



TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

December 2025

HAPPY
Holidays

Celebrate the season of joy, love, and togetherness. The Town wishes you and your family a season filled with warmth, peace, and cheer.



TOWN OF LANTANA

TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT



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INTRODUCTION

The purpose of this report is to provide the Town of Lantana (Town) Town Council and Community with a high-level executive summary of the status of the Town's major projects and various current and upcoming operational matters. Additional information may be available upon request.

MISSION STATEMENT

To preserve Lantana's small town atmosphere through responsible government and quality service.

WHAT'S NEW IN THE TOWN

[Holiday Health and Safety Tips](#)

The Town would like to share with residents some health and safety tips to help everyone enjoy the holiday season to the fullest. Please find below key recommendations from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the Florida Sheriffs Association.

[Holiday Health and Safety Highlights](#)

Healthy Holidays

- Maintain balanced meals and moderation during celebrations; include fruits and vegetables.
- Stay active with walks or light physical activity.
- Wash hands frequently.

Food Safety

- Wash hands and surfaces when preparing food.
- Keep raw meats separate and cook to safe temperatures.
- Refrigerate leftovers within two (2) hours.

Home and Fire Safety

- Use safe, well-maintained decorations and avoid overloading electrical outlets.
- Never leave candles, fireplaces, or space heaters unattended.
- Keep flammable items away from heat sources.
- Test smoke and carbon monoxide detectors; never use grills or generators indoors.

Home Security

- Use timers on indoor and outdoor lights to simulate occupancy.
- Keep doors and windows locked; ask a neighbor to collect mail or packages while away.
- Avoid posting travel plans or expensive gifts on social media.

Travel Safety

- Always wear a seat belt and never drive under the influence.
- Prepare vehicles for cold weather and stay alert during winter conditions.
- Ensure children are secured in age- and size-appropriate car seats.

Shopping Safety

- Park in well-lit areas and keep personal belongings close.
- Stay aware of your surroundings and have keys ready when returning to your vehicle.
- When shopping online, use secure websites (look for <https://>), avoid public Wi-Fi for payments, and monitor bank statements for suspicious activity.

For more information, please visit www.cdc.gov and www.flsheriffs.org for additional guidance on staying safe during the holidays. The Town extends its warmest wishes for a safe, healthy, and joyful **Holiday Season**.



Holiday Schedule Update

The Town Offices will be closed on Thursday, 12/25/2025; Friday, 12/26/2025; Thursday, 01/01/2026; and Friday, 01/02/2026 in observance of Christmas Day and New Year's Day. For your convenience, the Town is providing the following information to help minimize any disruption of services:

- Town Hall, Development Services, and the Police Department (PD) will offer extended lobby hours from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. from Monday, 12/22, through Wednesday, 12/24/2025, and again from Monday, 12/29, through Wednesday, 12/31/2025.
- The Library will be closed on the dates listed above, but will remain open on Saturdays, 12/27/2025 and 01/03/2026, during regular hours from 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
- If you experience any after-hours water or Public Services emergencies, please contact us at (561) 540-5701.

Please note: There will be no sanitation service on Christmas Day, Thursday, 12/25/2025. Coastal Waste & Recycling will resume its normal trash pickup schedule on Friday, 12/26/2025. Sanitation service will not be affected on New Year's Day, Thursday, 01/01/2026.

Thank you in advance for your patience and cooperation. It is greatly appreciated!

Town Calendar

The 2026 Town Calendar is currently being printed and will be mailed out to our residents by the end of 12/2025. The Town's departments take a lot of pride in preparing this calendar each year as it includes fantastic photos and showcases information about our many services, amenities, and special events. All of the Town's important dates are identified (i.e., Town Council Meetings, Special Magistrate Hearings, Planning Commission Meetings, Holidays, Special Events, and many more). On behalf of the Town Council, Administration, and staff, we wish you a very **Happy and Healthy New Year!**

Presentations, Awards, and Recognitions

During the 12/08/2025 Town Council meeting, the following presentations and recognitions took place:

Police Department New Officer Swearing-In

The Town was honored to recognize and welcome the swearing-in of our new Police Officer, John Latanzio. Please join us in welcoming him to the Lantana family!



Town's Employee of the Year Award for 2025

Chief of Ocean Rescue Marc Fichtner was selected as the Town's Employee of the Year in recognition of his outstanding dedication and service. Marc plays a vital role in keeping our beachgoers safe, consistently demonstrating leadership, professionalism, and an unwavering commitment to protecting our community. He is a tremendous asset to the Town, and we are incredibly grateful to have him on our team.

Make sure to stop by and congratulate him the next time you see him!

Recent Happenings in the Town

Town Council Workshop – Vacant Ocean Avenue Property Conceptual Plans

On Monday, 12/08/2025, the Town held a Town Council Workshop in the Town Council Chambers at 5:30 p.m., where representatives from Kenco Communities provided a presentation on the proposed Conceptual Plans for the vacant Ocean Avenue Property. Residents had the opportunity to share their thoughts, ask questions, and express their concerns regarding the project. During the workshop, the Town Council provided general consensus for the developer to move forward with the proposed concept. Following the workshop, however, Town staff was notified by Kenco Communities that they would not be pursuing the proposed plan any further. Town staff remains available and stands ready to continue working with the property owner toward the goal of future development of the property. The Town will provide updates if there are any changes. If you were unable to attend, the recording is available through the [Council Meetings and Agendas](#) page.

Lifesaving Rings Ceremony

On Tuesday, 12/09/2025, at 11:00 a.m., the Town held a Lifesaving Rings Ceremony in partnership with the Aden Perry Hero Life Rings Program at Sportsman's Park. Mayor Lythgoe, Councilmembers Rivero and Zeitler, Sarah Perry, and Palm Beach County (PBC) Fire Rescue District Chief Craig Spigelhalter all participated in the event, emphasizing the importance of water safety and the positive impact these devices will have in our community.



The PBC Fire Rescue Department demonstrated the proper use of lifesaving rings in emergencies. Town staff, Firefighters, and Police Officers attended in support. The rings will be installed throughout the Town to enhance public safety and ensure quick access to emergency equipment.



Winterfest Lantana Event

The Town would like to thank everyone who joined us for a delightful evening of holiday cheer at **Winterfest Lantana!** This beloved annual event was the perfect way to kick off the holiday season with family, friends, and the whole community. It was held on Friday, 12/12/2025, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at Town Hall. Residents enjoyed a variety of unique vendors, delicious treats, exciting free giveaways, photos with Santa, and so much more! At last count, the Town gave away 220 gifts and estimated that over 480 people were in attendance. We had 12 volunteers from South Tech Academy's DECA program who helped in various areas of the event. As usual, the Fire Department was a great success, with many kids enjoying the chance to look at the trucks and meet the staff of Station 37. It was a festive and fun evening, and we are grateful for the support and participation of all who attended.

Holiday Cheer Light Display Contest

The Town is thrilled to announce that all submissions have been received for the **Holiday Cheer Light Display Contest!** A heartfelt thank you to everyone who submitted their forms to participate. We invite you to attend the 01/12/2026 Town Council meeting, where we will announce the winner and celebrate the festive spirit. The results for the winners in each category are as follows:



Classic Holiday Award:
1st place: 620 W Ocean Ave
(picture above)
2nd place: 122 Sterns St
3rd place: 120 N 12th Pl



Griswold Award:
1st place: 514 W Branch St
(picture above)



Jingle Bell Rock Award:
1st place: 738 S 12th St
(picture above)



Judge's Favorite Award:
1st place: 122 Sterns St
(picture above)



Police Explorers Toy Drive

On 12/13/2025, Police Officers, Police Explorers, Mayor Lythgoe, the Chief of Police, and the Town Manager distributed wrapped Christmas gifts to pre-selected families in our community. We would like to thank our community for helping make this possible by donating toys for these families!

Lantana Leadership Program – Civics and Government Day

On 12/12/2025, the Greater Lantana Chamber of Commerce (Chamber) hosted Civics and Government Day at the Library as part of the Lantana Leadership Program. Town Manager Brian Raducci and Development Services Director Nicole Dritz participated as speakers, sharing insights on local government operations, civic engagement, and current Town development projects. Participants also had the opportunity to ask questions.



The Town thanks the Chamber for the opportunity and congratulates the participants as they near completion of the Lantana Leadership Program. Those interested in participating in the next Lantana Leadership Program are encouraged to visit <https://lantanachamber.com/>.

Upcoming Happenings in the Town

Drive-In Movie Night Event

The Town would like to invite all residents to our Free Drive-In Movie Night taking place on Friday, 01/09/2026 at 7:00 p.m. at Sports Park. Snacks and refreshments will be available while we enjoy How to Train Your Dragon. For more information, contact Nadine Shawah, Parks and Recreation Superintendent at nshawah@lantana.org or (561) 540-5754.



Bicentennial Park Lighting Enhancements

New uplighting has been installed at Bicentennial Park, improving nighttime visibility and highlighting the park’s natural features. The Town will continue to evaluate opportunities for additional lighting enhancements in the future.

Lantana Beach Webcam Is Now Live!

Great news! The new Lantana Beach webcam is now live and ready to view on the Town’s website. Residents can now enjoy real-time beach views [here](#).

The webcam allows you to check beach conditions before you head out. This makes it easier to plan your visit and enjoy your time at Lantana Beach.



CodeRED by Crisis24 Alert System Now Live!

Our new alert system, CodeRED by Crisis24, is now live! Please take a moment to enroll or update your account to ensure you receive critical notifications regarding public safety, weather, and utility issues. This system is also your source for non-emergency community news, including Town elections, special meetings, and upcoming local events. Registering ensures you stay informed on

the issues that matter most to our community. To enroll, please visit the Town website at <https://www.lantana.org/272/CodeRED-Alerts>.

Palm Beach County Day 2026

PBC Day in Tallahassee is scheduled for 01/13 – 01/14/2026. During this event, members of our Town Council and the Town Manager plan to travel to the State Capitol to observe the legislative process in person, meet with members of our lobbying firm, and network with other municipalities and organizations attending the event. The Town hopes to utilize this opportunity to meet with both Senators and Representatives to discuss gaining their support for funding the Town's FY 2026/27 State Appropriation Requests. During this time, the Town will provide a first-hand account of its challenging capital and infrastructure needs.

Lantana Elementary School – Voluntary Prekindergarten (VPK) Program

Lantana Elementary School offers a standards-based VPK program for four-year-old students, serving approximately 40 children across two (2) classes, including an inclusion classroom for students with Individualized Education Plans (IEPs). The program follows the same daily schedule as K-5 students and is taught by certified teachers using District and State-vetted materials. In addition to foundational academic skills, the program focuses on social-emotional development to support student success.

Aftercare is available based on caregiver interest. Parents provide daily transportation and must sign their child in and out each day. For more information, please visit the School District of PBC website [here](#).

Bonefish Cove Habitat Restoration Project Update 12/2025

On 12/15/2025, the Town received the following update from representatives of PBC's Department of Environmental Resources Management (ERM) regarding this project:

North Section

No additional work has been completed in the north section since last month's update. The contractor still needs to complete the finishing touches on the final portion of the rock wave break structure around the island and is currently assessing the success of the red mangroves planted last month.



South Section

The contractor continues to deliver, stockpile, and grade sand in this section to form the oyster reefs, submerged seagrass shelf, and island. Work is underway to complete five (5) of the ten (10) oyster reefs in the northern portion of this section. The contractor will continue constructing additional oyster reefs and shaping the intertidal island to the south in the coming weeks, following the same process used for the north section.

For more information on the project, please visit the PBC's ERM website at [Environmental Resources Management](#).

Employee Spotlight

Bailey has been part of the Library since 12/2021. She values Lantana's small-town charm and the strong sense of community between Town employees and residents, which she feels is best reflected at the Library. Her favorite part of being Library Manager is building strong relationships with her team and supporting their growth.

Bailey holds both a bachelor's and a master's degree in English and is currently enrolled in FSU's Information Science Master's Program. Outside of work, she enjoys reading, journaling, live theater, video games, dressing up in costumes, and visiting the beach at sunrise. She also has a mischievous but adorable dachshund named Socrates.

The Town is proud to spotlight Bailey and thanks her for her dedication and valuable contributions!



Newly Hired Employees

The Town is pleased to introduce the following newly hired employee. Please join the Town in welcoming him to our Lantana Family!

John Latanzione as a new Police Officer for the PD. He is responsible for the protection of all life and property; the prevention of crime; the apprehension of criminals; and the general enforcement of laws and ordinances.

Hiring Opportunities

The Town is committed to successfully recruiting and onboarding talented and skilled individuals into our workforce. If you are interested in applying for a position, please visit our career opportunities page at <https://www.governmentjobs.com/careers/lantana/>.

Beach Improvement Project Update

Town Council Workshop

During the 04/2025 Town Council Visioning Session, the Town Council gave consensus to the Town Manager to move forward with developing a detailed Conceptual Site Master Plan (Plan) for the Beach Improvement Project. This Plan aims to create a vibrant and engaging public space that closely aligns with the Townwide Master Plan and includes a full redesign of nearly all aspects of the 7-acre site. Staff has worked with our contracted architect, CPZ Architects, Inc. (CPZ), to develop a comprehensive scope of work for this first step of the project.

During the 08/11/2025 Town Council workshop, Joe Barry, AIA, President of CPZ, presented an overview of the Plan. Later that evening at the regular Town Council Meeting, the Town Council approved CPZ's agreement for the design of the Beach Improvement Project.

Highlights of services included in the agreement are:

- Cursory assessment of existing facilities.
- Review of Coastal Construction Control Line.
- Dune improvements and/or limitations.
- Structural assessment/observation.
- Various in-person meetings with the Town Council, Master Plan Committee, Staff, and Stakeholders.
- Public outreach.
- Site plan sketches illustrating proposed improvements and phasing.
- Conceptual designs of all building and architectural elements.
- Construction cost estimates.
- Preliminary approvals from the Department of Environmental Protection.

Please note that the Town will keep you informed about future meetings related to this matter. If you would like access to the 08/11/2025 Town Council Agenda Packet, please click [here](#).

Exhibit A – Beach Improvement Capital Projects

Project	Funding Year	Start Date	Estimated Completion	Comments
Beach Pavilion Repairs	FY 2020/21 (FY 2021/22 not funded)	TBD	TBD	To be evaluated as part of the Conceptual Site Master Plan for the Lantana Beach Improvement Project approved by Town Council on 08/11/2025.
Beach Rails (Phase II)	FY 2021/22	TBD	TBD	Same as above.
Repair smaller beach pavilion	FY 2023/24	TBD	TBD	Same as above.
Funding to replace the ADA Ramp at Lantana Beach	FY 2023/24	TBD	TBD	Same as above.
Funding to replace wooden decking, rafters, and railing along the beach boardwalk.	FY 2023/24	TBD	TBD	Same as above.
Recoat the sea wall at the Lantana Municipal Beach	FY 2023/24	TBD	TBD	Same as above.



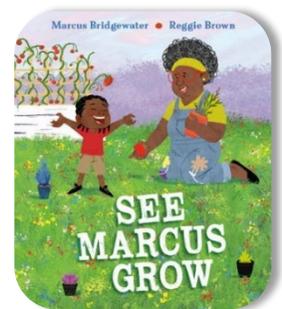
Understanding Property Taxes

Property taxes are the main source of revenue for local governments and play a vital role in maintaining essential community services. These funds support important functions such as public safety, parks and recreation, library programs, infrastructure maintenance, and other daily operations that directly benefit residents.

In the Town, every dollar collected through property taxes helps ensure that our community continues to thrive, stay safe, and provide a high quality of life for all residents. Please visit the Town website at [Town's Property Tax Detailed Information](#) for a detailed overview of how local revenues are generated and distributed, and to learn about key concepts such as millage rates, the rolled-back rate, and common exemptions that impact municipal funding.

Read for the Record 2025: Volunteers Needed

Volunteers Needed! The Town is looking for enthusiastic volunteers to help with the Read for the Record 2025 program. This year is extra special as we celebrate the 20th Anniversary of the program, and we need your help to win first place again for the Town. The big day will be on 02/26/2026, and we are looking for volunteers to visit local schools and read. Your participation will make a big difference in promoting literacy in our community. If you are interested in being part of this amazing program and volunteering as a reader, please contact Maria Rios at (561) 540-5004 or email mrrios@lantana.org for more information.



Manatee Season

November 15th marked the beginning of manatee season which runs annually through the following March 1st. As air and water temperatures begin to drop, manatees will move south towards warm-water refuges. If you see a sick, injured, or dead manatee, please call the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission's (FWC) Wildlife Alert Hotline at (888) 404-FWCC (3922), *FWC, or # FWC on a cell phone.

Florida Power & Light (FPL) Company News

Reporting and Tracking an Outage

FPL understands that power outages can be an inconvenience. FPL provides tools for you to track outages and get updates on power restoration in your area. For faster access, download the FPL app from the App Store or Google Play, or text “App” to MyFPL (69375) to stay connected and informed with ease. You can also visit [FPL.com](https://www.fpl.com) to report or check the status of your outage.

Light Up Lantana

We Need Your Help to “Light up Lantana” by identifying any streetlights that are not working in your neighborhood or anywhere around Town by reporting them on the FPL website at [FPL.com/Create a New Report](https://www.fpl.com/Create-a-New-Report) or by contacting Glenn Ellis, Public Works Superintendent at gellis@lantana.org or (561) 540-5764.

Median Improvement Projects

As part of our ongoing efforts, the Town would like to share the latest status of the median improvement projects:

N Dixie Hwy Median Safety Upgrade

This project was approved at the 11/10/2025 Town Council meeting and awarded to Florida Blacktop, Inc. in an amount of nearly \$103k. The Town is working to extend and reduce the length of the existing southbound left-turn lane along SR 5 (N Dixie Hwy) at the intersection of SR 5 and E Ocean Ave. Based on the Intersection Operational Analysis, the queue length of the southbound left-turn lane will be extended to 300 feet. A channelized island will also be installed at the Walgreens’ existing right-in/right-out driveway to restrict potential left-turn exits.

E Ocean Ave Roadway Island Improvements

This project was approved at the 09/08/2025 Town Council meeting and awarded to Rosso Site Development, Inc. in the amount of \$83k. The proposed improvements to the roadway island, located across the street from Old Key Lime House, aim to enhance safety, aesthetics, and improve the sight triangle.

Thank you for your patience as we continue to work through these improvements.

Water Treatment Plant and Water Distribution System Improvements Update

In an attempt to continually improve our Water Treatment Plant (WTP) and related facilities, the Town’s staff works closely with our engineers on all of our water-related improvement projects. To ensure the consistent, safe, and cost-effective delivery of high-quality potable water, the Town has completed or is in the process of completing the following projects:

- A \$2.4M Filter Media Replacement Project was completed which significantly improved the clarity and softness of the water.
- WTP Instrumentation and Control improvements are underway.
- Construction related to the W Pine St Water Main Replacement Phase II is underway.

The Town is managing several major infrastructure projects in phases due to their size and complexity. These high-priority efforts are progressing simultaneously, with staff meeting monthly with engineers and coordinating with regulatory agencies. Funding has come from Federal and State appropriations, with support from Congresswoman Lois Frankel’s Office and our lobbyist, Ballard Partners. The Town continues to actively pursue additional grants with the help of our grant writer (see **GRANTS**) and will share updates as they become available. For drinking water concerns, contact the WTP at (561) 540-5760 between 7:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.

TOWN CLERK

Election Update: Councilmembers Duly Elected

The incumbents for the two (2) seats below were unopposed during the qualifying period and are therefore duly elected for another three-year term.

- **Councilmember, Group 3 (three-year term):** Mark Zeitler
- **Councilmember, Group 4 (three-year term):** Christopher Castle

Future Election Date

The next election is scheduled for Tuesday, 03/09/2027, for the Office of Mayor, Group 5 (three-year term).

Please visit <https://fl-lantana.civicplus.com/207/Town-Elections> for more information, or contact Town Clerk Kathleen Dominguez at (561) 540-5016 or kdominguez@lantana.org.

How to Report a Concern and Contact Staff

If you have any questions or concerns, or would like to obtain specific information, please use the [Report a Concern](#) tool on our website by navigating to **How Do I** → **Submit** → **Report a Concern**. Create a login and submit your concern; the respective staff member will contact you by email to assist you. If you prefer to contact us by phone, please go to **How Do I** → **Contact** → **All Staff** on the website to access [staff phone numbers](#).

Due to high call and customer volumes, we may not be able to answer your call immediately. In such cases, please leave a voicemail with your name, number, and reason for calling, and we will return your call within 24 hours. If you do not receive a response within that timeframe, please contact Maria Rios, Executive Assistant to the Town Manager, at (561) 540-5004 or mrrios@lantana.org.

Lantana Firefighters' Pension Board: Resident Member

The Town is seeking qualified residents to fill a vacancy on our Lantana Firefighters' Pension Fund Board of Trustees. This is a resident member volunteer position for a four-year term. Interested residents can apply by emailing kdominguez@lantana.org, calling (561) 540-5016 for an application, or visiting <https://fl-lantana.civicplus.com/203/Lantana-Firefighters-Pension-Fund-Board-> to complete an online application.

Schedule of Future Events/Important Dates

- 12/25 – 12/26/2025 – Town Offices Closed in Observance of Christmas Day.
- 01/01 – 01/02/2026 – Town Offices Closed in Observance of New Year's Day.
- 01/07/2026 – Special Magistrate Hearing, Town Hall Council Chambers, 5:30 p.m.
- 01/09/2026 – Drive-In Movie Night, Lantana Sports Park, 7:00 p.m.
- 01/12/2026 – Town Council Meeting, Town Hall Council Chambers, 6:00 p.m.
- 01/19/2026 – Town Offices Closed in Observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day.
- 01/26/2026 – Town Council Meeting, Town Hall Council Chambers, 6:00 p.m.
- 01/28/2026 – Planning Commission Meeting, Town Hall Council Chambers, 6:00 p.m.
- 01/30/2026 – Town Council Workshop, Town Hall Council Chambers, 9:00 a.m. (Tentative)
- 02/07/2026 – Farm Share Food Distribution Event, Sports Park, 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
- 02/09/2026 – Town Council Meeting, Town Hall Council Chambers, 6:00 p.m.
- 02/16/2026 – Town Offices Closed in Observance of Presidents' Day.
- 02/19/2026 – Special Magistrate Hearing, Town Hall Council Chambers, 5:30 p.m.
- 02/23/2026 – Town Council Meeting, Town Hall Council Chambers, 6:00 p.m.
- 02/25/2026 – Planning Commission Meeting, Town Hall Council Chambers, 6:00 p.m.
- 02/27/2026 – Drive-In Movie Night, Lantana Sports Park, 7:00 p.m.

PUBLIC SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Exhibit B – Public Services Department’s Ongoing Prior Year Capital Projects

Project	Funding Year	Start Date	Estimated Completion	Comments
Design of SE Atlantic Dr, Beach Curve Rd, Barefoot Ln, Lagoon Ln, N Atlantic Drainage Improvements	Included in FY 2021/22 year-end budget amendment	TBD	10/2025	Design Completed. Awarded to Trans Florida Development Corp and CSA approved by Town Council on 12/08/2025. Construction services expected to start in late 01/2026.
Pipe Lining/Manhole Rehabilitation Sanitary Sewer	FY 2021/22	TBD	09/2026	Sewer Mains contract approved by Town Council on 02/24/2025. Project underway.
Repair Seawall @ Bicentennial & Sportsman’s Parks	FY 2022/23	08/2022	TBD	Bicentennial Seawall: Awarded to BDI Marine Contractors LLC and CSA approved by Town Council on 12/08/2025. Construction expected to start in 02/2026. Sportsman’s Seawall: TBD.
Replace roof at Recreation Center	FY 2023/24	TBD	TBD	Bids were due and opened on 12/09/2025.
Replace flooring in Development Services building	FY 2023/24	TBD	TBD	TBD
Repair and replace tiles and upgrade fountain system to the Police Memorial	FY 2023/24	TBD	TBD	TBD
Replace Town Hall windows with hurricane-rated impact windows	FY 2023/24	TBD	TBD	TBD
Council Chambers Renovations	FY 2023/24	TBD	TBD	TBD
Replace water meters w/Automated Meter Reading System (AMR)	FY 2023/24	TBD	TBD	Meter types being evaluated.
Design to convert lift stations 3, 4, 8, & 9 from a dry pit to submersible pump system	FY 2023/24	01/2025	11/2025	Completed.
WTP Instrumentation & Control Improvements	FY 2023/24	05/13/2024	02/2026	Preliminary Design Report (PDR): Draft PDR – 01/16/2025 Final PDR – 02/14/2025 75% Submittal: 04/15/2025 100% Submittal: 06/14/2025
Two (2) shade structures for Sports Park bleachers	FY 2024/25	TBD	TBD	Project on hold.
Replace Development Services’ windows with hurricane-rated impact windows	FY 2024/25	TBD	TBD	TBD
Covered storage approximately 100’ x 42’	FY 2024/25	TBD	TBD	Design underway. ITB projected for 01/2026.
Replace Public Services’ Center roof	FY 2024/25	TBD	TBD	Bids were due and opened on 12/09/2025.
Replace Town Hall windows with hurricane-rated impact windows	FY 2024/25	TBD	TBD	TBD
Replace asbestos concrete piping-Phase II (Pine St)	FY 2024/25	07/14/2025	07/2026	Awarded to Cacique Utilities LLC by Town Council on 05/12/2025. Construction underway.
Construct lift stations (i.e., 3, 4, 8 and/or 9) into submersible pump stations	FY 2024/25	TBD	TBD	Design: 100% complete.

Exhibit C – Public Services Department's FY 2025/26 Capital Projects

Project	Funding Year	Start Date	Estimated Completion	Comments
Clear Well Water Storage Component Renovations at the WTP	FY 2025/26	TBD	TBD	CSA for design approved at 12/08/2025 Town Council meeting.
Replace desktop phone system	FY 2025/26	TBD	TBD	TBD
Replace badge/access control system for Greynolds Circle offices	FY 2025/26	TBD	TBD	TBD
Replace truck for Code Enforcement Supervisor	FY 2025/26	10/2025	04/2026	Approved by Town Council on 10/27/2025. Ordering is underway.
Purchase two (2) permanent vessel exclusion buoys	FY 2025/26	TBD	TBD	TBD
Purchase police band radio	FY 2025/26	TBD	TBD	TBD
Townwide improvements (e.g., trash receptacles, landscaping, etc.)	FY 2025/26	10/01/2025	09/30/2026	Underway.
Curb installation at intersections	FY 2025/26	TBD	TBD	Underway.
Community/park improvements (e.g., benches, trash receptacles, landscaping, etc.)	FY 2025/26	10/01/2025	09/30/2026	Underway.
Purchase control system for lighting at Sports Park	FY 2025/26	TBD	TBD	TBD
Replace electrical system to support tree lighting at Sports Park	FY 2025/26	TBD	TBD	TBD
Converting the north tennis court to a pickle ball court	FY 2025/26	TBD	TBD	Design discussions underway. PO awarded to Kimley Horn.
Replace Town Hall roof	FY 2025/26	TBD	TBD	TBD
Air conditioner replacements	FY 2025/26	10/01/2025	09/30/2026	Underway.
Lift Station 3 Conversion Construction	FY 2025/26	TBD	TBD	Design completed.
Construction services and construction for the instruments and controls for the Water Treatment Plant	FY 2025/26	TBD	TBD	TBD
Continue GIS location and mapping for portable water infrastructure	FY 2025/26	TBD	TBD	TBD
Purchase additional laptop for patrons	FY 2025/26	TBD	TBD	TBD
Purchase additional computer for the kids room	FY 2025/26	TBD	TBD	TBD
Library books	FY 2025/26	TBD	TBD	TBD
Master Plan projects	FY 2025/26	TBD	TBD	TBD

DEVELOPMENT SERVICES DEPARTMENT

[Water Tower Commons Project Update](#)

Town staff continues to work closely with the Developers of the Water Tower Commons site (site). Currently, staff is processing appropriate permits and inspections for the approved eastern commercial side of the site. On 08/12/2024, the Town Council approved a Special Exception, Site Plan and Landscape Plan for a modification to the eastern commercial portion of the site to include a Carl's Jr. and Panda Express. As part of the approval of the Water Tower Commons Project, the Developer was required by PBC to install a mast arm traffic light at the project's entrance. Since Lantana Rd is County-owned and maintained, Town staff has recently been engaged in discussions with PBC as well as the Developer regarding the mast arm. Ongoing traffic analyses will be conducted to determine when the mast arm is warranted. Staff is actively working with the developer on the final phase of the development. We would love to hear your thoughts and ideas for the remaining ~25 acres! Please email us at planning@lantana.org.

[Lantana Village Update](#)

After more than two (2) years of progress, the Town Council unanimously approved a Site Plan and related items presented by Integra Investments, for the redevelopment of the former Kmart 18-acre site located at 457 Greynolds Circle, 1201 S Dixie Hwy and 1301 S Dixie Hwy.

The approved site plan includes phasing in a total of 426 dwelling units and 21,967 square feet of ground floor commercial space. Highlights of the plan include a detailed phasing plan due to an existing long-term lease with Winn-Dixie, Phase I includes three (3) story buildings with 307 dwelling units designed around a main-street-like feel with roughly 12,000 square feet of commercial space, a large public open space, wide sidewalks along the building frontages, an emphasis on outdoor seating for the commercial areas and elevated street furnishings- among a host of other features. The Integra Team boasts that, in part, the development "provides a mix of uses, open space, parks and pedestrian areas including loggias, covered terraces, and outdoor seating areas which contributes to and promotes a village like community where residents can live work and play." Electric vehicle charging stations, enhanced landscaping with large shade trees, environmentally-focused design features, and modern coastal architecture are key elements included in the plan, ensuring the redevelopment promotes sustainability, aesthetic appeal, and a harmonious integration with the surrounding built environment.



Town staff has been working with the Integra Team on a very regular basis to process Minor Site Plan Amendments, discussing relocation of current tenants, and focusing on the additional community benefits that the development will provide such as improvements to adjacent bus stops and roadway improvements, working to incorporate additional outdoor seating for an existing tenant, as well as reviewing, approving, and issuing demolition permits. The Integra Team has notified us that they plan to begin **demolition in the first quarter of 2026**. Get ready for wide sidewalks, outdoor dining areas, and a focus on open, pedestrian-friendly spaces so you can truly live, work, and play in our growing Town!

For more information, or if you have any questions about the items discussed at the meeting, please contact Nicole Dritz, Development Services Director at ndritz@lantana.org or (561) 540-5032.

Master Plan Update

The Master Plan was successfully adopted by the Town Council at the 07/24/2023 Town Council meeting. Since that time, the following actions have been taken:

- The adopted Townwide Master Plan has been posted on the Town's website at <https://www.lantana.org/>. Digital copies of the Master Plan have been distributed to potential developers and stakeholders.
- Staff continues to meet with the Master Plan Committee, a volunteer group of residents from various neighborhoods to provide input on the Master Plan and ongoing projects.
- Staff continues to meet regularly with the vacant Ocean Avenue Property owners on a redevelopment plan that aligns with the Master Plan.
- Staff has and will continue to explore redevelopment plans for Lantana Beach as it relates to the Master Plan. As recently as 06/02/2025, staff met with members of the EAU's management team to discuss potential partnership opportunities pertaining to this effort and those conversations continue.
- On 01/13/2025 Town Council approved a redevelopment plan for the former Kmart site that upholds many standards outlined in the Master Plan.
- \$300k worth of funding has been budgeted for related projects (i.e., three (3) separate \$100k appropriations were included in the FY 2023/24, FY 2024/25, and the FY 2025/26 budgets, respectively).
- The Town Council awarded a contract to install a 6' wall at the 3rd St parking lot, a component of a site refresh outlined in the Master Plan.

Traffic Calming

Staff is currently working with our contracted Traffic Engineer on residents who have expressed traffic concerns for their neighborhoods. There are multiple different requests for various parts of the Town that staff and the engineers are currently working on in accordance with the Traffic Calming Policy. Please reach out to the Development Services Department at Planning@lantana.org for additional information regarding these projects or if you have traffic concerns on your neighborhood streets.

Elevation Requirements for New Construction and Substantial Improvement Projects in Special Flood Hazard Areas

Effective 12/20/2024, in designated flood zones, building codes require new construction and substantially improved building projects to be built at a minimum height of the designated Base Flood Elevation (BFE) plus one (1) foot. "Substantial improvement" means any reconstruction, rehabilitation, addition or other improvement to a structure, where the total cost equals or exceeds 50% of the market value of the structure before the start of construction of the improvement. Another important note of the new FEMA maps is the indication of the Limit of Moderate Wave Action (LiMWA) line. Properties that fall within this area are subject to strict criteria because of the increase of risk from wave action. Property owners are strongly encouraged to become familiar with what this means for your property. Please visit <https://www.fema.gov/flood-maps/coastal/insurance-rate-maps> for more information or contact our Planning and Zoning Division at planning@lantana.org.

Assistance with New Businesses and those making Home Improvements

Please help us help you! It is never too early to reach out to the Development Services Department if you are thinking of opening a new business in Town, moving your business to a new location or doing a home improvement project. The earlier you know if permits are needed, if your use is permitted at a location and/or if there are certain code requirements that need to be met, the more seamless we can make the process. Having the information ahead of time will help facilitate a successful outcome and will assist in preventing frustration and unnecessary delays. The Development Services Department is here to guide you through every step of the Town's processes and requirements.

Building Permits - At A Glance

During a recent audit of building permits issued:

- Average review time: 13 days
- 79% of permits were processed in less than 10 days
- 47 total permits were processed either the same day or next day

How Do I Start a Business in the Town?

Starting a business is exciting, and the Town is here to help. Our Business Tax Receipt (BTR) Packet Guide is a brief, practical resource that outlines the basic requirements and steps to start a business in our community. To access the guide, please find the link [here](#). Additionally, please visit the Town's website for further information on [Doing Business in the Town](#). For more help, visit the Development Services Department or call (561) 540-5780. Let us help you bring your business vision to life!

Business Tax Receipts (BTRs)

Any business or rental property operating in the Town should pay their Business Tax Receipt for the current fiscal year (10/01/2025 – 09/30/2026) by 09/30/2025 which is the deadline to be in compliance. Payments can be made in person at the Development Services Department, 504 Greynolds Circle, Lantana, FL 33462, or by mail via check. All businesses in Town must obtain a business tax receipt.

Permit Extensions

Building Permits can expire if there is no activity on the project. Work shall be considered to be in active progress when the permit has received an approved inspection within six (6) months. If your permit is set to expire, you can request an extension in writing with justifiable cause prior to the expiration. The Town's Building Official has authorization to grant, in writing, one (1) or more extensions of time, for periods not more than three (3) months each. Please contact the Building Division for more information regarding these requirements at buildingpermit@lantana.org.

Reporting Code Violations

If you are reporting a potential Code Violation, you must include your name, address and contact number for an investigation to occur. Per a Florida State Statute passed in the Summer of 2021, Code Enforcement can no longer act upon anonymous complaints. However, this does not apply if the code inspector has reason to believe the violation presents an imminent threat to public health, safety or welfare or imminent destruction of habitat or sensitive resources. For more information on the legislation, please see the following link <https://flsenate.gov/Session/Bill/2021/60/?Tab=BillText>.

Did You Know? Not All Trees Can Be Planted in the Swale!

Thinking about adding some greenery near the street? Hold that shovel! The area between the sidewalk and the road—known as the swale—is part of the Town's right-of-way, and there are rules in place to help keep it safe, attractive, and functional for drainage.

- Before planting any tree or vegetation in the swale, you will need written approval from the Town's Development Services Department.
- Only certain types of plants and trees, specifically those that follow Florida-Friendly Landscaping guidelines for South Florida, are allowed.
- All plantings must follow an approved plan—so do not go rogue with your garden gnome!

Let's work together to keep our streetscapes safe and beautiful! If you have any questions, please contact the Development Services Department for guidance before you plant.



Neighbors Helping Neighbors Program

The Town is excited to introduce the Neighbors Helping Neighbors Program (Program), a new initiative aimed at connecting residents in need with willing community volunteers. While the Town does not coordinate the services directly, the Program serves as a platform to help build connections between homeowners and those who wish

to help. This effort supports our continued collaboration with Code Enforcement and reinforces our commitment to fostering unity, compassion, and community engagement. To access the application form, please click [here](#). You can also visit our website at [Neighbors Helping Neighbors Program Information](#) for more details.

[Homeowner Toolbox: Assistance, Grants, and Guidance](#)

The Town would like to welcome you to the Homeowner Toolbox: Assistance, Grants, and Guidance! Owning a home comes with its joys and challenges, but you don't have to face them alone. This guide is designed to connect you with the resources, programs, and support available to help maintain, improve, and care for your home. Whether you are looking for financial assistance, advice on repairs, or opportunities for upgrades, the Homeowner Toolbox has the tools you need to make your house feel even more like home. Let's build a stronger, more secure future...Together!

To access the guide, please follow this link [Homeowner Toolbox Guide](#)

[Development Services' Ongoing Projects](#)

- Multiple Variance, Site Plans and Special Exception requests. Feel free to reach out to the Development Services Department at Planning@lantana.org for details.
- Coordination with CentralSquare Technologies to implement online permitting.
- Coordination with the Chamber of Commerce.
- Participation in the Intergovernmental Plan Amendment Committee.
- Monthly Special Magistrate Hearings and Planning Commission Meetings (as needed).

LIBRARY DEPARTMENT

[Holiday Programs and Upcoming January Events](#)

The Library's December lineup included the Friends' Annual Holiday Concert, our new Youth winter celebration – Jolabokablod, the Yule Book Flood, an Icelandic Christmas Eve tradition where every person gets a brand new book and spends the evening reading and drinking hot chocolate! We also paired it with a fun storytime and magic hour with Nanny Gingerbread! Every child went home with a new book of their choosing.



Coming in January, the Library will be kicking-off the year right with a "New Year, New You" program series that includes a well-known podcaster, Sarah Hart Unger, hosting a get-organized workshop; there will also be sound baths, a college application workshop, Lantana's Leader Leaders: Entrepreneurs edition, and local tea master, Tea Tell Truth's tea meditation workshop is back by popular demand!

View the full calendar of programs and events on our website at <https://lantanalibrary.org/>.

[Library Foundation Winter Giving Campaign](#)

The Lantana Library Foundation has begun its winter season of giving campaign. Stop by the Library to find out how you can help support the Library and the Foundation.

[Friends of the Library Annual Membership Drive](#)

In January, the Friends will be hosting their first annual membership drive. Michael Bornstein, former Town Manager and Barefoot Mailman impersonator, will host the membership drive program as the Mailman. Stay-tuned for more details on social media and our website.

FINANCE DEPARTMENT

FY 2025/26 Adopted Annual Budget

The Town's FY 2025/26 Budget has been officially adopted. To access the full document, please visit the Town's website at: <https://www.lantana.org/Archive.aspx?AMID=36>.

Parking and Boat Trailer Decals

Parking and boat trailer decals are on sale now at Town Hall and are good through 09/30/2026. Additional information may be found at <https://www.lantana.org/182/Resident-Parking-Decals>.

Exhibit D – Finance Department's Monthly Report

Item	November
Number of Accounts Payable Checks Issued	139
Amount of Accounts Payable Checks	\$ 1,039,319
Utility Bills Prepared	3,393
Utility Accounts on Auto-Pay	1,083
Utility Accounts Opened	28
Town Water Consumption (in thousands of gallons)	5,391
Water Consumed (net of Town usage in thousands of gallons)	59,856
Water/Wastewater Utility Revenue Billed	\$ 732,527
New Employees	-
Separated Employees	1
Number of Interviews	-
Number of Insurance Claims Managed	12
SysAid Tickets completed (Information Technology)	26
Security Logs Reviewed	4,551
Backups Performed (i.e., computer, server, etc.)	382
Network Add/Change/Deletions	71

POLICE DEPARTMENT



Traffic Enforcement

The PD continues to routinely conduct a Selective Traffic Enforcement Program (STEP) in various areas throughout the Town to address traffic violators and areas of concern.

Police Department's Ongoing Projects and Current Trends

- Staff continues to work with County liaisons to assist homeless subjects to obtain available services and resources.
- Road Patrol Officers are continuing traffic enforcement measures throughout the Town.
- Staff continue to recruit and hire qualified full-time law enforcement Officers.
- PD members designated as instructors completed virtual Taser training in order to train other members of the PD.
- PD members and Police Explorers attended the Winterfest Lantana event.
- PD members and Police Explorers distributed holiday toys to children in the community.
- Sworn officers completed in-service driving training at Palm Beach State College.

Exhibit F – Police Department's Capital Projects

Project	Funding Year	Start Date	Estimated Completion	Comments
Replace 45 firearms for Law Enforcement Officers	FY 2024/25	10/2024	11/2025	Completed.
Replace Virtual Server Cluster	FY 2024/25	TBD	TBD	Approved by Town Council on 08/11/2025.
Purchase of Flock safety cameras (license plate readers)	FY 2024/25	TBD	TBD	TBD
Purchase three (3) vehicles and accessories to be utilized in the Uniform Division	FY 2025/26	TBD	TBD	PO has been sent to the vendor.
Purchase Axon Body Worn Cameras and Tasers	FY 2025/26	TBD	12/2025	Training and implementation are scheduled within the next month.
Design classrooms and Emergency Operations Center at Police Department	FY 2023/24	07/2025	04/2026	PD staff are working with CPZ Architects, Inc. for design purposes.
Construct Emergency Ops Center and training rooms at Police Department	FY 2025/26	TBD	04/2026	PD staff are working with CPZ Architects, Inc. for design purposes.

FIRE RESCUE DEPARTMENT

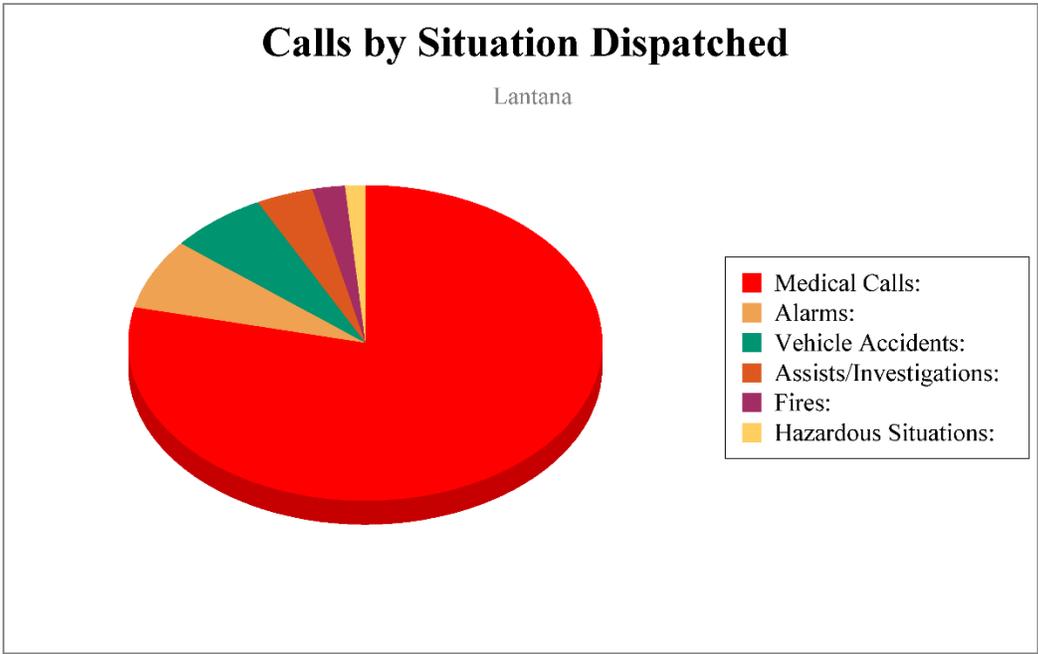
Exhibit G – Fire Rescue Department’s Municipal Call Type Report Chart



Palm Beach County Fire Rescue
Lantana
11/01/2025 to 11/30/2025

Average Response Times	Disp Hand	Turnout	Travel	Resp Time
Emergency Calls:	<u>0:00:45</u>	<u>0:00:55</u>	<u>0:04:14</u>	<u>0:05:54</u>

Type - Situation Dispatched	# of Incidents	%
Medical Calls:	216	78.55%
Alarms:	20	7.27%
Vehicle Accidents:	18	6.55%
Assists/Investigations:	11	4.00%
Fires:	6	2.18%
Hazardous Situations:	4	1.45%
Total	<u>275</u>	<u>100.00%</u>



Palm Beach County Fire Rescue Car Seat Check Locations



For Information on PBC Fire Rescue Car Seat Check Locations, please click on the following: [PBCFR Car Seat Scheduler](#)

Note: Fire Rescue Services (Fire Station 37) are provided through a 10-year interlocal agreement with PBC that expires on 12/31/2027.

GRANTS/APPROPRIATIONS/AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT INFORMATION

Grants/Appropriations Funding Update

The Town's Contract and Grants Administrator aggressively pursues grant opportunities in areas that improve and enhance our services. In order to maximize the Town's potential to obtain these vital funding sources, she works closely with many business partners including:

- Ryan Ruskay from RMPK Funding (RMPK). RMPK is an external grant writing firm that assists the Town in obtaining funding for a wide range of capital improvement projects that enables us to better meet the unique and diverse needs of our community. To date, RMPK has been instrumental in the Town securing more than \$5.2M in such funding.
- Mat Forrest from our Lobbying firm – Ballard Partners, has previously set up in-person meetings with our State Senator and Representative during Palm Beach Day in our State Capitol so that the Town could gain their support for our various state appropriation requests for infrastructure improvements. To date, as a result of Mr. Forrest's efforts, the Town has been awarded \$3M in state appropriation funding.
- In addition, we work very closely with our Congressional partners – Congresswoman Lois Frankel and her staff. The Congresswoman has supported and assisted/is assisting the Town in securing the following federal appropriations:
 - Secured \$1.2M in FY 2022/23 to assist in funding our Water Main Replacement Project (includes Phase I of our A/C Pipe Replacement Project).
 - Secured nearly \$960k in FY 2023/24 to assist in funding our Water Main Replacement Project and WTP Improvements (i.e., includes Filter Media Project).
 - On 07/15/2024, the Town was informed that \$1.1M was included in the FY 2025 Interior Appropriations Bill and later passed by the House Appropriations Committee. This included funding for upgrades to our WTP Control Panels and Instrumentation Equipment. Final funding is contingent upon the allocation of Federal funds.

American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funding Update

The Town received a total of \$6.3M in ARPA funds to be used for various eligible operating and capital projects that benefit the Town. To date, all of the ARPA funds have been committed and were timely obligated by 12/31/2024 and will be expended by 12/31/2026.

A complete listing of the Town's Active Grants/Appropriations Schedule is included on [Exhibit H](#), found on the following page.

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Exhibit H – Active Grants/Appropriations Schedule

Name of Grantor/Name of Grant/Scope of Work	Date Awarded	Date Agreement		Grant Amount	Town Match	Total Grant	Status
		Approved by Town					
<u>Florida Inland Navigation District (FIND)</u>							
2024 Waterways Assistance Program	10/03/2025	10/27/2025	\$ 900,000	\$ 900,000	\$ 1,800,000	Agreement approved by Town Council on 10/27/2025.	
<u>State Appropriation Requests</u>							
<u>working in conjunction with our Lobbyist Mat Forrest from Ballard Partners and State Representative, Gossett-Seidman and State Senator Mack Bernard</u>							
<u>FY 2025/26 Grant Submissions</u>							
West Pine Street Water Main Improvements - Phase II	07/01/2025	08/11/2025	1,300,000	-	1,300,000	Approved by Town Council on 08/11/2025. Kick-off meeting with FDEP on 10/21/2025.	
Lift Station No. 3, 4, 8, and 9 Rehabilitation	07/01/2025	08/11/2025	500,000	-	500,000	Approved by Town Council on 08/11/2025. Design underway.	
<u>American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funding</u>							
			6,300,000	-	6,300,000	Funds are fully committed.	
<u>Community Development Block Grants (CDBG)</u>							
FY 2025/26 Maddock Park Skate Park Improvements Project	07/11/2025	08/11/2025	46,817	-	46,817	Approved by Town Council on 08/11/2025. Design underway.	
<u>Congressional Community Project Funding (CPF) Opportunities</u>							
<u>through Congresswoman Lois Frankel's Office</u>							
FY 2022/23 Grant Submission - Water Main Replacement Project	12/24/2022	TBD	1,200,000	240,000	1,440,000	Grantor may combine funds for FY 2022/23 and FY 2023/24.	
FY 2023/24 Grant Submission - Water Main Replacement Project and Water Treatment Plant (WTP) Improvements	03/25/2024	TBD	959,757	191,951	1,151,708	Grantor may combine funds for FY 2022/23 and FY 2023/24.	
FY 2025/26 Grant Submission - Water Treatment Plant Upgrades - Control Panels and Instrumentation Equipment	TBD	TBD	1,200,000	300,000	1,500,000	On 05/30/2025 the Town was made aware that the project was selected by Congresswoman Lois Frankel, the request will move to the House Appropriation Committee.	
<u>Florida Department of Environmental Protection - Resilient Florida Grant Program</u>							
Beach Curve Flood Protection	07/13/2023	11/13/2023	710,600	710,600	1,421,200	Contract awarded on 12/08/25 to Trans Florida Development Corp.	
Seawall Hardening	07/13/2023	01/22/2024	900,000	900,000	1,800,000	Contract awarded on 12/08/25 to Trans Florida Development Corp.	
A1A/Ocean Ave Resiliency	TBD	TBD	2,269,449	2,269,449	4,538,897	Application submitted 09/05/2024.	
<u>Florida Department of Transportation</u>							
Beautification Grant for Dixie Hwy Medians	01/05/2024	09/11/2023	72,444	56,368	128,812	Construction began 09/18/2025 and is substantially complete.	
<u>Florida Recreational Development Assistance Program (FRDAP)</u>							
FY 2023/24 Bicentennial Park Improvements	06/15/2023	01/08/2024	200,000	200,000	400,000	Contract awarded on 12/08/25 to Trans Florida Development Corp.	
FY 2023/24 Maddock Park Improvements	06/15/2023	01/08/2024	112,500	37,500	150,000	The bid for the project was made public on 11/16/2025 and is scheduled to open on 12/16/2025.	
FY 2024/25 Beach Park Improvements	TBD	TBD	112,500	37,500	150,000	CSA requested from Kimley-Horn.	
Total			\$ 16,784,067	\$ 5,843,368	\$ 22,627,435		



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