



# Longboat Key News

November 8, 2024

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## Red Tide Retreats from Gulf and Bay

*Good news on the water front. Red tide has retreated over the past according to the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC).*

In a most recent report, the FWC says the red tide organism *Karenia brevis* was detected in 76 samples collected from Florida's Gulf Coast. That figure was down from 85 on Oct. 30. "Bloom concentrations (>100,000 cells/liter) were present in 18 samples," FWC added; the Oct. 30 figure was 21.

See Red Tide, page 2

## Country Club Shores Milling & Paving Project begins Wednesday: Watch for traffic backups

Residents, Visitors and Contractors providing services within Country Club Shores on Longboat Key are cautioned of a scheduled road milling and paving project beginning on November 6, with an estimated completion on November 15 for the following streets/dates:

Milling (November 6th-8th)  
(One side of the street will remain open at all times but asking no parking during the work

November 6th – Halyard Lane/  
Bogey Lane to Project Phase Line

November 7th – Ranger Lane/  
Bowsprit Lane

November 8th – Yardarm Lane/  
Putting Green Lane

Paving (November 11th-13th)  
November 11th – Putting Green  
Lane/Yardarm Lane

November 12th – Bowsprit Lane/  
Ranger Lane

November 13th – Halyard Lane/  
Bogey Lane

- No parking on any streets while milling or paving is in progress
- Postal, trash collection, landscape maintenance, pool service and other will not be permitted while the milling & paving on a specific street occurs

- Residents, please be aware that some inconvenience may occur upon leaving or returning to your home. Please allow extra time to get into or out of your neighborhood.

The Town will advise when other streets are scheduled.

Sarasota Art Show

Located just south of Downtown Sarasota and Siesta Key, Phillippi Estate Park once again welcomes on November 16 & 17 from 10 am-5 pm daily the Sarasota Fine Art Show. Featuring up to 95 nationally recognized artists, the show also presents live music and food. The waterfront setting includes an expansive lawn, shaded walking trails, gazebo, children's playground, restrooms and convenient parking. Don't miss the Youth Art Competition. Above is artist Ahmet Denker's work. See more, page 6.

## The 2024 winners in Sarasota and Manatee Counties

*The presidential election sure drew voters locally. Both Sarasota Manatee county saw voter turnout higher than 80% of the eligible population. Former president Donald Trump won the presidential contest with 58.5% of the voters in Sarasota county and 61.2% in Manatee county. Two Florida amendments, amendment 3 and 4, the first which would have legalized recreational marijuana and the second overturned Florida's six week abortion ban, both failed to meet the 60% necessary to be enacted. As for the overall, below are a the winners in Sarasota and Manatee county:*

### Sarasota County

Representative in Congress, District 17: Greg Steube (R)  
State Representative, District 73: Fiona McFarland (R)  
State Representative, District 74: James Buchanan (R)  
State Representative, District 75: Danny Nix (R)  
Tax Collector: Mike Moran (R)  
County Commissioner, District 3: Tom Knight (R)  
Charter Review Board, District 1: Jay Riley (R)  
Charter Review Board, District 3: Tom DeSane (R)  
Charter Review Board, District 4: Greg "Tex" Bukowski (R)  
Charter Review Board, District 5: Jose Jimenez (R)  
Hospital Board, at Large, Seat 1: Sharon Wetzler DePeters (R)  
Hospital Board, at Large, Seat 2: Kevin Cooper (R)  
Hospital Board, at Large, Seat 3: Pam Beitlich (R)  
Hospital Board, Central District, Seat 1: Sarah Lodge (R)  
City of Sarasota Commissioner, District 1: Kyle Scott Battie (Nonpartisan)  
City of Sarasota Commissioner, District 2: Liz Alpert (Nonpartisan)  
City of Sarasota Commissioner, District 3: Kathy Kelley Ohlrich (Nonpartisan)  
City of Venice Council, Seat 3: Kevin Engleke (Nonpartisan)  
City of Venice Council, Seat 4: Jim Boldt (Nonpartisan)  
City of North Port Commissioner, District 1: Demetrius Petrow (Nonpartisan)

City of North Port Commissioner, District 2: Barbara Langdon (Nonpartisan)

City of North Port Commissioner, District 3: David Duval (Nonpartisan)

School District Millage Referendum: Yes

### Manatee County

Representative in Congress, District 17: Vern Buchanan (R)  
State Representative, District 70: Michael Owen (R)  
State Representative, District 71: Will Robinson (R)  
State Representative, District 72: William "Bill" Conerly (R)  
Supervisor of Elections: Scott Farrington (R)  
County Commissioner, District 1: Carol Ann Felts (R)  
County Commissioner, District 3: Tal Siddique (R)  
County Commissioner, District 5: Robert "Bob" McCann (R)  
County Commissioner, District 7: George Kruse (R)  
School Board Member, District 1: Heather Felton (Nonpartisan)  
School Board Member, District 3: Charlie Kennedy (Nonpartisan)  
City of Anna Maria Mayor: Mark Short (Nonpartisan)  
City of Bradenton Mayor: Gene Brown (Nonpartisan)  
Bradenton City Council, Ward 5: Pamela Mitchell Coachman (Nonpartisan)  
City of Holmes Beach Mayor: Judy Holmes Titsworth (Nonpartisan)  
City of Holmes Beach Commissioner: Carol Whitmore (Nonpartisan)  
City of Palmetto Mayor: Charles Smith Sr. (Nonpartisan)  
City of Palmetto Commissioner, Seat 1: Scott Whitaker (Nonpartisan)  
City of Palmetto Commissioner, Seat 2: Tamera Cornwel (Nonpartisan)

### Other Votes

Voters in both counties approved additional property tax funding to support local school districts, and in Manatee County, voters also approved an additional 1 percent Tourist Development Tax on short-term rentals.

Long-time Longboater Ruth Latrelle Strauss passes

Ruth Latrelle Strauss, long time Longboat Key resident, passed away on Monday, November 4th, just short of her 99th birthday (born December 12th, 1925). Ruth is well known as the longtime treasurer of the Longboat Key library, the secretary of the Longboat Key Republican's Club, and an active member of Christ Church on Longboat Key.

As you might imagine, Ruth outlived almost everyone, including her beloved husband, Robert L. Strauss, her twin sister, Ruby Ehman, and her older sister, Maureen. In truth, there are plenty of survivors including one of her four children, Bobbette, eleven grandkids, and twenty-one great-grandkids.

It is hard to imagine living through the century from 1925 to the present, but Ruth lived it to the fullest. All who knew her were blessed by her grace, compassion, and humor. Her beatific smile alone would make your day. We will miss her.

Ocean Prime Will Open at The Quay in December

Restaurant chain Ocean Prime will open its Sarasota location at the end of December in the heart of The Quay Sarasota. The Sarasota outpost will be the brand's 19th location, and its fourth in Florida—there are three other Ocean Primes in Tampa, Orlando and Naples.

Red Tide, from page 1

The Nov. 1 report listed the number of such samples and the associated county, as follows: 3 from and offshore of Sarasota County, 2 offshore of Pinellas County, 4 offshore of Charlotte County, 8 offshore of Lee County, and 1 offshore of Collier County.

FWC then noted that, in Southwest Florida over the past seven days, Karenia brevis was observed at background to high concentrations in and offshore of Sarasota County, background to medium concentrations in and offshore of Pinellas County, very low to low concentrations in and offshore of Manatee County, background to high concentrations in and offshore of Charlotte County, very low to medium concentrations in and offshore of Lee County, background to medium concentrations offshore of Collier County, and background concentrations offshore of Monroe County.

Fish kills suspected to be related to red tide and respiratory irritation suspected to be related to red tide was also reported, as well, during the preceding seven days. Those reports came from

Ocean Prime's parent company, Cameron Mitchell Restaurants, was founded by Cameron Mitchell, remains the company's CEO. Mitchell has owned a home on Siesta Key for 20 years.

His company, which is based out of Ohio, where Mitchell was born and raised, now owns and operates 64 restaurants around the country.

The restaurant will have two outdoor terraces that will seat more than 100 guests in total; overall, the 9,500-square-foot restaurant will have 350 seats, including two bars and two private dining rooms. Ocean Prime Sarasota will open at the end of December at The Quay Sarasota, 501 Quay Commons, Sarasota.

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## Committee assignments

To: Longboat Key Town Manger Howard Tipton  
 Please let me know the results of this call, if it was held. I thought from my conversation with Ashley and his team that there would be an opportunity for private neighborhoods to request reimbursement for debris clean-up costs. Thanks.  
 Ken Schneier  
 Mayor  
 Town of Longboat Key

## FEMA / Debris Pick-up on Private Roads

To: Longboat Key Mayor Ken Schneier  
 Per your request.  
 Howard N. Tipton  
 Town Manager  
 Town of Longboat Key

## FEMA / Debris Pick-up on Private Roads

To: Longboat Key Town Manager Howard Tipton  
 In order to finalize the information packet, I had a follow up conversation with Ashley Mitchell and Darryl Gipson from FDEM. There has been conversations on assisting condo-

miniums and private property owners but currently there is not an avenue at which the state works with FEMA for debris removal reimbursement for commercial properties and private owners.

Ashley and Darryl have been informed:  
 1. Regarding the information provided during the FEMA meeting with Kimber Kipp, FEMA reps, LBK Mayor and town employees.  
 2. The Town will not enter into an agreement or MOU with condominiums and private property owners to remove debris.  
 3. The Town will not be participating in a sub recipient agreement with condominiums, private property owners, or their contractors.  
 4. The Town of Longboat has submitted our Notice of Intent and ROEs for Helene and Milton. No additional PPDRs will be submitted on the behalf of a non-governmental entity. Ashley Mitchell has offered his availability for a call tomorrow to discuss additional options available for private property owners. Ashley will also attempt to have a FEMA representative present for discussion.  
 Call availability: November 7th between 9:30 a.m. – 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. – 4 p.m.  
 Please advise if you are available for a call between the above time ranges. I will provide any documentation needed to disseminated to the residents based on FDEM suggestions.  
 Ronica Jackson  
 Accounting Manager  
 Town of Longboat Key

## FEMA / Debris Pick-up on Private Roads

To: Longboat Key Accounting Manager Ronica Jackson  
 Please keep us posted on getting this finalized so that we can get this information out.  
 Howard N. Tipton  
 Town Manager  
 Town of Longboat Key

## FEMA / Debris Pick-up on Private Roads

To: Longboat Key Town Manager Howard Tipton  
 I have attached the instructions on entering an assistance request into Grants Portal. Below are a list of state requirements for requesting private road debris removal verified with Ashley Mitchell, FDEM Analyst. Waiting on a return call from Ashley. I requested a time he is avail-  
 See Letters, page 8

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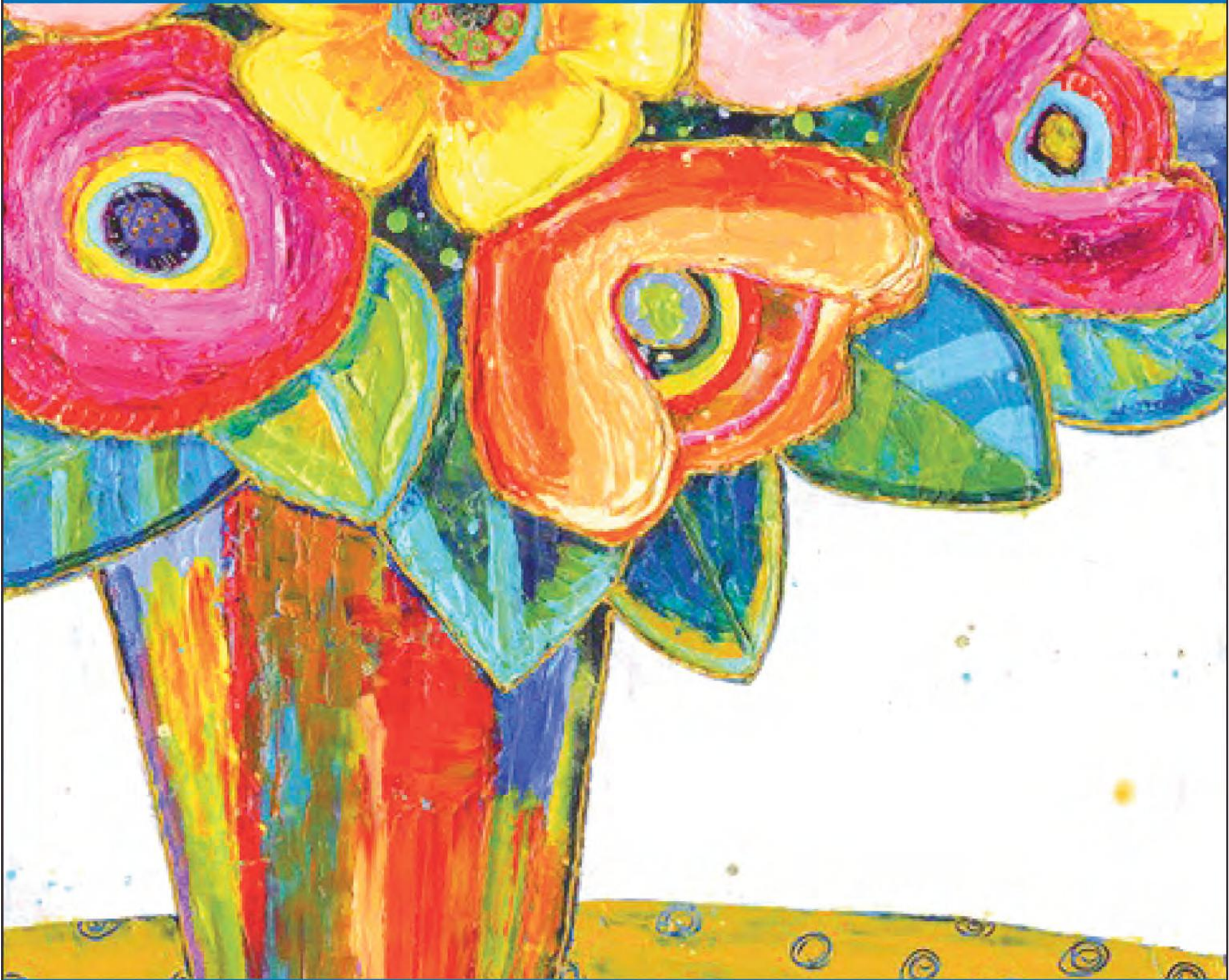


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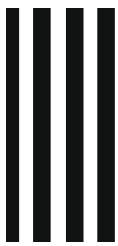
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# Editor Letters



**Letters, from page 4**

able for a brief instructional meeting.  
Items needed on all assistance request:  
Letter of Intent  
From a List of community members or individuals  
(Town) Example attached  
List of street names  
List of streets per contractor pick-ups.  
All numeric addresses on that list of streets  
FEMA verifies these addresses with GPS location.  
Any specific areas that are commercial should be notated, and with specific addresses.  
Contracts (Rights of Entry)  
Invoices  
Proof of Payments  
Ronica Jackson  
Accounting Manager  
Town of Longboat Key

**Building permits**

To: Longboat Key Planning and Zoning Director Allen Parsons  
Thanks, Allen. Got it.  
Ken Schneier  
Mayor  
Town of Longboat Key

**Building Permits**

To: Longboat Key Mayor Ken Schneier  
Apologies. I may have made things more complicated with my response. I thought the initial question was about a homeowner seeking to apply for a permit. I was wanting to point out this distinction that homeowners can apply for their own permit, if it's a single-family home. They can't if they live in a condo.  
Your follow-up is very straightforward. Yes, a contractor can apply on a property owner's behalf (for single-family or for condos).  
Allen Parsons  
Planning and Zoning Director  
Town of Longboat Key

**Building Permits**

To: Longboat Key Planning and Zoning Director Allen Parsons  
So, to be clear, a contractor can't sign the permit for work on a single family home. It must be the owner in person in FL?  
Ken Schneier  
Mayor  
Town of Longboat Key

**Building Permits**

To: Longboat Key Mayor Ken Schneier  
Thanks for assisting. The contractor can apply for the permit (& FYI, would need to be the one applying, if the work is being done in a condo). If the homeowner (of a single-family home) is applying, they would need to wait until they're back in FL, for our staff to verify their ID in signing as the owner. If they have any further questions, please encourage them to give us a call.  
Allen Parsons  
Director Planning, Zoning & Building Department  
Town of Longboat Key

**Building Permits**

To: Longboat Key Planning and Zoning Director Allen Parsons  
A snowbird from Canada asks if he can sign a building permit application in Canada and have it notarized and/or witnessed there, or does he need to wait until he is back in FL? I thought the contractor here could sign and submit the application? Thanks.  
Ken Schneier  
Mayor  
Town of Longboat Key

**Grants permits**

To: Longboat Key Town Manager Howard Tipton  
Perhaps a different situation now with 2200 homes substantially damaged.  
BJ Bishop  
Commissioner  
Town of Longboat Key

**Grants permits**

To: Longboat Key Commissioner BJ Bishop  
We did review the program this past summer and will circle back around to review again.

**See Letters, page 15**

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L'AMBIANCE

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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.

## Nov. 1 Driver’s license

4:39 a.m.  
Officer Pescuma received a target alert service hit for a license plate image captured from the license plate reader camera. The vehicle was traveling northbound and the alert was for a suspended/revoked/canceled driver’s license. Officer Pescuma searched the database and confirmed that the registered owner’s driver’s license was suspended on Oct. 28. The vehicle was located and a traffic stop was conducted on a white Toyota Rav4. Officer Pescuma made contact with the driver and introduced himself and provided the reason for the traffic stop. Officer Pescuma advised the driver that his driver’s license was suspended. The driver said, “I knew that it was suspended and I have an appointment at the DMV on Monday, Nov. 4 to get my driver’s license back.” Additionally the driver said she knew there was a lapse in auto insurance and could not provide current proof of insurance, nor was there insurance on file. Officer Pescuma inquired why she was driving and the driver said she was delivering newspapers. Officer Pescuma issued a citation for knowingly driving vehicle while license is suspended. Officer Pescuma advised that the driver could not drive and he made arrangements for transportation.



during low tide so he could do a repair to the port side of the vessel. The sailboard was not obstructing the canal, and no one was in any danger. Case clear.

## Nov. 5

Dredge  
6:16 p.m.  
Officer Pescuma was dispatched to the 7200 block of Gulf of Mexico Drive in reference to a dredge pipeline potentially obstructing the channel in Longboat Pass. Officer Troyer advised that the dredge vessel was in the vicinity conducting operations. Additionally, Officer Troyer notified the U.S. Coast Guard and advised the same. They are aware of the operations and will ensure a marine radio broadcast is made. Case clear.

## Nov. 2 Garage Door

9:52 p.m.  
Officer Miklos was dispatched to the 6200 block of Gulf of Mexico Drive in reference to a suspicious incident when the complainant said he received multiple notifications about his garage door opening and closing. Upon arrival, Officer Pescuma conducted a check of the property. Officer Miklos observed the doorbell covered by a plastic bag and painter’s tape. Officer Miklos continued his check and did not observe any suspicious activity or signs of forced entry. However, Officer Miklos did locate an unlocked rear door that led to the garage. Officer Miklos observed several valuable items still located in the garage. Officer Pescuma called the complainant and advised him of the door. The complainant advised he didn’t wish for the Police Department to conduct an interior check of the residence and he would have a neighbor lock the door. The complainant believed the notifications were due to an internet outage. Case clear.

## Nov. 3 Raccoon

3:22 p.m.  
Officer Nazareno was dispatched to Sands Point Road for an animal problem call regarding a raccoon that was not injured by the restaurant area. Sarasota County Animal Control advised that the Animal Control does not remove nuisance wildlife and will not be responding. Officer Nazareno then advised the caller that the Animal Control does not remove nuisance animals. Case clear.

## Lights

5:58 p.m.  
Officer Miklos and Officer Tillman were dispatched to Greer Island in reference to lights flashing in the Gulf of Mexico. Officer Tillman arrived on scene and observed a buoy with a flashing beacon. Officer Tillman advised everything was normal and there was no suspicious activity. Case clear.

## Nov. 4 Vessel

6:48 a.m.  
Officer Troyer responded to a report of a suspicious vessel. Upon arrival, Officer Troyer observed a sailboat in the canal and was laying on the starboard side. Officer Troyer observed the vessel and spoke with the occupant and he reported he purposely put the vessel on the side

## Tire

11:11 p.m.  
Officer Ramsaier while on patrol, observed a vehicle parked at the gas station after hours. Officer Ramsaier made contact with the owner of the vehicle who stated she had a flat tire. Officer Ramsaier observed the rear passenger tire of the vehicle was low on air. Officer Ramsaier assisted in putting air in the tire for the woman and she left the scene without incident. Case clear.

## Nov. 5 Mailbox

11:58 a.m.  
Officer Nazareno responded to Marbury Lane for a property damage report. Upon arrival, Officer Nazareno made contact with the complainant who advised that a white FedEx truck accidentally struck her mailbox. Officer Nazareno observed the minor damage to the mailbox on Nov. 5. Officer Nazareno observed the minor damage to the mailbox door which was still attached and the mailbox still standing in place. The homeowner showed the Ring Doorbell video where the FedEx truck made contact with the mailbox. The homeowner was given the case number and will contact the FedEx customer service to report the incident and seek payment for the damage to her mailbox. Case clear.

## Nov. 6 Lizard

1:24 p.m.  
Officer Nazareno was dispatched to the 4500 block of Gulf of Mexico Drive for an animal problem call regarding a 3.5 foot lizard walking southbound at the beach area. Upon arrival, Officer Nazareno canvased the area but was unable to locate the animal.

## Golf Clubs

12:00 p.m.  
Officer Nazareno was met in the police lobby by the complainant to file an information report regarding a full set of Callaway Golf Clubs valued at \$1,500 that was missing from his vehicle. The man’s vehicle was towed by an unknown towing company on Oct. 1 due to flood damage from the hurricane on Harbourside Drive to a tow yard in Arcadia. The complainant advised that during the time of the tow they were unable to access the trunk of the vehicle to retrieve his golf clubs due to electrical damage to the vehicle. Then on Oct. 24, the complainant was able to access his vehicle trunk in Clewiston where the vehicle was towed and discovered his golf clubs missing from the trunk. The complainant was advised to contact the Acadia Police Department or Clewiston Police Department to file a criminal report. Case clear.

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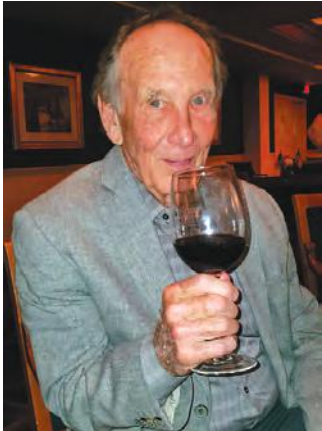
**S.W. and Rich Hermansen**  
Guest Writers  
wine@lbknews.com

Don't get the wrong idea about the sumptuous dinner parties in 19th century France, the seven course menus with a glass of wine paired with each course.

Seven glasses of wine during a dinner might suggest besotted guests nodding their heads dangerously close to their fine Saint Armand dinner plates. Not so. The wine glasses of the time held not much more than an ounce of the carefully curated wine. Sipping seven small glasses of wine would merely add a dimension of taste to each course.

In our era of gigantic Martini glasses, supersized wine glasses, and hefty steins of beer, the art of drinking small sips of alcoholic beverages has fallen out of fashion. We hope to revive the pleasures of sipping little pours of wines, liqueurs, and spirits.

The drinks that add a dimension to a dining experience have special characteristics and strong tastes. A light pour of a 2023 Corte Vigna Pinot Grigio from the Provincia di Pavia



(ABV 11%) cleanses the palate before tasting a shellfish or light finfish course, and its sharp acidic finish stimulates gastric juices that aid in digestion. On a bargain shelf the Corte Vigna Pinot Grigio costs less than \$5 for a 750ML bottle. We use wines like this in cooking and to pour in small qualities to enhance fish dishes.

Sipping a Sherry, Port, or Madeira in a small glass better prepares us at times for a robust meal better than a whiskey or Gin cocktail. Among our favorites, the non-vintage Henriques

y Henriques Rainwater Meio Seco (medium dry) Madeira (~\$20) has a light caramel and hazelnut taste.

We have written at length about Amari Aperitifs and Digestifs, and won't repeat ourselves. We'll move on to higher alcohol after dinner drinks. Brandies figure prominently in this category. The ABK6 Cognac VS (\$30) from the Cognac Commune in the Abecassis region of France (\$40) has the smooth taste imparted by at least two years of aging in French oak barrels.

Cognac shares a similar taste profile with Madeira, but with more heat. A Grappa, a spirit distilled in Italy from what's left over after making wine, has a strong taste. Small sips of the Alberti Strega Grappa di Aglianico, Campania, Italy (\$48) taste best. Vodka infused with all types of flavors has become popular; less so, and neglected as we see it, Aquavit from Scandinavia infuses caraway seeds and perhaps dill, fennel, star anise, and coriander as well into a neutral distilled spirit. The Lysholm Linie Aquavit (\$38) from Norway uses oak barrels for aging, including months at sea in turbulent waters. The Linie Aquavit has a grainy texture with hints of rye bread.

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 Otago Valley in New Zealand. Currently he splits time between residences in Chevy Chase, Maryland and St. Armand's Circle in Florida.

Rich Hermansen selected his 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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# Moving Forward Together...

We have so much to be thankful for. We offer our sincerest appreciation to all of the first responders and Town officials who are helping us recover, and to members of our community for pulling together when it was needed most.

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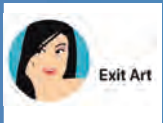
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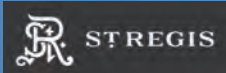
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There are as I recall some challenges with it that we'll have to overcome.  
Howard N. Tipton  
Town Manager  
Town of Longboat Key

Grants permits

To: Longboat Key Town Manager Howard Tipton  
Can you give us some idea if staff can tackle this?  
BJ Bishop  
Commissioner  
Town of Longboat Key

Grants permits

To: Longboat Key Commissioner BJ Bishop  
Great news! Thanks for the update. Your grants person should be very helpful but remember that they have little control of the outcome or the timeline. Your project has to compete with other projects within the state for funding since it is limited. Please let us know if you run into any hurdles that we may be able to assist with.  
Rianna McDonald  
Office of Congressman Greg Steube

Grants permits

To: Office of Greg Steube's Rianna McDonald  
I spoke with her today. I know it is a lengthy process. I am hoping our grants person can facilitate this for our citizens.



## Town of Longboat Key

### ATTENTION VOLUNTEERS

The Town of Longboat Key is accepting applications for appointment to the following boards:

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