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Mote saves thousands of corals amidst extreme water temps

As Florida's Coral Reef experienced record-breaking heat waves starting in July, with temperatures in adjacent backreef areas reaching temperatures above 100°F, Mote Marine Laboratory immediately began an unprecedented evacuation of thousands of stressed and dying coral from its four offshore coral nurseries.

When waters stay too hot (>87 degrees F) for too long, many corals in Florida, and around the world, become stressed and can expel the algae, called zooxanthellae, living inside their tissues. These algae give coral its beautiful color, but they also provide the coral with food. Without it, the coral appear white, as if bleached (hence the term coral bleaching), and could potentially die if the stress persists for too long. With the help of over 70 staff members, six Mote research vessels, and immense support from the Keys community, Mote was able to carefully transport thousands of stressed and dying corals from its offshore nurseries in Sand



Key, Looe Key, Islamorada, and Key Largo, in a matter of days to its three land-based coral nurseries in Summerland Key, Key Largo, and Islamorada, as well as to its 200-acre Sarasota-based Mote Aquaculture Research Park (MAP). Expert staff are working diligently to aid in the recovery of these stressed and dying corals with a goal of saving at least a portion of them despite exposure to the extreme water temperatures of over 90 degrees F.

"Mote has invested in science-based coral reef restoration and research in the Keys for nearly 30 years and, as such, we were equipped with the land-based infrastructure to provide tens of thousands of corals a safe place to grow until conditions improve on the reef," said Dr. Michael Crosby, Mote President and CEO. "But, an evacuation this large, which to my knowledge has never been done

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Porsche thief nabbed with forged docs, fake VIN



The Sarasota Classic Car Museum reported stolen a brown 1977 Porsche 930 Turbo with a 3.0-liter flat-six that the museum values at \$250,000 on the morning of June 14.

According to police, the thief is 36-year-old Daniel Boyce, who they say pried open a door, cut a chain link fence and stole the 930 Turbo.

According to the police, Boyce moved seven exhibit cars out of the way in order to get to the Porsche.

Three days after the theft, an anonymous citizen told the museum that Boyce had stashed a brown Porsche Turbo at a warehouse. Police arrested Boyce on June 21 on an unrelated warrant for contempt of court in a grand theft auto case. A warrant to search Boyce's phone resulted in pictures of the car, of a storage unit in Brandon, Florida 50 miles away, and the code to the unit.

Boyce created fake documents to get the Porsche titled. Including using the VIN off a brown 1976 Porsche in a California salvage yard,

Boyce is being held without bond at the Sarasota County Jail, his first arraignment hearing not scheduled until September 22. The police are asking anyone with info to call the Criminal Investigations Division at (941) 263-6070 or leave an anonymous tip with Crime Stoppers at (941) 366-TIPS or www.sarasotacrimestoppers.com

SRQ installs new parking area

Sarasota Bradenton International Airport announced the opening of a "new and improved" cell phone lot on Friday. The new space, which provides a spot for vehicles to wait until their traveler's flight has landed and they are ready to be picked up, is at 1180 Rental Car Road, directly across from the previous cell phone lot. The parking area can be accessed via Old Bradenton Road or the airport's main entry on University Parkway. The lot consists of 124 paved parking spaces, 5 of them handicap-accessible, while also having restrooms and vending machines. Flight information screens are set to be installed within the next 6 months, and will provide updated information on flights.

In Flight



Photo by FollowmetoLongboat Key

Coral, from page 1

before due to the sheer number of corals Mote has been able to produce and pre-position in offshore nurseries for subsequent restoration outplanting, would not have been possible without the continued strong support of the Keys community. We want to thank everyone who answered our calls for help without hesitation, in many cases in the middle of the night, and aided in this historic event.”

Keys Community Offers Support of Mote’s Coral Evacuation

- Divers from Scubapro were trained by Mote staff, performed a BleachWatch survey and aided in Mote’s precise process for evacuating corals.
- The Marina Club at Blackwater Sound provided Mote with free boat dockage for a research vessel that was sent to the Upper Keys.
- Perry Inn and Marina on Stock Island provided boat slips and served as an offloading site for evacuated corals.

- Opal Collection in Key West provided Mote staff and boat captains with lodging at the last minute despite having high demand during lobster season
- Opal Collection’s Reefhouse Resort, the Keys History & Discovery Center, and Florida Keys Country Club have all donated space for BleachWatch training events.
- The College of the Florida Keys Upper Keys Center allowed Mote to use their parking lot for overnight boat trailer storage
- Billie’s Stone Crab Fisheries in Summerland Key, owned by Brian Hershey and Captain John Johnson, loaned Mote insulated fish crates that were critical in transporting corals.

Details of an Unprecedented Evacuation and Unique Opportunity for Further Research

Immediately following the extreme high-water temperatures within and surrounding Mote’s in water coral nurseries throughout the Keys, and the subsequent bleaching documented within Mote’s Looe Key coral nursery in mid-July, Mote began implementing a strategic relocation of stressed and dying corals from its in-water infrastructures to its land-based coral nursery facilities at four of its campuses in both the Keys and Sarasota.

Specifically, Mote carefully transported corals from its Key Largo and Islamorada in-water nurseries to its two corresponding land-based nurseries at Reefhouse Resort & Marina in Key Largo and Bud n’ Mary’s Marina in Islamorada.

Mote also carefully transported coral from its Looe Key in-water nursery, and coral from its Sand Key nursery, to its land-based nursery on Summerland Key at its Elizabeth Moore International Center for Coral Research & Restoration (IC2R3).

Because of this unprecedented high number of evacuated corals from Mote’s off-shore coral nurseries, demand quickly exceeded available space in its certified land-based nursery facilities in the Keys. Fortunately, Mote also has a massive recirculating seawater facility supporting both the International Coral Gene Bank and the new Florida Coral Reef Restoration Crab Hatchery Research Center, located 13 miles inland at Mote’s Aquaculture Research Park in Sarasota, which has more than enough capacity to accommodate all living corals from its in-water nurseries that can’t be housed in our Keys facilities, as well as the remaining corals in its Keys land-based facilities in the event of any subsequent hurricane evacuation.

“Mote scientists are also using this unusually high seawater temperature event to conduct a number of studies at both our off-shore nurseries and restoration sites throughout the Keys,” said Dr. Crosby, “to help significantly enhance genetic resiliency research that will, ultimately, increase survival of outplanted coral in our broader ten-year Florida Coral Reef Restoration Initiative.”

As part of this effort, Mote is strategically keeping, and continuing to closely monitor, representative samples of each coral genotype in its offshore nurseries to evaluate how those different genotypes respond to, and potentially recover from, such unprecedented extreme temperature.

What’s Next?

Mote has been studying coral ecosystems for decades and is an international leader in the development of innovative and effective coral reef restoration technologies, including a recent breakthrough in identifying natural coral genotypes that are resilient to increased ocean temperature, acidification, and disease.

“Coral reefs are experiencing unprecedented die-offs worldwide, and it’s critical to restore them with resilient and genetically diverse corals that have the best chances to survive and reproduce,” said Dr. Jason Spadaro, Mote’s Coral Reef Restoration Research Program Manager. “Now is not the time to give up, now is the time to ramp up resilience-based restoration efforts and embrace the challenge.”

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Manatee County meeting

To: Longboat Key Commission

I am so sorry for the short notice on this, but it would appear that the County didn't really want the public to know about it, as they noticed it only very recently.

The Manatee County Board's Planning and Zoning Committee has scheduled a public meeting to discuss decreasing the buffer between new construction and wetlands to the State's minimum of 15 feet.

The minimum is now 50 feet in Manatee and all surrounding counties.

All the local conservation groups have expressed opposition, nay, outrage, at this.

I am planning to attend this meeting, which is at 9 a.m. tomorrow August 10, at the County Board Chambers, 1112 Manatee Avenue West (downtown Bradenton). Please attend if you can.

I'd be happy to accommodate a car-pooler to ride and attend with me if you are available. Please contact me immediately if you are interested, or would like more information.

Please see the following link for more information:
<http://bradenton.staging.communityq.com/stories/effort-to-rollback-local-wetland-protections-quickly-advancing,45157?>

There are more similar shenanigans coming soon, also only recently noticed, courtesy of your County Government, in the form of a complete review and revision of the county's Comprehensive Land Use Plan.

The Comp Plan, as it is called, has not been reviewed for many years, and this revision is intended to last until 2045!

Several public meetings are scheduled, characterized as information only (i.e., no public comment/input). I'll have more on this soon.

Jim Whitman
Longboat Key

Visitors sitting on beach chairs

To: Longboat Key Town Manager Howard Tipton and Planning and Zoning Director Allen Parsons

I want to thank Howard and Debbie for the productive meeting yesterday afternoon. Allen I am sorry you could not make it and hope your wife is doing better. Allen, we could use some clarification on the response we received about putting a Beach Chair storage unit on our Private Access Property. We have a non-conforming lot, I agree. What I am having trouble with is defining a Beach Chair Storage unit as an "Accessory use Structure". Our lot cannot accommodate a building, we are okay with that. I need to understand what the definition of "Accessory use Structure" is or includes. Can I put a dock box there, or a towel locker? Is a

Beach Chair Storage unit included in the definition of "Accessory use Structure?" This storage unit will be located off the Beach and tucked into our landscaping and well secured. It is our preference to get this unit approved as outside the definition of "Accessory use Structure" for purposes of this ordinance. We have park benches and a bike rack that I feel are not included in this definition and feel the storage unit is similar to those items. As we discussed, we have been having issues regarding existing beach chairs going missing. Having this Beach Chair Unit on our Private Property will do a number of positive things:

It will eliminate the existing Beach chairs on the Beach now, protecting the Turtles and eliminating an attractive nuisance (many non-Emerald Harbor residents are using our beach chairs).

It will allow us to provide Beach chairs to our predominantly senior residents close to the beach so they will not have to cart beach equipment across Gulf of Mexico Drive. Given the traffic during Season and how slow they move, this is a treacherous situation. Safety is a major issue here.

It will make our neighbors to the north and south of our Beach Access Path happy. They have seen the number of people using our chairs that are not our residents and do not wish to see our chairs on the beach. The storage unit will allow us to keep our equipment secure and off the beach.

I received a great listing of the Public Accesses to the Beaches on LBK by Susan Phillips. It shows that there are roughly 250 parking spaces for people to park and use the Public Beach Accesses. Howard you mentioned there are 40,000 more people who have moved into the area and that you are writing a lot of parking tickets. I mentioned the gate installer we have been talking to has said that people are parking wherever and Ubering to Beach Access points. I believe that with the development on the Island, things will get a bit more congested. All reasons to protect what we have and work together to solve issues.

Let me know your thoughts on this and how you wish to proceed. Thank you for your valuable time,

Marge Langteau
HOA - President, Emerald Harbor

2022 Insurance Premium Tax Distribution Calculations for Police Officer and Firefighter Pension Plans

To: Longboat Key Town Finance Director Susan Smith
For review and response. Thanks!
Howard N. Tipton
Town Manager, Town of Longboat Key

2022 Insurance Premium Tax Distribution Calculations for Police Officer and Firefighter Pension Plans

To: Longboat Key Town Manager Howard Tipton
What is this and why aren't we shown on the Firefighters' list? Thanks.
Ken Schneier
Mayor, Longboat Key

2022 Insurance Premium Tax Distribution Calculations for Police Officer and Firefighter Pension Plans

To: Longboat Key Mayor Ken Schneier

Pursuant to section 175.121 and 185.10, Florida Statutes, the Department of Management Services has determined the distribution amounts of 2022 Insurance Premium Taxes for Chapter 175 and Chapter 185 police officer and firefighter pension plans, which may be viewed at the following links:


Police Officer Pension Plans
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If you have any questions, email mpf@dms.fl.gov, call 850-922-0667 or 877-738-6737 (toll-free).

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Municipal Police and Fire Pension Office
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EditorLetters



Letters, from page 4

Millage rate

To: Longboat Key Town Manager Howard Tipton
Tip can you ask staff to run the difference between the proposed 1985 rate against the 1999 rate currently in effect, and ask them to compare those numbers with home values of 1mil, 2 mil, and 3 mil.? Also, for homesteaded and non-homesteaded residents. Any time prior to our next meeting is fine.
Gary Coffin
Commissioner
Longboat Key

Millage rate

To: Longboat Key Commissioner Gary Coffin
Here’s the response from Sandi to your question. If you need anything else, please let us know.
Howard N. Tipton
Town Manager
Town of Longboat Key

Millage rate

To: Longboat Key Town Manager Howard Tipton and Commissioner Gary Coffin
Here are the differences for the .005 mill change.
Sandi Henley
Budget Director
Town of Longboat Key

Economic Development Council meeting

To: Longboat Key Town Commission
To make sure everyone has received the information for tomorrow’s meeting, please find the meeting packet attached. The meeting will be held in the 1st floor conference room at 301 N. Cattlemen at 10 am. Zoom is also available; the link is below. This information is also attached to the calendar invite but some people did not receive notification. If you did, I apologize for

duplication. Please let me know if you have any questions. Thank you!
EDC of Sarasota County is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.
Mary A. Bamer
Board Liaison and Assistant to the President & CEO
Economic Development Corporation of Sarasota County

Sarasota Bay Estuary Program

To: Longboat Key Commission, Sarasota City Commission
Last time I wrote you all, I included a picture of a live gag grouper (Mycteroperca micropis) which I used to make the point that Sarasota Bay acts as a nursery for species of fish that are caught as adults out in the open waters of the Gulf of Mexico. Well, I’ve got another fish photo today, but it’s of a dead flounder this time. This is one of several fish that have died up in Palma Sola Bay over the past few days. A long-time resident up there sent me this picture earlier today.
Jay and I were out in Palma Sola Bay last Friday, quantifying the amount of seagrass and macroalgae at four of the five randomly chosen locations where we collect this information twice a year. At each transect, we lay out a 50-meter transect line, which we have marked at 10-meter intervals. Last Friday, there was a substantial phytoplankton bloom in parts of Palma Sola Bay, such that visibility was about a foot, and the stations could only be found by holding onto the line and “feeling” for the cable tie that marked each station. Not fun, but we got it done.
This phytoplankton bloom is likely in response to both nutrient supply and water temperatures, as algal growth rates typically respond positively to increases in both of those factors. But the fish kill was likely due to low oxygen levels in the water, not some toxin, and not red tide. A law enforcement officer with FFWCC was informed of the fish kill, and FFWCC recorded a dissolved oxygen level of 0.8 mg / liter, which is 50 percent lower than the level that is typically invoked as able to cause fish kills.

Warm water holds less oxygen, and higher salinities (due to below average rainfall) exacerbate this phenomenon. The graphic below shows that the oxygen content decreases with increasing water temperatures, and that this affect is additionally and adversely impacted by higher salinities.
Basically, the highest oxygen content is in cold, low salinity waters. We are at the opposite range of that for both temperatures and salinities. According to NOAA, the water temperature in Sarasota Bay just offshore of Cortez is about 93 degrees Fahrenheit today, and the salinity is about 36 parts per thousand. That is very warm, very salty water. We are basically in the very lower right-hand corner of this plot right now – the condition with the lowest amount of oxygen.

This graph is for pure water, not water with a phytoplankton bloom! That means, after a couple of hours of darkness, the respiration due to all that algae in the bay would further decrease oxygen levels from what was already a very low capacity of the water support oxygen levels. Thus, the subsequent fish kill.
The very low levels of rainfall this summer, and the very warm water temperatures are adding additional stresses to our marine ecosystems, on top of the impact of nutrient enrichment. Unfortunately, these conditions are likely to continue for the near future, perhaps weeks or even months. Which means, this might not be the last time I let you know that we are experiencing a fish kill in Sarasota Bay.
So what do we do about it? Well, I’d love to say we could wave a magic wand and cool off our planet, but that isn’t gonna happen any time soon. So, we’re left with trying to modify the one thing that we can act on, locally – reducing our nutrient footprint. That’s not all we should be doing, but it’s what we need to be doing.
David Tomasko
Executive Director
Sarasota Bay Estuary Program

Question

To: Longboat Key Commissioner BJ Bishop
Am curious why Chief Turner wants the police force employment numbers to be at 2008 levels- what is magical about that year and is it really necessary? Thank you.
Laurel Gilbert Phillips
Longboat Key

Question

To: Laurel Gilbert Phillips
Commissioner Bishops asked me to respond to your question. What the Chief was referring to was the reduction in staffing that took place that next year (2009/10) as a result of budget cuts due to the recession. Virtually all Town departments lost staff in order to achieve a balanced budget during that historic downturn. I.T., Clerk, Parks, Fire, Police, Public Works, Planning & Zoning, and others are examples of departments receiving staff reductions.
While there is nothing magical about 2008 staffing levels, Town staffing is focused on providing high levels service to meet our “exceptional” service standard. We utilize technology and volunteers where we can however much of our daily interactions are people to people (and our residents appreciate that). The PD used to have 20 positions (2008) and they’re at 19 today. We have needs to patrol more on the water and beaches in addition to our road patrols

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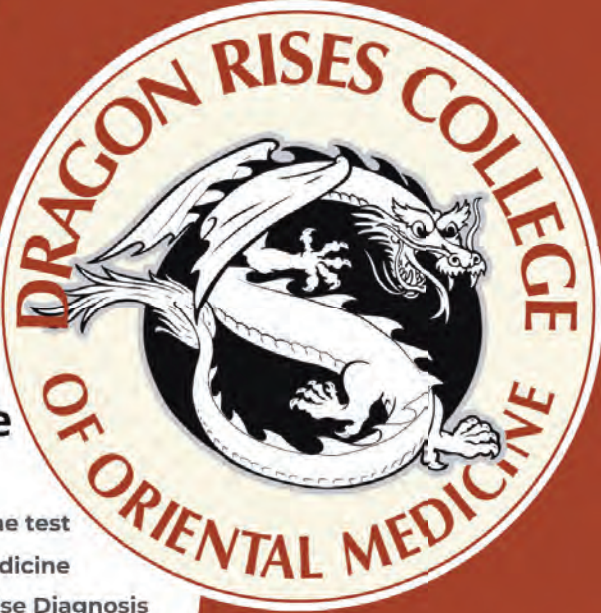
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EditorLetters



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to address challenges from the growing number of visitors and new mainland residents (about 30,000 to 40,000 more annually between our two counties).

If we were to look at additional PD positions in the future, the discussion would be focused on the best ways to keep our community safe and address the security and safety concerns in our areas that we just don't have the ability to get to and not just what the staffing was 15 years ago. If you have any other questions, please don't hesitate to let me know.

Howard N. Tipton
Town Manager
Town of Longboat Key

Undergrounding Update

To: Longboat Key Commission

A carryover item from the June 30th meeting was to get a undergrounding update out to the community with a statement from FPL to help explain what's going on. We now have that statement and Public Works has drafted the following overview that will accompany the FPL statement. This will go out over our normal social media channels, our website, and a statement will be included in our next utility statement that will direct customers to our website if they want to know more. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Howard N. Tipton
Town Manager, Town of Longboat Key

Undergrounding Update

To: Longboat Key Town Manager Howard Tipton

Does this reflect further delays from what we were told on June 30? When will pole and wire removal begin at Phase 2?

Thanks.
Ken Schneier
Mayor, Longboat Key

Undergrounding Update

To: Longboat Key Mayor Ken Schneier

This is generally the same or similar update as the June 30th Town Commission update, with one note that Phase 2 transformers are manufactured and in route now, and we were hoping to have received them a couple weeks ago in mid-July. Once we get them, Wilco is prepared to immediately begin installing so we can then finish Phase 2 conversions. FPL has informed us they are working on options to begin pole removals where they can, but we do not have an ETA on that yet. It does not change what we reported on Phases 3 and 4, which are the longer timeframes, and FPL has committed to continue to push to advance that timeframe. On a positive note with Phase 3, FPL and Wilco are working together on a plan to begin energizing Phase 3 feeders along GMD without having Phase 2 complete nor some of the remaining neighborhood transformers in hand. This plan has not been confirmed yet, but it is a work in progress.

Isaac Brownman
Director Public Works
Town of Longboat Key

Undergrounding Update

To: Longboat Key Public Works Director Isaac Brownman

I went back to look at the June 30 undergrounding update and there was no reference to new transformers needed in Phase 2. The written report (dated June 16) said all FPL undergrounding infrastructure "was complete and conversion was anticipated to be completed by June 30". Now it appears we are still waiting for transformers to be delivered in Phase 2? When was this discovered? Are they here yet?

At our Manatee County Council of Governments meeting last week, the Bradenton Beach Mayor was proud to report that their undergrounding of all utilities is almost complete, and they are not paying for it.

I know this sounds like a broken record, but I am not exercised about the project not being finished in the 3 ½ year time frame advertised; I am upset that it is only ¼ finished seven months after it was to be completed.

Please forward this to the appropriate people at FPL and Wilco and remind them that the heart of hurricane season is almost here. Thanks.

Ken Schneier
Mayor
Longboat Key

Undergrounding Update

To: Longboat Key Town Manager Howard Tipton

As discussed, the issue with using certain existing transformers in already underground project areas was discovered in mid-June, about the same time we were preparing/finalizing the Town Commission meeting written documents for the June 30th underground update. At that time, the team began assessing the extent of the transformer issue in the three (3) remaining phases. We did not have a complete picture of the timeframes to resolve the issues at that point for any of the three phases. We finalized the Powerpoint ("PPT") presentation after the memo, which in the PPT we did mention the existing transformer issue in Phase 2 (slide 5), and I also did discuss the transformer issue as it relates to Phases 2, 3, and 4 in the Town Commission public meeting update on June 30th (video time stamp 19:00 – 23:00), but the Mayor is correct that the written memo did not capture the specific transformer statement for Phase 2. That was an oversight, and I agree, we should have gone back and updated the memo to be consistent across the three documents and platforms. A lot of the initial information was coming in at the same time as we were preparing the documents. As far as the statement/quote from the memo, yes, that could have been amended as well, in that, the Phase 2 underground conduit and conductors are and continue to be in place, and that these above-ground transformers that were thought to be something that can be tied into now have to be replaced as well.

We continue to work towards completion and appreciate the Mayor's frustration as well. I will forward to the team as requested below.

Isaac Brownman
Director Public Works
Town of Longboat Key

Undergrounding Update

To: Longboat Key Mayor Ken Schneier

Thanks for your email regarding undergrounding. I'm forwarding Isaac's response and apologize that we weren't updating the information across all of the fronts. It was a fluid situation as we were preparing for the June 30th meeting and as we were learning real time just how things were evolving. Isaac shared additionally that he's almost certain the transformers have all been delivered by FPL and received by Wilco and in the Wilco yard as of last week, but will confirm and then provide an ETA on install and projected completion of conversions. We share your frustration (as well as the Board's and staff's) with Wilco and FPL.

Howard N. Tipton
Town Manager
Town of Longboat Key

Undergrounding Update

To: Longboat Key Town Manager Howard Tipton

Thanks Isaac and Tip. I know you're doing all you can and just hope the urgency can be conveyed to FPL as we move into the Phase 2 pole removal period at a sensitive time. I think we should be first in line.

Ken Schneier
Mayor
Longboat Key

Undergrounding Update

To: Longboat Key Mayor Ken Schneier

Thanks for the email. What Johnson Controls is about is coming in and doing building,
See Letters, page 11

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KeyOpinion

The cost of weaponizing the travel industry

Just as the cancel culture is dangerous for America as it stifles free speech, weaponizing travel serves as another shackle on open exchange and connectivity.

GREGORY RUSOVICH
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I serve as past chairman and current board member of the leading convention and tourism organization in New Orleans. From this background, I see that our city, along with many others, has become an inadvertent participant in yet another battleground of the culture wars: the weaponization of travel. The cancel culture is now targeting the travel industry as many convention organizers and corporate meeting planners deploy ideological litmus tests to determine whether event participants can enjoy certain cities or states.



RUSOVICH

Gone are the days when planners chose an event location based primarily on the unique ambiance of a place, the quality of its food and beverage services, the caliber of hotel and convention space, and overall convenience for travelers. Instead, the priority now lies in whether a particular state legislature or municipality has voted in accord with positions favored by those responsible for planning the event. What a shameful loss!

Travel expands horizons and brings people together. It provides a variety of experiences and exposure to multiple cultures. Travel broadens the mind and builds knowledge. It also supports local hospitality workers, including Uber and taxi drivers, hotel bellmen, housekeepers and front desk staff, restaurant waiters and cooks, and many others who benefit financially from visitors.

Boycotting and canceling specific cities and states based on the issue of the day is not only narrow-minded but hurtful.

"If boycotts continue to expand, meeting planners will find themselves with limited options of destinations to hold meetings," asserts Don Welsh, president and CEO of the destination marketing association, Destination



International. "It goes against the basic logic of travel as a powerful way to break down barriers by introducing people and points of view. If you don't go to a place, you won't connect."

Unfortunately, some states also have joined the myopic travel-banning business. In 2015, broad-thinking California legislators passed AB 1887 prohibiting state employees from traveling to certain other states or conferences using state funds. As the mandate includes many educators and researchers, those seeking additional knowledge or insights at select conferences are barred from intellectual pursuits if they require travel to banned states. This law was passed in order to "take action to avoid supporting or financing discrimina-

tion against lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender people." Over half of the states in the country now are categorized as offenders under the law and thus banned from visitation. To ensure that no state-related employee dares visit a boycotted area, California's Attorney General's Office regularly updates its website with the latest list of perpetrators. How can banning travel to half of the United States possibly help to bring us together?

Closer to home, Florida is in the crosshairs of the shrill cancelers. In April, the LGBTQ civil rights group Equality Florida and the Florida Immigrant Coalition issued a travel advisory warning of "risks posed to the health, safety, and freedom of those considering short- or long-term travel, or relocation to the state." Clearly, hyperbole is the group's preferred narrative. It's doubtful that this and other boycotters will have much impact. According to the Visit Florida website, 37.9 million people visited the state in the first quarter of 2023 — the largest volume of visitors ever recorded for a single quarter. Those likely delighted visitors apparently did not witness the "risks posed to health, safety, and freedom." Moreover, people are moving in droves to the Sunshine State. According to census figures, a net total of about 320,000 people moved to Florida in 2021-2022. Meantime, California bid goodbye to over 700,000 people more than it welcomed between April 2020 and July 2022.

Major League Baseball (MLB) entered the fray back in 2021 when it foolishly canceled the All-Star Game in Atlanta, making false claims concerning Georgia's voting rights. Inflicting economic hurt on Atlanta's 51% black population and the areas' small businesses was an insignificant nuisance to Commissioner Rob Manfred, who placed far greater importance on joining the cancel mob. The game was moved to Denver, which is 9% black and has similar voting rights laws. The NBA and NCAA preceded the MLB action with moves of high-profile games from North Carolina subsequent to that state's passage of the "bathroom bill" that would prevent transgender people from entering restrooms aligning with their gender identities.

Think about the ultimate impact of weaponizing travel to arm ideology. Which policy positions are acceptable, and which are not? If a red state passes an uncomfortable law but a blue city in that state maintains differing stances, then what? Should travel really be guided by the positions taken by a prospective destination's legislature? Does anyone find the sole decision to cancel travel based on a destination's recent legislative votes to be intolerant and shortsighted?

Just as the cancel culture is dangerous for America as it stifles free speech, weaponizing travel serves as another shackle on open exchange and connectivity. The vast majority of meeting participants and most people in general do not want more politics to divide us. Message to meeting organizers and those who ban travel to other states due to their own political opinions: Use travel to unite, not divide!

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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.

Aug. 4 Boating

4:20 p.m.
Officer Connors while on marine patrol at Jewfish Key observed a vessel operating on plane with an excessive wake in a posted “Slow Speed, Minimum Wake” zone. Officer Connors conducted a vessel stop and advised the operator of the violation. Officer Connors conducted a safety inspection of the vessel in which the operator was unable to produce the required equipment; fire extinguisher and type IV throwable. Officer Connors also advised the operator that his registration numbers were improper. Officer Connors issued the operator a citation for the violation. Case clear.

Aug. 5 Citizen assist

1:00 a.m.
Officer Ramsaier was dispatched to Sutton Place for a call of a water sprinkler running all night. Upon arrival, Officer Ramsaier observed the in-ground sprinkler system running. Officer Ramsaier placed a call to the after hours phone number of the property management company and spoke with a representative who would pass along information to the maintenance worker on call to resolve the sprinkler situation. The complainant was not on the scene, however Officer Ramsaier made contact with him via phone and explained the emergency crew would be dispatched to the location. Case clear.

Suspicious person

11:30 a.m.
Officer Butler responded to the 4000 block of Gulf of Mexico Drive. The complainant stated a woman and two men made obscene hand gestures at her. The complainant and suspicious persons were gone upon arrival. Case clear.

Aug. 6 Traffic hazard

2:48 a.m.
Officer Montfort responded to the 1000 block of Gulf of Mexico Drive and observed an unoccupied and anti-freeze coming from the vehicle. Officer Montfort did not observe any notes indicating the vehicle was disabled nor did he located anyone in the area. The vehicle was far enough off the roadway to not cause and obstruction. The vehicle was issued a uniformed traffic citation. Case clear.

Citizen assist

5:54 p.m.
Officer Ramsaier responded to 4000 block of Gulf of Mexico Drive for a citizen assist call. A man was locked inside the bathroom at Bayfront Park. Upon arrival, this officer made contact with the complainant and opened the door for him. Case clear.

Suspicious vehicle

8:15 p.m.
Officer Ferrigine responded to Lyons Lane for a white Ferrari speeding up and down the block. Upon arrival, Officer Ferrigine located the vehicle parked in the driveway. Officer Ferrigine made contact with the driver and advised him why he was there. The driver was advised not to speed down the block anymore. The driver said he was sorry and the vehicle was new. Case clear.



Aug. 8 Found property

9:28 a.m.
Officer Zunz responded to the Police Department front desk to respond to a found keychain. A woman who was bicycling in Bayfront Park and found a keychain which had a remote fob to a car and a house key. Keys placed into a temporary locker. Case clear.

Aug. 9 Boating

11:00 a.m.
Officer Connors while on marine patrol in near the area of Broadway Beach Access, saw a large portion of a floating cock that washed ashore and was posing a hazard to bathers and swimmers. Officer Connors contacted Public Works and advised them of the incident and

that heavy equipment would be needed to remove the dock. Officer Connors was informed a short time later that the dock was removed without incident and no longer posed a hazard. Case clear.

Criminal mischief

11:45 a.m.
Officer Ramsaier was dispatched to the New Pass Bridge for a call of graffiti on a roadway sign. Upon arrival, Officer Ramsaier did observe graffiti on the Longboat Key City Limits sign located on the northbound side of the New Pass Bridge. Public Works notified and dispatched to clean off the sign. Public Works later advised they had successfully removed the graffiti from the sign without compromising the sign’s integrity. Case clear.

Boating

1:04 p.m.
Officer Connors while on marine patrol, responded to Longboat Pass Bridge for a request for emergency assistance. Upon arrival, Officer Connors observed a 50-foot motor yacht that had ran aground, getting battered by waves with four people on board. They advised that they ran aground, were uninjured and were awaiting commercial assistance. Officer Connors stood by until the Coast Guard and commercial assistance arrived. A short time later, a second VHF broadcast requesting emergency assistance was heard, stating that the vessel was sinking and taking on water, northwest of Longboat Pass Bridge. Upon arrival, the Coast Guard and commercial assistance were able to get a dewatering pump to the vessel in the attempt to dewater. The vessel was able to get control of the water intrusion and was later towed to shore. Case clear.

Lights on beach

9:20 p.m.
Sgt. Montfort was dispatched to the area of 3800 block of Gulf of Mexico Drive for a report of people on the beach with white lights. Sgt. Montfort arrived in the area and saw several white lights out on the beach. Sgt. Montfort exited his patrol vehicle and proceeded out to the beach where he observed several people in the water with nets. Sgt. Montfort further saw a man with a white headlamp. When approached by Sgt. Montfort, he immediately turned his headlamp to red. The man said he did not know about the sea turtle protection laws or about no white lights on the beach. The man was actively engaged in harvesting crabs on the beach. The man was issued a Longboat Key citation. Case clear.

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asset, or energy performance audits and then they finance and oversee the recommended improvements that are essentially paid for through the savings they identify. They do a good job and the savings have to materialize or the company is on the hook to pay the difference, but they absolutely make their money through financing the projects and where they can providing their materials as part of the solution. FPL does a similar thing more focused on energy savings.

Howard N. Tipton
Town Manager
Town of Longboat Key

Manatee County Schools update

To: Longboat Key Commission
Just a quick recap of my meeting yesterday afternoon with Manatee County Schools: Met with new Superintendent Dr. Jayson Wysong, newly appointed Deputy Superintendent of Operations Joe Ranaldi (who I knew from my time in Brevard County), and Executive Director of Adult Career and Technical Education Dr. Paul Gansemer. Dr. Gansemer was familiar with the general concept at Whitney Plaza and had toured the space last year with Tom.

Takeaways: Superintendent was very engaged as were the members of his team and the meeting lasted approximately 50 minutes. As of today, the County has not yet communicated with the School Board regarding the interlocal agreement. Further, the idea of operating and funding the operations at Whitney Plaza was a new concept that had not been previously discussed by the County.

Conceptually they (School Board) would approach it from an adult learning perspective with a possible opportunity to utilize students to both help with technology learning/teaching and to have students (high school) possible attend lectures or other educational sessions. There was interest in working to find ways for the students to get to meet some of our extraordinary citizens who've had successful careers who could share their experiences with students at the center. Challenge for funding is that property tax money generally goes to K-12 education. Adult learning is funded typically through fees which is not (I believe) how the County was envisioning it.

Discussed the process ahead and they were all in on talking with the community to include on site and a survey. We talked about how the Town would work with the School Board and our residents to help facilitate these listening sessions (timing maybe late fall depending on the interlocal agreement). They were very cognizant of not wanting to create something that would not be successful.

As part of the process, shared the observation that was shared with the County this week that negotiations with the landlord need to be conducted concurrently with the discussions around the interlocal agreement. It was a county responsibility but wanted them to be aware

that efforts need to be made to secure the space in the near future.

Was invited out by Dr. Gansemer (and accepted) to tour the Manatee Technical College (MTC) which provides career and technical education. I believe that MTC and Dr. Gansemer will be the school board lead in terms of programming the space.

Discussed the new interim county administrator Charlie Bishop who started in his new role on Tuesday and that he was familiar with the project concept. From a process perspective and in my opinion, Mr. Bishop should reach out to Dr. Wysong (as the County Commission just authorized staff to do) to share any expectations he might have for the agreement and to invite the school board to the table to negotiate the interlocal. They then can both choose what member of their teams would hammer out the details. I will send a note next week to Mr. Bishop to share my discussion with Dr. Wysong and encourage him to get the ILA work initiated. In the meantime, I did advise the Manatee County Attorney (who worked in Orange County for some of the time I was there) that I'd had this meeting and encouraged him to work with County Administration to connect with the School Board.

Trying to get the pieces of the community center puzzle together but just to manage expectations both the County and especially the School Board have a lot on their plates at the moment. Progress will track the critical path of commercial lease and interlocal agreement negotiations. If we can ignite those, we have a chance of seeing this come together.

Howard N. Tipton
Town Manager
Town of Longboat Key

Manatee County Schools update

To: Longboat Key Town Manager Howard Tipton
Thanks for update Tip. Good progress
Mike Haycock
Commissioner
Longboat Key

Bobby Jones Golf Course

To: Peter Bartys
I hope your day is going well. Thanks for the email. Please see the below Bobby Jones Golf Club update and website (will be updated soon), along with the projected Grand Opening. The City will notify you via email once we finalize the Grand Opening date and time.
Bobby Jones Golf Club Update:
18-Hole Regulation Course (Donald Ross)
All irrigation and drainage installed
Turf on Fairways and Tees is in the grow-in phase

See Letters, page 12

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Editor Letters



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Greens are being grassed
On-course restrooms and driving range building are under construction
Temporary clubhouse/cart storage construction to start soon
Projected reopening: Nov. 2023
Gillespie Course (9-hole adjustable)
All irrigation and drainage installed
Course construction and shaping underway
Restroom/starter building construction to start soon
Projected reopening: Nov. 2023
Nature Park
Continuous concrete and crushed bank shell trails under construction
Wayfinding signage in the works
Projected opening: Nov. 2023
Bobby Jones Golf Club Website for Updates:
<https://www.bobbyjonesgolfclub.com/construction-updates>
Thanks, and enjoy the rest of your week!
Jerry Fogle
Parks and Recreation Director
City of Sarasota

Bobby Jones Golf Course

To: Sarasota City Parks and Recreation Director Jerry Fogle
Thank you Jerry.
Peter Bartys
Sarasota

Bobby Jones Golf Course

To: Sarasota City Vice-Mayor Liz Alpert
FYI in response to Mr. Barty’s email to you.
Marlon Brown
City Manager
City of Sarasota

Bobby Jones Golf Course

To: Peter Bartys
I am copying city management and our parks and rec director so that the appropriate staff can respond.
Liz Alpert
Vice Mayor
City of Sarasota

Bobby Jones Golf Course

To: Sarasota City Vice Mayor Liz Alpert
Can you find out when Bobby Jones GC will reopen. There is no current news on the City website.

Peter Bartys
Sarasota

Sarasota Homeless Problem

To: Sarasota City Vice Mayor Alpert
I am a resident of the City of Sarasota. I love our city and it is, in fact, my favorite place I have ever lived. Out of this love for our city, I want to voice a concern I have to you and other city commissioners about the growing problem of homelessness in our city.
It is nearly impossible to go out to dinner on Main Street anymore without being badgered by multiple homeless people. It is embarrassing to bring friends and family from out of town and be asked why there are so many homeless people pestering them. The downtown water-front and marina area is filled with homeless people as are many city parks and green spaces. My husband and I greatly enjoy the Bayrunner Trolley. However, that has become increasingly difficult to enjoy because of the amount of homeless people utilizing it. They smell terrible, are often loud and unruly, and I have seen countless tourists bothered by them - sometimes falling into them. They are publicly intoxicated almost all the time. It is a disgrace to our community that this has been allowed to balloon out of control.
I have called the police once on a man who was publicly intoxicated and acting irrationally on Main Street. The responding officer was very kind but informed me there was nothing he could do about it. That discouraged me from calling any additional times. I feel I don’t have any options at my disposal to get rid of these annoyances.
I am curious if you or anyone on the city commission are taking any action to clean this up. What is the city’s plan to fix the problems posed by the homeless population? It is time that we stop tolerating and enabling the homeless problem to perpetuate. As a resident who pays quite a lot of taxes to live in our beautiful city, I find it inexcusable to have the city turn a blind eye towards this issue any longer - especially when the problems are posed by people who do not contribute anything but trouble to our city.
Michael Powell
Sarasota

Sarasota Homeless Problem

To: Mike Powell
I can assure you that we do not and have not ignored the homeless problem in our City. We have adopted “Housing First” to deal with our homeless population. Due to this, we have made dramatic reductions in the numbers of homeless on the streets since 2015. We have homeless outreach teams that regularly interact with the homeless educating them on the services avail-able to them, empowering them to act, and finally enforcement, if necessary. We pay for beds at the Salvation Army to give them a short-term place to stay. Those who are still on the streets have not chosen yet to avail themselves of what we have to offer.
I am copying city management so that our homeless outreach coordinator can respond with more information on what we are doing and our progress.
Liz Alpert
Vice Mayor
City of Sarasota

Executive Staff Meeting Follow-up

To: Sarasota County Stormwater Operations Manager Camden Mills
The rate for FY24 remains the same as it was for FY23. Do you have a better location on the canal in question? If so, I can get this over to Jason Brown.
Amanda C. Boone, PE
Stormwater Senior Manager
Sarasota County Public Works

Executive Staff Meeting Follow-up

To: Sarasota City Engineer Nikesh Patel
I am aware of the Canal (C3-1.9) at 1265 46th St. I have been in contact with one the resi-dent at 1265 46th St. She informed me That Commissioner Ahern-Koch was taking pictures on location. There are three trees down that the contractor missed. We will mow the canal and remove the trees within three weeks.
Jason K. Brown
Stormwater Operations Manager
Sarasota County Public Works


Adams Ln issues and potential accommodation during demolition
.The demolition Team Supervisor has taken significant time to explain his drivers’ problems
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Lobster and Chardonnay

Lobsters travel exceptionally well in a lined box with ice packs and seaweed. We have bought lobsters at J. Hook, flown them more than a thousand miles.

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

The lobster season peaks in August. An abundance of lobsters in New England drives prices down and quality up. Nowhere else does the season reach a better peak than at the James Hook retail store on Atlantic Avenue in Boston just before the bridge leading to the Fish Pier. In August their tanks have large numbers of lobster of various sizes: pound, pound and quarter, two pounds and more. The price per pound generally increases with weight. More meat to poundage in the larger sizes, we hear from the experts.

Lobsters travel exceptionally well in a lined box with ice packs and seaweed. We have bought lobsters at J. Hook, flown them more than a thousand miles, and taken them by car to other locations over a period of almost a week. The lobsters survived the journey alive. We had a series of lobster feasts for family and friends.

The portability of lobsters makes them a standard menu item at restaurants and markets across the country. We have enjoyed Lobster Thermidor at the long gone and sorely missed Green Gables in Phoenix. Far inland, the Triocean Market in Denver stocks live lobsters. In most regions of the USA, restaurants and markets have live lobsters on their menus.

Cooking a whole live lobster could not be simpler. Put the lobster in a covered steaming pot or in a pot of boiling water. When its color changes from a mottled brown to a bright red, it's done. If emerged in water, carefully move it to a sink or pan and use a knife with a sharp point to cut a slit between the eyes to drain the lobster before serving it. Pull off the claws and tail and crack them open. Extract the meat from the claws and tail and dip into drawn better (melted butter with lemon). Don't forget to remove the shell from the head of the lobster and dig out the sweetest meat from the cartilage under the shell.

What wine goes with lobster? At the Lazy Lobster on Longboat Key Florida, Courtney behind the bar recommended the 2021 Duckhorn Decoy Chardonnay (\$17/bottle retail). This California style of this white varietal has hints of butter and oak that match up well to lobster dipped in drawn butter. Even though the Decoy has a lighter touch of butter and oak than many other California Chardonnays, we prefer a crisp and flinty Chardonnay in the French style of a Chablis or Pouilly-Fuissé.

The Lazy Lobster list of quality wines thoughtfully divides its Chardonnay selections into French style and California style groups. Michael Gary, the host and proprietor, who has worked in wine distribution, explained that a good wine pairing may either have a creamy taste matching the lobster dish or have a contrasting crisp and flinty taste to balance the creamy tastes. The choice depends on what the customer prefers. We chose the contrasting 2021 Yalumba Series Y Unwooded Chardonnay (\$15/bottle retail) from the French style group. This wine has a zesty edge that cuts through the buttery tastes of lobster dishes.

Another Chardonnay pairing with lobster would be Champagne Blanc de Blancs, white wine from white grapes. Blanc de Blancs Champagne typically comes from Chardonnay grapes. While Champagne may contain other white grapes, Arbane, Petit Meslier, Pinot Blanc and Pinot Gris, these grapes account for only a small proportion of Champagne. A Champagne or other sparkling Chardonnay has the acidic edge that characterizes the varietal, though it may also have hints of brioche and lemon zest.

The non-vintage (NV) Laurent-Perrier Blanc de Blancs Brut Nature Champagne (\$100) has a zesty and white fruit taste that enhances lobster dishes. It will add a sparkle to that special dinner party or night out.

Some of the fans of lobster prefer affordable white wine pairings. The French Vouvray or a comparable Chenin Blanc from South Africa has the same light taste as a French Chardonnay at a much lower price. The same goes for the French Muscadet Sèvre et Maine Sur Lie. If one leads with an expensive Champagne, following with a Chenin Blanc or Muscadet will provoke interesting comparisons to Champagne while keeping the damage to the budget in check.

Try to work a lobster into your August dining plans. No better month to enjoy these tasty crustaceans.



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 12

trying to leave Adams Ln after dropping off equipment / removing refuse. Parking on N. Adams Ln. near the driveway is impeding truck exit and forcing drivers to head west on very narrow Adams Ln . The Adams Ln intersection with Links is not amenable to over-size trucks and a trigger for shouting matches/ blockade in extreme heat.

****Perhaps a few select “No Parking 0700-1700 (5:00)” --- signs only during demolition on N. Adams may make everyone reasonably happy and allow over-size trucks to exit Adams Ln to Washington Blvd. The intersection with Links is adjacent to a restaurant which receives supplies and a Family with minor residents.

The developer likely would not have known about past unrelated police activity on Adams Ln, in large part involving reported blockade of an empty lot. Per Agreement with our City, vehicles should park only on N. Adams Ln. except for carve-outs near the intersections of both Links and Washington. The agreement protects all Adams Ln. Driveways including multiple slots allocated to the empty lot.

To resolve Neighborhood concern, the suggestion may help during demolition over the next few weeks. As noted, the demolition workers have kept the area very clean and appear to be doing their best to avoid issues in extreme heat. Once demolition is completed, we understand from all prior statements that truck ingress/egress will be via Golf St. not Adams Ln.

Anna Bryan
President Towles Court Neighborhood Association
Sarasota

Adams Ln issues and potential accom-
modation during demolition

To: Sarasota City Commission
Appreciate courtesy of written reply within next two busi-
ness days or by 4 August. . See below icon.

Notwithstanding my continued attempts to collaborate, regular size trucks continue to use Adams Ln./Links which are in part, residential. I have asked multiple times for written confirmation that trucks will exclusively use Golf St. rather than Adams Ln for ingress/egress. I learned that “over-size” demolition trucks could not fit on Golf St. The demolition supervision, James, has been very receptive to inquiries but needs to triage with others in developer Team Given the lack of any reply (other than by James) I have copied a City Commissioner because I continue to field multiple appropriate complaints from our Neighborhood.

Request confirmation in writing
(1) Please confirm that regular size trucks will exclusively use Golf St rather than Adams Ln for construction.
(2) Over-size demolition trucks will use Adams Ln until their work is completed this month (August) but will leave site through Washington Blvd/301, not Adams Ln.

Application materials reflect a community workshop was planned in 2020 but none occurred. Please provide an explanation & your plan for same . Most of us welcome “Artist Court” on North Adams . but do look forward to providing community input which is integral to City processes.

Anna Bryan
President Towles Court Neighborhood Association
Sarasota

Adams Ln issues and potential accom-
modation during demolition

To: Sarasota City Manager Marlon Brown
I am not sure what community workshop is referenced in the email but a community workshop was not held or required for the Administrative Site Plan.

The erosion/ staging that was approved by engineering is below. It doesn’t appear to include a travel MOT. There are no construction plans submitted to date. A full staging plan would be submitted with the future building.

Lucia Panica
City Clerk
City of Sarasota

Towles Court Neighborhood
Association, Inc.

To: Sarasota City Commission
Here’s the language from the proposal of today. You bring up a good point.

Attainable housing: Housing units that are affordable to households earning from 60 to 120 percent of the Area Median Income (AMI) in the North Port-Sarasota-Bradenton MSA. The size (sq. ft.), and exterior appearance (fixtures and finishes) of attainable housing units shall be indistinguishable and functionally equivalent to market rate units. The attainable units shall be interspersed, at a minimum, throughout 50% of the development. The bedroom mix of attainable housing units should be comparable to the bedroom mix of the market rate units. I’ll seek clarification on your point.

Erik Arroyo
Commissioner

City of Sarasota

Will Sarasota buildings be getting a
Poor Door?

To: Sarasota City Commission
Great discussion regarding increasing housing in Sarasota today!

But, it sounds to me like you’re going to end up with 1-2 floors of retail and office, then 1-2 floors of smaller attainable apartments, and then the majority of floors being larger, owner-occupied, market-rate condos.

The affordable units will *not* be inter-mixed with the market-rate units. Why not? Because there is no requirement to have attainable condos, and no requirement to have market-rate apartments.

This used to be done in NYC. And, they had a separate entrance leading to the attainable units. They called this the “Poor Door”. Will Sarasota buildings be getting a Poor Door?

Links:
<https://www.citysignal.com/history-of-the-poor-door/>
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Poor_door
Chris Goglia
Sarasota

KeyCrossword

Gifts

Edited by Linda and Charles Preston

- ACROSS**
- 1 Violinist Stern
 - 6 Distort
 - 10 October birthstone
 - 14 Desist
 - 19 Bay in southwest Maine
 - 20 Sharif or Khayyam
 - 21 Descartes or Coty
 - 22 ___ ease: discomfited
 - 23 Gift for Miss Muffet?
 - 26 Miner’s air passage
 - 27 Leaves the track
 - 28 Urbane
 - 29 Nictate
 - 30 In a ___ : on the spot
 - 31 Mr. Dooley’s creator
 - 32 Puppeteer Bill
 - 33 Yoga position
 - 35 Clocked
 - 36 Ricardo Montalban’s TV island
 - 38 Ham it up
 - 39 Gift for Old King Cole?
 - 41 Male swan
 - 43 Theatrical Auntie
 - 44 Belligerent god
 - 45 Big name in publishing
 - 46 Ship’s spoor?
 - 47 Cholera
 - 48 Gift for Mother Hubbard?
 - 52 Kind of tiger
 - 53 “The ___ of Pompeii”
 - 55 Not as prevalent
 - 56 Most wily
 - 57 Pupil’s place?
 - 58 Travel by car
 - 59 “For ___ jolly good fellow ...”
 - 60 A living Dahl
 - 62 Anglo-Irish author Elizabeth
 - 63 Lady flier
 - 67 “I ___ Parade”
 - 68 Gift for Mrs. Sprat?
 - 70 Salt
 - 71 Not new
 - 72 Venus de Milo’s loss
 - 73 Came down
 - 74 Fine cotton
 - 75 “Bei ___ Bist Du Schoen”
 - 76 Gift for the old woman in a shoe?
 - 80 Small meat pie
 - 81 Embodiment
 - 83 Related on Mom’s side
 - 84 Painter Andrea del ___

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- 85 Stewpots
- 86 Loony
- 87 Aqua ___ distilled water
- 88 ___ once: suddenly
- 89 Court decree
- 90 Barbara Cartland’s forte
- 93 E.T., for one
- 94 Gift for Dr. Foster?
- 97 Where ___ action center
- 98 The fat ___ the fire
- 99 Major musical work
- 100 Actress Palmer, of “De Sade”
- 101 Conductor Zubin
- 102 Yearn
- 103 Ditto
- 104 Picasso’s last stand?
- 7 Singer Ed
- 8 Seance sound
- 9 Stanley to Livingstone: “... I”
- 10 Disney World locale
- 11 Vex
- 12 Green Gables girl
- 13 Tennis call
- 14 “___ Lindo”: popular Mexican song
- 15 “___ Madigan,” 1967 film
- 16 Gift for contrary Mary?
- 17 Can, province
- 18 Soissons season
- 24 Songbird Turner
- 25 Half-moon: obs.
- 29 Judicial seating
- 31 Drunkard
- 32 Famed German organists/ composers
- 33 Soprano Lucine
- 34 Gift for Hugo’s bishop?
- 35 Model-actress Cheryl
- 36 Surface dresser
- 37 Oxen don’t laugh at these
- 38 Jannings or Ludwig
- 39 Say grace
- 40 Boo-boo
- 42 Memorable Lahr
- 44 Demean
- 46 Belt area
- 48 “L’elisir d’amore” heroine
- 49 Disapproving look
- 50 Kind of breath
- 51 ME university town
- 52 Implore
- 54 Out on a limb
- 56 Unlucky bettor’s loss
- 58 Drab
- 60 Astrigent
- 61 Role for Sharon Gless
- 62 Explosive French dessert?
- 63 Shaded walk: Fr.
- 64 Heraldic fur
- 65 “___ be married within ...”: Dryden
- 66 Candid camera shot?
- 68 Hyde Park baby carriages
- 69 Like some meats
- 72 A full house, in poker
- 74 Irrational distrust
- 76 Peachtree Street’s city
- 77 Sealing with heat
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- 79 Body art
- 80 Biblical allegory
- 82 “___ my head”: Dickens
- 84 Kind of pump
- 86 The gray cells
- 87 Savoir faire
- 88 “Der ___”: Adenauer
- 89 Lhasa ___: Tibetan dog
- 90 Liquor for a baba
- 91 Mountain passes
- 92 Stendhal’s “Le Rouge ___ Noir”
- 93 Intention
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- 95 “The Conning Tower” monogram
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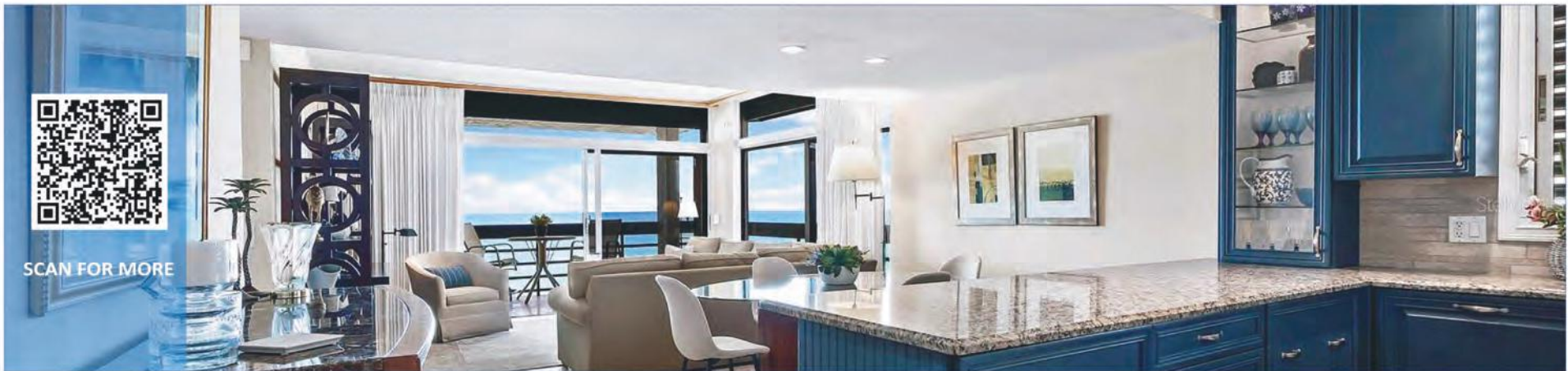
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