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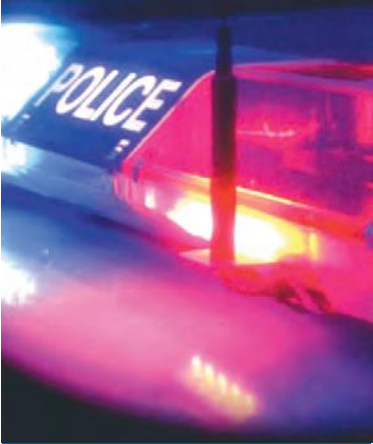
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City seeks to add spark back into St. Armands

Battie told the commission they need to have a serious conversation about the resiliency of the circle and consider creating a master plan.

At a City of Sarasota Commission meeting on Nov. 18, Commissioner Kyle Battie asked the group to consider a possible master plan for St. Armands Circle.

Battie said the weekend prior to the meeting, he rode his bike to the circle and saw the sad reality of the area.

"There's like no energy or vibration out there. You know, all of that is lost. I know a lot of us are still recovering from the storm, I know I am. I'm still doing that and plastic bags. My neighbor won't even be coming back to her house. You know, so, um, it's devastating," said Battie.

Battie told the commission they need to have a serious conversation about the resiliency of the circle and consider creating a master plan like what they are doing for the downtown area. He said only half of the stores are open and many of the mom-and-pop shops won't reopen.

"That is, you know, our economic and tourism engine, you know, in this city," said Battie. "It's devastating to see what those people are going through."



Shore leaving St. Armands citing floods and City's lack of effort

"The lack of urgency from the city in addressing the infrastructure issues ...forced us to reevaluate our future here."

Shore is leaving Sarasota following floods at its St. Armands Circle location and a lack of support and planning from Sarasota City Hall.

"It's been a challenging time for us, especially given the extended recovery process after the storm," Tom Leonard of Shore said in a news release.

"The lack of urgency from the city in addressing the infrastructure issues — particularly the malfunctioning pumps that led to standing water remaining in the store for

See Shore, page 2

Fueling the Firefighters on Longboat



Secur-All Insurance was a top sponsor of the 2024 Longboat Key Firefighter's Association Golf Classic. Above is the the team that Secur-All's Sandra Smith assembled. Front row from left: Sandra Smith, Firefighter Zack Schield, Back Row from left: Bob Rutland, Eileen Smith, Dan Basanger, Angie, Dr. James Reed, Adam Smith, Karen Preston, Matt Kasten

Longboat Key's Dry Dock earns spot on OpenTable's Best Restaurants in America list

Dry Dock Waterfront Grill, a seafood hotspot located at 412 Gulf of Mexico Dr. in Longboat Key just over the Skyway Bridge, has been named one of OpenTable's 100 Best Restaurants in America for 2024. This prestigious recognition is based on glowing reviews from diners nationwide, affirming Dry Dock as a must-visit destination worth the drive from St. Pete.

Situated at the southern end of Longboat Key, the restaurant offers views of Sarasota Bay from its second-story dining area and dockside patio. Known for its fresh local seafood, Dry Dock's signature dishes include grouper and red snapper, all served in a polished yet casual setting.

Dry Dock's reputation is reflected in its reviews. Joining Tampa's iconic Bern's Steak House, Dry Dock Waterfront Grill solidifies its place as one of the top dining experiences on Florida's Gulf Coast. Whether you're seeking fresh seafood, serene waterfront views, or a relaxing getaway, Dry Dock promises an unforgettable meal.

‘World’s Greatest Daredevil’ to receive circus honor

Elvin Bale will receive his own marker on the St. Armands Circle’s Circus Ring of Fame on Feb. 8.

There, he will join such circus stars as animal trainer Gunther Gebel-Williams of Venice, with whom he shared a special connection. Both were hired in 1968 by Irvin Feld, who had just purchased The Greatest Show on Earth, the Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey Circus that year.

Like Gebel-Williams, Bale would be a longtime resident of Venice. These days, Bale lives in Pomello Park, 20 miles from Myakka City but he still owns property on East Venice Avenue.

In 1969, Gebel-Williams became the star of the original Ringling circus, and Bale, already dubbed the “World’s Greatest Daredevil,” would perform an aerial act.

Bale had already perfected his famous heel catch finish on the flying trapeze — without a net.

As an aerialist, Bale would perform before Pope John Paul II in the Vatican, Presidents Kennedy, Nixon, Carter and Ford, and win Gold and Silver Clown awards from the Festival International du Cirque de Monte Carlo and the Circus Oscar in Madrid, Spain.

“I won the Silver Clown in 1978 for the Wheel of Death,” he said. “Prince Ranier said the Russian and Chinese judges would not vote for that act because it was only a carnival act.”

Bale became a friend of the Prince and was invited to judge in the 1990s, Bale said.

That Silver Clown was for his performance on the Wheel of Death. His wheel was 38 feet long with a wheel at each end. As it revolved, he would walk around it, fall off but grab onto it on the way down and sometimes perform while wearing a blindfold.

But Bale was not just an aerialist, despite the fact that he did things on the trapeze and wire that simply weren’t done by many performers, at least not until Bale performed them.

Feld always wanted something new. Bale was always up for the challenge.

“I built a motorcycle,” he said. “As a kid, I practiced with everybody and anybody who would let me.”

Bale said Feld referred to him as the “World’s Greatest Daredevil.” He did the act one to three times a show, depending on the schedule.

In 1987, his performance career ended in Hong Kong. He had taken the canon to to Hong Kong, where he performed as many as three shows in a day.

Always careful, he had a dummy he fired out of the canon on show days to test the power needed.

On Jan. 8 that year, his assistants put the test dummy in the cannon and fired it. When the dummy did not go as far as it was supposed to, he increased the power of the cannon, not realizing that the dummy had been left outside and soaked up water when it rained, resulting in a heavier dummy.

Because of that, he overshot the landing area of the net, ending up with two broken legs and a broken back. He was in the hospital in Hong Kong for six months and was told he would never walk again.

Back in Florida and determined to walk again, he had more months of rehabilitation.

He can walk with braces and crutches and he still “can drive everything.” He currently drives a Tesla but with hand controls.

On Feb. 8, he most likely will walk into the big red and white tent at Benderson Park, with his leg braces and crutches but the world will know that nothing holds this Bale back.

And Bale is still in the circus business as vice president of Cole Brothers Circus.

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days after the storm — forced us to reevaluate our future here.”

The Leonard family will lease the building, which has housed its retail shop since 2008 and upstairs restaurant since 2012, to Tommy Bahama, which recently announced it plans to open a new combined restaurant, bar and retail space at the Shore location, at 465 John Ringling Blvd., in February 2025. Shore will close Dec. 1.

Leonard said the aging infrastructure on St. Armands Circle made staying untenable. “While we love this community, it’s clear that the city has a long way to go in terms of modernizing its streets, sidewalks and drainage systems,” he said in the release. “We experienced firsthand the frustration of waiting for repairs that should have been prioritized much sooner.”

Sarasota did experience unprecedented rainfall in August during Invest 90L, then within a month was hit with 4-5 foot storm surge from Hurricanes Helene and Milton,

Shore plans to keep its Longboat Key location open.



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Building Permit for Sheetrock/Drywall Repair

To: Longboat Key Commission

I apologize for this late addition to the 12/2 agenda, but since it concerns reducing the burden on people working to repair hurricane damage, I have added this emergency ordinance to the morning agenda. It is a pretty straightforward item and should only take a few minutes to complete, however the benefits to both our residents and for staff are considerable. Thank you for your understanding as we continue to find ways to help with recovery efforts.

Howard Tipton
Town Manager
Town of Longboat Key

Building Permit for Sheetrock/Drywall Repair

To: Longboat Key Town Manager Howard Tipton

As discussed, for distribution to Commissioners for the Dec. 2 Regular Meeting, is a (late) agenda item intended to provide relief from what staff has determined to be a burdensome and unnecessary building permit requirement. The agenda item is an Emergency Ordinance (2024-14), which, may be considered by the Commission to be adopted in a single Reading in accordance with Florida Statutes §166.041(3)(b), and pursuant to Article II, Section 17, of the Town Charter (with the affirmative vote of two-thirds of the Town Commissioners).

The culpability for the item’s late timing (after the agenda has been distributed) is mine. The

solution to address this ongoing issue, via an ordinance change, was arrived at after a discussion with Maggie this week. The quick thinking of Maggie and quick actions of Trish & Savannah to assist with the preparation of the attached Emergency Ordinance will allow this item to be considered this Monday, rather than waiting another month for potential permitting relief to be provided. The attached memo explains the purpose of the Emergency ordinance.

Allen Parsons
Director Planning, Zoning & Building Department
Town of Longboat Key

Canals and tax impact

To: Longboat Key Commission

I have not been able to attend the meetings and make public comments this month and wanted to share my thoughts.

I am thrilled we are finally getting to point of repairing our canal system. That said, I, like others in the community, am concerned with the Commission voting on a new taxing district without time for public discussion and processing.

The Commission held a workshop on how to structure taxation for canals (formation of taxing districts) on Nov 12, immediately followed by a first reading that very same day. That reading put the workshop discussion into formal action. Aren’t there usually 2 weeks between these steps? Now we have a second reading and final vote on Dec 2. I know you are trying to meet State deadlines but - a workshop to second reading in less than a month? That isn’t even enough time for our monthly LBK North meeting to have occurred, let alone the Town to get any sort of substantive public dialogue.

Relatedly, I was surprised, during the canal tax workshop that you did not look at the financial impacts to property owners more comprehensively. Tax amounts for a sampling of properties were calculated to show you the impact of the new canal taxation structure, but you should also be looking at data that depicts total taxes incurred by property owners for shoreline management - canal taxation / assessment as well as beach re-nourishment taxation under the current 80/20 formula.

Putting aside the issue of the speed at which the taxation districts were discussed and most likely will be approved (given the 5-1 vote in favor during first reading), the Commission should take the next 4-6 months to seriously look at the issue of financing shoreline management in a way that both fixes the flaws in the 80/20 split for beach re-nourishment and allows the Town to communicate to the public a consistent approach and set of principles for how property taxes on the Key for shoreline management are decided and levied.

The Commission should determine how the districts and definitions that are being set up for canal taxation ultimately should influence property owner taxes when it comes to beach re-nourishment.

For example, if you believe abandoning the west and east side of the 80/20 GMD taxing districts in favor of a full Key wide district to share in the cost of public waterways (in this month’s case, the primary canals that surround the Key that provide “town wide benefit”) then shouldn’t we be applying the same principles to the beaches? The same definitions for direct benefits and shared/general benefits used for canals can be applied to beaches (e.g. beaches where there is public access have a shared/general benefit).

You now have an opportunity to get in front of the upcoming beach re-nourishment discussions and think holistically how we should approach funding for shoreline management of the Key, which includes both the beachfront and waterways - in the most equitable way possible

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for all property owners who love and invest in the Key. Thank you for your consideration of these points.

Maureen Merrigan
Commissioner
Town of Longboat Key

Lights

To: Longboat Key Planning and Zoning Director Allen Parsons
We are making yet another complaint about the lights that have been a violation of our current town ordinances for well over a year. All of the Whitney Plaza lights are annoying and a big disturbance to our properties that reside on Longboat Drive South.
We are asking you and your staff to take the proper steps to making this property owner to comply and bring these lights into compliance and fix this ongoing violation.
We all “thank you” in advance for your anticipated cooperation and success with this issue. The pictures attached were taken on November 26, 2024.
Charley & Betsy Byrd
Michael & Amy Drake
James Fox
Tai Mim Li
David & Lori Price
John & Barbara Szumski

Art mural

To: Mexico Beach Mayor R. Wolff
The hand art mural created by Mexico Beach children finally reached me last week. On behalf of our Commission and Town, I can’t thank you enough for this gift and the empathy it demonstrates. We are now members with you of the hard hit community club, having experienced something unimaginable.
Through a tremendous effort by our staff and our population, we are making great strides to clean-up, recover, help those who have lost much and move ahead. Mexico Beach has set a high standard for us of resilience and tenacity that I hope we can emulate. In time, we also hope we will be able to “pay it forward” as you have done.
Ken Schneier
Mayor
Town of Longboat Key

Canal Dredging funding/Input on December 2nd Meeting

To: Longboat Key Town Clerk Irish Shinkle
I was just made aware of the proposal to fund Canal dredging through the establishment of two new tax districts. With all of the activity being undertaken to bring our properties back up to speed, the December 2nd vote seems rushed and unfair
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With all of the activity being under taken to bring our properties back up to speed, the December 2nd vote seems rushed
and unfair as a critical topic with limited opportunity to learn more and voice an informed opinion.
I would request that it be ”postponed” until early 2025 when residents and Associations have more of an opportunity to review.
Scott Hennessy
Longboat Key

Ranger Lane Appeal of Departure Request denial

To: Longboat Key Town Planning and Zoning Director Allen Parsons
I am not sure if we have a time locked in for a call this afternoon or if a call is even needed. If so, I am copying Mr. Franklin so he is aware. Mr. Leone (via email dated 11/22/24 4:49 pm) confirmed he is not withdrawing the application for 592 Ranger Lane so the Town Commission will continue to plan on hearing that request.
So that is it is clear to everyone on this email string, it is the applicants’ burden to provide competent substantial evidence at each of the upcoming hearings to the Town Commission to support the appeals of the departure request. I am mentioning this because there are 2 pending applications and two quasi-judicial hearings on those applications before the Town Commission. Both applications will need to have competent substantial evidence presented at the hearings. The Town Staff does not carry the burden on these applications.
If a call is needed this afternoon, I am still available. If we need to schedule something for tomorrow (Tuesday 11/26), I am available from 9:45 -12:30 p.m. and 3 p.m. -5 p.m.
I will be out of the office from Wednesday through the remainder of the week for the Thanksgiving holiday.
Maggie D. Mooney
Town Attorney
Town of Longboat Key

Ranger Lane Appeal of Departure Request denial

To: Longboat Key Town Attorney Maggie Mooney
Almost bed time here in Scotland. I doubt if we will sleep tonight.
My wife and I fly over on Monday and will be across the Atlantic when this conference call takes place.
Can I ask you to include my representative Bruce Franklin in this call as I have noted with him that I will call him (out of office hours) when we land at SRQ to ascertain the position here. As you will no doubt guess I do not wish anything to stand in the way of the hearing for my wall at 582. we have flown over three times for postponed hearing/ variances and had a serious amount of worry for our predicament.
Have a good weekend all
Bobby Halliday
Longboat Key

Ranger Lane Appeal of Departure Request denial

I apologize for any confusion wit the timing of a recommended conference call. My intent was to recommend a conference call for Monday (11/25) afternoon anytime between 1:30 - 5 p.m.
Maggie D. Mooney
Town Attorney
Town of Longboat Key

From: Maggie Mooney
To: Michael Leone
This shall confirm receipt of your email. I would recommend that we have a conference call on Monday morning to discuss your assertions and position relative to the upcoming hearings scheduled for December 2, 2024. I would suggest that Mr. Bentley and/or Ms. Coser also be on the call.
If your intent is to withdraw the pending departure application that was submitted on your behalf by Mr. Bentley (with your apparent signature on the application), the Town needs to know that and have that confirmed by you in writing. Please understand that if that is the approach you are taking, the Town will have to deny the pending after-the-fact permit you have submitted for the newly construed seawall on your property, and the Town will have to set the previously issued Notice of Violation (for an unpermitted structure) for hearing before the Town’s Code Enforcement Special Magistrate. That code enforcement proceeding was placed on hold by the Town due to the submittal of the shoreline departure application request and subsequent appeal. Please be advised that code enforcement actions can result in daily fines that can become a lien against property pursuant to Ch. 162, Florida Statutes and the Town Code of Ordinances.
Allen Parsons and I are both available Monday November 25, 2024 afternoon from 1:30 - 5 p.m. for a conference call. We look forward to talking to everyone on Monday about this matter.
Maggie D. Mooney
Town Attorney
Town of Longboat Key

Ranger Lane Appeal of Departure Request denial

To: Longboat Key Planning and Zoning Director Allen Parsons
In response to the email from Cori Coser from Bentley Goodrich Kison, P.A. dated November 20, 2024 it is important that we clarify our position on the matter of the seawall at 582/592 Ranger Lane, Longboat Key.
I am the owner of 592 Ranger Lane, and with my wife Karen, full-time residents of Longboat Key. As we have discussed in the past, we have not been party to any written contract, financial obligation, or verbal agreements with either Florida Shoreline and Foundation, or Bentley Goodrich Kison, P.A. Attached is a copy of an email dated June 12, 2024, in reply to Morgan Bentley in which we stated we would not be represented by their legal counsel.
We are a neutral party to this project/process. Pending the decision of Longboat Key Town Commission, we would like to state our expectation. It is a reasonable expectation that if approved, our portion of the seawall project would be completed with a cap by the owners of 582 Ranger Lane and Florida Shoreline and Foundation OR if denied, our potion of the seawall would be remediated and rebuilt/returned to Longboat Key building code by the same parties mentioned above. Additionally, if the seawall variance is approved, it is a reasonable expectation that we would receive a variance from The Town of Longboat Key to ensure that we have no non-conforming violations for our property.
Although the seawall construction at 582 Ranger Lane extended 32” onto our property at 592 Ranger Lane, we were not party to the contract, design, execution or financial commit-

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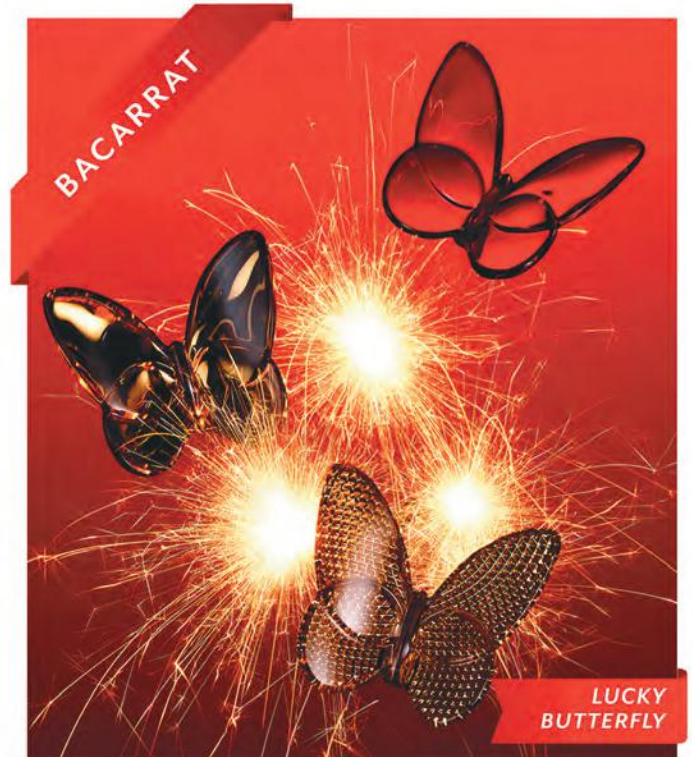
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ment of this project. We do not support any failure to comply with town code.

Again, we are not represented, by Bentley Goodrich Kison, P.A., as they have stated in their letter to you dated November 20, 2024, nor do we hold the position they have outlined in this letter as we have not been party to the contract, design or construction process between Bobby Halliday and Florida Shoreline and Foundation. Please share this information with the Longboat Key Town Commission so that they are aware of these details.

Michael & Karen Leone
Longboat Key

Debris

To: Longboat Key Commission

This is the update from last week's Town debris clean-up activities. This does not include the efforts on private roads and on Jewfish Key.

As noted, our two contractors have finished their clean-up efforts. FDOT has completed the majority of their efforts on GMD, understanding there is some small pickups left and final touches and restoration needed.

At this time of Thanksgiving, we share our appreciation for everyone who has been involved in these accelerated clean-up effort. Getting the debris up and out is a critical step in our healing process and we are well underway.

Howard N. Tipton
Town Manager
Town of Longboat Key

Longboat Key Eagles

To:

"Self-certification" is a dangerous path which renders the program somewhat meaningless, especially when objections were timely raised with your Service by the community and the neighborhood. I think you folks blew this one.

Ken Schneier
Mayor
Town of Longboat Key

Longboat Key Eagles

Dear Mayor Ken Schneier and Commissioner BJ Bishop

Thank you for your patience this week. We understand our Migratory Bird program colleagues in the Southeast Region informed you we would be contacting you regarding the eagle nest in Longboat Key. This situation has been referred for internal review and to law enforce-

ment; therefore, we are unable to comment further.

In 2024, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service revised the regulations for the issuance of permits for eagle incidental take and eagle nest take under the Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act. The revised regulations include a new system of general permits in addition to the specific-permit situations the USFWS has authorized in the past. These general permits are designed for situations with low risks to eagles and are an alternative approach to authorize certain activities that may disturb breeding bald eagles and bald eagle nest take. An applicant submits a general permit application and self-certifies their eligibility to the FWS via an online registration system and the permit is automatically issued.

General permits are available for bald eagle nests only and only certain situations are eligible:

- Take of a nest for a safety emergency
- Take of a nest for health and safety
- Take of a nest located on a human-engineered structure

For more information, please visit our eagle management website: <https://www.fws.gov/program/eagle-management/eagle-incidental-disturbance-and-nest-take-permits#PermitNestTake>

Migratory Bird Permits
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Longboat Key Eagles

To: U.S. Rep. Will Robinson

Thank you so much. Our house will be coming down in the next month. The loss of the eagles was like losing another neighbor. Hopefully we can give localities the ability to manage these issues.

BJ Bishop
Commissioner
Town of Longboat Key

Longboat Key Eagles

To: Longboat Key Commissioner BJ Bishop

I appreciate you reaching out and letting me know about this issue. I will look into it. I hope you and your family are doing better after those terrible storms. Please take care of yourself and contact me if you need anything.

William C. Robinson, Jr.
U.S. Representative
Florida

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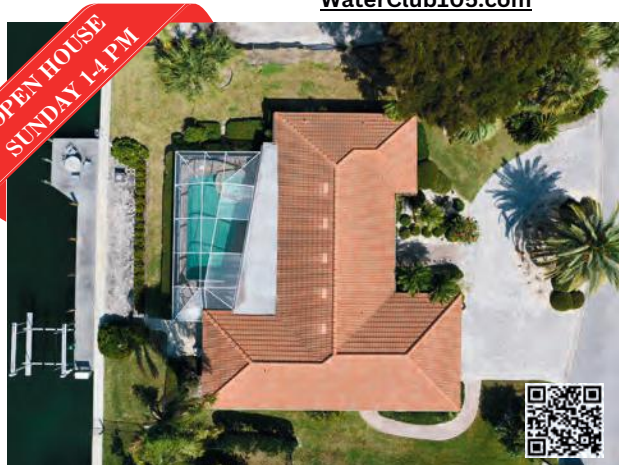


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OnPatrol



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

Nov. 22
Driver's license

10:18 a.m.

Officer Troyer was working for the Longboat Key Police Department as a police officer in full uniform and a fully marked patrol vehicle when he received a license plate reader alert to a white van whereas the registered owner had a suspended license, which he confirmed through the NCIC/FCIC database. Officer Troyer located the vehicle and conducted a traffic stop in the 5900 block of Gulf of Mexico Drive. Upon contacting the driver, he informed that he was the brother of the owner, and the owner knew his license was suspended. Officer Troyer asked him if he had a driver's license, to which he provided his Honduras ID card. Officer Troyer asked him if he had ever had an U.S. Driver's license to which he said he did not, and knew he shouldn't be driving. The driver was able to provide him with a current copy of the vehicle's insurance and vehicle registration card. Officer Troyer informed him he needed to call a licensed driver to come get him and the vehicle. Officer Troyer cleared him through the NCIC/FCIC for any wants or warrants on the ELVIS database which had no return either. The driver moved the vehicle off of the side of the roadway and waited until a licensed driver could pick him up. Officer Troyer found probable cause to issue him a citation for driving with no license. Case clear.



at the Moorings. Upon Officer Mathis' arrival, he met with the complainant who advised that the three juveniles were on private property and he wished for them to leave. The complainant had no desire to criminal trespass the juveniles. Officer Mathis spoke with the three juveniles and advised that his father dropped them off at the Publix to go fishing in the area. Officer Mathis spoke with the father who advised he had no idea the children would be trespassing to fish. The father apologized about the miscommunication and arrived a short time later to pick up the three juveniles and take them home. It was expressed to the three juveniles how important it is to pay attention to 'No Trespassing' and private property signage. All three boys apologized for fishing on private property and advised they would not return. Case clear.

Lights

3:48 p.m.

Sgt. Montfort while on patrol in the 6000 block of Gulf of Mexico Drive, observed a white Ford traveling south on Gulf of Mexico Drive. Sgt. Montfort observed that the vehicle was displaying flashing blue and red grill mounted lights. The blue and red lights were activated in such a manner that mimics a law enforcement vehicle. As the vehicle passed, Sgt. Montfort observed the vehicle was displaying a vanity license plate. Sgt. Montfort turned his patrol vehicle around and caught up with the vehicle. Sgt. Montfort conducted a traffic stop in the area of the 5200 block of Gulf of Mexico Drive, then approached the vehicle from the passenger side and instructed the operator to roll down the front and rear windows as they were heavily tinted. Sgt. Montfort informed the man for the reason of the traffic stop to which the operator said he was unaware they were activated. Sgt. Montfort further inquired if the man was a police or law enforcement officer to which he said he was not. The man then presented the officer with his driver's license, registration and insurance card. Sgt. Montfort returned to his patrol vehicle, requested an additional unit and conducted an FCIC/NCIC check of the man's driving privileges which were returned as valid. Officer Troyer arrived on scene and the man was ordered from the vehicle and was frisked for weapons. The driver further said he had purchased the white and amber lights off of Amazon, but when installed, learned they were blue and red. Sgt. Montfort advised the driver that displaying blue lights was a crime and would subsequently be receiving a misdemeanor notice to appear in the Manatee County Court. While conducting paperwork, Officer Troyer observed the man disconnect the blue and red lights. The driver was processed and released in the field with a notice to appear in the Manatee County Court. Case clear.

Nov. 24

Card

3:29 p.m.

Sgt. Montfort while conducting parking lot maintenance at the Longboat Key Police Department, was greeted by a walk-in subject stating she had located a credit card at the gas station. The woman said she located the credit card inserted into the air machine. Sgt. Montfort conducted a local search for the owner of the credit card with negative results. The credit card was placed into evidence repository for safekeeping as found property. Case clear.

Fishing

4:04 p.m.

Officer Mathis was dispatched to Harbourside Drive in reference to three juveniles fishing

Nov. 25 Construction

10:33 a.m.

Officer Maple was dispatched to Companion Way, for an unknown trash dumpster on a complainant's property. Upon his arrival, Officer Maple met with the neighbor who said that the complainant who was not on scene had given her permission to use his vacant lot for help in her pool reconstruction and an unauthorized dumpster had been placed on the property without permission. The neighbor said that the management company had contacted her this morning and is enroute to remove the dumpster. The information collected was passed to the complainant via cellphone. The complainant was happy with the results. Case clear.

Nov. 26

Contractors

9:09 a.m.

Officer Nazareno was dispatched to Emerald Harbour Drive for a disturbance call in reference to a verbal argument between two contractors. Upon arrival, Officer Nazareno made contact with the complainant for the pest services who said that he had a verbal argument with an unidentified contractor over the parking position of his work truck. The other contractor told the complainant to move his truck to obtain a better parking spot to load construction materials, but he refused to move his truck which was legally parked and not blocking the private driveway or the road. The complainant also thought that the unidentified contractor took his orange safety cones while he continued to work in the backyard. The cones were found on the sidewalk across his job site. The other contractor left the location prior to the officer's arrival and no crime was reported or took place. Case clear.

Nov. 27
Golfcart

11:03 a.m.

Officer Mathis was dispatched to the area of Broadway and Gulf of Mexico Drive in reference to a golf cart traveling south on Gulf of Mexico Drive. No violation was observed as the golf cart was operating within the appropriate 35 mph zone. Officer Mathis attempted to make contact with the complainant via telephone to explain the lawful operating areas and requirements for golf carts but he did not answer. Case clear.

Painters

12:20 p.m.

Officer Mathis was dispatched to the 5700 block of Gulf of Mexico Drive in reference to a civil dispute. Upon his arrival, Officer Mathis met with four men who said they were completing a painting job and had not been paid. According to the subjects they are owed \$3,500 each for work completed at the incident location. Officer Mathis then spoke with the property manager who explained that the four men are subcontractors under a separate contractor out of Miami for his company. The manager further explained that the work completed must be approved by insurance and invoiced before payment is made and that this process can take up to 90 days. The manager advised that they would get paid and that working for insurance companies there is a process that job approvals must go through before that happens. This information was explained to the four subjects and he explained to all parties that this was a civil issue and provided a case card for documentational purposes. Case clear.

Nov. 28
ATM

7:33 a.m.

Officer Mathis was dispatched to Bay Isles Road in reference to the ATM being out of service. Upon Officer Mathis' arrival to the incident location, he was flagged down by a man who explained that the ATM is broken and he needs his money to buy things at CVS. The man was advised to contact the bank and use an alternative ATM. The ATM at this location is not open for service. The bank is aware and the ATM is pending service. Case clear.

iPhone

10:33 a.m.

Officer Mathis was dispatched to the area of Harbourside Drive and Weston Point Court in referene to a possible signal four, iPhone crash detection had notified 911. Sgt. Montfort and Officer Mathis were checking the area when they noticed a phone in the middle of Harbourside Drive. As Officer Mathis turned around to get the phone, a man pulled up and advised his phone had fallen off his car in the area. The man was given his phone, case clear.

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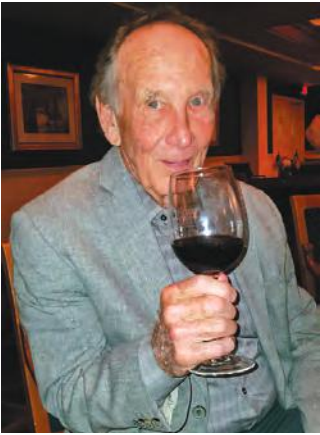
S.W. and Rich Hermansen
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The adjective “effervescent” means “bubbly” or “fizzy” when describing a beverage; it means “vivacious” or “enthusiastic” when describing a person.

A sparkling wine has bubbles and fizziness due to the process that creates it. People think of sparkling wine as befitting vivacious and enthusiastic celebrations.

The Méthode Champenoise adds a dose of sugar and yeast to each bottle that induces a second fermentation in the bottle, carefully rotated on a schedule, until pressure builds. When opened, carbon dioxide bubbles pour out in the form of the mousse (froth) and bubbles continue to rise in the glass. An alternative method for making sparkling wine, the Martinotti method used for Prosecco, induces a second fermentation under pressure in large vats. A cheaper alternative merely adds carbon dioxide to a sealed bottle as with a carbonated soft drink. Whether secondary fermentation or carbonation, we classify the result as a sparkling vs. a still wine.

The neat division into wines into still and sparkling classes,



as you might expect in the nuanced world of fine wine, leaves out still wines in which fermentation continues after bottling; that is, without further intervention by winemakers. When poured the wine bubbles and fizzes in the glass. In some wines the level of effervescent seems incidental and slight; in others it commands attention.

Incidental, slight effervescence occurs often in white and rosé wines from the Vinho Verde region of Portugal. The non-vintage Faisão Rosé comes from three robust red grapes originating in the Iberian Peninsula: Caiño Tinto, Espadeiro, and Padeiro. It has a low alcohol content (ABV 10.5%) that helps continue fermentation in the bottle and gives the wine a slight, pleasant effervescence. Little bubbles give this off-dry Rosé a bright taste and a crisp finish. Some wine experts disdain the incidental fizz as a sign of a cheap wine, but a wine drinker with a sweet tooth may enjoy a slight PEZ mouthfeel in a bargain wine.

Pétillant Naturel (Pét-Nat) wines have a level of effervescence that commands attention, close to that of Champagne, Prosecco, Cava, and other sparkling wines, but do not require winemaker interventions to add bubbles to a still wine. An ancient method of winemaking seals wine containing sugars in grape juice and yeast in vessels ranging from large amphora to ordinary bottles and allows fermentation to continue for an extended period of time. These natural wines, white or red, tend to have more prolonged contact with grape skins, and even white wines take on unique flavors and tannins from the skins. A true Pet-Nat wine commands a higher price than comparable still wines of the same varieties... well, perhaps, not when compared to good Champagne, but more



than many French Crémant (sparkling wine made outside Champagne), Spanish Cava, or Italian Prosecco. The 2021 Delinquent Weeping Juan Pét-Nat Sparkling wine (ABV 12%, \$22) from the Riverland wine region of South Australia has attained high ratings and a cult following. This sparkling rosé comes from the Vermentino grape and has citrus tastes and firm acidity as well as lively first tastes.

Pét-Nat and other natural wines compete more with still wines than with Champagnes. Prolonged exposure to grape skins and natural second fermentation in the bottle lend them enhanced tastes and ageing potential. Try them with rich foods and spicy Asian cuisine. The bubbles cut through strong tastes and soften their sharp edges.

S. W. Hermansen has used his expertise in econometrics, data science and epidemiology to help develop research databases for the Pentagon, the National Institutes of Health, the Department of Agriculture, and Health Resources and Services. He has visited premier vineyards and taste wines from major appellations in California, Oregon, New York State, and internationally from Tuscany and the Piedmont in Italy, the Ribera del Duero in Spain, the Barossa Valley and McLaren Vale in Australia, and the Otago Valley in New Zealand. Currently he splits time between residences in Chevy Chase, Maryland and St. Armand's Circle in Florida.

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

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Letters, from page 8

Eagles

To: U.S. Rep. William Robinson
Will- several years ago before you were in Tallahassee the legislature passed legislation that eliminated the ability for localities to deal with residential tree removal.
There has been a tree in the backyard of a home on Buttonwood that has been home to eagles for over 20 years.
A new home was built in Triton Bend behind the tree. New owners wanted eagles gone. They used hurricanes as an opportunity to have their attorney get a permit from the feds to destroy nest and tree. No local officials could weigh in and no federal people ever saw tree.
Today with both eagles in residence the nest was destroyed and that part of tree was removed.
The Buttonwood neighborhood residents, many who lost their homes feel like another home was taken away today. The tree was stable.
We need To be able to protect these endangered species. My phone has not stopped and no one understands why local government can't help.
BJ Bishop
Commissioner
Town of Longboat Key

Debris Pick up

To: Margaret Covney
I have attached below a copy of my note to Town Manager Howard Tipton responding to his discussion of the conclusion of the Florida and federal agencies (also attached) regarding the pick-up of, or the reimbursement for the pick up of, storm debris located in private road neighborhoods on Longboat Key. In short, their position now is that the two approved Town contractors may pick up that debris, presumably after the rest of the Town has been cleared, ultimately at FEMA's expense, but reimbursement will not be available to neighborhoods that undertook clean up on their own. This is a disappointing result but could still provide relief to communities that still have debris on site. If there are any further developments, I will let you know.
Ken Schneier
Mayor
Town of Longboat Key

Debris

To: Longboat Key Town Manager Howard Tipton
I appreciate the work staff has done to try to obtain a path to debris removal for private road communities and hope that some will be able to avail themselves of the "Town contractor" solution. As for the others, I would only ask that the point be strongly made to FDEM and FEMA that the solution they reached almost 2 months after the first storm hit should be recognized and adopted as the model going forward. It is only fair.
Ken Schneier
Mayor
Town of Longboat Key

FEMA Reimbursement

To: Longboat Key Commission
On late Friday afternoon (11/15) Town staff (including myself) had a conference call with FEMA and FDEM personnel regarding debris clean-up and specifically revisiting again the clean up on private roads. FEMA shared that given the back-to-back impacts from hurricanes Helene and Milton that they would approve debris removal completed by the Town on private roads. This as you are aware is a change of position from previous conversations and we asked the question several different ways to make sure we understood what's not acceptable. They were clear on two points:
Reimbursement would only be for debris picked up by the Town's vendors with appropriate right of entry agreements in place.
Private associations/individuals will not be eligible for reimbursement if they performed the work with anyone other than the Town's debris vendors.
Due to the anticipated financial impacts from these storms and the cost of debris removal, the Town has up to this point included only public streets and those 5 private roadways that posed health and safety risks and that FEMA would reimburse the Town for at 100%. The good news is that the Town has been consistent throughout our storm events in asking for all private road relief and this was the first time favorable consideration was provided. The

Town is reaching out to those private roads/associations to obtain right of way agreements and authorize our vendors to begin pick up.
The bad news is that while there was never a guarantee from FEMA that private roads would be reimbursed for their own debris clean-up, some number of these private roads couldn't wait and have already been cleared by the property owners/associations. Our original understanding (up until Friday) was that these private roads could have at least applied to FEMA for reimbursement. It might have been a longshot, but at least it was a shot. To be clear, staff asked if there was a path for private roads that had completed some or all of the debris clean-up work to be reimbursed and the answer back was that work performed outside of the Town's vendors would not be eligible. Staff will continue to push for prior private road work to be reimbursed but the path to success appears closed.
Bottom line - the direction from FEMA on Friday will save some of our residents/associations some amount of money in debris clean-up, just not as much had this position communicated weeks earlier.
Howard N. Tipton
Town Manager
Town of Longboat Key

FEMA Reimbursement

To: Longboat Key Town Manager Howard Tipton
Thank you for reaching out to Adam. Knew we had moved this issue forward earlier this year, but did not have time to respond.
BJ Bishop
Commissioner
Town of Longboat Key

FEMA Reimbursement

To: Longboat Key Commission
This is a follow up to the suggestion from Jim regarding disaster tax relief. Below is the response from our Federal lobbyist as to how this subject is tracking in Congress.
Howard N. Tipton
Town Manager
Town of Longboat Key



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