TOWN OF LONGBOAT KEY
TOWN MANAGER BRIEF

Hurricane Season Begins June 1 – Be Prepared! The 2026 hurricane season starts June 1. For more information, please view Town Manager Howard Tipton's storm preparation video. You can watch this informative recording on the Town's YouTube Channel at https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FLRG0foEjS4

Sandbag Operation Begins June 4, 8:30 a.m.-11:00 a.m. The Public Works Department will be at the Broadway Beach Access for the monthly sandbag distribution held on the first Thursday of each month through September. Each household is eligible for 10 sandbags (proof of residency will be required). You may also bring your own bags, and Public Works will help fill them. For more information visit www.longboatkey.org.

Fertilizer Ban in Effect June 1 – September 30. To protect our waterways, the use of fertilizers containing nitrogen or phosphorus is prohibited from June 1 through September 30. During this period, at least 50% slow-release fertilizer is required. Stormwater runoff during the rainy season can wash fertilizers into Sarasota Bay and the Gulf, causing harmful algal blooms like red tide. For more information, refer to Town Code Chapter 102 on Fertilizer Management.

The Fiscal Year 2026-2027 (FY27) Budget Process continues June 22 at 10:00 a.m. The Town Commission will hold its second Fiscal Year 2027 (FY27) Budget Workshop. Leading up to this, the Town held a Goals & Objectives Workshop on April. 6, then reviewed the Citizens Survey results at the Regular Meeting. During the Strategic Planning Retreat on April 20, Commissioners set project priorities for FY27. Now, efforts focus on securing funding for these initiatives. Residents are encouraged to attend and learn how their tax dollars are allocated

Sea Turtle Nesting Season Underway Beachfront lights now glow red or yellow to protect nesting and hatching turtles. Dogs are not allowed on Longboat Key beaches—only leashed, trained service animals are permitted. (note: therapy and emotional support animals are ***not*** included under this exception). Even well-behaved pets can disturb wildlife and disrupt nesting. Please remove beach furniture, fill holes, and leave only your footprints. Learn more at www.longboatkey.org.

Sarasota County Pop-Up Library: June 16, from 10:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m., the pop-up library will be at Town Center Green and offer multiple services including book access, technology assistance, database instruction and family story time. Call 941-861-1110 to confirm event and additional information.

Upcoming Public Meetings & Events

- **June 1, 2026 –** 2026 Hurricane Season Begins
- **June 1, 2026 – 1:00 p.m.:** Town Commission Regular Meeting
- **June 4, 2026 – 8:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.:** Sandbag Operation Begins at Broadway Beach Access
- **June 10, 2026 – 10:00 a.m.:** Special Magistrate Hearing
- **June 16, 2026 – 9:15 a.m.:** Planning and Zoning Board Meeting
- **June 16, 2026 – 3:00 p.m.:** Let's Talk Longboat (Bayfront Park)
- **June 17, 2026 – 8:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.**: Let's Talk Business (Christ Church)
- **June 22, 2026 – 10:00 a.m.:** Town Commission Budget Workshop Meeting
- **June 22, 2026 – 1:00 p.m.:** Town Commission Regular Workshop Meeting
- **June 29, 2026 – 10:00 a.m.:** Town Commission Special Meeting

Fun Fact: Central Florida is known as **the lightning capital of the United States** because the region experiences more lightning strikes than anywhere else in the country. Be careful out there!