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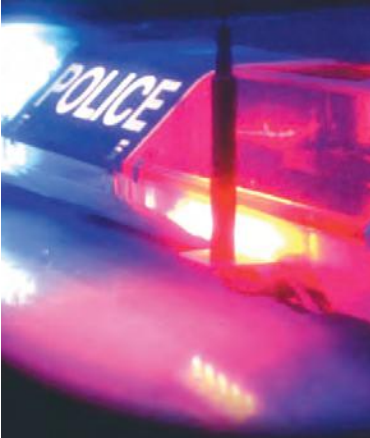
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Islands start to recover despite storm's best effort

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The week following the unparalleled battering of the Sarasota shoreline and its surrounding islands by Hurricane Helene, we all witnessed scenes ranging from the most tragic loss to demonstrations of sheer will to clean, renew and reemerge.

STEVE REID
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The islands were a mess like we've never seen. Block after block on Siesta Key and Longboat Key as well as the entirety of St. Armands Circle featured mountains of debris, soaked mattresses and memories, business inventory and all of the accumulated possessions that were once tucked happily into our lives now desecrated by several feet of seawater.

Many neighbors could not return to work until mid last week as they ripped carpets out of their house, removed appliances and borrowed fans to start the process of rebuilding.

Elevation is everything

If there is any lesson immediately following Hurricane Helene, it is the stark reality of FEMA elevation maps. Home elevations became the all important determinant in who got flooded and sometimes the separation from a total intrusion of storm surge and little to no damage could vary home by home even on the same street. In the communities surrounding Siesta Key Village, any home that was not elevated, which are the majority, had no less than two feet of water rush through their homes around 11 p.m. during the Sept. 26 hurricane. Any elevated home that built out the garage

level or stored cars in the garage faced intrusion if it was lower than seven feet.

A circle submerged

No commercial district in the area took on a more severe hit from the storm surge than St. Armands Circle. Virtually every business on the ground floor had at least four feet of water curling up the walls, destroying furniture and inventory and rendering all electronic equipment utterly destroyed.

Signature restaurants such as Café L'Europe cannot give an accurate time frame yet as to when they will reopen. The Columbia Restaurant has to replace much of its kitchen equipment and perform a deep clean as well as Cha Cha Coconuts. Most businesses appeared gutted with piles of debris and carpet and furniture forming large hills of debris along the sidewalk.

Some were lucky. The Shore Restaurant opened last week in its second floor location helped it evade the storm's wrath. Other upstairs businesses such as Coldwell Banker are busy operating.

Restaurants open on Longboat Key

Harry's Continental Kitchen and Deli are closed following the storm and workers were busy cleaning. The restaurants at Whitney Beach Plaza are closed and suffered water intrusion.

But several eateries escaped the brunt of the storm. The Dry Dock on the south end of the island had to clean its patio area and some outside maintenance, but it was open for business last week and has resumed normal hours. Lazy Lobster owner Michael Gary said the fact that the mid-key restaurant was completely unscathed was nothing short of a miracle.

"Not a drop of water came in our restaurant. We feel completely blessed," said Gary.

The Lazy Lobster is open for lunch and dinner and Gary says the restaurant is trying to give back to the community and all the workers by offering discounted lunches.

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The surge hit homes hard...

Longboat’s Secur-all Insurance agency suffered a loss when the building its offices are located in had severe storm surge damage. Secur-all’s Sandra Smith immediately set up operations at another Longboat Key site and has been busy working with customer claims and the numerous post-storm situations homeowners face. Smith said the fact that their sister branch is located in Long Island, New York means the business could operate seamlessly throughout the storm event.

Gulfside Drive, which is one of the most flood-prone roads on Longboat Key, was almost wiped out by the storm surge when the Gulf of Mexico breached the island. Belongings and property was strewn throughout the area following the storm. All cars left parked anywhere in the vicinity were also destroyed by the storm.

Normalcy begins

And almost as fast as the waters from the storm receded, normalcy began to set in. Within 48 hours, most of the island had power restored. Water also came back quickly and roads became passable. The next phase will remove some of the more jarring and scarring outcomes from our view and that is when the mountains of content debris are hauled away by the various municipalities and their contractors.

Sarasota County already started removing debris last week and several properties placed construction dumpsters that were quickly filled with soaking contents and drywall.

Residents remain wary of the inches of rain in the looming forecast, but even inches of rain will not add much to the damage and will likely return some of the salt withered foliage back to its former glory.

The St. Regis Longboat Key Resort, which held its grand opening on Aug. 16 , will remain closed until Oct. 10 due to impact from Hurricane Helene. The St. Regis Longboat Key Resort is at 1601 Gulf of Mexico Drive.

The Longboat Key Club & Resort gave the following update on Oct. 4:

Portofino is open 5:00PM - 9:00PM and closed Mondays. Bar will open at Noon for pool-side service every day until Resort Pool opens.

The Tavern & Whiskey Bar is open 11:00AM - 9:00PM.

The Tavern Window is open 7:00AM - 3:00PM.

Spike & Tees is open 9:00AM - 3:00PM with Breakfast and Lunch until the Links course opens.

Latitudes will open Saturday 11:00AM - 10:00PM. Sunday normal hours opening at 7:00AM.

The Banyan Bar will OPEN Saturday at 11:00AM.

Golf Courses

The Harbourside Red Hawk and White Egret courses open.

The Links course remains closed until later this month.

The Harbourside Pro Shop is open 7:00AM - 5:00PM daily along with the Links Pro Shop 8:30AM - 4:00PM until the Links course opens later this month.

Courts

Tennis and Pickleball courts are open including the Islandside Tennis courts.

Spa & Fitness

The Opal Spa is open with normal business hours (Monday - Thursday 9:00AM - 4:00PM and Friday and Saturday 9:00AM -5:00PM).

The Fitness Center is open 7:00AM - 7:00PM.

Pool & Beach

Limited services are open Saturday at 11:00AM. The North and South Boardwalks are closed. Please use the Center Boardwalk off of the Pool Deck. The Resort Pool is closed.

The Marina Pool is open behind Portofino with beverage service beginning at Noon Saturday. Towels provided in the Marina Shop.



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Friends and Neighbors,

This past weekend’s storm was devastating, and its effects will be felt throughout our community for a long time. In the last few days, we’ve heard from many friends and past clients who have been seriously affected and are uncertain about their immediate next steps.

Historically, our Seaward Companies have focused primarily on new construction—both residential and commercial—as well as consulting services. However, in light of the many inquiries we’ve received, we are now prepared to extend our services to those in our community who have been most impacted by the storm. We are ready to meet with property owners to discuss the best options moving forward.

Whether you need assistance with substantial remodeling, building new, general construction consulting, or basic advice on finding the right general contractor for your specific repairs, we are here to help. We stand by our community today, just as our community has supported our Seaward family of Companies for nearly two decades.

Best regards,



Patrick DiPinto
Seaward Homes and Seaward Consulting

Please contact us to schedule a consultation:
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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.

Schedule for town staff

To: Longboat Key Commission
I hope this message finds you well. I wanted to take a moment to thank you both for your dedication and willingness to volunteer your time at the NPOD this weekend.
With the recent lifting of the water restrictions, we have made the decision to shut down the NPOD, and therefore will not be staffing it moving forward. We truly appreciate all your efforts and commitment to our community. Thank you once again for your service. If you have any questions or need further information, please don't hesitate to reach out.
Lisa Silvertooth
Human Resource Manager
Town of Longboat Key

Schedule for town staff

To: Erin Silk
Thank you Erin. There are so many on Longboat Key dealing with life changing damages, especially in the north end. We have been so fortunate that there have been no fatalities here. The Town Manager, Fire Chief and Police Chief have been working non-stop with their teams to help restore Longboat Key to the high functioning and beautiful island we all know. I really appreciate your concern and offer of help.
Penny Gold
Commissioner
Town of Longboat Key

Schedule for town staff

To: Longboat Key Human Resources Director Lisa Silvertooth
If the distribution effort is still underway this weekend, please let me know. I'll be able to help any time on Sunday.
Penny Gold
Commissioner
Town of Longboat Key

Schedule for town Staff

To: Town of Longboat Key Staff
I hope everyone is doing well. We have made some necessary changes to the schedule. Please review the updated revised copy attached to this email.
I would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to all our staff, especially Mayor Schneier and Commissioner Coffin, for their willingness to volunteer. Everyone's contributions are truly appreciated and make a significant difference. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out.
Lisa Silvertooth
Human Resource Director
Town of Longboat Key

Schedule for Town Staff

To: Longboat Key Staff
We have made some revisions to the schedule regarding the tennis staff. Please see the updated schedule attached.
I also received an email from Claudiu Retean, who mentioned he is available on Wednesday,

his scheduled day off, and is willing to help with recovery efforts as needed.
Lisa Silvertooth
Human Resource Director
Town of Longboat Key

Schedule for town Staff

To: Longboat Key Town Staff
This is a final reminder regarding the NPOD, and the schedule has been attached, which includes your scheduled shifts that have been assigned to you.
I also wanted to inform you that the commissioners have asked Tip how they can assist, so you may see them volunteering during your shift.
Thank you for your commitment!
Lisa Silvertooth
Human Resource Director, Town of Longboat Key

Schedule for town Staff

To: Longboat Key Staff
I've put together a schedule for the NPOD located at Publix. Please review the attached for your scheduled time. I will update this schedule for future reference, but in the meantime, your assistance with manning the NPOD is greatly appreciated.
Lisa Silvertooth
Human Resource Director
Town of Longboat Key

Hurricane update

To: Town Commission
Well... it was last Thursday that we were actually feeling the impacts from Helene throughout the day and up until about 4 p.m. thinking it wasn't that bad. In fact looking back on that afternoon, I had actually decided to re-open Town Hall and be back to business as usual on Friday. And then from around 6 pm past midnight we felt what everyone had been talking about.
During that time we had more salt water in places than we'd seen in our history. We lost power, water, beach sand, road access, trees and more. Friday morning we woke up and saw more than 1,900 properties (20% of our total structures) were impacted by water and the financial cost of that damage will, I believe, easily exceed \$200 million. What we didn't lose, and what we can't replace, was a human life and we are forever grateful for that most important statistic.
In that time, we have seen high water rescues and front-end loaders moving sand like snow up north. We have seen an army of power trucks and a curfew at night to keep people safe. We've seen water and gas crews fixing leaks, and we've seen our first responders getting to everyone that needed help. We have seen our residents coming to grips with losing everything and the amazing neighborly spirit in Longboat that reassures we are not alone.
When we have such a shared experience, the process of healing can show up in many ways and in many places. We need to share our feelings and we need to listen to those who are sharing. We need to have more patience than we might normally have on hand. Some people have lost a little, some have lost everything. This recovery process will take time both physically and emotionally.
Mostly in the coming weeks, we need to be about getting to work. Your Town Staff who have been here through the thick of it will continue to repair the public infrastructure, keep responding to calls for service, and continue to work with our residents to help them move forward. None of this is easy, nor does it happen as quickly as we'd like, but it will happen.
We have shared the storm's impacts together and we will share the recovery together as well. Longboat Key is an amazing community and we will come out of this stronger than we were before.

Believe that Waste Management finished their first pass of garbage pick-up. Debris contractor is on site and working. Beach clean-up is at 80%. Long Pass Bridge access through Bradenton Beach to Cortez will be open to the public next week, still waiting to confirm when next week.
Howard N. Tipton
Town Manager
Town of Longboat Key

Hurricane update

To: Longboat Key Town Manager Howard Tipton
Well said Tip. You have been a great leader through this crisis. Thank you.
Mike Haycock
Vice Mayor
Town of Longboat Key

Thank you

To: Longboat Key Mayor Ken Schneier

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MATTHEW EDLUND
Guest Columnist
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Time rules life, and body clocks direct and define much of yours. Twenty-four hour (circadian) clocks continue to be implicated in most aspects of human health, joy, and performance. A recent British study out of the UK Biobank of 91000 people recently refocused attention on how disruptions in body clocks play out in depression and mood, loneliness, happiness, overall health and physical speed.



Time and Mood

The British study garnered much media interest partly because through using the kinds of accelerometers found in people's cell phones, it demonstrated how most people can pick up this type of data for themselves. What they looked was dysrhythmicity: how the normal amplitude of human existence, working, talking, working in the day and sleeping at night, gets flattened towards no difference between night and day. Even relatively small decreases in amplitude – day and night life commingling – was associated with major depression, bipolar disorder, mood instability, as well as loneliness, lower happiness and health satisfaction scores – plus slower reaction times (athletes, please note.) As in other Biobank studies, the authors were able to control for variables like socioeconomic status, sex, alcohol, body mass index and childhood trauma.

Disrupted time and disrupted mood are well known bedfellows. Depression causes disrupted body clocks, and disrupted body clocks strongly influence depression. In the 1990s Tom Wehr and colleagues could “flip” people with bipolar illness between depression and mania simply by changing their bed times. Much of the public does not know that light therapy in clinical trials beats SSRIs like prozac in treating “regular” depression. In those with seasonal depression, the effectiveness of light as a treatment is directly related to resetting internal clocks.

In many ways the Biobank study measured elements that are proxies for insomnia, being up at night and sleepy during the day. Insomnia occurs with almost any psychiatric and medi-

cal illnesses, and generally makes all of them worse. And one of its main treatments is resetting your clock.

When internal time is disrupted, much else goes wrong.

Body Clocks and Loneliness

Does loneliness change body clocks? The Biobank certainly makes the association, and loneliness is now getting recognized as a far more important health problem.

The Ipsos/Cigna survey of 20,000 Americans recently found about half the adult population answered they sometimes felt lonely and “left out.” A full 43% thought their relationships not meaningful, 27% that they felt rarely understood. The survey numbers were worst in the group

between the ages of 18 and 22. Many recent studies have argued loneliness by and of itself strongly impacts survival, with one famous/infamous study of 2010 declaring severe loneliness had the same effect as smoking 15 cigarettes a day (The Week 5.18.18)

Cause Or Effect?

Headlines regarding the Biobank study declared disrupted clocks “cause” mood swings, depression, and decreased self-reported happiness. Certainly there is a large literature that fouling up 24 hour clocks is associated with mood changes, greater weight and diabetes, GI and heart disturbances. The truth is that disrupted clocks exacerbate most health problems, and that health problems rejigger your body clocks. The end result is a very unvirtuous cycle where one problem exacerbates another.

Many a pain patient can't sleep at night. Many an asthmatic wakes up at three in the morning with their worst air hunger. Disrupted sleep and disrupted inner clocks do far more than make people sleepy, tired, cranky and irritable. They also set you up for more health problems of many different stripes.

Body Clock Therapy

What to do? The quarter of the adult population doing shift work knows very well how body clocks define their lives and their health. Now it's again "time" for the rest of us to acknowledge the significance of body clocks in our lives.


The basic rules of thumb fit human design and our innate biological intelligence. We're meant to sleep at night and be awake in the day. We do better with lots of light, especially in the morning. We perform and live better when we're physically active in the day, not during the times we're meant to sleep. We perform far better when not awakened by cellphones.

Clinicians have known this a long time. Much of the benefit of hospitalization may lie in the “routine,” the beginning and ending of the day at set times, meals at set times, activities at set times. Body clocks are reset many different ways.

So be kind to yours. They time your life, and set the timing for everything you do. The simple act of having set wake and bed times can improve your physical and mental health, and your performance.

With regular body clocks you'll probably feel and look better, and may even lose weight. Not bad for following simple rules of human design.







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Editor Letters



Letters, from page 4

I want to echo Lisa’s comments. We truly appreciate your assistance at the POD today. I’m sure residents were thankful to obtain supplies as well as seeing you there representing the Town. Having you there allowed us to reassign staff to other needs for the community.

Thank you!
Paul B. Dezzi
Fire Chief
Town of Longboat Key

Thank you

To: Longboat Key Fire Chief Paul Dezzi
I was wearing my shirt and the most common comment was “Are you really the mayor?”
Ken Schneier
Mayor
Town of Longboat Key

Thank you

To: Longboat Key Commissioner Gary Coffin
Thank you for the wonderful feedback. We are so happy to hear that the program is helping our residents and that our team is making a difference.

I appreciate the offer of additional volunteers! I will take a look at the schedule and let you know which slots we could use extra hands. I’m also in touch with another resident who has volunteers interested.

It’s great to know that Chief Jane’s leadership helped everything run smoothly, we are very fortunate to have her as our Fire Marshal. I have copied chief on this email. Thanks again for all your support!

Lisa Silvertooth
Human Resources Manager
Town of Longboat Key

NPOD Schedule

To: Longboat Key Human Resource Director Lisa Silvertooth

Lisa, This program has been very well received by literally every car that stopped by today. The residents couldn’t say enough about all the towns staff’s efforts to try and assist them, both at the pick up station and town wide. With fire marshal Jane leading the charge, it went like clockwork. I am continually amazed at how much so few can accomplish. I wanted to let you know I have 2 volunteers that have offered to fill in your schedule if you need more hands. Just let me know which slots, I will say having 3 of us made the system flow!

Gary Coffin
Commissioner
Town of Longboat Key

Restaurants

To: Longboat Key Chamber President Kim Verreault
I called all the restaurants on your list with these results:
Anna Maria Oyster Bar: message from John Horn/ got power but not open—ASAP/ Cortez venue is open
Blue Dolphin Cafe: No answer—will check Friday
Bridge Tender Inn: Spoke to Shannon/will feed workers Saturday, soft open Monday, will let you know full open
Cafe L’Europe: Voice mail/paused indefinitely
Chart House: Spoke to Helena/fully open 4-9:30 or 10
Columbia: voicemail/closed indefinitely
Dry Dock: voicemail/fully open regular hours
Euphemia Haye: voicemail/closed but without major damage/will advise
Fleming’s: voicemail/fully open
Harry’s: restaurant closed until further notice/spoke to Dave at the Store/open 7-5
La Norma: Spoke to owner Daniella/2d day open: 5-9/wants to contribute to those who need
Lazy Lobster: Spoke to Patty/fully open: lunch 11:30-2:30; dinner 3:30-8:30
Mar Vista: standard voicemail but no answer to the prompt
Marina Jack: voicemail/fully open
Sage: spoke to Kyla/first day back but fully open: Tuesday-Thurs 5-9; Friday-Saturday 5-10
Ventura: Spoke to owner Debbie/open now for pizza in courtyard and barroom to open soon/she needs sturdy boxes like milk crates to hold her wine bottle.
Shore Longboat: Like Mar Vista, regular voice message, but no one answers the prompt
Solarzano Pizza: Spoke to David/fully open 10-8 p.m.
Everyone who answered was thankful and excited to be called and included on a list of open restaurants and agreed to advise Felicia of any change in status
Tomorrow: Accommodations
Ken Schneier
Mayor
Town of Longboat Key

Open Business Alert

To: Longboat Key Mayor Ken Schneier

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CVS
 Pharmacy
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 9a-6p Sun
 Store
 7a-11p normal business hours starting today (10/3) and every day after.
Trish Shinkle
Town Clerk
Town of Longboat Key

Open Business Alert

To: Longboat Key Mayor Ken Schneier
That’s wonderful! Thank you so much! Felicia, who is cc’d here, will provide you with a list of accommodations and contact information via email. She will also provide you with the survey so you can see the questions we have asked. We are so
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Kim Verreault
President/CEO
Longboat Key Chamber of Commerce

Open Business Alert

To: Longboat Key Mayor Ken Schneier
Thanks for letting me know about the meeting. We will be there. If you can think of anyone able to assist us with calls to businesses as previously outlined, we could use the help. Thanks so much, Kim Verreault – President/CEO Longboat Key Chamber
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To: Longboat Key Chamber President Kim Verreault
I knew you would be ahead of me on this. Sounds great. Let me know if I can be of any help. We have a Commission meeting at Town Hall at 10 am on Monday. If you can, you may want to attend as we will be brainstorming Helen issues.
Ken Schneier
Mayor
Town of Longboat Key

Open Business Alert

To: Longboat Key Mayor Ken Schneier
This is a great idea. Currently, as restaurants are opening, we are promoting them on FB. So are other FB groups such as I Love Longboat and We Love Longboat. Felicia and I are also planning to compile the same kind of information about lodging establishments. We are receiving MANY calls from people who had reservations or have upcoming reservations that want to understand when they can return to the area. Some of our accommodations members haven’t been reachable by phone and we will begin visiting them tomorrow. We have heard from some and their responses vary considerably about re-opening (or not).
We have sent out a brief survey to our members asking them if they are open, what their needs are, and if they aren’t open, when they anticipate opening. Our initial responses have come in slowly but we will continue to send it out. In addition, we are calling members to check in with them and asking the same survey questions. Our goal is to have the survey responses from all of our members compiled in an excel spreadsheet within the next few weeks (sooner if we have help as right now it’s just Felicia and I, as Connie’s HOA community here on Longboat has been devastated and she is still working to help friends and neighbors with clean up).

Felicia has been doing a great job getting important local, regional, state and federal post-hurricane info out to our members and will continue to do so... Please send us any messaging you feel we should push out to our members as well.
If you think it would be beneficial, I can be available tomorrow or Monday to meet with you all so our efforts are streamlined, and we continue to “mirror” your messages to businesses and residents.
Hope you are all well and please know we are incredibly grateful for how hard you have all been working to swiftly make a difference in the lives of the people of the community.
Kim Verreault
President/CEO
Longboat Key Chamber of Commerce

Open Business Alert

To: Longboat Key Chamber President Kim Verreault
Kim: Just an idea: Could the COC compile a list of restaurants and other businesses on the island as they open? Maybe it could be included on the Town website. People will then begin to patronize them as that will be much needed. I understand that Drydock, Lazy Lobster and Solarzano’s are all open but don’t know of others. Drydock had 4 people for lunch yesterday! Thanks.
Ken Schneier
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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.

Sept. 27 Missing boat

2:56 p.m.
Officer Ericsson responded to Cutter Lane for a missing boat. Upon arrival, Officer Ericson made contact with the complainant who said that a boat company did maintenance work on the boat. She said she last observed the boat on its lift in the canal at approximately 5 p.m. Then, on the morning of Sept. 27, the morning after Hurricane Helene hit the area, the complainant noticed the boat missing from the lift, but the lift still raised and intact. The complainant said there was no apparent damage to the lift nor was there apparent tampering and the vessel was not tied to the lift. Officer Ericsson observed a boat lift directly behind Cutter Lane. The lift appeared intact and undamaged. The metal lift was in the lifted position with the bunks out of the water. Officer Ericsson observed the lowest portion of the bunks at the level of the sea wall. It should be noted, the storm surge from Hurricane Helene caused water to breach the sea wall. An area canvass was conducted for the boat with negative results. Longboat Key Marine Unit was notified. Case clear.

Jetski

8:59 p.m.
Sgt. Montfort while on patrol at Lighthouse Point Drive, was flagged down by a subject stating an unknown jetski personal watercraft was located on a lawn. Sgt. Montfort patrolled to the rear of the residence and located the jetski and looked up the owner. Sgt. Montfort was unable to locate a contact number and requested that the Manatee County Sheriff’s Office to assist. A short-time later, Sgt. Montfort was contacted by the owner of the jetski and said that it must have broken loose from its lift and mooring. The owner said that he would attempt to make arrangements for removal once authorized by the homeowner. Case clear.

Sept. 28 Boat

7:33 p.m.
Officer Maple was dispatched to the 6000 block of Gulf of Mexico Drive in regard to a small boat that had moored up behind the complainant’s home. Upon his arrival, Officer Maple met with the complainant who stated he saw a small boat moor up to his dock with numerous people onboard who were unloading generators and other equipment. The complainant also stated they were not authorized to be on his property and he was concerned with looting possibilities after recent major weather event. Personnel were located by the officer across the street. Personnel were setting up generators and commencing work on the property. The complainant contacted Officer Maple to state he had spoken to the owner of the property and that the personnel in question were being paid to help restore his property to working condition while he was away. Officer Maple informed the workers they had to leave due to the restrictions on civilian traffic in the area while ongoing critical infrastructure operations continued. Identification was verified for all personnel and details included. Case clear.

Sept. 30 Trespass

9:27 a.m.
Officer Ericsson was dispatched to the 1200 block of Gulf of Mexico Drive on a suspicious person. The caller described the person as a white man, 30 years old, 5’8”, coral colored shirt, grey shorts and no shoes. An area canvass was conducted and Officer Ericsson located the subject at the intersection of Harborside Drive and Gulf of Mexico Drive. Contact was made with the person who said he was walking home from downtown Sarasota. When asked where his shoes were, he said someone took them from him in Sarasota the night prior. Officer Ericsson asked the man if he lived on Longboat Key and he said he was walking home from Sarasota. Officer Ericsson asked if he reported the incident to Sarasota Police Department and said his phone was out of power. Officer Ericsson asked if he reported the incident to Sarasota Police



Department and he said his phone was out of power. Officer Ericsson then asked if he wanted to report the incident and he said he didn’t want to report anything. Case clear.

Suspicious

10:00 a.m.
Officer Van Dyke responded to the 5900 block of Gulf of Mexico Drive in reference to a suspicious incident. Upon arrival, Officer Van Dyke called the complainant and she said she doesn’t live at the address but she has walked past the location for the last two days and noticed the words, “Help Please” with an arrow pointing toward 5919 and 5921 Gulf of Mexico Drive. Officer Van Dyke then canvassed the area and located the writing in the sand and cleared it from the sand with his foot. Officer Van Dyke then attempted to contact the residents yielding negative results. Officer Van Dyke then checked the address and determined that two rear doors were unlocked as well as the front doors at the top of the stairwell. Due to the circumstance, Officer Van Dyke and responding Officers cleared the entire interior and exterior of the residence. No signs of forced entry suspicious activity or individuals in need of help were located. Case clear.

Oct. 1 Boat

10:30 a.m.
Officer Van Dyke responded to Halyard Lane in regard to a call for service regarding a citizen assistance. Upon arrival, Officer Van Dyke met with the complainant residing at Halyard Lane. The complainant’s boat had floated into the neighbor’s property. Upon further investigation, the unknown boat owner was determined. While on scene, the owner called dispatch in order to file a report regarding the missing boat. Therefore, Officer Van Dyke called and provided him the necessary information to coordinate with the owner in order to tow out the boat without incident.

Suspicious

11:33 a.m.
Officer Van Dyke was dispatched to Harbourside Drive in reference to a suspicious incident. Upon arrival, Officer Van Dyke met with the complainant who advised him that a silver van stopped in front of his house and took a pair of shoes that were laying on the ground near the street while he was busy cleaning out his garage. According to the complainant, he planned to keep that pair of shoes. It should be noted that the shoes were among the trash cans and trash bags near the end of the driveway. The complainant advised the officer that he merely wants law enforcement to be aware of the incident. Officer Van Dyke advised the complainant that he would educate the homeowner if located in the area. Officer Van Dyke then canvassed the area yielding negative results. Case clear.

Oct. 2 Vehicle

3:30 p.m.
Officer Ramsaier responded to the 5800 block of Gulf of Mexico Drive for a disturbance. The complainant called police and said his daughter was having an argument with the tow truck driver. Upon arrival, the officer met with the daughter who said she got into an argument with the driver regarding the towing of her vehicle. Both parties said that minor damage was received to the vehicle being towed while the driver was maneuvering around the driveway. Both acknowledge that damage is part of the insurance claim. Case clear.

Oct. 3 Curfew

3:11 a.m.
Officer Maple while on patrol in the 6500 block of Gulf of Mexico Drive observed a vehicle traveling east on De Narvaez Drive in violation of town curfew ordinance. Officer Maple extinguished his lights and proceeded to conduct an inquiry on the suspicious vehicle. An occupant was observed walking around his grey Audi sports car. Upon his arrival at the stopped vehicle, Officer Maple made contact with the driver who was a Canadian citizen. The man said he used to live at a nearby house approximately one year ago for a month. He also claimed to suffer from insomnia which he helps alleviate by driving around late at night. The driver also stated he was not aware of the curfew and didn’t see large residence only sign at the entrance to Longboat Key. No driver’s license was produced but status check confirmed a valid driver’s license was issued. The driver was issued a citation for no driver’s license and warned of the curfew violation and he left eh area without any further issues. Case clear.

Contractor

9:57 p.m.
Officer Mathis responded to Jungle Queen Way in reference to a suspicious incident. Subjects inside the residence with flashlights. Upon Officer Mathis’ arrival to the location, he made contact with the gentleman inside the residence who identified himself by his Ohio Driver’s license. The man explained that he is employed by a restoration company and was at the residence installing dehumidifiers and commercial fans to begin the drying out process from Hurricane Helene. The man apologized for being at the residence later than he expected. The man advised he was in the process of finishing up and should be done shortly. The man was in uniform and had service paperwork for the location. Officer Mathis made contact with the complainant via telephone. Officer Mathis explained the outcome of the situation and thanked the complainant for contacting law enforcement in regard to the suspicious activity. Case clear.

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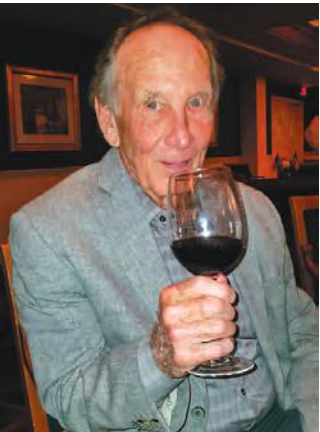
WineTimes

Halloween and Dia de Los Meurtos Wines

Holiday wines have played vital roles in feasts and celebrations dating back to the beginnings of Western Civilization. Halloween has evolved since its origins in the ancient Celtic festival of Samhain.

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

Holiday wines have become a niche market for events and celebrations. A bottle or more of a holiday wine on a serving table marks the occasion. Consider the Wilson Creek Winery & Vineyards Dia de Los Muertos sparkling wine (\$24) from the California Temecula region. The Temecula region lies south of Los Angeles, east of Irvine, and north of San Diego. A cluster of vineyards offer tasting rooms, restaurants, and overnight accommodations close to major cities in Southern California. The usual rules for making fine wines do not apply to makers of specialty holiday wines; the Dia de Los Muertos wine, for example, features tastes of



almond marzipan. It goes well with samples of Halloween candy. We do have to taste the fun sizes of Snickers, Starbursts, Skittles, Swedish Fish, Sour Patch Kids, to name a few in the “S” group, don’t we, if only to ensure that they’re still sweet enough to gag a goat.

At the other end of the spectrum, the spectre of the Grim

Reaper labels the 2013 Reaper Wines Cabernet Sauvignon (\$30). For this vintage, renowned winemaker Andrew Murray blended touches of Petite Verdot and Cabernet Franc from the Santa Ynez Valley with the Paso Robles Cabernet Sauvignon. The result has a brooding purple color in the glass with tastes of berries and a hint of cedar (an attribute of many Paso Robles wines).

In an ironic twist, the Reaper brand of wine seems to have met its own demise. A ghost web page for original owner of the brand, Nexus Wines of Colorado, has an out-of-service phone number and a link for the Reaper wine that connects to the web page for the Integrated Beverage Group in Oregon. RIP Reaper Wines. Only its spirit survives in Japan where the Reaper board and on-line game developers have released the Final Fantasy XIV Reaper wine (Yen equivalent of \$107). This wine comes in a collectible Reaper Box, but inside it they have placed a bottle of the Prisoner wine (\$40) from Napa, an excellent blend of Zinfandel, Cabernet Sauvignon, Petit Sirah and Charbono. The Reaper wine’s supernatural penchant for re-emerging after life makes it spookily appropriate as a Halloween and Dia de Los Muertos wine.

Winemakers make it easy to riff on a Halloween theme. The 2019 Ghost Block Single Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon (\$125) from Napa in California sells for a high price, but cheap compared to the \$6,000 price tag on the 2017 Ghost Horse Cabernet Sauvignon Premonition. Wine collectors swoon at the sight of the Premonition. The highly rated 2019 Silver Ghost Cabernet Sauvignon Napa Valley (\$35) has a better quality/price ratio. The Black Cat Vineyards 2018 Estate Syrah (\$75) , Coombsville, Napa Valley, brings to the fore the intense and multifaceted competitor of Napa Cabs, Syrah. The 2019 Devil’s Corner Pinot Noir (\$18) from the cool Tasmania region of Australia offers red fruit tastes lightly spiked with balsamic vinegar. The name “Devil’s Corner” comes not from Tasmanian Devils, but instead from a treacherous bend in the Tamar River.

As a less expensive alternative to buying Halloween and Dia de Los Meurtos holdiday wines, one can buy stick on labels and relabel favorite wines for the occasion. Give guests the opportunity to guess the wine inside each bottle.

Holiday wines have played vital roles in feasts and celebrations dating back to the beginnings of Western Civilization. Halloween has evolved since its origins in the ancient Celtic festival of Samhain. Costumes remain to ward off ghosts, but electric lights have replaced bonfires. The Dia de Los Meurtos has evolved concurrently as a fusion in Mexico of Aztec’s honoring of family who have died and the Christian All Saints’ Day. Sharing wines during these holidays helps make these special times joyous and memorable.

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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Editor Letters



Letters, from page 8

Cutter Lane

To: Longboat Key Commissioner Gary Coffin
Thanks so much, Gary, we are concerned about rain forecasts/upcoming storm, do you know if anyone is scheduled to look at the clogged storm drain in our cul de sec? The street still has not been cleared of the storm debris and we know the storm water flooded our house from that section of the street.
We will be renting a house in Sarasota, since they have to tear out walls/floors/kitchen and bathroom cabinets in our home due to contaminated storm water and we don't want to have more of a water intrusion issue from the street, although I wonder if our damages could get much worse. Thanks again for all you do.
Nancy Gornto
Longboat Key

Cutter Lane

To: Nancy Gornto
Nancy, it is my honor to have met with you and your husband. For all the devastation and emotional trauma we have seen over the past few days, the temperament and understanding of our resident's could not have been more understanding. John and yourself have shown how and why LBK is one of the finest communities in the country to live. Lynn and I feel very fortunate that the damage we have is limited to just the garage and her studio. We'll get through this and come out better on the other side. Thanks again for your vote of confidence.
Gary Coffin
Commissioner
Town of Longboat Key

Cutter Lane

To: Longboat Key Commissioner Gary Coffin
Thank you so much for your uplifting visit to our street yesterday. It was just welcoming to us. The Helene damage to us is in no comparison to the suffering around us.
Gary, Best wishes to you in role of Commissioner...the trials and tribulations of a disaster is trying on all.
Please let your wife know; although I do not know her or her work...my heart is broken for the intrusion into her art studio and the damage incurred.
If in any way we can be of assistance to you both, please don't hesitate to contact us.
John & Nancy Gornto
Longboat Key

John Ringling Causeway

To: Longboat Key Commissioner Gary Coffin
Thanks for that insight Commissioner. While were still in recovery mode for a while, we've added it to our list of things to circle back to and get more information on.
Howard N. Tipton
Town Manager
Town of Longboat Key

John Ringling Causeway

To: Longboat Key Town Manager Howard Tipton
As an FYI, all the street lights on Ketch Lane are out. Can we get the rain totals hour by the hour on Saint Armand Circle for the date of Thursday, September 26? And if that data is possible, I would like to discuss the evacuation ability of 50% of our island through the above referenced roadway. I came through this roadway at approximately 10:05 a.m. on the above date. The rain had stopped at that point and the causeway was badly flooded, St Armand's Circle was dry. When I tried to exit through the causeway at 11:49 p.m., the state closed the road due to excessive flooding. The short stretch of road has been a bottleneck for simple thunderstorms for many years and a major inconvenience. Now its flat out dangerous.
Gary Coffin
Commissioner
Town of Longboat Key

Hurricane update

To: Longboat Key Commissioner BJ Bishop
My goodness, I don't know what to say. Good communication with the folks at the County EOC I hope?
Andrew Parker
Legislative Aide to Representative Fiona McFarland
District 73

Dock height

To: Jim Haft
Got it -- hopefully we will hear from Allen re: possibilities to discuss on Monday.
Sarah Karon
Commissioner
Town of Longboat Key

Dock height

To: Longboat Key Commissioner Sarah Karon
Unfortunately, at our location floating docks are not an option. There are strong tidal currents of 2-3 knots, plus significant waves during storms. Appreciate your help on this!
Jim Haft
Longboat Key

Dock height

To: Jim Haft

Sorry to hear about your docks. I've added Tip to this chain, hopefully he and Allen can craft a framework for discussion. Not sure how the 10/7 meeting agenda is shaping up but if there is room (and potential for raising dock levels) I am confident they'll find a way. Just thinking: Would floating docks on fixed pilings be a future option?
Sarah Karon
Commissioner
Town of Longboat Key

Dock height

To: Longboat Key Commissioner Sarah Karon
I hope you made it through the storm without too much damage. Unfortunately, at Lands End both our docks were wrecked and need to be replaced. The damage was caused primarily by the force of the water pushing up on the docks, as well as the waves. Our south dock was pushed up nearly 4 feet in places, pulling the pilings out of the sand.
We need to replace both docks quickly, but we would like to raise the level of the new docks significantly to avoid this sort of catastrophic damage in the future. However, current Town code requires that docks be no higher than the adjoining seawall. I imagine we're not the only ones in this situation. At the next meeting, could the Town perhaps consider revising the code to allow docks to be higher?
James G. Haft
Longboat Key

Alert Longboat Key

To: Longboat Key Mayor Ken Schneider
It seems that the afternoon was the busiest so far but Like Tip mentioned, it was the first day. We have sent an Alert LBK out which will now begin to bring more residents to the site, something that we want. Thanks for your interest!
Paul Dezzi
Fire Chief
Town of Longboat Key

Neighborhood Point of Distribution

To: Longboat Key Commission
I don't know that we know as we're just getting up and running today. I would guess between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m.
Howard N. Tipton
Town Manager
Town of Longboat Key

Neighborhood Point of Distribution

To: Longboat Key Commission
Several of you have asked for opportunities to assist residents. I invite you tomorrow and Wednesday if you're able to help staff our NPOD at the Publix Shopping Center. We are providing tarps, water, ice, and other essentials to those who are in recovery mode. We have Town staff that will be there 3 hour shifts. It can be hot work (what isn't right now), but if you care to join us out there even for a short while you are more than welcome to do so.
The center is open from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. each day. Please let me know if you have any questions.
Howard N. Tipton
Town Manager
Town of Longboat Key

A few quick questions

To: Longboat Key Town Manager Howard Tipton
Is Waste Management coming? No show here yesterday. Any news on Comcast? They won't give an estimate. Any news on water from/ waste to manatee? Special problem now with waste? Has big leak been solved? Gas? I'll be at Publix give away later this morning and have been/ will be asked. Thanks.
Ken Schneider
Mayor
Town of Longboat Key

A few quick questions

To: Longboat Key Mayor Ken Schneider
Waste Management was on the island yesterday but obviously didn't get far. They are returning Wednesday and Thursday with additional trucks to get it all up.
We're checking with Comcast and Frontier on their status. Direct TV was up yesterday.
Issue with Lift Stations. We normally can pump 3200 gallons/minute station D and we were at around 2100 yesterday. Just needed everyone to stop washing their stuff until we can get a few things figured out. I will say the utilities team from Bonita Springs has been very helpful. I'll get an update by the end of the day from Isaac on our status but trying to conserve is still where we need to be at least for today. Water situation is good with tanks full and pressure holding. We are still finding smaller leaks but overall the system is holding ok. Boil water notice should expire on Friday. Gas leaks resolved.
Thanks for being out at Publix. Hopefully you'll have a good turnout.
Howard N. Tipton
Town Manager
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Taking relief does not guarantee great lie

The moral is not to insist on taking relief every time you are entitled to do so.



Taking relief during a round of golf doesn't necessarily mean you are entitled to a perfect lie or an unencumbered swing. It also doesn't mean that you must take an antacid to allow you to feel better. What it does assume is that the choice is yours whether or not to accept relief, with or without a penalty.

Once, at a PGA Senior Tour Match Play Championship, Tom Kite and his opponent, Hale Irwin, both pulled their second shots into a paved cart path. Kite's ball lay on the path, and he was permitted to take relief from the immovable obstruction (cart path). He lifted his ball, gave it to his caddy to clean, then proceeded to drop it within a club length of the spot he determined to be his nearest point of relief (Rule 24).

When he dropped the ball it rolled 4 or 5 club lengths from where it struck the ground. Kite picked up the ball and redropped it. Again the ball rolled about three club lengths away. At this point Kite retrieved the ball and placed it on the exact spot where it first struck the ground on the second

drop. The procedure was perfect. Kite avoided three common errors: one, playing the ball where it came to rest on the second drop no matter where that may be; two, dropping the ball a third time and three, lifting the ball off the path and placing it at the nearest point of relief on a finely tufted grassy knoll. Any of these three errors would result in a two-stroke penalty.

Irwin located his ball just off the cart path but close enough so that the path would interfere with his normal stance. He determined that the nearest point of relief would dictate that he drop the ball in a spot that would make his next shot almost impossible. He decided to play the ball as it lay.

The moral of the play-by-play is not to insist on taking relief every time you are entitled to do so. If the resultant nearest point of relief places your ball in tall, thick rough, don't elect to take relief. You are not entitled to a perfect lie every time you take relief. Bear in mind, relief from an obstruction like an artificially surfaced cart path or a rain shelter only guarantees you relief from the obstruction; it does not guarantee you a great lie, a clear shot or any kind of shot for that matter.

Too often golfers make the mistake of lifting their ball as soon as they realize that they are entitled to relief...thereby committing themselves to taking relief before checking out the area where they are going to be required to drop the ball. Once the ball is in your hand, it will cost a penalty stroke to put it back where you started, if you decide that the drop location is worse than no relief at all.

Don't pick up your ball until you know where you are going to be required to drop it. Marking your ball does not give you the right to return it without penalty.

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A reader submitted the following question, which is worthy of a quick reply since it does occur quite frequently:

In addressing the ball, a player accidentally causes the ball to oscillate, but it returns to its original position. Has the ball "moved" and is there a penalty?

No, the ball is not deemed to have moved, and hence there is no penalty. Decision 18/2.

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