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Hotel gets green light for Downtown Sarasota

The project, on more than one-third of an acre, will consist of 173 rooms and a parking lot.

A hotel was approved for Downtown Sarasota bayfront district by the City of Sarasota last week.

The project, on more than one-third of an acre at 1225, 1233 and

1243 Second St., will consist of 173 rooms and a parking lot.

M2RE Partners LLC proposed the project as a mixed-use property in September 2022 before receiving approval Oct. 16.

The hotel's site was acquired for \$2.5 million in February 2022, according to property records. M2RE Partners' website depicts the

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Longboat's Moorings named top marina

The marina was named number one in the U.S. by readers of Southern Boating magazine.



The largest resort marina on the west coast of Florida, Longboat Key Moorings offers deep-water access to the Gulf as well as a protected location with first-class amenities. The marina has 291 slips, including many for transients; it can handle vessels up to 150 feet. Transient docking is \$5.75 a foot, plus a \$45 fee, both per night, behind a 24-hour manned gate.

The magazine notes:

"The marina has an easy, well-marked entrance, with a large fuel dock with gas, diesel and pump-out facilities. Each slip has electricity, water, WiFi, and access to heads, showers and laundry facilities. The resort's amenities include a heated pool, hot tub, tennis courts, spa, four pickleball courts, bikes, and portside dining at the Portofino restaurant and four other restaurants and lounges.

A white-sand beach is across the street. It stretches 12 miles along the Gulf.

A resort shuttle will take you to the Publix grocery store about half a mile away for provisioning, or all the way to St. Armands Circle for dining and boutique shopping."

Patrick's opening after remodel

Patrick's 1481, named after its 1481 Main Street address, has been a fixture of downtown Sarasota since 1985 and will reopen with a grand opening party at 5 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 1.

"After a fantastic major remodel, we can't wait to welcome you back to our iconic downtown destination," reads the restaurant's social media post.

Key Club Beauties



A Roseate Spoonbill and Wood Storks enjoy the day at the Longboat Key Club. Photo by Leighton Allenby. See Facebook: You and me on Longboat Key

SOS names executive director

Save Our Seabirds (SOS), one of the largest bird rescue and rehabilitation centers in Florida, recently welcomed Brian Walton as its new executive director after a nationwide search.

A strategic thinker with expertise in the nonprofit sector, Walton most recently served as executive director for North Brevard Charities in Titusville, Florida. During his time there, he led all aspects of the social service agency, which included operating 59 affordable housing units, a thrift store and two food



pantries. Walton also raised millions in private and government grant revenue, and significantly increased multiple revenue streams.

In his new role with SOS, Walton will be tasked with leading and managing all operational aspects

of the organization and developing long-term strategies with the board of directors. Other responsibilities will include establishing goals for financial and operational performance, expanding the donor base, increasing brand awareness and enlarging the impact of SOS.

"We are excited to have Brian Walton join our team as executive director," said Jim Curtis, board chair of Save Our Seabirds. "With his extensive and relevant experience in managing nonprofit organizations, his proven leadership skills, and his energy and enthusiasm, we are confident that he is the perfect person to lead us in our next phases of development. This includes creating a significantly revised site

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Mote honors educators at Toast to Teachers

Mote Marine Laboratory & Aquarium honored a room of over 220 local science and elementary teachers from Sarasota, Manatee and DeSoto counties at its inaugural Toast to Teachers appreciation event last month.

“Over nearly 70 years Mote has grown into a global powerhouse of diverse marine research programs, but a vital part of Mote’s mission is STEM Education. We believe that only through engagement with experiential learning opportunities can people truly understand the impact of marine science and our connections to the oceans,” said Mote’s President and CEO, Dr. Crosby in his comments to the teachers and their guests. “Tonight is about giving thanks to you for helping our next generation develop and embrace a thirst for learning about science, technology, engineering and mathematics, and unraveling the mysteries of nature and love of discovery.

Teachers spent the night gathered in Mote’s Courtyard and enjoyed complimentary cuisine, cocktails, dancing, raffle items, and entertainment, all generously donated by local businesses and community members. At the conclusion of his comments, Dr. Crosby asked all assembled to join him when he said, “I offer a signature toast to our teachers for their passionate dedication and vital service of instilling discipline of critical thinking and other skills essential for our next generation to navigate across an ocean of discovery.”

Donations were also raised to benefit Mote Education with a total of \$60,000 raised for the ‘Toast to Teachers’ Education fund, which provides local counties with access to Mote’s Education programs.

“Accessible, quality STEM education – for all – is at the forefront of Mote’s mission,” said Aly Busse, Mote’s Associate Vice President for Education. “The most important part of Toast To Teachers is giving these educators the appreciation and recognition they deserve. It is our goal to use the ‘Toast to Teachers’ Education fund to continue to give back to our teachers, to give them the access, tools, and resources to share with their classes. This fund will help us increase Mote’s commitment to accessible STEM education, which will be expanded through the new Mote Science Education Aquarium.”

Guests also heard the latest updates on the new Mote Science Education Aquarium (Mote

SEA) and the science education programs that will be available once construction is completed.

Mote SEA will provide informal science education and enhanced levels of ocean literacy to much larger and more diverse populations from around the world. Notably, Mote SEA will serve as a regional hub for expanding marine science and technology education and inspiration to every K-12 student in our community—Oceans for All.

The new science-focused facility will provide informal science education to a larger, more diverse audience, including 70,000 students from Sarasota and Manatee County schools – free of charge.

“Mote SEA will also feature interactive labs and hands-on classrooms that will be accessible to every school in this region, including no-cost opportunities, so that each child has the chance to discover marine science and technology, first-hand,” said Dr. Crosby. “This new facility is for our teachers. It is for our children. It is for the next generation of marine science leaders. Strategically collaborating with schools and community groups where needs are the greatest, Mote will continue to educate children who might not otherwise have access to aquariums and marine science education.”

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development’s future penthouse.

The hotel’s zoning is split between the Downtown Bayfront district and the Downtown Core district, allowing for buildings up to 10 stories at 18 feet per story. A name for the project has yet to be announced, and a completion date is unknown.

It will sit next to the Embassy Suites and near The Westin and The Ritz-Carlton just across North Tamiami Trail.

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plan, rebuilding our 32 aviaries and constructing a new, modern hospital.”

Walton attended Johnson University and received a bachelor’s degree in counseling and a master’s degree in communications. He is a certified fundraising executive and certified non-profit consultant.



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The reverse-style layout places the main living areas on the second level, optimizing the best of the views. The open concept of this level comprises the gourmet kitchen with its poured terrazzo waterfall edge island and Miele appliances, as well as the family room, living/dining room, and secluded master suite.

Boasting all the amenities required for luxury living, this SMART home's inspired style highlights spectacular water views that stretch out to the Gulf of Mexico from just about every room of the nearly 6,600 square-foot interior.



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Column of Oct. 20

To: Editor
Loved the column about the Bethesda Hot Shoppes. Growing up in Chevy Chase, that was a hot date night spot. And before that, my mother went with her dates. The Mighty Mo, an Orange Freeze and onion rings, and maybe the hot fudge ice cream cake. Thanks for the memories. I spend half the year there and always lament the missing Hot Shoppes on the corner of Wisc and East West Hwy.
Susan Ugast Coneys
Sarasota

Letter from LBK

To: FPL Area Manager Devaney Iglesias
To: Florida Power and Light Area Manager Devany
I'm attaching a letter that has been sent to you through the mail for your information and clarify our understanding of how we move forward. We are focused on getting this to the finish line and committed to doing whatever it takes to make that happen. We're just asking that FPL have the same mindset. Appreciate the team effort this project takes and look forward to working with you to a great conclusion.
Howard N. Tipton
Town Manager
Town of Longboat Key

Letter from LBK

To: Longboat Key Town Manager Howard Tipton
Thank you, Howard. I will route this through our lead team and circle back.
Devaney Iglesias
Area Manager External Affairs & Economic Development
Florida Power & Light Company

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Our leadership is committed to continue prioritizing the undergrounding project in the Town and our team will remain engaged with your staff and contractors as we work towards a conclusion. Thank you for everything you do. We truly appreciate you and your staff.
Devaney Iglesias
Area Manager External Affairs & Economic Development
Florida Power & Light Company

Letter from LBK

To: Longboat Key Commission
FPL's response to the Town's letter regarding the undergrounding project.
Howard N. Tipton
Town Manager
Town of Longboat Key

October 31 Joint Commission Meeting

To: Longboat Key Town Manager Howard Tipton
Welcome back. I hope you enjoyed your trip and your family wedding was a huge success.
In regards to our agenda for Tuesday, I have been asked by LBK North to include a discussion on how to better manage the multiple exit points for traffic leaving the parking lots in Bradenton Beach. As they exist, these multiple exits create significant traffic delays impacting residents of Longboat Key (LBK) during peak periods. LBK residents would like to ask Manatee County for their leadership in developing a traffic management plan that either reduces the number of exit points during peak periods or provides for active traffic manage-

ment in minimizing delays for those leaving LBK.
LBK North is requesting the Commission consider including a discussion regarding policies to better manage egress and ingress during weather emergencies at a future Workshop. Thanks for your consideration of these two topics.
Debbie Murphy
Commissioner
Longboat Key

October 31 Joint Commission Meeting

To: Longboat Key Commissioner Deborah Murphy
Thanks Commissioner. I've forwarded to Mr. Bishop (County Administrator) and am asking for his guidance on how to handle.
Howard N. Tipton
Town Manager
Town of Longboat Key
Sent from my iPad

Joint Meeting with Manatee County Agenda

To: Jim Haft
I think raising the issue of traffic from Coquina would be an excellent public comment if you attend the County / LBK meeting in person. Below is my past note to the County on that issue (and other hot topics) as a point of reference (sent last Feb when I served on the Commission). See yellow highlights.
I am copying Commissioners Debbie Murphy and Deborah Williams who both live and whose districts are in Manatee County. They experience the traffic flow from Coquina first hand like all of us who live on, or travel off, the north end of the Key. Of course all of the Commissioners represent the entire Key and we have a very capable group who should be able to move things forward with the County (especially now that the County finally has a permanent Administrator in place.)
Also know our Mayor and Town Manager will get some firm movement on Whitney Plaza - as we have moved very little in the last 8 months on a commitment back from KVO. It seems ridiculous that this relatively small project is now being complicated with the need to involve two large government bodies (County BOCC and School Board) and all of the bureaucracy that entails. Thanks for your involvement and interest.
Maureen Merrigan
Longboat Key

Just hopped off a call with LBK North, the leaders from 25 homeowner and condo associations - all in Manatee County.
There were a few hot topics - you and your fellow Commissioners can directly impact #1,3,4 - so wanted to give you a heads up:
1 - Great news shared about the County/FDOT decision to finally fund a roundabout at the GMD(SR789)/Broadway intersection and push the timeline up on a project that will absolutely improve safety for pedestrians and for drivers. Thank you.
2 - Home / condo insurance continues to be an issue - policies are being dropped and fees are doubling in some cases.
3 - Traffic going north off of LBK to Bradenton on sunny beach days is horrible. As you well know, many workers on LBK live in Bradenton, including Town employees, all types of trades and service workers. Here is a way to make the commute faster for these workers (who are trying to get home to see family and greet kids getting back from school). When they travel north (off the Key), if workers were able to merge with beach goers leaving one exit from Coquina, their travel times would be improved significantly (for every 5 cars from LBK, 5 beach cars also exit). Today, because of the multiple exits and merging traffic patterns from Coquina and along GMD, for every 5 cars that travel off the Key, approximately 75 beach goers exit. This puts traffic going over the LBK Pass Bridge at a virtual standstill most days, often backing up past Whitney's Restaurant. While addressing this is not going to solve the traffic volume issue, the County can certainly make it fairer for workers. While Manatee County is preparing to activate another 200 parking spaces at Coquina, would encourage you to request

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KeyOpinion

How my marriage survives caffeine-fueled mania

I have perfected the art of turning life into a million and one thrill rides out of ordinary to-dos.

STEVE REID
Editor & Publisher
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The following is part II of the story in which my purchase of a used once-\$6,000 espresso machine off of EBay changed my life in short order. The story continues after I have committed to buying the Espresso machine unbeknownst to my wife and I am driving toward Fort Lauderdale to get it instead of heading to work.

My mother and her entire family are from Poland. I am not sure if it is the hyper-Catholicism of the Poles or the fact that other than God, it is my wife I primarily have to deal with, but as I drove toward Fort Lauderdale past Naples, I started to feel guilty.

"I have to stay focused" I told myself. "But Melissa is going to kill me" kept echoing in the back of my head.



STEVE REID

The phone rang. It was my wife.

As if some super male instinct came over me, I grew purposeful and vague at the same time.

"What is going on, Hun?" My wife asked.

And we have expected patterns. Usually after breakfast, I drive to our Longboat Key office. Now do I stop on the way and talk, socialize, sell ads, torture town staff at Town Hall and make sure there are enough papers at the Post Office and CVS at all times? Yes, that is all part of the routine. So when my wife asked what was going on, I wanted to spend less time selling Melissa on the house-sized espresso machine I had already bought site unseen on EBay.

"I just had breakfast and now I'm heading down the road. What are you doing?" I replied.

Then my wife, who senses like a seismographic needle the slightest deviation and inflection in my manner and voice, says, "Where are you off to next?"

And even though nobody was in the car with me I opened my eyes real wide and suddenly morphed into Bill Clinton.

"Well, I am still working on next," I replied.

Within three seconds I told my wife like some instant confessional that I found the perfect espresso machine on EBay and I was on the way to picking it up "real quick."

That always happens with me: the Catholic guilt takes over in the face of the direct questioning from my German, Baptist wife.



"How much was it? Does it even work? Do you know how to install it? Where is it going to go? Did you factor in your time?"

I have learned all these questions are only worries. But also my wife is thinking through all the realistic pitfalls and unintended consequences and costs. She thinks of the exact things I eliminate from my thought. If I thought of all the problems up front I would never start anything.

So Melissa just listened and gave me her what I can best call "Hmmmmmmm" tone. It means: "Interesting. Hmm. I would not have gone about it that way but it is too late now. Hmmmmm..."

But in many ways my wife does not have to argue, she just watches my nutty plans unravel.

So I confessed to having an affair with EBay while she was lying in bed right beside me. Then I told her the affair cost \$250. She reminded me: "As a starting point"

Then in my pathetic attempt to be thoughtful I asked where in the kitchen would she like it to go?

Melissa then gave me the kind of answer I found indefinite and troubling.

"Well I will have to wait until I see what it looks like," she said.

The second part of our chat was about when I might be returning from this adventure.

My wife is very realistic and makes accurate time estimates. I tend to want to turn everything into a razor's edge challenge of perfect execution. If I have a 30-minute trip, I always somehow get caught up doing things and race like my life depends on it over the speed limit all to make it almost on time. I have perfected the art of turning life into a million and one thrill rides out of ordinary to-dos.

So that being said, Melissa asks, "So what time are you going to be home? Sounds like pretty late."

She must be a saint

I did some quick and optimistic math. "It is only 11:30 a.m." I said to myself. Two hours to Fort Lauderdale, three and half hours back max and an hour buying the espresso machine. How long does it take to buy a stupid cappuccino machine? I thought to myself?

"That's crazy," I reassured my wife, "I should be home 6 to 7 o'clock."

And while I was born Catholic, I have formed a complex in that everyone who knows me and meets my wife immediately and spontaneously says: "Oh, you are Steve's wife. You must be a saint."

Then I will see the same people the next day and they say,

"Your wife is lovely. She is a real saint."

And then I feel compelled to agree. I say, "Yeah she is a saint, I do not know how she does it."

I have had that conversation no less than a 50 times in the last few years.

That being said, when she gets mad at me, she makes a sailor afflicted with Tourette's sound polite.

Pinning down a moving target

But while I was finishing talking with my wife, Jeanette Billings, the marketing director for our newspaper, calls. And she calls again and again.

"Oh no," I think while speaking with my wife.

And let me confess: I forgot in my excitement of the morning that Jeanette and I were planning to have a big sales day at the office and we were supposed to strategize on how to approach the candidates for election advertising.

So with Jeanette I needed to assume the busy boss persona of someone who had but a few moments to speak and I would have to scoot off the phone to some very important appointment, which in reality was a restroom break in Alligator Alley.

Just as I go to dial Jeanette, my daughter calls. She is 16. I have six children with my wife and four are daughters. I see my daughter's face pop up on my android phone screen and I immediately say, "Hey honey..."

"Dad, what time are you coming home?"

"Well I have a project going on, but as soon as I am done I am coming right home."

I look down the nose of my green car, which is pointed like a bullet east to the espresso machine. I see no cars in front or behind and up the speed past 95 MPH.

And my daughter literally says, "Dad, you just gave me a sequence of events, not a time. What time are you coming home?"

Now I feel stuck. I do not want to tell my daughter a wrong time and somehow I feel my wife will understand if I am running late.

"I would say by 9 p.m.," I reply.

She asks, "Can you pick up Chinese from that place that makes the good orange chicken?"

"Isn't mom making dinner tonight?" I ask.

Then my daughter gets the teenager tone: "If you can call it a dinner — she is making enchiladas. I don't know why mom insists on making food nobody can eat."

If there is one thing I have learned — and it could be the only thing I truly have learned — always take the side of my wife and stand up for her in any dispute with the children.

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KeyOpinion

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This is good practice for so many reasons I cannot explain it to those who do not immediately say “that is true.”

So for that reason I tell my daughter that I had to go out of town and had to focus on a project and that the Chinese food is mom’s call

“So work with Mom on the dinner plan,” I said.

“Well, you might as well not feed me,” she said as goodbye.

Hot, steaming and ready...

The weeds were no less than 30 inches high surrounding Il Cappuccino — a long closed down restaurant on some run down strip mall somewhere on a busy strip in Fort Lauderdale.

Sal, the Espresso machine seller, was nowhere. I knocked on the back. Legal notices were posted on the door. I called and got no answer. Finally I get Sal.

“Estevo,” he says, “I am 10 minutes from you. Just wait or get a pizza next door.”

Sal shows up with a crew of workers who grab drywall buckets and tools and they head to the door.

Then I notice he is talking very fast about how the machine is just too big for the restaurant he is renovating.

“I am going to the pod system — but this is a great commercial grade machine,” says Sal.

Then Sal says he has a commercial grinder he will throw in as well. “Do you have a truck,” he asks?

As we walk in the near-abandoned-looking restaurant, the whole scene is chaotic. Old Mediterranean photo wallpaper is half torn from the walls. The whole restaurant is about 15 feet wide and very deep. In the back is a large butchers block and that is when I saw her for the first time.

I stared at the espresso machine as if some EBay matchmaking service had left me face to face with the most stunning and intelligent and refined cappuccino machine ever dreamt of and I was taking her home.

Italian with gold, platinum, dark brown and raven black accents with hot steam slowly finding its way out as if it was saying, “I am ready.”

And Sal became obsessed in showing me how the espresso maker makes the perfect crema — the frothy head that forms on perfectly executed shots of espresso.

So in a matter of 10 minutes we had no less than six or seven espresso shots and then like a man clearing out everything associated with his old life he and the boys carried loads of supplies to the car. The espresso maker was carried by three of the guys and we moved the front seat all the way back. On a blanket and on cardboard it sat next to me like the largest date I have ever had in a front seat all the way home to Sarasota.

The grinder fit in the trunk. Sal had basically given me the backbone of a Starbucks operation for \$250 I thought with some pride.

The problem is it took more than two hours to load the machine and drink all that espresso. I also had waited and waited for Sal. It was now turning dark and cold in the December evening.

I drove toward I-95 with my arm draped up and over the top of the machine. And As I drive south I noticed my phone was not charged. I am heading toward Naples, how hard can that be to find? I said to myself.

Well between the night, the lights and the caffeine, I circuitously found my way to Alligator Alley, but I was no laser.

It was pitch black and I grew tired. I kept on as the hour passed 7 then 8 and I was almost to Naples. I called my wife. She said she just finished eating Chinese food with the kids. “I thought you were making enchiladas?” I asked.

“I wanted to,” she said, “but I could not find the Verde sauce — I thought I had bought two cans of it at Publix...”

I pictured my oldest daughter coming downstairs with a bath towel and returning to her room with the concealed Verde sauce and hiding them in her sock drawer.

My wife asked about the espresso machine and “my progress.”

“Honey — it is amazing. It makes the most incredible crema...”

“The most incredible what?” she asked.

She had far more pertinent things to talk about.

“You are not planning on installing that thing tonight are you?”

I had not thought that far ahead I said.

“Well, Sophia has been waking up easily lately. I do not know if she has an ear infection. If you could just come in quiet and leave the chaos to morning.”

Now I do take my wife’s side when she faces an adversary. But when it comes to following unreasonable requests like not installing a cappuccino machine at 3 a.m., I draw the line.

Could I be so wrong?

I keep driving in silence. Despite a front tire blowout and a 30-minute tire change outside Naples right on the highway in front of Bass Pro Shops, I made it home the same day.

But it was close to midnight and my wife was already asleep as was everyone except Alex, my oldest son and Ariana, my second oldest daughter.

Using carpets, a piano dolly and a final backbreaking hoist I put the espresso maker in place.

And In my judgment I put the Cappuccino maker right where I thought my wife will want it. I also knew that the outlet to the sink disposer, which I was going to cannibalize and covert to 220, and the water supply were in reach — or so I thought.

My son even agreed: “I think it should go there,” he said after a brief consideration.

It turned out I was wrong. Wrong on the placement, wrong on how well the machine would work — at least initially — and wrong on my electrical system approach and even in my approach to the plumbing.

But the challenges did make me work harder to meet the placement demands of my wife and the electrical needs of the

machine.

But the worst thing I underestimated was the effect of the sheer volume of espressos consumed each day. It was literally a journey to a frenetic underworld in my kitchen and living room over the next two weeks. Arguments, wild spending and technical feats all are part of the story that will continue next week.

My apologies: I thought the conclusion would be this week, but occasionally my time estimates are off.

— Steve Reid

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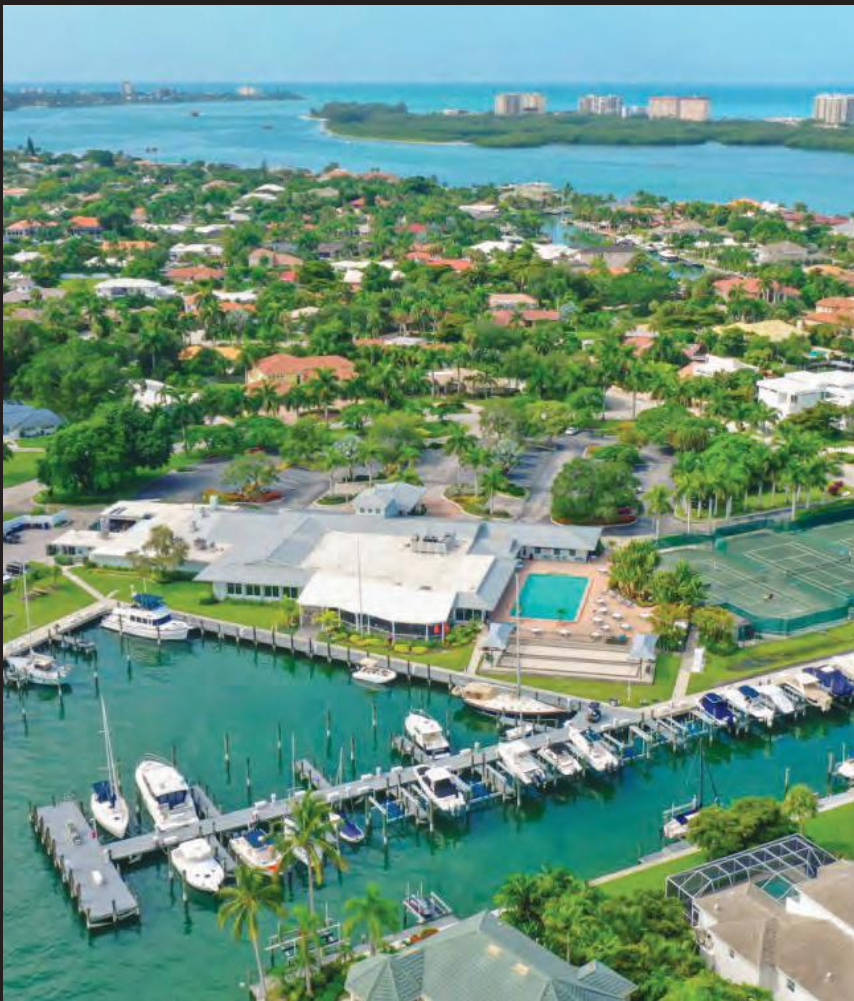
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The following are actual police reports as written by Longboat Key Police Officers. They are edited for length, punctuation and to protect privacy.

Oct. 20 Property Damage

11:01 p.m.
Officer Maple while on patrol of Whitney Plaza, located property damage at the 6800 block of Gulf of Mexico Drive. The damage appears to be a result of an accident up against glass at point of impact and no foul play is suspected. Visual inspection of immediate area of broken glass did not show anything else out of place or an obvious attempt to gain entry to the business. Approximately 30 minutes prior to the discovery, several patrons from the bar were in the vicinity but their involvement is not known. Time of damage is also unknown as the business is currently under construction, not operating under specific hours and this patrol request was the first of the evening for that location. Glass window damage estimated at approximately \$1,000. Once on scene, in an attempt to try and locate business owner, Sgt. Puccio made contact with the person who said she would contact property manager to report damage and see if the owner of the business could be located. Owner's contact information is not currently known as it is under new construction and information was not available from any posted signage on the exterior of the business. Case clear.



Oct. 22 Citizen dispute

10:00 a.m.
Officer Nazareno was dispatched to the Bayfront dog park for a civil dispute call. Upon arrival, Sgt. Smith made contact with the complainant who advised that a woman with two brown dogs approached her and started cursing at her for having two small dogs along with the two big dogs at the area marked for big dogs. The two parties were separated at the time of arrival and Officer Nazareno spoke with the other party who refused to give her name and information. During the preliminary investigation, officers determined that no crime took place and was only a verbal dispute. Case clear.

Dog on the beach

2:05 p.m.
Officer Nazareno was dispatched to the 3100 block of Gulf of Mexico Drive for a dog on the beach call. Upon arrival, Officer Nazareno made contact with the owner of the dog and advised her that dogs were not allowed on the beach area per Longboat Key Ordinance. The dog owner was given a verbal warning and escorted off the beach area. The caller did not wish to be seen or contacted. Case clear.

Boat

2:04 p.m.
Officer Smith was dispatched to the Longboat Pass Bridge for a report of a vessel tied off to the bridge with a diver flag. Marine Unit 82 was operated by Officer Kolodziecki and he observed the vessel was not tied off to the bridge and they had a diver flag in the water. No violation was observed. Case clear.

Suspicious vehicle

11:22 p.m.
Officer Butler while on patrol, observed three vehicles parked with occupants at the end of the park. Officer Butler initiated a suspicious vehicle and documented the three automobiles. After a brief investigation it was determined that all three vehicle occupants were in the park after 11 p.m. fishing. Officer Maple issued four warnings for being in the park after 11 p.m. and Officer Butler issued three parking warnings. Case clear.

Oct. 24 Animal complaint

12:25 p.m.
Officer Mathis was dispatched to Binnacle Point Drive in reference to an injured bird. Upon arrival, Officer Mathis observed an Egret laying near the front of Binnacle Point Drive. As Officer Mathis approached the bird, it was apparent that it was deceased and had been for some time and no rescue attempts were necessary. Case clear.

Citizen assist

1:30 p.m.
Officer Montfort while on patrol, observed an elderly man disabled on a mobile scooter in the area of 3700 block of Gulf of Mexico Drive. Officer Montfort made contact with the man who advised he ran out of battery on his mobile scooter. Officer Mathis and Officer Montfort assisted the man by pushing him home in the Twin Shores Community. Case clear.

Boat

1:55 p.m.
Officer Connors while on marine patrol, was dispatched to the waterway area around Fair Oaks Place for a Longboat Key resident concerned about a commercial fisherman using nets. Prior to arrival, Officer Connors spoke to the complainant via phone advising that using nets area legal while fishing, but would check the area for an potential violations. A check of the area for any potential violations. A check of the area was negative and all appeared in order. Case clear.

Suspicious incident

11:59 p.m.
Officer Maple was dispatched to Cutter Lane for a report of a residential burglary. Upon arrival, Officer Maple met with Sgt. Butler who had also responded and immediately located the person who said she witnessed a person going through the house across the street using a flashlight and had entered through the garage. She said the owner is not supposed to be home and did not recognize the car in the driveway. Officer Maple and Sgt. Butler canvassed the outside of Cutter Lane and did not see any persons inside the house through windows. Contact was made with occupant by knocking on the front door. The occupant of the residence was the owner who confirmed her identity and said she had just arrived at her residence for the season. Case clear.

Oct. 25 Noise

5:03 p.m.
Officer Nazareno was dispatched to the 6100 block of Gulf of Mexico Drive for a noise complaint regarding construction noise after 5 p.m. Upon arrival, Officer Nazareno made contact with the roof service and advised him that his company was in violation of the noise ordinance and would have to stop work immediately. Officer Nazareno issued him a written warning for violating noise ordinance. The caller did not wish to be contacted. Case clear.

Oct. 26 Citizen assist

12:38 p.m.
Officer Nazareno responded to the 2800 block of Gulf of Mexico drive for a citizen assist call. Upon arrival, Officer Nazareno was met by the complainant who advised that he was from out of town and did not have his cell phone on hand and was lost. Officer Nazareno was able to contact a relative that gave the address where he was staying. Case clear.

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a traffic evaluation to determine the fairest way to move daily workers (with coquina beach vacationers) every day back to Bradenton. Most LBK residents and visitors know the drill and avoid travel north from 2:30-7pm during season - but workers are at the mercy of county planners / traffic engineers.

4- Much disappointment expressed about the County’s decision to stop progress on the Whitney Plaza project. Call if you can provide any background (or better yet get them to re-visit the decision.).

Maureen Merrigan
Longboat Key

Joint Meeting with Manatee County Agenda

To: Longboat Key Commission
The agenda packet for the 10-31-23 Joint Meeting with Manatee County is now available on your iPads.

You may also access the agenda material using another device by clicking the following link:
<https://longboatkey.egnyte.com/dl/TCrLieqyWj>.

Please let me know if you have any questions or issues accessing the material.
Savannah Cobb
Deputy Town Clerk
Town of Longboat Key

Award

To: Sarasota Bradenton International Airport President Rick Piccolo
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Ken Schneier
Mayor
Town of Longboat Key

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To: Longboat Key Mayor Ken Schneier
Thank you for the kind words. It really is a reflection on the entire team here and I am blessed to have such great people. Have a great week.
Fredrick J. (Rick) Piccolo AAE
President, Chief Executive Officer
Sarasota Bradenton International Airport

LBK Chamber Makes the Holidays Brighter

To: Longboat Key Commissioner Gary Coffin
The Longboat Key Chamber of Commerce supports Manatee Children’s Services at holiday time. Manatee Children’s Services is a non-profit child advocacy center that has been providing comprehensive child abuse prevention and intervention for over 4 decades, serving our most vulnerable population, child victims of abuse.
Each year during the holiday season, the Longboat Key Chamber of Commerce Ambassadors assist Manatee Children’s Services in fulfilling the gift wishes of the children they serve as part of their “Holiday Project”. The LBK Chamber Ambassadors are holiday sponsors and this year, Manatee Children’s Services has asked the sponsors to provide \$100 gift cards.

If you would like to participate with the chamber in making this holiday season brighter for a child in need, please consider purchasing a gift card from Walmart, Target, Visa, Mastercard or Amazon and either mail or bring the card to the LBK Chamber office, 5390 Gulf of Mexico Drive, Suite #102, Longboat Key by Friday, Dec. 1st at 5pm. Our goal is to provide Manatee Children’s Services with 60 gift cards. The LBK Chamber has raised enough money through our members’ generous purchase of raffle tickets at networking events to support 21 gift cards. The Ambassadors goal is to provide 60 gift cards as they did last year.

Will you help us get to our goal of 60 cards??
The LBK Chamber Ambassadors thank you for considering joining us in this wonderful “Holiday Project” and making this holiday season a bright one for the kids in the Manatee Children’s Services shelter.
Gail Loefgren
President/CEO
Longboat Key Chamber of Commerce

George Orwell, Milton Friedman, and Bay management

To: Longboat Key Commission, Sarasota City Commission
As has been summarized by others, George Orwell’s 1945 book Animal Farm focuses on “..the capacity of ordinary people to continue to believe in a revolution that has been utterly betrayed.” What in the world does Orwell’s work have to do with managing Sarasota Bay’s water quality? Well, it’s easy to say Not Much. But his work can be interpreted as an example of why enacted actions and processes should be examined on a regular basis, to make sure they meet their intended purpose. After all, the intent of the revolution of the animals in Orwell’s book was not to replace the dictatorship of the farmer with a dictatorship of other animals. Another quote is relevant here, from the economist Milton Friedman - “One of the great mistakes is to judge policies and programs by their intentions, rather than their results” – btw, this quote is included in Joel’s email signature, and it’s worth contemplating. The SBEP (and other government agencies) should be expected to show evidence of the benefits of fol-

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What’s happening at the Education Center at Temple Beth Israel

The Education Center offers over 150 programs each season to keep the mind active and the spirit young!

Susan Gokdfarb
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The Education Center at Temple Beth Israel is gearing up for its 2023-2024 season. The office opened Monday, October 16, and the Fall Term will begin on Monday, November 6.

As most Longboaters remember, The LBK Education Center was in operation at the Centre Shops of Longboat Key since 1990 and was in the former Observer building for 5 years before that. Covid forced the successful, not-for-profit, lifelong learning center to officially dissolve in 2021. Isaac Azerad, executive director of Temple Israel, came to the rescue and suggested that an education center be recreated at the temple.

Now in its third season of operation at Temple Beth Israel, The Education Center continues to provide the community with adult enrichment through education, culture, and recreation, offering over 150 programs each season to keep the mind active and the spirit young!

The Fall Term will include many popular, returning programs such as chair yoga, bridge, Monday film club, qigong, movie discussions, mixed levels yoga, painting, canasta, mah jongg, and the Cine-World Film Festival seminar.

One of the new programs beginning this fall will be Nordic Walking, continuing in the Winter and Spring terms. Nordic walking is used with specifically designed poles that help you get a full body workout with optimal assistance. Our Fall workshop on November 18 from 1-3 pm, entitled The Bittersweet Truth of Sugar, promises to be very helpful, informative, and timed just before we succumb to holiday overindulgences! Gain insight instead of weight and avoid the inevitable New Year’s diet resolution! This program will also highlight how an increase



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Film buffs will enjoy a special trilogy film series on Thursdays, November 9, 16, and 30, from 1:30-4:30 pm, that features three masterpieces by writer/director Christian Petzold.

Every year we sell out of nature walks in the Winter Term, so we have added The Nature of Longboat Key to the Fall and Spring Terms. This four-session Thursday program, which begins November 9 from 9-10:30 am, introduces and arouses everyone’s sensibilities to the nature and beauty of the unique ecosystems found on Longboat Key and the plants and animals that call them home.

In addition to all new lectures in the annual Lecture Series, new Sunday concerts and special Thursday and Friday presentations, The Education Center will offer a plethora of programs including: Supreme Court, American history, world politics, French for travelers, film festivals, birding, Broadway bios, music and dance appreciation, literature and poetry, book clubs and writing workshop. People will enjoy the Happy Hour Jazz concerts called Wind Down Wednesdays as well as New Orleans Jazz Nights on Tuesday evenings, both in January and February. And there is much, much more, including the return of the fabulous Westcoast Black Theatre Troupe on March 10, generously sponsored by Longboat Key part-time resident, Sy Goldblatt and a special fundraiser for the school called Kickin’ Karaoke & Dancing Through the Decades on February 10. Save the dates! More about these events and highlights of upcoming programs in subsequent columns. Stay tuned!

Look for our newly designed brochures at popular businesses in the Centre Shops of LBK like the Blue Dolphin, The Lazy Lobster, Exit Art, David Gregory Salon, and the LBK Chamber of Commerce. Better yet, drop by The Education Center at Temple Beth Israel located at 567 Bay Isles Road. If you would like us to mail you a brochure, please contact us by email at edcenter@longboatkeytemple.org. For further inquiries call 941-383-8222, although email is quicker and more efficient. The office is closed on Fridays in the Fall Term. There are no classes Thanksgiving week, November 20-24.

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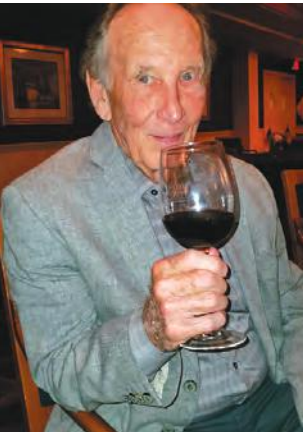
The cost factor figures heavily in the choices of wine. The retail prices of Cab and Chardonnay varietals favored by many US travelers exceed by far the prices of European wines of comparable quality.

S.W. and Rich Hermansen
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European airlines know what wines to offer to travelers; airlines in the US not so much. Air France has a consulting sommelier, Paola Basso, who selects wines to pair with meals. In the past, US airlines would offer white or red, usually a choice between mediocre Cabernet Sauvignon or Chardonnay. Happily, that situation is changing, at least for premium, business, and first-class passengers. How quickly and pervasively those changes will happen remains to be seen.

The cost factor figures heavily in the choices of wine. The retail prices of Cab and Chardonnay varietals favored by many US travelers exceed by far the prices of European wines of comparable quality. Air France, for example, has the 2019 Crozes-Hermitage E. Guigal or 2022 Chablis (Chardonnay) Chartron et Trébuchet in its October 2023 list of white wines. A comparable varietal, say the 2019 Arista Russian River Chardonnay, costs \$60 per bottle versus \$34 for the Chablis. Similarly, the 2016 Saint-Emilion Grand Cru Chateau Tour de Capet from Bordeaux costs less than \$20, whereas a comparable Cabernet Sauvignon varietal, the 2015 Stag's Leap, costs more than \$50. A greater variety of wines to choose from opens up opportunities to find vintages and bargains that will enhance an affordable dining experience.

US airlines have begun reaching outside California and Northern Europe for higher quality wines with lower price points. American Airlines now offers a broader range of wines, but in August 2023 announced that Business Class travelers would no longer have a choice of the renowned Ruinart Champagne (\$54 retail), but instead will be served the Italian Ferrari sparkling wine (First Class will continue to have the choice of Ruinart Champagne). The American Airlines wine list for economy class passengers includes the lighter Mini Cellar Airen-Verdejo wine made from two less well known white grapes from Spain and France, and the more robust



Vina Albali Red Blend (primarily Tempranillo) from Valdepeñas, Spain. Delta's list has two red wines by prominent female winemakers from Argentina, the Luca "G-Lot" Pinot Noir by fourth-generation winemaker Laura Catena and the Susana Balboa's Signature Malbec. Much the same is happening at other US airlines, though often selections depend on the class of ticket and the length of a flight.

US airlines have ramped up food and beverage as effects if pandemic fade. Look for more varied and interesting choices in wine, beer, and spirits.

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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Editor Letters

Letters, from page 11

lowing through with recommendations that cost us and our neighbors so much money. And we should be willing to look at whether or not our bay management strategies need to be refined or even scrapped.

There’s a famous line in that Orwell book – “All animals are equal, but some animals are more equal than others”. Now, is this relevant to how we manage Sarasota Bay? I think so, and I think it’s important enough to discuss here, since managing the bay’s restoration is costing us multiple hundreds of millions of dollars. Instead of “all animals being equal” the relevant point here is that from the standpoint of FDEP and EPA and other regulatory agencies, “all nitrogen loads are considered equal”. Which means, the typical loading models that are used by most agencies to develop management guidance don’t differentiate between the impact of a nitrogen load delivered from atmospheric deposition onto the open waters of the bay, vs. stormwater runoff, vs. wastewater overflows. However, we’ve been developing guidance for Sarasota Bay that fits with Orwell’s line, modified here as “all nitrogen sources are equal, but some are more equal than others.”

Why this approach? Because the science of water quality restoration dates back at least 50 years, and there are plenty of examples of both successes and “failures”. In my private sector experience, I’ve worked on estuarine management projects across Florida, the Gulf of Mexico, Southern California, the Caribbean, and in the Middle East. I’ve worked on dozens of lakes, and about a dozen estuaries. And I have not yet seen a system where retrofitting urban stormwater runoff was able to bring about – on its own – a recovery of water quality. Shocking, right? Since state and federal agencies typically end up with guidance that focuses primarily on reducing stormwater runoff to meet load reduction targets. Exceptions exist – the large retrofit of discharges coming out of Lake Hancock, and a large regional stormwater project I worked on in the Newport Bay (CA) watershed. But most urban stormwater retrofit projects have not been able to bring about – even cumulatively – the benefits that were expected based on model runs. Does this mean that we should not worry about stormwater runoff and large regional stormwater retrofit projects? Not at all! What it does mean is that if you spend all your money on stormwater runoff, and you don’t eliminate nutrient loads from wastewater, you’ll not likely be successful. Because the science of nutrient dynamics and eutrophication shows that “not all nutrient loads are equal.” Urban stormwater retrofits are necessary, but if you don’t first address the wastewater loads, you’ll not likely see improvements in water quality.

With that as background take a look at the plot of rainfall across our watershed (data from SWFWMD) during the years 1998 to 2021 (red line represents the average over this period).

We had LOTS of rain in 1998 (combined with 1997 these were two big El Nino years) and in 2003, which was also a bad year for Caloosahatchee discharges, red tides and manatee die-offs. Then we had the years of 2004 and 2005, when our region was affected by Charlie, Frances, Jeanne (2004) and Wilma (2005). Based on our pollutant loading model, where stormwater runoff is the major source of nutrient loads, you’d expect the years of 1998, 2003, and 2005 to have the highest amount of nutrient-stimulated phytoplankton growth, right?

Well, take a look at the graph below, which shows the amount of algae in the water column in Roberts, Little Sarasota and Blackburn Bays (as expressed in units of chlorophyll-a) over the same time period.

Note that the patterns are similar in these three systems, and that the cluster of years with the worst water quality (highest Chl-a values) is not the years of greatest rainfall (1998, 2003, and 2005) but the years of 2015 to 2018, roughly. Those years mostly coincide with the time frame shown in the red box.

So what does the red box represent? It is our estimate of the worst years for wastewater overflows – represented as “spills” in our loading model. Our loading model does not show those years as having the highest nitrogen loads, which are dominated by rainfall-driven urban stormwater runoff in 1995, 1997, 2003, and 2005. In other words, the worst years for water quality in Sarasota Bay do not seem to be the years with the highest amount of nitrogen loads, if all loads are considered equally damaging. So maybe not all loads are equally damaging?

The nitrogen loads delivered to the bay by wastewater overflows during the years of 2016 to 2019 are a small fraction of the amount of urban stormwater runoff in those same years, but they seem to be “more equal” in their ability to drive poor water quality in our system. These wastewater overflows are not completely gone now, but the more than 75 million gallons of treated but high nutrient content wastewater overflows that occurred from 2016 (maybe starting in 2015?) to 2019

have been dramatically reduced the last three years, which is likely one of the reasons why the last three years have phytoplankton levels similar to what we had back in the early 2000s – when this was a healthier bay, and when we saw multiple hundreds of acres of seagrass recovery.

It thus appears that not all nitrogen sources are equally damaging to the bay – that’s why our proposed management approach focuses on those forms of nitrogen that are the most damaging. We appear to be unique in Florida by focusing our efforts on this approach, and I would suggest we also appear to be uniquely successful in turning our water quality around (50 percent of the draft delisted waterbodies in all of Southwest Florida are in Sarasota Bay).

The general approach we are proposing is roughly like this: 1) get your wastewater loads out of the bay, whether they be point source discharges of AWT effluent or spills or excessive loads from reclaimed water from non-AWT WWTPs, 2) ensure new development minimizes the increase in nutrient loads by reducing stormwater loads to the minimum (a regulatory requirement anyway), 3) for the amount of “new loads” that can’t be reduced to zero, hold the line on population growth by retrofitting older development by projects such as the recent stormwater retrofits of Hudson Bayou and the Bobby Jones Golf Course, 3) increase efforts to educate the public about how they can live a more bay-friendly lifestyle, and 4) work to increase the assimilative capacity and wildlife value of the open waters of the bay by increasing Vertical Oyster Gardens and oyster reef projects and artificial reefs.

We are seeing an improvement in the bay’s health that many people would love to be able to see in their systems. Not because we are ignoring existing guidance, but because we are willing to question existing guidance and build on it. On the political right, Ronald Reagan used to say – of the Soviet Union and compliance with nuclear treaties – “Trust but Verify.” On the political left, bumper stickers you’d see on VW vans of the 60s and 70s said “Question Authority.” By being open minded on management guidance, and by checking to see if we are delivering the results that our neighbors expect us to deliver for them, we have found a successful path forward. The works of George Orwell and Milton Friedman seem to have relevance for bay management after all.

Dave Tomasko
Executive Director
Sarasota Bay Estuary Program

EDC Governance Committee

To: Longboat Key Commissioner Penny Gold

Per our conversation at the last committee meeting, I have attached the SCF Board Self Evaluation provided by Dr. Fritch. This was discussed as an example of a self-evaluation that could be used with the proposed draft Governance Practices. I have also attached that draft Governance Practice document.

Please send any initial thoughts and feedback of the proposed practices to me by November 10th, so that I can compile the committee’s feedback on the document.

You all share so much time and talents to make the EDC better and stronger – I thank you for that!

Erin Silk
President & CEO
Economic Development Corporation of Sarasota County

EDC Governance Committee Meeting Follow-Up

To: EDC Governance Committee

Thank you for an engaging meeting this morning. I have attached two items:

The draft Governance Practice document we discussed. Please send any initial thoughts and feedback to me by November 10th

Our full Board list with term expirations. I am happy to send anything else that you might find helpful. Have a nice rest of your week.

Erin Silk
President & CEO

Investment Advisory/Finance Committee Meeting

To: Longboat Key Town Manager Howard Tipton, Town Commission

Attached is the agenda packet for the October 27, 2023 Investment Advisory/Finance Committee meeting in the Ante Chambers at 1 PM.

We do have a quorum with Penny Gold as Acting Chairwoman, Debbie Murphy and Lynn Larson in attendance.

Julie will be flying in from Colorado to attend the meeting.

Have a great weekend and looking forward to seeing you next week!

Susan Smith
Finance Director
Town of Longboat Key

FDOT Draft Tentative work Program FY 2025 - 2029: Summary of Changes

To: Longboat Key Commission

The FDOT has released its DRAFT Tentative Five-Year Work Program for State FY 2025 – 2029. Some of the additions and changes I wanted to point out are the following:

Added \$1.685 million for Gulf of Mexico Drive @ Broadway Roundabout construction funding. This matches the original, verbal commitment made by FDOT for the roundabout construction, and getting it into the 5-year work program is a big step in the right direction. Our goal will be to continue to work with FDOT and Manatee County to further support additional construction funding and inspection once we have revised engineer’s cost estimates for the new, revised design.

FDOT has moved the Gulf of Mexico Drive (SR 789) resurfacing projects out by one year each, respectively, and changed the funding amounts from what was adopted in last year’s 5-year Work Program:

The resurfacing on the Manatee County side of the island is going from FY 2025 to FY 2026 and the resurfacing on the Sarasota County side of the island from FY 2026 to FY 2027. This is probably to balance out some funding shortfalls due to inflationary pressures on current year projects as that is what we have been hearing from FDOT.

The Construction and Construction Engineering Inspection (“CEI”) funding amounts have been adjusted so that the Sarasota County resurfacing total is going up from \$6,372,988 to \$8,755,543.

The Construction and Construction Engineering Inspection (“CEI”) funding amounts have been adjusted so that the Manatee County resurfacing total is going down from \$6,188,829 to \$3,715,072.

Dave Hutchinson and I are working on getting a thorough explanation as to what these amounts represent as far as project scope changes and why these changes are being proposed at this time.

Preliminary Engineering for Longboat Pass Bridge has been set aside in FY 2026 in the amount of \$4.1 million.

The MPO will provide a report on the draft tentative work program at the November meetings. As we get more information, particularly to the changes to the resurfacing amounts, we will pass along.

Isaac Brownman
Director Public Works
Town of Longboat Key

FDOT Draft Tentative work Program FY 2025 - 2029: Summary of Changes

To: Longboat Key Public Works Director Isaac Brownman

I think this all sounds encouraging. A few thoughts: 1. Is the Country Club Shores turn lane money still in there somewhere? How is the re-design work/timing for that coming? 2. The funding for the Broadway roundabout should be timely. Do we have any current idea what the construction costs for that will be after FDOT’s new design requirements? Manatee County has indicated that they can fund up to \$500k for any project like that without much trouble, which I view as a starting point. 3. The delay of resurfacing funding may give us enough time to incorporate it into our GMD complete streets program, so not a bad thing. I think I have the same question as you as to why the funding for the Manatee portion is halved.

Ken Schneier
Mayor
Longboat Key

FDOT Draft Tentative work Program FY 2025 - 2029: Summary of Changes

To: Longboat Key Public Works Director Isaac Brownman

Isaac - spent yesterday at meeting at White House. The Secretary of Transportation urged us to look to federal funds available not just for shovel ready but “shovel worthy” projects. I am bringing info home but I am going to New York Monday so I will get it to you on the 25th.

BJ Bishop
Commissioner
Town of Longboat Key

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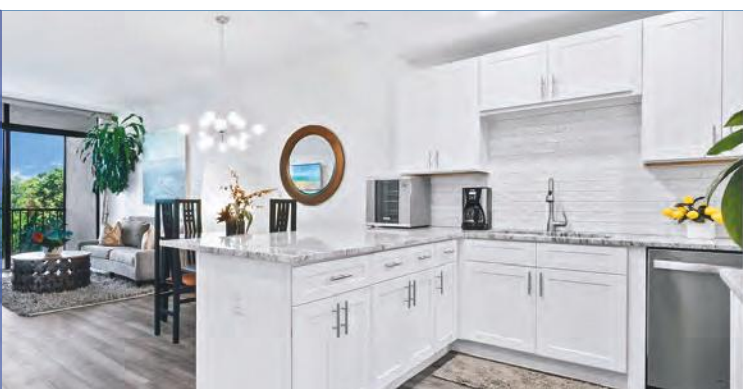
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