TOWN OF LONGBOAT KEY

TOWN MANAGER BRIEF

A Bittersweet Transition
September 14 marks a special transition for the Town as we welcome our new Town Manager, George Landry, while wishing our current Town Manager, Howard "Tip" Tipton, a well-deserved retirement. We are grateful for Tip's leadership and service to the Town and wish him all the best in his next chapter. At the same time, we look forward to welcoming George and beginning this new chapter together!

Commission is Back in Session!
The Town Commission returns in September, with the FY27 budget process continuing on September 14 with a Special Meeting. Final budget adoption is scheduled for September 28. Residents are encouraged to attend and learn more about how Town resources support services, infrastructure, public safety, and our community.

Stay Informed on the Property Tax Amendment
You may have seen recent news regarding the Governor's proposed property tax initiative, which would increase homestead exemption levels from $50,000 to as much as $250,000 and could potentially eliminate property taxes altogether. The proposed constitutional amendment is expected to appear on the November ballot. Residents are encouraged to learn more and review available information by visiting the Town's website (www.longboatkey.org).

Let's Talk Longboat & Let's Talk Business Return in September
Our community conversations are back! Let's Talk Longboat returns on September 15 at 3:00 p.m. at Bayfront Park, and residents will have an opportunity to meet and hear from our new Town Manager, George Landry. Let's Talk Business returns on September 16 from 8:30-10:30 a.m. in the Town Commission Chambers. Longboat Key businesses and business-minded community members are invited to join the conversation as we discuss ideas, opportunities, and ways to support the future of Longboat Key's business community.

Sandbag Filling Event – September 3
Hurricane season is underway, and preparation is key. The Town's Public Works Department will be onsite at the Broadway Beach Access on Thursday, September 3, from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. to assist residents with filling sandbags. This service is intended to help residents prepare for potential flooding and storm-related impacts.

2026 Post-Disaster Re-Entry Program
Now is the time to make sure you're prepared for hurricane season. Longboat Key utilizes a tiered re-entry decal system that prioritizes emergency responders and essential personnel before residents return when conditions are safe. Residents can pick up their 2026 Re-Entry Decals at Town Hall or the Police Department.

Upcoming Public Meetings & Events

- **September 7, 2026** – Labor Day, Town Administrative Offices Closed
- **September 14, 2026** – 10:00 a.m.–11:00 a.m. – Hands Only CPR/AED Training
- **September 14, 2026** – 1:00 p.m. – Town Commission Regular Meeting
- **September 14, 2026** – 5:01 p.m. – Town Commission Special Meeting – Budget Hearing
- **September 24, 2026** – 1:30 p.m. – Town Commission Joint Meeting with Manatee County (Manatee County Administration Center)
- **September 28, 2026** – 1:00 p.m. – Town Commission Regular Workshop
- **September 28, 2026** – 5:01 p.m. – Town Commission Special Meeting – Budget Hearing

Tip's Fun Fact: As he prepares to retire, Tip leaves us with this important piece of wisdom: You don't need a parachute to go skydiving. You only need a parachute to go skydiving twice.