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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.

SEA TURTLE NESTING AND HATCHING SEASON

March 1st marks the beginning of the Sea Turtle Nesting and Hatching Season which runs annually from March 1 – October 31. During this period of time, sea turtles make their way to Florida beaches so they may lay their eggs. Please help us protect these sea creatures by staying clear of any such nests.

NEWS RELEASES

CodeRED

Lantana urges citizens and business owners to sign up for our new alert system, "CodeRED," to receive emergency and non-emergency notifications to stay informed on emergency and non-emergency issues such as upcoming events, beach updates, planned road closures, etc. There is no charge to register for or to use CodeRED, and personal information is kept confidential. Please see below for more details.

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

- Add the CodeRED phone number to your Caller ID – (866) 419-5000 for EMERGENCY CALLS
- Add the CodeRED phone number to your Caller ID – (855) 969-4636 for GENERAL CALLS
- Add the CodeRED phone number to your Caller ID – (800) 566-9780 for WEATHER WARNING CALLS

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 (561) 540-5016 or kdominguez@lantana.org.

Water Treatment Plant and Water Distribution System Improvements Update

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.

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. Due to the complex and intricate design of our Water Treatment Plant (WTP), Town staff is working closely with our engineers to provide cost-effective long-lasting improvements which are expected to significantly improve this issue. As a result, the Town is in the process of advertising for construction contractor bids to replace the Filter Media Resins and to upgrade the Treatment Units

(Vessels) at the WTP. A construction contract related to WTP upgrades is expected to be awarded in the Fall of 2023.

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 discuss your specific concerns.

In addition, 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:

- Replacing the High Service Pumps that deliver the water throughout our service area which is projected to be completed in August 2023.
- The Town's engineers are in the process of completing the design work for the *Broadway and WTP Discharge Watermain Pipe Replacement Project* which is projected to be advertised for construction bids in the Fall of 2023.

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 and construct the projects at hand. Funding has been provided for many of these projects and we are also aggressively pursuing Federal and State appropriations (through Congresswoman Lois Frankel's Office and with the assistance of our Lobbyist, 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!

Estimated Water Utility Bills

Over the past several months due to staffing shortages, it was necessary for the Town to estimate the meter reads used for water utility billing purposes. Although we are now back to obtaining the actual meter readings for this purpose, one (1) of your recent water bills may have experienced a significant positive or negative fluctuation due to past estimates. If you feel this may be the case or would like additional information, please email customerservice@lantana.org or call them at (561) 540-5020. If you believe that your bill may be incorrect, please be sure to include a picture of the water meter's dials or digital numbers.

Palm Beach County Day

On 03/07 and 03/08/2023, members of our Town Council and the Town Manager traveled to our State Capitol in Tallahassee for Palm Beach County Day. This provided an incredible opportunity to observe our Legislative Process in person, meet with members of our Lobbying Firm – Ballard Partners and network with many individuals from other municipalities and organizations attending the event.

The Town was also able to utilize this time to meet with both Senator Bobby Powell Jr. and Representative Mike Caruso to discuss the opportunity of gaining their support to fund the Town's current State Appropriation Requests (see [State Appropriations Project Request – FY 2023/24 under GRANTS](#)). During this time, the Town was able to provide a first-hand account of the Town's capital and infrastructure needs as well as provide them with some insight into the Town's unique set of challenges.

Hurricane Nicole Update

Between 11/09/2022 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 experienced the following damage:

- Lantana Municipal Beach Damage

Both of the staircases that provide access to the Lantana Municipal Beach were destroyed during Hurricane Nicole. On 11/29/2022, a temporary staircase at the top of Dorothy Rissler Lane was opened to the public. Construction for the more southern permanent staircase began the week of 02/20/2023 and was opened to the public on 03/01/2023. The northern permanent staircase is currently under construction and is scheduled to be reopened soon.

- Seawall Update

During the storm, sand along a portion of the south side of our seawall at the top of Dorothy Rissler Lane was washed out. On 11/18/2022, our engineer and staff reviewed the damage that was done to the seawall. On 11/24/2022, in order to make the site safe, staff temporarily filled the hole near the seawall with sand. This sand will need to be excavated at a later date in order to make the permanent repairs.

During the 02/13/2022 Town Council meeting, a Consulting Services Agreement (CSA) with Kimley-Horn and Associates was approved to provide designs, drawings and specifications to repair the seawall as a result of the damage that is described above.

- Dune Restoration Project Delayed

On 10/24/2022, the Town Council approved the First Amendment to the Interlocal Agreement for the Dune Restoration Project – Reach 9 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 by the Town Manager of the Town of South Palm Beach that the Dune Restoration Project will most likely be delayed until later this year or early 2024. This was due to the fact that the sand stockpile that was reserved for this project at Phipps Ocean Park was washed away during Hurricane Nicole.

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, the total cost of which 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.

Home/Year-Round Water Restrictions for Existing and New Landscaping

At the 09/12/2022 Town Council meeting, the Town Council adopted Ordinance No. O-08-2022, amending Chapter 21 of the Town Code of Ordinances at Article IV – Water Conservation and Regulation. This Ordinance Modified the Implementation of Mandatory Year-Round Landscape Irrigation Conservation Measures so that they are consistent with that of the South Florida Water Management District. These water restrictions apply to any use of water for irrigation purposes, regardless of the source and pertain to both existing and new landscaping as follows:

EVEN-NUMBERED ADDRESSES, or other locations with no address, may irrigate **three (3) days a week, only on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Sundays.**

ODD-NUMBERED ADDRESSES: may irrigate **three (3) days a week, only on Mondays, Wednesdays and Saturdays.**

Landscape irrigation is prohibited between 10:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.

Water Restrictions for New Landscaping:

New landscaping may be irrigated once when installed without regard to the above watering days and times. In addition, irrigation of the soil immediately before the new landscaping is allowed without regard to the normal watering days and times.

For additional questions, please call (561) 540-5758. You may also visit the: [Lawn Watering Restrictions | South Florida Water Management District \(sfwmd.gov\)](https://www.sfwmd.gov/Lawn-Watering-Restrictions)

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.

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>.

Fun Facts – Painting of the Lifeguard Tower at the Lantana Municipal Beach

As part of our Beautification Projects, the Town has recently painted the Lifeguard Tower in a very colorful manner.

Hope that you enjoy
the new artwork!



TOWN CLERK

2023 Municipal Election Information

On 03/14/2023, the Town held an election to elect candidates for the Office of Councilmember Groups 3 and 4, and a referendum question was also placed on the ballot. After the closing of the polls, the votes were tabulated and certified by the Palm Beach County Supervisor of Elections, which are as follows:

| Group 3: | Percent | Votes |
|--------------------------|---------|-------|
| Mark Zeitler (incumbent) | 55.58% | 493 |
| Raymond Lastella | 44.42% | 394 |

| Group 4: | Percent | Votes |
|--------------------|---------|-------|
| Christopher Castle | 53.69% | 473 |
| John A. Raymer | 46.31% | 408 |

Mark Zeitler is hereby declared to be re-elected to the **Office of Councilmember Group 3** for a three-year term.

Christopher Castle is hereby declared to be elected to the **Office of Councilmember Group 4** for a three-year term.

Karen Lythgoe qualified to run for the **Office of Mayor – Group 5**, and since there was no opposition, is deemed duly elected. Her term will expire on 03/19/2024.

All the officials named above' terms went into effect on 03/15/2023, at 12:01 a.m. They will be sworn in during the 03/27/2023, Town Council meeting.

2023 Town Referendum Information

The Town of Lantana's Referendum Question 1 (shown below):

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| YES | 59.60% | 509 |
| NO | 40.40% | 345 |

As a result of the votes cast for the referendum, as shown above, the revision to Article V, Section 4 of the Town Charter became effective as of 12:01 a.m. on 03/15/2023, authorizing the Town to adopt and codify the amendment.

TOWN OF LANTANA REFERENDUM QUESTION NO. 1:

SHALL THE TOWN OF LANTANA CHARTER BE AMENDED TO CHANGE THE METHOD OF ELECTION FROM MAJORITY VOTE TO PLURALITY VOTE, SUCH THAT THE TOWN COUNCIL CANDIDATE WHO RECEIVES THE HIGHEST NUMBER OF VOTES FOR A PARTICULAR COUNCIL SEAT SHALL BE DEEMED TO BE ELECTED?

SHALL THE ABOVE-DESCRIBED QUESTION NO. 1 BE ADOPTED?

____ YES

____ NO

On 11/29/2022, the Town Council adopted Ordinance No. O-09-2022, proposing a referendum to amend Article V., Section 4 of the Town Charter, changing the form of council election from a majority

vote to a plurality vote. A majority vote is defined as more than 50% of the votes cast as compared to a plurality vote which is defined as the candidate who receives the highest number of votes will be elected, even if it's less than a majority.

Article V., Section 4 of the Town Charter currently states that when the Town holds a regular municipal election for Councilmember seat(s), the candidate who received the majority of the votes cast (50% plus 1) for that particular office is duly elected. However, suppose a candidate cannot achieve more than 50% of the votes cast during the regular municipal election. In that case, a runoff will occur between the two (2) candidates who received the most votes.

For example, under the current majority vote, if there are three (3) candidates running for a particular office: Candidate 1 receives 50%, Candidate 2 receives more than 25%, and Candidate 3 receives less than 25%, then a runoff would occur between Candidates 1 and 2 since Candidate 1 did not receive a majority (i.e., more than 50%) and Candidate 2 received a greater number of votes than Candidate 3.

Under the same scenario described above, if the Town Charter were amended to change the method of election to a Plurality Vote, a runoff would not have been necessary in this case since the highest vote-getter would be duly elected (i.e., Candidate 1).

Granicus Agenda and Meeting Management Software Solution

On 12/12/2022, the Town Council approved entering into a piggyback agreement with Granicus, LLC for agenda and meeting management software solutions for a three-year term. This product will automate and streamline the creation of the Town's public meeting agendas and minutes, publish the meeting documents online in an ADA-accessible format, live stream and record public meetings, and provide closed captioning of the meeting audio for ADA accessibility.

A link will be provided on the Town's website in a central location where citizens can search, find and review meeting recordings, agenda packets and minutes on demand. This product also has an indexing feature that allows the meeting clerk to timestamp discussions for each agenda item during the meeting, so anyone who wishes to listen to the recording afterwards can go right to that item. Citizens can also sign up to receive notifications of Town meetings with links to the meeting agendas when published.

This software implementation will improve transparency and comply with the ADA by utilizing agenda software with ADA enhancements, thus providing a better experience for our citizens. The Town expects to implement the new software as soon as possible.

Schedule of Future Events/Important Dates

- 04/06/2023 – Railroad Corridor Municipal Workshop, 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.
- 04/08/2023 – Eggstravaganza Egg Hunt Event, Maddock Park, 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.**
- 04/10/2023 – Town Council Meeting, Town Hall Council Chambers, 6:00 p.m.
- 04/20/2023 – Special Magistrate Hearing, Town Hall Council Chambers, 5:30 p.m.
- 04/21/2023 – Visioning Session Workshop, Finland House, 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
- 04/22/2023 – Lantana Beach Clean-up, Lantana Municipal Beach, 8:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.
- 04/24/2023 – Town Council Meeting, Town Hall Council Chambers, 6:00 p.m.

**** Enjoy Lantana! Events**

PUBLIC SERVICES DEPARTMENT (Formerly Operations Department)

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., at the 09/12/2022 Town Council Meeting. This Pump Station will be utilized to control the water level there and reduce the likelihood of street flooding in the area. The pump station is currently projected to be completed within 270 days from when the Notice to Proceed is issued. The purchase order has been received and we are currently awaiting submittals for long lead time equipment which is expected to be delivered in 07/2023.

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 side of the Island. As a result of that meeting the Town Council approved Consultant Service Authorization (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 08/24/2022, staff met with residents on Pelican Lane to listen to their drainage concerns at this location. Although this is a privately-owned road that is not maintained by the Town, staff will continue to monitor and follow-up with residents on any updates that may affect surrounding drainage infrastructure and improvements.
- On 10/14/2022, staff attended the Hypoluxo Island History Tour meeting and provided members of the Hypoluxo Island Property Owners' Association and others with the status of the drainage study referenced above. In addition, staff addressed various drainage inquiries and heard concerns related to the maintenance of privately-owned drainage systems that impact the surrounding community. The Town will review these concerns to determine how the Town may best proceed in these instances. In addition, at that meeting, staff also shared the following information with the residents:
 - During August 2022, all of the Town-owned and operated stormwater infrastructure on Hypoluxo Island was cleaned by a contractor and was determined to be operating as designed.
 - During Hurricane Ian and other significant rain events, staff was proactively positioned throughout the Town so that they could immediately address and respond to any potential drainage issues.
- 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 @ 5:30 p.m. to discuss the engineer's preliminary findings and finalized their report on 02/15/2023. In addition, the engineers are currently in the process of preparing the related CSA which will be reviewed by staff and brought before Town Council for approval, if necessary.

Railway Information

On 03/17/2022, at the request of Brightline, the Town sent a letter of support to the Honorable Pete Buttigieg of the U.S. Department of Transportation that expressed the Town's strong support for the Florida East Coast Corridor Trespassing and Intrusion Mitigation Project. It is our understanding that this RAISE grant would make available nearly \$45M in funds from the Florida Department of

Transportation (FDOT) and Brightline. These funds would be utilized for safety enhancements along the corridor that services our community, residents and visitors.

On 03/23/2022, staff had an on-site meeting with Florida East Coast Railway (FEC) and Brightline engineers to establish a better working relationship with both organizations. In addition, we discussed the possibility of applying for and obtaining some potential federal grant funding or participating in some sort of cost sharing project to upgrade and enhance safety features along the corridor that services our community.

On 07/20/2022, the Town received a letter from the FEC stating that they had completed their field inspection for all grade crossings and identified the Central Blvd crossing as one (1) needing to be re-worked as part of their 2023 Grade Crossing Maintenance Program. The work is expected to begin after 03/01/2023 at a projected cost of approximately \$214k which the Town will be responsible for. On 03/13/2023, the Town Council approved payment to the FEC for these upgrades.

On 08/10/2022, Town staff met with officials from the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA), FEC and Brightline to identify any potential safety concerns with the W Ocean Ave and Central Blvd crossings. The intent of the inspections was to identify any common issues and to develop and share ideas that would improve overall safety at these crossings.

On 09/09/2022, staff entered into discussions with the FRA to provide updated information regarding the quiet zones in the Towns of Lantana and Hypoluxo. Engineering studies were recently completed to meet this requirement and the Town of Hypoluxo has agreed to share in their proportionate cost of the update. On 03/23/2023 the Town provided the updated quiet zone information to the appropriate regulatory agencies.

On 12/08/2022 a meeting was held between the FEC, Brightline and Town staff to discuss crossing safety improvements, the FRA grant opportunity and a corridor approach to mitigate crossing accident risk.

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, pocket park, 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. As a result, on 04/06/2023, the Town will be hosting along with our railroad partners, a Railroad Corridor Municipal Workshop to benefit our community from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. in our Town Hall Council Chambers.

Evergreen Cemetery Information

The Town and the Lantana Historical Society are partnering together to install a fence around the perimeter and concrete monuments for the SW and SE boundaries of the Evergreen Cemetery site. As a result, staff had the property surveyed and is in the process (in conjunction with our engineer) of

preparing the necessary bid documents, related to the purchase/installation of the fence. A vendor for the monuments has been selected and a purchase order has been recently issued.

Infrastructure Master Plan

As discussed during the April 2022 Visioning Session, on 12/12/2022 staff recommended and the Town Council approved the development of a Master Plan that will include a comprehensive analysis of the Town's potable water distribution system, wastewater collection and transmission system, roadway, seawalls, parks and recreation facilities and stormwater system. The recommended plan shall include recommendations for Capital Improvement Projects (CIP). The CIP shall include improvement recommendations with estimated budgetary cost estimates for short-term (1-5 years) and long-term (6-10 years) planning horizons for the potable water distribution system and include extended term (11–20 years) for the wastewater collection and transmission system and the stormwater system to meet the requirements of Stormwater and Wastewater 20 Year Needs Analyses which have recently been adopted by Florida Statutes. The Master Plan is expected to be completed within 52 weeks of the issuance of the Notice to Proceed. A kickoff meeting took place on 02/09/2023 between the Town and the engineers overseeing this project.

Copper and Lead Report

Due to the fact that the Town had an exceedance report for lead and copper in 2021, the Town was placed in a Bi-annual Lead and Copper reporting protocol by the Palm Beach County Health Department. In response, the Town made adjustments to the corrosion control inhibitor and had to submit an additional forty (40) tap samples on 12/14/2022. The test results determined that the Town's water supply met the County's standards and we can be placed back on reduced monitoring of only supplying one (1) group of forty (40) tap samples. At this time, the Town has been placed on enhanced monitoring, which is forty (40) tap samples twice a year for a total eighty (80) lead and copper samples per year.

New Stop Signs

Two (2) new stops signs were added on 03/03/2023 on the eastbound and westbound corners of the intersection of W Ocean Ave and S Arnold Ave. These stops signs were added as a result of a comment that was made by a resident during the 02/27/2023 Town Council Meeting regarding unsafe vehicular travel near the Lantana Elementary School. The placement of these stop signs is designed to enhance the safety and security of pedestrian traffic in and around that area.

Townwide Paving Information

Although permanent markings may still be required in some cases, Phase I of the FY 2022/23 Townwide Paving Project has been completed on the following roads:

- Right turn lane of Andrew Redding Rd
- Barefoot Ln from SE Atlantic Dr to Dead End
- Lands End Rd from Lands End Rd to S Atlantic Dr
- N Arnold Ave from W Lantana Rd to W Ocean Ave
- S Arnold Ave from W Ocean Ave to W Mango St
- Iris Ave from S Lake Dr to Dead End
- Milton St from Dixie Hwy to S Lake Dr
- New World Ave from Andrew Redding Rd to Ridge Rd
- S Lake Dr from E Ocean Ave to S Oak St
- W Drew St from S Arnold Ave to S Broadway
- Washington Ave from W Palm to W Ocean Ave
- W Drew St from S 14th St to S 12th St
- W Bloxham St

On 03/13/2023, the Town Council approved Phase II of the FY 2022/23 Townwide Paving Project which includes the following roads:

- W Mango from S Arnold to 3rd St
- W Marabella Ln from S Atlantic Dr to Dead End
- W Branch from S 13th Ct to 13th Pl
- W Branch St from 11th St to 9th St
- W Branch St from S Arnold to S Broadway
- W Broward St from S 13th Ct to S 12th St
- W Broward St from S 11th St to S 9th St
- W Broward St from S Arnold to S Broadway
- W Central St from 11th St to 9th St
- W Central St from Arnold Ave to S Broadway

Paving of Phase II of the Project referenced above is expected to take place shortly. Signage has been placed in and around the impacted roads to give proper notice to the residents.

E Lantana Rd Improvements Project Information

The contractor for this project began work on 01/31/2023. In order to minimize disruption to the surrounding community, all businesses and residents were notified of the work ahead of time. Proper Maintenance of Traffic (MOT) and detour signage has been established. The current phase of the scheduled work includes the cutting and removal of asphalt in preparation for excavation.

Miami Parking Authority Site Visit

Due to constant maintenance issues and the high cost of untimely repairs to the Town's current kiosk parking system, staff made a site visit to the Miami Parking Authority on 01/19/2023 to look at their facilities, command center and the wireless parking system that they primarily use to collect parking fees and to determine if a similar system might fit our Town's needs. Such a system would result in the payment of parking fees, primarily by phone.

As a result, staff will review multiple wireless platforms to ensure that the system that is eventually recommended will be efficient, cost-effective, easy to administer and improve the overall customer experience for our residents and visitors.

Special thanks should be given to the staff of the Miami Parking Authority who spent nearly four (4) hours with our staff reviewing the pros and cons of their various parking systems, provided tours of their facilities, and provided recommendations and best practices to minimize implementation issues.

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Exhibit A – Public Services Department's Ongoing Capital Projects

| Project | Funding Year | Start Date | Estimated Completion | Comments |
|--|--|----------------|----------------------|---|
| WTP High Service Pumps Replacement | FY 2020/21 (rolled over to FY 2021/22) | August 2021 | August 2023 | Change order to extend completion time and install valves to support pump replacement approved on 02/13/2023. |
| E Lantana Rd Improvements | FY 2020/21 (rolled over to FY 2021/22) | Not Determined | Not Determined | Construction started in January 2023, change order pending. |
| Lift Station Rehabilitation (6,16 & 18) | FY 2020/21 (rolled over to FY 2021/22) | Not Determined | Not Determined | Contract awarded & underway. Submittals approved awaiting equipment delivery. Some items have an expected delivery time of 04/2023. |
| Sea Pines Stormwater Pump Station | FY 2020/21 (rolled over to FY 2021/22) | Not Determined | Not Determined | PO has been received, awaiting submittals for long lead time equipment. Equipment deliveries expected 07/2023. |
| WTP Filter Media Replacement & Improvements | FY 2020/21 (rolled over to FY 2021/22) | June 2021 | TBD | Project out to bid. Bid closes 04/12/2023. |
| Water Main Replacement Under FEC @ Pine St | FY 2020/21 (rolled over to FY 2021/22) | Not Determined | Not Determined | Contract awarded 12/12/2022. Pre work meeting to be scheduled. |
| ADA Ramp Re-Bid | FY 2021/22 | Not Determined | Not Determined | Insurance claim has been settled, Ramp Design TBD upon completion of the Dune Restoration Project. |
| SE Atlantic Dr, Beach Curve Rd, Barefoot Lane, Lagoon Lane, N Atlantic Drainage Improvements | Included in FY 2021/22 year-end budget amendment | Not Determined | Not Determined | Preliminary recommendations presented at 12/12/2022 Workshop. Final Report received 02/15/2023. Related CSA being developed. |
| Beach Pavilion Repairs | FY 2020/21 (FY 2021/22 not funded) | Not Determined | Not Determined | Bldg. use/purpose being evaluated as part of the Master Plan. |
| Maddock Park CDBG (Phase I) | FY 2021/22 Grant | July 2022 | June 2023 | Project is 95% complete. |
| Maddock Park CDBG (Phase II) | FY 2022/23 Grant | Not Determined | Not Determined | CDBG Agreement approved by Town Council on 09/12/2022. Contract award will be submitted to Town Council for approval 03/27/2023. |
| Community Planning Technical Assistance Grant (Stormwater Infrastructure Analysis) | FY 2022/23 Grant | Not Determined | Not Determined | CPTA Grant awarded in the amount of \$62k. Grant requirements being evaluated by staff. |
| Beach Rails Phase II | FY 2021/22 | Not Determined | Not Determined | Project deferred until FY 2022/23. CSA being evaluated. |
| Pipe Lining/Manhole Rehabilitation Sanitary Sewer | FY 2021/22 | TBD | September 30, 2023 | Contract award will be submitted to Town Council for approval 03/27/2023. |
| Phase I AC Pipe Replacement Phase I | FY 2021/22 | TBD | TBD | CSA awarded to Baxter/Woodman 11/14/2022, design is underway. |

Exhibit B – Public Services Department's Capital Projects included in FY 2022/23 Adopted/Amended Budget

| Project | Funding Year | Start Date | Estimated Completion | Comments |
|---|--------------|----------------|----------------------|--|
| Townwide Improvements | FY 2022/23 | Ongoing | 09/30/2023 | Ongoing incidental non-programmed improvements. |
| Install Holiday Lights | FY 2022/23 | TBD | December 2023 | Phase II being evaluated. |
| Replace 2000 F-250 (Roads & Grounds) | FY 2022/23 | October 2022 | March 2023 | Vehicle being outfitted for use. |
| Additional Funds to Replace 2008 International 430C (Grapple Truck) | FY 2022/23 | October 2022 | Summer 2023 | Vehicle ordered. |
| Replace 2003 Ford F-250 (Roads & Grounds) | FY 2022/23 | October 2022 | Summer 2023 | Vehicle ordered. |
| Replace 2007 F-150 (Roads & Grounds) | FY 2022/23 | October 2022 | Summer 2023 | Vehicle ordered. |
| Various Park Improvements | FY 2022/23 | Ongoing | 09/30/2023 | Ongoing incidental non-programmed improvements. |
| Replace 2006 Crown Vic (Parks & Recreation) | FY 2022/23 | October 2022 | Summer 2023 | Vehicle ordered. |
| Replace Bus Shelters | FY 2022/23 | October 2022 | 02/2023 | PO submitted. Bus stop being manufactured. |
| Repair Seawall @ Bicentennial & Sportsman's Parks | FY 2022/23 | August 2022 | Not Determined | Pending Grant Approval. |
| Recoat Seawall Sheet (Lantana Beach) | FY 2022/23 | Not Determined | Not Determined | None at this time. |
| Townwide Air Conditioner Replacements | FY 2022/23 | Ongoing | 09/30/2023 | As required. |
| Additional Funding for ADA Ramp Replacement (Lantana Beach) | FY 2022/23 | Not Determined | Not Determined | Insurance claim has been settled, Ramp Design TBD upon completion of the Dune Restoration Project. |
| Replace Wooden Decking, Rafters & Rails (Lantana Beach) | FY 2022/23 | October 2022 | 05/2023 | CSA for Design being evaluated. |
| Install Automatic Flush Valves (Townwide Fire Hydrants) | FY 2022/23 | December 2022 | 04/2023 | Locations being confirmed. |
| Design: Asbestos Cement (AC) Water Mains Phase II | FY 2022/23 | Not Determined | Not Determined | Awaiting CSA. |
| CSA to Prepare Town's Comprehensive Water, Wastewater, Roadway, Seawall, Parks & Recreation Facilities & Stormwater Master Plan | FY 2022/23 | 01/2023 | 12/2023 | Approved 11/14/2022. PO awarded to Baxter & Woodman. Kickoff meeting held 02/09/2023. Project underway. |
| Replace Water Plant Filters | FY 2022/23 | Underway | 06/2025 | Construction expected to begin 09/01/2023 with substantial completion by 04/13/2025. |
| Townwide Paving | FY 2022/23 | TBD | TBD | Phase I Townwide paving completed. Phase II contract awarded 03/13/2023. PO and schedule of paving is pending. |

DEVELOPMENT SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Water Tower Commons Project Update

Construction for the Wawa is still underway. The Chick-fil-a received their certificate of occupancy and is currently open to the public. Town staff is continuing to work with the developer on appropriate permits for the recently approved amendment to the Special Exception, Site Plan and Landscape Plan to include the use of a car wash and additional drive-through uses for a portion of the eastern commercial side of the project. In addition, the developer has installed a piece of artwork to fulfill the requirement of Art in Public Places for the Development.

Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council (TCRPC). Master Plan Update

After a successful Master Plan Charrette and design studio in early July, Dana Little, Urban Design Director for TCRPC, made a “Work-In-Progress” presentation on the Master Plan at the 07/25/2022 Town Council meeting. Another Public Input meeting was held on 09/19/2022 to gather additional feedback from residents and stakeholders on the future of the Town.

Staff continues to work with TCRPC on finalizing the draft Master Plan. On 02/22/2023 staff met with Mr. Little to review with him the report’s content and to provide him with our comments. Since some of our comments were substantial, Mr. Little indicated that he and his team would need additional time to work through them. Although we are extremely excited to present the final draft of the report to the Town Council, we want to be thorough in our review to ensure that we obtain the information that we requested. In the meantime, Nicole A. Dritz, Development Services Director is available to provide additional information, upon request.

Traffic Calming Information

The Town has engaged Kimley-Horn, the Town’s Traffic Engineers, to review our existing Traffic Calming Policy and Guidelines and the processes in which traffic calming requests are made and reviewed to determine if any changes may be necessary. The engineers held public input workshops in August and September in an effort to gather community feedback on the policy and will consider and possibly incorporate this information into their draft comments. Staff continues to work with the engineers on possible changes and/or modifications to the policy. The final draft of the policy has been tentatively planned to be presented to the Town Council at the 04/10/2023 Town Council Meeting or possibly a Workshop immediately prior to that Meeting. At that meeting, our engineers will compare and contrast the current policy to the proposed policy and will cover all of the major changes that would be included, assuming adoption of the proposed policy.

Potential Code of Ordinance Modifications

In the recent past, Town residents and property owners have expressed concerns with the Palm Beach County Right-of-Way dedication along Lantana Road, as well as concerns with the Town setback requirements for residential homes located along a privately maintained street.

Town Staff is currently working with the Town Attorney to draft an Ordinance that clarifies the process regarding the Palm Beach County Right-of-Way dedication along Lantana Road. Such a potential ordinance would first require a recommendation by the Planning Commission before being scheduled onto a future Town Council agenda.

The setback requirements for residential homes located along a privately maintained street is a very complex issue and as a result, no changes are being considered at this time.

Exhibit C – Development Services Department's Ongoing Projects

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| Ongoing Applicant-Initiated Projects | <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Lantana Cabana (Restaurant at the Moorings) – Site Plan, Landscape Plan, Special Exception for a Planned Development.▪ 507 N East Coast Dr – Site Plan, Landscape Plan and Variance for construction of a passive warehouse.▪ 1300 W Lantana Rd - Site Plan and Landscape Plan for construction of a car wash.▪ Modification for the commercial portion of Water Tower Commons Phase II, Site Plan and Landscape Plan.▪ 901 N Atlantic Dr - Variance request for the rear setback. |
| Other Ongoing Projects | <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Coordination with outside vendors on permit process improvements, including future online permitting capabilities.▪ Participation in the Palm Beach County Housing Action Plan. |

FINANCE DEPARTMENT

Parking and Boat Trailer Decals

Parking and boat trailer decals are on sale at Town Hall and are good through 09/30/2023. Additional information may be found at <https://www.lantana.org/parkingpermit>.

American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funding Update

The Town received more than \$3.1M in ARPA funds in September 2021 and July 2022, respectively for a total of approximately \$6.3M. The ARPA annual report was submitted to the U.S. Treasury on 04/08/2022.

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. Eligible uses of funds include a wide range of projects that benefit the Town. The FY 2022/23 Adopted Budget includes \$420k in projects funded by ARPA and will be amended during the FY 2022/23 Mid-Year Budget Amendment (March/April 2023) for any additional recently Council-approved projects. To date, nearly \$3.6M worth of ARPA funds have been committed for various related projects.

FY 2022/23 Adopted Annual Budget

The budget process began in April 2022. The FY 2022/23 annual budget documents were distributed to departments who submitted their requests back to the Finance Department at the end of April. Meetings were held in mid-May where Management reviewed their requests. Public workshops to discuss the budget were held on 06/13/2022 and 07/12/2022. The draft budget and proposed millage rate were provided and discussed at the first public hearing on 09/12/2022. The FY 2022/23 millage rate of 3.7500 and budget were adopted at the second and final hearing on 09/21/2022. Budget-related documents may be found at <https://www.lantana.org/Accounting>.

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>.

GFOA Award

The Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA) has awarded the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting to Town for its annual comprehensive financial report for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2021. The report has been judged by an impartial panel to meet the high standards of the program, which includes demonstrating a constructive “spirit of full disclosure” to clearly communicate its financial story and motivate potential users and user groups to read the report. The Certificate of Achievement is the highest form of

recognition in the area of governmental accounting and financial reporting, and its attainment represents a significant accomplishment by a government and its management.

Exhibit D – Finance Department's Monthly Report (February 2023)



Town of Lantana
Finance Department
Monthly Report

| Item | February |
|--|------------|
| Number of accounts payable checks issued | 136 |
| Amount of accounts payable checks | \$ 896,067 |
| Utility bills prepared | 3,558 |
| Utility accounts on Auto-Pay | 880 |
| Utility accounts opened | 32 |
| Town water consumption (in thousands of gallons) | 1,914 |
| Water consumed (net of Town usage in thousands of gallons) | 45,774 |
| Water/Wastewater Utility Revenue Billed | \$ 545,032 |
| New employees | - |
| Separated employees | - |
| Number of interviews | 5 |
| Number of insurance claims managed | 18 |
| SysAid tickets completed (I.T.) | 48 |
| Security logs reviewed | 2,973 |
| Backups performed (computer, server, etc.) | 388 |
| Network add/change/deletions | 122 |

GRANTS

Community Development Block Grants (CDBG)

▪ FY 2021/22 CDBG Grant (Maddock Park – Phase I)

On 09/13/2021, the Town Council approved entering into an agreement with Palm Beach County (County) for the above-referred grant in the amount of \$133k for improvements to Maddock Park – Phase I. The improvements included the installation of grills, picnic tables, exercise equipment and additions to the existing playground. On 07/25/2022, the Town Council approved awarding a \$67k (approximately) contract to Conengineers Builders LLC to perform the related work which was substantially completed in March of 2023.

The Town is pleased to announce that the improvements referenced above were substantially completed earlier this month and include the following; a section has been added to the playground to accommodate smaller children ages 2-5 years old; added an adult exercise feature; and installed three (3) picnic areas (each with a picnic table and BBQ grill). The playground and exercise features both have ADA compliant mulch around the amenity. On 02/28/2023 the Town submitted a request to the County to combine the remaining \$66k (approximately) worth of CDBG funds from FY 2021/22 with that of FY 2022/23, for a combined total of nearly \$122k. The County's decision is pending.

- [FY 2022/23 CDBG Grant \(Maddock Park – Phase II\)](#)
On 09/12/2022, the Town Council approved entering into an agreement with Palm Beach County for the above-referred grant in the amount of \$56k for improvements to Maddock Park – Phase II. The improvements will provide the Maddock Park Dog Park with new fencing, benches, waste stations, water fountains and obstacle courses/exercise stations. The next steps of the grant process include; staff bidding out the project (completed) and presenting a recommendation for a contract award for the Phase II Improvements which are expected to occur at the 03/27/2023 Town Council Meeting.
- [FY 2023/24 CDBG Grant \(Community Sensory Garden with ADA Accessibility\)](#)
On 03/08/2023, the Town applied for the above referenced grant in the amount of \$56k for improvements to the Library's Outdoor Garden Area. The current outdoor space would be replaced with an ADA accessible Garden Area that is designed to accommodate and engage individuals with physical disabilities and sensory processing disorders. This project will focus on adding elements that engage the five (5) senses and making the space an inviting area that can be used by individuals in wheelchairs and those using walkers. The main elements that this project will incorporate are as follows:
 - Remove sections of existing pavers.
 - Install ADA accessible winding path.
 - Install raised planters at ADA accessible height with plants that appeal to multiple senses.
 - Install a shade structure.
 - Provide toys and activity stations that engage multiple senses, including a custom water station.

The status of the project currently is in the planning phase pending funding.

[American Library Association's Libraries Transforming Communities Grant: Accessible for Small and Rural Communities](#)

- In the beginning of March 2023, the Library applied for the above referred grant in the amount of \$20k for the purpose of increasing the accessibility of facilities, services and programs to better serve people with disabilities. This would include adding automatic door openers to our front and garden doors, along with starting an accessible sensory garden and special morning program for those with disabilities and processing disorders.

[2022 Florida Recreational Development Assistance Grant \(FRDAP\)](#)

The Town worked with our professional grant writer to research, write, prepare and submit two (2) grant applications for the 2023 FRDAP Grant Program. The grant applications pertain to various improvements at Maddock and Bicentennial Parks.

- The Town of Lantana conducted a public meeting on 08/17/2022 to discuss capital improvements to Lantana Bicentennial Park. The sole purpose of this meeting was to discuss a \$200k FRDAP grant application to help finance improvements at the Park.
- The Town of Lantana conduct a public meeting on 08/17/2022 to discuss capital improvements to Maddock Park. The sole purpose of this meeting was to discuss a \$113k FRDAP grant application to help finance improvements at the Park.

Congressional Community Project Funding (CPF) Opportunities

FY 2022/23 Grant Submission

On 04/12/2022, staff held a conference call with Congresswoman Lois Frankel's (FL-21) Deputy Chief of Staff | Legislative Director to discuss the possibility of the Town receiving funding (i.e., earmarks) from the Federal Government. As a result of the meeting, the following occurred:

- 04/14/2022 – the Town submitted a \$1.2M grant application through Congresswoman Lois Frankel's Office for CPF to replace some of the Town's oldest water mains that are made up of Asbestos Cement (A/C).
- 05/19/2022 – the Town received a letter from Congresswoman Lois Frankel's Office confirming they had selected our proposal and were submitting it to the House Committee on Appropriations for inclusion in the 2023 federal budget.
- 05/23/2022 – the Town Council adopted a Resolution supporting the Town's submission of CPF for this project.
- 12/24/2022 – the Town was notified by Congresswoman Lois Frankel's Office that the Community Project Funding request for \$1.2M for water main replacement was included in the final bill passed by the House and Senate and signed by President Biden. The Town would like to give a special thanks to the Congresswoman for selecting and sponsoring the Town's project and to the Public Services Department for their hard work on preparing the proposal. The Town is excited for this project to move forward and improve our community and we will work with the appropriate federal agency to submit the required documentation in order to receive the funding.

FY 2023/24 Grant Submission

Town staff is currently working with Congresswoman Lois Frankel's Office to ensure that we have all of the necessary information to submit the following three (3) additional grant applications by the FY 2023/24 grant submission deadline which is quickly approaching:

- Priority 1 – \$3.6M grant application to continue the Town's asbestos cement (A/C) Watermain Replacement Program.
- Priority 2 – \$3.6M to replace the filter media and associated upgrades to the resin containment vessels at the Town's Water Treatment Plant Facility.
- Project 3 – \$1.5M grant application to replace various building facilities (that are not hurricane rated) within the Public Service's Department with facilities that are grant application to harden our Town facilities.

Infrastructure Grant Information

On 02/22/2022 and on 03/22/2022, staff met with our engineers, consultant and a professional grant writer to discuss multiple potential grant funding opportunities to the Town including:

Community Planning Technical Assistance (CPTA) Grants

Stormwater Drainage System and Future Needs Analysis

CPTA Grants assist local governments in implementing various planning projects. On 04/06/2022, the Town submitted an application for consideration of the CPTA Grant to the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity for Stormwater System Analysis.

Background

The Town of Lantana is located in coastal Palm Beach County and faces increasing impacts from sea-level rise and more frequent rain events. As potential damage to residences, businesses, critical facilities, and transportation corridors becomes more of an immediate threat, the Town must take

action to develop effective and resilient infrastructure, especially for stormwater facilities. The proposed project is requesting funding in the amount of \$62k to complete an assessment of the existing drainage system and use that data to develop a long-term level of service standards that meet the changing coastal conditions. This effort will include evaluation, modeling, land use planning and recommendations for improvements to the stormwater system that are needed to further the Town's goal of resiliency.

- Resilient Florida Grant Program within the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) – provides funding to local governments for community resilience planning, (i.e., Public Seawall)
- Rebuild Florida Mitigation General Infrastructure Program – provides funding to local governments to assist in the development of large-scale mitigation projects that promote disaster resiliency, (i.e., Hardening of Water Plant)

On 06/14/2022, the Town received formal notification from the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity (FDEO) that confirmed our grant proposal for the Stormwater Drainage System and Future Needs Analysis was selected for funding in the amount up to \$62k. An agreement between the FDEO and the Town was approved by the Town Council at the 10/24/2022 Town Council Meeting and was executed by the FDEO on 12/12/2022.

2023 Resilient Florida Grant Program

Asset Inventory and Ocean Avenue Vulnerability Assessment

On 06/22/2022, Town staff worked in conjunction with our professional grant writer to submit through the Florida Department of Environmental Protection an Asset Inventory and Ocean Ave. Vulnerability Assessment in the amount of \$167k (with no grant match amount) to:

- 1) conduct a Critical Asset Inventory for Lantana (as required by statute); and
- 2) complete a Vulnerability Assessment for the assets owned and managed by the Town located within the Ocean Ave corridor from US-1 to the Municipal Beach, which includes Bicentennial Park, Lyman Kayak Park, Sportsman's Park boat ramps, Lantana Nature Preserve and the Municipal Beach facilities.

At the 07/11/2022 Town Council Meeting, the Town Council adopted Resolution No. R-08-2022, supporting the initiative.

On 02/22/2023 the Town received notification from the Resilient Florida Program that our grant application had been included in the [Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Resilient Florida Program Planning Grant Awards](#) and that we would receive \$167k to conduct an Asset Inventory and Ocean Ave. Vulnerability Assessment. Staff will continue to work with the appropriate oversight agencies to ensure all grant requirements are met.

On 09/01/2022, our professional grant writer (with assistance from staff) submitted two (2) other Grant applications under this funding source that included:

- 1) Seawall Hardening – \$900k, with a Town Match of \$900k for a total of \$1.8M.
- 2) Beach Curve Flood Protection – \$711k, with a Town Match of \$711k for a total of \$1.4M.

2023 Rebuild Florida General Infrastructure Grant

Staff is currently working with our professional grant writer to submit two (2) Grant applications under this funding source that may include:

- 1) Water Main Improvements.
- 2) Water Plant Improvements.

State Appropriations Project Request – FY 2023/24

The Town has recently submitted two (2) state appropriation project requests through our Lobbyist Mat Forrest which will be considered for funding by the State for their fiscal year which begins 06/01/2023. These projects include:

- 1) \$1.2M for a Water Main Replacement Project.
- 2) \$750k for a Project to Replace Resins, Filter Media and the Upgrade of Treatment Units at our Water Treatment Facility.

It is important to note, that all of these funding sources have various deadlines, criteria and possibly cost-sharing requirements that the Town would need to meet in order to qualify for consideration. We are working with all of our business partners referenced above to determine which current and/or future projects may be most likely to be funded under the existing provisions and we will continue to apply for such funding, if applicable.

LIBRARY DEPARTMENT

Ribbon Cutting and Grand Opening Ceremonies/Events

Thank you to everyone who joined us at our newly-renovated Library Ribbon Cutting and Grand Opening Ceremony on 02/22/2023 @ 11:00 a.m. It was a great day for our Town and was very well attended and received with more than 175 people in attendance. Kristine Kreidler, our Library Director and her staff are to be commended for the amazing job they did in bringing this project to completion.

We also want to give a special thanks to all of the following:

- our current and former Town Councilmembers for all of their support
- our Public Services staff
- our Police and Fire Departments
- The Library Foundation
- Friends of the Library
- Greater Lantana Chamber of Commerce
- Lantana Middle School Band
- Mauro and Maslin Families, 200 N. 3rd Street, LLC., for allowing the Town to utilize their empty lot to provide additional parking
- Michelle Donahue for emceeding the event and the following individuals who assisted in making this day so special:
 - Steven Vincent, sang the National Anthem
 - Bob Barfknecht, Library Foundation Chairman
 - Samuel J. Ferreri from PGAL Architects
 - Savannah West from West Construction, Inc.
 - Teresa Wilhem, Friends of the Library President
 - Brock Peoples, SEFLIN Director
 - Kristine Kreidler, Library Director

Family Fun Day

On 03/11/2023, the Library hosted another spectacular event – A Family Fun Day at 12:00 noon. Nearly 300 patrons enjoyed free food, bounce houses a DJ and amazing weather. Thank you to all of those families and friends who supported the event! If you have not had the opportunity to visit the newly-renovated Library, we would love to see you there so we could welcome you to our new Library.

Post Grand-Opening News

The Library staff and community are enjoying the new space. Library staff has made over 100 new library cards in 10 business days and the library has had over 1,400 visits since the Ribbon Cutting!

New Spring Programs at the Library!

Ready, Set, Read!

Ages 3 – 5 years old

Every Monday 10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. (Program Starts April 3rd)

Get ready for kindergarten with Ms. Tracy! Focusing on key early literacy practices, this library storytime combine stories, fingerplays, action rhymes, music and a craft to get the kids ready for school.

Seaweed Storytime

Families with infants up to 5 years old

Every Thursday 10:30 a.m. – 11:45 a.m. (Program Starts April 6th)

Join Ms. Sam for our family storytime. Each week will feature stories, songs and rhymes. Afterwards, the toys come out for playtime while caregivers can get social! *Coffee provided.*

My First Book Club

6 – 8 years old

Wednesdays April 5th, May 3rd, June 7th, Monday 4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Want to grow a reader? Sign them up for our monthly kids' book club designed for kindergarten through second grade. Early reader books will be provided (while supplies last) and kids will meet once a month for fun activities, a snack, and book chat! Pre-registration is required. Email kkreidler@lantana.org to register.

Teen Night

Every Friday 4:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Ages: 6th – 12th grade

We close the Library and open it just for teens on Friday nights! Board games, video games, discussions and activities for teens. Bring your own favorite game or choose from the Library's growing collection. We take our cue from those that join us, so tournaments, quizzes and staff vs. patrons are all possibilities!

Teen Book Club

Tuesdays – April 11th, May 9th, June 13th 6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Ages: 6th – 12th grade

Calling all teens! Join Danielle and Feelds for the latest YA books – manga, graphic novels, and more! Enjoy snacks and beverages while discussing the book. Books will be provided while supplies last. Pre-Registration required - Email dfleurant@lantana.org to register.

On 03/23/2023, Kristine Kreidler, Library Director spoke at the Economic Development Forum hosted by the Greater Lantana Chamber of Commerce at a luncheon held at the Old Key Lime House where she spoke about the newly renovated Library. The luncheon was well attended and Kristine did a great job.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Police Department's Ongoing Projects and Current Trends

- Selective Traffic Enforcement Program (STEP) continues in various areas throughout Town to address traffic violators.
- Approximately 14 of 16 Flock Safety LPR cameras have been installed and are operational in predetermined areas throughout the Town.
- Staff is currently working with AXON to determine installation and training dates for in-car License Plate Reader cameras
- AXON is currently acquiring all the equipment and hardware and scheduling an installation date for the vehicles.

- Staff has requested that one (1) of the vehicles be equipped ASAP for training and trial and error testing.
- Firearms instructors were recently trained on a new qualification course in which all officers will be required to complete in 2024.
- Police Department staff worked with residents to install additional stop signs on W Ocean Ave in the elementary school zone.

Uniform Crime Report (UCR) compiled by the Florida Department of Law Enforcement (2021 Statistics)

- Crime in Florida is down for the 50th straight year.
- Total crime dropped 8.3% which is equivalent to 38,524 fewer reported crimes across the state.
- Lantana Police Department crime dropped 19.9%.
- Palm Beach County crime dropped 10.2%.
- Palm Beach County had a clearance rate of 21%.
- Lantana Police Department had a clearance rate of 24.4%.

Traffic Enforcement on W Pine St

The Police Chief recently responded to a resident's concern regarding speeding on W Pine St by placing the portable speed trailer within the vicinity in an attempt to bring additional awareness to those exceeding the speed limit there.

In addition, he indicated to the residents that staff has been working with the Town's traffic engineer to finalize the proposed Traffic Calming Policy in order to more efficiently address traffic related concerns throughout the entire Town. The final draft of the policy has been tentatively planned to be presented to the Town Council at the 04/10/2023 Town Council Meeting or possibly a Workshop immediately prior to the meeting.

Exhibit E – Police Department's Capital Projects included in FY 2022/23 Adopted/Amended Budget

| Project | Funding Year | Start Date | Estimated Completion | Comments |
|---|--------------|--------------|----------------------|--|
| Purchase and installation of an in-car camera recording system | FY 2022/23 | October 2022 | TBD | Council Approved 12/12/2022. System is scheduled to be delivered April 2023. |
| License plate recognition cameras | FY 2022/23 | October 2022 | TBD | Council Approved 12/12/2022, 90% completed. |
| Bi-Directional Antennas inside Police Department Facility | FY 2022/23 | October 2022 | March 2023 | Completed. |
| One (1) utility vehicle and related equipment for road patrol | FY 2022/23 | October 2022 | TBD | Awaiting new pricing. |
| One (1) cargo style van and related equipment for Community Service Aide and Crime Scene Technician | FY 2022/23 | October 2022 | March 2023 | Delivered. |
| One (1) unmarked detective vehicle with related equipment | FY 2022/23 | October 2022 | TBD | Council Approved 12/12/2022. |

FIRE RESCUE DEPARTMENT

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



Palm Beach County Fire Rescue

Lantana - # of Calls by Type

20230201 to 20230228

| Type - Situation Dispatched | # of Incidents |
|--------------------------------|----------------|
| Medical Calls: | 195 |
| Vehicle Accidents: | 16 |
| Alarms: | 15 |
| Assists\Investigations: | 11 |
| Fires: | 3 |
| Others | 2 |
| Total number of Events: | 242 |



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



Palm Beach County Fire Rescue Car Seat Check Locations

Scan QR Code to schedule an appointment, or
visit our Car Seat Scheduler online at www.pbcfr.org



USE CAMERA & SCAN

North County 1st Wednesday Every Month



Station 16
3550 S. Military Trail,
Jupiter 33458

South County 3rd Wednesday Every Month



Station 57
9030 Vista Del Lago,
Boca Raton 33428



East County 2nd Wednesday Every Month



Station 37
496 Greynolds Circle,
Lantana 33462

West County 4th Wednesday Every Month



Station 28
1040 Royal Palm Beach Blvd,
Royal Palm Beach 33411

**Palm Beach County offices are closed on observed holidays. The car seat check schedule will be adjusted accordingly during those weeks.*



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