

# TOWN OF LANTANA

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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.

## NEWS RELEASES

### Bonefish Cove Habitat Restoration Project

The Town invites you to a Workshop on the upcoming Bonefish Cove Habitat Restoration Project in the Lake Worth Lagoon. The Workshop's date will be 02/29/2024 at 5:30 p.m. in the Town Hall Council Chambers. Join representatives from Palm Beach County and the US Army Corps of Engineers (ACOE) to learn more about this project, ask questions and provide feedback at this informative workshop. Stay tuned for confirmation on the exact date of the workshop at <https://www.lantana.org/news/post/18789/>

### Advertisement ITB No. 2024-01-PS Contract for Roof Replacements

The Town will be accepting an Invitation to Bid (ITB) for a Contract for Roof Replacements. Bid specifications may be obtained at <https://network.demandstar.com/> and will be accepted until 2:00 p.m. EST on 03/05/2024 at which time, Bids will be publicly opened and read aloud in the Town's Council Chambers.

### Recreation Center New Sign

A new Lantana Recreation Center sign was installed on 02/06/2024. For more information on renting the Lantana Recreation Center, please contact Nadine Shawah at [nshawah@lantana.org](mailto:nshawah@lantana.org).



### Demolition Project on E Ocean Ave

The Town continues to work closely with the property owner's attorney and their engineers to bring these properties into compliance and to redevelop E Ocean Ave. In order to start the demolition phase of the project, the Town has been working closely with the property owner's engineers and Florida Power & Light Company to properly identify all of the properties in question so that electrical service may be safely discontinued and building permit applications may be submitted and approved for demolition.

#### Home Depot Entrance Upgrade on Hypoluxo Rd

Palm Beach County recently awarded a building permit to the Home Depot property located on Seacrest Rd to expand the turn lane and widen the sidewalk on Hypoluxo Rd between the I-95 E Hypoluxo Rd Exit and Seacrest Rd. In addition, the drainage system in that area is being relocated to accommodate the new sidewalk. These improvements will enhance the Home Depot entrance from Hypoluxo Rd. The construction is expected to be completed soon and only impacts the south side of Hypoluxo Rd between Seacrest Rd and I-95 East.



#### Town's New Livestreaming Platform and Agenda Notifications

The Town is thrilled to announce a new platform for livestreaming and recording Town Council Meetings, launched on 01/22/2024. This upgrade ensures exceptional audio quality, allowing residents to listen remotely for a better listening experience.

#### Tune in Live or Catch up Later

- Visit the Town Council page at <https://www.lantana.org/TownAgendas>.
- Click the "Audio" link for the live broadcast during Town Council meetings.
- Recordings are available on-demand after each meeting in the Past Events section.

#### Stay informed

Sign up for email notifications when new agendas are posted and never miss an update at <https://www.lantana.org/TownAgendas>.

#### Invasive Removal Efforts and Projects in the Lantana Nature Preserve (Preserve)

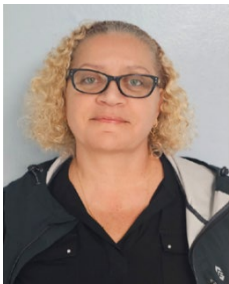
The Town continues to work closely with SOLitude Lake Management, a certified invasive removal company to treat and remove invasive plants and trees from the Preserve and to identify the different exotic plants. The company comes out twice a year (February and August) to remove invasive plants/trees from the inside of the Preserve, including the pathways and the parking lot areas. The maintenance area includes the middle and borders of the Preserve and does not include the mangrove area or the butterfly garden plants.

In addition, on 02/23/2024, the Town began replacing two (2) of the Preserve's deteriorated timber pedestrian bridges along the hiking paths. During construction, although the Preserve will remain opened, certain sections and parking spaces will be temporarily closed. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause and appreciate your understanding.

The Town continues to enhance the Preserve so that our residents and visitors can enjoy the great Lantana Outdoors! If you have any questions or concerns about the Preserve, please contact Nadine Shawah at [nshawah@lantana.org](mailto:nshawah@lantana.org) or call (561) 234-0181.

### Newly Hired Employees

The Town is pleased to introduce the following newly hired employees. Please join us in welcoming them to our Lantana family!



Jacqueline Haley as the new Permit and BTR Specialist for the Development Services Department. She is responsible for assisting and serving the Town's residents and area businesses. She processes, coordinates, issues and renews business tax receipts and building permit applications.



Michelle Harlen as the new Permit Technician for the Development Services Department. She is responsible for assisting customers with procedures regarding building permits and reviewing permit submittals to ensure proper documentation is provided to process the permits. She records and schedules inspections.



Joseph Hunt as the new Utility System Worker for the Utilities Division. He is responsible for performing skilled manual labor in the maintenance or construction tasks for water mains and services, sewer mains and laterals, streets, swales, stormwater mains, lift stations and in the water treatment plant.



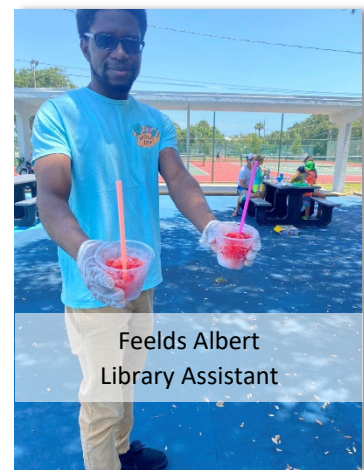
Jasmine Torres as the new Police Dispatcher for the Police Department. She is responsible for answering incoming emergency and non-emergency calls; communicating with police officers and police personnel; and assisting other agencies in communicating with each other during emergency calls.

### Employee Spotlight

This month we would like to highlight the Library's one-and-only, Feelds Albert! Feelds has been working as a Library Assistant for the Town since 02/2020, and has assisted patrons, guided programs, and helped lead our team of committed volunteers. He assisted the Library greatly over the years, including playing an integral role during the renovation and helping it move to and from its temporary site at the Town's Recreation Center.

He is known throughout our Library for his ability to act as a reliable mentor and friend to our teen patrons and for his technical knowledge of the Library's equipment. He is an excellent problem-solver and troubleshooter and is also extremely personable, often building lasting relationships with our patrons, which contributes to the small-town atmosphere of our Library and Town. Feelds was once a teen volunteer for Library Director Kristine Kreidler and then worked for the City of Boynton Beach at their library. Feelds wanted to work for the Town because he saw the untapped potential to grow a new teen program and space.

Feelds love Japanese animation and manga (Japanese comic books), which are also very popular with teens and kids, so he serves as the Library expert in these areas. Ordering books is his favorite part of his job! Feelds is getting his BS in Electrical Engineering from FAU and is on a quest to try new restaurants that he sees on TikTok foodie videos when he is not working or studying.



### Awards and Recognitions

The Police Department's Employee of the Year 2023 was recognized at the 02/12/2024 Town Council Meeting. This recognition was given to Sergeant Tom Dipolito who has been instrumental in researching, gathering data and implementing several large-scale projects for the Police Department. His hard work, dedication and commitment are recognized and appreciated by our community, elected officials and those who serve on a daily basis!

Please join us in congratulating Sergeant Tom Dipolito on being selected as the Employee of the Year 2023.

### 2-1-1 Palm Beach and Treasure Coast

The 2-1-1 Helpline is a one-stop resource for suicide prevention, crisis intervention, and community services for Palm Beach, Indian River, Martin, Okeechobee and St. Lucie County residents in different languages (i.e., English, Spanish and Creole), for people of all ages. For more information or assistance, please follow the link below and find the 2-1-1

Palm Beach County website at <https://www.lantana.org/links>.



The Town Council presented a proclamation recognizing the month of February as 211 Awareness Month at the 02/12/2024 Town Council Meeting.



### Drive-In Movie Night Event

We would like to thank all of the residents who participated and made the Drive-In Movie Night a successful Event on 02/02/2024. An estimated 38 cars were in attendance and residents enjoyed cool weather, snacks, Italian ice and hot dogs from food vendors while watching Super Mario Bros.



### Planning Commission Selection 02/12/2024

Due to the unexpected resignation of Veronica Cobb, the Town Council appointed two (2) new members to the Planning Commission during the 02/12/2024 Town Council meeting. Edward Shropshire was promoted from Alternate to Regular Voting Member with a term ending on 09/30/2026, and Annemarie Joyce was appointed as Alternate Member with a term ending on 12/14/2024. For further information, please contact Town Clerk Kathleen Dominguez at (561) 540-5016 or [kdominguez@lantana.org](mailto:kdominguez@lantana.org).

### Florida Power & Light Company (FPL) News – “Light up Lantana”

The Town has been and continues to work closely with FPL and their contractors to illuminate some streetlights that have been out for some time. Staff rode with an FPL contractor on 12/19/2023 to point out the exact locations of these lights and as a result FPL and their contractor indicated that they would continue working on diagnosing the problem to repair all the streetlights in those areas.

On 02/08/2024, staff did another ride along with Pike Electric (Pike) supervisors and team members on Lantana Rd, Hypoluxo Rd and Dixie Hwy. The Town provided them with maps that noted the streetlights in those areas that have been out for some time. Pike supervisors identified the lights and started repairing them on 02/12/2024. In addition, the Ministry of Transport (MOT) have workers providing traffic control as Pike proceeds with the roadside work.



**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 <https://www.fpl.com/my-account/streetlight.html#landingView> or by contacting Glenn Ellis, Public Works Superintendent at [gellis@lantana.org](mailto:gellis@lantana.org) or (561) 540-5764. When reporting this information on FPL’s website you will be prompted to answer the following questions:

- Address or pole number?
- Nearest intersection?
- Number of lights out in immediate proximity?
- Is it accessible to a bucket truck? (usually yes, as they are working from the street)
- Any pets that need to be secured? (usually no, as they are working from the street)
- Access code to get to address? (usually no)
- Has it been reported to FPL in the recent past? (unknown)
- Out at night? / On during day?

### Feeder Hardening Project

19 new Concrete Poles were recently installed around S Arnold Ave from W Pine St to Garnett St. In order to make this installation possible, some light fixtures were removed. FPL and their contractors are currently working on the Feeder Hardening Project in the area and as a result, Lantana Feeder #2839 (includes the following areas: Skylark Ln, Julia Heights Dr, Cardinal Ln, Garnett St, S Arnold Ave, S 4<sup>th</sup> St and Lantana Rd from N 8<sup>th</sup> St to Dixie Hwy) is 45% complete and is expected to be 100% complete in April 2024. Lantana Feeder #2836 (includes the following areas: North on S 14<sup>th</sup> St and West of I-95 on Lantana Rd) is 30% complete and is expected to be 100% complete in June 2024.

### State of the Town Annual Report (Annual Report)

The Annual Report is available on the Town’s website at [The Town of Lantana, Florida - Annual State of the Town Report](#). The purpose of this Annual report is for the Mayor to provide the Town, Town Council and Community with a high-level executive summary of the Town’s prior year accomplishments as well as the current state and condition of various operational and capital projects. In addition, it provides a preview of the goals and expectations of the coming year. On 01/25/2024, the Mayor shared some highlights of the Annual Report at the Greater Lantana Chamber of Commerce’s Economic Development Luncheon at the Old Key Lime House.

### Manatee Season (11/15/2023 – 03/01/2024)

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 Number at (888) 404-FWCC (3922), \*FWC or # FWC on a cell phone or via email at [tip@myfwc.com](mailto:tip@myfwc.com).

### Palm Beach County Day 2024

On 01/09 – 1/10/2024, Mayor Karen Lythgoe, Vice Mayor Pro Tem Mark Zeitler and Town Manager Brian Raducci had the opportunity to represent our Town and travel to our State Capitol for Palm Beach County Day in Tallahassee. It provided an incredible opportunity to observe our Legislative Process in person, meet with members of our Lobbying Firm and network with other municipalities and organizations who attended the event.

The Town met with Senator Bobby Powell Jr.'s Legislative Aide and Representative Mike Caruso and discussed the opportunity of gaining their support to fund the Town's FY 2024/25 \$2.5M worth of State Appropriation Requests (see [State Appropriations Project Request – FY 2024/25](#) under **GRANTS**). The Town provided a first-hand account of the Town's challenging capital and infrastructure needs.

On 02/10/2024, Mr. Forrest confirmed that the Town had tentatively received \$350k of the \$1.3M requested for the Water Treatment Plant infrastructure project in the Senate and that he would continue to work to keep the Senate funded and to have the House agree to the Senate's position during the Budget Conference.

### CodeRED

To enroll, visit <https://www.lantana.org/> and click on CodeRED alerts OR text "Lantanaalerts" (as one word) to 99411.

#### Things to Know About CodeRED

- CodeRED delivers notifications by phone, email, text and mobile alerts.
- CodeRED is compatible with TDD/TTY devices for those who are deaf or hard of hearing.
- Individuals and businesses may add as many phone numbers, emails and texts numbers as they choose.

For more information about CodeRED Lantana Alerts, contact the Town Clerk Kathleen Dominguez at [kdominguez@lantana.org](mailto:kdominguez@lantana.org) or (561) 540-5016.

### Water Treatment Plant and Water Distribution System Improvements Update

All of the new high service pumps are now online and are operating as designed. They will continue to be closely monitored to ensure that their smooth operation continues.

Periodically, it has been brought to the attention of Town staff that some areas of the Town occasionally experience water discoloration or "yellow tinted water" coming from their tap. Please be advised that the Town's drinking water is monitored and tested on a daily basis and continues to confirm that it is safe to drink and that it is well within all mandatory Florida Department of Health water treatment parameters. The Town internally tests the water on a daily basis for chlorine, hardness,



color, iron, PH, alkalinity, chlorides, total dissolved solids, temperature and conductivity. In addition, the water is tested externally three (3) times per month for various conditions (i.e., total coliform/E.coli; total coliform/fecal; enterococci; coliphage and HPC) and semi-annually for lead and copper.

In order to provide an immediate response to this concern, the Town continues to perform an aggressive hydrant flushing program that helps to properly distribute the treated water within the system. In addition, we have recently installed three (3) automatic flushing devices in various locations throughout the Town. Due to the complex and intricate design of our Water Treatment Plant (WTP), Town staff continues to work closely with our engineers to design cost-effective long-lasting improvements which are expected to significantly improve this issue. At the 06/12/2023 Town Council Meeting, a contract was awarded to RF Environmental Services, Inc. in the

amount of \$2.4M for Filter Media Replacement and WTP improvements. The contractor has ordered the long lead time items and the first resin replacement began in February 2024.

If you should have any concerns regarding the color and/or quality of your drinking water, please call the Town's WTP at (561) 540-5760 between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. so that we may address your specific concerns.

Moreover, Town staff continues to work closely with our engineers on other water-related improvement projects to ensure that the Town continues to provide quality potable water in a safe, consistent, and cost-effective manner. These include:

- Completing the design work for the Broadway and WTP Discharge Water Main Pipe Replacement Project (contract awarded at the 01/08/2024 Town Council Meeting).
- Water Main Replacement Project under the Florida East Coast Railway tracks at Pine St (project restarted in 02/2024).
- Replacement of the temporary WTP Softening System with a permanent solution once it can be designed/acquired (contract awarded at the 01/22/2024 Town Council Meeting).

All of these projects are ongoing simultaneously, in various stages of progression and are of the highest priority to Town Officials and staff. In addition, the staff meets monthly with our engineers and independent consultant to ensure that we remain on task. In many cases, there are multiple regulatory agencies that we need to coordinate with and design issues which need to be addressed in order to ensure the delivery of safe and reliable projects to the Town's residents and business owners.

Due to the enormity and complexity of these projects, in many cases, they are phased in over multiple years in order to effectively plan, design, bid, award, fund and construct the projects at hand. Funding has been provided for many of these projects including Federal and State appropriations (through Congresswoman Lois Frankel's Office and with the assistance of our Lobbyist – Ballard Partners, respectively). We are also pursuing other grant opportunities to assist with our funding needs for these and our other infrastructure related projects with the assistance of our professional grant writer (see **GRANTS**). The Town will continue to provide updates as to the status and progress of these projects.

Thank you in advance for your patience and cooperation as it is greatly appreciated!

#### Hurricane Nicole Update

On 11/09 and 11/10/2022, the Town experienced impacts from Hurricane Nicole (i.e., storm surge and the unusually high tide which caused normally dry areas near the coast to flood). Although the impacts to our community were fairly light, the Town continues to work on the following items in response to damage/delays caused by the storm:

- Seawall Update

During the storm, a portion of the seawall at the top of Dorothy Rissler Lane was damaged. At the 02/13/2023 Town Council meeting, a Consulting Services Agreement (CSA) with our engineer was approved to provide designs, drawings and specifications to repair the seawall. The project was sent out for competitive bid in August 2023, opened on 09/19/2023 and was awarded at the 10/23/2023 Town Council meeting. A pre-construction meeting was held on 12/12/2023 and construction began in mid-January 2024. The project consists of furnishing



all labor, materials and equipment to repair the seawall. Improvements included excavation behind the existing wall to expose the tie-backs, installing filter cloth to the back, pumping and pouring grout and flowable fill behind the wall, backfilling and compaction with beach sand. The project is expected to be completed in March after fencing and gate material are installed.

- Dune Restoration Project Delayed until End of year 2025

On 10/24/2022, the Town Council approved the 1<sup>st</sup> Amendment to the Interlocal Agreement (ILA) for the Dune Restoration Project – Reach 9 (Project) with the Town of South Palm Beach and Temporary Easement Access Agreement with the Town of South Palm Beach and the Town of Palm Beach which extended the term of the project through 02/28/2023.

On 11/21/2022, the Town was informed that the Project would be delayed until late 2023 or early 2024 due to the fact that the sand stockpile that was planned to be used was washed away by Hurricane Nicole.

On 07/18/2023, the Town was informed by Palm Beach’s Coastal Program Manager that their Town Council had decided to delay beginning the Project until at least November 2024 so that other capital improvement projects could be prioritized.

On 02/05/2024, the Town was informed by the Town of Palm Beach’s Engineering Department that they continue to work on the Beach Nourishment Project. A dredge will pump sand from an offshore source onto the beach in Reach 7 (Phipps Park to Kreusler Park) and they will stockpile additional sand and truck it into Reach 8 (Palm Beach south of the Lake Worth pier) to build dunes. Finally, they plan to use the Town’s access for the dune project into Reach 9, which is expected to be completed by the end of 2025.

## **TOWN CLERK**

### 2024 Election Information

The Town’s next general election day is Tuesday, 03/19/2024, to elect candidates for the Office of Mayor, Group 5 (three-year term). The qualification period for the 03/19/2024 election began at noon on Monday, 11/13/2023 and ended on Friday, 11/17/2023 at 4:30 p.m.

The following candidates have qualified to run for the Office of Mayor – Group 5:

- Karen Lythgoe (incumbent)
- Jorge “George” Velazquez

Please visit <https://www.lantana.org/town-elections> for more information.

### **New Election Laws now Require**

#### **Voters to Renew their Vote-by-Mail Ballot Requests After Every General Election Cycle.**

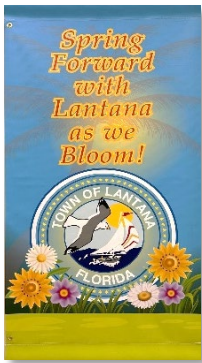
Under current Florida Law, ALL Vote-by-Mail requests submitted before the 11/08/2022 General Election, expired on 12/31/2022. Therefore, voters who wish to receive a Vote-by-Mail ballot for the 2023 through 2024 elections must complete a new Vote-by-Mail ballot request.

Updated Vote-by-Mail ballot requests will be valid until 12/31/2024. After the next General Election, voters will need to make the request again, and it will need to be renewed after every General Election cycle for future elections. Vote-by-Mail ballot requests can be made online at [Palm Beach Supervisor of Elections > Home \(votepalmbeach.gov\)](https://www.palmbeach.gov/votepalmbeach) or by calling (561) 656-6200.

### Schedule of Future Events/Important Dates

- 02/28/2024 – Planning Commission Meeting, Town Hall Council Chambers, 6:30 p.m.
- 02/29/2024 – Bonefish Cove Habitat Restoration Project Community Workshop Town Hall Council Chambers, 5:30 p.m.
- 03/07/2024 – Lantana Mayor Candidate Forum hosted by the Greater Lantana Chamber of Commerce, Palm Beach Maritime Academy, 600 S East Coast Ave, Lantana, FL 33462, 7:00 p.m.
- 03/11/2024 – Town Council Meeting, Town Hall Council Chambers, 6:00 p.m.
- 03/19/2024 – General Election Day, 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.
- 03/21/2024 – Special Magistrate Hearing, Town Hall Council Chambers, 5:30 p.m.
- 03/23/2024 – Barefoot Mailman Family Beach Day, Lantana Beach, 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
- 03/25/2024 – Town Council Meeting, Town Hall Council Chambers, 6:00 p.m.
- 03/27/2024 – Planning Commission Meeting, Town Hall Council Chambers, 6:30 p.m.
- 03/30/2024 – Eggstravaganza Egg Hunt Event, Maddock Park, 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

### **PUBLIC SERVICES DEPARTMENT**



#### Seasonal Banners around the Town

As part of the Town's beautification efforts and in order to enhance our appearance and to welcome in the Spring, the Town will be installing soon newly designed Spring banners in and around Greynolds Circle. The Town plans to change out the banners seasonally. Hope you enjoy the new look!

#### Sea Pines Neighborhood Drainage Information

The Public Services' Utilities Division is equipped with pumps that can be immediately mobilized to mitigate potential street flooding and threats to property. Stormwater infrastructure maintenance is routinely performed and a Stormwater Pump Station contract was awarded to Ferreira Construction Southern Division Co., in 09/2022. This Pump Station will be utilized to control the water level there and reduce the likelihood of street flooding in the area. The long lead time equipment was delivered on 07/2023 and mobilization began on 08/08/2023. The upgrading of the downstream outfall pipes near Cabot Dr has been completed. A pre-construction meeting with SFWMD was held on site and the installation of the pump station has begun. The pump station is currently projected to be completed by March 2024.



#### Hypoluxo Island Drainage Information

- On 01/20/2022, staff and the Town Engineer met with Hypoluxo residents to listen to their drainage concerns on both the north and south sides of the Island. As a result of that meeting the Town Council approved CSA 2022-04 with the engineer to prepare a study in areas on Hypoluxo Island that are prone to flooding during periods of intense rainfall and/or high tides.
- On 10/19/2022, Town staff met with the engineer preparing the drainage study to review preliminary recommended drainage system improvements.
  - An on-site meeting occurred on 11/02/2022 to review the potential locations of the recommended drainage system improvements.
  - A Workshop was held on 12/12/2022 at 5:30 p.m. to discuss the engineer's preliminary findings and they finalized their report on 02/15/2023. On 04/24/2023, the Town

Council approved CSA No. 2023-03 with our engineer for the design, permitting and bidding for the drainage improvement project for N Atlantic Dr and Beach Curve Rd. This process is expected to be wrapped up in April 2024.

#### Railway Information

On 01/24/2023, a meeting was held between the Town and representatives from the FEC and Brightline to discuss and review plans for a potential Corridor Improvement Project. The purpose of the meeting was to walk the corridor and survey the area for potential improvements that will limit trespassing and vagrancy incidents along the corridor while maintaining or improving the visual aesthetics throughout the Town.

On 02/27/2023, a Workshop was held at 5:30 p.m. so that representatives from the FEC could discuss with the Town Council the potential closing of the W Pine St crossing in exchange for substantial infrastructure type improvements along the entire railroad corridor (i.e., fencing, sidewalks, landscaping, intersection/roadway improvements, etc.). Such projects would likely be funded from a combination of a federal grant and local sources. Representatives from Brightline and the FRA assisted in the presentation. In addition, representatives from the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) and the Palm Beach Transportation Planning Agency (TPA) were present to lend their support to the potential project. At the meeting, there was consensus among the Town Council for staff to continue exploring this opportunity and to hold an informational Workshop for our community.

On 04/06/2023, the Town and our railroad partners hosted a public Railroad Corridor Municipal Workshop to discuss the FEC's potential closing of the W Pine St Railroad Crossing in exchange for substantial infrastructure type improvements along the Town's entire railroad corridor. The meeting was well attended and many issues and concerns were discussed. Immediately following the Workshop, a Working Lunch was held between Town staff and our railroad partners.

#### Temporary Crossing Closure

In February, The Town restarted the Water Main Replacement Project. The W Pine St railroad crossing was closed on 02/12/2024. Detour signs and barricades are placed on both sides of the construction site. We anticipate that this the project will take two (2) weeks to complete but is subject to change. We apologize for any inconvenience this closure may cause.

Please plan to use alternate routes. If you have questions, please contact the Public Services Department at (561) 540-5758 or email [jdarr@lantana.org](mailto:jdarr@lantana.org).



New Residential Solid Waste and Recyclable Materials Collection  
and Disposal Services Contract

The Town would like to announce the success of 1<sup>st</sup> quarter of the recycling program of 2024. We want to thank all residents for their continued commitment to making our dual-stream recycling program successful. The Solid Waste Authority of Palm Beach County (SWA) reported that our municipality recycled 160.93 tons of blue and yellow bin material in the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter of 2024. For more information on what goes into various colored bins, please visit [swa.org/recycleright](https://swa.org/recycleright).

If you have any questions or concerns about your home or business's waste and recycling collection, please contact Coastal directly at [lantana@coastalwasteinc.com](mailto:lantana@coastalwasteinc.com) or call (561) 819-8887.

ParkMobile Parking System

On 11/06/2023, the Town implemented a new Parking System at municipally-owned parking lots. For any questions on the new system works, please check the Town website at <https://www.lantana.org/Parking>.

Library Parking Lot Lights

As part of the Library Renovation Project, two (2) new decorative parking lot lights have been installed. According to the Project Lead from FPL on 12/21/2023, all material has been received and the locates have been called in. We are hopeful to have these lights fully operational in the near future.

Dixie Hwy and Lakeview Ave Intersection

Residents requested that the lighting be upgraded to support safety concerns at this intersection. Staff submitted the request to FPL and the additional light was installed on 10/2023. Additionally; efforts to remove the wooden poles are underway.

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## Exhibit A – Public Services Department's Ongoing Prior Year Capital Projects

| Project   | Funding Year   | Start Date  | Estimated Completion | Comments   |
|---|--|-------------|----------------------|--|
| WTP High Service Pumps Replacement  | FY 2020/21 (rolled over to FY 2021/22)                                       | 08/2021     | 03/2024              | Project is substantially complete and undergoing evaluation. Fire code changes have pushed the date out.   |
| Lift Station Rehabilitation (6,16 & 18)   | FY 2020/21 (rolled over to FY 2021/22)                                       | TBD         | TBD                  | Contract awarded & underway. Submittals approved awaiting equipment delivery. Project on hold pending coordination with FPL for transformer and pole installation.                   |
| Sea Pines Stormwater Pump Station   | FY 2020/21 (rolled over to FY 2021/22)                                       | 07/2023     | 03/2024              | Long lead time equipment delivered 07/2023. Project is underway. Downstream improvements completed. Wet well work and piping underway in the basin.                                  |
| Water main Replacement Under FEC @ Pine St  | FY 2020/21 (rolled over to FY 2021/22)                                       | 06/2023     | 04/2024              | Project is underway. W Pine St crossing closed.  |
| Beach Pavilion Repairs  | FY 2020/21 (FY 2021/22 not funded)   | TBD         | TBD                  | Bldg. use/purpose being evaluated as part of the Master Plan.  |
| Filter Media Replacement & WTP Improvements   | FY 2020/21 (rolled over to FY 2021/22), additional funds added in FY 2022/23 | 02/2024     | 12/2024              | Approved by Town Council 06/12/2023. 02/2024 estimated start following completion of High Service Pump Project.  |
| SE Atlantic Dr, Beach Curve Rd, Barefoot Lane, Lagoon Lane, N Atlantic Drainage Improvements                                    | Included in FY 2021/22 year-end budget amendment                             | TBD         | TBD                  | Design underway.   |
| Beach Rails (Phase II)  | FY 2021/22   | TBD         | TBD                  | Project was deferred until FY 2022/23. CSA being evaluated. Master Plan impact to be considered.   |
| Pipe Lining/Manhole Rehabilitation Sanitary Sewer   | FY 2021/22   | TBD         | 09/2024              | Underway.  |
| Phase I AC Pipe Replacement (Phase I)   | FY 2021/22   | TBD         | TBD                  | Town Council awarded engineering CSA to B & W and construction contract to FG Construction at the 01/08/2024 Town Council Meeting. Notice to Proceed will be issued in February 2024 |
| Additional Funds to Replace 2008 International 430C (Grapple Truck)   | FY 2022/23   | 10/2022     | TBD                  | Vehicle purchase approved by Town Council 02/12/2024. Vehicle ordered.   |
| Replace Bus Shelters  | FY 2022/23   | 10/2022     | 09/2024              | Bus Shelters delivered.  |
| Repair Seawall @ Bicentennial & Sportsman's Parks   | FY 2022/23   | August 2022 | TBD                  | Grant agreement approved at 01/22/2024 Town Council Meeting.   |
| Recoat Seawall Sheet (Lantana Beach)  | FY 2022/23   | TBD         | TBD                  | None at this time.   |
| Additional Funding for ADA Ramp Replacement (Lantana Beach)   | FY 2022/23   | TBD         | TBD                  | Insurance claim has been settled, Ramp Design TBD.   |
| Replace Wooden Decking, Rafters & Rails (Lantana Beach)   | FY 2022/23   | 10/2022     | TBD                  | CSA for Design being evaluated. Impact of Master Plan being considered.  |
| Design: Asbestos Cement (AC) Water Mains (Phase II)   | FY 2022/23   | TBD         | TBD                  | Awaiting CSA.  |
| CSA to Prepare Town's Comprehensive Water, Wastewater, Roadway, Seawall, Parks & Recreation Facilities & Stormwater Master Plan | FY 2022/23   | 01/2023     | 06/2024              | Approved 11/14/2022. PO awarded to B & W. Kickoff meeting held 02/09/2023. Project underway 90% review underway.   |
| Install Emergency water main connection with City of Lake Worth Beach through an Interlocal Agreement (ILA)                     | FY 2022/23   | TBD         | 04/2024              | Approved by Town Council 08/14/2023. ILA approved by Lake Worth Beach City Council and dated 09/14/2023. Lake Worth Beach contractor evaluating the project.                         |

Exhibit B – Public Services Department’s Capital Projects included in FY 2023/24 Adopted/Amended Budget

| Project   | Funding Year | Start Date | Estimated Completion | Comments  |
|---|--------------|------------|----------------------|---|
| Townwide improvements (e.g., trash receptacles, landscaping, etc.)                          | FY 2023/24   | 10/2023    | 09/2024              | Ongoing   |
| Installation of lighting along Greynolds Circle for holiday events                          | FY 2023/24   | 10/2023    | 11/2023              | Complete.   |
| Installation of electrical outlets for holiday decorations along West Central/Finlandia     | FY 2023/24   | 10/2023    | 11/2023              | Complete.   |
| Holiday decorations for Greynolds Circle  | FY 2023/24   | TBD        | TBD                  | TBD   |
| Community/park improvements (e.g., benches, trash receptacles, landscaping, etc.)           | FY 2023/24   | 10/2023    | 09/2024              | TBD   |
| Upgrade playground equipment at Maddock Park  | FY 2023/24   | TBD        | TBD                  | TBD   |
| Replace fence around northern tennis court  | FY 2023/24   | TBD        | TBD                  | Quotes being evaluated.   |
| Resurface basketball court at Sports Park   | FY 2023/24   | TBD        | TBD                  | Quotes being evaluated.   |
| Replacement of 2004 Ford Ranger   | FY 2023/24   | 10/2023    | TBD                  | Purchase was approved by Town Council on 10/23/2023. Vehicle has been ordered.    |
| Repair smaller beach pavilion   | FY 2023/24   | TBD        | TBD                  | TBD   |
| Replace roof at Recreation Center   | FY 2023/24   | TBD        | TBD                  | On hold for further evaluation.   |
| Replace Marine Safety building roof and sidewalk; paint building                            | FY 2023/24   | TBD        | TBD                  | TBD   |
| Replace roof and 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   |
| Reseal walls at the Police Department building  | FY 2023/24   | TBD        | TBD                  | TBD   |
| Recoat the sea wall at the Lantana Municipal Beach  | FY 2023/24   | TBD        | TBD                  | TBD   |
| Air conditioner replacements  | FY 2023/24   | 10/2023    | 09/2024              | TBD   |
| Additional funding to replace the ADA Ramp at Lantana Beach                                 | FY 2023/24   | TBD        | TBD                  | TBD   |
| Additional funding to replace wooden decking, rafters and railing along the beach boardwalk | FY 2023/24   | TBD        | TBD                  | TBD   |
| Replace Town Hall windows with hurricane-rated impact windows                               | FY 2023/24   | TBD        | TBD                  | Sub-application pending with FDEM.  |
| Council Chambers Renovations  | FY 2023/24   | TBD        | TBD                  | TBD   |
| Construct classrooms and Emergency Operations Center at Police Department                   | FY 2023/24   | TBD        | TBD                  | TBD   |
| Architectural services to design office space at the Operations Center                      | FY 2023/24   | TBD        | TBD                  | TBD   |
| Computer replacement and related equipment: Utilities Manager                               | FY 2023/24   | TBD        | TBD                  | TBD   |
| Automatic flushing system for water distribution system                                     | FY 2023/24   | TBD        | TBD                  | TBD   |
| Replacement of asbestos concrete piping   | FY 2023/24   | TBD        | TBD                  | TBD   |
| Replacement of a utility truck including a lift gate  | FY 2023/24   | TBD        | TBD                  | Approved by Town Council at the 12/11/2023 Town Council Meeting. Vehicle ordered. |
| Replace water meters w/Automated Meter Reading System (AMR)                                 | FY 2023/24   | TBD        | TBD                  | TBD   |
| Storage building at Master Lift Station   | FY 2023/24   | TBD        | TBD                  | TBD   |
| Design to convert lift stations 3, 4, 8, & 9 from a dry pit to submersible pump system      | FY 2023/24   | TBD        | TBD                  | TBD   |
| Begin GIS location and mapping for stormwater and sewer infrastructure                      | FY 2023/24   | TBD        | TBD                  | TBD   |
| Replacement of a 2011 Ford F350 crane utility truck   | FY 2023/24   | TBD        | TBD                  | Approved at 12/11/2023 Town Council Meeting. Vehicle order being processed.       |
| Replace roof at Water Treatment Plant (WTP)   | FY 2023/24   | TBD        | TBD                  | TBD   |
| Brine Tank Replacement  | FY 2023/24   | TBD        | TBD                  | Approved by Town Council at the 01/22/2023 Town Council Meeting.                  |

## DEVELOPMENT SERVICES DEPARTMENT

### Water Tower Commons Project Update

Town staff continues to work closely with the Developers of the Water Tower Commons site. Currently, staff is processing appropriate permits and inspections for the approved eastern commercial side of the project as well as a Fifth Third Bank. Town Staff is currently working on a review of site plans for Carls Jr. and Panda Express to be included in the eastern commercial portion of the site. As part of the approval of the Water Tower Commons Project, the Developer was required by Palm Beach County (County) 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 the County as well as the Developer regarding the mast arm. Ongoing traffic analyses will be conducted to determine when the mast arm is warranted.

### Lantana ParkSquare Update

In April 2023, Integra Solutions, LLC (Integra) purchased the 18-acre site located at the corner of Hypoluxo Rd and Dixie Hwy, commonly referred to as the vacant Kmart site. Since that time, staff has been collaborating and coordinating with Integra's development team to deliver a well-planned mixed-use development and vibrant space that will enhance the site's visual appeal and address the community's diverse needs. On 02/12/2024 a public workshop was held whereby Integra presented the site's conceptual site plan and renderings (as currently drafted). During the workshop, the Town Council provided positive feedback on the project's conceptual plan, commending its thoughtful design and alignment with the community's vision and Master Plan. Overall, the Council's endorsement (through consensus), signifies confidence in the project's potential to breathe new life into the community's fabric. In addition, the public was given the opportunity to ask questions and provide comments. As a result, staff will move forward with next steps, which will likely include both text and Comprehensive Plan amendments before proceeding with the Special Exception, Site Plan and Landscape Plan applications. For more information regarding the materials that were presented at the 02/13/2024 workshop (e.g., Site Plan, Renderings and PowerPoints), please click on the following link [February 13, 2023 TC Workshop Materials](#) found on the Town's website through the end of February.



*Rendering of Lantana ParkSquare as seen from the FEC Railway.*

### 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/news/post/15421/>.
- Staff has formed the Master Plan Committee, a volunteer group of residents from various neighborhoods to provide input on the Master Plan and ongoing projects.

- Digital copies of the Master Plan have been distributed to potential developers and stakeholders.
- Staff presented to the Town Council on highlights of the Master Plan in relation to the proposed redevelopment of the Kmart Plaza on 02/13/2024.
- Staff has worked with the vacant Ocean Ave property owners on a redevelopment plan for the parcels, in keeping with the Master Plan proposal for the properties.
- Staff has and will continue to explore redevelopment plans for Lantana Beach as it relates to the Master Plan.
- \$100k worth of funding has been included in the FY 2023/24 budget for related projects.

#### Traffic Calming

Staff is currently working with our contracted Traffic Engineer on residents who have expressed traffic concerns for their neighborhoods. Recently, Melody Ln was closed temporarily to observe impacts for a future permanent closure. A new speed limit signage was recently installed in the Hypoluxo Island neighborhood in an effort to slow traffic speeds. Traffic data was recently gathered in the Southwinds neighborhood and community meetings were held. A community meeting was recently held for the S Lake Dr traffic calming application where it was determined that temporary speed cushions should be installed. These temporary speed cushions have been installed and will be monitored for a six (6) month period to determine the impacts to the neighborhood. Please reach out to the Development Services Department at [Planning@lantana.org](mailto:Planning@lantana.org) for additional information regarding these projects.

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

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. Please contact our Planning and Zoning Division for more information regarding these requirements at [planning@lantana.org](mailto:planning@lantana.org).

#### Assistance with New Businesses and those making Home Improvements

Please help us help you! It's 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.

#### 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 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](mailto: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>.

#### 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](mailto:Planning@lantana.org) for details.
- Ongoing discussions with the property owners of the vacant properties along Ocean Ave of Downtown for demolition and redevelopment.
- Coordination with CentralSquare Technologies to implement online permitting.
- Formation and Coordination of the Resident Master Plan Committee.
- Coordination with the Greater Lantana Chamber of Commerce.
- Participation in the Intergovernmental Plan Amendment Committee.
- Monthly Special Magistrate Hearings.
- Monthly (as needed) Planning Commission Meetings.

### **FINANCE DEPARTMENT**

#### Parking and Boat Trailer Decals

Parking and boat trailer decals are on sale now at Town Hall and are good through 09/30/2024. Additional information may be found at <https://www.lantana.org/parkingpermit>.

#### FY 2023/24 Annual Budget

The budget process began in April 2023. The FY 2023/24 annual budget documents were distributed to departments who submitted their requests back to the Finance Department at the end of April. Meetings transpired mid-May where Management reviewed departmental requests. Public budget workshops occurred on 06/12/2023 and 07/10/2023 where the draft budget was discussed. The proposed millage rate and FY 2023/24 proposed budget were discussed and tentatively adopted at the 09/11/2023 public hearing and subsequently adopted at the second and final public hearing on 09/20/2023.

#### Hiring Opportunities

The Town of Lantana is accepting applications for career opportunities. Interested applicants can apply online for positions by visiting our career page at <https://www.lantana.org/jobs>.

#### Exhibit C – Finance Department’s Monthly Report (January 2024)

| Item   | January      |
|--|--------------|
| Number of Accounts Payable Checks Issued                   | 158          |
| Amount of Accounts Payable Checks                          | \$ 1,131,783 |
| Utility Bills Prepared                                     | 3,549        |
| Utility Accounts on Auto-Pay                               | 945          |
| Utility Accounts Opened                                    | 39           |
| Town Water Consumption (in thousands of gallons)           | 4,445        |
| Water Consumed (net of Town usage in thousands of gallons) | 51,607       |
| Water/Wastewater Utility Revenue Billed                    | \$ 403,795   |
| New Employees  | 1            |
| Separated Employees  | -            |
| Number of Interviews                                       | 11           |
| Number of Insurance Claims Managed                         | 16           |
| SysAid Tickets completed (Information Technology)          | 47           |
| Security Logs Reviewed                                     | 4,569        |
| Backups Performed (i.e., computer, server, etc.)           | 390          |
| Network Add/Change/Deletions                               | 83           |

# Exhibit D – Budget-In-Brief (January 31, 2024)



## BUDGET-IN-BRIEF as of January 31, 2024

(33.33% of year elapsed)

| General Fund Revenues      |               |               |        | Other Town Funds                          |               |              |       |
|----------------------------|---------------|---------------|--------|---|---------------|--------------|-------|
| Revenues                   | Budget        | Year-to-Date  | %      | Police Education Fund                     | Budget        | Year-to-Date | %     |
| Taxes                      | 10,196,348    | 6,650,700     | 65.2%  | Revenues                                  | 3,664         | 1,066        | 29.1% |
| Licenses & Permits         | 812,964       | 488,109       | 60.0%  | Use of Reserves                           | -             | -            | N/A   |
| Assessments                | 997,514       | 818,317       | 82.0%  | Total Revenues                            | \$ 3,664      | \$ 1,066     | 29.1% |
| Intergovernmental Revenue  | 1,922,631     | 393,048       | 20.4%  | Total Expenses                            | \$ 3,664      | \$ -         | 0.0%  |
| Charges for Services       | 940,222       | 887,498       | 94.4%  |   |               |              |       |
| Fines & Forfeitures        | 211,200       | 259,696       | 123.0% |   |               |              |       |
| Misc. Revenue              | 1,216,279     | 562,955       | 46.3%  | Police Forfeiture Fund*                   | Budget        | Year-to-Date | %     |
| Interfund Transfers        | -             | -             | N/A    | Total Revenues                            | \$ -          | \$ 410       | N/A   |
| Use of Reserves            | 1,176,857     | 392,246       | 33.3%  | Total Expenses                            | \$ -          | \$ 741       | N/A   |
| Total Revenues             | \$ 17,474,015 | \$ 10,452,569 | 59.8%  | *Per Florida Statute fund is not budgeted |               |              |       |
| General Fund Expenditures  |               |               |        |   |               |              |       |
| Expenditures               | Budget        | Year-to-Date  | %      | Grants Fund (incl. ARPA)                  | Budget        | Year-to-Date | %     |
| Town Council               | 144,455       | 50,457        | 34.9%  | Revenues                                  | 253,070       | 181,663      | 71.8% |
| Town Manager               | 565,231       | 183,117       | 32.4%  | Use of Reserves                           | 2,209,302     | 736,360      | 33.3% |
| Finance                    | 670,082       | 218,422       | 32.6%  | Total Revenues                            | \$ 2,462,372  | \$ 918,023   | 37.3% |
| Non-Departmental           | 119,515       | 70,913        | 59.3%  | Total Expenses                            | \$ 2,462,372  | \$ 362,740   | 14.7% |
| Police                     | 7,867,967     | 3,004,899     | 38.2%  |   |               |              |       |
| Development Services       | 1,669,027     | 394,999       | 23.7%  | Insurance Fund                            | Budget        | Year-to-Date | %     |
| Operations                 | 4,207,703     | 1,452,851     | 34.5%  | Revenues                                  | 917,023       | 458,525      | 50.0% |
| Library                    | 380,665       | 135,211       | 35.5%  | Use of Reserves                           | -             | -            | N/A   |
| Capital Outlay             | 1,800,370     | 230,982       | 12.8%  | Total Revenues                            | \$ 917,023    | \$ 458,525   | 50.0% |
| Debt Service               | -             | -             | N/A    | Total Expenses                            | \$ 917,023    | \$ 438,996   | 47.9% |
| Interfund Transfers        | -             | -             | N/A    |   |               |              |       |
| Contingency                | 49,000        | -             | 0.0%   |   |               |              |       |
| Total Expenditures         | \$ 17,474,015 | \$ 5,741,851  | 32.9%  |   |               |              |       |
| Other Town Funds           |               |               |        | YTD-Total Town-wide Budget                |               |              |       |
| Water & Sewer Utility Fund | Budget        | Year-to-Date  | %      | Expenditures                              | Budget        | Year-to-Date | %     |
| Revenues                   | 9,757,896     | 2,012,484     | 20.6%  | Total Town-wide Budget                    | \$ 40,820,469 | \$ 8,521,061 | 20.9% |
| Use of Reserves            | 8,186,354     | 2,728,512     | 33.3%  | (not including Police Forfeiture Fund)    |               |              |       |
| Total Revenues             | \$ 17,944,250 | \$ 4,740,996  | 26.4%  |   |               |              |       |
| Total Expenses             | \$ 17,944,250 | \$ 1,968,654  | 11.0%  |   |               |              |       |
| Infrastructure Surtax Fund | Budget        | Year-to-Date  | %      |   |               |              |       |
| Total Revenues             | 1,045,436     | 175,397       | 16.8%  |   |               |              |       |
| Use of Reserves            | 973,709       | 324,537       | 33.3%  |   |               |              |       |
| Total Revenues             | \$ 2,019,145  | \$ 499,934    | 24.8%  |   |               |              |       |
| Total Expenses             | \$ 2,019,145  | \$ 8,820      | 0.4%   |   |               |              |       |

## LIBRARY DEPARTMENT

### Programing for Kids

Family Storytime continues on Mondays at 10:30 a.m. with Ms. Tracy. We are taking a temporary break from our Thursday Storytimes and will update you as soon as they begin again!

### Programming for Adults

On 02/17/2024, the Library hosted the grand opening of the Surfing Florida Museum exhibit and a film festival for Surfing Culture in Lantana. Over 80 people attended the event and visit the exhibit in the Library. The Surfing Florida Museum debuted two new panels detailing Lantana's surf history. Stop by the Library to check the exhibit out and see the new panels dedicated to Lantana!



### Highlights from February:



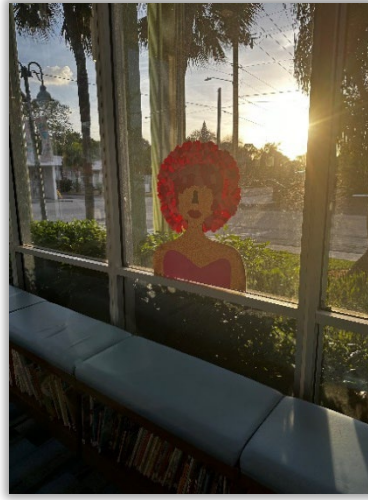
*Lantana History Program.*



*Galentine's Day with Teens.*



*Chinese Tea Ceremony.*

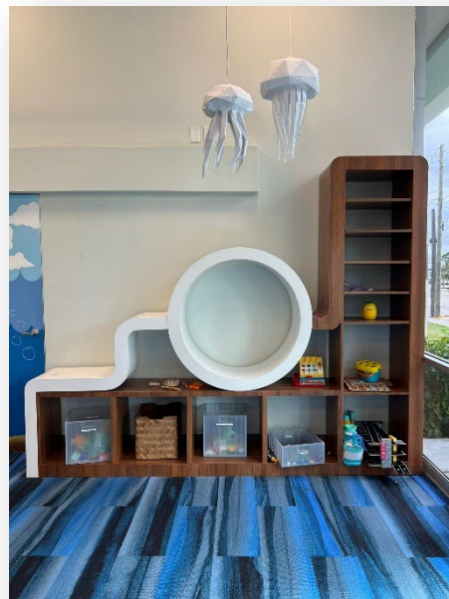


*Black History Month Display.*

For a full list of programs for adults, kids, and teens, please visit our website at [lantanalibrary.org/calendar-of-events/](http://lantanalibrary.org/calendar-of-events/)

#### Library Improvements

The Library had a Youth book nook installed. The nook has an area for children to climb into to read and shelving for books and toys.



## POLICE DEPARTMENT

### Traffic Enforcement

The Police Department continues to routinely conduct a Selective Traffic Enforcement Program (STEP) in various areas throughout Town to address traffic violators and areas of concern. In addition, the Motorcycle Unit has been reinstated and conducts traffic enforcement throughout the Town.

### Police Department's Ongoing Projects and Current Trends

- Staff continues to work with the Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE) with the migration of Uniform Crime Reporting under the new Florida Incident Based Reporting System (FIBRS).
- Staff is working with County liaisons to assist homeless subjects to obtain available services.
- Sergeant Tom Dipolito was selected as the Police Department's Employee of the Year 2023.
- Explorers assisted in the Lantana Food Distribution Event on 02/10/2024.
- Road Patrol shifts continue to conduct in service training on various tactical plans.

### Exhibit E – Police Department's Capital Projects included in FY 2023/24 Adopted/Amended Budget

| Project  | Funding Year              | Start Date    | Estimated Completion | Comments  |
|--|---------------------------|---------------|----------------------|---|
| Six (6) less lethal tactical launchers and rounds  | FY 2022/23<br>ARPA Funded | April 2023    | March 2024           | Equipment recently received and officers will receive training. |
| One (1) SUV-type vehicle for Police Administration   | FY 2023/24                | October 2023  | March 2024           | Awaiting delivery of vehicle.                                   |
| Computer laptop for proposed Assistant Police Chief position   | FY 2023/24                | October 2023  | March 2024           | Received and being configured.                                  |
| Three (3) SUV-type vehicles and related equipment for Uniform Division   | FY 2023/24                | October 2023  | March 2024           | Awaiting delivery of vehicles.                                  |
| Computer replacement and related equipment: three (3) laptops for Uniform Division   | FY 2023/24                | October 2023  | March 2024           | Received and being configured.                                  |
| Computer replacement and related equipment: one (1) high performing workstation and two (2) laptops for a Detective and Investigator | FY 2023/24                | October 2023  | March 2024           | Awaiting delivery of computers.                                 |
| Computer replacement and related equipment: Communications Supervisor  | FY 2023/24                | October 2023  | March 2024           | Received and being configured.                                  |
| AB4 Multi Bay Dock Bundle  | FY 2023/24<br>ARPA Funded | November 2023 | February 2024        | Received and in use.  |
| Three (3) Axon Body Worn Cameras   | FY 2023/24<br>ARPA Funded | November 2023 | February 2024        | Received and in use.  |
| 36 3 <sup>rd</sup> -Party Video Support Licenses   | FY 2023/24<br>ARPA Funded | November 2023 | February 2024        | Received and in use.  |
| One (1) Pickup Style Vehicle for Detective Bureau  | FY 2023/24<br>ARPA Funded | January 2024  | April 2024           | Awaiting delivery of vehicle.                                   |

## FIRE RESCUE DEPARTMENT

### Exhibit F – Fire Rescue Department's Municipal Call Type Report Chart



## Palm Beach County Fire Rescue

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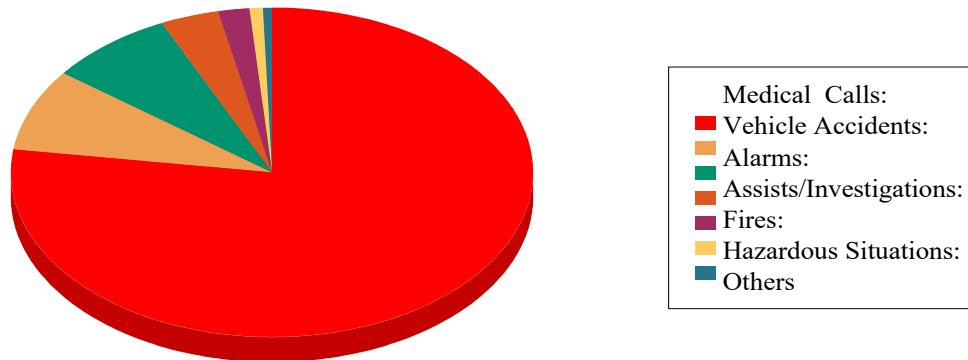
**01/01/2024 to 01/31/2024**

| Average Response Times | Disp Hand      | Turnout        | Travel         | Resp Time      |
|------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| Emergency Calls:       | <u>0:00:43</u> | <u>0:00:44</u> | <u>0:04:02</u> | <u>0:05:29</u> |

| Type - Situation Dispatched | # of Incidents | %              |
|-----------------------------|----------------|----------------|
| Medical Calls:              | 238            | 77.27%         |
| Vehicle Accidents:          | 25             | 8.12%          |
| Alarms:                     | 24             | 7.79%          |
| Assists/Investigations:     | 11             | 3.57%          |
| Fires:                      | 6              | 1.95%          |
| Hazardous Situations:       | 2              | 0.65%          |
| Others                      | 2              | 0.65%          |
| <b>Total</b>                | <b>308</b>     | <b>100.00%</b> |

### Calls by Situation Dispatched

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### Palm Beach County Fire Rescue Car Seat Check Locations

For Information on Palm Beach County Fire Rescue Car Seat Check Locations, please click on the link to the Town's website here: <https://www.lantana.org/links>

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

## GRANTS/APPROPRIATIONS/AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT INFORMATION

### Grants/Appropriations Update

The Town's Contract and Grants Administrator aggressively pursues operating and capital grant opportunities in areas that improve and enhance the delivery of 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 nearly \$2.1M in such funding.
- In March 2023, Mat Forrest from our Lobbying firm – Ballard Partners, set up in-person meetings with Senator Bobby Powell Jr. and Representative Mike Caruso during Palm Beach Day in our State Capitol so that the Town could gain their support in funding the Town's FY 2023/24 state appropriation request. As a result of Mr. Forrest's efforts, the Town was awarded \$1.2M to fund the Town's Water Main Replacement Project.

Additionally, we recently sought Mr. Forrest's assistance to secure \$2.5M worth of FY 2024/25 state appropriation requests to support our Water Main (\$1.2M) and Water Treatment Plant (\$1.3M) infrastructure projects. On 02/10/2024, Mr. Forrest confirmed that the Town had tentatively received \$350k of the \$1.3M requested for the Water Treatment Plant infrastructure project in the Senate and that he would continue to work to keep the Senate funded and to have the House agree to the Senate's position during the Budget Conference.

- In addition, we work very closely with our Congressional partners – Congresswoman Lois Frankel and her staff. Last year, Congresswoman Frankel supported and assisted the Town in securing our federal appropriation request of \$1.2M to help support our Water Main Replacement Project. In the coming year's federal budget, Congresswoman is sponsoring nearly \$1M in federal appropriations to support the Water Main and Water Treatment Plant infrastructure projects.

### 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. The ARPA annual reports were submitted to the U.S. Department of the Treasury on 04/08/2022 and 04/20/2023, respectively. To date, more than \$4.2M of ARPA funds have been committed for various related projects, leaving approximately \$2.1M for other projects. Staff continues to evaluate and recommend projects to be funded from this source for Council consideration which must be obligated by 12/31/2024, and expended by 12/31/2026.

For a complete listing of the Town's Active Grants/Appropriations Schedule, please see [Exhibit G](#) on the following page.

## Exhibit G – Active Grants/Appropriations Schedule

|   | Date       | Date Agreement   |                     |                     |                     |   |
|---|------------|------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---|
| Name of Grantor/Name of Grant/Scope of Work   | Awarded    | Approved by Town | Grant Amount        | Town Match          | Total Grant         | Status  |
| <a href="#">American Library Association's (ALA) Libraries Transforming Communities Grant</a><br>Accessible for Small and Rural Communities   | 04/19/2023 | 04/19/2023       | \$ 20,000           | \$ -                | \$ 20,000           | Grant Rec'd 11/02/2023.   |
| <a href="#">American Library Association's (ALA) Libraries Transforming Communities Grant</a><br>Accessible for Small and Rural Communities   | 02/14/2024 | TBD              | \$ 10,000           | \$ -                | \$ 10,000           | TBD   |
| <a href="#">Community Development Block Grants (CDBG)</a><br>FY 2023/24 Community Sensory Garden with ADA Accessibility   | 07/12/2023 | 09/11/2023       | \$ 52,623           | \$ -                | \$ 52,623           | In Planning Phase.  |
| <a href="#">Southeast Florida Library Information Network (SEFLIN)</a><br>SEFLIN Library Cooperative Grant Program 2023-2024<br>Strategic Planning and Succession Planning Grant  | 11/27/2023 | 12/06/2023       | \$ -                | \$ -                | \$ -                | Grant Rec'd 11/27/2023.   |
| <a href="#">Congressional Community Project Funding (CPF) Opportunities through Congresswoman Lois Frankel's Office</a><br>FY 2022/23 Grant Submission - Water Main Replacement Project   | 12/24/2022 | TBD              | \$ 1,200,000        | \$ 300,000          | \$ 1,500,000        | Federal funds have been awarded but not appropriated.                 |
| FY 2023/24 Grant Submission - Water Main Replacement Project and Water Treatment Plant (WTP) Improvements   | TBD        | TBD              | \$ 1,000,000        | \$ 250,000          | \$ 1,250,000        | \$1M has been included in the Federal Interior Bill for this purpose. |
| <a href="#">Florida Department of Environmental Protection - Resilient Florida Grant Program</a><br>To conduct an Asset Inventory and Ocean Ave Vulnerability Assessment  | 02/22/2023 | 10/09/2023       | \$ 167,000          | \$ -                | \$ 167,000          | Survey underway.  |
| Beach Curve Flood Protection  | 07/13/2023 | 11/13/2023       | \$ 710,600          | \$ 710,600          | \$ 1,421,200        | CSA Requested from B&W.   |
| Seawall Hardening   | 07/13/2023 | TBD              | \$ 900,000          | \$ 900,000          | \$ 1,800,000        | Approved by Town Council on 01/22/2024.                               |
| <a href="#">Florida Department of Transportation</a><br>Beautification Grant for Dixie Hwy Medians  | 01/05/2024 | TBD              | \$ 72,444           | \$ -                | \$ 72,444           | CSA scheduled to go to Town Council on 02/26/2024.                    |
| <a href="#">Florida Recreational Development Assistance Program (FRDAP)</a><br>FY 2023/24 Bicentennial Park Improvements<br>Potentially seawall hardening   | 06/15/2023 | 01/08/2024       | \$ 200,000          | \$ 200,000          | \$ 400,000          | Approved by Town Council on 01/08/2024.                               |
| FY 2023/24 Maddock Park Improvements<br>Gazebo at Maddock Park Dog Park.  | 06/15/2023 | 01/08/2024       | \$ 112,500          | \$ 37,500           | \$ 150,000          | Approved by Town Council on 01/08/2024.<br>KH CSA under review.       |
| FY 2024/25 Beach Park Improvements<br>Asphalt walking path w/ signage, shade structures for playground and exercise station   | TBD        | TBD              | \$ 112,500          | \$ 37,500           | \$ 150,000          | Application Submitted.  |
| <a href="#">State Appropriation Requests</a><br><a href="#">working in conjunction with our Lobbyist Mat Forrest from Ballard Partners and State Representative, Mike Caruso and State Senator Bobby Powell Jr.</a><br>FY 2023/24 Grant Submission - Water Main Replacement Project | 06/15/2023 | 09/11/2023       | \$ 1,200,000        | \$ -                | \$ 1,200,000        | Bid awarded to FG Construction, LLC on 01/08/2024.                    |
| FY 2024/25 Grant Submissions<br>WTP Improvements (i.e., resins and filter media)  | TBD        | TBD              | \$ 350,000          | \$ -                | \$ 350,000          | Senate funded, House funding pending until Budget Conference.         |
| Total Active Grants/Appropriations Applied For  |            |                  | \$ 6,107,667        | \$ 2,435,600        | \$ 8,543,267        |   |
| Total Active Grants/Appropriations TBD  |            |                  | 1,534,944           | 287,500             | 1,822,444           |   |
| <b>Total Active Grants/Appropriations Applied For That Have Been Awarded</b>  |            |                  | <b>\$ 4,572,723</b> | <b>\$ 2,148,100</b> | <b>\$ 6,720,823</b> |   |



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