call Center.  
Sarasota Call Center appears not aware of Longboat Key Address. As a result, there are often delays in emergency response despite services being closely located in the Longboat Key community.

there has to be a reason for the standing water and flooding on the streets

There are police everywhere. Seems like a lot to pay for. Water stands on Companion Way for days.

There are dogs on the beach every morning (early) at the north end...police seem reluctant to enforce, "might be service animals, but can't ask. Side walk suffers from deferred maintenance. Garbage trucks block the traveled lanes of GMD when picking up cans (mid island). Permitting seems tedious and invasive.

There are big issues with flooding in the village which need to be addressed. The new houses (where the Arts Center used to be) dump water on the street and into our yard. Not sure why this is allowed. We did not have this problem in the past.

Code enforcement in Whitney shopping area is another area that could be improved (lights

The water quality could be better

The water construction project that just started in Country Club Shores is going to take months. Every time we drive past them (several times a day) most of the workers are on their phones, smoking or wandering around. There's way too much equipment on site for the size of the rights of way in which they're working.

The township website for reviewing building codes is impossible to figure out. You need a section that addresses simple and common building codes for DIY remodelers.

The Town staff are all very helpful. We especially want to thank our police officers, EMS and garbage people. Flood mgmt could put out more solid proven resources for us in Sleepy Lagoon. We have dangerous repeat floods. It can be scary at times. Please help us find grants. Pls speed up the road repairs. This is not OK. If you are unsure what to do please see help and support in Tallahassee. Thank you for your efforts.

The Town should open communications and discuss the master plan and timeline for resolving flooding in multiple locations .

The Town should ensure that the canals on Longboat Key are navigable .

The canals have not been dredged in more than a decade and home owners on canal lots are being disproportionately hurt by Town allocation of funding to other projects that do not create added value to the resident community.

The town needs to complete the electrical utility underground project and do a better job of communicating regarding the status

The Town needs to accelerate the flooding resiliency projects, (raising roads, flood mitigation, raising and hardening utilities ) specifically in Sleepy Lagoon.

The Town must do something to substantially reduce flooding in the Village. Like NOW.

The town is too focused on certain things that certain people want. It would be better if the focus was on fixing the things we already have.

The town is not doing enough to prevent flooding. Drains are not cleared, not enough notice is given to residents with impending storms, and to top it all off, we have neighbors who said a code enforcer was driving around issuing stop work orders to residents who were trying to replace drywall after the storm. Clearly the town is not in the business of helping residents given they are not proactively doing what they can to clear drainage systems and then punishing good people who are just trying to repair their homes.

The town is building a bureaucracy.

The town government is OVER REGULATING rentals. Need to take a step back and let owners manage their properties as they best see fit. Renting our vacation homes is a way to offset the ridiculous property taxes we are paying, on top of the more exorbitant insurance premiums, and the additional regulations make it more expensive to rent. I am in favor of not allowing short term rentals ( with exceptions).

The street owned by the town are in terrible shabby states, other than in front of the town properties of course. The town needs to encourage prettier streets, without doubt.

The street my house is on, Norton St, has had sections cut out and not patched for months. The storm water drain issue is major on my street. it floods with the slightest amount of rain and tide change. The two largest issues that the city isn't addressing adequately is the water/flooding issue and the beach erosion issue. The next is their business and development unfriendly attitude, resulting in a lack of adequate food and retail options.

The street flooding on the north end of the island needs to be addressed. The flooding is consistently getting worse.

The street conditions and flooding issues in Sleepy Lagoon must be addressed. Also, the decision to use ground level transformers (not on a pedestal) in Sleepy Lagoon for the undergrounding was moronic.

The storm drains are not being maintained regularly thus causing flooding even during a rain storm with no high tide.

The sidewalks on way to Publix are awful and dangerous.  
Big cracks, chunks of cement missing, uneven pavement  
Very difficult and frustrating to ride our bicycles  
please fix the sidewalks!

The sidewalks on GMD are so broken and uneven! I fell running and I have a very bumpy bike ride!

The sidewalks need to be improved. In places it is very unlevel with cracks and rises, & can be an issue for walkers. The police are wonderful. The only concern was the time that we had a black male that had been parking his car at our condo carports for weeks. He would leave the car covered for days, then come back & leave with the car, then return and leave the car again. The 2 police officers who came did not want to remove the car cover, and seemed to not want to get involved with the situation. After several weeks of this going on with the black male, I saw him parking his car, once again at a late hour, and I went out to confront him about his illegally parking at our condos. He only came back once after that looking for his bicycle that was apparently left at one point on property, but he could not find it. I would love to have seen the police officers handling the situation in a way that would have been more suitable to resolve the issue. The permit situation seems to take longer than it used to. Maybe they are short of help or there has been too much renovations/construction to keep up with the high demand.

The sidewalks need some attention. Uneven, cracked and has weeds growing through. Also the trees overhanging get way too overgrown and should be attended more attention.

The sidewalks need review- some need to be replaced. The tunnel by the fire station needs cleaning and the drainage is not good

The sidewalks could be wider.

The sidewalk along GMD is in relatively poor condition.



The recurring flooding in Sleepy Lagoon and other low lying parts of the island needs to be addressed immediately and the town should undertake steps to address drainage

The police ticketing in Bay Isles turned a feeling of welcome and trust of police services to fear and disrespect. It was excessive and egregious.

The permit people are very nice from past experience  
Longboat key is clean and neat, it's a treasure.

The more buildings and hotels being built on Longboat Key means more additional traffic to an already congested roads.

The Manatee water has a bad taste at times. Could City of LBK undertake a secondary treatment program? I come from a midwestern city with excellent lime stone filtered water which maybe spoils me.

The LBK Police Department's zealouslyness in traffic enforcement is way over the top. We have personally experienced it and know others who have as well. It has generated ill will from us and other members of the community. Also, we don't think the town planning and building group did a very good job in their analysis of the proposed parking deck at the St. Regis resort development, but the town council did save the day by turning it down cold.

The lack of proper water drainage post heavy rains is unacceptable on my street. The lack of drainage and street slope create standing water for days.

The illegal use of house rentals has been an ongoing issue since we bought our house on De Narvaez in 2021. I have personally emailed code enforcement with every illegal rental and nothing has ever been done. There are multiple houses on De Narvaez who rent their house to multiple tenants each month, which violates the 30 day policy. Every week there are new cars with different out of state plates. All code enforcement has said is that the renters have been prompted on what to say in the event code enforcement shows up.

The drainage system on the North end (specially between De Narvaez and Whitney Plaza) is absolutely horrendous. If a rain shower hits for 5 minutes the roads are flooded.

The folks supporting code enforcement and the new rental registration process have been very helpful and have provided excellent service.

The building department was extremely efficient and handling the permitting for the renovations to my unit

The bicycle lane on GMD needs to be cleaned on a regular schedule.

The beach access and beach on the far north end (North Shore Rd) is rarely patrolled. The only time we see police presence is early morning weekdays - and that is rare. There is no enforcement of the law when it comes to dogs on the beach. Dogs are on the beach most weekends - look at how many citations have been written for this, I bet you'll see close to zero.

The 911 call center is not familiar with LBK. Explaining the location takes up valuable time.

The 911 call center is not based on the Island. As a result, the responder demands "cross streets" even when not applicable, like in a residential neighborhood or on open stretches of GMD.

Thank you!

Thank you!

Thank you to our Police and Firemen for their services.

Thank you for adding more parking spaces at Bayfront Park. However, the pickle ball crowd has overwhelmed the facilities. I realize this is a seasonal problem, but I believe there should be more structure to planning play there rather than the free for all where everyone shows up in the morning and clogs parking and tennis while they wait for a game. There ought to be a sign up or reservation system for play so the rest of us could enjoy the park as it used to be.

Streets, and Sidewalks are not well maintained. Drainage swales are not maintained and cause flooding. Park maintenance is okay but resources are prioritized for new construction instead of maintaining and improving existing facilities. This is irresponsible financial management. Storm Water management is in crisis and the town solution is to assess homeowners rather than using permit and other funds to improve this infrastructure. Improvements in the permitting department would include policies that are consistently applied, published and well articulated by staff.

Stormwater mgmt is a work in progress. Code enforcement needs improvement for turtles, mangrove removal and bright lights.,

storm water mitigation needs urgent and priority attention

Storm water mitigation needs to be addressed

Storm water management. When it rains or there is a storm, water remains on the roads, sewers back up and cause flooding. We were particularly hit on Rountree Road which caused us a lot of water damage and flooding. When it rains, Gulf of Mexico becomes flooded and hard to drive on. Why? Where is the drainage??

Storm water management on the northern end, where it is lower, has become a concern.

Storm water management is still not good in the village. Since the restaurant was built in our neighborhood we've been flooded 3 times due to the tides coming down our street. When it rains, water puddles at the end of driveways instead of running off like it did before the road was repaved.

Storm water management in the village (north end) needs attention badly.

Storm water is a big issue on Buttonwood Drive that has not been addressed yet.

Storm water flooding is a problem at the north end corner of Gulf of Mexico Drive and Gulfside Road.

Storm drains are allowing routine salt water intrusion to deteriorate the asphalt and streets of some neighborhoods. They need backflow prevention if they are going to help more than hurt. There are many open boxes from the August and December high waters which are a hazard for vehicles, pets, and people and all utility boxes should be surveyed. Some areas are even collapsing around the actual boxes in the right of ways. Education on the electrical hazards with the new transformers at ground level needs to be done before people leave for season.

There seems to be inconsistency in some of the code enforcement compared to what the town's rules are. Tough job of course. Short term rentals and basic maintenance of properties are the biggest areas of concern.

P&Z dissatisfaction. The building codes are difficult to interpret as written and the rules are so interwoven. It is challenging when only a couple of very busy people on staff may understand them and a reader cannot get solid answers even when they try to research.

Storm drainage solutions needed.

Steps need to be taken to alleviate flooding from storm/sewer system

Standing water constantly in my street, eroding my driveway and lawn; also, for maintaining yard and pool there should be a different meter allowed as this water does not go through sewage treatment; finally, your billing on water is inconsistent...all of this needs major improving

Staff should insist that condo residents may not engage with them directly; those engagements should be limited to condo staff and board members.

Sometimes we over react to storms, sometimes under react. Need to use our heads on this. We need more open areas purchased for storm water retention, quit allowing developers to build on every square inch. House across from Buttonwood Condo's should have never received a setback exemption, and the commercial property on GMD off of Buttonwood Dr should have been purchased and turned into a water retention property. Also, more GMD underpasses should be built with slight road elevation over them, vs the flashing crosswalks.

Something needs to be done to remedy the storm water on Winslow and Monroe St!! I have been complaining for 3 yrs with no solution. Shall I send my bills for damage to the city as every storm, not just hurricanes, we are taking in 4 to 8 inches in our garage. Damaging our cars, washer/dryer, lawn care etc.

ITS A PROBLEM

some properties in town appear unkept given codes;  
code warnings need to be made and enforced.

Some of the home building codes are out of date or not uniformly enforced. For instance lights on neighboring houses are allowed to shine in the windows of neighboring houses despite codes. Endorcement is nonexistant.

Some concerns with HOA/ COA not obtaining proper permits

Since we are there only for 2 months each year, we don't have an opinion of much of what you are surveying -  
So I put "Unsure."

Sidewalks are a mess. Hard to walk or ride a bike on it.

sidewalks uneven and needing repair in some places

Sidewalks on GMD are in terrible shape. Many roads are full of potholes and drainage/flooding is an issue

Sidewalks continue to need work. They are very uneven in spots which is dangerous for walking, running and cycling. Some electrical/cable terminals have broken covers and wires sticking out of the ground. All should be neatly covered and hidden from view. It is an eyesore and could greatly enhance the visual beauty of GMD.

sidewalks are in need of repair in numerous places

Sidewalks are in desperate need of repair. Too many cracks and some cones have been placed to avoid the cracks.

Sidewalks are a mess, cracked and dangerous. Need more pickleball courts, town not keeping up the the recreational needs of the residents

Sidewalks and roads could use more maintenance attention.

Sidewalks and landscaping along GMD drive are in pathetic shape.

Sidewalks and adjacent land are in disrepair in many areas. These should be better kept.

There are often empty police cars parked to, I suspect, deter speeders. Why are they not in active use?

Public needs reminders about new crossing areas on the island, and how to use roundabouts when driving into Sarasota.

Side walks are beaten up and the same sidewalks from year one. meaning original. The roads in Bay Isles Shopping and other roads again are original with holes and broken curbing etc.. Where are the tax dollars going?

Sick of our street (Buttonwood Drive) and HOME FLOODING, and tired of the excuses from the Town of LBK administrators as to why this is happening and why there is NOTHING that can be done. We bought our home in 2017 and every year the flooding of our street and now our property and home has increased exponentially....why....because the Town of LBK has no plan for waste or flood water...but yet they keep PERMITTING new builds. Thank you Town of LBK - you've ruined our little "dream" home that took us YEARS to save for.

Services provided to the community are excellent. You all really do a great job. Very responsive!

Services on Longboat Key are excellent.

Seems there is much police attention on speeding on GMD, but little attention to code enforcement on north beaches, particularly on holiday weekends

Sections of the island still flood when we have heavy rain. Some homeowner's do not take care of their property as well as they should.

Satisfied with CE response; However, Sea turtle disorientation due to light sources needs additional consideration, enforcement and educational outreach.

Sand bags were very helpful and appreciated as well as telephone updates for storms.

Same comment re gap in bike path north of 5000 LBK.

Salaries too high for people whose qualifications are questionable, especially code enforcement and managers.

Royal rd and Rountree dr need repair.

Code enforcement is excellent. They were very helpful and we appreciate the professionalism.

Rountree residents in LBK Estates have been hit significantly hard by flooding in recent years. This street is owned by the town and the town needs to address and remediate the flooding of Rountree and other town owned streets due to heavy rains.

Roads in my area frequently flood.

Roads are great and although sidewalks have been improved, they still need a lot of work. Water pressure could be a lot better.

ride your bike the length of the key. you will find the WORST sidewalks in Florida. Police should be working, actually doing something all day. Code enforcement, so sad they way they think bullying residents about turtle season will make them want to comply. Parks are awesome. Tony is the best.

Reside in Longbeach Village. We have streets that ALWAYS have standing water, rising right out of sewers. Our yard has been flooded numerous times due to storm water/heavy rains.

Rescue Service is excellent.. They were very helpful with my husband

Repeated flooding needs to be addressed

Rentals code enforcement officer was very professional.

Regularly see dogs on the beach. Yard waste is routinely left untouched necessitating a call. Beach cleanup by Town after storms is casual and often ignored completely. Hurricane updates are so poorly handled as to be inexcusable.

Recycling Program. We live in a condo and I would like more information on what can be recycled and would hope to see an expansion of program.

Reaction by police is very satisfying

RE: maintenance Bike lanes on GMD are rough in multiple locations.

RE: Storm management- See comments above

RE: Emergency management -- Storm notification is outstanding, 911 access is sometimes unavailable and dispatchers seem to unfamiliar with LBK and overwhelmed.

Re code enforcement - if that includes turtle fines for light on beaches then it's a bit too much regulation.

Quality is good

Police, firefighters excellent response time and life savers.

Police could be more aggressive in policing crosswalks as noted salient. Very dangerous crossing GoM as cars don't stop

2) code enforcing is done on permitting - no issue but yet neighbors have breached code in the past. Creates double standard

Police = Incredibly Helpful We are so appreciative!

Fire = Thank you for the CPR classes.

General Town Admin = Julie has been super patient, kind, and always helpful. We are fortunate to have her in Longboat.

Pleased with staff of police - very friendly.

Please stop the flooding in the Village around Broadway, Lois, Russell and Fox streets.

Please see previous comments.

Please publish info on use of Golf Carts on LBK. It is not clear what is permitted and what is not. Many people are asking this question. And many, many residents have carts.

Please post more signs where emotional support animals are not allowed. Support national, state and local efforts to curtail the rampant abuse of emotional support animal use to the detriment of those who require service animals.

Please make it easier for new bars and restaurants to open here.

Please maintain roadway night markers, some have come off.

Pickleball players should not be allowed in Bayfront park if they are not residents. We LBK resident tennis players PAY to play at the LBKTennis Center. Pickleball players should have to pay as well. NOT FAIR! Flooding is an issue that City is not willing to pay our exorbitant tax \$\$ to fix. FPL has let us down on the undergrounding of electric. UNBELIEVABLE that transformers were not put high enough to take flooding events!!!!!! You are starting to "cowtow" to the Sarasota Commission in many of your decision, they are very suspect. PLEASE BE WARY OF WHAT THEY ARE TELLING YOU! Trash & recycling vendor/s is/are being very difficult with residents. Maybe you should look at going back to being independent. You have great employees - use them- quit hiring "outside." May cost more, but look, you have TONS of \$\$ from your LBK residents. We deserve the best, not what SRQ "normal" is used to. Commission is being swayed by SRQ/FL & outside developers for zoning variances. The POLICE are so fantastic. Any time we call for dogs on the beach they respond quickly. Very happy with that!!

Permitting takes too long.

Permitting is excessively expensive and time consuming.

Permitting is a very slow process.

I live on Outrigger Ln and in season it is dangerous (and almost impossible) to get out on Gulf of Mexico. Finish a third lane on GOM Drive.

Permitting could be faster.. the wait time was unusually long for the inspection to take only minutes onsite.

Permitting and inspection takes too long

Over the years, any contact with any of the above listed entities has been positive.

Our water pressure is extremely low!!

Our streets are flooded and need to be replaced. I know they have been working on possible solutions.

Our street floods and there has been no one from the City interested in doing anything to help us

Our street floods a LOT and the town has done nothing to assist with the issue. We have contacted them on numerous occasions and yet nothing has changed. Our property values are decreasing, insurance claims abound and rates increase exponentially. The storm drains are inadequate and poorly maintained. Town leadership does not seem concerned at all. Sad!

Our Spanish Main community is very concerned about the upcoming canal dredging project and feel it is very inequitable to exclude us in the project. In addition, asking us to pay for the project that SMYC for some obscure reason does not benefit from

Our house on Fox Street flooded twice within the last five months. Storm water is a big part of clogged drains leading to worse flood conditions on our street.

Our director of P and D seems to me to be "captured" by developers. While we all wanted the Colony to be rebuilt, I felt his presentation during the town commission meeting sounded like a sales pitch for the developer. I am worried since he was able to build with a near complete disregard for the natural environment we are blessed to have here. I fear other developers will see the St. Regis development and do the same thing all over the island.

Our condo unit has bad water pressure

Our condo needs help enforcing law SB 4-D. Anti people and board not allowing property to get repaired as needed. Code people must enforce law without non board owner interference.



only complaints are traffic and street flooding

One neighbor on our street has had a dumpster in their driveway for about two years. The roof on the house is partially done. The driveway is in bad shape. Not sure anything can be done about this.  
We do see the lawn on a vacant lot here cut from time to time - after it gets bad.  
The trash pickup service is fantastic. Very good. Recycling on the other hand is another story. They will not get out of the truck, refuse a container that doesn't shut all the way, and leave the contents in the blue container if they don't easily fall out. Just a very noticeable contrast to the regular green container trash people.

One interaction with a LBK police officer : who was arrogant and smart-mouthed, uncalled for as I was offering my help with a problem that the police had been handling ... we did let the Chief of Police know our concerns about this one officer.

Obviously, we still have major issues with flooding and power outages

Nothing to add

Nothing

Not interested in city council. Run by popularity and egos.

Not happy with the magnitude and potential future impacts of a hotel/residence building under construction.

Not enough updates on the utility work and road improvements.

Norton street floods, and needs to be repaved.

North Island has a drainage issue in addition to elevation problems, 911 access is reported to be a big problem although I have not needed to use it.

north end water issues have not been addressed for 20 years

No interaction directly with police or emergency services but their presence is visible in the community and it feels very safe. We utilize and appreciate the severe weather notification system.

New, so don't know!

New part time resident

New homeowners as of Sept. 2023 and have only been for a month to set up our home.

Negative scoring is for Bayfront. Condition of the park and Pickleball has led a number of us to head over to Pompano Park in Sarasota for better play, better courts and better conditions. Businesses in Sarasota also gain lunch/dinner clients that would normally stay on LBK.

Need to work with Armand Circle to ensure their flooding doesn't limit access to emergency services for the residents of LBK. For large storms it is safe to be on LBK, but not if the Armand Circle floods and blocks access to Sarasota Memorial

Need to fix the water problem when it rains too much our roads get flooded and so do our houses.

Need to advocate more with FDOT and Sarasota County. Actions of these agencies can make our lives a misery due to traffic, noise on north end etc.

Need to address storm and tidal flooding in low lying areas - Sleepy Lagoon.

Need rules and code enforcement for electric car charges- can't just plug in an extension cord on the carports. Need insurance coverage to include HOAs if they cause a fire.

Need new building at Bayfront Center. It is too small, and it is very old, and access is not the greatest.

Need more services in terms of activities / indoor Rec center with a gym and classes (for not just 70+); town needs more pickleball courts; more services such as dry cleaners

Need more room for bicyclists

Need more enforcement on sidewalks. And rules and mentioned earlier.

Need additional bridge to Sarasota

My water bill hasn't increased exponentially. It is over \$400/month just for irrigation. (My lawn is small and the grass is dying. I do not water a lot).

My only dissatisfaction is with the pickleball facilities.

My neighborhood was one that was flooded in the "surprise" Dec, 23 storm. I had no damage but many of my neighbors did. I did stay up all night "baby-sitting " my car.

My experience with the code enforcement officer was positive in terms of the politeness of the agent when obtaining the necessary rental permits. I'm not sure I agree with the new annual costs imposed.

More enforcement by police needed

Michelle is an excellent building inspector, she is friendly and shares her knowledge. She was helpful when inspecting our new seawall.

Mark, unsure on services we have not used.

Mark Richardson is very responsive! Hope to have email communication about upcoming events.

Marbury Lane: Issues w newly installed transformers being submerged and failing. Issues with above head utility lines and poles still being in place. Road corrections needed to move water out w king tides and/or storm events. Canal dredging needed.

Major drainage issues need Town focus

Living in a condo community, we don't interact individually with Code Enforcement or Planning. Law Enforcement is exceptional, considering the type of community (size, budget, etc.), as are Fire and Emergency Services. Day-to-day services are outstanding!

LBK seems to be quite slow in addressing storm water issues in the LBK Estates neighborhood.

LBK personnel are always cordial and helpful

LBK is run very well

Keep up the good work.

Keep doing good work

Just need attention to garbage in public beach areas and dogs on beach

Job sites on island not kept up and no enforcement by town. Speeding on streets parking problems no enforcement. Terrible system for reporting issue having to call off key.

I've only heard how difficult for new businesses to come here! we could use more mom and pop restaurants and boutiques so we don't have to leave the key and bring more revenue to the key.

It's very disturbing when Mr. Copp(sp) knocks on my door identifying himself as the turtle police when in fact he was spying to see if my daughter was staying at my house violating LBK rental rules. In the future, when he knocks, I will consider him an intruder, and defend myself accordingly. Don't lie about your intentions, pathetic and lame!

Chickenshit tactics!

It's unbelievable to me a town like Longboat cannot maintain the sidewalks any better. I live off Dream Island Road and walk South along Gulf of Mexico Drive. Try walking those sidewalks at 6:30 in the morning or really anytime. On several occasions I have tripped because of poor sidewalk conditions. I realize it's not cheap but sidewalks need repair occasionally and many of those sidewalks haven't been touched in years. I know we can do better. I give the town an F on sidewalk repairs and replacement.

It would be nice to have streetlights at regular intervals that are bright for the non-turtle season, and appropriate for turtle season.

It took months to get a building permit. Lack of communication and very slow staff. Just ridiculous! There doesn't appear to be ANY street maintenance - always debris in the road, never resurfaced or cleaned - very shabby.

It seems that the wealthy builders still hold sway, coming in and building high rises with no consideration about maintenance, services, et al, so that these huge hotels become eyesores and have difficulty hiring staff. And old buildings are now becoming more of a problem for Longboat Key.

It seems some owners on 717 S St Judes dr have a problem maintaining their property. the road and area space outside the doors of the property is in very poor condition at many units. there is an old abundant trailer housed outside one unit. Many of the carports are in very poor condition. And structures between the homes holding kayaks are flat out dangerously failing. These are general maintains issues, some which could be fixed with very little money. so not sure if any of these are code issues but in the case that they are I thought I would share.

It is very difficult to deal with the town when you need services. It seems like they don't really care about helping you.

It is obvious that streets and sidewalks are being damaged by underground utility construction and substantial housing construction. For instance, our community concrete entrance apron has been cracked and nearby sidewalk concrete is damaged from underground construction. Irrigation systems have been damaged. The grass medians between sidewalks and roads are rutted due to vehicles parking while providing service.

Insufficient documentation by permit department inspectors on their approvals

Information more timely about storm evacuations etc. would be appreciated.

Inaction by the town to address flooding incidents yet spend \$\$ on upgrading their own facilities leads me to think those managing our resources are self serving, not civic minded for residents.

In general, neighborhood streets are not well maintained or cleaned. I recommend an accessible schedule for repaving, and periodic cleaning with the proper equipment to do this job, as in every place I have previously lived.

I'M DEEPLY CONCERNED THAT WHEN I CALL 911 I'M GETTING PATCHED THROUGH TO SOMEONE OFF OF LONGBOAT. WE WERE BEHIND AN EXTREMELY DRUNK DRIVER THAT ALMOST CRASHED INTO ONCOMING TRAFFIC BY CROSSING THE CENTER LINE AND THE 911 DISPATCHER WAS SO RUDE AND UNHELPFUL AND OBVIOUSLY KNEW NOTHING ABOUT LBK OR THE ROADS OR HOW THE ISLAND RUNS DIRECTIONALLY. This is deeply concerning, as I knew if I had reached someone with the local PD directly, they would have been able to handle this drunk driver. That delay is just not acceptable. We need dispatchers on LBK.

I would like to see the Town address the problems with standing water after storms.

I would like to see a complete review of the top management of the police dept. e.g rumors of inappropriate behavior, hostile sexism, bullying..however this is limited to administration,,The patrol officers are excellent but there is a high turnover because of this environment. And Ivan is the jewel in the crown of the Police Dept.

I would like to have more trash cans available on the sidewalks

I would like the rental registry policies to somehow be enforced. I'm not sure how, but two of my neighbors had less than 30 day renters once each. If called in, the owners would know I reported them as I'm the only full-time resident in our complex. There must be a better way to identify offenders, but idk what that would be, especially if they arrange the renters offline. It's a dilemma that I know you're working on, but it's still happening, FYI. Very frustrating!

I would have liked more up to date information from your social media when we have hurricanes, like video, or state of the island hourly, I felt the communication was a bit lacking..

I worry about our creaky sewer system. Hopefully upgrade in Country Club Shores is a step forward. Breaks my heart then there are sewage skills in the Bay.

I work remotely and am out before sun rise. Sidewalks are a mess. Need to be totally repaved. I broke my arm twice in 3 years running in bike lane to avoid the sidewalks. Lighting needs to be much improved. Same reason as above.

I wonder if the town is aware that I have seen seen on two occasions the giant iguanas that are very common in southern Florida on the key

I was involved in a matter with police that I felt was improperly handled.

I was impressed that the parking structure application for the St Regis was declined due to public outcry- i felt like there were people on the commission that would just "rubber stamp" it- It felt encouraging to know they were listening. It is important to preserve what makes LBK special- lots of light and air.....respect for the natural beauty...

I walk through Bay Aisles daily and often see trash thrown along the sidewalks into the brush from maintenance workers discarding food and drink containers. We are paying them to keep our environment beautiful and yet they openly discard their trash. We would like the city to monitor and heavily fine the workers who are irreverent to our beautiful community in this way.

I walk the GMD sidewalk every day. There are many cracked/raised sidewalk slabs. When they do replace the sidewalk, the workers just leave the broken up bits laying in the grass. We have not personally had to apply for permits but hear the process takes way too long. We have also had cases in our condo development of people remodeling their places, passing the inspections, selling their redone place and new buyers having problems right away. When problems looked at by contractors they are astounded that the work passed inspection.

i think people should be made aware at hotels, condos, beach access points that there are no dogs allowed on the beaches.

I still have electrical pole with lines in my front yard

I signed up for LBK alerts concerning weather. Very good!!!

I see people walking their dogs on the beach and I would wish rental properties and hotels would notify dog owners that this is bad for the wild life that lives there. Maybe if people understood why this is harmful they would be more inclined to follow the rules assuming they are aware of the rule.

I rent my condo for two months and visited the town center to complete the new registration and was very impressed with the staff and the building was very attractive

I recently contacted the police department about a loud tractor on the beach at 7:00 am. I was told that I would receive a call back, but never did. In the past, the police have been responsive so I was a little surprised by the lack of a response this time.

I may not use all of the services personally, but I am informed via the local newspapers (Observer and LBK News)

I love this town. The Paradise Center is what I use the most and the medical services there. Please keep the Paradise Center at its location

I live on the North End. It feels we are often last to receive services the South End receives. Our side walks are not safe to walk or bike on. Very uneven. Our street drains need serious attention from the town as our streets flood. It is getting worse and nothing happens. Pot holes on our streets. Our transformers failed in the last hurricane and we are still waiting on answers from FP&L. No sense of urgency. Still waiting on the undergrounding to be complete. Still have power lines not removed. Very disappointed.

I live in the north end and town officials ignore anything in Manatee County.....we don't have the money, so they couldn't care less about us!

I like how the police leave cars on main road to deter speeders. The police don't seem to be an overburden bothering residents with petty issues.

I know that we have added quite a few positions to the police, fire and town offices. I hope all of these employees are being utilized to their fullest potential. With taxes and insurance always increasing, we must be as efficient as possible.

I know it is a state road but the bike lanes could be cleaned more frequently. Too many flat tires from debris.

I have worked with the gal on the water bill. She has always been very helpful when I call about questions why our water bill is so high.

I have a good word of appreciation for all members of town council. I also want to take the opportunity to thanks a young efficient lady at the towns hall for her good service: Mrs. Savannah. Also a great word of appreciation for the library volunteers.

I had to have some Trust/Will paperwork notarized and the LBK Administrative office was very friendly, helpful and professional in notarizing the paperwork for me.

I found the police arrogant and non responsive.. piss poor in my estimation. city permitting people are really great, they were the best that I have ever dealt with

I found the permitting management not very helpful when calling regarding the latest enforcement of rental property. When I called about having my unit inspected I was told that I need to do it online. The notice I received in the mail said I could call to schedule and appointment. When I went online, it was confusing.

I find it darned sad that the LBK takes up so much space on this island and seems to give nothing back to the residents. Joining the club is ridiculous and insulting for anyone who isn't a gazillionaire. How hard would it be for them to have a resident off hour (not off season) membership or a late afternoon weekday golf membership? It only adds to the traffic for anyone who wants to go play golf (or even do water aerobics!) as there is no place that the general public can have access to. Someone needs to talk to the LBK club and tell them to be better and kinder neighbors and suggest practical ways that they can reach out to all of us, not just the very elite.

I don't understand why the Town won't let us raise our Tiki hut on the Beach. The Sand has blown under it and it is so low that you can't walk under it....There have been New ones constructed in the past several years.....but we were told we couldn't raise ours....WHY???

I do not like the off-island police call system, worked better when calls were managed by LBK directly

I cannot believe permits have been issued for such outrageous buildings !!!!!

I called code enforcement and received inadequate feedback

I called building department and left a message, and nobody called back

I believe the rental inspection was merely a money grab.

I appreciate that the zoning officials were diligent when dealing with the St. Regis development, specifically the parking.

I am pleased and happy to be a resident of LBK

I am concerned about the placement of plants, shrubs, trees along GMD as they are often placed where they obstruct a driver's view when entering the roadway.



Huge problem when the last hurricane went past and the streets flooded because the pumps were below water level. Hopefully repaving and widening GMD is still on the budget plan.

Hopefully undergrounding of the electrical lines and turning on 5G near Emerald Harbor could be finished sometime?

My most important response to this survey is the lack of sidewalk integrity—you should widen the bike paths, or walking/bike path so they can be used safely. Currently Gulf of Mexico drive is a frightening, and unsafe place to ride a bike, yet it's the only place where there is mostly a suitable surface to ride. I believe the bike/walking lane on GOM is one the most used municipal aspects of LBK. Besides traffic, it's just not up to safety standards.

Having attended some of the meetings on the Bayfront parking issue the mayor appears to let his personal bias show.

Haven't really needed their services, so can't truly judge

Haven't had need to use any of these

Have to fix the water problems after a storm

Have not had enough personal experience to comment on many of the above services, but it does seem that after storms there has been more residual flooding in the streets on the north end by the beach on Broadway and Seabreeze Ave, leaving these streets messier and dirtier to walk on than we recall in previous years.

Has the Town ever considered a police camera at the beach-end of North Shore road with a sign that says "You are being monitored". There is bad behavior at times (nothing major- drinking, loud engine roaring, screaming) on the street on warm/hot days when folks have spent the day on beer can island. A deterrent like a camera might cause better behavior if they knew they/ their vehicle could be recorded.

Had to permit bathroom construction

Had an unpleasant experience with a neighbor's dog attacking my dog who is 15 lbs. The medical cost was \$1800. I reported this to the police but was told to get a lawyer. Later learned the neighbor was on one of the town boards and that towered had been previous complaints about the neighbor's dog. I found this very disappointing. Had expected more from the police.

Great staff in all departments. Very quick responses to calls or emails. Still would be nice to not have to call SRQ Dispatch for non emergency calls.

GOM's bike lanes are rough in several places.

Speaking of roads, you will get stopped if driving under 35 in a golf cart , but if you are sightseeing there isn't a minimum speed. Many drive along 25 mph without consequences. A vehicle moving 35 is less likely to cause congestion than one driving slower.

GMD sidewalks are a tripping hazard in places. Flooding continues on Sleepy Lagoon roads.

GMD is very rough and needs repaving.

GMD appears to need repaving soon.

GMD floods with downpours of rain unrelated to hurricane.

If it can be done, need a way to get water off the roadway and prevent from flooding adjacent properties.

Given the increasing number and severity we are seeing in FL, I would like to Town to continue to be very proactive re storm water management Much of the north end floods regularly, Norton (among others) is impassable with these floods. This can lead to dire situations in emergencies. I was also very unhappy to read about the lack of enforcement regarding mangroves and hope the Town addresses infractions very seriously.

Getting on or off the Key is becoming more and more difficult. Stop adding more housing units.

Fortunately, I haven't had to use most of the services. Living in a condo we don't use municipal trash and recycling. The fire and ambulance people are great--true caring professionals.

For the level of tax dollars, the streets could be better maintained.

For irrigation, it would be good to have reclaimed water available to homeowners.

With the narrow streets like DeNarvaez, the garbage trucks should be able to back into the end lots so they do not have to put their garbage cans on their neighbors property

Flooding on north island. Need to stop Fla P & L from turning off power!

Flooding is a serious issue, after 30 years without issue according to longtime neighbors, our houses have now been flooded 3 times in 3 years. Local construction has changed the topography of he neighborhood affecting the flow of water. We would like to build/renovate to withstand worst case projections of sea level rise.

Flooding is a real issue, and we don't think the Town is bringing to bear sufficient resources to cope with it. The Town should raise funds from its residents, by whatever means expedient, effective and fair, to cope with the real and present danger presented.

Flooding is a problem yet the town will not do anything to assist. The storm drains are poorly maintained and inadequate. The town has done nothing to address this issue.

flooding is a huge problem, with king tides, but also storms.  
Code non-enforcement of boats parked in front and side yards visible from street--very unattractive

Flooding in various areas continues to represent challenges.

Flooding in the village has been a 65 year problem and no good solution to date.

Flooding in North Longboat is a massive problem and the town is not prioritizing it.

Fire/EMS are awesome and provided a tour for our island kids - kudos and thank you. Police need some work - we have derelict sailboats parked in our bay for over 3 years with reports made and nothing done. Town admin is great and helpful - very quick to respond. We need some work on the general code as well as enforcement.

Fire and Ambulance Services are absolutely incredible . The Fire Chief along with his well trained personnel are very reassuring and professional in handling emergency situations.

Fire & Rescue seems to be willing to learn and expand. Police and Town management are less so. They seem to "take orders" from the Village, rather than making decisions based on all of the residents of LBK.

Finish the under grounding! Fix the street flooding!

Facilities should be improved. Need a small but a real library associated with Sarasota so books could be dropped off on LBK. Maybe events or speaker/programs could be held there.

Excellent work by police and fire and particularly emergency management and preparedness. Public awareness through communications has been very clearly improved .... best ever.

Everyone that I came into contact with that worked for the town of Longboat were friendly, knowledgeable and helpful!

Enforcement by police and beach patrol have increased over the years, to a place where it's too much. Patrolling the beach to give open container tickets is foolish. I would guess that most people that received these tickets were visiting and not aware of the rules.

Emergency notification system is terrific

Emergency notices have been heard with a level of confusion on the last 2 big storms. Evacuation notice was confusing to say the least. Just be precise, the facts and deliver a message with an order or just say leave or stay.

Each time I communicate with town management about trash at bridge etc., they are very responsive and timely to address. Although not Longboat Key, the area leading onto LBK from south needs cleaned up from litter.

Dogs are often on beach and golf course

Doesn't seem that code enforcement really enforces the code (i.e. Whitney Shopping Center lighting issues with neighbors), lack of police enforcement of posted manatee slow speed zones with tour boats in Bishops Bayou

Do not use many of these departments

Disappointed that when you dial 911 it goes to Sarasota County dispatch which takes forever to get police response. Code enforcement needs more people and enforcement, especially on the beaches. Need to do something about the flooding on certain streets on Longboat Key. Scaring buyers for real estate.

Did not use many services this year. Last year many. Everyone helpful

Dangerous sidewalk conditions persist along GMD.

Majority of streets in village are in desperate need of repaving.

Damage from construction, undergrounding ie Wilco, flooding, etc

Have been engaged with Code Enforcement in dealing with broad range of issues surrounding rentals in Village - the Code Enforcement team, especially Dave Brooks, has been great in partnering with us and taking actions as permitted/appropriate through our ordinances. Strongly urge the commission to assess and evaluate the current ordinances given the proliferation of rentals on LBK - we cannot have LBK ending up with the environment as our AMI neighbors.

Create a easy to find area on Town of Longboat Key website to allow residents and visitors to monitor any type of warnings easier. Many people do not have the social media memberships to get the informaiton. Upon accessing the town's webiste perhaps a banner of color red/orange/yellow could be used to help the town post concerns and the residents would find it easier to locate the information. Additionally, more concerning is the water that accumulates with a few inches of rain along with wind and tide levels. The town knows the problem areas, as the town public works staff prepare with road signage. Take photos and create a map of the problem areas and come up with a plan to take care of these areas ASAP in storm water management. The underground utilities are going under water each time there is 2 - 3 inches of water and creating hazards but no real plan is communicated to the property owners. Some have said if any of the staff lived in these problem areas it would be TOP priority; just wondering?

Contractors continually violate working hour rules and very frequently start work before 8am, work past 6 pm and work on Sundays and holidays adversely affecting the quality of life on LBK. Fines need to be levied to stop this behavior.

Construction obstruction is currently a pain

Construction has blocked our streets multiple times limiting the ability of the postal service and waste management to access our house. The contractors should park in a parking lot and ride share to the site if needed or if no space is available.

Concerned with the new St. Regis development and what impact it will have with the new increased population, traffic congestion, and transient population.

Code Enforcement related to rentals

Code enforcement on rentals is way overzealous for property owners on Longboat

Code enforcement is worthless. They never do anything

Code enforcement is a joke. Contractors and landscapers work whenever they like.  
One more thing. It took the town TWO YEARS to repair a broken culvert pipe that drained from our street into the neighboring canal. Numerous emails, phone calls etc. were ignored.

Code enforcement has not been professional and has not been active about problems.

Code enforcement has certainly improved . In the past too many circumvented to process. Pickle ball is too crowded but that is a good thing but no need for more courts and I play.

Code department was very unfriendly when registering a complaint about code infraction in waterway. Promised follow up but not follow up was provided.

Climate change is not being addressed adequately. While town has emergency notification system, an unnamed storm 12/17/23 had no notification from town- and much flooding occurred in north end impacting property. While some provisions for drainage are in place they are clearly not enough.

Can the town perhaps offer a compost site? I do believe that this would really reduce trash. Also, can they please provide a site for hazardous waste so we need not drive so far to drop off waste such as batteries, paint and electronics?

Called the Town about six months ago because I saw a red tag on my back flow. was told to do nothing as the town would need to inspect. Still waiting.

Building department has to be more active with construction projects. The noise and inconvenience has to be controlled so residents don't go thru years of it.

Bike paths are inadequate

Bike lanes on GMD are unsafe.  
Permits are rather expensive... should be waived for storm protection upgrades (roof, windows, etc).  
We don't need trash pickup X2 week... waste of money and traffic

bike lane on GOM often has too much sand or debris.

Bicycling is a problem on Gulf off Mexico Drive. Cyclists often cycle in the traffic lanes. Perhaps signs saying that cyclists must stay in cycling lanes or risk penalties.

Better planning with more emphasis on maintaining the beauty and aesthetics of LBK and less emphasis on making money and increasing traffic.

Asking town residents, ie. private condo complexes, to increase the rate of weekly pick-up during peak season would help tremendously.

Appreciated the response to the LBK club proposed pickleball courts. I live in Winding Oaks, they would have impacted me greatly if they were in the first suggested location.

Appreciated the opportunity to learn CPR

Appreciate the town trying to monitor rentals. I wouldn't like to see us become like other islands. So Thank YOU!

Appreciate the police help with getting people out of the church parking lot when Mass is over.

An incredibly well run and maintained entity as has been for many years~thank you.

Am deeply concerned about new construction seriously increasing population density & traffic. St. Regis complex is a prime example. The site is far too densely packed with buildings. It suggests undue influence by developers.

Always pleased with how responsive everyone at the Town of Longboat is when I need something.

Already spoke about areas prone to flooding that LBK is dragging its feet about.

all good. have only had prompt, courteous and professional interactions

Again, we IMPLORE you to do something about the beach being blocked off by a private owner about a half mile north of Cedars East.....

Again, its our street(s). We have only one main route. We need that middle turn lane. Those who have it may not understand it's importance

Again the streets in the Village are deplorable.

After the storms in end of summer. It took a little bit to clean the beaches. On Anna Maria they were cleaned up within a couple of days

1. Ongoing challenge with storm water on north end and mid island GMD.
2. Sidewalks on GMD - mid Island are cracked and ridged, creating hazards.
3. Green area ("lawns" on sides of GMD), especially mid-island seem to be neglected in regularly mowing, weeding, plant replacement, trimming - mid Island 6000 - 3000 blocks, especially on east side of GMD. Shabby appearance

- (1) Common Areas, sidewalks, etc. need landscaping asap and clean up
- (2) Waterways are of utmost importance and so should preventing Sewage leaks
- (3) Get rid of the Fluoride and improve water filtration...is there a way to filter the incoming water for LBK purification (free of toxic poisons and chemicals and with normal levels of chloride)?
- (4) Way to much new development...permitting should only be for rebuilds/tear-downs, updating, etc.

**Please feel free to share any additional information that you would like us to know about your most recent contact with the Town.**

Workers cannot fix problems, they just report to someone else.....and nothing seems to get done

When reporting large furniture left outside of a neighbors house for several weeks I had to send 3 emails and 2 phone calls before anyone responded back to me.

Went to complain about new auto unloading traffic ticket my driver received. No other means we're provided.

We need more electric vehicle charging stations. FPL would help with this but the town administration doesn't want to compete with gas stations. Unbelievable

We look forward to our next visit!

We dealt with two different groups. The planning and code enforcement people have been great. On the other contact we had with the water billing department, we called several times and still dont have the issue resolved.

We are new to Longboat from Punta Gorda and are very disappointed in the dredging maintenance of the canals.

We applied for a permit since we rent our unit 3 months of the year. The staff was excellent at providing assistance during the permitting process. They are the most courteous and helpful government officials I have ever dealt with.

Utility (water) staff was outstanding in every way. Response, knowlwdge, willing to help. Code enforcement wouldnt answer voicemailor email. Totallythe opposite.

Town officials were not aware of road construction that backed traffic up for miles

Town officials were courteous, friendly, knowledgeable and conscientious.

Town officials routinely ignore the concerns of residents.

Town officials have been aware of flooding in the Village for years, nothing has been done.

Town employees have been fantastic to work with.

Tip was quick to respond to my Email about drainage issues. Very detailed and thoughtful response, however bottom line is that there will be no satisfactory resolution in the near future.



There's an issue with the Utilities Dept. They send an invoice via email with one amount due which I knew was outrageously wrong, so I phoned. I was told that they do not know how that email was sent cause the amount was outrageously wrong. I have been paying for water that I am not using. I have talked to Utilities countless times over the last 2 years and all they tell me is that's what's going past my meter. It is impossible. I am one person who uses hardly any water. Again, I am moving off LBK.

There is a difference in knowledge on sea walls and docks with town staff vs Seawall/dock installation companies.

The town took a very long time to stripe an unused tennis court for Pickleball at Bayfront. The town does not really understand that the need for more Pickleball courts will be explosive in the next few years and has not allowed for such explosive growth.

The Town staff is very knowledgable and courteous. I am proud to be a resident of Longboat Key.

The Town Manager and Police Chief were not concerned with citizen input. Their concern was with communicating information and compliance.

The Town has a great website. The people working for the Town were helpful, pleasant, efficient, and responsive. Also, knowledgeable and skilled. The Town appears to hire best people.

The staff really shined during the debate about the parking garage at the St Regis. Well done!

The lady who ordered up my property records at an off site location was very helpful and prompt

The employees are nice, but nothing ever gets addressed.

The employee at the Tennis Center handled my membership renewal promptly and accurately

Thank you for taking care of the broken gate at the park within 24-hours of reporting. I was able to share a photo when they replied, but it would be good to be able to attach a photo of the concern when submitting the email form.

Tate answered some questions regarding zoning to my satisfaction

Talked to Alan about the new build height regulations.

Stephanie is great at Town Hall. Polite and professional.

Staff seems to make every effort to be courteoud and prompt in responding.

Some beginner has taken to trying to learn how to play a saxophone, usually late morning, in one of the shelters in Durante Park. They are very loud, and can be heard from at least half of all points within the park. Their "playing" is very non-melodious and disturbing, and grates on the nerves. This is as bad or worse than someone blaring a radio at some spot within Durante. It is disruptive of the solitude when walking in Durante. Having read the noise ordinance, I believe this is clearly in violation of the code for Longboat. I spoke to someone at the police station about this, who seemed to just shrug it off or not want to get involved.

See previous comment.

See other feedback about canal

Scuppers should not force water directly on windows!

Savannah Cobb was a star

Requested a second garbage bin. She was not successful in getting Waste Management to deliver one to the site.

repair of a drainage culvert from the road to the canal through a sea wall took 2 years and numerous calls to get attending to.

Refers to drainage problem on Yaswl lane

Refer to my previous question concerning a new library.

Raised concerns over proposed county ferry to Whitney Plaza and reply was it probably wouldn't happen. However, mayor keeps talking about it as a possibility. How do we put a stake through this concept's heart?

Quickly resolved a safety that had been ignored by FPL for over two years

please see prior comment

Permitting process is horribly slow and no one seems to know anything.

Permits take too long

Passing the buck.....it's not the Code Enforcement, it's Public Works.....oh no....it's not PW it's Building and Permitting..... and so on and so on....

Our street suffers an ongoing flooded parts mainly brought about by a Cheap Jack resurfacing sticking plaster of a supposed resurfacing. Then of course try to blame other reasons for the massive problems, not their shabby work

Our street condition is a problem that is hard to resolve

Not sure how to respond. Have had no contact

None

Needed approval for a home renovation and it was done very quickly

My contacts have all been incredibly friendly and informative

My concern was about a street name sign lighting being out. The employee did a good job of describing why it was out and that it would continue to be out for quite a while. Nevertheless, the lighted sign being out is still a problem.

Mayor promptly agreed to speak at our HOA meeting.

Lovely folks!

Looking forward to a more updated system regarding water bills, usage, etc.

Left messages and no responses / calls back
just so very grateful.. with Police and General Admin..superb commitment to helping Longboat citizensboat
Ive emailed Mark Richardson and Issac Brownman regarding our issue with water runoff on Winslow and bay water from Monroe St. No one responds...I plan to call
It was regarding excessively high water bills
It took a couple weeks before I received a response to my call.
It is VERY frustrating the Ohana wall is impassable. We have been coming to North end LBK for 30 years and are now land locked. The town of LBK should be look for a resolution and future options if they sell. Please educate us and keep us informed. The Observer should not be our form of communication. Please contact us and help us to understand what future possibilities may be. I'm happy to help in any way!!!
Issac is Always in a "meeting"
Invasive plant removal (especially sprouting Australian pines) on the beaches should be a priority including an outreach and coordination with residents having private beach access.
Inspector in permit department did not individually document items being approved.
Inspection of rental property was delayed
Inquiry about payoff for undergrounding. Town employee very helpful but we shouldn't have to pay the company to find out payoff amount.
Inflexibility regarding temporary electric service after a demo. Never received a call back confirming initial discussion.
I wrote to the town officials to thank them for the ceremony on Veterans Day. Excellent!
I was in contact with the Town about our food drive from Christ Church for Our Daily Bread and for The Kiwanis Bell ringing Bread
I was contacting about several open permits, the town apparently has limited ability to force contractors to close permits
I usually contact the police about animals on the beach. The town manages this well, but I wish fines were levied on the spot for violators.
I stopped in to get clarification on the new rental registry policy which is a case of overkill. The receptionist was vey helpful. But I still have to review about 30 items on the registry list and then schedule an inspection. I have been doing monthly rentals for over a decade following all the rules but now I have to do a lot of new things to satisfy the concerns of a few about hoteling.
I receive no email reply to Mr Tipton
I reached out to Code Enforcement who referred me to Planning Dept to resolve my inquiry.

<p>I pulled a permit to repair my shower. minor bathroom renovation. The process worked. I was upset once since one time the inspector just entered my front porch without knocking or ringing the doorbell. I thought that was inappropriate.</p>
<p>i needed a TV picked up. Regular recycling said they don't do it but the town official I spoke to said they do and took care of it for me. She was wonderful.spoke to</p>
<p>I have tried to contact the town twice via the website and didnt receive a response either time</p>
<p>I have to call the utilities dept regularly about late fees.</p>
<p>I find it very difficult to communicate with a code enforcement officer.</p>
<p>I called and left a voicemail and sent email but had no response to either one</p>
<p>Had a question about my water usage. Clerk was very knowledgeable and helpful. Offered me a solution which addressed my concerns.</p>
<p>Get rid of the Sarasota dispatch. Apparently, they don't have maps of the island.</p>
<p>first interaction fast response. no response to second e-mail</p>
<p>Every time I call the LBK township for any problem, the staff is always courteous and helpful.</p>
<p>During a Teams chat the fire chief referred generally to our neighborhood as the area near public works and I asked his office to keep our name in mind, Sleepy Lagoon, as we are most impacted by flooding.</p>
<p>Due to the various construction projects I had last year, permits, problem contractor, etc. I contacted the Town 3x. Every time my needs were addressed effectively and professionally.</p>
<p>Didn't like the way the town handled the water meter inspection!</p>
<p>Current employees are not knowledgeable about pass agreement of issues around island and make judgments not made from pass facts. ie. Bay access. Or agreement with construction on Jewfish. Town allowing construction material through public boat ramp. Also no enforcement of employees parking around restaurants after parking lot was allowed, but not used.</p>
<p>Council members seemed well informed and go out of their way to familiarize themselves with all sides of issues</p>
<p>Contacted Town Manage about early morning golf course maintenance noise. Was told they are exempt from noise ordinance. WHY</p>
<p>Contacted them for inspection. Inspection not done yet so no opinion on some items.</p>
<p>Contact was yesterday so too early to tell if resolved.</p>
<p>Conduct a process improvement project instead of a Sterling assessment. Make the focus tangible results instead of theoretical assessment.</p>
<p>Codee enforcement gave my name and incorrect information when I contacted them about an issue as President of Country Club Shores V</p>

Code enforcement was not followed in accordance with town code. Had to resort to hiring an attorney who was able to settle the issue.

Code enforcement did not answer my complaint fully

Change to rentals with new Town regulations, owners aren't going to follow the new rules

Cecilia Imbriaco is a rock star. Always extremely courteous, knowledgeable and eager to assist.

Cecelia Imbriaco was very helpful and a delight. The Fire Marshall Jane is outstanding.

Builder has handled the remodel permits.

Attempted to resolve a new permit issue.

Anyone I speak with has always been very pleasant. Just spoke to Susan Phillips the other day. She was great.

all of our neighbors and ourselves all complain about the same neighbor who has a total disregard for the regulations. Burns trash in the front yard, has a boat trailer in the back yard, barking dogs in an outdoor dog pen for hours on end, loud music for hours on end, topless sunbathing on the beach, installs a giant plastic green greenhouse in the back yard, (list could go on and on) and we all get the same response from the town code enforcement that all of this is ok. I find that hard to believe that one neighbor can destroy the quality of life several people on LBK this is all just fine. And now all complaints are required to be disclosed and we are all trying to get along and not make the hostility worse. Makes no sense.

All interaction that I have had with Town staff and officials has been totally satisfactory.

Again, town officials are very nice to speak with, yet do nothing to address concerns and certainly are not taking preventative measures.

Admin assist at in office but all others unavailable for face to face meetings. They will only take email inquiries or requests. These requests are not tended to in a timely manner.

A "news" section with current matters in the Town website would be useful....if updated.

100% satisfied.

I've had several great experiences with the town staff. I have found everyone I have dealt with to be professional, knowledgeable and friendly. An additional shout out to the town manager who was out helping residents filling sandbags during the most recent hurricane!

**Please provide any additional information that you would like us to know about your responses to the previous question.**

You need to enforce the short term rental policy more. If units are only allowed renters for months, then enforce it. Our HOA tries but can only do so much. This is really bad the week after Christmas and during Spring Break.

Would like to participate in town government ASAP!  
The website is pretty bad - even getting a fully updated calendar of events would be a great start to making it more functional.

Would like information about the Citizen Academy and Town Managers Monthly Brief

Would appreciate more info tailored to my specific needs such as turtle restrictions, red tide, hurricane and storm warnings parking, other issues that I need to know in order to follow the rules and not be fined

we make no effort to keep up to date nor participate in lbk activities

We love our unit and the town in general. We are just sorely disappointed when trying to walk north on the beach.

We don't follow social media but are following via other venues we're just very dissatisfied with the money in pants pockets that is the all time go to for the last several years

We do not need to be informed about flooding in the Village section of Longboat, we need a fix.

We did not get notice of the severity of the storm that came in the middle of December. Usually the City sends out alerts when bad weather is coming.

We are very new to LBK.

We are seasonal condo owners

We appreciate the weather updates and Amber Alerts.

We appreciate the calls regarding weather. Would like to learn more about Tip's report and where to read it.

Very happy to be an LBK "snowbird"

Usually have to search for info rather than it being posted.

Town calls and texts during hurricanes and other weather emergencies is superior! Wonderful communication....frequent, clear and very helpful!

This survey seems to be taking longer than advertised.

There's always room for improvement. Streamlining information can be helpful.

There is Events calendar on town website, but I never see Town Center events posted there.

The website is the primary conduit. Everything posted on social media or otherwise noticed MUST be on the website and easily findable. The website is not organized to get quickly to information; this from a very experienced web user.

The web site did not have up-to-date information about reentry to LBK after the last hurricane

The town's hurricane communications have been excellent

The towns emergency notification system is terrific. It should be expanded to include information very important to citizens such as road closures or major traffic issues (assuming the police are even aware of them).

The Town does a good job with communications during hurricane season. The phone "blasts" are great & I like that relatives/folks up north can have access to the blasts. Very informative, especially when evacuations & returning to the island are occurring.

The Red Alert system works well and is helpful to residents. Appreciate the calls, text alerts and information. Need more information on the actual predication of tides on areas of Longboat Key based on the street and canal flooding issues we are experiencing.

The phone and email alerts and briefs are very informative.

The info should be better accessible and more timely, as well as consolidated. Typically have to search town, fire, local pages, when trying to see what is happening, and often if something is posted, it's after the fact.

The Federation Of Longboat Key CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATIONS provides a great deal of great current information about Longboat Key

Thank you for the timely weather emergency texts & calls from the Town of LBK

Stop short term rentals. More enforcement. Dont allow lbk to become a 1 week rental vacation area.

Spend more time on "real" issues....like traffic and flooding and less time on "pretty" stuff

Sometimes the posts could be more timely.

Seems like the Township has a lot of means of communication, but perhaps not enough communication (in places people will see (repeatedly) about what they are.

Residents of 6 months or more but not full time residents should be able to serve on some Town boards but not commissioners.

Recent storm telephone warnings were great but when I went to the website it didn't have an update .

Please publish a newsletter , or if it exists then provide a way to receive it

Please fix the sidewalks.

Our main sources of information are the two local newspapers and the Herald Tribune. Many residents don't have regular computer access, although they have mobile phones.

Only there part time so I don't get very involved

Not aware of social media sites

Not applicable would be a better response for me on some of these questions

No complaints, keep up the good work.

No comment

new....

Need to stop pickleball courts next to condominiums. Condos should have to approve new pickleball courts placed next to their condos by neighboring condo.

Many of the traffic problems exist because the state of Florida governs the Gulf of Mexico Drive, a very dangerous road.

Many citizens need extra information currently on any suggested ways FEMA or others might suggest to mitigate future flooding and how can they or the town help expedite any efforts needed to complete before more events occur, permitting, etc. Are any code changes needed, etc.?

Mainly get information from "The Observer"



Longboat Key has some of the highest turtle disorientation in the state of Florida. We need to enforce the lights out law and not give as many warnings.

Longboat does an absolutely HORRENDOUS job keeping residents up to date on storms, re-entry, etc. The service is completely useless! This is why you have people lining up on the bridges waiting for re-entry after storms because they know Longboat will not communicate any info.

Leadership does a good job.

LBK seems to exclude those of us who do not live there full time, despite that fact that we are still residents. Many of the programs LBK offers are only given in person or during certain times of the year. This makes it difficult if not impossible for those of us who do not live in LBK all the time.

LBK Chamber of Commerce is not up to date

Not sure how any of the above information is distributed, so I'm not sure how to access and stay informed

Knock on my door at your own peril Copp, chickenshit bullshitter!

It is a waste of my time going to town meetings because they sit up there and just ignore our comments and concerns.

It has been challenging to find out information about things going on in LBK. Some of it seems restricted to only people who live in communities (the annual blessing of the boats for example) and I don't understand why it gets so much coverage if regular residents can't attend?

Instagram posts are helpful and at an appropriate frequency.

I'm aware of all the ways the town tries to communicate. Any shortcomings are my not sufficiently utilizing all of the sources.

Ignore my social media ratings as I choose to avoid all social media. Was on it but find it annoying and intrusive just my view

I've learned more about what the town offers from this survey than I have from living here for 3 years.

I'm not really connected with what the town does. I'm law abiding and enjoy living on the key.

I would like to be able to see the costs of permits when accessing the BSA online website, along with the actual permit applications/drawings. I cannot always open to check on scope of neighbors' plans as houses are torn down or remodeled.

I would like the towns website to be updated on trash and recycling services. Let us know if pickup is delayed on holidays. Sometimes it is, sometimes it isnt

I will follow the Town of LBK on Instagram once I finish the survey!

I want to participate in town government. Seems like a closed group

I understand that I need to be more informed about the town government and I will follow more closely. Thank you for this survey and the information provided.

I think the town does a decent job during storms. The rest of the stuff I usually find after the fact in the Observer news paper

I realize much info is migrating social media. However, when considering the average age of the population on Longboat, social media should be the secondary method of keeping citizens informed.

I never get emails from the Town of Longboat to keep informed so maybe I need to sign up for those????

I live in Duval Co., Jacksonville and we come down to Long boat Key in the summer.

I know of several people here who have been discouraged from being on government given new financial disclosure rules. A real shame to leave out people who want to help. Maybe the Governor can tweak that.

I intentionally do not use social media

i haven't looked at the town's social media sites

I have participated in the Turtle Watch program and totally support their agenda

I have participated in the Citizens' Academy; it is excellent. I participate on a Town Government Board.

I get most info from The Observer. I must admit I would like more info but not sure of the best way to proceed.

I feel that when there are national holidays or the normal trash and recycling schedules change that we can be better notified in advance, through an e-mail or a post on the opening page of the Town website. I am NOT a social media person. I feel spending time on social media sites is a waste of my time.

I don't use social media.

I don't think there is a need to actively push out information. People can take personal responsibility to get the info they need on their own.

I don't do social media because generally it's stupid. That is no reflection on the town's social media presence. I was on social medias a few years ago for about 6 months. It's random and trite; I have better things to do.

I don't do Facebook or Instagram and I stay away from twitter because of the lies that are circulating without any control. I don't trust any of them with my privacy.

I don't do any social media.

I do not use social media sites

I do not access social media sites.

i do get a lot of news from the Sarasota Patch

I can't get past the town websites time /US data point because my computer always rejects it. Why can't entering a local address suffice? We all know what time it is here!

I am a part time residence at this time but working on full time residency. I need to be more aware of all services available.

I 81 and single, so I keep to myself. Finding a place to eat during high season isn't fun. Publix and it's personnel are wonderful.

Hurricane information during storms is arcane. All emergency personnel leave the island then claim not to be informed during times of putative crisis! Hourly status updates should be mandatory, and emergency personnel should be on duty. It's their damn jobs, and then seem to be first to abandon their posts! That's inexcusable.

Hurricane and storm info is readily available as is trash pick up schedule changes but not usually Info on event or happenings. Road closures, bike races or runs in the area that could cause delays. I'd like better updates on what's happening in the moment.

Given there are so many older people on LBK it would be great if there were info about the services available. ie: Home Care / Companions, etc.

Focus on part time residents and how we can participate in community

Elected town leaders should not be required to submit their personal finances

Don't use social media...poisoning our society

Do something about the traffic back up getting off the island.

And, there is a growing problem with homeless coming to the island and camping here.

do not use any social media, avoid apps as far as I can

do not subscribe to X, Instagram, Twitter, Facebook

didn't know the town had a social media site.

Didn't know the town was on Instagram. Will add them.

communication needs to improve, especially via social media outlets and texting

Being a seasonal resident it is harder to stay up on this type of information

As Chairman of my townships Planning Board for the last 27 years and a prior board for 10 years, there is available expertise that I cannot figure out how to volunteer.

Although I do not use social media, I am still able to be well-informed about town news and updates.

Again, I am aware we have had a number of events at the Town Center but I never am aware of them and just seem to stumble on them. Is there an opt-in email notification possibility?

Again, clearly communications with citizens has been taken to a new level through a number of platforms. Excellent effort to keep us aware of important and routine information.

**What, if any, steps can the Town of Longboat Key take in the future to help you safely evacuate if the island is threatened by an extreme weather event?**

Your current plan works well

You do a great job of communicating!

You are always going to have residents stay behind no matter of the incentives. Consider development of a hardened emergency response center for some on island support or response immediately following a storm.

Working with AMI to make all traffic lanes one-way off the islands.

Work with the state to fix the insurance rates. Insurance is a massive problem in Florida.

Work with Sarasota/FDOT to fix the storm drainage problems in St Armand's and on the access road to the Ringling Bridge

Will the underground electricity be working? I would like to stay.

Will need handicapped assistance

When the water is shut off to the town, that definitely changes the equation on whether we are staying or not .

We're OK.

We usually are not here during hurricane season but could be. So early notice is key so we could evacuate

We try not to be here in hurricane season!

We should not have to evacuate. The reason we do evacuate is because the utilities are turned off.

We rely upon you to keep an eye to the sky and radar; to let us know when we need to evacuate.

We need another Bridge to the mainland as they have discussed in the past.

We have not had issues leaving longboat key prior to a hurricane.

We have always heeded the Town's warning and left. No recommendations. If roadways could be less prone to flooding that would help tremendously.

We attended the seminar last year on hurricane preparedness in person and online. Both were excellent.. I used the info to prepare according and that is worked out well, thus far.

We are usually not present on the island during hurricane season. If we were, more advance warning of evacuation would be a must. I understand there were issues with not enough warning last time.

We are at the "end" of the evacuation route. I'm not sure that we could even get off in time. Maybe a check point and a lane off the island for LBK folks.

Use law enforcement to ensure traffic flows on the evacuation route.

Up to date notification system by phone call and text.

Unknown

unclear

Try to figure out some type of traffic flow that would make it safest, fastest, such as using certain highways so both sides flow away from affected area. Not sure if that's a possibility, but some type of creative way to alleviate congestion during the process.

Traffic personnel to manage flow

Traffic mitigation - and as much notice as possible. Plus some water taxi options.

Traffic management

TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT

Traffic direction on bridges onto the mainland

Traffic direction

Traffic controll

Traffic control. Best predictions possible about areas most likely to be impacted (so we can avoid going there).

Traffic control.

Traffic control

Traffic control

Traffic - help us get out of the area expediently and back on when appropriate

Town's notification system is excellent.

To safely evacuate, the town needs a "block captain" system for each area that makes sure that people are very aware of the danger and that mandatory evacuation means MANDATORY evacuation. General announcements do not have the same impact as follow up with people who are part of your local area.

Timely notifications.

Timely warning

Timely (early as possible) communication regarding status and timeline

Time schedule of leaving

This is an areas that the Town does extremely well. Please keep up the great work!

they know better than I do

They can only do so much

There would need another bridge

there should be no road construction on bridges or roads leaving the island

There needs to be quicker access to the mainland especially on the north end of the island where the traffic is backed up due to a dedicated turning lane from Longboat pass to the Cortez bridge.

The website and an alarm

The town, county, state have all done everything required, if people don't evacuate they've made their decision. Remember, most of the time ignoring evacuation orders will cause no harm, storms won't be too severe or they will miss you, but its a foolish move to bet your life on that.

The Town takes too long to allow residents back on LBK after any sort of storm event that involves evacuation.

The Town seems to be doing all they can to take care of its residents in a time of severe weather.

The town has always done a good job of informing us and safely evacuate

The Town gives excellent notices when the island is likely to be impacted.

The town does an excellent job in notification and information.

The town does a great job of communicating via phone and email

The Town does a great job of advising people to evacuate. However, people do not cooperate even when water, electricity and sewage is shut off.

The text alerts, phone calls and emails are very good.

The system now is already very good

The steps taken during Ian were the best the town could do.

The situation is ridiculous. Just open both lanes for exit. Put out alerts and get out of the way. Secure the communications capabilities. Have a plan in place to replace the pavement on the G. O. M.

The island needs more travel lanes for increasing traffic flow.

The emergency contact system has been a great benefit. Early notice of evacs are critical for navigating traffic off the key and finding lodging in an emergent situation.

The early warning, which LBK does very well, is the most important.

The current emergency alert system seems to be very effective

the 3rd Bridge would surely help

text me

Text alert.

Supply a recommended list of sites to evacuate to in an emergency.

Sufficient advance notification.

Strengthen relations with condominium management and HOA boards So needed communication flow on important topics can reach residents.

Storm notifications have been very comprehensive by the town -it is much appreciated!

Stop building more units on the island.

Sto the continuous flooding in the Village section of Longboat.

Start early as possible

Start early

Staggered leaving the island at different times.

Split the island in half and leave on the bridge you're closest to.

Sound does a great job when hurricanes come



Some people are going to stay no matter what - the town provides good and timely information

So far, luckily, evacuation orders have been very timely and orderly.

Shut down incoming roads to make getting out easier

Send warning via text message as well as email and of course news media.

Send out emergency notifications early.

Seems to be very well planned and controlled.

See my earlier comments, but emergency personnel must BE ONSITE AND AVAILABLE.

Same steps as they have been doing over past several Years.

Same as usual...provide warnings and evacuation notices in a timely manner.

Safety is up

To

The individual. The town can recommend but if one doesn't listen the town can't be help responsible for negative outcome

Sadly, none as there are only two routes off the island.

replace the traffic circle at US41 and Ringling and relplace it with a traffic light

Repeatedly warn residents

Regulate exit flow of traffic.

Regular updates and traffic management

Rebuild the beach dunes to help protect our residences

Quite frankly - because the flooding issue for the residents is a non-conversation with the Town - I'm staying to try and save what my life's savings has cost me. Not evacuating.

Quick access back on LBK once storm has passed. Hesitant to evacuate knowing it may take a while to return.

Put out a clear and concise message from our emergency personnel!

Publish notice to evacuate earlier than last time.

Publish NAMES OF HOTELS AVAILABLE TO LBK RESIDENTS.

Public Notice

Provide warnings and information as early as possible.

Provide personnel/police officers to facilitate smooth flow of traffic off Gulf of Mexico Drive.  
Negotiate and communicate locations where LBK residents can move their vehicles to higher ground (e.g. St. Armands parking garage).

Provide transportation to a safe location

Provide transportation and housing options.

Provide traffic and bridge control if the situation suddenly becomes much worse.

Provide enough advance notice so that citizens can leave the island in an orderly & safe manner  
provide bus service to get off the island

Provide as much warning as possible - stop commercial vehicles during advance period to keep traffic moving.

Provide as much notice as the situation will allow and be clear about the dangers of remaining on the island.

Provide a list of properties/areas people can shelter close by. ie downtown or University Village newly built hotels. Provide cameras on the key for residents to see what's happening

Procure easy evacuation considering traffic issues coming out of LBK

Priority and resources given to those persons requiring assistance in evacuating.

Prevent flooding on St Armands - Make St Armands circle and that ridiculous circle at gulf of mexico drive more navigable - they make it very difficult to get off the Key

Prepare , Prepare , Prepare you can never over prepare

Possibly evacuate in an orderly fashion but we have evacuated twice during the night hours and had no issues with getting off of the island or sitting in traffic. People maybe need more education on getting out early. But in the end, we know everyone makes decisions based on their individual situations.

possibly arrange more bus transport direct to certain pre-arranged locations...hotels airport..shelters. This may keep more cars off the road.

Policed Traffic control

police set up to aid the process of going off island by closing cross traffic

Plenty of notice and traffic control to ensure prompt and safe egress.

PLENTY of notice

Plenty of advance notice

Please do NOT turn off the electricity or the water again?

Place traffic personnel at key points along the evacuation route to keep traffic moving one-way, off the island.

Phone notification

Perhaps have a list of home properties to contact.

open more lanes going out of town

Open lanes for outbound traffic

Offer transportation off of the island. I would likely leave my car and would want to get to the airport safely.

Notify us of the possibility as early as possible in order for us to make plans to leave.

Notify residents of evacuation and one deadline.

Notify me in time to get off the island to a safe place away from the hurricane .

Notifications

Notification as far as possible in advance, work with off island hotels to give some kind of priority to island residents, make bridges one way (off island) when evacuations are advised.

Notification

Notice sent to cell phones. Or property managers of rentals so everyone has the opportunity to evacuate. This may already be going on not sure.

Nothing, I think the town does a great job in this area.

Nothing additional

Nothing

Not very many options.
not sure,
Not sure other than more than 10 bags given away for sandbags.
Not sure
Not sure
Not leaving
None. Fully capable of packing and leaving. Perhaps a group discount to SRQ hotels would be helpful to encourage folks to leave the island.
None.
none, keep up the great work
None
no advice
No additional action is needed. Provide residents with information, issue alerts as needed and assist people who might want to evacuate but need help.
Need to streamline the evacuation messages from Sarasota County and Manatee County and have the same message for ALL of Longboat Key. The mixed messaging was confusing
My husband and I are okay, but some may have difficulty evacuating if they don't drive much off of the key. Could there be an Uber service for evacuation?
Move inland or leave the state.
more notice of evacuation
More information sooner via text or local television
More evacuation route signs
Monitor the exit bridges and provide preferential treatment to residents leading up to the exit and return dates
monitor choke points in traffic flow
Maybe coordination with county shelters to ensure room for LBK residents? Not sure if you do that already.
maybe a list of hotels on the mainland
Manatee county warns of adverse weather, and the town does
Managed traffic on GMD.
manage traffic exiting the island

Manage one way exiting on all bridges during specific times.
Make sure traffic is directed in the right direction by law enforcement
Make sure traffic circles working properly on 41. Side street cars will not be able to enter
Make sure there exit lanes through the bridge are kept clear.
Make sure there are no traffic problems getting off the island.
Make sure the traffic keeps moving at a reasonable speed!!
Make sure that the roads and bridges on either end are prepared for evacuations.
Make sure that the City of Sarasota doesn't reduce traffic flow on any section of Fruitville Road.
Make sure that everyone has the transportation needed to take them to a safe location.
Make sure Longboat and Manatee County are on the same page regarding evacuation.
make sure i can get off the island which right now is threatened by traffic issues
Make sure evacuation routes stay open.
Make it somehow possible to help elderly or disabled people to prepare for a hurricane?
Make GMD one way north or south from the middle of the Island.
make access off the island easier
Maintain traffic flow. Being at the south end one can evacuate fairly quickly
Maintain traffic control for evacuation
Maintain roads to handle traffic and supply best directions for smooth flow to safety
Maintain evacuation routes, protect from "road diets."
Longboat does a terrific job managing weather emergencies!
Limit traffic use of GMD to LBK residents only.
Limit ingress when storms threaten
Let people make that decision themselves and stop messing with the water.

Let citizens return earlier after the storm. Many don't leave due to the delay on them returning. I know you have to CYA, but that would encourage them to get off-island, if they know they could return quickly.

leave people alone to make their own decisions about staying or leaving. those of us who stay are raking clear the storm grates and helping neighbors.

LBK should share via email and on the website their most detailed weather alerts they can obtain from both Manatee and Sarasota counties from the beginning of a named storm (or other flooding risk) and allow residents maximum time to react and information for decision making based upon their individual needs. Might not be possible but a list or link to pet friendly hotels and possibly hotels with generators or newer impact glass within easy distance from the island.

Keep up the phone alerts.

keep up the good work.

Keep up the flow of emergency information/updates

Keep up the alert system - with specifics about best evacuation routes in live time

keep traffic flow off the island very smooth

Keep the website up to date by the hour for each event; even if the staff have to leave the town offices for their own safety. Posting information related to turning OFF services; such as water, power turned off intentionally by public works and/or FPL, etc. This information should be made public in all means; so that all property owners are informed.

Keep the traffic moving out and keep us informed about the issue.

keep the traffic flowing

Keep the bridges open to traffic

Keep residents informed through the Alert system

Keep public informed

keep exit traffic moving

Keep doing what you've been doing!

Keep doing what you're doing.

Keep doing the great job of communicating that you're already doing.

Just the traffic. Hard to make that better.

Just notify us by news reports and cell phones. Most of us are not foolish enough to stay. For those that are just cut off the water.

Just let me know.

Just keep us well informed, in a timely manner.

Just keep us up to date on any pertinent information

Just keep giving us plenty of advance notice

Just continue with the present operation.

Just continue with the Alerts via texts which are very helpful and infromative

Just continue to keep us updated on bridges, shutdowns of water/sewer.

It would be helpful if we had an evacuation center on the island.

It would be good if town had back up electrical system. One of our biggest fears is a long loss of electricity and rapid decay of homes from dampness without AC.

It is what it is. Perhaps boat/barge evacuation could be contemplated to transport residents to the mainland far in advance of an imminent storm, while the waters are still calm enough to traverse.

Issue warnings as soon as possible and tell people that they risk losing all emergency services

is there an available central list of hotels and availability or is it up to u to check one by one?

Improve traffic to get off the Key and STOP building additional condominiums! Add another bridge.

Improve traffic congestion issues.

Improve communication

I would not evacuate my newly built home unless I knew with absolute certainty where I was evacuating to was going to perfectly safe.

I worry about traffic making exiting the key impossible. Not sure what to do about that.

I will not stay on the island in a hurricane.

I will be responsible for myself to get to safety in a timely fashion.

I was pleasantly surprised that Town Works provided sand & personnel helped at the sandbag site a couple of storms ago. They did a great job.

Keep sending updates via phone-very helpful.

Are the LBK decals to return to the island still being given out & used?

I think they're doing all the necessary things possible!! Nature is in control at one point .

I think they keep us informed

I think they are on top of it as much as can be expected

I think the Town is doing what can be done. However, at some point, the Town may need to get more proactive in helping residents leave the Key if traffic is very heavy.

I think the town has done a very good job to keep us informed

I think the town does a great job on this

I think the town does a great job keeping citizens informed and prepared.

I think the island has a good plan and is very prepared, it's the people who need to heed the warnings. I agree with the staff leaving the island so there is no one to "rescue" those who choose to stay and then are in trouble.

I just need to know in time to prepare

I haven't ever been here during hurricane season .

I have hurricane shutters and sand bag placement, that I would need help with, this last storm I had to fill my own bags. I am 76 and I take care of my elderly spouse. Is there a service I would be eligible for

I have a medically fragile child and I am single. Need help to evacuate off the island and get to a place with electricity for my son and cat.

I have a car so i can leave quickly

Let people know early so there isnt mass traffic

I don't believe at this point there's anything the city can do to help the backup with the traffic with people trying to leave the island they will just be too many people for the road we have

I do not know. I suppose as much advanced information as possible.



I do myself
I appreciated the heads up that evacuation was a possibility and had time to prepare
I am on the towns resident volunteer storm committee and attending the town meeting later this month. I am also a director and assistant treasurer of Fairway Bay 111 the Atrium and a director of the Fairway Bay Community Council and alternately chair it's office committee.
I always evacuate early !
Hurricane proof shelter.
Hold rooms for residents.
Help us locate parking garages available for our vehicles.
Help move traffic off the island all the way to the mainland.
Help give out sand bags regularly, not just when a storm is threatening, so we have them stored, ready to fill with sand.
Help get old people out and find them a place to stay.
Help find places to evacuate for older individuals with mobility's or health néeds. Also for individuals with family in hospital who can't leave- but hotels all full
Haven't considered improvement but it is very important
Haven't been here for a hurricane so can't answer
Have the police assist traffic on exiting the island.
Have residents leave well in advance of the on coming storm. Don't wait until the day before.
Have police staff direct traffic along the island to help flow and if problems occur. In past we are left in long lines not knowing what's wrong or if we can safely exit.
Have police helping the vehicles move along . We only have two lanes
Have police direct traffic
Have available mass transportation in place to move residents out of LBK to a safe shelter location in rapid time.

Have a way to provide fuel for vehicles which minimizes congestion, particularly electric cars.  
Recommend places which will provide shelter if trapped on island.

Have a third means of egress off of the island.

Have a list of contracts with main land hotels/motels that will provide rooms for LBK residents at whatever the going rate is.

Handle the traffic

Good communication about evacuation routes  
Early notification of same

Good communication , timely notification ,instructions about evacuation route

good communication

Go back to issuing auto sticker to identify residents so they can get back on the Key quickly after a storm and to deter looters and other miscreants from gaining access via bridges.

Giving the most accurate updated information as you have done in the past

Giving advance warning when possible..

Give us time to organize before we have to leave.

give us definite details about water service turn offs, bridges remaining up- just what time do we need to be out and info after the storm passes about getting back on the island. The system is pretty good now and i do appreciate that. Last hurricane I didn't get my evacuate order for some reason although I am signed up.

Give us clear indication, as possible of whether the water supply will be turned off

Give the evacuation order as early as possible.

Give residents ample warning to allow time to leave

Give residents advanced notice, as much as possible. Help residents with hurricane prep, especially elderly.

Give plenty of time as we will need to evacuate before traffic is backed up off the island and flood waters flood the evacuation routes.

Give more than 1 day notification if possible

Give enough notice to the residents and give evacuation deadline so that people will not wait for the last second to evacuate.

give as much notice as possible

GIVE ALERTS AS THEY ARE DOING

Give advanced warnings as soon as possible and frequently. Manage traffic leaving the island.

Getting off the Key is always a major concern and where to go during the storm.

Get the traffic flowing off the island. We only have 2 ways off the island.

Get that center lane so that it can help with traffic flow.

Get information out more quickly.

Frequent alerts

Fortunately we have not been there during a hurricane. From the communications I receive on line it appears that the town is very proactive on evacuation.

Fortunately have not had the experience personally, but my understanding from friends and family is that the Town of Longboat Key has done a commendable job in this regard.

follow through with flooding improvements in low lying neighborhoods that have been studied for the last 27 years !

Fixing any difference in communication between Sarasota and Manatee counties.

Fix the power grid. I read that submerged transformers will be shut down. That's when I use pumps to keep the water limited to my sunroom. I've now set up a generator as back up. I thought the undergrounding was to make the power supply nearly uninterrupted, now it's actually in the plan. Duh?

Fix the drains on our streets that are not working from the canals. Repair our streets. Fix the transformers. Hold FP&L Accountable. We should not be flooding with every King Tide, no name storms. Repair the sidewalks on GMD so we can safely walk. Give the North End neighborhoods more attention with the flooding.

Finish the Underground project!

Finding a place to stay away from island is not easy.

Find places for us to go.

Find opportunities for Town staff to encourage people to sign up for the Town's weather alerts. If not done already, Include information with tax or utility bills, whenever someone moves onto the Island, or pulls a permit. That way, when the evacuation orders go out, people will be more aware of what to do.

Facts beat opinions any day

Even in mandatory evacuation, certain people won't. That should be their choice but without further assistance if needed by them

Evacuation concerns with new roundabout and traffic backup across Ringling Bridge

Evacuate early, and improve roads in the same way that would improve traffic flow.

Ensure the viability of underground electric service to and on the island.

Ensure that traffic flow is safe and directed by law enforcement

Emergency notification system and traffic management

Emergency alerts have improved a lot in terms of timeliness and content!!

email with repeated advance notifications

Eliminate confusion between Manatee & Sarasota about evacuation. Longboat Key should give notification specific to our island.

ease of access off the island

Early warning.

Early warning, traffic management, recommendations on places to go.

Early warning as possible.

Early warning

Early warning

Early notification to avoid last minute panic and traffic jams -but factual information and not potential worst case scenario /fear motivated news.

Early notification

Early notification

Early notice to evacuate

Early notice

Early notice

early enough warning

Early dissemination of mandatory evacuation orders.

Early dissemination of decisions regarding shut off of utilities.

Early alerts

Earliest warnings and evacuation

Earliest possible notification

Earlier warnings. Don't wait too long

Earlier warning. Couldn't get off island last evac order—roads already flooded by the time order issued.

Earlier notification

Each year we almost just have to keep our fingers crossed through the intensifying Hurricane season. Many are leaving due to the associated costs of being an owner on LBK.

During Eta our streets flooded and were not passable the day before the storm hit. So we would need the town to bring in wreckers to transport cars over flooded streets to dry roads.

Don't know.

don't know

Don't call for evacuations when the forecasts are clear that the storms are not a threat. Too much risk aversion is akin to crying wolf, and people will disregard them when there is a real threat.

do what you did during Irma 2 years ago and last year.

Do something about the traffic situation

do not know, have not been here during, new residents

Do everything possible to recover from an electricity outage the fastest way possible. Make sure the underground electrical transformer vaults do not flood and cause power outages. Why did we do the underground wire project if the underground transformers do not survive a storm event?

Do a great job now with the notifications.

Did a very good job during Ian!

Develop additional educational outreach regarding emergency preparedness to the community (e.g., seminars, identifying persons who need assistance, specific advice to residents in absence, that is, preparing your homes while not in residence).

Current steps are adequate

Create traffic patterns that allow for quick departure. Create a plan for returning to the Island immediately after the storm. Establish an inland shelter for storms.

Correct the traffic problem

Coordinate traffic off island and through adjoining areas.

Coordinate police traffic control with City of Sarasota and Manatee County to ease flow.

Control traffic leaving island

Control traffic circle at bayfront

Control traffic

Control the traffic all the way to the mainland so residents can get off-island!

Control the flow of traffic getting off the island

Continuous notifications and updates. Traffic routing to facilitate island departures.

Continued notification

Continued early warning and dependable evacuation notice. The recent flooding without Town's warning was concerning.

Continue with notifications as you already do. Communication and accurate information being key.

Continue to send out alerts in advance to give people the chance to evacuate!

Continue to over communicate. Great job with Irma last year.

Continue to keep us informed. You're doing a great job!

Continue to issue early warnings.  
Continue to keep residents updated on evacuations.

Continue to improve communication, especially about the cessation of services, e.g., water, electric, gas.

Continue the alert system.

Continue hurricane preparation seminars; have a list of available places to stay at least 10 miles away.

Continue alerts.

Continue alert system

Continually send updated town alerts via phone/text/email and update Facebook page. Last year I learned about the evacuation order from the Herald Tribune in advance of LBK alerts. The evacuation order was not clearly worded and unclear whether it was a "mandatory" evacuation. We did not evacuate since my husband did not feel well and did not want to go to a hotel off LBK as the storm forecast kept changing.

Constantly providing information

Constant current information flow on the town alert texting!

Communication and traffic control is key.

Communication

Communicate

Clear our evacuation routes in SAC and Bradenton Beach

clear guidelines on where to go for safety if evacuation traffic off island is impossible

clear communication regarding evacuation - tell us when we should leave and we will leave (also tell us when water turned off, when safe to come back on island, and how many days minimum we should prepare to stay off island so we book the min nights at hotels)

Call for evacuation early.....this year we all were scrambling for hotel one day earlier than we had all booked! It was a last minute challenge

Bus people to shelters for those who do not own vehicles.

Built a mid-island bridge/tunnel to mainland

build another bridge to the mainland ... to relieve the congestion....it is the only sane way to deal with 20,000 people on a two lane road with a shopping circle in the middle of its main route.

Book hotel rooms for everyone and their pets

Biggest concern I have had with the past two hurricanes that we needed to evacuate was the access to hotel rooms in Sarasota near the airport or university area. Perhaps the town could coordinate with local hotels when an impending evacuation order might be warranted to help market on the town site room availability coordinated with the hotel so they would have access to update the # of room in real time or they could update via e-mail or text their daily availability. (Shelter availability is more of a last resort option for our residents when no other option is available).

better manage the traffic associated with the evacuation

Because we are dealing with one lane road in either direction, it most likely take a long time to evacuate LBK. Do town officials have any idea? An Early warning is necessary but comes with risks off faulty forecasting. I recall Charli was to hit LBK but quickly turned and landed south of LBK but not by much.

Be sure everyone is notified!

Be clear about mandatory evacuations.. last time many people seemed to think it was only suggested! ... there were missed messages given out by Sarasota and Manatee counties for Longboat

Assure that we are notified in a timely manner.

As much notice as possible.

as much notice as possible.

As much notice as possible, alerts,

As much advanced notice as possible such as three or four days

As much advance notice as possible

As in the past, tell residents when police and fire service will cease to operate. Encourage residents to attend the Hurricane Readiness seminar. I went and it was very informative.

Another way out. It seems that if everyone is trying to get off the island at once, it would be hours. If I can't even get off the island for a dinner reservation imagine getting off for a hurricane or other catastrophic event.

An earlier notification of a Mandatory Evacuation when possible. Understandably, no one can predict the hurricane weather systems.



Already adequate.
Along with alerts, is there a site to check for best evacuation routing?
Allow us to stay until the experts are mostly sure the storm is coming towards Longboat Key and the strength of the storm. We were able to stay during Hurricane Idalia and were able to mitigate flood damage since we were here. We did leave for Ivan and Ian and we appreciate the town opening the island to residents as soon as the roads were cleared of trees, etc.
Alleviate traffic congestion
Alerts in the past have been very helpful.
Alerts as to which bridge is moving traffic most efficiently.
Alert the town several days in advance so we can prepare accordingly.
advise us where to evacuate to.
Advise of no-name storms early, if predicted to be severe. For some, organized transportation w a stop at SRQ would be helpful (in addition to shelters)
Advise as soon as possible
Advanced warning as soon as possible. Frequent Town updates on Hurricane track and storm surge estimates. MANDATORY evacuation when storm surge could be lethal.
Advanced notice.
Advance warning!!!
Advance warning Traffic management assisting access off the island
Advance planning and notification. Coordination with city, county, state emergency preparedness agencies.
advance notice and level of severity
adequate notice
Address traffic situation
Address the traffic congestion.
Address flooding issues at St. Armand's Circle if heavy rain should occur in advance of a major hurricane.
additional evacuation routes --maybe another bridge for traffic to mainland.
a bridge at 10th St
100%

- 1) Notification
- 2) traffic control
- 3) pre and post emergency property protection (against looting, and downed tree clearing and powerline removal)

Remind owners and visitors that evacuation means evacuation and the consequences of not doing so-

traffic control

**MORE INFORMATION NEEDS TO BE SHARED ABOUT TORNADOES!!!**

For some reason, people in FL don't understand... perhaps this is changing due to more tornado activity

- Advance notice
- text alerts
- police directing traffic flow

**What, if any, barriers do you face in accessing and making use of Longboat Key's canals and waterways?**

Wish there were more options for kayak storage than bayfront park

Wife's motion sickness

We were very active boaters, however, that stage of our lives is over.  
Now..I watch the sun rise from my bed and watch the stars twinkle at night.

We used to own a boat but storage became too expensive. Now we rent a boat occasionally

We should control the number of commercial boats

We own a home on Longboat Key, but live full-time in the northeast. While we would enjoy the opportunity to visit LBK on a more frequent basis, our jobs prevent it at this time.

We own a gulf side condo

We need our canal dredged!

We maintain our own canal and marina and have never received help from the Town

We love the beach.

We don't own a boat. Considering Freedom Club.

We don't have any watercraft and are too old and disabled to do anything anyway. ALTHOUGH when our kids come, they love to kayak!

We can't get our boat out during low tides, our Cutter Lane canal needs dredging. Some neighbors closer to Gulf of Mexico Drive have paid for private dredging under their boat lifts so they can get to the center of the canal. Why do we keep delaying dredging the canals? We have heard about it since 2017 when we bought our house, nothing has been done yet by the town to properly move forward, despite expensive consultant studies the current commission has trouble understanding.

We can not get in and out of our canal on Putter lane at most times due to dredging being necessary.

We bought a small boat because the waterway is shallow and we don't have any problems. The problem is big boats. They are trapped in their canals. Our town should plan the work and pay part of it, along with the big boat owner who should pay their parts. Not all taxes' payer are boat owners.

watercraft

water depth but only during extremely low tides.

Water depth

Very shallow in spots. Debris in the water.

Very dangerous at low tide do too canals needind dredged

unmarked shoals

uninterested

Trees cannot view the water

Traffic to Cannons Marina.

Traffic congestion.

Town has never dredged my section of canal nor has the town enforced code that requires home owners to keep canal navigable by trimming mangroves where required

Too old to have boats and maintain them. Just enjoy living on a canal

Too much privatization. Not enough maintenance/opening/enforcement of public Bay Accesses.

Too many boats exceeding speed limits in canals.

Too little access. Thankfully, I was granted special permission by an Association, but wouldn't be able to otherwise, unless I carried it to the beach.

tide dependence

They are in very serious need of being dredged. I've no idea why it takes the administrators so long to provide this basic service.

There must be a constant policy to ensure that oversized vessels do not block canal navigability. Our current code iOS inadequate to govern the center of the canal navigability and is not consistent with Sarasota County's regulations and should be addressed now. Larger vessels are becoming more common and intrusive in our limited canal space.

There is some very shallow water in the canals

There are hundreds (thousands?) more boaters in our area. The boating speed limits are NEVER EVER enforced. Many, many boaters do not seem fit to be behind the helm. We do not boat on the weekends.

The town refuses to allow me access to the Bay Access on Hibiscus Way. I asked to create a pathway to allow me to put in my kayak.

The town needs a plan to routinely dredge the canals and keep them navigable.

The tides, if too low can't get boat into dock.

The shoal at the end of the Lyons Lane and Norton Street canal

The purchase of my own boat. Learning how to boat.

The only barrier is our age. We are on the south end of the island and enjoy our many kayaking opportunities.

The only access is through the parks, and parks do not have adequate kayak launches. The lack of parking makes canals inaccessible to those who don't own properties there.

The depth of our canal between Marbury and Norton limits our boat use to within 1 to 2 hours on either side of high tide only. The rest of the time it is not navigable.

The canals need cleaning and dredging...

the canals have not been dredged in a long time and at a moderate low tide boats are not able to navigate the way to the bay.

The canals around Windward Bay have not been dredged in YEARS!  
At low tide, it can be difficult to get to the main channel.

The canal passages need to be dredged specifically Harborside Bay Isles

The canal between Yawl and Schooner needs dredging.

Sometimes very shallow for our powerboat... under 3 feet at low tide

Sometimes it gets pretty shallow for small fishing boat  
some of the mangrove restrictions

Some of the canals are very shallow and narrow. ie. Jungle Queen Way; Country club shores

Some low waterways, neighbors Mangroves not being trimmed.

Some canals have boats too large docked such that other boats/kayaks cannot navigate easily or safely

Very shallow areas not marked sufficiently

Some canals have been ignored and are becoming overgrown and shallow.

Some areas you need to watch the tides. Some areas are marginal. Water access is very important to LBK and its tourism.

Silting in of sand around greer can cut us off  
Boaters not respecting the signs and tying up boats along greer cutting off access. Maybe the town can ask the DNR to start enforcing

Shortage of boat tours.

Shoaling.

Shoaling of many of the canals.

Shallow waters

Shallow water.

Shallow water is a major issue.

Shallow water due to run-off, with silt and other suspended particulate, clogging canals. Run-off coming in many instances from storm runs-off sewer lines draining GMD.

Shallow water due to build up

Shallow water

Shallow water

Shallow depths.

shallow depth. Encroachment on canal diameter of canal by over large homeowner docks

Shallow canals. We sometimes can't get our boat out in low tide.

Sandbar on Bayside seems to be getting shallower limiting kayak access.

Sand bars are growing and blocking waterways. (NOT the village sandbar at Lands end and Jewfish)

Canals and bayous are silting in restricting access during low tides.

Town eliminated taxpayer use of public bay access points in the village.

Restrictions of public access

Residents' boat beyond their allowed footage past the seawall. Also the lack of canal dredging is limiting boating access at low tides.

Recent increase in boat traffic, speeding boat traffic in particular. We need increase speed monitoring and enforcement. It has almost become unsafe to boat on the area ICW, to the extent that we may be selling our 23 ft boat.

property not on canal

prime kayaking for spot on north end for many is into cove so appreciate efforts to keep that open

Primary barrier is access to a boat and boat rentals

Preserving the functionality of our canals as access points to the bay is an LBKE-wide issue and should be a priority for the Town. Several portions of our canals are so shallow some of the residents cannot get their boats off their lifts. We owned our property the last time the Town of Longboat Key had the canals dredged and it made a huge difference in navigation.

Poor canal markings.

Physical limitations

Per above I am disabled.

Parking, shallow waterways, shoaling, expansion of sandbars, erosion

Parking on weekends.

parking for access to launch

Parking

Outside of Bayfront Park and the park at the south tip of the Key, I am unaware of other opportunities for the public to access the Bay.

Our marina is not included in Longboat Key's efforts to dredge or clean. Not sure why we are excluded since we pay the same taxes as those with canals that are included. Can we at least have an explanation for why Spanish Main marina is not included in Longboat Key's maintenance efforts.

Our canal needs to be dredged! it on the list but this can not happen soon enough. also, the current rules for how far you can build a dock into the canal make it hazardous to boaters and kayakers alike. there is not enough space to more a boat or turn around comfortably in the canal. the rule needs to be revised for the safety of all.

Our canal needs dredging!

our canal is nearly totally blocked by two large boats docked at the end of the canal. the town was made aware and chose to do nothing. we could not get our boat out of the canal. once again, LBK officials pandering to the rich and doing nothing to be fair to the others.

Our boat is currently impaired but not long ago the Town started to allow docks and lifts be constructed that appear to be non compliant with the Code.. We have a narrow canal and if we had to remove our boat for any reason we would not be able to. In fact I did email the Code enforcement Officer a couple years ago because of this including plants and trees whose branches take up have the canal. some residents even put crab pots into the canal that catch onto the propellers..not much was done

Open for me

Only use one canal - to access Cannon's Marine for gas.

Ohana. Fix it.

Not that many launch points for kayaks/paddle boards.

Boat ramps are overcrowded.

not my area of interest yet?

Not much of a problem

Not interested in using the canals.

Not having a boat :).

Not enough launch sites for small craft paddle boards or kayaks

Not a property owner in those areas

nonr

none.

I do however, strongly dislike PWC/jet skis. Noisy, and most are inconsiderate. A minority is downright dangerous

None. We live on the Gulf side

None. Visiting family kayak on occasion.

None. This seems to be a confused question. Surely more appropriate would be "do all 82 canals need to be dredged"?

None. I don't know anyone who has access to the canals.



None, we're just beach walkers.
None, we live on a canal.
None, I don't use any of them. I'm on the Gulf side and on the beach.
None, I am concerned about boaters speeding thru channels and risk to Manatees. Rarely see any patrol boats anymore
None where I live.
None so far.
None so far
None of significance
None in my experience.
None for what I do. Would love to have a jet ski but would not know where to keep it.
None close to me.
none at this time but canal upgrades needed
None at this time
None at this time
None at this time
None at the moment. There is a large sandbar in the middle of our canal that we have to negotiate
No place to launch a personal kayak if you don't live on water
No longer have a boat
no boat, no dock
No boat and too old for paddle boarding
No boat
No barriers. But am wondering what can be done about the noise level associated with the jet ski's.
No barriers
no barriers - wish there was a water taxi to take us into st Armands and/or downtown sarasota
No affordable boat slips
New Pass Inlet channel markers needed
Navigation .arking of shallow areas
My canal at low tide is a problem to get my boat docked.

Motor boats not following the no wake and other signs

More kayak access points, and parking for them.

Medical issues.

Many shallow regions make boating dangerous.

Many of our canals need dredging

There are certain areas many times not the entire canal maybe just the entrance that requires dredging. Perhaps an in depth study regarding canals would be beneficial.

Many boaters, especially on the weekends, irrationally speeding and not following the rules of the water in reference to markers, idle zones, etc.

Mangroves are overgrown making the bayou tough to navigate, could use a little dredging just at the mouth of the bayou

lowering congregating from outsiders like beer can crowd

Low water levels especially during low tide.

low tide can not use our boats-can not get boats on and off the lifts

Limited kayak launch areas for the public

launch areas

LACK OF TIME

Lack of launch site across the LBK Club golf course

lack of good access for kayakers

Lack of depth in the canals due to failure to dredge for over a decade.

Lack of clear marking of channels leading into some canals. The bay is very shallow, and it's very easy to ground the boat if markings aren't clear.

Kayak storage
kayak launch areas with parking
just the bay
Just have never acquired kayaks which I would be interested in.
It's hard to get our boat out at low tide and difficult to put it on the lift. Our canal needs to be dredged and the mangroves across from us need to be maintained and cutback so we can enjoy boating. We live across from 7 acre preserve on Bayview Drive and need mangroves cut back. It's difficult to navigate the canal when our boat hits the unruly mangroves.
IT s not the towns fault but our Kayak rack is full so I have to rent.
Inadequate canal depths/dredging
I'm on the Gulf and have no access to canals.
I'm not sure where I can launch a kayak.
I thought they were private for homeowners on the canals
I still wish LBK would revisit whatever ordinance, reg, or code it is that allows boats and docks far into the canal. I wish these could be tightened up. Just as owners are more emboldened about their oceanfront property rights, owners on canals as showing signs of taking all the canal space they're allowed - without regard to the effect on boat traffic or their neighbors.
I not aware of public access to canals.
I live on the gulf side. Not sure about the other water access locations
I have strong feelings about the canals...they are not actually public places of recreation. I object to the dredging of canals at town expense. The canals are the responsibility of the property owners. They don't pay additional maintenance as the beach property owners are charged.

I have no car -- I would have to depend upon public transportation, which only makes bike use possible. Kayaks, paddle boards, jet skis & boats are impossible for me.

I have no access to any of the canals. I have no place to just put in a kayak or to easily rent a kayak (at least that I know of). In addition, I find it incredible that the LBK Club takes up so much of this island and seems to give absolutely nothing back to the residents of the island.

I have heard complaints from boaters about large boats parked on narrow canals and the dangers of multiple sandbars in Sarasota Bay.

I have a keel on my sailboat. I can only access my dock, departing or arriving, during high tides, due to shallow water. This limits the days and times I can use my boat.

I don't presently own a boat!  
However that down not mean I don't want the canals maintained.

I don't own a boat nor have canal front property. The canal at the end of our street FLOODS and has created Millions of Dollars of damage to our street

I don't own equipment listed above.

I don't live on canal or use canal for any activities

I don't have a boat

I do wish there were easier access to things like jet skiing, kayaking and such like they have in Bradenton. We have to drive to other towns to access many of these if we don't own the items like kayaks, boats and jet skis.

I do not use them—I swim in the gulf.

I do not have any watercraft.

I can't get my 500K boat in and out of my canal. I have to check to see if I can get out, I can get back in. We've hardly taken it out for the last year. I might have to go out when I can, stay out overnight and then return when I can. I totally sucks.

I cannot navigate the access channel between Country Club Shores and Bay Isles Harbor at moderate to low low tides although interior Bay Isles harbor canals pose no issue as to depth. (5 ft draft)

I am relatively new to the island and have not had time to participate

I am not on a canal

I am handicapped.

Homeowners will call police if you enter a canal in your kayak if you are not one of that canals homeowners. So please tell us again why all the taxpayers should pay for dredging of these canals.

High mangroves

Heavy boat traffic, and low water levels

Has only been an issue for us during extremely low tides.

Greater access to rental equipment. Kayak rental at Bayfront is nice but we would like to be able to rent SUP boards or jet skis without having to go to Lido, AMI or Sarasota. Would be nice to have on-island boat rental options beyond Cannons Marina.

Great concern about our community being excluded from the dredge project

Generally seem to be well managed.

General LACK OF SAND BANK DREDGING. SANDBANKING THROUGHOUT THE BAY HAS GROWN EXPOTENTIALY. THE TOWN SHOULD INVEST IN DREDGING EQUIPMENT WITH TRAINED OPERATIVES.. Consequently saving \$Millions and Millions previously spent on hauling sand in by 100's of trucks from other areas and then managing our own beach renourishment. Saving \$Millions. Why Not?

Folks - I am 84 YO and have had MS for 45 years. I used to be a "jock" - but no more.

My wife is 80 YO - has COPD.

We used to be VERY athletic but NO MORE!

Expense of owning a boat

Exit from Bay Isles North to Twin Shores

Encroachment of mangroves, canal filling in.
Easy public access for kayaks and fishing.
Easy access to Kayak or paddle board launching
Dredging
Don't own a boat
don't know how to access the canals b/c I am not yet familiar with the geography of LBK, and don't own my own kayak or paddle board. I haven't looked into the rental situation.
Don't use
Don't live on them; don't have the equipment
Don't know where public accesses are?
Don't know where entry points are.
Don't know
Docks being built too wide making it difficult to navigate
Do not use
depth issues for our boat at lower tides (canal between Marbury and Penfield)
Depth
Deeper under my hoist.
Debris in the waterway becoming dangerous to humans and boats.
Currently none but maintaining canals and SIGNAGE on the water is very important
Costs and taxes
Cost of storage for a boat. It's ridiculous.
Cost of keeping a kayak at Bayfront. Not a lot of low/no cost options.
Constant tour boat activity in the afternoons on Bishops Bayou necessitates extreme caution when kayaking near the tour barges.
Channel boats are awfully fast, but mostly can stay to the side.
Certain times of the year there are a lot of boats on the waterway
Cannot use boat during low tide. Water is too shallow to get boat off of lift.
Canals need to be maintained and dredged.

Canals need to be dredged; channel markers and no wake markers need to be added.

Canals need to be dredged and cleared of tree overgrowth!!

Canals need dredging on occasion

Inlets should get jetties installed like the Venice inlet. It is the only thing that works to keep the passes deep enough for boats to run through safely. Dredging the passes/inlets does not last or work long term.

Canals need dredging

Canals in our area need dredging. They can be difficult to access at low tide.

canals are too shallow @ lower tides

Canals are too narrow and crowded with boats. Is hard to get in and out of the canal. dock size should be limited.

Canals are not deep enough. Red tide is a big factor that affects are recreational and physical health.

Maintaining and improving our water quality should be a priority.

Canals are full of manatee poop and other sludge, making them difficult to navigate in low tide and not very healthy for swimming and falling off a paddleboard

Canals and Sarasota Bay need dredging

Canal dredging long over due. I was told ours would be three years ago...

Canal depth is a real issue on the north end.

can not use the canals in low tide , need to dredge

boats moving too fast through canals pulling big wakes and causing danger to smaller craft, paddle boarders, and shorelines and moored.boats.

Boats are not adequately monitored , drive dangerously fast and are too close to shore

Boating makes it difficult to paddle board

Boat storage areas. Dry docks

Boat slip rentals

Boat ramps for launching boats (the only one I know of is in The Village). Beaches on the bay or gulf, with easy access for kayaks and SUP's.

Boat launching access and storage

boat access in canals at low tide

badly need dredging

At low

Tide I can not use my boat today !

Age and interest.

Accessibility.

Access....most adjacent properties are private (which is appropriate).

Access to the bay

Access to launch for kayak

Access to launch and to watercraft

Access mainly available via private property in the Village.

Access for visitors - more signage and parking options.

Access

access

Access

No kayak rental locations on the south/central side of the island



**End of Agenda Item**