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InsideLook Sarasota chooses Sweet Sparkman for new Performing Arts Center

Local architectural firm Sweeet Sparkman has been selected to be the architect of record for the new Sarasota Performing

Last June, Sarasota Performing Arts Foundation and City of Sarasota selected Renzo Piano Building Workshop (RPBW) as Design Architect for the new

Sarasota Performing Arts Center.

Arts Center.

Now, after months of deliberation and interviews and reviewing nearly 30 national applications, RPBW has chosen Sweet Sparkman to handle the construction and documentation piece of the project.

"We selected Sweet Sparkman not only for their proficiency and local knowledge of the construction industry, but for their spirit, and the team they put forth. We see them as our partners in this adventure, and we strongly believe their qualities, values, and experience will be key to the project's success."

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Rescued off Longboat Key



On Thursday, a U.S. Coast Guard Station Cortez crew rescued three boaters from a disabled vessel. The sailboat became disoled in bad weather two miles west of Longboat Key. The Station Cortez crew transported the boaters and towed the vessel to port. No injuries were reported

What's Happening at the Education Center at Temple Beth Israel

The Education Center at Temple Beth Israel wound up its third successful season in April having processed almost 4,000 registrations for programs. The goal for the 2024-2025 season, which starts up again in October, is to reach its pre-Cov*id numbers of 5,000+.*

SUSAN GOLDFARB Contributing Writer goldfarb@lbknews.com

Isaac Azerad, Temple Beth Irael's executive director, has been receiving many emails and personal words of high praise, appreciation, and gratitude from students who enjoy the diverse variety of educational, cultural, and recreational programs that were brought to Temple Beth Israel, thanks to his vision for the temple's future and after the LBK Education Center was dissolved due to Covid in 2020. The community had been attending the

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Trace Zacur, John O'Leary, Alejandro Arenas, Tom Carabasi

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Demolition of McAlpin House approved

The City of Sarasota has approved the demolition of the historic McAlpin House.

The house has been a part of the downtown area for more than 100 years.

The approval comes with multiple stipulations:

- A demolition permit will not be issued until site plan approval has been received for the future development.
- The City Commission approved relocating the house to a City of Sarasota or Sarasota County Park or private property (with owner's permission).
- The applicant will pay \$200,000 toward relocating the house. If the structure is demolished, the \$200,00 will be paid to the City of Sarasota to be used for historic preservation purposes.
- If the house is demolished, the rusticated blocks must be incorporated into the design of the new development.

ex-Baltimore DA Marilyn Mosby faces losing Longboat vacation condo

Former Baltimore DA Marilyn Mosby could be about to lose her Florida vacation condo - the same property she was found to have bought fraudulently, days after revealing she plans to ask for a presidential pardon to avoid a lengthy jail term.

Mosby, 44, bought the property in February 2021 for \$476,000 but the feds are now looking to seize it and sell the place.

If there are profits from the sale, Mosby would get back her original \$47,600 down payment, prosecutors have stated.

During her trial on perjury and mortgage fraud charges, the court heard how Mosby lied on her mortgage application for a \$428,000 loan for the Longboat Key, Florida home, including the false claim she received a \$5,000 gift from her husband.

Prosecutors said she claimed to receive the \$5,000 in order to secure a lower interest rate, while in actual fact she sent the funds to her husband first for him to then send it back to her in what was seen as a financial sleight of hand.

Legacy Trail designated parking now available at Payne Park

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May 8, 2024

Driving to Payne Park to hop on the Legacy Trail?

Good news! 11 parking spaces are now designated for those using the Legacy Trail. Each space is limited to 4-hour parking.

Look for the Legacy Trail parking spaces in the northeast corner of the Payne Park parking lot, 2010 Adams Lane, adjacent to School Avenue.



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EditorLetters



Longboat Key News and Sarasota City News encourages Letters to the Editor on timely issues. Please email to: letters@lbknews.com or mail to PO Box 8001, Longboat Key, FL 34228. We also print letters sent to Town Hall that address Longboat Key issues. We reserve the right to edit.

Hurricane parking

To: Longboat Key Commissioner Sarah Karon

Commissioner Karon, Having lived on the island since 1998, I have seen many storms come and go. In the last two years, there has been an increase in flooding on the island, especially with no name storms and hurricanes. This flooding had not

Commissioner Karon,

Having lived on the island since 1998, I have seen many storms come and go. In the last two years, there has been an increase in flooding on the island, especially with no name storms and hurricanes. This flooding had not occurred prior to this time. Due to this fact, I never gave much thought to cars. For those of us who leave the island in the summer, does the Town have recommendations where away owners can have their cars taken when these events are forecasted? If not, could the Town look into this matter and find an option to address this issue and make that information available on the Town website? Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Linda Aitken Longboat Key

Hurricane parking

To: Linda Aitken

Great question, Linda. I'm cc-ing our town manager, Howard Tipton, here. Perhaps he will enlighten us...

Sarah Karon Commissioner Town of Longboat Key

Hurricane parking

To: Linda Aitken

Good morning Ms. Aitken. Our Public Works Director and Fire Chief certainly concur that LBK residents make arrangements prior to leaving the island for the season. Their suggestion is not to try and leave the car in a high place on the Key but to move it inland, especially with EV's that have shown they don't mix well with salt water. There are companies that store cars for those that leave for the season.

We're not familiar with a particular company that does this (just like we don't know car car-

riers either) but you can just Google things like "vehicle self-storage in Sarasota or Manatee." There are a bunch out there and while we're not recommending anyone in particular, here is an example of a quick Google search.

Vehicle Storage: Indoor & Outdoor Storage Options - SelfStorage.com

I've copied our PIO Susan Phillips who will work to put something on our website that provides general direction and ideas on self-storage for vehicles.

Howard N. Tipton Town Manager

Town of Longboat Key

Hurricane parking

To: Linda Aitken

Thanks, Tip! Good luck, Linda!

Sarah Karon

Commissioner

Town of Longboat Key

Mid-Year Update: Utility Information

To: Longboat Key Mayor Ken Schneier

FYI. Thanks so much for approving the proclamation honoring the public service of our team.

Howard N. Tipton Town Manager Town of Longboat Key

Mid-Year Update: Utility Information

To: Longboat Key Mayor Ken Schneier

Tip mentioned that you had a question about the following utilities information during the mid-year update on Monday. Below that is some additional feedback. Thank you!

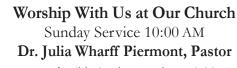
The metered water use for January, February and March within FY 23 is notably higher than the same months in FY 24 is due to the water leak we discovered and repaired in early calendar year 2023.

The metered wastewater consumption is higher in FY 24, particularly in December and January, due to a couple of bigger storms that came through and pushed more water up into

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6609 GULF OF MEXICO DRIVE | LONGBOAT KEY

Coastal-inspired elevated pool home. This North Longboat Key 4 bedroom, 4 bath, 4,132 sf home with private beach access features views of the Gulf of Mexico and sunsets from wide covered decks and the third-level widow's walk. The main level is ideal for family gatherings and entertaining with ample seating in the kitchen, living room, dining area and wet bar. All bedrooms have ensuite baths. The Gulf of Mexico facing glass sliders open to an expansive balcony with a gas grill overlooking the pool, spa and lush array of mature tropical trees and landscaping.



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775 LONGBOAT CLUB RD., #308 | LONGBOAT KEY

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2185 GULF OF MEXICO DR., #212 | LONGBOAT KEY

Villa Di Lancia, one of Longboat Key's premier communities. This corner residence boasts 3 bathrooms, and epitomizes tropical Gulf-front living. The covered terrace, connected to the living room provides a spacious year-round haven to immerse yourself in the stunning surroundings. A spiral staircase offers easy access to resort amenities and the beach just outside. Includes 2 parking spaces.



525 NORTON STREET | LONGBOAT KEY

Magnificent Key West-inspired waterfront home with expansive canal views. This exquisite 4-bedroom, 3 1/2-bath residence boasts luxurious features, including roofed decks on all levels. The screened patio area features a heated pool and waterfall spa. Enjoy adventurous excursions from your boat dock offering easy and open access to the Gulf and the Bay.



370 GULF OF MEXICO DR., #432 | LONGBOAT KEY

Delight in scenic views of Sarasota Bay in this custom-designed 4-bedroom, 4.5-bathroom PENTHOUSE. The spacious condominium features soaring ceilings, great room with gas fireplace, and private gated courtyard. All bedrooms are ensuite. Sliding glass doors in the primary suite and great room open to a terrace. An additional west facing terrace boasts stunning sunset views.



2110 HARBOURSIDE DR., #547 | LONGBOAT KEY

Delight in captivating bay vistas in this well-maintained 2,039 sq. ft. condominium in The Atrium, situated in Fairway Bay in the gated community of Bay Isles. This 3-bedroom, 2-bath residence features many updates, and floor-to-ceiling sliding glass doors to the southeast-facing terrace, showcasing gorgeous views of Sarasota Bay and the city skyline.

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Education Center, from page 1

popular lifelong learning center since 1985, when it was founded, and Isaac knew it was a treasure that could not be lost or sadly drift away.

The Education Center at Temple Beth Israel had 492 members for the 2023-2024 season, (many are couples that count as one membership) who supported the school with various levels of membership donations, although anyone can attend as a non-member. Members receive perks like discounts, credit for withdrawals and first-class mailings. The 2024-2025 membership solicitations will be going out to everyone on the database in June.

We ran 12 programs a day Monday though Friday including our annual Lecture Series featuring 12 distinctive speakers on Tuesday afternoons. Courses included film festivals, Supreme Court, nature walks, birding, Broadway bios, painting, mah jongg, bridge, canasta, qigong, meditation, yoga, wellness, American history, art and music appreciation, world politics, book and movie discussions, iPad & iPhone, Nordic walking, and much more! For our Sunday performing arts programs we had five concerts and one theatrical performance. Two Saturday workshops given on the same day, one devoted to feng shui for perfect harmony and the other one helping people safeguard their devices…polar opposite pursuits… definitely capsulized our mission of "something for everybody!"

We hit the highest note of attendance with 280 audience members for our annual Westcoast Black Theatre Troupe performance, generously sponsored by TBI member and part-time Longboater, Sy Goldblatt. This amazing troupe, founded by artistic director Nate Jacobs, never fails to give an outstanding concert. Champagne and delicious desserts followed the show thanks again to Sy! Running second on the attendance roster with 257 attendees was Neil Diamond: Hitman! with Susan Benjamin, musical biographer, Jay O'Brien, cantor and Robert Handson, musical director.

Our two Wind Down Wednesday Happy Hour Jazz Nights had just under 100 in attendance in each one and our two New Orleans Jazz Nights brought in 110-115 eager and enthusiastic attendees on both Tuesday nights. These programs ran in January and February.

Our first Education Center at TBI Funraiser, Kickin' Karaoke and Dancing Through The Decades was a great evening with our technical director Carl Kurtyka running the karaoke and spinning the tunes. People dressed in fun decade costumes and sang their favorite hits or danced to songs sung by their best-loved singers.

Got an opinion? WE WANT TO HEAR IT! letters@LBKNews.com

My short history with The Education Center:

I first started working for The Longboat Key Education Center in 1986 as their marketing and pr director. It was a part-time position. I left after a few years to take positions as the marketing and pr director of the Sarasota Ballet and then Michael Saunders & Company. I always kept in touch with the founder, Laura Taubes, and continued providing the pr and

marketing for The Longboat Key Education Center on a contractual basis.

In the 1990s I eventually opened my own marketing and pr business in the Centre Shops of LBK where the school was located. I continued to do the marketing and pr for the school and at one point Laura Taubes met me in the hallway and told me to consider giving up my business and taking over the school. I was somewhat surprised, but she explained that she wanted to step down and spend more time with her grandchildren.

"Susan, I know the school is your passion and always has

"Susan, I know the school is your passion and always has been!" said Laura. "Do what you love, and I know they will love what you do!" "How will I be able to sustain it financially?" I asked. The school was her pet charity and her husband supported it by paying most of the bills. "You are the marketing and pr expert, you will figure it out! " she replied confidently.

From two to three classes a day I immediately bumped it up to 12 a day. I then concentrated on broadening the offerings, seeking out more talent and increasing the number of programs. I took it from 35 to 175 programs a season! Within a year we were on the map and our financial stability was secure!

From 1997 to 2021 I was the proud executive director of the not-for-profit Longboat Key Education Center! It filled my heart to meet and greet students and watch them enjoying their classes when I peeked in the classrooms. It was so exciting to hire talented people to perform and teach! A couple of our current faculty members have been teaching at the school since it opened in 1985! Many others have been with me for a decade or more!

Thanks to Isaac Azerad and Temple Beth Israel I am still doing what I love as the program director of The Education Center at Temple Beth Israel...a total of 38 years of bringing our wonderful community adult enrichment and lifelong learning!

The Education Center is under the auspices of Temple Beth Israel and the temple's notfor-profit status, but it is secular and welcomes all adults regardless of religion or educational background. A desire to continue learning, keep your mind and body active and your spirit young, are the only prerequisites!

To contact us to be on our mailing list or for any other inquiries email us at edcenter@ longboatkeytemple.org The office will be open again in mid-October, and we invite you to drop by to see our lovely facility if you are new to the community or have not participated in our programs and would like to learn more about us. Temple Beth Isarel is located at 567 Bay Isles Road, Longboat Key, Fl 34228.

Susan Goldfarb, Program Director of The Education Center at Temple Beth Israel



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EditorLetters



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the roadways, which caused more I&I into the system. We also had more rain in January 2024 and much more rain in February 2024 than in the same months in 2023. Those higher amounts, particularly February, contribute to I&I flows.

Overall metered water consumption is always higher than wastewater consumption as a lot of water never makes it back into the wastewater system. For example, a big one is landscape irrigation.

Please let me know if you have further questions. Thank you!

Isaac Brownman

Director Public Works

Town of Longboat Key

Mid-Year Update: Utility Information

To: Longboat Key Public Works Director Isaac Brownman

Got it. Thanks. 2023 was unusually high. 2024 was not unusually low.

Ken Schneier

Mayor

Town of Longboat Key

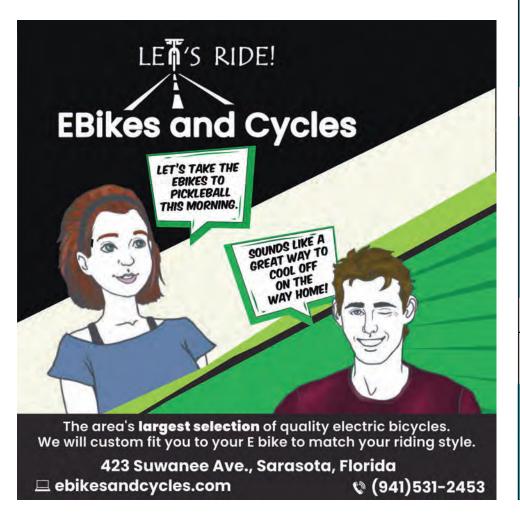
Public Service Recognition Week

To: Longboat Key Employees

On Monday during the Town Commission meeting, a proclamation was read by the Mayor for Public Service Recognition Week. To accept the proclamation on behalf of all of us, we were honored to have John Michael, a 30 year employee of the Town and Utilities Crew Leader.

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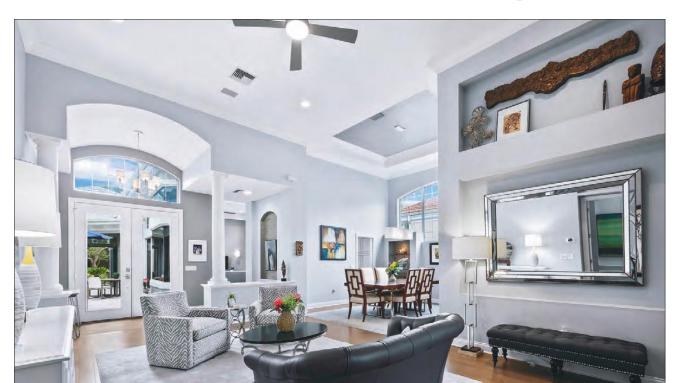
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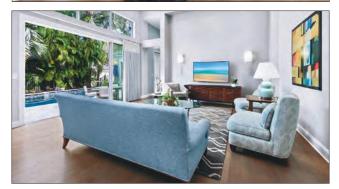
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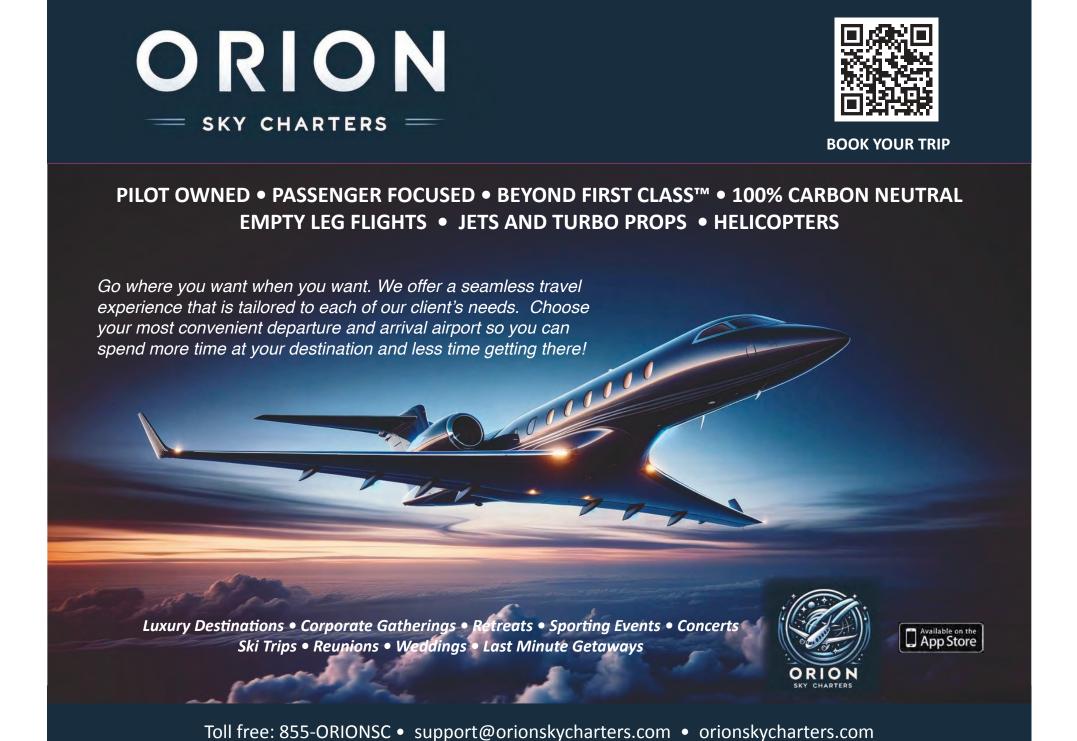
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Bird Key, Lido Key, Longboat Key latest sales

Address	Sq. Ft.	List Price	Bed/Bath/Half Bath		Half Bath	Days On Market	Sale Price
1211 GULF OF MEXICO DR Unit#801	2,100	\$1,995,000	2	3	0	57	\$1,800,000
604 WESTON POINTE CT	2,511	\$1,775,000	3	3	0	3	\$1,750,000
1055 GULF OF MEXICO DR Unit#603	1,392	\$1,699,000	2	2	0	6	\$1,650,000
1211 GULF OF MEXICO DR Unit#805	1,598	\$1,395,000	2	2	0	70	\$1,300,000
2101 GULF OF MEXICO DR Unit#2504	1,358	\$1,299,900	2	2	0	342	\$1,200,000
1935 GULF OF MEXICO DR Unit#G7-411	1,492	\$1,250,000	3	2	0	87	\$1,165,000
4825 GULF OF MEXICO DR Unit#203	1,393	\$1,275,000	2	2	0	66	\$1,129,700
4234 GULF OF MEXICO DR Unit#L1	1,150	\$735,000	2	2	0	0	\$735,000
4870 GULF OF MEXICO DR Unit#V-12	1,025	\$399,000	2	2	0	115	\$399,000
1700 BENJAMIN FRANKLIN DR Unit#2D	1,492	\$1,100,000	2	2	0	115	\$1,050,000
1102 BENJAMIN FRANKLIN DR Unit#411	1,213	\$895,000	2	2	0	84	\$875,000



1211 GULF OF MEXICO DR Unit#801



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OnPatrol



The following are actual police reports as written by Longboat Key Police Officers. They are edited for length, punctuation and to protect privacy.

May 3 Suspicious person

10:12 a.m

Officer Tillman was dispatched to a report of a suspicious person at Schooner Lane. The caller advised that the man was seen going door to door. Officers arrived on scene and identified the listed people soliciting door to door for a window cleaning service. Officer Tillman advised the people that soliciting was not allowed and asked to leave the area. Case clear.

Missing beach chairs

11:54 p.m.

Officer Miklos was dispatched to the 2200 block of Gulf of Mexico Drive in reference to a possible theft of beach chairs. Sarasota Sheriff's Office Dispatch advised the complainant believed the chairs were being used on the nearby pier by a group of men fishing. Upon arrival, the complainant and Officer Miklos made contact with a group of men. The group did not have any beach chairs, however had a radio that could be heard from the condo's pool area. Officer Miklos issued a verbal warning about the music. The men advised they were done fishing for the night and they picked up their trash and left without incident. Following speaking to the group the complainant and Officer Miklos returned to the area near the chairs. The complainant recounted the chairs and realized there were none missing. Officer Miklos had Sarasota Sheriff's dispatch update the call to a noise complaint. At this time, Officer Miklos spoke to the complainant and no further assistance was required. Case clear.

May 4 Missing person

2:40 a.m.

Officer Nazareno was dispatched to the 4700 block of Gulf of Mexico Drive for a marine water rescue call. Upon arrival, Officer Nazareno made contact with the caller who said that at approximately 2 a.m. she lost sight of her friend who went swimming further into the deep waters of the Gulf of Mexico. The complainant advised that her and her friend had consumed alcoholic beverages prior to swimming in the Gulf and had been in the water for approximately two hours. The complainant further stated that she did not want to swim where the water was past her knees and last saw the friend swimming further west approximately 100 yards from the shore. The woman searched for the friend for about 30 minutes prior to calling 911. The friend was described as a woman 5'6" 130 pounds, brown eyes, medium length curly brown hair, last seen wearing a brown bikini swimsuit. The complainant was able to provide the mother's cell phone number. The Fire Department Battalion 9 was the incident commander on scene and Sgt. Puccio was the police department supervisor that responded on scene and police department command staff was notified of the incident. Longboat Key Fire Department Boat three, Coast Guard, and Manatee Sheriff's Office responded to search the area. Longboat Key Fire Department ATV units also responded to search the beach area. Longboat Key Fire Department also responded to search the beach areas from the 4700 block to the 7000 block of Gulf of Mexico Drive. Coast Guard helicopter searched the area at 4 a.m. Dispatch teletype broadcasted a BOLO at 5:08 a.m. and a missing person's information was entered in FCIC/ NCIC. The complainant provided a picture via email and was entered on the case file. The friend's cell phone was turned over and submitted into evidence control for safekeeping. Later that morning at 6:44 a.m., Officer Martinson was flagged down by someone staying at the condominiums who said there was a woman sleeping on a couch by the pool. When Officers made contact with the woman, it was confirmed that she was the missing person. The woman said she was not injured and was medically checked by Longboat Key Fire. The search was called off and Officer Martinson cleared the scene. Case clear.

Suspicious incident

10:50 p.m.

Officer Miklos responded to Broadway and Russell Street in reference to an unknown man possibly calling for help. Sarasota Sheriff's Office Dispatch advised that the caller did not wish to meet with police. Upon arrival in the area, Officer Miklos came into contact with three men. The three men were intoxicated and had turned down the wrong street. The men advised everything was okay and they were taking one of the men back to their boats, where they will watch him. The three men were known to the officer due to previous contacts with them and confirmed they lived on a boat in the bay near Mar Vista. The three men were checked for any wants and warrants which returned with negative results. The men were released from the scene without incident. Case clear.

Driver's license

1:09 p.m.

Officer Martinson was notified by the Bay Isles Parkway that a white Jeep which was traveling northbound on Gulf of Mexico Drive and the registered owner had an expired Florida Driver's License The driver was pulled over and Officer Martinson explained to him why he had been pulled over. The man admitted to the officer that he knew his driver's license was expired and that he should not be driving. The man was given a criminal citation with a court date for an expired driver's license more than six months. The driver's wife who had a valid license drove the vehicle away after the traffic stop concluded. Case clear.

May 6 Car battery

8:40 p.m.

Officer Pescuma was dispatched to the 4300 block of Gulf of Mexico drive in reference to a Publix in reference to an assist with disconnecting a car battery. Upon arriving on scene, Officer Pescuma met with the complainant who was requesting assistance with disconnecting the battery on her brother's truck. The truck is a 2018 maroon pickup truck. Officer Pescuma advised the complainant that the police don't conduct maintenance vehicles, however, was able



to observe and ensure she did it correctly. Case clear.

May 7 Boat

12:05 p.m.

Officer Barrett while on marine patrol, observed a man operating his vessel on a plane under the Longboat Pass Bridge which is a marked minimum wake zone. Officer Barrett stopped the driver for the violation, the driver could only provide a German Driver License and could not provide a boater's ID card. The driver was verbally warned for the minimum wake violation and cited for not having a boater identification

card. Case clear.

Sea turtle

2:20 p.m.

Officer Connors while on marine patrol was notified by Mote Marine staff of a dead sea turtle floating in Sarasota Bay just east of New Pass. Officer Connors responded and located the sea turtle, placed it inside the police vessel and transported it to the boat ramp at the Ken Thompson Park. Once at the boat ramp, Mote Marine Staff removed the turtle from the vessel and took possession of it for research purposes. Case clear.

Driver's license

9:46 p.m.

Officer Pescuma while on patrol, observed a vehicle traveling southbound without operational tag lights. The vehicle was located and a traffic stop was conducted on a 2008 blue Nissan Altima at the 2100 block of Gulf of Mexico Drive. Officer Pescuma made contact with the driver and informed him of the erosion for the traffic stop. Officer Pescuma advised the driver that the tag lights were inoperable and the driver stated he just replaced them. Officer Pescuma asked if he was the registered owner and initially he said yes, then Officer Pescuma asked for the driver's license, registration and current proof of insurance. The driver handed the officer a Cuban Identification card. The driver handed Officer Pescuma a Cuban Identification card and the registration/insurance documentation had a different name listed. Upon completing an FCIC/NCIC check, the RO and driver looked very similar. After further investigation, the driver works for the RO and has been using the vehicle for work. Officer Pescuma asked the driver if he had a valid Florida Driver's License and he said he did not have it with negative results. When asked how long he had been living in Florida, he made a spontaneous utterance. He said, "I have lived in Florida for two years and have been in the process of obtaining a Florida Driver's license." Officer Pescuma then asked why he was driver why he was driving and he said he was driving and he said he has been using his employer's vehicle for work. Officer Pescuma made very attempt to validate if his Cuban ID card was a driver's license. Officer Pescuma issued a criminal citation for No Driver's License never issued. Additionally, a written warning was issued for the driver and he arranged for an Uber. The vehicle owner will make arrangements to pick up the vehicle. Case clear.

May 8 Citation

9:22 p.m

Officer Nazareno while conducting a property check request, observed a white Chevy Cruz parked in the driveway known to be driven by a former caretaker of the owner of the home. Upon checking the property, Officer Nazareno observed a man sleeping on the outside balcony area of the second floor. The man stated that he is currently homeless and that the owner has given him permission to stay on the property. The man was issued a trespass warning at the request of the homeowner. The man left he property without any further incident. The Trespass Warning was entered into FCIC/NCIC



Editor Letters



Letters, from page 7

John is someone who literally knows where all the bones (or in this case pipes) are buried in this Town and he is a critical piece of the team that brings reliable utility services to this community every day.

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This week serves as a reminder of the importance of public service and the impact it has on this community. I am proud to work alongside such an exceptional team and want to thank you for everything you do, not just this week, but every day throughout the year. You're the best!

Howard N. Tipton Town Manager Town of Longboat Key

Pop-up Library Attendance Numbers since inception

To: Longboat Key Town Manager Howard Tipton Thanks for getting this information. Seems like the pop-up library is getting some traction.

Debra Williams Commissioner Town of Longboat Key

Pop-up Library Attendance Numbers since inception

To: Longboat Key Commissioner Debra Williams

As a follow-up to the private library lease discussion on Monday, here's the data so far from Sarasota County for the pop-up library experience on LBK.

Howard N. Tipton Town Manager Town of Longboat Key

Pop-up Library Attendance Numbers since inception

To: Longboat Key Support Services Director Carolyn Brown

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Hi Carolyn, Thus far, we've had 11 regularly scheduled pop-up visits on LBK with a total of 262 visitors. We've also attended 2 special events with a total of 73 visitors. I hope

Renee DiPilato Director of Libraries Sarasota County

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To: Longboat Key Support Services Director Carolyn

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Renee DiPilato Director of Libraries Sarasota County

Pop-up Library Attendance Numbers since inception

To: Sarasota County Director of Libraries Renee DiPilato Today at our Town Commission meeting, the extension for the Longboat Library was on the agenda.

The item was approved, however, during the discussion, a question was posed about the numbers / attendance of the Pop-Up library.

Is it possible to please provide the attendance and/or other stats since you all started? Thank you.

Carolyn Brown Support Services Director Town of Longboat Key

Hurricane parking

To: Longboat Key Commissioner Sarah Karon

Good morning Ms. Aitken. Our Public Works Director and Fire Chief certainly concur that LBK residents make arrangements prior to leaving the island for the season. Their suggestion is not to try and leave the car in a high place on the Key but to move it inland, especially with EV's that have shown they don't mix well with salt water. There are companies that store cars for those that leave for the season.

We're not familiar with a particular company that does this (just like we don't know car carriers either) but you can just Google things like "vehicle self-storage in Sarasota or Manatee." There are a bunch out there and while we're not recommending anyone in particular, here is an example of a quick Google search

Vehicle Storage: Indoor & Outdoor Storage Options -SelfStorage.com

I've copied our PIO Susan Phillips who will work to put something on our website that provides general direction and ideas on self-storage for vehicles.

Howard N. Tipton Town Manager Town of Longboat Key

Hurricane parking

To: Longboat Key Commissioner Sarah Karon

Thank you for your quick response. I was not thinking of moving my cars from my garage to another area on the Key but to someplace in Bradenton or Sarasota for the short time that any flooding or storm might occur. A company that stores cars for people who leave for the season was not what I was thinking about. I was looking for someplace that allows cars to park for a short period of time that would be away from island flooding. For example, parking at the airport or enclosed parking in Bradenton or Sarasota. Additionally, it would have to be a place where the cars would not be towed

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due to illegal parking. Linda Aitken Longboat Key

Mangrove enforcement delegation

To: Longboat Key Mayor Ken Schneier

Thank you for sharing Abbey. Our Planning, Zoning, and Building Director (Allen Parsons) is taking the lead on this for us and has been in touch with our neighbors to the north to develop this concept further. We've got a big (unrelated) study that his office is tasked with but that should be done in June which will allow him more time to work on this.

Howard N. Tipton Town Manager Town of Longboat Key

Barrier Island Mayors

To: Longboat Key Mayor Ken Schneier

Thank you so much for the opportunity to present to the Barrier Island Mayors today. It was a pleasure talking with you all about our collective vision for protecting the remaining natural assets on the barrier islands. As mentioned, I have dug into the documents and spoke to Sarasota County staff to get the details on the delegation of the 1996 Mangrove Trimming and Protection Act.

Regarding the resources required -- Sarasota County hired 1 FTE to coordinate the program, however, they specify in the documents that all resources needed to implement the program were in place and no additional resources were required. The job description for the FTE can be found within the attached. Also, the person hired, Alyssa Vinson, now works for UF/IFAS Extension Manatee County and is happy to speak with you to provide more detail about how she implemented the program for Sarasota County. You can reach her at alyvinson@ufl.edu.

Linked here you will find two Sarasota County Board of County Commissioner packets for the Mangrove delegation process from July 12, 2016 and October 10, 2016. Some highlights include:

• the history and purpose behind the delegation,

- · Administration of the Program,
- · Financial Resources,
- · the Business Plan and General Planning,
- · Ordinance Changes and Ordinance Impact Statements, and

· the Specific Operating Agreement (SOA) between the County and DEP.

(If you prefer to use the Sarasota County Government links to the entire board packet you can visit:

July 12 https://egenda.scgov.net/OnBaseAgendaOnline/Documents/Downloadfile/?meeting id=1398&documentType=5&isAttachment=True starts on page 687

October 10 https://egenda.scgov.net/OnBaseAgendaOnline/Documents/Downloadfile/?me etingid=1407&documentType=5&isAttachment=True) starts on page 169.

The final ordinance language is located within the October 10 packet.

Finally, I want to highlight three ways in which the Sarasota County program is an improvement over the state-run program. First, the Sarasota County ordinance requires education and outreach on the importance of mangroves, mangrove protection, and trimming policies. County-wide surveys show that there has been an improvement in awareness among residents on these issues since 2016. Second, the ordinance specifies that all trimmers must be certified by Sarasota County Government. This means that the County also can hold "responsible parties" accountable for breaking the law. That is one of the more elusive and intangible goals of the state-run program. Therefore, in Manatee County and throughout the barrier islands, we see trimmers who repeat the same bad action without recourse. Third, Sarasota County requires a permit to remove mangroves on manmade canals.

Please let me know if you have any questions or need any additional information as you research the potential for seeking delegation over mangrove protection on the barrier islands. Thank you for your time and attention to this issue.

Abbey Tryna

Executive Director

Suncoast Waterkeeper

Existing Mangrove/Wetland Mapping Data

To: Suncoast Waterkeeper Executive Director Abbey Tryna

I don't think they should be mutually exclusive, and it would probably be best to have both to be thorough. I don't know if a waterside mangrove survey is currently in the works, but it might be done in conjunction with our upcoming canal dredging project.

Ken Schneier

Mayor

Town of Longboat Key

Existing Mangrove/Wetland Mapping Data

To: Suncoast Waterkeeper Executive Director Abbey Tryna

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WineTimes



Orange Wines: The ancient technique is trending

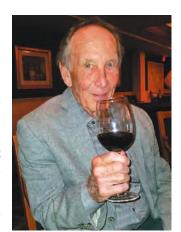
The orange wine revolution ongoing today does not qualify as a new fad for a simple reason. The technique of fermenting the must of white wine grape clusters dates back perhaps to 6,000 BC in the area of the Caucasus now known as the Republic of Georgia, where the art of winemaking originated.

S.W. and Rich Hermansen **Guest Writers** wine@lbknews.com

Reports of "orange wine" in the wine industry media sounds like the start of a new fad. Not wine made from orange juice, you understand, but wine made from white grapes using a technique that keeps the skins and seeds of the grapes in contact with grape juice as it ferments.

The standard technique for making rosé and red wines leaves the skins of red and black grapes, and often the stems and seeds as well, soaking in grape juice for a time that varies. Winemakers call crushed bunches of grapes the must. Leaving the must of crushed grape clusters unfiltered infuses natural dyes in the skins and seeds into the wine. The longer the juice stays in contact with the skins (and in some instances seeds), the darker the color of the wine.

So what's the big deal about leaving the must of crushed white wine clusters to ferment for a time before filtering out the stems and seeds. Just that the trends in the demand for fine white wines have favored brut sparkling wine and dry and fresh Chardonnay, Sauvignon Blanc, Pinot Grigio, and Chenin Blanc. Popular white wines in recent years have tended to be floral with hints of citrus, stone, and tropical fruit, and a lemon zest edge. The must of red and black grape



clusters lends a wine tannins, glycerol, and other chemical compounds that add a savory coating, a structure, and complex flavors to each sip of the wine. The tannins soften with age, the structure strengthens, and the complex flavors become richer. Similar but more subtle changes occur in wines fermented in the must of white wine grapes. In the context of suitable white wine grapes, tested lengths of time fermenting the must, and sufficient aging, orange wines develop lush aromas and flavors. Possibly a motive for calling it orange, it has a bitter orange taste that carries over into a bitter finish reminiscent of a sour fruit beer. A lot is going on in

The orange wine revolution ongoing today does not qualify as a new fad for a simple reason. The technique of fermenting the must of white wine grape clusters dates back perhaps to 6,000 BC in the area of the Caucasus now known as the Republic of Georgia, where the art of winemaking originated. The ancient Caucasians sealed white grape must in clay amphora and buried the amphora until native yeasts fermented the must to produce wine. The 2020 Marani Rkatsiteli Qvevri Amber (\$21) ferments the must of the white Rkatsiteli grape in the quevri amphora. The wine benefits from decanting or airing out for an hour or more to dispel medicinal tastes. It may taste best at room temperature. It has a sweet taste despite its high alcohol by volume and low residual sugar. A taste of Cointreau lingers until a bitter orange end. Drink with hot and spicy food.

We also have a celebrity orange wine to mention, in this case on its merits. The 2021 Sun Goddess Pinot Grigio Ramato Orange Wine By Mary J Blige (\$20) has the Italian winemaker Marco Fantinel weaving his magic in the background. This vibrant yellow gold has a compelling taste of fresh peach. One of the better celebrity wines that we have tasted, it extends the range of Pinot Grigio. The balancing of acidity and a hint of annins appeals to a wide audience of wine drinkers between those who find it not sweet enough and those who find it too bland.

The French, of course, have a different name for the most famous wine product of the Jura region east of Burgundy: Vin Jaune (yellow wine). The 2015 Michel Tissot Y Fils Chateau-Chalon Vin Jaune (\$50 375ml) has the requisite taste of a premier Sauternes in a dry white

Winemakers reprise the ancient techniques of making natural wines when they make orange wines. In regions as diverse as Slovenia, Australia, and Lebanon, winemakers are producing robust orange wines that age well and pair well with dishes such as spicy and hot foods, strong cheese, and vegetarian staples.

S. W. Hermansen has used his expertise in econometrics, data science and epidemiology to help



develop research databases for the Pentagon, the National Institutes of Health, the Department of Agriculture, and Health Resources and Services. He has visited premier vineyards and taste wines from major appellations in California, Oregon, New York State, and internationally from Tuscany and the Piedmont in Italy, the Ribera del Duero in Spain, the Barossa Valley and McLaren Vale in Australia, and the Otego Valley in New Zealand. Currently he splits time between residences in Chevy Chase, Maryland and St. Armand's Circle in Florida.

Rich Hermansen selected has first wine list for a restaurant shortly after graduating from college with a degree in Mathematics. He has extensive service and management experience in the food and wine industry. Family and friends rate him as their favorite chef, bartender, and wine steward. He lives in Severna Park, Maryland.

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Good advice Abbey, thank you. Rusty Chinnis Longboat Key

Existing Mangrove/Wetland Mapping Data

To: Rusty Chinnis

I hope I am not out of order here and that you don't mind me chiming in to suggest you conduct a water-side survey of mangroves over an aerial survey. A water-side survey will enable you to gauge and record current tree height and note where there are tree height violations. It will also help you ground truth existing aerial maps (whether they be Google Earth images or the National Wetland Inventory) with actual observations of mangrove extent while also making note of invasive species or other types of shoreline trees/shrubs. Sarasota County Government does a very similar survey every two years. It uses ArcGIS Survey 123, creating a seamless inventory of existing mangrove conditions. I am happy to help you with your survey efforts however you see fit.

Abbey Tryna Executive Director Suncoast Waterkeeper

Existing Mangrove/Wetland Mapping Data

To: Longboat Key Mayor Ken Schneier

I spoke to Tip about maybe working with SCWK. We have the drone, software and GPS technology. This a good idea but I don't think it will replace the enforcement aspect.

Rusty Chinnis Longboat Key

Existing Mangrove/Wetland Mapping Data

To: Rusty Chinnis

Thanks, Rusty. You may have heard we are planning to do a drone survey of mangroves on the island so that we have a base case.

Ken Schneier Mayor

Town of Longboat Key

Existing Mangrove/Wetland Mapping Data

To: Longboat Key Mayor Ken Schneier, Town Manager Howard Tipton

I reached out to Damon Moore and wanted to share what he found about existing resources that are available for mapping mangroves and wetlands. I don't think this has the details we need but I thought you might find it useful.

Rusty Chinnis Longboat Key

Existing Mangrove/Wetland Mapping Data

To: Rusty Chinnis

I looked at State and Federal GIS data on habitats & mangrove mapping. The best one looks to be the national wetland inventory. It's not super fine scale stuff, as it won't show mangroves growing along a canal but it does pick up larger areas of contiguous mangroves along shorlelines prettty well. There are still some misses even with that. Long story short, the GIS data on mangroves that's out there look to be more regional scale, and not fine-scale mapping to identify locations on a parcel-by-parcel basis.

Damon Moore Executive Director Oyster River Ecology, Inc.

Public Service Recognition Week

To: Longboat Key Employees

Good morning! On Monday during the Town Commission meeting, a proclamation was read by the Mayor for Public Service Recognition Week. To accept the proclamation on behalf of all of us, we were honored to have John Michael, a 30 year employee of the Town and Utilities Crew Leader. John is someone who literally knows where all the bones (or in this case pipes) are buried in this Town and he is a critical piece of the team that brings reliable utility services to this community every day.

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Howard N. Tipton Town Manager Town of Longboat Key

Comprehensive Plan

To: Longboat Key Planning and Zoning Director Allen Parsons Allen - where can I find an online version of the latest comprehensive plan? Debra Williams Commissioner Town of Longboat Key

Comprehensive Plan

To: Longboat Key Commissioner Debra Williams

Thanks Debra. We're working on getting the Plan ADA'd (which will allow it to be posted on the Town's website). In the meantime, it is provided to those requesting a copy on the Town's FTP site here.

Allen Parsons

Planning and Zoning Director

Town of Longboat Key

Site Plan Exemption Approval: Sage Condos

To: Longboat Key Town Manager Howard Tipton

Providing background on a Site Plan Exemption (SPE) approval that was provided to the Sage condominium project. The Site Plan Exemption provisions (Sec. 158.026) allow for a limited range of minor changes to Site Development Plans, to be approved administratively. The SPE (attached) for the Sage Condominium project was to revise the usage of an approved structure (a former tourism/bungalow structure that was retained as part of the Site Development Plan approval) to change from a storage building to a residential dwelling (see red clouded structure on the attached Site Plan sheet).

This change was allowable per Sec. 158.026(6) because no changes were proposed to the structure on the Site Development Plan and because the proposed residential use of that structure is a permitted use within the site's T-6 zoning district. What's relatively unique is that the Sage Condominium project was approved for 16 dwelling units (Site Development Plan Order attached). Based on the property's size (3.16 acres) & zoning district density (T-6 = 6 DUs/ac), the total allowed density was 18 dwelling units. Very few projects are likely not to utilize all of their allowable density. No other site plan changes were proposed & the site plan included more parking spaces than are required by Code (30 spaces required; 39 provided).

Staff treats all applicants equally. Site Plan Exemption requests that meet Town Code requirements and are not otherwise prohibited by Town Code or the Town's Comprehensive Plan are approved administratively as a matter of course.

Allen Parsons

Director Planning, Zoning & Building Department

Town of Longboat Key

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To: Longboat Key Commission

Commissioner Bishop brought up under comments at yesterday's meeting the site plan exemption approval at Sage Condos. Allen has provided a summary of what occurred here and it seems like a pretty unique situation. Please let me know if you'd like to discuss further.

Howard N. Tipton

Town Manager

Town of Longboat Key

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To; Longboat Key Town Manager Howard Tipton

Thanks for this information. To be clear, (1) is the 17th unit to be treated as an additional condo for sale or will it be used for administrative purposes, such as for a manager's residence; and (2) more broadly, are the Sage units considered tourism units due to their T6 designation or are they residential and subject to short term rental restrictions? Thanks.

Ken Schneier

Mayor

Town of Longboat Key

Site Plan Exemption Approval: Sage Condos (4651 GMD)

To: Longboat Key Town Manager Howard Tipton

Do we want non- conforming homes to become part of a new community? I thought we were encouraging new, safer construction.

BJ Bishop

Commissioner

Town of Longboat Key

Site Plan Exemption Approval: Sage Condos

To: Longboat Key Commissioner BJ Bishop

While we may not want to have non-conforming units in a new development, the current code does not require that. For instance, if the St. Regis had wanted to keep an old Colony unit for some reason, they could have done so under our code as long as the total number of units didn't exceed what was there before. Normally and as Allen pointed out, new projects utilize every available unit as part of their new development to maximize their income and to update/modernize the entire site. St. Regis took that approach and it is hard to envision other developers not doing the same thing as both the marketplace and insurance would drive projects away from keeping any existing structures. This seems like a pretty unique circumstance.

If the Commission would like to consider code changes that would prohibit keeping non-conforming structures in redevelopment scenarios, staff can certainly workshop the subject this Fall. We'd need to research if 1) we'd be able to make a change under the state's prohibition against making development more difficult within the Hurricane Ian zone and 2) whether there might be any Bert Harris claim exposure from taking a more restrictive position on not allowing existing structures to remain.

Howard N. Tipton

Town Manager

Town of Longboat Key

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