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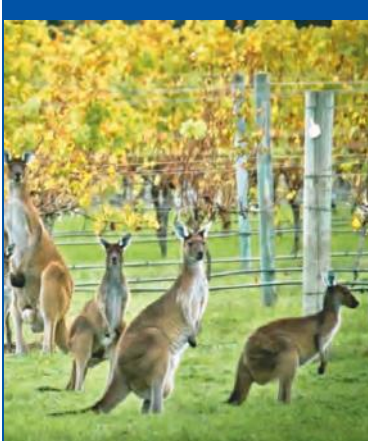
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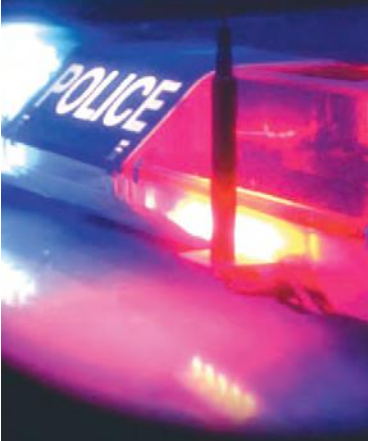
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## Getaway driver in LBK double homicide charged

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More than six years after two Longboat Key resort employees were shot and killed at the newly-opened Zota Beach Resort, homicide investigators made another arrest and say more may come.

Latoya Hanna, the sister of original suspect Darryl Hanna Jr., was charged and arrested in St. Lucie, Florida last week for felony murder for her involvement in the case and extradited to Manatee County.

In 2017, Darryl Hanna was charged with the murder of 59-year-old night desk manager Timothy Hurley and 51-year-old security guard Kevin Carter at the Zota Beach Resort. Hanna was a former security guard at the Zota resort. Investigators said back in 2017 when he was arrested, Darrell Hanna's coworkers said Daryl felt he was underpaid in the days before he killed the two people and took \$900 from the cash drawer.

After Daryl Hanna was taken into jail, he suffered a stroke and later died before going to court.

Investigators say Latoya Hanna drove the getaway car. Latoya Hanna is being held in Manatee County Jail without bond.

### The night of the murders...

Less than seven years ago on Aug. 4, 2017, four people drove to Zota Beach Resort at 4711 Gulf of Mexico Drive to rob the just-opened resort.

An unnamed co-conspirator who confessed to the murder told police that he, Darryl Hanna, Damien Garvin and Latoya Hanna were involved, with Latoya Hanna the driver the night of the robbery.

The co-conspirator told detectives he, Darryl Hanna and Damien Garvin wore gloves, covered their faces and armed themselves before entering the hotel that night. Surveillance footage released to the public in 2017 reportedly showed Darryl Hanna entering the lobby and was a key piece of evidence in building the case against him, detectives said at the time of his arrest.

Once inside, detectives say they ordered Carter, the unarmed security guard, to the floor at gunpoint and told Hurley, the front desk manager, to give them cash from the drawers. Investigators believe Garvin also ordered Hurley to open the safe. Hurley told Garvin

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## NewsWorthy

## Mote swims to top in revenue creation

Mote Marine Laboratory & Aquarium was recognized by the Tampa Bay Business Journal as the #1 revenue-generating cultural nonprofit in the entire Tampa Bay region. The ranking is based on approximately \$44 million in revenue in 2022 by Mote.

For nearly seven decades, Mote has conducted world-class innovative research, technology development and science education. A key part of Mote's mission is public service to translate and transfer science to positively impact restoration, conservation and sustainable use of ocean and coastal ecosystems, while also enhancing the overall ocean literacy of the public. What started as a one-room laboratory in 1955 is now a world-renowned,

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## Myer Puts a Bow Tie on Epic Career

*Longboat Key market leader Bruce Myer and his son join family, fun and hard work.*

*"It is a double win. Not only is Chase a natural, I get to work with my son every day," says Bruce. "There is a synergy we both enjoy."*



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The birth of children arrives with the birth of dreams. We dream for our children to go further. We want them to have their own identities and be strong and passionate and happy. If we are truly fortunate — and this is increasingly scarce in today's world — we get to have them in our lives in a meaningful and ongoing way as parents.

For Bruce Myer, one of the most recognizable, if not the most recognizable name in real estate on Longboat Key, the fact that his 28-year-old son Chase has found a similar passion for real estate is like closing his eyes while swinging a golf club and hitting a hole in one.

"I always knew Chase was a people person and gets along with everybody and is extremely detailed oriented but I did not expect to have such a wonderful working relationship and I couldn't be more overjoyed," reflects Bruce.

### All in the Family

Chase is no newcomer to the business of real estate. After all, he grew up alongside his older brothers, Parker and Blake, each three years apart in age watching their father day after day year after year build an eminently successful real estate business. All three have secured a real estate license at one time or another. But it is Chase who has circled back to Longboat Key after several years working in the fashion retail industry and has joined forces with his father.

Bruce is nothing short of a gold standard for real estate success on the island. And while every realtor seeks to find a statistic to brag about, Bruce has a truly pinnacle achievement — he has sold more real estate on Longboat key than any other individual — period.

But anyone who knows Bruce Myer knows one thing: his life is a wheel that spins around the hub of real estate, tennis, and golf, and most importantly — the relationships he has developed over more than four decades.

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global marine science institution leading more than 27 diverse marine research, technology development and conservation programs. With over 40 PhD-level scientists, more than 300 total staff members, 1,300 volunteers, and 10,000 members, Mote now consists of eight operational campuses, stretching from Tampa Bay to Key West, including the public outreach arm of Mote’s research, Mote Aquarium.

To continue with Mote’s growth trajectory, Mote’s new ninth campus, the \$130 million Mote Science Education Aquarium (Mote SEA), is currently under construction at Nathan Benderson Park and will open in the Winter of 2024. Mote SEA will generate \$28 million of economic impact to the region while operating as an informal marine science and technology education center that will enhance levels of ocean literacy to a much larger and more diverse population from around the world, doubling the number of visitors at the current Mote Aquarium to approximately 700,000 people per year at the new facility.

More importantly, Mote SEA will serve as a regional hub for providing critical experiential science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) education in its three K-12 STEM teaching labs to 70,000 students from local schools, along with family day passes to 24,000 Title 1 students in Sarasota and Manatee Counties each year.

Mote SEA will not just provide K-12 students with potentially transformative STEM education opportunities—it will also help bridge gaps between education and careers through four STEM Workforce Development Labs on the second and third floors with focus on sustainable aquaculture, habitat restoration, fisheries, robotics and machine learning data analytics. In these labs, high school interns, undergraduate and graduate students will gain technical skills,

hands-on research experience, and career-building networking opportunities working alongside Mote scientist mentors on their ongoing projects.

Mote’s growth over the past decade and its ambitious vision for the evolution of a marine science-based economy in Southwest Florida led its current President & CEO, Dr. Michael P. Crosby, to be named a Living Legend in Florida Trends’ annual “Florida 500”, which highlights the State of Florida’s most influential business leaders. Florida Trend placed Dr. Crosby in its prestigious lineup that also includes Jeff Vinik, Owner of the Tampa Bay Lightning; Pat Geraghty, President & CEO, Guidewell Mutual Holding Co. and Florida Blue; Richard M. Schulze, Founder of Best Buy; and others.

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he did not have the combination to the safe, but detectives say Garvin told him if he did not open the safe he was going to kill him. The co-conspirator told detectives that Garvin then shot Hurley in the leg before telling him to open the safe again. When he did not do so, Garvin shot and killed Hurley, according to an affidavit.

The co-conspirator then told detectives that Garvin shot and killed Carter as they were fleeing the scenes, according to an affidavit, which also stated that there were no surveillance cameras in the area where the murders allegedly occurred.

Additional arrests may occur according to police.

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## Longboat Key Homeowners ...

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## Thank you

To: Longboat Key Police Captain Robert Bourque  
Captain Bourque - Thank you so much for your diligence in bringing another suspect in from the Zota murder case in. Very proud of the excellent work of our police department.  
BJ Bishop  
Commissioner  
Town of Longboat Key

## Thank you

To: Longboat Key Commissioner BJ Bishop  
Thank you, hopefully we will be arresting one more.  
Robert Bourque  
Captain  
Longboat Key Police Department

## Feeding Tampa Bay

To: Longboat Key Mayor Ken Schneier  
I hope this email finds you well. As an integral leader in our community, I am reaching out to keep you informed of Feeding Tampa Bay’s impact in our region and their vision for the coming years. Investment with community partners is crucial and we want to make sure that you are plugged in as best as possible as we serve your constituents in Longboat Key.  
Feeding Tampa Bay has released their Annual Report that highlights challenges in our community that FTB has been working to bring solutions to. Their goal is to continue to create better outcomes for those in need.  
Feeding Tampa Bay distributed over 87 million meals last year, traveling over 642,550 miles in our region to bring food – and a future – to those in need.  
They are looking forward to what is to come this year, excited to see how their Imagine Capital Project unfolds and the impact that their new facility will have on the community. I encourage you to read the report by clicking here or the image below.  
I appreciate your attention to Feeding Tampa Bay’s work in our area and hope we can continue to collaborate to make an even greater impact on our communities in the coming year. Please let me know if you have any questions or if there is any further information I can provide.  
Madyson Blair  
Land O’Lakes, FL

## Jewfish Key

To: Longboat Key Town Commission  
Attached for information purposes is a copy of communications that we received yesterday on behalf of a homeowner’s association representing property owners on Jewfish Key seeking to initiate a de-annexation/contraction process from the Town. Please be advised that my office is working with the Town Manager and appropriate Department Heads to evaluate and process this request. The municipal contraction statutes were significantly modified last year during the 2023 Legislative Session. Accordingly, we are evaluating this petition in accordance with the applicable new changes in the law. I anticipate that the Town Manager and I will brief the Commission in the near future on the application and statutory process. In the meantime, please refrain from responding to this email and direct any questions to either me or Tip.  
Maggie D. Mooney  
Town Attorney  
Town of Longboat Key

## EDC Strategic Planning Task Force

To: Longboat Key Commissioner Penny Gold  
A note to remind you that we are seeking feedback on the attached data collection questions by tomorrow. These questions are just for that first group of one-on-one meetings, which we are beginning to schedule. I have attached a slightly modified version based on the feedback I have received so far; the changes are identified with highlighted text. Thank you for your leadership during this process. Your commitment to the EDC’s future is evident and greatly appreciated.

Erin Silk, CEcD  
President & CEO  
Economic Development Corporation of Sarasota County

## EDC Strategic Planning Task Force

To: Economic Development Corporation of Sarasota County President Erin Silk  
Hi Erin, Sorry for my late response. The questions are simple and clear, and open-ended enough to gather some helpful insights. They certainly reflect what we discussed at the last meeting. Good job.  
Penny Gold  
Commissioner  
Town of Longboat Key

## To: EDC Strategic Planning Task Force

I hope you are having a wonderful week. Attached are draft questions for the first phase of the strategic planning data collection. Please send me your thoughts and feedback by 1/17.  
We will begin scheduling one-on-one interviews and ask for interested Task Force members who would like to participate. Additionally, you will soon receive monthly calendar holds for future Task Force meetings. Thank you for all your work on this very important and impactful strategic planning process.  
Erin Silk, CEcD  
President & CEO  
Economic Development Corporation of Sarasota County

## FDOT Bill Tracker Report

To: Longboat Key Commission  
Forwarded as of interest is the latest FDOT Bill Tracker report received from the Metropolitan Planning Organization Advisory Council (MPOAC), along with a spreadsheet of legislative member project requests.  
Regarding such member transportation project requests, it is noted that if the funding is identified from the state’s general fund or other non-highway trust fund sources, those projects can likely be added (if they are fully funded) more easily than if funding is identified as the state highway trust fund. Transportation planners been advised over the years that member requests for partially funded transportation projects, transportation projects not already part of the FDOT Work Program or projects not listed on an MPO’s Cost Feasible Plan list can actually slow a project down or cause delays in the delivery of other projects already funded in the FDOT Work Program.  
David L. Hutchinson  
Executive Director  
Sarasota/Manatee Metropolitan Planning Organization

## 2024 Legislative Session Bill Tracker

To: MPOAC Board Members  
Good morning, MPOAC Governing Board Members and Staff Directors. Attached is the latest Bill Tracker spreadsheet for the 2024 Session. I’ve begun to highlight those bills that carry a much more critical impact to the MPOs/MPOAC/planning realm in a coral color. Those highlighted in light blue are still worth watching, but with less of an impact on our business. SB 1032, the atom bomb of bills, still has no House counterpart. But that does not mean the language can’t be amended into a House bill or the House may choose to take up the Senate version. But the bill hasn’t had any movement the past week. There is still no staff analysis, nor has it been added to any committee agendas. All good signs for now. I will provide more detail on the critical bills next week at our meeting in Orlando.  
Your MPOAC Executive Committee is meeting in Tallahassee tomorrow to discuss strategy for addressing the more critical bills. We will also be meeting with Secretary Perdue.  
The member project list is also attached. House projects now total \$1.165 billion. The Senate total is just shy of a billion at \$935 million. Let me know if you have any questions.  
Mark E. Reichert  
Executive Director  
Metropolitan Planning Organization Advisory Council

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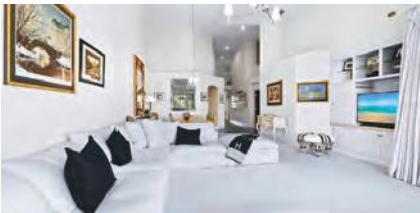
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# KeyOpinion

## After New Hampshire, let the real turmoil begin

*We'll know in the next few days following the New Hampshire results whether there is a viable challenge to Trump, or whether America starts its longest general election campaign in recent memory with the guaranteed turmoil of a Trump-versus-Biden rematch.*

GREGORY RUSOVICH  
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With the 2024 Iowa Caucus results in the bag — about 110,000 Iowans voted to further boost former President Trump's run for the Republican nomination — does any path remain for either Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis or former UN Ambassador Nikki Haley to realistically challenge Trump? Is America truly headed for a dreaded Biden-Trump rematch?

The answer does not lie with Iowa. The state's caucus has not been a good predictor of Republican presidential nominees as evidenced by Mike Huckabee's win in 2008, Rich Santorum's victory in 2012 and Ted Cruz's first-place finish in 2016. Since 2000, George W. Bush has been the only Iowa caucus winner to go on to secure the Republican nomination.

Additionally, turnout in this year's Iowa caucus was the lowest in over a decade as only 15% of the state's 752,000 registered Republicans voted. While such a low margin should not determine the party's nominee, the results can be used as the first gauge of Republican voter leanings. DeSantis placed tremendous resources and effort into winning Iowa, including stops in all 99 counties. And Nikki Haley saw a surge of financial support in the closing weeks. But despite their efforts, neither could dent the popularity of the orange-haired beast in Iowa.

Tuesday's New Hampshire primary is quickly becoming make or break for DeSantis and Haley. Historically, New Hampshire has been a better predictor of Republican nominees than Iowa, with that first state primary choosing the ultimate nominee in 2008, 2012 and 2016.

It's a long shot, but Haley is within striking distance in the Granite State. A Decision Desk HQ-The Hill average of polls shows Trump leading Haley by 8 percentage points. But New Hampshire is less conservative than Iowa, and Independents and Democrats can vote in the primary, providing her an opening. Multiple conservative commentators are critical of Haley's appeal to more moderate voters, but isn't that quality a positive for a general election candidate? And it should be noted that Haley beats Biden consistently by significant margins (8 to 17 points) in head-to-head poll matchups. A Republican win of this magnitude would encompass substantial pickups in the House, Senate and state races.

While there is a path (although unlikely) for Haley, it is extremely difficult to visualize one for DeSantis. New Hampshire polls show the governor at about 5 percent, and such a poor showing would certainly lead to legitimate questions regarding the viability of his candidacy. Momentum is a critical factor in primary outcomes. A surprise win for Haley would certainly bolster her candidacy (at least temporarily). A poor performance for DeSantis would likely end his bid for the nomination.

Barring a surprising Haley victory on Tuesday, America will get the presidential race it does not want: Trump versus Biden. Overall, most U.S. adults (56 percent) would be "very" or



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"somewhat" dissatisfied with Biden as the Democratic presidential nominee in 2024, and a similar majority (58 percent) would be very or somewhat dissatisfied with Trump as the GOP's pick. Both parties have younger leaders who would certainly be more viable candidates. The Republicans have narrowed their field to two other successful, articulate and knowledgeable leaders. Either Haley or DeSantis would present Americans with a strong conservative alternative to the country's current progressive path. The Democrats also have a younger generation of leaders, including California Gov. Gavin Newsome, Illinois Gov. J. B. Pritzker and Transportation Secretary Pete Buttigieg. Each presents a clear progressive vision. But instead, the parties likely have decided on a path of mutually assured destruction. The Democrats are rallying around a feeble, unpopular, ineffective president. The Republicans are jumping off a cliff tied to a pugnacious, provocative, indictment-riddled former president. Chaos is already in the air. Just imagine the mayhem come October, November and December.

Current polls basically show a tied race between Biden and Trump. If Democrats truly believe that Trump is a threat to democracy, they have taken an extraordinary risk following Biden into battle. The public could decide that Trump's four years of relative peace and prosperity at home and abroad are more compelling than a panicked claim of democracy's demise. On the other hand, Republicans under Trump's leadership lost in 2018, 2020 and 2022. But hey, who cares about winning when you may be able to stick it to the deep state?

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# Editor Letters

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### Village Association cleanup

To: Longboat Key Public Works Director Isaac Brownman  
Good Morning. I believe I mentioned we have a Village Association cleanup planned for Saturday, January 20 at the Jackson Way Access. Please let me know how we might need to coordinate and/or help with this project and the Bay Partners Grant application (see link). I took a video yesterday to give you a sense of the conditions there. Per our conversation we will pile up debris and Public Works will remove. Please have Mark contact me and Madeline Stewart to coordinate.  
[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bRtIs\\_VnMxk](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bRtIs_VnMxk)  
<https://sarasotabay.org/get-involved/apply-for-a-grant/>  
Rusty Chinnis  
Longboat Key

### Commission vacancy

To: Longboat Key Commission  
The Clerk's office received a request for information regarding participation at Town Commission meetings by the applicants for the District 5 vacancy.  
Please see attached, but also keep in mind that individuals may have been in the audience of a meeting, but did not speak and therefore, it would not be included on the list as it only includes members of the public that addressed the Commission. The Clerk's office does not have a method to determine which members of the public, who may be current applicants, were in attendance other than through the speaker cards submitted.  
Additionally, the Town went from in-person meetings to virtual/in-person format mid-year 2020 through August 2021 which may also impact the participation numbers as individuals may have been signed in electronically but did not speak. If you have any questions, please let me know.  
Trish Shinkle  
Town Clerk  
Town of Longboat Key

### Legislative session

To: Longboat Key Town Commission  
Attached for your information is a copy of the Legislative Session Reports for Week 1 of the 2024 Legislative Session from your lobbyists at Ramba Consulting. Should you have any questions or concerns regarding this report, please do not hesitate to contact me or the Town Manager.  
Maggie D. Mooney  
Town Attorney  
Town of Longboat Key

### Dumpster Whitney plaza unregistered truck complaint


To: Longboat Key Code Enforcement Officer Bryan Wisnom  
In response to your email below, we are all amazed that your opinion is that the dumpsters that are at Whitney Plaza are conforming to the ordinance that is currently on the books of the Town of Longboat Key.  
Nowhere does the ordinance reference "Public view" as your reply indicates. It does however reference "residences that are adjacent to such areas".  
We have attached a few pictures that clearly show that both dumpsters are in a clear view of adjacent residential properties.  
We hope that you will do another site visit to determine that these dumpsters in fact are in residential viewing as the pictures clearly show and to have the property owner of the shopping center bring the site into conformance immediately.  
We all "Thank you" in advance for your anticipated help with this ongoing non-conforming issue.  
Charley & Betsy Byrd  
Michael & Amy Drake  
Tai Mim Li  
David & Lori Price  
Ross & Val Schniederman

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# Editor Letters



**Letters, from page 7**

**Dumpster Whitney plaza unregistered truck complaint**

To: Michael Drake  
EN24-0034 was opened and investigated.  
Dumpster is on pavement and behind plaza not in public view.  
No violation.  
Unregistered truck - on private property parked legally and out of sight of public view. PD confirmed  
No violation.  
Trash in area – observed and owner given a courtesy notice to clean up area.  
Owner responded and will clean area up. Once that is verified case will be closed.  
Bryan Wisnom  
Code Enforcement Officer  
Town of Longboat Key

**Advocacy Committee Meeting (1/10/24) Follow Up**

To: Longboat Key Mayor Ken Schneier  
As a follow up to yesterday’s meeting, we are requesting your city’s data on some issues being considered this session.  
Please submit your responses to me (bjones@flcities.com) by COB Friday, January 19th.  
Homestead Exemption Expansion:  
Q1: What is estimated loss of revenue for additional \$25 K exemption?  
Q2: What percent is revenue loss of municipal budget?  
Q3: How much would city need to raise the millage to recover the loss of revenue?  
Q4: If city is faced with tough cuts, what are 3 services likely to be cut first?  
Cities that provide water/wastewater outside municipal boundaries (Please send us the water/sewer/electric interlocal agreement with the county and/or neighboring city where service is provided)

Q1: What percent surcharge for customers outside city jurisdiction?  
Q2: Is the Tap/Connection fee the same for customers inside/outside the city?  
Water/Wastewater Utilities Enterprise Fund Transfer  
Q1: What percentage of net revenue is transferred from the utility to the city’s general fund?  
Local Business Tax (LBT)\*  
Q1: What does city charge for LBT? (provide fee schedule)  
Q2: How much revenue collected annually?  
Q3: How does city use LBT revenue?  
\*Please disregard if you already sent us this information  
If you have any questions, please contact Allison Payne at Apayne@flcities.com or (850) 701-3602.  
Brenda Jones  
Legislative Coordinator  
Florida League of Cities, Inc.

**Longboat Key Projects**

To: Manatee County Commission  
I would like to thank each of you for your support in approving both the unitary on-demand transit system for Longboat Key and the first ever Manatee County physical presence on the island at Whitney Plaza. These items, adopted at your January 9 BOCC meeting, mark a great start to 2024 and the continued development of the close relationship between our communities. Happy New Year.  
Ken Schneier  
Mayor  
Town of Longboat Key

**Lane Closure on John Ringling Parkway & Ken Thompson Parkway**

To: St. Armands Circle Association President Rachel Kravitz-Burns  
You guys have probably all seen this by now, but just in case. I believe that when they talk about the westbound lane of Ken Thompson Pkwy, that they are actually refer-

ring to what Google Maps says is the westbound lane of John Ringling Pkwy and the southbound lane of N Blvd of Presidents--both in the Lido Shores neighborhood in between Longboat Key and St. Armands--where the unfinished work on November 30 caused that terrible traffic backup.  
Chris Goglia  
President  
St. Armands Residents Association

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To: Longboat Key Town Manager Howard Tipton  
If true, this is disturbing news as it would reduce John Ringling to one lane for all transit between Longboat and St. Armands/Downtown during dinnertime for an entire month during the busiest time of year. It’s also not encouraging  
Howard: If true, this is disturbing news as it would reduce John Ringling to one lane for all transit between Longboat and St. Armands/Downtown during dinnertime for an entire month during the busiest time of year. It’s also not encouraging that the City may be mis-identifying the affected street for half the project. We were caught in a road closure of 41 south from Van Wezel to Fruitville last night, but at least it didn’t start until 9 p.m. Worth a conversation with Nik Patel?  
Ken Schneier  
Mayor  
Town of Longboat Key

**Lane Closure on John Ringling Parkway & Ken Thompson Parkway**

To: Longboat Key Mayor Ken Schneier  
City is adjusting work times to 9 p.m. until 5 a.m. They also shifted the order of work, but that shouldn’t matter during those times.  
Howard N. Tipton  
Town Manager  
Town of Longboat Key

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845 BENJAMIN FRANKLIN DR Unit#208	991	\$635,000	2	2	0	123	\$580,000
5919 GULF OF MEXICO DR	5,596	\$10,500,000	4	6	0	32	\$8,950,000
3030 GRAND BAY BLVD Unit#316	2,925	\$2,395,000	3	3	0	33	\$2,250,000
1211 GULF OF MEXICO DR Unit#1005	2,135	\$2,000,000	2	2	1	0	\$2,000,000
711 EMERALD HARBOR DR	2,288	\$1,895,000	3	3	0	13	\$1,895,000
1045 GULF OF MEXICO DR Unit#501	1,172	\$1,325,000	2	2	0	9	\$1,300,000
2721 GULF OF MEXICO DR Unit#601	1,350	\$1,100,000	3	2	0	6	\$1,025,000
1945 GULF OF MEXICO DR Unit#M2-509	1,265	\$895,000	2	2	0	3	\$890,000
2089 GULF OF MEXICO DR Unit#G1-212	1,214	\$865,000	2	2	1	2	\$865,000
4760 GULF OF MEXICO DR Unit#Villa 7	912	\$390,000	1	1	0	341	\$325,000



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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.

## Jan. 12 Raccoon at the house

1:25 p.m.  
Officer Miklos was dispatched to Bayou Road in reference to an animal problem. Upon arrival, Officer Miklos came into contact with several residents in reference to a sick raccoon. The raccoon was located at the listed address near the garage. The raccoon appeared to be injured and animal services was requested to the scene. Case clear.

## Other agency assistance

6:44 p.m.  
Officer Maple was dispatched to Bayport Way for an outside agency assist. A call was in reference to a smoke detector activation. Prior to Officer Maple's arrival, Longboat Key Fire Department personnel called the incident a false alarm from shower steam. No police involvement needed. Case clear.

## Jan. 13 Noise

11:40 p.m.  
Officer Maple was dispatched to Harbor Cay Drive for a noise complaint. Upon Officer Maple's arrival, he heard loud music coming from a neighbor's house and made contact with the party goers. The music was turned down and personnel departed the premises. Case clear.

## Jan. 14 Suspicious person

12:09 p.m.  
Officer Martinson was dispatched to Tarawitt Drive for a call of a suspicious person. Upon arrival, Officer Martinson located the man standing on the ground along the southeast side of the residence next to an extension ladder. The man stated he knows the owner of the house, and that he was hired to do handyman work around the property. The man provided Officer Martinson the homeowner's name and phone number and he also had keys to the residence. The man went on to say that he was staying in the house next door, while he does his day to day work. The man was not in violation of any noise or construction ordinance. Case clear.

## Jan. 15 Mail theft

10:58 a.m.  
Officer Ramsaier was dispatched to the 4300 block of Gulf of Mexico Drive for a call of mail theft. Upon arrival, Officer Ramsaier met with the complainant who stated that she had mail forwarded from her home in Minnesota to her residence in Longboat Key. The complainant stated that when the package arrived, there was damage to the box and stated there was not as much mail as she anticipated. The complainant stated that she was unaware how the box was damaged, where the damage occurred and what contents were supposed to be in the package. The call originally came over as a theft but given the circumstances, it has been reclassified as a suspicious incident. The complainant advised to follow up with the sender regarding total contents mailed and the Post Office in Minnesota from where it was mailed from to determine if the package was damaged there or while in transit. Case clear.

## Suspicious incident

5:37 p.m.  
Officer Ramsaier was dispatched to the parking lot of the 300 block of Gulf of Mexico Drive for a suspicious person call. Upon arrival, this officer met with the complainant who directed the officer to the vehicle. The complainant stated that he observed the vehicle's trunk opening and closing with a person's hand from inside the vehicle. Officer Ramsaier approached the vehicle and was met by the person who stated that her car was struck from behind approxi-



mately one week ago and the trunk was not staying closed. The mentioned person stated that she was attempted to tie down the trunk from inside via the rear seats. The mentioned person stated that she is a certified nursing assistant. The vehicle trunk was inspected by Officer Ramsaier and no violations observed as trunk was tied down. Case clear.

## Dog on the loose

8:34 p.m.  
Officer Mathis was dispatched to the 6900 block of Gulf of Mexico Drive in reference to an animal complaint. A dog was located that the location without an owner. The complainants said that while he and his wife were enjoying dinner at the restaurant, they observed a small dog without its owner. The complainant was able to secure the dog and contact the Longboat Key Police. Upon his arrival, Officer Mathis made contact with the dog and Sgt. Montfort and checked the area and were unable to locate the dog's owner. A short time later, the owner of the dog arrived at the location attempting to find their lost dog. The dog's owner took custody of his dog. No further police services were needed. Case clear.

## Jan. 16 Disturbance

5:20 a.m.  
Officer Ferrigine responded to the 6800 block of Gulf of Mexico Drive for a disturbance at the restaurant. Upon his arrival, Officer Ferrigine spoke to the complainant who stated for the third night in a row, the house directly across the waterway from her restaurant has been shining a bright spotlight in the windows of her establishment which was resulting in complaints from the customers. While on scene, Officer Ferrigine walked outside on the dock of the restaurant and the spotlight was off at the time. Officer Ferrigine was able to see the spotlight placed on the deck across from the waterway facing the restaurant. Officer Ferrigine guided Officer Mathis to the dock where the spotlight was placed. Officer Mathis made contact with the owner of the dock who placed the spotlight facing the establishment.

## Jan. 17 Suspicious incident

4:12 a.m.  
Sgt. Montfort while on patrol on Gulf of Mexico Drive, observed a vehicle slowly moving through the parking lot of the 5000 block of Gulf of Mexico Drive. Sgt. Montfort then turned around and was not able to locate the vehicle in the parking lot. However, Sgt. Montfort did locate a Hispanic male walking through the parking lot carrying a package. Sgt. Montfort made contact with the man who provided Sgt. Montfort with his driver's license. The man was wearing an Amazon delivery vest and showed Sgt. Montfort his hand held computer. The man was sent on his way without incident. Case clear.

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# Editor Letters

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Lane Closure on John Ringling Parkway & Ken Thompson Parkway

To: Longboat Key Town Manager Howard Tipton  
If there's any way to have the evening project begin at 9 p.m., or even 8, rather than 7, it would help tremendously to get the dinner traffic moved through.  
Ken Schneier  
Mayor  
Town of Longboat Key

Lane Closure on John Ringling Parkway & Ken Thompson Parkway

To: Longboat Key Mayor Ken Schneier  
Thank you Mayor. We can certainly reach out to Nik to clarify where the work will actually be done.  
Howard N. Tipton  
Town Manager  
Town of Longboat Key

Lane Closure on John Ringling Parkway & Ken Thompson Parkway

To: Longboat Key Commission  
This is a Road closure notice for the City of Sarasota. Utility Construction Services LLC will be closing the Southbound Lane of John Ringling Parkway in order to replace power poles for Storm Hardening. Work is to take place from January 15th, 2024 through February 5th, 2024. Work will take place at night from 7:00PM to 12 p.m. Traffic will be diverted via flaggers onto the Northbound Lane for the duration of the closure.  
Once work is complete on John Ringling Parkway, FP&L will conduct further storm hardening measures on Ken Thompson Parkway. The Westbound lane will be closed from February 5th, 2024 through February 19th, 2024, and will also take place at night to reduce traffic impacts. Traffic will be diverted via flaggers onto the Eastbound for the duration of the closure.  
For details, please visit the City of Sarasota road closure GIS at <https://sarasota.maps.arcgis.com/apps/TimeAware/index.html?appid=72b1531477c2493eaabe85a29f372d0d>. If you have any questions, comments, or concerns, please direct them to the City of Sarasota Public Works, Engineering Division at ROWerosion@sarasotafl.gov.  
Wesley Stuckey  
Engineering Technician  
City of Sarasota

Bay Partners Grant for Jackson Way Access Longboat Key

To: Longboat Key Grants Manager Kalee Shaberts  
It was nice talking to you today. Please consider this a virtual introduction. Magen is the Public Outreach Manager for the Sarasota Bay Estuary Program and handles the grants.

Dr. Jeffery Driver and Terri Driver live at Banyan Bay Condominium on Longboat and were instrumental in initiating and completing a Bay Partners Grant project there last year. Please reach out to them and me and we will be happy to assist you with questions/actions to facilitate this grant.  
Rusty Chinnis  
Longboat Key

Meeting Participation by District 5 Applicants

To: Longboat Key Town Commission  
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Trish Shinkle

Town Clerk  
Town of Longboat Key

Urban Mixed Use Areas

To: Sarasota City Commissioner Debbie Trice  
Please allow me to reintroduce myself. We sat next to each other at last year's St. Armands Resident Association annual dinner.  
I am a 30+ years resident of Sarasota (30+ years) and a senior fellow and co-director of the American Enterprise Institute Housing Center. My area of specialty is zoning, land use, and policies to expand the supply of housing across the nation, including Sarasota.  
Attached is a draft analysis my colleague Tobias Peter and I have done regarding Sarasota's plans to establish Urban Mixed Use Areas (UMUA).  
At the densities allowable under the affordable & attainable incentive to convert commercial areas into UMUA, new construction would tilt towards expensive, elevator structures with >=50 units, nearly half or more being rental, with most of these being small, 1-bedroom units. As a result of the mixed use, these areas will experience increasing population and amenities.  
Sarasota should consider how to benefit from the growing amenities in UMUA and put in place policies to support walkable communities through the designation of Live  
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# KeyRealEstate

## Myer, from page 1

In fact, he still plays tennis with pro John Woods, who hired Bruce in 1979 to sweep tennis courts at the Longboat Key Club.

But the relationships he cherishes most. The driver much of Bruce’s meaning in life — are his three boys — whom he helped raise as a single father.

Bruce would tell friends over the past years that his boys had found success in Denver, Portland, New Haven and in cities far from Sarasota. Like most parents, his connection turned to phone calls and holiday vacation plans. So when Chase relocated to Sarasota to join his father’s real estate practice, an exciting new chapter began.

## Generations join...

Even when young, it became apparent Chase had many of the same qualities as his father. He is personable. He focuses on the moment and the people he is with. There is engaging warmth in his demeanor — an almost indescribable Myer quality that runs through father and son.

After Chase graduated from St Stephen’s High School, he continued on to Flagler College. He took his evolving interests in product design and marketing and found success working at Brooks Brothers in Connecticut where he served as a liaison between customer service and e-commerce.

“It was a great experience,” says Chase.

All the while, his father continued year after year to outdo previous achievements. Bruce’s annual sales volume steadily rose over the past decade from \$40 million per year to more than \$134 million in 2021.

As Chase continued in his own business career, he increasingly recognized the level of success his father had achieved over so many years in the ever-expanding luxury market of Sarasota and its islands.

So how did the idea to join forces come about?

It was born slowly over time, over conversations that increasingly made sense. It was clear to Bruce that Chase’s personable demeanor and background in business and design would make him a natural at real estate. Also, the fact that Chase grew up exposed to every facet of the business and grew up in the very market he worked in made even more sense.

As time went on, Chase saw the chance to add his interests, skill and his drive and enthusiasm to his father’s business as an opportunity both personally and professionally.

Last winter, Bruce suggested the idea. Chase went back to Tallahassee and found the idea exciting. He felt ready to trade Tallahassee for Sarasota. But more importantly, he was ready to work tirelessly bringing his own skill set and style to his father’s business. Chase soon earned his real estate license and relocated to Sarasota.

Fast-forward several months later, and the father and son have forged an already successful working relationship. In a sense, they complement each other perfectly. Bruce, the experienced master of the trade with endless connections, and Chase, similarly personable, but with a strong grasp of technology, systems and design. If you see them in their Longboat Key office, you will realize they work and talk seamlessly together.

Chase obviously is the dapper dresser. He wears bow ties, socks that have splashes of character and color and he wears pants that are crisply pressed. He never looks out of place and fits perfectly into the multi-million dollar condominiums and residences that are listed by Bruce every week.

Bruce’s attire is appropriate, but is more or less a never-changing uniform of khaki pants and a golf shirt. He likely has to be cajoled by his girlfriend, Alice, or by Chase to mix it up with a button-up shirt or a tie. But those occasions are rare, like spotting a black panther.

And yet they compliment her each other in subtle ways. Bruce simply knows everyone and every property in the area he serves. Chase, on the other hand, likes to learn all of the buried details of a property. He makes it a practice to study the financials and the health of HOA organizations for the various listings. He loves websites and digital marketing and understands the interrelationship between the presentation and price.

## Courting success on LBK...

Bruce grew up with his grandparents primarily on a farm in Indiana. He vacationed as a child at the Islander Club on Longboat Key where they owned a condominium. From a young age, he roamed the beaches and spent summers soaking up every corner of the Key. He was a European history major and describes it as “dumb luck” that he met the sales and marketing director for ARVIDA when he was sweeping courts as an employee at the tender age of 21 years old.

For those who do not know the developmental history of Longboat Key, ARVIDA was the big player in the region. ARVIDA carved the canals that made Country Club Shores. ARVIDA developed Bird Key out of the dredged material from those canals and ARVIDA parceled out

the Longboat Key Club and many of islands major condominium sites. Everything behind the gates both Islandside and Harbourside was owned and controlled by ARVIDA at one time.

It was an auspicious beginning for Bruce.

“I didn’t know what the hell I was going to do for a living.”

Bruce real estate career took off. His ease at conversing and making people comfortable was key. Over the last four decades, it is little surprise that year after year he sells more real estate on the island than anybody else.

But the proposition of working with his son Chase is more important to Bruce then all of these market-leading accomplishments.

“It is a double win. Not only is Chase a natural, I get to work with my son every day,” says Bruce. “There is a synergy we both enjoy.”

While Bruce is often talking and relating, Chase listens and is able to complement his father’s efforts.

They both admit that wherever they go, within 5 minutes there’s someone Bruce knows. But Chase doesn’t simply slip into the background, he listens and then just as effortlessly as his father, he talks and relates naturally and unobtrusively and intelligently.

“Chase handles most of our showings. But the fact that he talks to customers and relates so well is already turning our showings into additional business opportunities,” says Bruce

## Experience adds clarity...

Chase recognizes the enormity of his father’s accomplishments. The numbers are staggering: Several billion sold over a career and about \$100 million dollars sold in each of the past three years alone.

“Every realtor with a license can get the job done on the most basic level,” says Chase, “But not nearly every realtor can offer the depth of knowledge and talent at negotiating and communicating to both parties.”

This is crucial for success. The reason is real estate is full of last minute contingencies, disasters and surprises. So much of a realtor’s job is keeping the deal together and adding clarity while removing stress from the process.

Add to this fact that many of the buyers and sellers in this region are from out of state and must work long distance and yet have exacting standards.

## The Next Chapter...

Although not literally part of the Bruce Myer family, but certainly part of his real estate family, is Cynthia Biggar.

Cynthia has worked with Bruce and managed the office for the past 5 years. She knows Bruce’s strengths: relationships, negotiating and remembering details. She also knows his weaknesses: technology and a love of paper of files.

“Chase is the perfect counterpoint to his father,” says Cynthia. “While Bruce is paper, Chase is digital. Bruce is famous for saying we need another file. Chase knows how to eliminate files and streamline,” she adds.

And while Bruce has spent the 40 years on Longboat Key and bird key and lido learning every condominium and home and detail of the existing properties, Chase is passionate about new construction and expanding their footprint.

The future is optimistic in this real estate Odyssey of Bruce Myer and his son Chase.

“We have so much fun together,” says Bruce. “Because he’s my son it doesn’t bother me that he can drive a golf ball a lot further. And Chase is definitely adding a spiffy dressing sensibility to our office.”

But the real meaning of joining the two most important elements of one’s life: career and family is hard to express.

“I feel very fortunate,” says Bruce, “Fortunate to be in a position to show my son everything I know about my work. But what’s even more amazing is that Chase brings a complimentary energy and spirit and in my eyes is a natural. I feel blessed and excited about the next chapter.”

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# WineTimes

## Down Under Tennis and Wines

*The tennis tournament season Down Under consists of a series of event that segue like tributaries of rivers into the mainstream Australian Open.*

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The tennis tournament season Down Under consists of a series of event that segue like tributaries of rivers into the mainstream Australian Open. The Southern Hemisphere summer reaches its apex during the Australian Open in Melbourne. Advertisers vie to put their products on the forefront of spectators at the Open and in TV and social media broadcasts during the tournament.

Aperol repeats as an official partner of Tennis Australia. the Aperol Spritz, 2/5ths Aperol spirits, 3/5ths sparkling wine, and 1/5th soda, has an enthusiastic following at the Open. Canadian Club joins Aperol as official sponsors. The official Champagne, Piper Heidsieck, adds a touch of elegance to the other official beverages. Peroni beer and Somersby cider have bought into the event as well.

A mass producer of Australian wine, Jacob's Creek, has a concession at the tournament and sponsors wine tasting events. It seems obvious that Australians opt for official drinks and Australian wines figure large in the mix of advertisers.

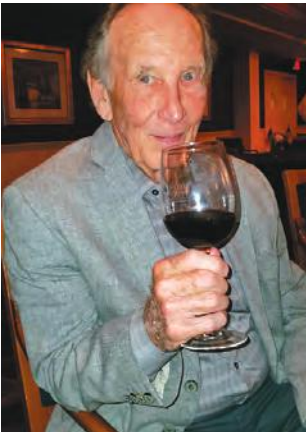
Smaller tennis tournaments, especially the Adelaide International (men and women) and Hobart (women) in Australia, and the ASB Open in Auckland, New Zealand, seem more closely connected to distinctive wine regions. The premier regions growing grapes for fine wines amount to a small fraction of the extent of Australia and New Zealand. The vibrant city of Adelaide on the southeastern coast of has premier wine regions nearby: McLaren Vale to the southwest and the Barossa Valley to the west. These regions showcase old vines of grapes that originated in the Rhône Valley of France. The red wine grapes Shiraz (Australian clones of the Rhône Syrah grape); Grenache from the Spanish Garnacha by way of the Rhône Valley; and, Mourvèdre, also called Mataro or Monastrell in Spain. These grapes do well in the many hot and dry regions of Australia.

The 2020 Turkey Flat Shiraz (\$55) from the Barossa Valley sources grapes from vines planted as early as 1847. The gnarled and scrubby vines yield grapes with intensely flavored and concentrated Juice. This Shiraz has the texture and restrained dark fruit tastes that remind us of aged Bordeaux reds and Napa Cabernet Sauvignon.

Grenache from the Adelaide regions, especially when blended with Shiraz and Mourvèdre/ Mataro, rivals right bank Bordeaux. The 2019 Torbreck The Steading Grenache, Shiraz, Mataro GSM (\$30) has a silkier finish than Turkey Flat Shiraz.

The emerging USA tennis star, Emma Navarro, won the Hobart International tennis tournament in the locale of emerging Pinot Noir stars on the island of Tasmania in extreme southern Australia, Tasmania has a cool, dry maritime climate with sunny days and a long growing season; Pinot Noir grape vines thrive in this climate,

The 2022 Two Tonne Tasmania TMV Pinot Noir 2022 (\$33) has a fresh fruit taste overlaid



on a base of lightly astringent berry tannins. It preserves the character of grapes grown in a unique combination of microclimate and soil.

Spectators at the ASB Open tennis singles tournaments in Auckland, won by Coco Gauff of the USA and Alejandro Tabilo of another southern hemisphere wine producer, Chile, enjoyed a temperate summer week in a seaport city popular with travelers. Sauvignon Blanc from the Marlborough region, the leading variety of wine exported by New Zealand, fit the setting perfectly. A glass of Sauvignon Blanc and fresh, local seafood: We'll drink to that.

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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Locally Urban Villages (LLUV). This could be done through the legalization of light-touch density (LTD) in walkable areas within a ½ mile of the UMUA.

Individuals working in Sarasota should have the opportunity to live locally and walk to their jobs. LTD provides this opportunity as it is both naturally affordable and inclusionary. Sarasota's housing stock would be increased by an estimated 15% (4650 homes) over 50 years and permits would be increased by an estimated 20% (100 permits) annually.

Our research also documented growing levels of infill McMansionization in Sarasota. Failing to up zone using LTD in walkable areas around UMUA would have the unintended consequence of promoting even more rapid McMansionization. As a consequence, Sarasota would miss the opportunity to create Live Locally Urban Villages. I would like to schedule a meeting with you to discuss our findings.

\* Infill McMansion: tearing down an older, starter sized home and replacing with one with 4000-6000 sq. ft. of living area.

Edward Pinto, AEI Senior Fellow and Co-director, AEI Housing Center

### Save Our Seabirds

To: Sarasota City Manager Marlon Brown  
I wanted to provide an update.

Per ADA.gov, "At a zoo, service animals can be restricted from areas where the animals on display are the natural prey or natural predators of dogs, where the presence of a dog would be disruptive, causing the displayed animals to behave aggressively or become agitated. They cannot be restricted from other areas of the zoo."

As an example, The Audubon Society has a strict and direct policy outlining areas where service dogs may not go and dictating that service animals may be asked to leave if the displayed animals are upset by their presence in any area. That said, the Audubon Society is also a physically larger facility with more space to enable people with service animals to view the birds in their habitats without having to get close and risk agitating the resident birds.

In an initial discussion with Brian, the CEO of Save Our Seabirds, it was mentioned that Save Our Seabirds is a much smaller facility than the Audubon Society and similar rescues, so what works for them isn't necessarily possible for Save Our Seabirds. For example, the habitats that line the footpath are at most a few inches off the path, meaning service dogs would be very close to the birds. This means the birds are more likely to become agitated as they are very close to their natural predator/prey. Many of the habitats are also on ground level and not elevated.

Wayne Applebee and I performed a site visit to Save our Seabirds to determine if there were alternate paths of travel that would allow people with service animals to view the birds without causing distress. Unfortunately, this was not the case. As noted by Brian the bird habitats are

very close to the pathway, and there are no alternate paths that would enable an individual to view the birds from a distance. That said, we did find an old side entrance that would be simple to open and provides direct access to the facility education center.

Since I could not ascertain a method to allow service animals in the bird viewing areas without causing undue distress to the resident birds, I pitched the idea that a program using the education center be developed. The old side entrance allows a clear path of travel to the education center and is positioned far enough away from the birds that it would be a viable pathway. There is also ADA Parking located next to this entrance. The education center also does not house any birds, so with the context of the ADA.gov guidance noted above, it cannot be restricted. We discussed the possibility of creating a slideshow or video for people with disabilities to watch, as well as having handlers bring birds that are comfortable around dogs to show the individuals in the education center. Through this combination of efforts, the program will enable people with disabilities to learn more about the facility, see the pictures of the myriad birds being rehabilitated, and even have a chance to see some birds up close. This means that all visitors will be able to enjoy Save our Seabirds. This approach has been used in multiple zoos and animal rehabilitation facilities with great success according to my research. Brian seemed to be interested in this idea and advised he would look into it and get back to us. Please let me know if you have any thoughts, concerns, or questions. Thank you!

Jake Brown  
ADA Coordinator, City of Sarasota

### Save Our Seabirds

To: Sarasota City ADA Coordinator Jake Brown

Thanks for checking and going on-site with Wayne and thanks for seeing if any opportunities present itself for ADA access. Please let us know what the CEO of Save Our Seabirds decides. I have copied the individual from the original e-mail so that they are aware of the findings and discussion. Thanks again and great work.

Marlon Brown  
City Manager, City of Sarasota

### Save Our Seabirds

To: Sarasota City Manager Marlon Brown

Thank you, Marlon, Jake was able to review the email and drafted a response that is in concurrence with Bob's email. Jake will reach out to Rob and start interacting with the tenant.

Stacie Mason  
Human Resource Director, City of Sarasota



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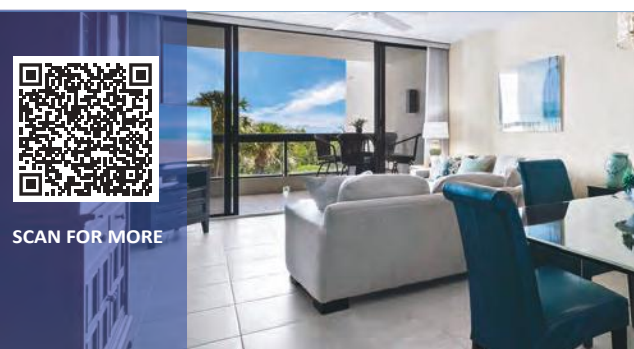
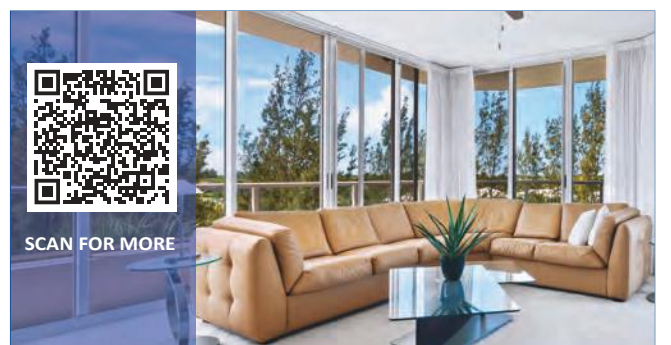
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