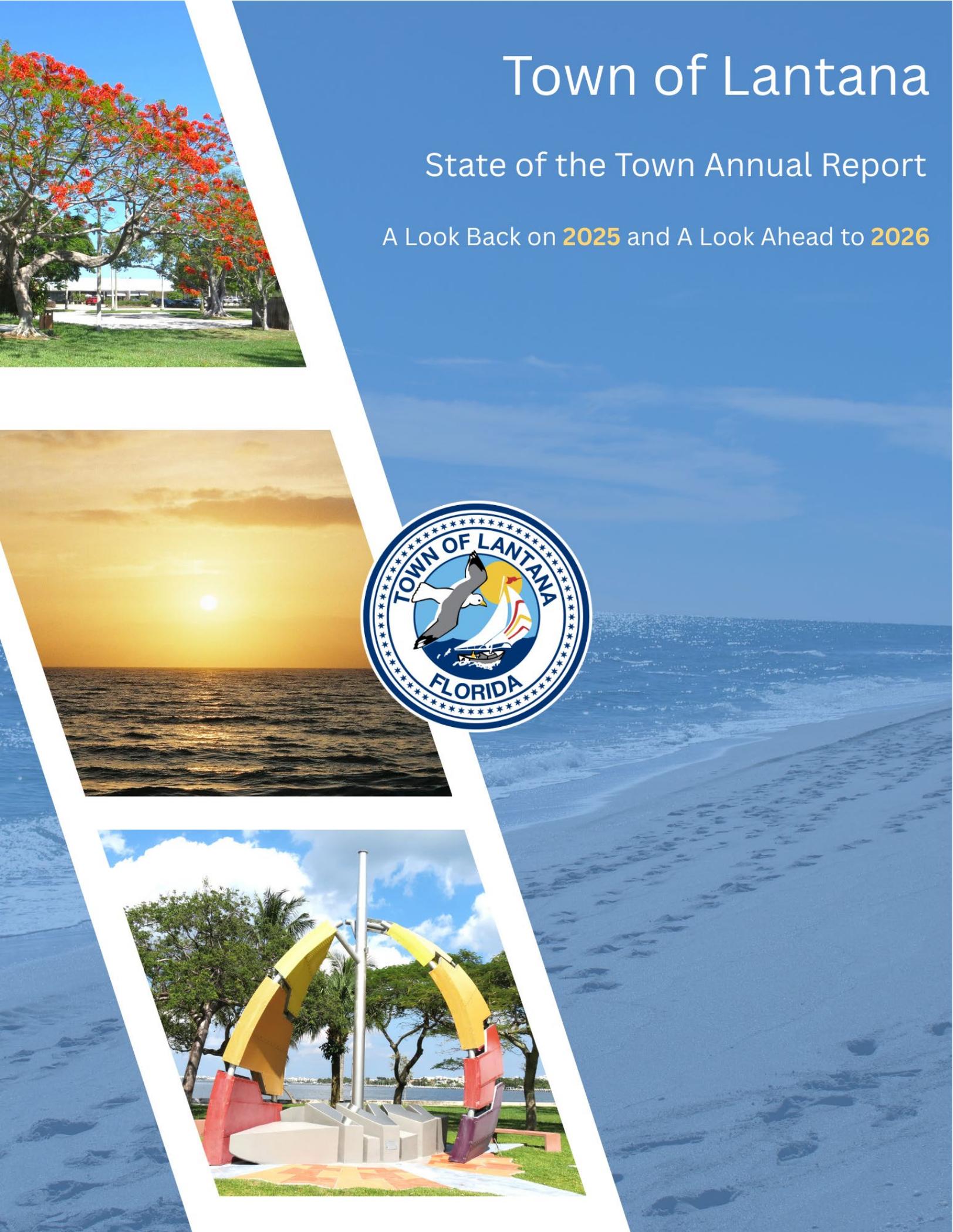


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State of the Town Annual Report

A Look Back on **2025** and A Look Ahead to **2026**



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INTRODUCTION

It is my distinct privilege to welcome you to the new year and present this executive summary, which provides a high-level review of the Town's accomplishments in 2025, the current state of our key operational and capital projects, and a preview of our goals for 2026.

I extend my sincere gratitude to my fellow Councilmembers, our dedicated Town Staff, and our invaluable community partners for their efforts. As we look ahead to 2026, we remain committed to our enduring mission: "To preserve Lantana's small-town atmosphere through responsible government and quality service."

UNDERSTANDING THE FOUNDATION: YOUR PROPERTY TAXES AT WORK

Property taxes serve as the foundational source of revenue for local government and are vital to maintaining essential community services. These funds directly support the core functions that define our quality of life, including public safety, parks and recreation, infrastructure maintenance, library programs, and all daily municipal operations. In the Town, every dollar collected ensures our community continues to thrive, remains safe, and provides a high quality of life for all residents.

A LOOK BACK ON 2025

2025 was another exciting year for our Town. Below you will find a glimpse of some of the more significant accomplishments that occurred during the year.

Municipal Elections 2025

In 03/2025, we had the pleasure of welcoming our newest Councilmember, Jesse Rivero to the dais. A proud 26-year resident of the Town and a dedicated firefighter with Palm Beach County (PBC) Fire Rescue for 20 years, Councilmember Rivero brings valuable experience and commitment to the Council. As Mayor, I look forward to working alongside him and all my fellow Councilmembers as we shape a brighter future for our growing community.



Town Council Visioning Session

On 04/11/2025, we gathered together to envision our community's future. The Town Council, Town Manager, Department Directors, and other key staff held a public Visioning Session to review our recent achievements and develop our goals and shared vision for the [FY2025/26 Adopted Annual Budget](#).

Adoption of the Annual Budget

The adoption of the Annual Budget (Budget) is one of the Town Council's highest priorities as it serves as a policy document that provides the resources and establishes a plan for the operational budget and Capital Improvement Plan (CIP). The Budget is transparent and performance-based, linking departmental goals to funding. The FY 2025/26 Budget of \$31.4 M reflects a commitment to fiscal responsibility and aligns with the priorities and goals that the Town Council established by consensus at the Town Council Visioning Session.

The following pages detail these priorities and goals, showcasing the significant progress made in 2025 and providing examples of how your Town Staff has worked diligently to improve our infrastructure and beautify our community.

Maintain infrastructure

The Town made substantial investments and advanced critical projects in 2025 to ensure the long-term reliability of our water, sewer, stormwater, and road systems. These efforts lay the foundation for a safer, more sustainable community.

Water and Wastewater System Reliability



- ✓ Advanced the design phase for the Water Treatment Plant (WTP) Instrumentation and Controls (I&C) improvements.
- ✓ Purchased and installed two (2) new chlorine tanks.
- ✓ Initiated and advanced Phase II of the W Pine St Water Main Improvements, securing engineering and construction services to replace aging lines and reduce service disruptions.
- ✓ Awarded a contract for the rehabilitation of townwide wastewater gravity lines and manholes, ensuring continued system functionality and compliance.
- ✓ Authorized engineering services for long-term projects, including the N 4th St Gravity Sewer and the WTP Clear Well Improvement project.

Mobility and Roadway Safety

- ✓ Successfully completed the milling and paving of 14 streets throughout the community, significantly enhancing ride quality, mobility, and safety for residents.
- ✓ Completed seal coating and striping of the Bicentennial Park and Sportsman's Park parking lot.
- ✓ Approved engineering design solutions targeting traffic concerns at the crucial intersection of N Dixie Hwy and E Ocean Ave to improve safety and mobility flow.
- ✓ Awarded a contract for the N Dixie Hwy Turn Lane Improvements project to enhance safety and ease traffic congestion on this vital corridor.



Stormwater and Coastal Resilience

- ✓ Approved contracts for the comprehensive Stormwater Collection System Rehabilitation and the Atlantic Dr Drainage Improvements project to enhance the Town's ability to manage heavy rainfall and prevent localized flooding.
- ✓ Awarded a contract for the Bicentennial Park Seawall Hardening Improvements project, a key measure to protect public assets and increase resilience against coastal erosion and severe weather events.

Parks and Public Asset Improvements (Completed)

- ✓ Repainted 11 older bus stops to restore them to their original condition and maintain a clean, uniform appearance.
- ✓ Completed repairs to the Kayak Park Ramp by adding new sand and reattaching the original mesh ramp, enhancing the stability, safety, and overall accessibility for water recreational users.
- ✓ Installed new player benches at the Sports Park basketball courts, and the baseball and soccer fields
- ✓ Installed new water fountains at the Beach playground area, providing greater convenience and comfort for residents and families enjoying the space.
- ✓ Installed new uplighting at Bicentennial Park, improving nighttime visibility and highlighting the park's natural features.



Planning and Support Services

- ✓ Secured essential ongoing professional architectural services from CPZ Architects, Inc., to provide the specialized expertise needed to plan and execute future long-term infrastructure and building projects.

Continue Beautification Projects

Park and Recreational Upgrades

- ✓ Upgraded the basketball courts with the installation of new backboards and rims, and installed a new volleyball net at Maddock Park, providing an enhanced recreational experience.
- ✓ Planted vibrant seasonal flowers at high-traffic public areas, including Maddock Park, the Library, the Police Department, and the Police Department Memorial Fountain, as part of a sustained effort to enhance the Town's visual appeal.



Corridor and Roadway Aesthetics

- ✓ Completed the Dixie Hwy Medians Landscape and Irrigation Improvements project (from W Pine St to the Dixie Hwy/Federal Hwy split), significantly enhancing the visual appeal of this key Town entrance.
- ✓ Awarded a contract for the installation of a 6-foot Prefabricated Concrete Wall for the N 3rd St Parking Lot, enhancing the aesthetic screening of the facility.



Public Health and Maintenance

- ✓ The Public Services team collaborated with the Police Department to clean and restore three (3) previously disturbed public locations, ensuring these public spaces were returned to a safe, maintained, and welcoming standard for the community.
- ✓ Revised the Town's Beach-Cleaning Policy for Sargassum Seaweed Management, to better maintain the cleanliness and accessibility of our

beaches throughout the year.

Responsible Development

Water Tower Commons

The Town continues to oversee the ongoing development of the Water Tower Commons project, focusing on active construction progress, timely infrastructure planning, and preparation for future phases.

- ✓ **Current Progress and Permitting**
 - Town staff is actively processing the required permits and conducting inspections for the eastern commercial development parcel.
 - The Town Council approved the necessary Special Exception, Site Plan, and Landscape Plan for two (2) additional restaurants, Carl's Jr. and Panda Express, paving the way for their construction.
- ✓ **Traffic Coordination and Future Planning**
 - The Town continues to work closely with the Developer and PBC to actively monitor traffic levels. This coordination is essential to determine the required installation date for the Mast Arm Traffic Light at the project's entrance, which is mandated by PBC.
 - Town staff is engaged in ongoing collaboration with the Developer, providing feedback and guidance on the master plan and initial concepts for the next section of potential development within the site.

Lantana Village

The redevelopment of the former Kmart site (now known as Lantana Village) has culminated in the approval of a significant, mixed-use project that will transform a key area of the Town.

✓ Project History and Vision Setting

- The 18-acre site, encompassing 457 Greynolds Circle, 1201 S Dixie Hwy, and 1301 S Dixie Hwy, was acquired by Integra Solutions, LLC, in 04/2023.
- The Town Council held two (2) key workshops in 2025 to ensure the final project aligned with the community's vision. The first workshop reviewed potential redevelopment proposals, and the second allowed Integra Investments (Integra) to present a conceptual plan that was well-received by the Council and residents.



✓ Final Approval and Key Features

- After more than two (2) years of progress, the Town Council unanimously approved the Site Plan and related items from Integra during the 01/13/2025 Town Council meeting.
- The approved site plan includes a phased development totaling 426 dwelling units and 21,967 sq. ft. of ground-floor commercial space.

✓ Next Steps and Town Staff Coordination

- Town staff continues to work closely with the Integra team on processing Minor Site Plan Amendments, tenant relocation discussions, and issuing demolition permits.
- Staff is also focused on incorporating additional community benefits, such as improvements to adjacent bus stops, roadway enhancements, and additional outdoor seating for existing tenants.
- Integra has notified the Town of plans to begin demolition in the first quarter of 2026.

Ocean Ave Vacant Properties

A key highlight of our year was the community dialogue surrounding the vacant Ocean Ave property. In 12/2025, we hosted a dedicated workshop that served as a vital forum for our residents to engage directly with conceptual plans for this important site. While the Town Council reached a consensus for the project to proceed, the developer ultimately decided not to pursue the proposal further.

Although this specific project did not move forward, the experience reaffirmed our commitment to transparent development and active citizen participation. Our Town staff remains proactive and stands ready to collaborate with property owners to ensure that any future development on Ocean Ave aligns with the unique character and long-term goals of our community.

Beach Improvements

Our commitment to the heart of the Town—our beachfront—took a bold step forward this year. Beginning with our Visioning Session in 04/2025, we set an ambitious goal: to create a vibrant, engaging public space that honors our history while embracing the future. This 7-acre master plan is not just a redesign; it is a complete reimagining of our coastal experience.

By partnering with CPZ Architects, we have launched a comprehensive design process that prioritizes both structural integrity and environmental stewardship. From dune improvements and coastal protection to public outreach and conceptual building designs, we are ensuring that every resident's

voice is heard as we craft this legacy project. This is the first step in a journey to ensure the Beach remains a jewel of the South Florida coast for decades to come.

Master Plan Update:

The Town continues its dedicated effort to implement the adopted Townwide Master Plan, ensuring all new development and long-term planning align with the community's strategic vision.

- ✓ **Implementation and Access**
 - Public Access: The adopted Townwide Master Plan is readily available to the public and stakeholders on the Town's website: <https://www.lantana.org/291/Town-of-Lantana-Master-Plan>.

- ✓ **Ongoing Planning and Engagement**
 - Staff has successfully formed the Master Plan Committee, a volunteer group composed of residents from various neighborhoods. This committee continues to meet to provide valuable community input on the plan and ongoing projects.
 - Staff continues to meet regularly with the vacant Ocean Ave property owners to develop a redevelopment plan that strictly aligns with the guidelines and vision established in the Master Plan.
 - Staff is actively exploring redevelopment plans for the Beach to ensure its future development relates cohesively to the goals outlined in the Master Plan.

- ✓ **Financial Commitment**
 - The Town has committed financial resources to support Master Plan-related projects, with \$300k specifically budgeted (\$100k appropriations from the FY 2023/24, FY 2024/25, and FY 2025/26 budgets).

Attracting and Retaining Valuable Employees

Like many municipalities, the Town continues to navigate a highly challenging labor market. To ensure our residents receive consistent, high-quality service, we have become more competitive and flexible in our approach to attracting and retaining dedicated, professional staff.

2025 Key Strategies and Outcomes:

- ✓ Successfully implemented a strategy to retain the valuable experience and commitment of our Chief of Police, ensuring continuity and leadership stability beyond his scheduled Deferred Retirement Option Program (DROP) completion date.
- ✓ Enhanced employee growth opportunities by expanding tuition reimbursement and incentive pay for training, encouraging higher education, and developing specialized skills necessary for high-quality customer service.
- ✓ Continued to support active Employee and Safety Committees, which coordinate activities, implement safety programs, and ensure a safe, family-friendly work environment.
- ✓ Maintained a competitive salary and benefits package necessary to attract top talent in today's market.
- ✓ Sustained the monthly tradition of highlighting employee contributions and achievements in the Town Manager's Report, boosting morale and recognizing outstanding work.

Outcome: As a direct result of these targeted investments and support initiatives, the Town experienced a significant decrease in employee turnover in 2025, promoting institutional knowledge and better long-term service delivery.

Continue to Attract Businesses

2025 Key Achievements and Support Strategies:

- ✓ Launched the [Doing Business Webpage](#) and a new [Business Tax Receipt \(BTR\) Guide Packet](#) to provide clear, accessible resources that guide new and existing businesses through the Town's processes and requirements.
- ✓ Hosted a "Business Connections: Meet with Town Staff" event on 03/18/2025, providing a direct platform for the local business community to share questions, concerns, ideas, and feedback with Town leadership.
- ✓ Achieved LEED Silver Certification, demonstrating the Town's commitment to sustainable practices and providing a green, modern foundation for future economic growth.
- ✓ Provided guidance and support to new business opportunities by encouraging early outreach to the Development Services Department, ensuring smooth navigation of permitting and zoning requirements.
- ✓ Continued to grant permit extensions for projects that remain in "Active Progress" (receiving an approved inspection within six (6) months) to help businesses manage their timelines efficiently.
- ✓ Maintained a close working relationship with the Greater Lantana Chamber of Commerce (Chamber) to foster and improve business opportunities within our community.

Promote Community Engagement

In 2025, the Town significantly expanded opportunities for residents to connect, share feedback, and participate in shaping the community's future.

- ✓ Hosted a highly successful "Coffee with the Mayor" event, facilitating direct, insightful discussions with residents on key topics, including downtown development, property taxes, and traffic safety.
- ✓ Launched a major community effort to refresh the Town's identity. This included a well-attended Town Hall meeting and the subsequent distribution of a comprehensive community survey to gather broad input on potential logos and taglines.
- ✓ Beyond the "Enjoy Lantana!" programs, the Town hosted diverse and successful community events, including a vibrant Haitian American Heritage Month cultural celebration, the Summer Reading Kick-Off Block Party, and the annual 9/11 Ceremony to honor victims.
- ✓ Partnered with local schools for a successful student video contest, "What Makes Our Town Great." The winning students from Palm Beach Maritime Academy Upper School were formally recognized by the Town Council, and their entries were publicized on Town platforms.
- ✓ Conducted a community survey for converting one of the existing North Tennis Courts into dedicated Pickleball Courts. The survey results showed overwhelming community support, with 84.6% of respondents in favor of the conversion. **Next Step:** The Town has officially engaged an engineering firm to develop formal design specifications and construction documents. Once these plans are finalized, the project will move into the competitive bidding phase, with construction and budgeting scheduled for FY 2025/26.
- ✓ Solicited direct user feedback for improvements to the Maddock Park Skate Park, which indicated the need for upgraded obstacles, shading, and water fountains for the park. **Next Step:** This input will be used to develop the design for the skate park's improvements, ensuring it reflects the preferences of local skate enthusiasts.
- ✓ Implemented two (2) new key resource guides: the Neighbors Helping Neighbors program to connect residents in need with community volunteers, and the Homeowner Toolbox:





Assistance, Grants, and Guidance Guide to connect residents with resources for home maintenance and improvement.

✓ I am thrilled to share that our shores are now just a click away! This year, we successfully launched the new Beach Webcam, bringing real-time, high-definition views of our beautiful coastline directly to the Town's website. Whether you are checking the surf conditions, gauging the weather for a family outing, or simply taking

a moment to enjoy our horizon from home, this new feature brings our most precious natural resource closer to our residents than ever before.

- ✓ The Code Enforcement Division continued its commitment to enforcing Municipal Codes fairly and consistently, prioritizing safety violations and maintaining community standards.
 - Future Enhancement: The Division plans to launch a new online portal later this year, allowing residents to easily check the status of ongoing cases.
- ✓ Successfully hosted the Take Your Child to Work Day Event, promoting understanding of public service careers among young residents.



The Town demonstrated its ongoing commitment to community support and environmental stewardship by continuing successful annual programs:

- ✓ **Community Giving:** Hosted key drives to support residents in need, including a Food Distribution Drive-Thru and a Toy Drive for the holidays.
- ✓ **Environmental Stewardship:** Celebrated Arbor Day by planting a tree at the Library, symbolizing our commitment to a greener community.



Continue to Support the Library

Following its successful 2023 renovation, the Library continued its significant growth in 2025, operating as a vital community hub dedicated to learning, connection, and literacy.

2025 Program Impact and Growth

The Library achieved record community engagement by leveraging its modern facilities (including dedicated teen, kids', and community rooms) to offer diverse, high-value programming:

- ✓ Welcomed over 2k youth and adults to programs during the summer months, with a record of over 350 people joining the annual Summer Reading Program.
- ✓ Saw a significant increase in library traffic and a 47% increase in new library cards.
- ✓ Staff worked to cultivate community and combat the senior loneliness epidemic with educational and recreational programming.
- ✓ Hosted a comprehensive calendar of events focused on four (4) key areas:
 - **Wellness and Fitness:** Expanded free weekly yoga sessions and introduced new self-care programs like Twin Hearts Meditation and Acupuncture.
 - **Art and STEM:** Dedicated a month to Youth Art, featuring classes led by local professional artists, and celebrated Pi Day with engaging math and science activities for all ages.
 - **Cultural Celebrations:** Hosted major community events, including a vibrant Haitian American Heritage Month celebration, Lunar New Year festivities, and St. Patrick's Day programs.



- Offered a full schedule of holiday-themed events, including the massive Summer Reading Kick-off Block Party, Halloween programming (e.g., Ghost Painting, Spooky Storytime), and the annual Letter to Santa program.

Literacy and Education

- ✓ Maintained essential literacy and outreach efforts through strong school partnerships, afterschool literacy tutoring at the Library in partnership with the Literacy Coalition of PBC, and the expanded network of Little Free Libraries throughout the Town.
- ✓ Continued to offer cutting-edge technology and skill-based programs (like Beginner Photoshop Lessons) in a welcoming and inclusive community space.
- ✓ Implemented a monthly reading initiative as part of Read for the Record 2025/26, partnering with local schools to host readings from 10/2025 through 02/2026, concluding with the program's annual "Big Day" on 02/26/2026.

Enhance Public Safety with State-Of-The-Art Technology

The Police Department remains committed to its mission of delivering courteous, professional law enforcement and community services, prioritizing public safety, transparency, and officer preparedness throughout the year.

Strategic Investments in Technology and Equipment

The Department ensured officers are equipped with the best tools available, making significant investments in 2025 to enhance both operational capacity and transparency:

- ✓ **Transparency Technology:** Authorized the multi-year purchase of new Body-Worn Cameras (BWC), Tasers, and related equipment, building on the existing program which utilizes these devices for public trust.
- ✓ **Vehicle and Patrol Upgrades:** Purchased new AXON in-car cameras and upgraded patrol vehicles with new emergency lights, sirens, and related equipment to enhance officer safety and operational capacity.
- ✓ **Situational Awareness:** Continued utilization of advanced technology, including the drone program, for assisting in locating missing persons, monitoring community events, and supporting emergency management operations.

Traffic Safety and Social Outreach

- ✓ **Targeted Traffic Enforcement:** Continued proactive measures to address traffic concerns through the Selected Traffic Enforcement Program (STEP) and the deployment of the speed-measuring trailer in violation hot spots, focusing on education and enforcement to reduce speeding and stop sign violations.
- ✓ **Supporting Vulnerable Residents:** Maintained collaboration with County liaisons to actively connect homeless individuals with necessary services and resources, supporting community well-being.
- ✓ **Capability Reinforcement:** Continuously reinforced officer capabilities by acquiring necessary new equipment, including computers, vehicles, and safety gear.

Each of the Town's Departments plays a vital role in its ability to meet the established Budget Priorities/Goals and Action Plans, as is evidenced below:

Town Administration

It continues to focus on enhancing communication and transparency, and prioritizing public and employee safety through key technology and operational upgrades in 2025.

Communication and Transparency

- ✓ Renewed the agreement with Granicus for three (3) years, ensuring the continued ability to publish agendas online in ADA format and livestream/record Council meetings. This service

agreement renewal allows the Town to maintain a better, high-quality listening experience for remote attendees.

- ✓ Continued to provide timely and essential information to residents through multiple channels, including the monthly Town Manager Report, the Annual Town Calendar, the official Facebook page, and emergency notifications via CodeRED.

Safety and Preparedness

- ✓ Upgraded the CodeRED notification platform to the newest version, Crisis24, ensuring the Town uses the most advanced technology to quickly and reliably communicate critical safety alerts and emergency information to the community. To enroll, visit: <https://fl-lantana.civicplus.com/272/CodeRED-Alerts>.
- ✓ Adopted the Aden Perry Hero Life Ring Initiative, a program dedicated to preventing drowning tragedies, following the 07/28/2025 meeting. As part of this commitment, life rings have been installed at multiple dock locations at Bicentennial Park and Sportsman Park.
- ✓ Conducted comprehensive checks of all Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs) throughout Town facilities, ensuring all devices are properly maintained and fully functional for immediate emergency response.



GRANTS

In 2025, the Town successfully secured vital external funding to advance major community projects, maximizing public resources:

- ✓ Florida Inland Navigation District (FIND) - 2024 Waterways Assistance Program: Awarded \$900k on 10/03/2025.
- ✓ State Appropriation Request – W Pine St Water Main Improvements - Phase II: Awarded \$1.3M on 07/01/2025.
- ✓ State Appropriation Request - Lift Station No. 3, 4, 8, and 9 Rehabilitation: Awarded \$500k on 07/01/2025.
- ✓ Congressional Community Project Funding (CPF) Opportunities – FY 2025/26 Maddock Park Skate Park Improvements Project: Awarded \$47k on 07/11/2025.



Palm Beach County Day 2025

In 03/2025, the Town leadership proactively engaged with state officials to secure funding for critical infrastructure projects, representing the Town at PBC Day in Tallahassee.

- ✓ **Town Representation:** Mayor Karen Lythgoe, Vice Mayor Pro Tem Mark Zeitler, Vice Mayor Kem Mason, Former Councilmember Lynn Moorhouse, and Town Manager Brian Raducci traveled to the State Capitol.
- ✓ **Networking and Advocacy:** The delegation observed the Legislative Process, met with the Town's Lobbying Firm, and networked with other municipalities.
- ✓ **Funding Priorities:** The Town met with Senator Mack Bernard and Former Representative Mike Caruso to seek support for \$3.85M in FY 2025/26 State Appropriation Requests, including:
 - W Pine St Water Main Improvements - Phase II
 - WTP I&C
 - Lift Station No. 3, 4, 8, and 9 Rehabilitation
 - N 3rd St Parking Lot Improvements
 - Beach Improvements

As a result, on 06/30/2025, the Town received confirmation from Mat Forrest of our lobbying firm, Ballard Partners, that two (2) projects submitted through the State Appropriations Request process were approved and included in the State Budget with their respective funding allocations. The approved projects were: W Pine St Water Main Improvements - Phase II (\$1.3M) and Lift Stations No.

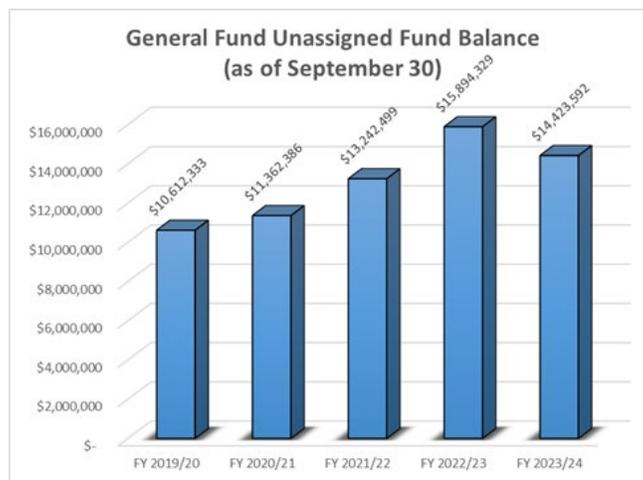
3, 4, 8, and 9 Rehabilitation (\$500K), for a total of \$1.8M.

UNASSIGNED FUND BALANCE

The Town maintained its position of financial health and stability throughout 2025, driven by a fiscally conservative and prudent operational approach.

- ✓ The General Fund's Unassigned Fund Balance (reserves) is anticipated to reach 65% of the FY 2025/26 operating budget by the close of FY 2024/25. This significantly exceeds the Town's adopted fund balance policy, demonstrating exceptional fiscal preparedness.
- ✓ The Water and Sewer Fund is projected to end FY 2024/25 with \$9.2M in unrestricted reserves. These funds are strategically utilized for the ongoing improvement of the utility's aging infrastructure, ensuring the fund is fully prepared for recommended capital improvements.
- ✓ The Town successfully maximized its financial leverage through the effective and efficient utilization of secured grant funds, augmenting local dollars for essential projects.

These positive outcomes are a direct result of the Town Council's vision, guidance, and support, which ensures the Administration continues to operate the Town in a proactive, progressive, and fiscally responsible manner.



GET READY FOR EXCITING CHANGES COMING TO THE TOWN IN 2026!

From critical infrastructure upgrades to revitalized green spaces, here is a glimpse of what our future plans have in store for you, focusing on the quality of life in the Town.

Investing in Quality of Life

The Town is committed to significant capital improvements across our facilities and utilities:

Infrastructure and Utilities

- **Utility Modernization:** Replace water meters with an Automated Meter Reading System.
- **Wastewater Improvements:** Design and convert existing lift stations into more efficient submersible pump stations.
- **Road Safety:** Install curbs at key intersections throughout the Town.

Parks and Recreation

- **Beach Enhancements:** Expect improved landscaping, trash receptacles, various Beach improvements, and recoating of the seawall.
- **Park Maintenance:** Repair seawalls at Bicentennial Park and Sportsman's Park.
- **Sports Park:** Install shade structures for the bleachers.
- **Lyman Kayak Park:** Replace the launch ramp with a durable concrete ramp.
- **Maddock Park:** Replace the split-rail fence.

Facilities and Development

- **Town Hall:** Complete the renovation of the Town Council Chambers.
- **Public Safety:** Construct new classrooms and an Emergency Operations Center (EOC) at the Police Department.
- **Library:** Make necessary improvements to the Library bathrooms.
- **Redevelopment:** Continue working with Integra for the redevelopment of the former Kmart site, and collaborate with vacant Ocean Ave property owners on a redevelopment plan that aligns with the Master Plan.

Working Together for Progress

The Town Council and dedicated staff are wholeheartedly committed to making the Town an even better place to live, work, and play through continuous progress and collaboration.

- **Commitment to Progress:** We are focused on partnering with residents, local businesses, and external agencies to secure grants and keep essential Town projects moving forward.
- **Citizen-Centric Governance:** The Town strives to be highly responsive to our citizens' needs, basing all decisions on the best interests of resident health, safety, and welfare.
- **Invitation to Engage:** We are excited about the Town's future and invite all residents to stay tuned for updates and get actively involved in shaping it. Hearing your thoughts and receiving your input is the most effective way to ensure we serve this Town efficiently and effectively for generations to come.

Your investment: Learn More About Property Taxes

The revenues discussed throughout this report, generated primarily by property taxes, are the engine for all essential Town services, from Police protection to park maintenance. We encourage all residents to gain a detailed understanding of how these local funds are generated and distributed. Please visit the Town's Property Tax Detailed Information [link](#) to learn about key concepts such as millage rates, the rolled-back rate, and common exemptions that impact municipal funding

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