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Longboat Key St. Regis

celebrates 'Topping Off;' plan for garage under review

Soon project developer Unicorp will learn if the Town of Longboat Key will allow the addition of a parking garage.

STEVE REID Editor & Publisher sreid@lbknews.com

For owners of the 69 St. Regis condominiums under construction as well as the travel industry and Longboat residents, the Topping Off ceremony held last week marks the completion of the highest point — the pinnacle of the project.

And soon developer Unicorp will learn if the Town of Longboat Key will allow the addition of a parking garage.

Longboat Planning, Zoning and Building Director Alan Parsons said the plan could go before the Planning and Zoning Board in

April at the earliest. After that it would go before the Commission for two readings

The entirety of the swirling sea of activity on the 17.6 acre site — and once home to the storied Colony Beach and Tennis Resort - will bring a hotel with 166 rooms as well as amenities including event spaces, a lazy river, pools and a Monkey Bar.

Unicorp seeks to amend the plan to add a three level parking garage on the northeast corner of the property.

The application was received in January in the Town Planning and Zoning Department and the

request includes:

• removing 62 mechanical lift parking spaces and a 38-space surface parking lot

• adding a new 157 space parking garage

• deleting beach shelters, tiki hut • moving patio heaters and fire lane further eastward

• amending departures for open space, living space ratio and adding new departures for dimensions of spaces in parking structures as well as the building separation requirement between the hotel and the proposed parking structure.

When the commission approved See St. Regis, page 2

NewsWorthy

Sarasota Performing **Arts Center** latest plan

The Sarasota Performing Arts Center Architect Selection Task Force made significant progress this week during a public meeting as it selected six semi-finalists from 18 shortlisted applicants who were invited to submit proposals to design the new performing arts center.

The six architect firms selected to advance in the process are: Diller Scofidio + Renfro, Foster + Partners Limited, Gehry Partners LLP, Henning Larsen, Renzo Piano Building Workshop, and Snøhetta. We are fortunate to have such a distinguished field of semi-finalists.

The Task Force began the winnowing process after 43 architectural firms from around the world

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It was smiles and *excitement for the* crowd at the grand opening of Sips coffee shop last week. **Owners** Justina

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Condensa and fiance Chris Carter have brought their passion for coffee, smoothies and juices to the very northend of Longboat Key at 6828 Gulf of Mexico Drive. Longboat leaders *came out for the ribbon cutting along* with family and friends. Sips hours are 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. *Tuesday through* Sunday

Red tide levels are starting to affect wildlife

Not only have a number of fish kills from Collier to Manatee counties been reported to the Florida Fish & Wildlife Conservation Commission over the past month, but manatee have also been affected by the toxic algae blooms.

Over the past week, the FWC has rescued three manatees likely sick from red tide exposure, the agency recently tweeted.

Manatees often accidentally ingest red tide by eating seagrass with epiphytes — such as small crustaceans and barnacles — growing on the blades, according to the University of Florida's Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences Extension program. During red tide blooms, epiphytes remove red tide cells from the water.

Once consumed, these toxins can poison manatees. The animals can also breathe in red tide toxins.

Manatees sickened by red tide might lose control of their motor function and suffer symptoms similar to a seizure, UF said. This could cause them to die, as they might mistakenly inhale water while convulsing.

Dead, sick, injured or distressed manatees can be reported to the FWC Wildlife Hotline at 888-404-3922.

It's surrey ride season at The Legacy Trail

Presented by Sarasota County and the Friends of the Legacy Trail, the 2023 schedule just started and will run until April 12. Experience the beauty of The Legacy Trail as you ride in the comfort of the surrey, a four-passenger, four-wheeled canopy-covered bicycle. The surrey runs three times a day with departures on the hour from 10 a.m. to noon, every Tuesday and Wednesday. Grab your friends and register to claim your spot. Call 941-486-2757 to register and click here to learn more about the 2023 Surrey Ride Program.

Bobby Jones Golf Club - Renovation Update



Construction is progressing well on Bobby Jones Golf Club, our historic municipal golf course! The back nine fairways (holes 10-18) have been grassed and the greens will be completed when ground temperatures warm to optimum levels for healthy growth. On the front nine, both sprigging and sod installation started last month. The 9-hole adjustable Gillespie Course is being shaped and will be ready for grass soon. Construction also began this week on the new driving range and accompanying building, practice green and restrooms. And, work will get underway soon on a temporary clubhouse as well as the Gillespie Course starter booth/shop. As you can see in the photo above showing holes 10 and 18, the renovation is looking good!

Meanwhile, design concepts for the new clubhouse are being created by Fawley Bryan Architecture and will be presented to the City Commission for consideration in the coming months.

The wetlands located on the property have been fully constructed and will be planted with native aquatic shoreline vegetation beginning in April. Bobby Jones is the City's single largest green space and with the creation of these new wetlands, water quality in the region will be vastly improved with stormwater being filtered as it flows through the property and ultimately into Sarasota Bay.

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the overall site plan in 2021, Unicorp convinced the commission that mechanical lifts would be adequate to solve its parking needs. The commission was concerned about the idea of lifts and the possibility of creating traffic issues, but the applicant said it was in its own interests and capable of managing event traffic and that the lifts would work efficiently.

Since Unicorp is looking to modify the plan as well as seek additional departures from town code, it means the entire site development plan approval will have to be amended.

In addition to the hotel and residences, two restaurants, a grille, three bars, a ballroom, boardrooms, a lazy river and several pools will adorn the property.

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submitted their qualifications last December.

Next, the Task Force will meet in May to narrow the six semi-finalists down to three. Those finalists will be invited to Sarasota to present their ideas and vision for a new performing arts center that will serve as a hub for innovation, inspiration and entertainment for generations to come.

The architect selection process is funded through a State of Florida appropriation. More information about the project is available at www.VWFoundation.org/onpoint



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Rusovich column

To: Editor

Perhaps I am just growing weary of Red and Blue States - Republican and Democratic Issues and such! But despite the fact that Gregory Rusovich wrote an interesting editorial, and had a nice Red and Blue map to display in his editorial in the Longboat Key News on February 24, I feel compelled to point out that Mr. Rusovich did just what so many media "professionals" are doing these days and that is mixing "facts" to support an argument or an issue which really aren't pertinent to the topic being dealt with.

His article titled The Exodus from Blue to Red States opens with a by-line Message to Floridians: reserve your beach chairs, dinner reservations and symphony seats now - a New Influx of residents fleeing blue states will be arriving soon. This may be a witty, humorous truism, but it was followed with a number of hypothetical questions suggesting that perhaps those fleeing the blue states were trying to escape high crime, or those suffocating wealth creation, or progressive school boards or faculty who perpetuate radical social issues like gender "nonsense?"

I see no reason other than political for the questions, as the writer then talks factually that one of the main reasons for the migration to Florida is the weather – true indeed. The migration of "snowbirds" who become residents has been going on for years, and the number has been increasing for years - e.g. The Villages. Based upon my observations and listening to residents of Longboat Key and Anna Maria Island in the past couple of years, the reasons for moving to Florida are WWF - Weather, Water and Financial. The Covid driven increase in working from home has been a large part in the migration increase based upon families we've interacted with. That's part of the "Financial" I suppose, and there are far too many other "financial reasons" for migration for me to offer here, but they include Taxes, especially when compared to the Northeastern states and the fact that we have no income tax here in Florida.

Weather issues are obvious and significant. No reason to "prove that". And for those of us on Longboat Key and Anna Maria Island, water for boating and beaches abound. But as we discussed Rusovich's article, we couldn't recall even one conversation that had migration based on politics, or whether red or blue state backgrounds were a factor. Not one.

One issue which Rusovich stressed was crime. But he didn't provide a lot of "facts" to support this, so we offer a few notes just for giggles, as they say:

• Murder is a category of violent crime. Murder is a bigger problem in Red States than Blue States.

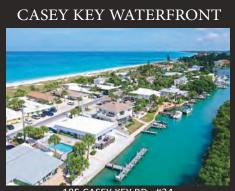
• Violent Crime comparisons of cities are easy to obtain - comparing 2020 data for example on per capita murder rates:

- were 40 percent higher in states won by Trump than by Biden.

- Jacksonville has a much higher violent crime rate than New York City

- Jacksonville has nearly twice the property crime compared to NYC.

And because I'm a retired teacher, I note that 42 States have more state support for schools



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than Florida. I won't get started on the many reasons why migration to Florida is not because of our schools.

Enough of this as I suspect most readers get the drill migration from and to States is an issue. It is important to consider and interesting as a topic. And there are a host of issues related to it, but suggesting that things like school boards and faculty and crime are part of the assessment just doesn't work in the assessment.

Cheryl Harper

Longboat Key

Grand Bay

To: Marie Selby Botanical Gardens Vice President for Regional History John McCarthy I enjoyed your talk this morning at the Lido Key Residents' Association breakfast and learned

a lot about the history of our area. Please let me know when you will be appearing at Grand Bay and who is running that program so that I can try and catch the Longboat Key version. Ken Schneier

Mayor

Longboat Key

Grand Bay

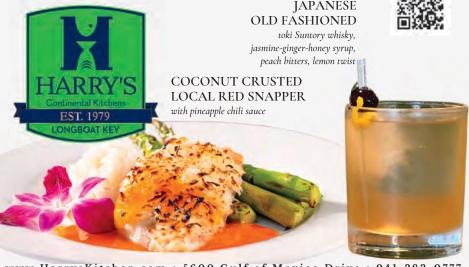
To: Marie Selby Botanical Gardens Vice President for Regional History John McCarthy Thanks, John. Unfortunately, I am otherwise engaged at the time of your Grand Bay appearance, but I am thinking of recommending you to our local alumni club, The Yale Club of

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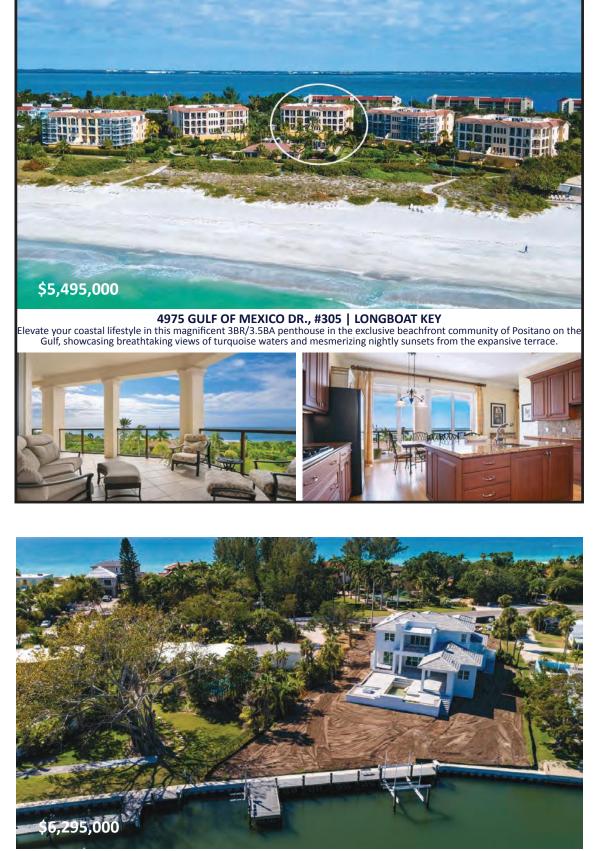
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the Suncoast, as we put together our speaker series for next Season. Any interest?

- Ken Schneier
- Mayor

Longboat Key

Program for Yale Club

To: Longboat Key Mayor Ken Schneier Yes, we do outreach programs as our schedules allow. I have copied Jemma Fagler on this communication as she handles all requests for programs.

John McCarthy

Vice President for Regional History Marie Selby Botanical Gardens

Program for Yale Club

To: Longboat Key Mayor Ken Schneier

I would be happy to arrange for a program by John McCarthy for the Yale Club. What is the anticipated timeline for your speaker program so we can check our calendar?

Jemma Fagler

Assistant to the President & CEO

Marie Selby Botanical Gardens

Program for Yale Club

To: Marie Selby Botanical Gardens Assistant to the President & CEO Jenna Fagler

I have a Director's meeting next week and will broach the subject and calendar. We have monthly speaker luncheons at the Sarasota Yacht Club from November thru May and are beginning to put next year's schedule together.

Ken Schneier

Mayor Longboat Key

Roadwatch Report US 41 Gulfstream Roundabout, Week of Sunday, March 5

To: Longboat Key Commission, Sarasota City Commission US 41 at Gulfstream Avenue Roundabout Project, Sarasota: Construction project: Crews will work within the right-ofway, medians, driveways and throughout the project limits. Please use caution and watch for construction vehicles, dump trucks, semi-trucks and heavy equipment entering or exiting the work zone.



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Activities Include:

Grading of the new pond at Gulfstream Avenue by the Marina Jacks parking lot.

Removal of existing sidewalk to install new sidewalk on Gulfstream Avenue between Sunset Drive and the roundabout. Pedestrians will be rerouted around the work. Please follow the marked detours.

Installing signal and overhead sign mast-arm assemblies on Gulfstream Avenue between Sunset Drive and the Gulfstream roundabout.

Beginning excavation and curb pad preparation of the Gulfstream Avenue median between Sunset Drive and the Gulfstream roundabout.

Lane closures scheduled on Thursday, March 2, weather permitting.

Daytime/Lane Closures:

Anticipated schedule, weather permitting:

Day time asphalt milling operations are scheduled Thursday, March 3, 2023.

Asphalt milling work will occur in the median on Gulfstream Avenue between Sunset Drive and the Gulfstream roundabout.

Motorists traveling through the project during the operation should expect to encounter lane closures between 7 a.m. and 5 p.m.

Lane closures will be used on an intermittent bases to allow for trucks to enter and exit the work area, and to mill some isolated areas. Lane closures will occur in both directions on Gulfstream Avenue.

Detours/Crossings:

Phase 2B configuration is in place. Motorists on approach yield to motorists within the roundabout. Vehicles within the roundabout have priority and right of way.

Palm Avenue, 1st Street, and 2nd Street are closed at the US 41 connection in both directions. Entering and exiting the downtown area via Cocoanut Avenue to Fruitville Road is recommended.

Sidewalk at the northwest corner of US 41 at Gulfstream Avenue is closed. Pedestrian paths are available via US 41 Multi-Use Recreational Trail (MURT) along Ritz Carlton Drive.

Sidewalk on the east side of US 41 between Gulfstream Avenue and Fruitville Road is closed for reconstruction work. Pedestrians should use Cocoanut Avenue for access to downtown and to the Main Street.

The east pedestrian crosswalk at Sunset Drive and Gulfstream Avenue is closed. The west pedestrian crosswalk is available to cross Gulfstream Avenue. Signage and pedestrian barricades are in place for guidance.

Marina Jacks north parking lot entrance/exit on Gulfstream Avenue is closed to vehicular traffic. Motorists may access the parking lot via Bayfront Drive at Main Street/Marina Plaza. No through traffic allowed through this area. Motorist may not exit the Marina Jacks parking lot via Bayfront Drive at Main Street/Marina Plaza. The south exit at Ringling Boulevard must be used to exit Marina Jacks.

Detours and lane closures will be in place during various phases of the project. During construction, the speed limit will be reduced to 25 mph on US 41 and Gulfstream Avenue.

We encourage motorists to allow extra time to travel, follow the roadway signage and messaging and avoid making unauthorized U-turns or changing lanes across solid lines between the lanes when traveling through the construction work zone. Construction activities will take place weekdays and weekends, daytime and occasionally during nighttime hours. Expect noise from grinding asphalt, hammer drills, noise and vibration from construction equipment, backup alarms, vacuum trucks, pumps, and lighting. Improvements being made as part of this project consist of replacing the existing signalized intersection on US 41 at Gulfstream Avenue with a roundabout, installation of Pedestrian Hybrid Beacon (PHB) system, raised pedestrian



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3040 GRAND BAY BLVD Unit#273	2,550	\$2,275,000	2	2	1	4	\$2,505,000
7110 LONGBOAT DR E	1,700	\$2,750,000	2	2	0	98	\$2,625,000
1211 GULF OF MEXICO DR Unit#1003	2,612	\$3,350,000	3	3	1	0	\$3,350,000
5005 GULF OF MEXICO DR Unit#2	4,903	\$8,500,000	6	6	2	81	\$8,400,000
1100 BENJAMIN FRANKLIN DR Unit#605	918	\$650,000	1	1	1	89	\$600,000
500 S WASHINGTON DR Unit#6A	1,034	\$695,000	2	2	0	1	\$720,000
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refuge islands, replacement of underground drainage structures, utilities, fiber optic, new LED streetlights, reconfiguration of stormwater retention ponds, sidewalks, and pedestrian walk-ways. Expected completion is spring 2023.

Alice Ramos

Community Outreach Manager

Florida Department of Transportation

Canals in Country Club Shores

To: Longboat Key Commission

I want to thank you for considering the modifications to our canal variances to include not only the dock and lifts but also a vessels beam to be includes in the 25% or 30% variance. I think that is very reasonable especially as the vessels are getting much larger and tough to navigate around. Much appreciated!

On another note...are you able to pass an ordinance that back of homes on the canal can not have flood or any outward lights and only downward type...or a low wattage bulb. As we have more and more bright lights and it ruins the ambience of our canals at night. Not sure if that's you folks but boy would that be a big win!

Jeff Tushar

Longboat Key

Canals in Country Club Shores

To: Jeff Tushar

Thanks for your note regarding canal obstruction. We will be discussing this at our 1 p.m. Workshop on Tuesday, February 21 at Town Hall, if you are able to attend. As for outdoor lighting, while there are specific directional restrictions during turtle season on the Gulf side, no such rules exist otherwise on the island. However, our Code Enforcement Officer, Chris Kopp, might be able to help with lights that cause a nuisance for a particular property.

Ken Schneier Mayor

Longboat Key

Canals in Country Club Shores

To: Longboat Key Mayor Ken Schneier Hi Ken! How did the Tuesday workshop go? Any progress? Jeff Tushar Longboat Key

Canals in Country Club Shores

To: Jeff Tushar

Town staff will be preparing an ordinance to add vessels to the 30 feet or 30 pct rule.



Ken Schneier Mayor Longboat Key

DEO Broadband Infrastructure Program, Florida Municipal Achievement Awards

To: Longboat Key Commissioner BJ Bishop

I know in the past, there have been broadband infrastructure grants and they did not apply to Longboat Key. Generally, their main focus is to bring broadband to underserved areas to increase the availability of high speed internet to all users. Since the Town is fully covered with broadband (Comcast/Frontier), we were not eligible. However, I'll be attending this one to see if there are any applications for the Town.

Jason Keen

Chief Information Officer Town of Longboat Key

Testa v. Town of Jupiter

To: Longboat Key Town Commission

The purpose of this email is to notify you of: (1) a recent Fourth District Court of Appeal decision (issued Feb. 8, 2023) in Testa v. Town of Jupiter Island that significantly impacts how local governments continue ordinance adoption hearing(s), and (2) recommend support of recently filed legislation that seeks to address the notice issues created by the Testa court decision.

A copy of the recent court opinion in Testa v. Town of Jupiter Island is attached. In Testa, the Fourth District Court of Appeal determined that the Town of Jupiter Island ("Jupiter") violated the ordinance adoption notice requirements in Fla. Stat. 166.041, by failing to readvertise a continued public hearing in a newspaper of general circulation. Instead of advertising, the Jupiter Town Council did what most local governments have historically done, they publicly opened and continued the noticed hearing to a future meeting date/time. The verbal continuance was deemed insufficient by the Court and Jupiter's ordinance was invalidated (almost 2 years after adoption). The Court's decision upends years of what has been believed to be the accepted means of continuing public hearings to future date(s).

Because of the Testa decision, every Florida local government (counties and cities) will be required to re-advertise any continuances or postponements during ordinance adoption hearings. This will cause additional delay and expense in adoption processes.

In response to the recent court decision, a legislative proposal (SB 170) was filed late last week to fix the continuance notice issues resulting from the Testa case. The proposed legislation would have retroactive effect to cover any ordinances passed previously. This legislation was brought about through the efforts of the Florida League of Cities working with Senator Trumball and Senate President Passidomo. The Town will want to support this legislation. To the extent that any of you meet with local delegation members in the upcoming months, please encourage them to support this legislation. If you have any questions about the Testa case or the proposed legislation, please do not hesitate to contact me directly.

Maggie D. Mooney

Town Attorney

Longboat Key

House Bill 798

To: Longboat Key Town Manager Howard Tipton

Could House Bill 798 impact plans for a new, redundant sebaceous line? I am concerned about the administrative restriction.

Penny Gold

Commissioner

Longboat Key

House Bill 798

To: Longboat Key Commissioner Penny Gold

No, this proposed bill should not have an impact on our redundant sub-aqueous line. This is strictly related to solid waste arrangements (trash, yard trash, recyclables, and the like). Our vendor, Waste Management, is evaluating what impacts the bill would have as well. On its face, the bill does not make any sense to me and hinders the market system for solid waste.

Isaac Brownman



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Monthly rentals on LBK

To: Longboat Key Mayor Ken Schneier

When you are discussing rental policy for LBK please don't talk about 30-day minimum, as that excludes February. Please consider using the term "monthly" in any adopted or amended ordinance. Thank you for your time and efforts. You all do a great job.

Bobbie Banan

Longboat Key

Monthly rentals on LBK

To: Bobbie Banan

Good point. The code actually states, "...individual rental period shall be at least 30 consecutive calendar days, one entire calendar month, or longer." While it is covered in the code, we do need to be more accurate in discussions and other areas.

Debra Williams Commissioner

Longboat Key

P&Z Appointment

To: Longboat Key Commission Hope everyone had a great weekend!

See Letters, page 11



WineTimes

Crisp Whites, Rosé, and Light Reds...

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

Sometimes it helps to have a shopping list that you can carry with you to the store and help you locate good buys. That strategy works particularly well with lists of wines. During this time of year we look ahead to warmer weather and wines that pair well with salads, grilled seafood and vegetables, and other healthy fare. The sheer number of wines in a store can be over-whelming, yet some stores may carry only a few of the wines on the our list. We may have to shop at multiple stores to find the wines we want. Some wines on the list repeat what we have recommended earlier because enjoy them so often. With each item on the list, we have included a "shelf-talker", one of those little tags that stores put on the front edges of shelves to draw attention to an item. You know, the tags that read "90 points, Wine Guzzler" or "Silver Medal Bulgarian Wine Festival", or something along those lines. Notice in particular the regions where the vineyard acquired the grapes and the vintage year, if shown; in those instances they can make a big difference in the quality of the wine.

The recommendations begin with sparkling wines and ends with light red wines. A few higher priced bottles, but all sell at bargain prices considering their quality:

Sparkling wines

- _ Gruet Brut Rosé (\$18)
- _ Domaine Chandon Brut (\$17)
- _ Segura Viudas Brut Rosé (\$12)

White wines

- 2021 Château La Gravière Blanc Entre-Deux-Mers (\$11)
- Pine Ridge Chenin Blanc + Viognier blend (\$12)
- _ D'Arenberg Hermit Crab White (\$18)
- King Estates Pinot Gris (\$18)
 2019 Collefrisio Pecorino
- Terre di Chieti (\$17) 2018 E. Guigal Cotes Du Rhone Blanc
- blend (\$15)
- _ Garzon Albariño Reserva (\$16)
- _ Avancia Godello Old Vines (\$30) Spa

Rosé Wines

- Belle Glos Pinot Noir Blanc Rosé Oeil De Perdrix Vineyard (\$19)
- _ Mirabeau Pure Rosé (\$17)
- _ Bonny Doon Vin Gris de Cigare (\$15)
- Chehalem Rosé of Pinot Noir Chehalem Mountains (\$23)

Light Red Wines

- _ LOLA California Pinot Noir (\$20)
- _ Etude Lyric Pinot Noir (\$20)
- _ Criterion Pinot Noir (\$18)
- _ Yalumba Y Series Shiraz (\$11)
- _ Conte Ferdinando Guicciardini Borgo di Poppiano Chianti (\$11)
- _ J. Lohr Wildflower Valdiguié (\$12)

New Mexico sparkler, no sugar but tastes sweet. California sparkler; dry, yeasty, and crisp

- Spanish Cava, brut or mixed
- Sémillon-Sauvignon classic Bordeaux white wine from area amid Garonne & Dordogne Rivers in France Blend of Clarksburg & Lodi white wines 80% Chenin-20% Viognier California Brilliant Viognier-Marsanne, McLaren Vale Australia Brightly acidic from the Williamette Valley, Oregon Rediscovered Italian white wine grape: dry, complex, Pocorino grape from the Terre di Chieti area Primarily Viognier, Roussane, and Marsanne; Classic Rhone Valley white wine from France A superior Spanish white wine Spanish, 92 point-rated Wine Spectator, white wine
- _ J. Moreau & Fils Chablis (\$32) Following a great tradition in Chablis, France

Fragrant and intriguiing, from Mendocino County in a cooler area in California well north of San Francisco Grenache & Syrah grapes from the Provence of France 91 rating for this spaceship wine From the Corral Creek Vineyard in the Chehalem Mountains in Oregon

Mendocino, Russian River Valley, & Monterey grapes Santa Barbara County, California, grapes A standout from Centra Otago, New Zealand A bargain from Down Under At an estateating back to 1199, this vineyard produces the Sangiovese grapes in this Chianti Once confused with Beaujolais

We consider these wines to be "keepers". We buy them early and often. For the main part we have little concern for vintage. The winemakers have not failed to produce consistent wines year to year, no matter the growing conditions.

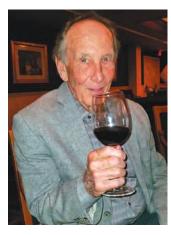
Whether you take this list to a wine shop or supermarket, use it as a starting point for a conversation with wine experts about what you are hoping to find. You may quickly shift over to big red wines, or have specific tastes that you prefer in the sparkling, white, Rosé, and Light Red categories. Much of the fun happens when you find a wine previously unfamilier to you. Happy shoppijng.

Twelve Har Tru Hydrogrid tennis courts



S. W. Hermansen has used his expertise in econometrics, data science and epidemiology to help develop research databases for

the Pentagon, the National Institutes of Health, the Department of Agriculture, and Health Resources and Services. He has visited premier vineyards and taste wines from major appellations in California, Oregon, New York State, and internationally from Tuscany and the Piedmont in Italy, the Ribera del Duero in Spain, the Barossa Valley and McLaren Vale in Australia, and the Otego Valley in New Zealand.



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

Rich Hermansen selected has first wine list for a restaurant shortly after graduating from college with a degree in Mathematics. He has extensive service and management experience in the food and wine industry. Family and friends rate him as their favorite chef, bartender, and wine steward. He lives in Severna Park, Maryland.

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OnPatrol

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

Feb. 24 Citizen dispute

12:34 p.m.

Officer Martinez responded to the 400 block of Gulf of Mexico Drive in regards to a citizen dispute. Upon arrival, Officer Martinez made contact with the complainant who stated that there was an event happening in the rear of the building and there was a body guard in the entrance of the building refusing people entry. The complainant also stated that the body guard was asking drivers entering the property for identification and questioning drivers reasons for being on the property. Officer Martinez then made contact with the body guard who was not a body guard, he



was directing guests to the event into the parking lot. The man also stated he was not asking for identification, he was asking drivers if they were looking for the event or going into the real estate office and proceeding to give directions. Officer Martinez did not witness the man refusing drivers entrance or exit from the building. The man was in the parking lot, which was distant from the real estate office entrance. Officer Martin then went to inform the complainant of the situation and explained that the man was not a body guard but an employee that was directing traffic. Officer Martinez did not witness any criminal nature while on the scene. Case clear.

Feb. 25

Suspicious person

3:01 a.m.

Officer Nazareno was dispatched to the 4900 block of Gulf of Mexico Drive for a suspicious person call for a man pacing back and forth in front of the guard house. Prior to his arrival, Sgt. Smith made contact with the caller at the guard house. Officer Nazareno observed the man who advised that he was walking southbound to his mother's residence. The address was verified through FCIC/NCIC check for wants and warrants were negative. The man was given a courtesy ride to the 3700 block of Gulf of Mexico Drive. Case clear.

Citizen assist

10:50 a.m.

Officer Martinson was flagged down by a resident in the parking lot of the gas station about a sheet of broken glass in the middle of Gulf of Mexico Drive. Officer Martinson contacted Longboat Key Public Works and they stated they would send someone from the streets department to come out and clean up the broken glass. Case clear.

Abandoned boat

11:33 a.m.

Officer Connors while on Marine Patrol in the area of Linley Street boat ramp, observed a small 10-foot aluminum skiff adrift. Officer Connors was able to make contact with the owner via cell phone and they advised that it drifted from shore due to the incoming tide. Officer Connors assisted the skiff to shore and the owner retrieved the skiff without incident.

Boating citation

2:15 p.m.

Officer Connors while on marine patrol in the area of Jewfish Key, observed a boat operating on plane with an excessive wake. Officer Connors observed the vessel approaching with a massive wake, waking out various boats in its path, with an elevated bow, producing massive white wash. Officer Connors conducted a vessel stop and advised the operator of the violation. The boat operator stated that he was watching the nearby Coast Guard boat and thought that



he was going to back them up, hence the reason for not stopping. The operator also advised that he didn't see the slow speed minimum wake sign because he was watching the Coast Guard boat. The operator was very agitated and upset that he was stopped. The Coast Guard cleared their stop and came to assist. They informed the captain that he waked them out and was trying to get his attention to slow down with negative results. They conducted a Coast Guard boarding on their end. Officer Connors issued the captain a citation for a wake zone violation.

Feb. 28 Citizen assist

5:33 p.m.

Officer Martinez was dispatched to the 3700 block of Gulf of Mexico Drive in regard to a citizen assist. Upon arrival, Officer Martinez met with the complainant who stated that she witnessed big construction vehicles driving at fast speeds and going the wrong way. The complainant stated the incident happened at approximately 2 p.m. and could not identify the construction company name. Officer Martinez advised the complainant to report any further incidents when they occur to the police department. While on scene, Officer Martinez did not witness any construction vehicles in the area of traffic violations. Case clear.

March 1 Noise complaints from land

7:33 a.m.

Officer Martinson was dispatched to Longview Drive on a call of a noise complaint. The caller stated there was construction noise coming from an address on the street at 7 a.m. Upon arrival, Officer Martinson saw a group of construction workers on the property and one man was using a handheld circle saw to cut wood before 8 a.m. Officer Martinson made contact with the construction boss and advised him on the town's noise policy. He apologized that his worker started making construction noise early and made him stop immediately. Case clear.

March 2

Noise 11:19 a.m.

Officer Martinson responded to Emerald Harbor Drive for a noise complaint. Upon arrival, Officer Martinson observed a group of construction workers building the roof on the home under construction but did not hear any music being played. Officer Martinson spoke with the head construction worker in charge and advised him there had been complaints about how loud the music had been playing earlier. Officer Martinson also informed him of the town's ordinance about no construction noise between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. He stated he would make sure the music stayed at an appropriate level and that there would be no construction during those hours. Officer Martinson then met with the complainant and informed her that he had spoken with the construction workers and were told to follow the town's noise ordinances. Case clear.

Suspicious person

8:36 p.m.

Officer Nazareno responded to the 7000 block of Gulf of Mexico Drive for a suspicious persons call regarding subjects fishing past the designated fishing area at the bridge. Upon arrival, Officer Nazareno requested the subjects to move to the designated fishing area in which they immediately complied. Case clear.

Suspicious vehicle

8:59 p.m.

Officer Nazareno responded to Mistletoe Lane for a vehicle parked in the street with all its doors open. Officer Nazareno made contact with the owner and he advised he was upstairs with a friend, the man advised he was packing and leaving. Case clear.

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Letters, from page 8

I have had a request to move the vote to appoint a new member to the P&Z Board to a meeting date after the new Commission is seated which would be after March 20th. After several discussions, the new date for the Commission appointment will be April 3rd. Moving this date to the Commission's first meeting in April does not cause concern for staff, however we would not recommend making the decision any later than this. The date extension will also allow for more people to consider applying and we'll get the new date advertised with that reminder. We currently have five people who have applied.

So for the morning of April 3rd, the Commission will start the Special Workshop on Goals and Objectives with the Community at 10:00 a.m. and that should wrap up by 11:30 a.m. The meet and greet with the P&Z applicants will begin immediately following the Workshop. We'll have a few minutes for lunch in the AnteChamber and then begin the Regular Meeting at 1 p.m.

Staff did look at moving this to March 20th, however this wouldn't allow for staff to properly orient the new member before their first meeting (which would be the next day). Staff did not indicate a concern for the March P&Z Meeting Agenda with the current six members. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Howard N. Tipton Town Manager

Town of Longboat Key

P&Z Appointment

To: Longboat Key Town Manager Howard Tipton

Thanks for the info. Can you share the who and why of the request to postpone the P&Z appointment? I would think that sooner is better, allowing the newly appointed P&Z member more time to come up to speed.

Debra Williams

Commissioner

Longboat Key

P&Z Appointment

To: Longboat Key Commissioner Debra Williams

The request came from Commissioner Bishop. I did speak with the Mayor and Vice Mayor (in addition to their leadership roles they also represented one member staying and one leaving) and neither had strong feelings either way. Staff was ok with the request as the March P&Z agenda is not heavy.

Howard N. Tipton Town Manager Town of Longboat Key

By Bay to Town

To: Longboat Key Mayor Ken Schneier

It won't be a surprise to you when I say the traffic on and off Longboat Key can be a horror. I assume Longboat Key has or is considering water taxis that can bring loads of diners and shoppers throughout the day or evening to a dock near Bayfront Harbor where they can walk or catch a shuttle to Main Street. If so, how far along is that concept and what are the major obstacles to its realization?

Marc Pachtman Philadelphia

By Bay to Town

To: Marc Pachtman

The water taxi idea has been in the works by both Sarasota and Manatee for years. Manatee is close to a limited operation between Bradenton and Anna Maria with possible extension to LBK. Sarasota City is apparently looking again at a plan from10th Street to City Island, where Mote is. One issue is: where to dock a ferry on LBK? Bayport?



Ken Schneier Mayor Longboat Key

By Bay to Town

To: Longboat Key Mayor Ken Schneier

What about Bayfront Park? Bayport, of course, does have a dock. In fact, many Bayfront communities do have docks. That's one of the attractions right. There are even some docks on the Gulf.

Perhaps Bayfront Park and any other parks on the bay can have parking for an express taxi. There can also be local taxis that stop in all communities with docks where people have paid in advance.

Not only would people avoid interminable traffic but it would be a lovely ride. If I was younger and more knowledgeable about boating I'd start a business.

Anyway, I'm serious about this. If I can assist LBK in exploring the idea further, please feel free to call on me.

Marc Pachtman

Philadelphia

By Bay to Town

To: Marc Pachtman

Any water taxi service would be run by a private vendor and would be initiated by either Sarasota or Manatee County or by the City of Sarasota. The City had a proposal several years ago that fell apart, but they are working on the idea again. If a new plan materializes, we will explore any possible way for LBK to participate, but as I mentioned, the landing point here with the associated parking requirements may prove challenging.

Ken Schneier Mayor

Longboat Key

FLC Advocacy Committee Meeting Action Items

To: Longboat Key Town Commission

Thank you to those who were able to attend the Advocacy Committee meeting this afternoon. Attached are the Action Items we discussed during the meeting: We will provide more information as it becomes available. Thank you!

Brenda Jones Administrative Assistant Florida League of Cities, Inc.

See Letters, page 12



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The News

Editor etters

Letters, from page 12

Solar EV charging station information

To: Longboat Key Town Manager Howard Tipton

This new solar powered EV charging technology was commissioned by the Florida Association of Counties and the Florida Sheriff's Association. Here is a link to the Beam For All site provided by Don Duckworth, who attended our clean energy Town Hall program this week.

Penny Gold Commissioner

Longboat Key

Thank you!

To: Longboat Key Project Manager Charlie Mopps

I so much appreciate the time you took to present at the Seaplace Communications Town Hall yesterday. Your program was well organized, well received and helped to clarify many things for Seaplace residents. It was also kind of you to take so many questions from the audience. Thank you for sharing your expertise.

Penny Gold Commissioner

Town of Longboat Key

EV Charging

To: Sarasota County Sustainability Program Manager Sara Kane

Thanks again for your informative presentation on Longboat Key on Wednesday. As we discussed, any information you have on the electricity costs associated with County-sponsored EV charging stations would help us to evaluate offers by third parties to install stations for free or for a discount on the condition that the Town cover all charging costs for users.

Ken Schneier Mayor

Longboat Key

EV Charging

To: Longboat Key Mayor Ken Schneier

Thank you for having me, I enjoyed the discussion. I'm gathering the data we have from the report and hope to get it to you by the end of the day today.

Sara Kane

Sustainability Program Supervisor Sarasota County

Congratulations and request

To: Longboat Key Mayor Ken Schneier

One of Florida's longest running men's golf groups will be celebrating their 30th anniversary here at Longboat Key Club on March 28. The FRIARS (Friday Afternoon Recreational Society) has many of the original members some well into their 90's who shoot below their age still play weekly. I would love to surprise them at the event with a Town Proclamation and key to the city or what you deem appropriate to honor such an accomplishment. Thank you



very much. Elaine Dabney Longboat Key

Congratulations and request

To: Longboat Key Mayor Ken Schneier

That is great news! There will be a dinner at the LBK Ballroom Harborside on March 28. I have requested two things from the club's leadership i.e., sponsoring a champagne toast and expect to hear this week.

The group was organized by Matt Zito and Ralph Hughes in 1993 with 20 members. If I can provide any other details that you made need for the Proclamation let me know.

Thank you very much!

Elaine Dabney Longboat Key

Statue at the Bottom of The Hill

To: Sarasota City Manager Marlon Brown

Marlon, I know you had asked about a specific statue that may be missing. Unfortunately, I did not know it by name but when told it was at the bottom of the hill near the bridge between us and the Bay I knew of it. I cannot remember how many years ago it was but an elderly patron was driving on the road nearby to park or valet and she went over the hill and ran into the statue and demolished it. I was told she was fine and the police had gotten her car back up the hill and she went to the show. Apparently, the statue stopped her car from perhaps going into the canal. A claim was put in for it and we were reimbursed. Tony Becich may remember this as well.

Mary Bensel Executive Director City of Sarasota

Statue at the Bottom of The Hill

To: Mary Bensel Thanks for jogging our memories, Mary. Marlon Brown City Manager City of Sarasota

Statue at the Bottom of The Hill

To: Sarasota City Manager Marlon Brown Wow! Interesting. Happily the woman is ok! Will the statue/monument be replaced? Jen Ahearn-Koch City Commissioner City of Sarasota

Great meeting

To: Sarasota City Manager Marlon Brown

Marlon, please convey my compliments to Mr. Cover and his staff on yesterday's excellent Town Hall. It was informative, well-organized and well-run. It was clear that those attending came away with a clearer understanding of what the City is trying to accomplish.

I am disappointed that the City Commissioners learned the specifics being proposed at the same time as the public (I might have taken photos of the slides from the Commission Chamber monitor as Commissioner Ahean-Koch did if I didn't know the file was already wending its way from your inbox to ours). My greater disappointment was that the Commissioners didn't have an opportunity to offer feedback on the proposals before they were presented, seemingly as the final product.

I appreciate the time, thought and research that Mr. Cover and his staff put into their recommendations. I disagree, however, with some of their choices as I suspect other Commissioners do. But I also recognize that each element is part of a coherent system; we must avoid Commissioners "fine tuning" on the fly from the dais so the zoning can work as intended.

I would like an opportunity to discuss my concerns with Staff. I also strongly recommend that a Commission Workshop be held after Staff has had time to consider individual Commissioners' feedback and adjust the proposals where appropriate.



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Letters, from page 12

Debbie Trice Commissioner City of Sarasota

City Hall Meeting

To: Sarasota City Planning and Zoning Director Steve Cover

I apologize for not being "in person" but I did watch the entire Town Hall. I want to applaud you on a really professional job of taking the input you have received and having it be reflected in the presentation. From my viewpoint, most of the questions were supportive and positive. I really believe we have accomplished all of the goals we set out to do when we (staff and CCNA Meaningful Input Committee) met last fall regarding process and allowing meaningful citizen input. Our community has a daunting task of creating workforce housing. I really think what we are doing is a step in the right direction.

From a "process" standpoint, I really think we (staff and MI committee) need to meet again and begin to plan and focus on how we can "sell/market this concept to both developers and to residents". From my vantage point I think we need to tap some of the best PR minds we have in our community. I (almost tongue in cheek) conceptually in an email to the CCNA EC suggested we should create a billboard kind of display, that shows how many "workforce" units are actually under construction. Think of 30 years ago with the United Way Campaigns and the thermometer displays that were in every community. I am okay with that being website, but I feel it is important that we identify every developer that is interested in taking advantage of the incentive and identify how many units that may represent in some sort of graphic and have that graphic in front of our community.

I also feel that we are trying one of a number of avenues to address this issue. If, after a given period of time, this isn't accomplishing the goal we are looking for then we sunset the density provisions. Use the sunset provision to encourage developer action within that timeframe.

Steve, Ryan, Briana and Rebecca, thank-you for the incredible time and effort you have put in on this.

Jim Ludwig Sarasota

City Hall Meeting

To: Jim Ludwig

I agree with Jim. It was well done! I love the idea of some sort of graphic to indicate how well it is working (or not). And if not, then how it can be tweaked to achieve the affordable housing goal as well as the additional housing that will add to the supply and contribute to more affordability.

Liz Alpert Commissioner

City of Sarasota

Elevator Issue-Palm Avenue Garage

To: Sarasota City Manager Marlon Brown

I hope this email finds you well. This is Jared Bernstein, I am a resident of Sarasota.

I am emailing to report a parking garage elevator issue. Can this please be forwarded to the right person and or department.

The Palm Avenue garages are both not working and have been in this condition for a while. Is it please possible for someone to come out and inspect this and for someone to take appropriate action.

Jared Bernstein

Sarasota

Elevator Issue-Palm Avenue Garage

To: Jared Bernstein

Thank you for your email per the out-of-service elevators at the Palm Ace Parking Garage. I have copied the City Manager, Deputy City Manager, and Parking Manager on this email to respond accordingly (and copy me as well please).

Jen Ahearn-Koch

City Commissioner City of Sarasota Sarasota

Please help save them

To: Sarasota City Police Captain Robert Armstrong

I had Officer Kennedy and Officer Frank look into this program. I also sent the email to City Engineering to look at and evaluate the program. The consensus is that we already have products that do the same analytics. As far as Crash360's claim to be "no cost", there is a cost they go after the insurance company for payment. The city is self-insured so we would be paying either way. CRASH360 is useful for smaller agencies that use third party insurance. We use a program call SIGNAL4 which a majority of the State of Florida Law Enforcement and Florida State and Local engineering use for analytics. If you need anything further please let me know.

Anthony Frangioni

Sarasota Police Department

Gulfstream Avenue & Tamiami Trail Crash Information

To: Sarasota Deputy City Manager Patrick Robinson

Since Feb. 9 there has been 1 crash at the Gulfstream Avenue and Tamiami Trail roundabout. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Vikki Nichols Crime Analyst City of Sarasota

Parking citation

To: Sarasota City Parking Operations Division

I was parked doing a delivery to The State Attorney's Office and The Sheriff's Quartermaster when I was ticketed by a Parking Enforcement Specialist. A Sheriff's Deputy came out to tell Officer ID 7704 what I was doing. The Specialist told the Deputy to go back inside.

As soon as I pulled out of the spot the USPS mailman parked in the exact same spot to deliver the mail. I watched as the Specialist drove by the mail truck without a second look.

I am requesting that the citation be dismissed. Not reduced to a one-time warning, dismissed!

Bob Stone

Owner, Minuteman Press

Sarasota

Parking citation

To: Sarasota City Manager Marlon Brown

My admin staff spoke with this individual this afternoon. He was parked in a Law Enforcement only space. This parker has a history of parking citations with the city. We are in receipt of his dismissal request. But we dismissed one citation in December, and he has received 3 new violations since then. Let me know if you have any questions or concerns regarding this matter.

Broxton Harvey

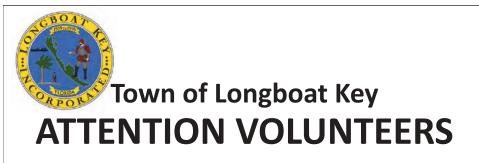
Parking General Manager

City of Sarasota

Parking citation

To: Bob Stone

See Letters, page 14



The Town of Lowels and Keyling and the condition of the transformation in the the following

Elevator Issue-Palm Avenue Garage

To: Jared Bernstein

Thank you for reaching out. We are working diligently to have repairs made to bring elevators back to full operational status at the Palm Garage. This is one of my highest priorities and I hope to have resolved soon. Let me know if you have any additional questions or concerns.

Broxton Harvey

Parking General Manager

City of Sarasota

Perils of private parking lots in the City

To: Sarasota City Senior Communications Manager Jan Thornburg

I parked in a lot on 1st Street and North Lemon to dine and attend the opera on Saturday Feb. 25, 2023. My out-of-town guest paid the kiosk for 6 hours of parking (\$39.60). My group walked to the opera and found a citation indicating that we were 13 min late and fined \$43 if paid in two days or more if not. One of my guests happed to be a retired police captain from Rochester, NY. He researched this issue and discovered that this "citation" is not associated with the Sarasota Police and that the "officer" issuing the citation cannot enforce this fee. We subsequently read an article in the Herald Tribune describing these private parking fast towing and other schemes to force people to pay high fees.

I am writing to urge the City Commission to stop these abusive private lots that essentially trick users into thinking that their citations and tactics are associated with official parking fines. Although my car was not towed--as in the newspaper article--I feel abused by this situation. I can only wonder what visitors to our city think when they fall prey to this scam.

Nancy Campbell

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

Planning and Zoning Board

All applications must be submitted to the Office of the Town Clerk by **12:00 p.m. on March 23, 2023**. All applicants must be registered voters of the Town of Longboat Key. Late applications may not be accepted. Any member who fails to attend two of three consecutive, scheduled, and called regular meetings without cause, and without prior approval of the chair, shall automatically forfeit the appointment, and the Town Commission shall promptly fill the vacancy.

All members of the Planning and Zoning Board are required to file a financial disclosure form within 30 days after appointment and annually thereafter for the duration of the appointment as required by Florida Statutes Chapter 112.

The Town Commission may schedule a Meet and Greet with applicants at a later date. Please call the Office of the Town Clerk at 941-316-1999 for an application or if you have any questions. Applications may be submitted to:

Town of Longboat Key Office of the Town Clerk 501 Bay Isles Road Longboat Key FL 34228

Stephanie Janney, Administrative Assistant Published: 03-03-2023, 03-10-2023

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Please see my inquiry and response from Mr. Harvey, Parking General Manager. I am sorry but this parking ticket will not be dismissed. You have also cited on other occasions for similar violations including the dismissal of a recent ticket. I will look into the allege violation by the USPS and how/why that was not handled appropriately.

I will also be reaching out to Sheriff Hoffman to alert him regarding the restricted space and his deputy's involvement. Please be aware of parking restrictions in the future. Thank you.

Marlon Brown City Manager City of Sarasota

McCown Towers

To: Sarasota Deputy City Manager Pat Robinson We replaced the water meter at this location, which required a temporary disruption of water service. This property is owned by the Sarasota Housing Authority. The property manager was notified (via email and hand delivered notice) on January 31st for a service disruption (to replace the water meter) to occur on Wednesday February 8th. The notice also included our standard boil water advisory that basically states that it is recommended to boil water for drinking/cooking/etc. until the City notifies the customer

that the water is cleared for potable use without boiling. The customer was notified of the recission of the boil water advisory Monday February 13th following routine bacteriological sampling and testing. Please see the attached. At no time was public health jeopardized. The water is safe to use.

Please note that when the service disruption/boil water notice is issued and rescinded, the customer(s) is notified along with 34 other people, including the Sarasota County Health Department, Nancy Kelly, Matt Arendall, Stacie Mason, water treatment plant personnel, utilities engineering and permitting personnel, billing office personnel, distribution personnel, Verne, and me.

Pursuant to our process, field crews are supposed to notify water treatment personnel when work is complete and sampling and testing can commence – always same day.

For some reason, there was a communication gap between our distribution field crews and the water plant personnel responsible for sampling and testing for this particular event. Once notified, samples were properly collected and tested. We have adjusted our procedures to prevent future occurrences. FYI, we successfully do several of these every week - first time in the 5 years I have been here that something like this has occurred.

Regarding existing leaks, our folks visited the site today and discovered that the backflow device (privately owned

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by the Housing Authority) was leaking. We will reach to the Housing Authority tomorrow morning and work/coordinate with them to correct the leak and address any other concerns.

- Bill Riebe
- Utilities Director
- City of Sarasota

McCown Towers

To: Sarasota City Clerk Shayla Griggs

May I please have the email address of the citizen who spoke about this at our City Commission meeting please so that I can forward this update to her.

Thank you Mr. Brown, Mr. Robinson, and Mr. Riebe for following-up on this. I have also copied Mr. Russell on this email as the constituent spoke at the most recent SHA meeting as well.

Jen Ahearn-Koch City Commissioner City of Sarasota

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- 5. Fit
- 10. Part of a Hawaiian feast?
- Plata," 14. "
- Montana motto
- 15. Swung like a sail
- 16. Spanish nuts?
- 17. Kitty Litter tycoon Edward
- Karmic Sitcom set in Camden County
- 20. Put on a throne
- 21. Poses
- 22. Trouble
- Famous musical trio
- Part of a Hawaiian feast
- 27. Greens from the garden
- Says without sound 34. 1986 Janet Jackson
- gold record
- 37. Gold records, e.g.
- 39. Spree
- Word with blond or wood
- 41. "The
- Honeymooners" duration as a TV series

69. Google heading 70. Fleming and Thorpe

- 71. Amber alternative
- 72. "Under Siege" star
- 73. He and she 74. Fashion
- 11. Sit for a fake photo?
- 12. Part of a plot
- 13. Shed
- pop
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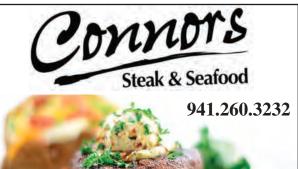
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