

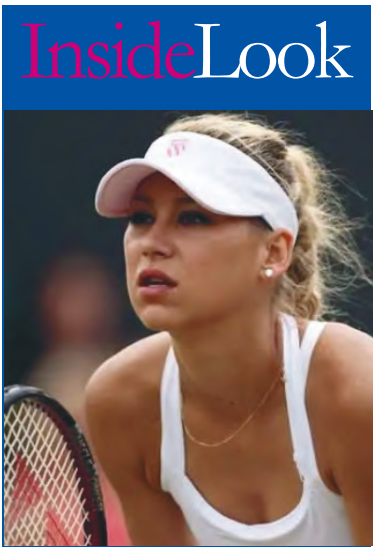


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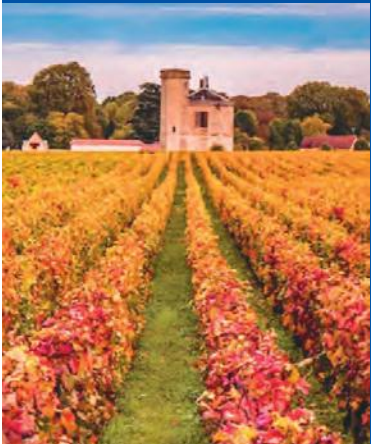
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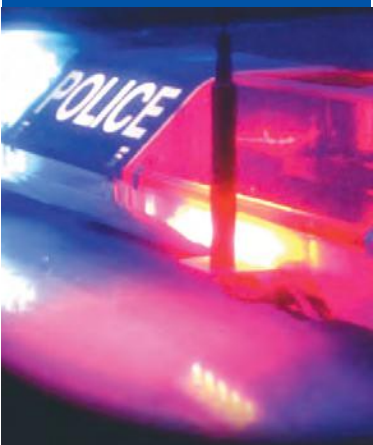
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Torrential Tuesday

last Tuesday evening, rain in some places totaling one foot drenched the entire region rendering a landscape both Biblical in nature as well as a harbinger of global warming.



STEVE REID
Editor & Publisher
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Year after year, Longboaters and Sarasota residents brace for storms. They do so watching frenetic newscasts and make a decision whether to stay or go.

But last Tuesday evening, rain in some places totaling one foot drenched the entire region rendering a landscape both Biblical in nature as well as a harbinger of global warming.

By 9 p.m., dozens of cars could be seen stranded in St. Armands Circle, on sidewalks and directly in the roadways. Some drivers plowed through more than 20 inches of water, while workers on Lido Key in the hotels and restaurants, wondered if they could make it home after their shifts.

In total, City officials say more than 80 water rescue calls were placed for stranded vehicles. The deluge also left inches of standing water in businesses on St. Armands Circle Wednesday morning at opening time.

In response, the City of Sarasota declared a State of Emergency allowing City Government to spend resources with fewer constraints.

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MOTE helps find key to saving sharks

We found that successful fully protected areas were large and protected whole reefs, not just parts of a reef.



Marine protected areas (MPAs), areas that provide legal protection to important marine and coastal ecosystems, often have more reef sharks compared to non-protected areas, but according to a new study in Nature Ecology and Evolution by researchers of Curtin University, Mote Marine Laboratory, and others, finds that when MPAs are established in nations that also limit

shark fishing through catch limits or gear restrictions, conservation benefits are doubled.

Based on the world's largest reef shark and ray survey, Global FinPrint, a project funded by The Paul G. Allen Family Foundation, these findings emphasize that nations should use both approaches (the use of MPAs and effective fisheries management) to rebuild

reef shark populations, which have declined on average globally by 63%.

"Previous studies have shown that fully protected areas – that is MPAs where all fishing is prohibited – can benefit reef sharks. Our study adds a new element; nations can boost these benefits even further," said Dr. Jordan Goetze, the study's lead author, and Adjunct Research

Fellow at Curtin University. "They can do so by applying restrictions on destructive fishing gear such as longlines and gillnets or limiting shark catches outside the protected areas. These actions reduce shark mortality across the whole nation and supercharge the effect of fully protected areas".

The study used baited remote underwater video stations (BRUVS), which are cameras placed in front of a bait source on a reef for 60 minutes. Global FinPrint amassed over 20,000 hours of video footage across 58 nations, which trained researchers scoured for reef sharks to identify population abundance of various species on reefs. Previous analyses of these data highlighted alarming trends: reef sharks were functionally extinct on close to 20% of surveyed reefs and there was an average global decline of 63% across five main reef shark species (grey reef, Caribbean reef, whitetip reef, blacktip reef, and nurse sharks).

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said there was three feet of water on the sidewalk Tuesday evening, and more than 40 disabled vehicles were left behind.

Wednesday morning on St. Armands Circle was met with a flurry of mopping, cleaning, and possible insurance claims.

Café L'Europe reported five inches of water throughout the restaurant on the Circle. The region has experienced one of the driest Spring seasons on record up until this past week. Unfortunately, the saturated soils quickly created the situation of flooding and damage instead of the usual afternoon showers, which are absorbed gradually.

Part of the problem on St. Armands Circle in particular is the fact that the concave nature of the shopping district quickly floods once the storm drains and drainage system is overwhelmed.

Longboat Key experienced flooding as well in low-lying areas and in roadways throughout the Village on the north end. Numerous Bird Key homes experienced flooding in their garages and on the ground floor of structures built on grade.

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For the Love of Longboat



The “We Love Longboat Key” Shell mural at the Bay Isles Beach Club on LBK has the “K” temporarily out of commission. A sea turtle has laid her eggs on the K! Michel and Leighton will restore the K once the eggs have hatched and the Turtle patrol has given them the okay. You can follow Michele De Luce and Leighton Allenby @welovelongboatkey on Facebook



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LBK Street Lights Shining onto the Beach

To: Longboat Key Code Enforcement

I might guess that the ATV is limited in patrolling all areas on North of the beach access at 6399 Gulfside Rd. Please see photos for the Town of LBK streetlights North of the beach access that are on Gulfside Road that are very visible from the beach, and thus visible to sea turtles nesting and hatching.

I cannot give you specific addresses, except the first is on the beach access at 6399 GSR. The rest are north of the beach access area only available via foot walking.

I would sincerely appreciate seeing you at the Town of Commissioners Workshop of June 17th, 2024 at 1 p.m. to help address our Turtle Ordinance concerns.

I will be speaking in the “Public to be Heard” which is not on the agenda items. I have a few other quick words to express from our LBK Green Team.

Terri Driver
Longboat Key

LBK Street Lights Shining onto the Beach

To: Terri Driver

Thank you for sending these. We were under the impression there was only one Gulfside Road light that was visible from the beach, and we are working to address it. Based on below, it looks like you are saying that more than one are visible from the beach. Public Works manages these lights. When you note that additional lights may be visible, please let us know and we can work to address. Thank you!

Isaac Brownman
Director Public Works
Town of Longboat Key

LBK Street Lights Shining onto the Beach

To: Longboat Key Public Works Director Isaac Brownman

Thank you. I would estimate there are 4-5 streetlights that are visible from the beach. I will get addresses and photos for you as soon as I can.

Terri Driver
Longboat Key

LBK Street Lights Shining onto the Beach

To: Terri Driver

Great, thank you!

Isaac Brownman
Director Public Works
Town of Longboat Key

LBK Street Lights Shining onto the Beach

To: Longboat Key Town Manager Howard Tipton

Tip, if the FPL team is still in the office, maybe we could ask them about the street light

issue in this mail? I forgot to ask yesterday.

Gary Coffin
Commissioner
Town of Longboat Key

Town of LBK Street Lights Shining onto the Beach

To: Longboat Key Commissioner Gary Coffin

Thank you Commissioner. It is not an FPL issue as the Town now owns the lights. Valences for known light issues have been ordered and waiting on Public Works to give me a timeframe for installation.

Howard N. Tipton
Town Manager
Town of Longboat Key

St. Regis Update

To: Longboat Key Commission

Friday was a good day for the St. Regis project.

This past Friday (6/7), St. Regis received from the Town a temporary certificate of occupancy (aka a TCO). While there remains a long list of items to be completed before a final certificate of occupancy (aka a CO) is issued, this is a critical step in the projects history and represents reaching a significant milestone for the single largest investment in the Town’s history. The approval was critical for several reasons and allows St. Regis to stock and train. Patti Fige and team (including Fire Marshall Jane Herrin) have been working extra hours including weekends, and with a lot additional coordination! Congratulations to the team at Moss for reaching this point in the project and many thanks to our team for going above and beyond.

Allen also shared that as of Friday morning, the St. Regis project is in compliance now in terms of turtle lighting. There is one roof area that has been brought to the contractor’s attention that will also be addressed. Thanks to Code Enforcement Officer David Woods for his ongoing work on this & for working with the contractor to get this major active construction project into compliance.

Howard N. Tipton
Town Manager
Town of Longboat Key

St. Regis Update

To: Longboat Key Town Manager Howard Tipton

All fines paid?

BJ Bishop
Commissioner, Town of Longboat Key

St. Regis Update

To: Longboat Key Commissioner BJ Bishop

Thanks for the question. All fines are to be paid within 30 days and not all of them have been paid as of today.

Howard N. Tipton
Town Manager
Town of Longboat Key

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Trail Sign

To: Longboat Key Commission
Actually you don't have to go quite as far north as New Jersey to find relevant signage!
Attached is a picture of a trail sign at Coquina Beach, just north of Longboat Key. Note that the sign at the bottom says, "Motorized Vehicles Prohibited" with a symbol showing what appears to be an e-bike or the like. This sign appears to have been placed by Manatee County.
Jim Whitman
Longboat Key

Trail sign

To: Longboat Key Town Manager Howard Tipton
Attached is the trail sign I mentioned. Perhaps we can use something similar to mark the GMD multi-use path.
Debra Williams
Commissioner
Town of Longboat Key

Commission on Ethics update

To: Longboat Key Town Commission
Attached for your information is Update #2 from the Commission on Ethics (COE) relating to the annual filing obligations for elected municipal officials (and candidates for office) in light of the recent court decision. The COE's online filing system has now been updated and elected municipal officials can file Form 1 electronically through their portal. Once again, you are required to submit your annual filing on or before July 1.
The Town Clerk's office and I will continue to keep you apprised of any additional instructions or clarifications that are issued on this matter.
Maggie D. Mooney
Town Attorney
Town of Longboat Key

Commission on Ethics update

To: Longboat Key Commission
I have received a couple of inquiries today regarding Commissioner filing requirements in light of the Federal Court's ruling enjoining the application of Form 6 to elected municipal officials. The Florida Commission on Ethics ("COE") issued the attached Memorandum

providing guidance indicating that municipal elected officials should file Form 1 on or before July 1 (the filing deadline); and that the COE was adjusting their (online) electronic filing management system to make Form 1 available this afternoon. If you already filed Form 6, you do not need to file Form 1. Please review the attached Memorandum and please make sure you timely electronically file your form with the COE. I will continue to disseminate any relevant/helpful information I receive regarding this matter.
Maggie D. Mooney
Town Attorney
Town of Longboat Key

Filing Form 6

To: Longboat Key Commission
Circulating this evening amongst Florida City Attorneys via email is a copy of a court order issued today (June 10, 2024) by South Florida federal Judge Damian issuing a temporary injunction regarding SB 744 (passed during the 2023 Legislative Session) that requires municipal elected officials to file Form 6. A copy of the Court Opinion is attached. Of great interest and importance is the portion of the Court's injunctive relief ruling that specifically states that the injunction applies statewide to all municipal officials. I wanted to share this breaking news as it directly affects each of you and your Form 6 filing requirements. I will provide more guidance on the matter as we evaluate this decision further.
Maggie D. Mooney
Town Attorney
Town of Longboat Key

Suncoast Waterkeeper Sampling Results for the June 3

To: Longboat Key Commission, Sarasota City Commission
On June 3rd, the enterococci survey was carried out during a period of an outgoing tide. The data for this survey was collected in the intertidal zone, where salinity levels ranged between 35 and 39 parts per thousand (ppt), and moderate signs of decaying plant matter were observed. In general, the results indicated less than favorable enterococci levels. Results for sites sampled in Sarasota are as follows:
Town of Longboat Key Boat Ramp (Undetected #/mL)
Bridge Street Pier (1785 #mL)
Palma Sola Causeway North (644 #mL)
Robinson Preserve N (1989 #/mL)
Emerson Point (Undetected #/mL)
Please note that any count exceeding 71 is considered a failure, indicating a potential health

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concern.

We are dedicated to bringing these critical issues to your attention. Enclosed, you will find the official reports for this week's sampling activities, courtesy of Benchmark Enviroanalytical. These reports provide comprehensive data for all the sampled sites.

Additionally, we have provided a link to our website, where you can access more information about our ongoing water quality sampling program. Please direct all questions, suggestions for additional analysis, and feedback to Abbey Tyrna at Executivedirector@suncoastwaterkeeper.org.

Abbey Tyrna
Suncoast Waterkeeper

Deannexation

To: Longboat Key Commissioner Sarah Karon

I am very concerned that the town of Longboat Key was required to foot the bill for the deannexation cost of Jew Fish Island. If I as a private citizen want to request a variance, the cost up front is \$1,500 plus I must pay all legal fees. It would be less expensive if I just requested deannexation of my property and there would be no cost. The City should enact an ordinance requiring a substantial fee to any request for deannexation. I am not sure what that should be, maybe \$25,000 to submit the request, plus fees associated with required studies, etc. It seems inherently unfair that a private citizen must pay for changes in zoning, etc and an entity like Jew Fish Island can make what essentially amounts to an expanded variance request, deannexation, and have no financial responsibility. Just my 2 cents on the issue.

Chris Laurent
Longboat Key

Deannexation

To: Chris Laurent

I totally agree. We must convince the state legislators to change this. Already talked with our lobbyist.

BJ Bishop
Commissioner
Town of Longboat Key

Deannexation

To: Chris Laurent

This is an interesting idea, and your comparison to the variance process is particularly relevant. I know the Commission shares your concerns. Now that the Town has had some experience with the feasibility study process, we may want to consider new policies to help manage costs. I'm cc-ing Tip here, perhaps he can add some further perspective.

Sarah Karon
Commissioner
Town of Longboat Key

Deannexation

To: Longboat Key Commissioner Sarah Karon

Thanks for listening. Not sure the state restricts the town from enacting ordinances requiring payment for the deannexation. But my guess is that they do not. Hopefully the city can enact something that would make it fair for the citizens and an entity together. Or possibly just do away with the variance fee.

Chris Laurent
Longboat Key

Support Services Director Position

To: Town of Longboat Key Department Heads

After two rounds of interviews with different interview panels and after careful consideration of several impressive candidates, I am pleased to share that Mr. Chris Kopp has been selected to be our next Support Services Director replacing Carolyn Brown who will be retiring from the Town on July 8, 2024. Chris's first day will be July 1st.

Chris served more than 7 years in the U.S. Marine Corps and is a disabled veteran. He is coming to us from Manatee County where he has served as HR Manager – Workforce Development with the following duties: Oversee training, professional development, talent acquisition, and performance management to enhance skills and align the workforce with its business objectives. Responsibilities include developing HR policies, ensuring legal compliance, and fostering a positive work environment through employee relations and strategic planning.

Prior work assignments also include Code Enforcement Officer with Longboat Key, Police Officer with the City of Margate and Sergeant with Charlotte-Mecklenburg Police Department, Sheriff's Deputy with Cabarrus County (N.C.) Sheriff's Office, and a private business owner in addition to his time in the Marine Corps.

He holds a Master's Degree in Criminal Justice Administration from Columbia Southern University and serves on the Board of Governors for Manatee Technical College. He is an alumni of both Leadership Manatee and the Public Safety Leadership Institute. Chris will oversee HR and Purchasing, Strategic Planning and Performance Management, as well as Risk Management which is a new responsibility for the position.

Please join me in welcoming Chris when he starts the first week of July.

Howard N. Tipton
Town Manager
Town of Longboat Key

Gulfstream roundabout travel times

To: Neal Turber

I guess better late than never but surprised it took 5 months and a discussion with LK to get a response. As I mentioned in my last note, traffic often backs up 1-2 miles onto LBK during the season so using Ken Thompson Parkway won't accurately reflect the traffic congestion among from Longboat Key.

The travel times shown in the powerpoint show 10-15 minutes to get to downtown during the peak afternoon hours. My experience and that of our citizens is it takes 30 -60 minutes to make this trip during season in the afternoon. I personally think the Gulfstream roundabout has helped traffic flow but look forward to seeing if the numbers prove this out

I look forward to your report.

Mike Haycock
Vice Mayor
Town of Longboat Key

Gulfstream roundabout travel times

To: Longboat Key Vice Mayor Mike Haycock

I wanted to follow-up with you on this. I apologize for the delayed response. We are getting several requests for similar data on the travel times in Sarasota through the roundabout on US 41 and Gulfstream Blvd. We have gathered all the data necessary and are working on compiling it into a presentable format and reviewing it in house to make sure all the data points are represented properly (travel times, volumes, crashes, etc.). I will reach out to you again with that data in the near future. Thank you for your patience on this and, again, I apologize for the late reply.

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Letters, from page 7

Neal Turner
TSM&O Engineer - Arterials
Florida Department of Transportation

Gulfstream roundabout travel times

To: Florida Department of Transportation Engineer Neal Turner
Neal, thank you for the follow-up. During the season traffic typically backs up 1-2 miles north of Ken Thompson Parkway. Is it possible to pick a point mid key like Bay Isles Parkway. Comparing traffic before and after the Roundabout Construction will allow is to see if further improvements are needed.
When will your dashboard be complete and what will it include.
Thanks again for furnishing this data and analysis during our peak season periods.
Mike Haycock
Vice Mayor
Town of longboat Key

Gulfstream roundabout travel times

To: Longboat Key Vice Mayor Mike Haycock
I wanted to follow up with you after the MPO meeting. Attached you will find the travel times from Ken Thompson parkway to US 301 at Fruitville coming off longboat Key. This also contains traffic volumes. As mentioned in the meeting today, we are seeing a significant increase in volumes.
I will work on getting some data to you that shows travel times before the roundabout was ever constructed, so you can compare the roundabout to the true before condition.
Neal Turner
TSM&O Engineer - Arterials
Florida Department of Transportation

Nuisance Wildlife Removal

To: Longboat Key Public Works Director Isaac Brownman
We cannot have releases on the island and staff recommends using a professional catch and release person. A name is attached of company.
BJ Bishop
Commissioner
Town of Longboat Key

Nuisance Wildlife Removal

To: Longboat Key Commissioner BJ Bishop
As requested, here is the company name and number for the group Public Works uses for trapping and relocating wildlife.
Nuisance Wildlife Removal
P.O. Box 1836 Palmetto, FL 34220-1836 US
(941) 729-2103
Isaac Brownman
Director Public Works
Town of Longboat Key

De-Annexation Request by Island Across from Shore Restaurant

To: Longboat Key Commission
Thank you for your public service on behalf of our community. If we understand correctly, you have been asked to consider a request that the island across from the Shore Restaurant be “de-annexed” from the Town of Longboat Key. And we might understand correctly that the first step in consideration of any such request is the performance of a feasibility study.
We will follow with interest the results of that study to see if it identifies any advantages to the Town and its residents of such an annexation.
But we can identify in advance significant disadvantages, especially to those of us who live within sight, sound, smell and environmental and recreational impact of the island.
As we all discovered with the sand bar noise invasion (that, happily, seems to have stopped, thanks!), maintaining Town jurisdiction over code and other compliance on that island will be critical to protecting the interests of those of us who, from our homes, can see the island and the views beyond it, hear sounds created on the island, be impacted by barge and other cargo traffic from the Town dock to the island, be impacted by environmental effects emanating from the island, be impacted from smells traced to the island, and so on.
(An example of the latter: the overwhelming odor from a recent pump-out of the septic systems on the island and the off-loading of the pump-out materials into a tanker truck at the Town dock caused some of us to think that a major sewer leak had occurred in the Village. Fortunately, a Public Works expert responded immediately to our call about this and confirmed that the Town’s sewer systems were intact.)
We very much appreciate in advance the upcoming hard work the Commission and Town staff will need to do on this important issue. And we very much appreciate everything else you do to maintain the paradise we call home.
Henry and Donna Rae Smith
Longboat Key

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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.

June 6 Grocery delivery

11:58 a.m.
Officer Mathis was dispatched to 5400 block of Gulf of Mexico Drive in reference to meet with a woman about a recent delivery. Upon his arrival to Longboat Key Police Department lobby and met with the complainant. The complainant explained she had recently had a delivery using Instacart and she said the delivery contained age restricted items which was a bottle of wine. The complainant advised that the delivery driver had to verify that she was of legal age to receive the alcohol delivery and requested the delivery driver's license. Upon receiving the driver's license, the driver scanned the license with his phone. The complainant further explained that she was worried that her information was kept and that this was not a normal practice. Officer Mathis explained that it is normal practice due to the age restricted items and Instacart's policy to ensure the alcohol isn't delivered to minors. Officer Mathis advised the complainant that he would document the incident. Case clear.



traveling northbound on Gulf of Mexico Drive and the owner had a suspended Florida Driver's License. Officer Martinson located the vehicle in front of the 2500 block of Gulf of Mexico Drive and ended up conducting a traffic stop in front of Bay Isles Road. Officer Martinson made contact with the driver who was later identified by his Mexican ID card and explained to him why he had been pulled over. The driver said the vehicle belonged to his brother and then provided Officer Martinson with a Mexican ID card. The driver said he has never had a valid driver's license. The driver was given a criminal citation with a court date for no driver's license. The man parked the vehicle at Centennial Park and said he would call a friend or family member to come driver

the vehicle. Case clear.

Civil disturbance

11:30 p.m.
Officer Ramsaier responded to the 4700 block of Gulf of Mexico Drive for a call of a civil disturbance. Upon arrival, the officer was directed to a hotel room where a verbal argument had occurred. Officer Ramsaier and Sgt. Butler met with the woman who stated she had an argument with a man. Officer Ramsaier did not see any injuries and both parties said that there was no physical altercation. Case clear.

June 9 Civil disturbance

9:30 a.m.
Officer Mathis was dispatched to Cedar Street in reference to a disturbance. Upon his arrival, Officer Mathis met with the complainant who explained that while he was standing in the roadway at the edge of his property doing some yardwork, another resident came around the corner on his golf cart and almost ran him over. The complainant further explained that he and the other resident have a not so favorable past and have had disputes some years ago. The complainant advised it has been a year or more since he and the other resident have had contact. Officer Mathis then made contact with the other resident who explained that he was on his way to meet friends at the dock and while taking his normal route and turning onto Cedar Street, he was not expecting someone to be standing in the roadway just as he made the turn. The resident advised that he was five or more feet away from the complainant when he passed him but that the complainant had his back to traffic and that is why it probably scared him. The resident further advised that after he passed him, the complainant began to scream obscenities in his direction. The resident insisted on returning to the complainant's house to apologize for startling him as he rounded the corner. The resident explained that he did not mean to scare or upset the complainant and that next time he would beep his horn or be extra cautious about pedestrians when making the turn onto Cedar Street. Both parties agreed to limit their contact and let emotions calm down. Case clear.

911
12:02 p.m.
Officer Ferrigine responded to the 200 block of Gulf of Mexico Drive for a suspicious incident. Upon his arrival, he met with the complainant who said his Apple watch accidentally called 911 when he fell off his paddleboard. The complainant said everything was fine and he turned off his watch so it does not happen again. Case clear.

June 10 Driver's license

8:43 a.m.
Officer Martinson was notified by the south end LPR cameras that a white Chrysler was

Arcing power line

9:29 p.m.
Officer Miklos was dispatched to the 3800 block of Gulf of Mexico Drive in reference to an arcing power line on a tree. Upon arrival, Officer Miklos conducted traffic control for the Fire Department while they investigated until they pulled the firetruck inside the apartment complex to wait for FPL. No further police assistance was required. Case clear.

Noise

10:50 p.m.
Officer Nazareno was dispatched to Poinsettia Avenue for a noise complaint regarding a party at the location. Upon arrival, Officer Nazareno was unable to hear any excessive noise coming from the location and made contact with the resident at the location. The resident stated that his family was eating at the kitchen area, but was not making any noise. No violation of the noise ordinance was observed. The caller refused to give a contact number and did not wish to be seen or contacted. Case clear.

June 11 Property damage

9:02 a.m.
Officer Maple was dispatched to the 4400 block of Gulf of Mexico Drive for a property damage call. Upon Officer Maple's arrival, the complainant who stated her vehicle had been damaged by a falling tree limb while unoccupied and parked under a large tree. Officer Maple observed damage to the front hood. Officer Maple informed the complainant of the civil matter and steps to be taken through the corresponding insurance agencies since this was not a criminal event. No police assistance was required and no injuries were observed or reported. Case clear.

Disabled vehicle

7:20 p.m.
Officer Miklos, Sgt. Puccio, Officer Nazareno and Officer Miklos were advised of several disabled vehicles in the 4700 block of Gulf of Mexico Drive by the Fire Department Battalion Chief. Upon arrival, Officer Miklos observed a BMW submerged in water past the bottom of the doors. Per the request of the driver, Officer Nazareno contacted teletype for a rotational wrecker. In addition, this was completed due to the vehicle presenting a road hazard by blocking the southbound lane. Gulf of Mexico Drive was closed for both ways of travel for an extended period of time. After the rain slowed down and the water began to recede, Sgt. Puccio, Officer Nazareno and Officer Miklos performed traffic control allowing vehicles to travel slowly in the northbound lane. While performing traffic control, the tow truck arrived on scene and was able to remove the vehicle from the water. Sgt. Puccio contacted the Public Works and requested they put high water signs near the area in an attempt to prevent vehicles from driving through. Sgt. Puccio and Officer Miklos performed traffic control in the area until approximately 11:20 p.m. Case clear.

June 12 Hazard

11:44 a.m.
Sgt. Montfort while on patrol, observed a 'slow speed minimum wake' sign that had sustained damage from either a vessel striking the sign or from the recent storm. Sgt. Montfort further observed that the sign was leaning and in danger of falling beneath the water line. Sgt. Montfort contacted Longboat Key Public Works for correction as the sign may become a navigational hazard if not rectified. The sign was located just east of the Longboat Pass Bridge in the area of the southern most point of Coquina. Case clear.

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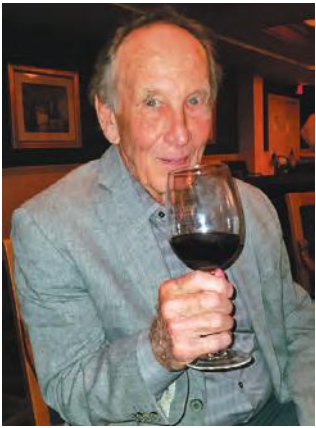
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French White Wine Buys

Some French white wines remain obscure to wine buyers outside France. Widely popular California Chardonnay, New Zealand Savignon Blanc, Italian Pinot Grigio, Australian Viognier, and South African Chenin Blanc have tended to overshadow French regional wines.

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

Wine buyers usually think of red wines when shopping for great French wines. The Cabernet Sauvignon, Cabernet Franc, and Merlot blends with Malbec and Petite Verdot, for example, from Bodeaux, the Pinot Noir from Burgundy, and the Syrah, Grenache, and Mourvedre from the Rhone Valley take the lion's share of the accolades of French chefs and wine reviewers.



Chablis and other Chardonnay Burgundy Blanc, Sancerre and other Savignon Blanc, and Bordeaux Blanc also attract attention. Many buyers of French wines outside of France would be hard-pressed to name other French white wines.

Some French white wines remain obscure to wine buyers outside France. Widely popular California Chardonnay, New Zealand Savignon Blanc, Italian Pinot Grigio, Australian Viognier, and South African Chenin Blanc have tended to overshadow French regional wines, including the original French versions of these varieties. We are thinking that French wine buyers have available a wide selection of wines. They understand many of the nuances of wine and food and select different wines and vintages for different settings.

For shellfish such as oysters, sharimp, scallops, clams, and crab on a long summer day, appropriate and afforaable wines such as Picpoul and Muscadet offer crisp edges and acidity that frame the sweet, briny tastes. Picpoul means "stings the lips" in English in honor of the little bite one feels in a first taste. The 2022 Guillaume de Guers Picpoul de Pinet (\$14) from ancient Pixpoul grape grown in the dry, hot, and Mediterranean clime of the Languedoc-Roussillon region of Southwest France has a light golden color that forecasts a slight viscous, pleasing mouthfeel. A bitter aftertaste persists. The 2023 La Chapel dew Bastion Poultrice DE Pinot (\$14). This version of Picpoul, also from the Southwest of France, has a straw color, citrus and nectarine tastes, and a very long finish with hints of bitterness in Meyer's lemon.

The 2022 Vignobles Lacheteau Muscadet Sevre Et Maine (\$10) from the Loire Valley has become recognized as a canonical pairing with oysters. The "sur lie" process, soaking crushed grape juice on grape skins, stems, and seeds, increases the depth of this wine. Dry Muscadet wine, produced from the Melon de Bourgnon grape, has a taste that seems close to the edge of ripe grapes. It has a very light color in the glass, citrus and bitter melon tastes, and a finish that gravitates to the sides of the tongue.

If one is looking for wines to serve with shellfish, consider a Pipoul or a Muscadet Sevre Et Maine. Either will enhance any of the lighter shellfish dishes. Prices of decent Picpoul and dry Muscadet in the \$8-9 range often pop up in wine shops this time of year..

Winemakers in the the Southwest of France have gained well earned praise for blends of grapes grown in Provance. The 2023 Bonpas Luberon Blanc (\$13) blend of Grenache Blanc, Clairette, Vermentino, Clairette et Bourboulén combines a stunning palate of flavors. It has the same hue as a classic Pinot Gris and competes favorably with Chardonnay, Sauvignon Blanc, and Pinot Grigio.

These examples of less well know French white wines will hopefully prompt you to try them. Give them as treats before or after dinner.

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 Orego 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 experi-

ence 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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Letters, from page 8

De-Annexation Request by Island Across from Shore Restaurant

To: Longboat Key Commissioner BJ Bishop
You're most welcome! Thanks for all you do!
Henry Smith
Longboat Key

De-Annexation Request by Island Across from Shore Restaurant

To: Henry Smith
Please see attached e-mail from the Town Attorney relating to the Jewfish Key petition.
Trish Shinkle
Town Clerk
Town of Longboat Key

De-Annexation Request by Island Across from Shore Restaurant

To: Longboat Key Town Clerk Trish Shinkle
Many thanks for that update, Trish.
Henry Smith
Longboat Key

Parking ticket

To: Longboat Key Commission

I am writing to express my thoughts and displeasure regarding the issuance of the above stated ticket on May 27 at Bayfront Park. I am and have been a full time permanent taxpaying resident for five years at my residence in Bay Isles.

On Monday early afternoon (observed Memorial Day), I drove my dogs to Bayfront dog park. When I arrived, the dog park, picnic area and pickle ball courts were empty. Notwithstanding the lack of people using the park, there was not a single available parking spot. I have a 55 pound handicapped dog with three legs. It is not easy for her to walk much of a distance. Given the untenable parking situation, I chose to park as close as I could to the entrance of the dog park to offload my dogs. Shortly thereafter, I returned to my vehicle and discovered I had been issued a \$75 parking violation. Although there is a prominent sign at the park which indicates that parking is only for park users, no other vehicles that I saw were ticketed for any infraction. I understand that our beautiful Island attracts many tourists and beachgoers, especially during season and on holidays. However, with the installation of the new traffic light and crosswalk near ACE, LBK has made it that much more convenient for non-island tourists to go to the beach and use the parking at Bayfront without consequence or payment.

It is unfortunate that we do not have more parking. It is unacceptable that we do not provide some sort of deference/rebate/consideration or other solution to those fulltime residents of our community who contribute to the support the public services. These same services

equally inure to the benefit of the non-paying tourists and beachgoers. It seems that there should be a way to demonstrate appreciation to the full time permanent taxpaying residents. Unfortunately, I don't know what that solution is, but I would ask that you consider a way to implement a system that allows permanent, fulltime, residents fuller access and enjoyment of our LBK services.

Debi Nettlow
Longboat Key

Parking issues

To: Longboat Key Town Manager Howard Tipton

Residents of Lyons Lane thru Marbury reported significant issues over the Memorial Day weekend. I see the church has put up rope and barricades along their property. One of the residents tells me people were parking at resident's homes, on their lawns, double parking, leaving trash, beer cans, etc. Can we provide those streets with No Parking signs and monitor them 4th of July week?

BJ Bishop
Commissioner
Town of Longboat Key

Parking issues

To: Longboat Key Commissioner BJ Bishop

Thank you for sharing this neighborhood feedback. The Police Department will review and evaluate the request. If you have a contact that we can work with/through please pass that along.

Howard N. Tipton
Town Manager
Town of Longboat Key

Jewfish Key Contraction Request Withdraw

To: Longboat Key Town Attorney Maggie Mooney

As you know I represent Jewfish Key Preservation Association, Inc. (the "Association"). Please be informed that the Association, along with the property owners of Jewfish Key, has decided to formally withdraw and revoke the Voluntary Contraction Petition submitted on January 16, 2024. This decision comes as we are currently in the process of reassessing the Voluntary Contraction Petition in light of the findings and recommendations contained within the Requested Voluntary Contraction of Jewfish Key Feasibility Study conducted by the Town of Longboat Key.

Consequently, there will be no petition or proposal for the Town Commission to consider at the upcoming June 3, 2024 Town Commission Regular Meeting. As a result, this item should be removed from the agenda of the said meeting.

Should you require any further clarification or have any questions, please feel free to contact me directly. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Aaron Thomas
Firm Principal
Tampa

Jewfish Key Contraction Request Withdraw

To: Town of Longboat Key Attorney Maggie Mooney

Maggie if we happen to know residents who were going to attend, should we notify them ourselves or hope that they pick it up in the news?

Gary Coffin
Commissioner
Town of Longboat Key

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Letters, from page 12

Jewfish Key Contraction Request Withdraw

To: Longboat Key Town Commission

The purpose of this email is to share with the Town Commission an email transmitted this morning from the attorney for the Jewfish Key Preservation Association withdrawing and revoking the Contraction Petition submitted on January 16, 2024. The withdrawal and revocation notification is provided below.

Despite this withdrawal, the Town Commission should still plan on convening at 1 pm to open the public meeting since an afternoon session was noticed and there may be public that appear at that time. Given the withdrawal, there will not be a presentation from Town Staff on the Jewfish Key Contraction Request as previously identified in the meeting agenda and no further Town Commission action or discussion on the matter is required. In other words, the afternoon session will likely be extremely brief. The Town Clerk’s Office is going to adjust the current notification about the afternoon session and the withdrawal of the contraction request on the Town’s website and craft an appropriate message on the Town’s social media page letting the public know so they can plan accordingly.

If you have any questions regarding this matter and notification, please do not hesitate to contact me directly.

Maggie D. Mooney
Town Attorney
Town of Longboat Key

Indian Beach/Sapphire Shores

To: Kevin Spence

Checking to see how the neighborhood fared with the flooding yesterday.

Liz Alpert
Mayor
City of Sarasota

Indian Beach/Sapphire Shores

To: Sarasota City Mayor Liz Alpert

Not well. This morning I had a neighbor on Chapel St. tell me that his and a neighbor’s home flooded. I asked him to write to me with more information and pictures, which I have yet to receive. Also, during my morning walk along Bay Shore, I had to walk into the street because sidewalks were covered with pooled water.

Thank you for reaching out about this. We continue to look forward to our City improving the 1950’s era stormwater management and lack of sidewalks in Indian Beach/Sapphire Shores. As a note, these conditions resulted from 4.64 inches of water in the last 24 hours according to the Ringling Weather station; not such a severe downpour as of yet.

Kevin Spence
Sarasota

Indian Beach/Sapphire Shores

To: Kevin Spence

I am sorry there was flooding in the area. I hope it did not intrude into anyone’s home. My understanding is that we received 8-10 inches of rain last night which caused the flooding. That amount of rainfall in such a short period of time would overwhelm any system. That is not to say the stormwater infrastructure in your neighborhood does not need upgrading and improvement.

I am copying the city manager and deputy city manager with this email so that the appropriate staff can respond regarding the status of the stormwater infrastructure and what, if anything, has been done or is planning to be done.

I am also requesting that you receive a response from staff on what the status is of adding sidewalks to the neighborhood.

Since staff is currently dealing with the aftermath of the flooding and planning for the next few days of potential flooding, it may be a few days before you get a response. Let us know if there is anything else you need.

Liz Alpert
Mayor
City of Sarasota

Rainfall

To: Sarasota City Manager Marlon Brown

See additional update from the County.

Nikesh Patel
City Engineer
City of Sarasota

Rainfall

To: Sarasota County Commission, Sarasota City Commission

We are currently experiencing a very high intensity rainfall event in the Sarasota “proper” area. There are reports of localized road flooding in several areas. The intensity of rainfall is overwhelming the drainage system beyond what it is designed to handle.

Residents and drivers should be extremely cautious of ponding water and turn around to find other routes rather than driving into an unknown depth of water.

Once the rain cell passes, we expect water levels to recede quickly but, until then, impacts to flood prone areas will persist.

More information will be provided when available.

Spencer L. Anderson
Public Works Director/County Engineer
Sarasota County

Rainfall

To: Sarasota County Commission, Sarasota City Commission

Public Works on-call staff has responded to 45+ calls for flooding issues. We have deployed all of our road under water signs. We continue to respond to incoming calls. There is moderate to severe flooding on Siesta Key as well as moderate to severe flooding in the low areas of North County. On-call staff will continue to monitor the situation into the evening and overnight.

Specific to St Armands, the pumping system is operating properly but the rainfall intensity is overwhelming its capacity. City of Sarasota Public Works staff have been updated appropriately.

Spencer L. Anderson
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If you play it, the outcome counts...

Yesterday when I was playing my doubles match, the score was 15-all but I accidentally served on the ad side instead of the deuce. We won the point. I offered to replay the point, but my opponents said it was their point. Who was right?

JACKIE BOHANNON
Guest Columnist
tennis@lbknews.com

Great question. Both of you are wrong! Any point played in good faith stands, and as soon as the mistake is recognized corrective action should be taken. In this particular instance because you won the point the score would now be 30-15, and you would again serve from the ad side. Similar circumstances occur when partners accidentally switch sides when returning serve, or when the wrong team or wrong server begins a game. This also happens frequently in tie breakers when changing sides or ends of the court happens more repeatedly. All points that are played count. You never redo a point because you accidentally served on the wrong side or end of the court. The only time you redo a point is if a let is called during the course of play.



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5 Vice President Burr
10 Middle Ages invader
15 Goggle
19 Round dance
20 Day's march
21 Likeness
22 Spoken
23 Eagerly anticipating
24 Ora pro ____
25 Out
26 Little brook
27 Final outcome
29 Dignified woman
31 Crime-lab materials: abbr.
32 "Winnie ____ Pu"
34 Bulldog of New Haven
35 Holy wars
38 Proceeds
39 Parade strutters
44 Originated
45 Director Lubitsch
46 Havens
47 Pt. of A & P
49 Damage
50 Cloth-making nettle fiber
52 Sinned
53 Ballpoint pen inventor
54 A Truman
56 Pseudonym
59 Thor, Loki, et al.
60 Station
62 In the ____ of: surrounded by
63 Marzipan source
64 Descendants of Esau
67 Drone
68 ____-on-Hudson, NY
70 English Channel port
71 Cabals
73 Harmonize
74 Discredits
75 Second home
78 Elusive
81 Spot for an icicle
82 Borgnine role
83 Very poor
85 Extremely
86 Initial: abbr.
87 Rouen cathedral painter
88 Has deep feelings for
90 Curly coils
92 Scary quality
94 Went too fast
95 Customer
96 Rock's Brian
97 Affair of honor

DOWN

- 1 Roe source
2 Theater box
3 ____ horse: locomotive
4 Japanese memorials

- 98 I toppers
99 Prix fixe meal
105 Type of novel
110 Raines of film
111 Old region in Asia Minor
112 Mimicking
113 One of the lagomorphs
114 Vivid display
115 Perfume ingredient
116 Seed covering
117 Commune in Sicily
118 Immobilizing spray
119 Market
120 Kefauver
121 Take a break

- 5 Anchises and Aphrodite's son
6 Jots
7 Dramatist David
8 Obstinate or dogmatic
9 Shelters
10 Tint
11 Omnia vincit ____
12 So long, in Soho
13 Not fer
14 Depicted
15 Howe of hockey
16 Soprano's song
17 ____ Sunday
18 "Vogue" rival
28 Ouida's "____ Two Flags"
30 Architect's annexes
33 D-day craft
35 Door part
36 "Dies ____"
37 Appetizer
38 Gloomy
39 Convex molding
40 Hospitality

- 41 "____ the pale moon rising ____": Reif
42 Justification for existence
43 Kind of quartet
45 Make a scene
48 "____ Prayer"
51 Make ____ of: record
52 Firstborn
53 Cause to bog down
55 Always: music
57 Personify
58 Vatican attraction
59 Countertenor
61 Apple seeds
63 Burned completely
64 Ford failure
65 Expand
66 Steeples
69 Land measures
72 Baltic Sea people
75 Sheet of stamps
76 Wrappers
77 Walter or Willis
79 Aquatic bird
80 Eddie of the Senators

- 82 Odes sung by one
84 Crimean conference site
87 Rich source
88 Sch. of Baton Rouge
89 Run
91 Chess great
93 Have reference to
95 Line dances
97 "The Wreck of the Mary ____"
98 Beatrice's lover
99 Semester
100 Inter ____
101 Voting group
102 Party giver
103 Aware of
104 Level at Shea
106 Waterfall fallout
107 Superman's flame
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