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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

ParkMobile – New Parking System Implemented

On 11/06/2023, the Town implemented a new Parking System at municipally-owned parking lots. Town residents and visitors can now pay for parking at these locations through the [ParkMobile](#) app. The app provides a quick and easy way for users to make payments without placing money in the meter. Users can also extend the time of their parking session on their mobile device without returning to the meter.

The ParkMobile app is available at more than 350 metered spaces at the following municipal parking lots:

- Lantana Municipal Beach – 100 N Ocean Blvd
- Lyman Kayak Park – 122 N Lake Dr
- Sportsman's Park – 320 E Ocean Ave
- Bicentennial Park – 321 E Ocean Ave

ParkMobile Rates

The meter rates for the above locations are \$2.00/hour plus \$.40 cents/transaction. For example, if a customer pays for one (1) hour of parking, their total cost would be \$2.40 (\$2.00/hour + \$.40/transaction). If a customer pays for three (3) hours of parking, their total cost would be \$6.40 (\$2.00/hour + \$.40/transaction). Below, you will see all of the convenient payment options that the Town offers to its users:



2-1-1 Palm Beach and Treasure Coast

The 2-1-1 Helpline Community offers many services to all Palm Beach County residents. They give hotline assistance in different languages (i.e., English, Spanish and Creole), providing suicide prevention, crisis intervention information, assessment and referral to community services for people of all ages. For more information or if you need assistance, please follow the link below and find the 2-1-1 Palm Beach County website at: <https://www.lantana.org/links>.

Manatee Season

November 15th marked the beginning of manatee season which runs annually through the following March 1st. As air and water temperatures begin to drop, manatees will move south towards warm-

water refuges. If you see a sick, injured or dead manatee, please call the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission's (FWC) Wildlife Alert Number at (888) 404-FWCC (3922), *FWC or # FWC on a cell phone or via email at tip@myfwc.com.

Winterfest Lantana

The Town held the "Winterfest Lantana" event on Friday, 12/08/2023, from 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. at Town Hall. Residents enjoyed the vendors and free activities and of course, taking photos with Santa! The Town would like to thank everyone who participated in this very festive event.



Awards and Recognitions

At the 12/11/2023 Town Council meeting the following awards and recognitions were given under Special Presentations:

Police Department Life Saving Award

The Police Department presented the Life Saving Award to Officer Arianna Morris for disregarding her own safety and taking prompt action, which resulted in the saving of a young boy's life. Officer Morris responded to a medical call in which a seven (7) year old boy severely cut an artery by putting his arm through a window. Officer Morris was able to calm the boy and render first aid by applying a tourniquet, near the wound, until Palm Beach County Fire Rescue arrived. Her quick actions and calm demeanor prevented the young boy from losing enough blood to cause life-threatening concerns.

Employee of the Year Award for 2023

The Employee Committee was tasked with selecting the Employee of the Year. Departments submitted their recommendations to the Employee Committee and as a result, Adam Ganz, Accounting Technician, from the Finance Department received the Employee of the Year Award for 2023.

Government Finance Officers Association's (GFOA) Certificate of Achievement

The GFOA's Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting Award was presented to Stephen Kaplan, Finance Director and Tammy Page, Assistant Finance Director for their preparation of the Town's Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR). The Certificate of Achievement is the highest form of recognition in governmental accounting and financial reporting and has now been received by the Town for 25 consecutive years. In addition, the GFOA presented an Award of Financial Reporting Achievement (AFRA) to both Stephen and Tammy for their direct contribution in preparing the ACFR. Thank you, Stephen and Tammy, for your dedication and outstanding work in receiving this well-deserved accolade!

Read for the Record Palm Beach County 2023

On 11/22/2023, the Literacy Coalition of Palm Beach County announced the Town of Lantana as the Read for the Record (RFTR) Palm Beach County 2023 Small Municipality Winner for reading "With Lots of Love" on 10/26/2023. The Town sent volunteers to different local public schools and daycares to read aloud "With Lots of Love" by Jenny Torres Sanchez. The volunteers included Town Staff, Mayor Lythgoe, Town Manager Raducci, the Police Department, four (4) Palm Beach

County firefighters, local business owners and residents. Library Director Kristine Kreidler created a video that included multiple Town staff members and officials reading the book aloud in English and Spanish. In addition, she created a storywalk with pages from the book in our Town Hall breezeway to promote the RFTR day and let kids read the book while exploring Town Hall and its history. We held two (2) storytimes at the Lantana Public Library and the guests enjoyed free churros from the BunnBoh Churro Truck and made pinatas and other crafts inspired by the books. The Town would like to thank and recognize our Library Director – Kristine Kreidler for organizing the event and bringing this most prestigious recognition back to the Town!

Recent Promotions in the Lantana Police Department (LPD)

The Town is extremely excited to announce the following recent promotions in the LPD:

Assistant Chief of Police Thomas Mitchell

On 10/09/2023, Thomas Mitchell was promoted from Commander to Assistant Chief of Police. Assistant Chief Mitchell has more than 35 years of law enforcement experience with state and local law enforcement agencies and has been with the LPD for four (4) years. The Assistant Chief reports directly to the Chief and assists him in carrying out the operational needs of the Department.

Commander Daniel Navas

On 12/10/2023, Daniel Navas was promoted from Sergeant to Commander. Commander Navas has been with the LPD for 19 years of which he has served as a Sergeant for the past 11 years. In his new role, Commander Navas will be responsible for supervising and overseeing the Department's Uniform and Detective Bureau Divisions.

Sergeant Tom Dipolito

On 12/10/2023, Tom Dipolito was promoted from his Detective Bureau assignment in which he was assigned a multitude of various cases, to Sergeant. Sergeant Dipolito has been with the LPD for 15 years and has been instrumental in researching and implementing several large-scale projects within the department, including the implementation of the mobile and fixed license plate reader systems. Sergeant Dipolito will be assigned to the Road Patrol Division.

Town Calendar

The 2024 Town Calendar is being printed and will be mailed out to our residents the week of 12/25/2023. The Town's departments take a lot of pride in preparing this calendar each year as it includes fantastic photos and showcases information about our many services, amenities and special events. All of the Town's important dates are identified (i.e., Town Council Meetings, Special Magistrate Hearings, Planning Commission Meetings, Holidays, Special Events and many more). On behalf of the Town Council, Administration and staff, we wish you a very Happy and Healthy New Year!

Drive-In Movie Night Event

The Town of Lantana would like to invite all Lantana residents to the Free Drive-In Movie Night Event that will take place on 01/05/24 at 7:00 p.m. We will have snacks and refreshments available while enjoying Indiana Jones and the Dial of Destiny. For more information, contact Nadine Shawah, Parks and Recreation Superintendent at nshawah@lantana.org or (561) 540-5754.

Palm Beach County Day 2024

Plans are well underway for Palm Beach County Day in Tallahassee which has been scheduled for 01/09 – 01/10/2024. Members of our Town Council and the Town Manager will have the opportunity to travel to our State Capitol to observe our Legislative Process in person, meet with members of our Lobbying Firm and network with other municipalities and organizations attending the event.

The Town looks forward to meeting with both Senator Bobby Powell Jr. and Representative Mike Caruso in order to discuss the opportunity of gaining their support to fund the Town's FY 2024/25 State Appropriation Requests (see [State Appropriations Project Request – FY 2024/25](#) under **GRANTS**). During this time, the Town will provide a first-hand account of the Town's challenging capital and infrastructure needs.

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. There are currently several lights out from Greynolds Circle South along Broadway, at the intersection of Broadway and Hypoluxo Rd and on the north side of Hypoluxo Rd just west of the Broadway intersection. Staff did a ride along with FPL's contractor on 12/19/2023 to point out the exact locations of these lights to hopefully expedite the repairs.

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 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?

Town Council Public Hearing – 01/08/2024

During our April 2023 Visioning Session, the Administration discussed the possibility of implementing a Stormwater Utility Fee to fund the Town's growing Stormwater Infrastructure needs. In order to determine if that is in fact necessary, the Town will soon issue a Request for Qualification (RFQ) for a Contractor to review our current and future operating and capital costs to deliver our stormwater services. The contractor would then determine how to allocate that cost to determine a potential stormwater utility fee for our Town Council's consideration later in 2024 for the upcoming FY 2024/25 Budget. If approved, for simplicity, the Town would intend to utilize the uniform method of collection a non-ad valorem assessment for stormwater utility fees and related services through the tax bill prepared and collected by the Palm Beach County Property Appraiser and Tax Collector.

State statute requires that an ad be run in the newspaper for four (4) consecutive weeks noticing the Town's intent as described above. In addition, a public hearing to consider the adoption of a resolution that will officially notify the Property Appraiser and Tax Collector of our “intent” for the Town Council's consideration will be heard at the 01/08/2024 Town Council Meeting.

Please be advised that at this meeting the only thing that will be recommended for adoption is to make the Property Appraiser and Tax Collector officially aware of our intent. No related fees are being considered at this time. If you should require any additional information, please contact Eddie Crockett, Public Services Director at ecrockett@lantana.org or at (561) 540-5753.

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 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 is tentatively scheduled to begin in January 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 expected to be awarded at the 01/08/2024 Town Council Meeting).
- Water Main Replacement Project under the Florida East Coast Railway tracks at Pine St (expected to resume in early January 2024).
- Replacement of the temporary WTP Softening System with a more permanent solution once it can be designed/acquired (updates to follow).

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 the contractor is expected to begin construction in January 2024.
- Dune Restoration Project Delayed until November 2024
On 10/24/2022, the Town Council approved the 1st 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. As a result, the Town will continue to work closely with our municipal partners to enter into updated agreements so that this Project may resume when feasible.

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)
- 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 \(vote-palmbeach.gov\)](https://www.vote-palmbeach.gov) or by calling (561) 656-6200.

Schedule of Future Events/Important Dates

- 12/22/2023 – Town Offices Close at noon in Observance of Christmas Eve.
- 12/25/2023 – Town Offices Closed in Observance of Christmas Day.
- 12/29/2023 – Town Offices Close at noon in Observance of New Year's Eve.
- 01/01/2024 – Town Offices Closed in Observance of New Year's Day.
- 01/05/2024 – Drive-In Movie Night, Lantana Sports Park, 7:00 p.m.
- 01/08/2024 – Town Council Meeting, Town Hall Council Chambers, 6:00 p.m.
- 01/09 - 01/10/2024 – Palm Beach County Day, Tallahassee.
- 01/15/2024 – Town Offices Closed in Observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.
- 01/18/2024 – Special Magistrate Hearing, Town Hall Council Chambers, 5:30 p.m.
- 01/22/2024 – Town Council Meeting, Town Hall Council Chambers, 6:00 p.m.
- 01/24/2024 – Planning Commission Meeting, Town Hall Council Chambers, 6:30 p.m.
- 02/02/2024 – Drive-In Movie Night, Lantana Sports Park, 7:00 p.m.
- 02/12/2024 – Town Council Meeting, Town Hall Council Chambers, 6:00 p.m.
- 02/15/2024 – Special Magistrate Hearing, Town Hall Council Chambers, 5:30 p.m.
- 02/19/2024 – Town Offices Closed in Observance of Presidents' Day.
- 02/26/2024 – Town Council Meeting, Town Hall Council Chambers, 6:00 p.m.
- 02/28/2024 – Planning Commission Meeting, Town Hall Council Chambers, 6:30 p.m.

PUBLIC SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Holiday Lights, Banners and Decorations

As part of the Town's beautification efforts and in order to enhance our appearance and to welcome in the holidays, we have hung holiday lights and banners all around the Town and have lit up and decorated Town Hall facilities in and around Greynolds Circle. The Town plans to change out the banners seasonally. Happy Holidays to All!



Selection Committee Meeting

On 12/20/23, the Town of held a public Selection Committee meeting to review the letters of Interest that were submitted in response to RLI 2023-01-PS for Baseball Athletic League services/Sports

Providers. For more information about the above-referenced project, please visit [Town of Lantana Procurement - Bids & RFPs | DemandStar](#)



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 February 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

The W Pine Street railroad crossing will be temporarily closed (dates tbd) to allow for the construction of the Water Main Replacement Project at that location. Detour signs and barricades will be placed on both sides of the construction site. During the temporary closure, staff will study the impact on traffic at the remaining crossings which include: W Lantana Rd, W Ocean Ave, W Central Blvd, and Hypoluxo Rd. The Town will announce any updates relating to this closure on our social media platforms. We apologize for any inconvenience that this required temporary closure may cause.

Evergreen Cemetery Information

The Town and the Lantana Historical Society have partnered together to install a fence around the perimeter and concrete monuments for the SW and SE boundaries of the Evergreen Cemetery site. The project was completed in October 2023.

The town will have the opportunity to repaint the cemetery fence facing W Lantana Rd. This project is expected to be completed in January 2024.

The Town would like to acknowledge and give special thanks to the estate of Mr. Dwight Bradshaw, a former resident and Lantana Historical Society member for their contribution towards this effort. A dedication ceremony will take place at a date to be scheduled soon.

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

At the 06/12/2023 Town Council Meeting, the Town Council awarded the above-referenced contract to Coastal Waste and Recycling of Florida, Inc. (Coastal). The new service began on 10/02/2023.

The collection time for your residence may vary from collection day to collection day based on traffic, the amount of materials collected and potential route changes. In order to ensure timely pickup, place your container, bulk and/or vegetation out by 7:00 a.m. on your scheduled pick-up day. Containers, bulk and vegetation cannot be picked up if it's not outside by the specified time and placed properly at the end of the driveway nearest the mailbox.

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 or call (561) 819-8887.

The Town would like to announce the success of the 4th quarter of the recycling program of 2023. 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 145.79 tons of blue and yellow bin material in the 4th quarter of 2023. For more information on what goes into various colored bins, please visit swa.org/recycleright.

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. They are just waiting on the availability of the boring crew which has been given the green light to proceed as soon as they are available.

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.

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	12/2023	Project is substantially complete and undergoing evaluation. Awaiting final inspection.
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	02/2024	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	TBD	Project is expected to resume in early January 2024.
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	01/2024	12/2024	Approved by Town Council 06/12/2023. 12/2023 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	CSA awarded to Baxter & Woodman 11/14/2022. Design, bids opened. Seeking Town Council approval of the award at the 01/08/2024 Town Council Meeting.
Additional Funds to Replace 2008 International 430C (Grapple Truck)	FY 2022/23	10/2022	TBD	Vehicle ordered. Estimated delivery TBD.
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	Pending Grant Approval.
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	12/2023	Approved 11/14/2022. PO awarded to Baxter & Woodman. Kickoff meeting held 02/09/2023. 75% review has been completed.
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.
Install Emergency water main connection with City of Lake Worth Beach through an Interlocal Agreement (ILA)	FY 2022/23	TBD	TBD	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	TBD
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	TBD
Resurface basketball court at Sports Park	FY 2023/24	TBD	TBD	TBD
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.
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	Seeking Town Council approval to purchase on 12/11/2023.
Replace roof at Water Treatment Plant (WTP)	FY 2023/24	TBD	TBD	TBD
Brine Tank Replacement	FY 2023/24	TBD	TBD	Temporary solution has been installed. Hope to seek Town Council approval of a permanent solution at the 01/08/2024 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 recently approved amendment to the Special Exception, Site Plan and Landscape Plan to include a portion of the eastern commercial side of the project as well as a Fifth Third Bank. El Car Wash has recently opened to the public. As part of the approval of the Water Tower Commons Project, the Developer was required by Palm Beach County (PBC) to install a mast arm traffic light at the project's entrance. Since Lantana Rd is County-owned and maintained, Town Staff has recently been engaged in discussions with PBC as well as the Developer regarding the mast arm and it appears that all parties agree that this requirement is a priority.

Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council (TCRPC), 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 has presented to the Town Council on highlights of the Master Plan in relation to the proposed redevelopment of the Kmart Plaza.
- Staff has worked with the vacant Ocean Avenue property owners on a redevelopment plan for the parcels, in keeping with the Master Plan proposal for the properties.
- \$100k worth of funding has been included in the FY 2023/24 budget for related projects.

Business Tax Receipts (BTRs)

FY 2023/24 BTRs went on sale on 07/01/2023 at the Development Services Department. In order to be in compliance, any business or rental property operating in the Town should have paid their BTR for the new fiscal year by September 30th. If payment has not been received by this date, they are considered overdue. Payments can be made in person or by mail, via check.

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. The Hypoluxo Island neighborhood is exploring additional signage to slow traffic speeds. Traffic data was recently gathered in the Southwinds neighborhood and a community meeting was held on 11/20/2023. 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. Feel free to reach out to the Development Services Department at Planning@lantana.org for details related to these projects.

Livestock

Please note that it is unlawful to keep, raise, harbor and/or maintain, within the Town's limits, any chickens, geese, turkeys, horses, mules, sheep, cattle, hogs, pigs (with the exception of a miniature pig, or micro pig or teacup pig) goats or other livestock or fowl. Please reference Chapter 4 of the Town Code of Ordinances for more details.

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.

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>.

Development Services Ongoing Projects

- Multiple Variance, Site Plans and Special Exception requests. Feel free to reach out to the Development Services Department at Planning@lantana.org for details.
- Ongoing discussions with the property owners of the vacant properties along Ocean Ave of Downtown for demolition and redevelopment.
- Ongoing discussions with the property owners of the vacant Kmart along Dixie Hwy for redevelopment of a Planned Development.
- 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>.

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 the Town for its Annual Comprehensive Financial Report for the fiscal year ended 09/30/2022. 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. This is the 25th consecutive year that the Town has received this prestigious award.

Exhibit C – Finance Department’s Monthly Report (November 2023)

Item	November
Number of Accounts Payable Checks Issued	151
Amount of Accounts Payable Checks	\$ 742,894
Utility Bills Prepared	4,148
Utility Accounts on Auto-Pay	930
Utility Accounts Opened	25
Town Water Consumption (in thousands of gallons)	3,288
Water Consumed (net of Town usage in thousands of gallons)	47,038
Water/Wastewater Utility Revenue Billed	\$ 393,747
New Employees	5
Separated Employees	2
Number of Interviews	11
Number of Insurance Claims Managed	17
SysAid Tickets completed (Information Technology)	45
Security Logs Reviewed	4,650
Backups Performed (i.e., computer, server, etc.)	390
Network Add/Change/Deletions	98

Exhibit D – Budget-In-Brief (October 31, 2023)



BUDGET-IN-BRIEF as of October 31, 2023

(8.33% 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	333,510	3.3%	Revenues	3,664	320	8.7%
Licenses & Permits	812,964	137,380	16.9%	Use of Reserves	-	-	N/A
Assessments	997,514	-	0.0%	Total Revenues	\$ 3,664	\$ 320	8.7%
Intergovernmental Revenue	1,922,631	164,604	8.6%	Total Expenses	\$ 3,664	\$ -	0.0%
Charges for Services	940,222	149,412	15.9%				
Fines & Forfeitures	211,200	136,309	64.5%				
Misc. Revenue	1,216,279	188,076	15.5%				
Interfund Transfers	-	-	N/A				
Use of Reserves	125,000	10,413	8.3%				
Total Revenues	\$ 16,422,158	\$ 1,119,704	6.8%				
General Fund Expenditures				Police Forfeiture Fund*			
Expenditures	Budget	Year-to-Date	%	Total Revenues	\$ -	\$ -	N/A
Town Council	144,455	20,780	14.4%	Total Expenses	\$ -	\$ 741	N/A
Town Manager	528,631	36,272	6.9%				
Finance	670,082	58,799	8.8%				
Non-Departmental	57,078	4,330	7.6%				
Police	7,871,159	897,279	11.4%				
Development Services	1,552,873	101,961	6.6%				
Operations	3,918,505	263,316	6.7%				
Library	377,665	19,585	5.2%				
Capital Outlay	1,301,710	37,068	2.8%				
Debt Service	-	-	N/A				
Interfund Transfers	-	-	N/A				
Contingency	-	-	N/A				
Total Expenditures	\$ 16,422,158	\$ 1,439,390	8.8%				
Other Town Funds				Grants Fund (incl. ARPA)			
Water & Sewer Utility Fund	Budget	Year-to-Date	%	Revenues	62,900	28,750	45.7%
Revenues	9,757,896	175,473	1.8%	Use of Reserves	-	-	N/A
Use of Reserves	-	-	N/A	Total Revenues	\$ 62,900	\$ 28,750	45.7%
Total Revenues	\$ 9,757,896	\$ 175,473	1.8%	Total Expenses	\$ 62,900	\$ 4,271	6.8%
Total Expenses	\$ 9,757,896	\$ 422,876	4.3%				
Infrastructure Surtax Fund				Insurance Fund			
Total Revenues	1,045,436	74,413	7.1%	Revenues	Budget	Year-to-Date	%
Use of Reserves	127,564	10,626	8.3%	Revenues	917,023	-	0.0%
Total Revenues	\$ 1,173,000	\$ 85,039	7.2%	Use of Reserves	-	-	N/A
Total Expenses	\$ 1,173,000	\$ -	0.0%	Total Revenues	\$ 917,023	\$ -	0.0%
				Total Expenses	\$ 917,023	\$ 28,796	3.1%
YTD-Total Town-wide Budget							
Expenditures	Budget	Year-to-Date	%				
Total Town-wide Budget	\$ 28,336,641	\$ 1,895,333	6.7%				
(not including Police Forfeiture Fund)							

LIBRARY DEPARTMENT

Read for the Record Winners Announced

Thanks to the effort from staff and our community, the Town of Lantana was named the winner for the Literacy Coalition of Palm Beach County's Read for the Record Contest in the Small Municipality Category.



Programing for Kids

Storytimes continue on Thursdays at 10:30 a.m. throughout December. Check back in January for our Winter program schedule for kids.

Programming for Adults

Join our Adult Book Club! The next club meeting will be on 01/11/2024 at 3:00 p.m. Sign-up and receive the book at the Library's front desk. For more information, email Jane Smith at jsmith@lantana.org.

The Library Friends' Annual Winter Concert and Open House was held on Wednesday, 12/20/2023 at 7:00 p.m. Approximately 50 attendees enjoyed a great concert featuring the Friendship Ensemble, light refreshments and a festive holiday program! Special thanks should be given to Teresa Wilhelm and Debbie Loyal for organizing the event. For more information on The Friends of the Library please contact Jane Smith at jsmith@lantana.org.

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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.
- Officers attended training with the State Attorney's Office staff with the topics of Body Worn Cameras, Search and Seizure, evidence collection and submission on 11/14 and 11/16/2023.
- Less lethal ammunition equipment has been received and training will be conducted soon.
- On 12/08/2023, Officers and Explorers attended the Town's Winterfest Event.
- On 12/10/2023, Daniel Navas was promoted to Commander.
- On 12/10/2023, Tom Dipolito was promoted to Sergeant.
- On 12/11/2023, Officer Morris received the Lantana Police Department and PBCFR Life Saving Award.
- On 12/23/2023, Officers, Explorers and elected officials will participate in a Holiday Toy Drive whereby toy donations will be dropped off throughout Town.

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 ARPA Funded	April 2023	January 2024	Equipment recently received and officers will receive training.
One (1) SUV-type vehicle for Police Administration	FY 2023/24	October 2023	March 2024	Approved by Town Council. Purchasing process in progress.
Computer laptop for proposed Assistant Police Chief position	FY 2023/24	October 2023	December 2023	Computers have not been ordered yet.
Three (3) SUV-type vehicles and related equipment for Uniform Division	FY 2023/24	October 2023	March 2024	Approved by Town Council. Purchase Order sent to vendor.
Computer replacement and related equipment: three (3) laptops for Uniform Division	FY 2023/24	October 2023	December 2023	Computers have not been ordered yet.
Computer replacement and related equipment: one (1) high performing workstation and two (2) laptops for a Detective and Investigator	FY 2023/24	October 2023	December 2023	Computers have not been ordered yet.
Computer replacement and related equipment: Communications Supervisor	FY 2023/24	October 2023	December 2023	Computers have not been ordered yet.
AB4 Multi Bay Dock Bundle	FY 2023/24 ARPA Funded	November 2023	TBD	In Purchase Order Process.
Three (3) Axon Body Worn Cameras	FY 2023/24 ARPA Funded	November 2023	TBD	In Purchase Order Process.
36 3 rd -Party Video Support Licenses	FY 2023/24 ARPA Funded	November 2023	TBD	In Purchase Order Process.

FIRE RESCUE DEPARTMENT

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



Palm Beach County Fire Rescue Lantana - # of Calls by Type 20231101 to 20231130

<u>Type - Situation Dispatched</u>	<u># of Incidents</u>
Medical Calls:	180
Vehicle Accidents:	25
Alarms:	18
Assists\Investigations:	11
Hazardous Situations:	9
Fires:	8
Others	4
Total number of Events:	255



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 aggressively pursues operating and capital grant opportunities in areas that improve and enhance the delivery of our services. In order to maximize our potential for obtaining this vital funding, our in-house Contract and Grants Administrator position within our Public Services Department, works closely with many business partners that include:

- 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. In the coming legislative session, we will be seeking Mr. Forrest's assistance to secure \$2.5M in state appropriations to support our Water Main and Water Treatment Plant related infrastructure projects.
- 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 related 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.

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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
American Library Association's (ALA) Libraries Transforming Communities Grant							
Accessible for Small and Rural Communities		04/19/2023	04/19/2023	\$ 20,000	\$ -	\$ 20,000	Grant Rec'd 11/02/2023.
Community Development Block Grants (CDBG)							
FY 2023/24 Community Sensory Garden with ADA Accessibility		07/12/2023	09/11/2023	\$ 52,623	\$ -	\$ 52,623	In Planning Phase.
Southeast Florida Library Information Network (SEFLIN)							
SEFLIN Library Cooperative Grant Program 2023-2024							
Strategic Planning and Succession Planning Grant		11/27/2023	12/06/2023	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	Grant Rec'd 11/27/2023
Congressional Community Project Funding (CPF) Opportunities through Congresswoman Lois Frankel's Office							
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.
Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services Grant							
Urban and Community Forestry Grant to focus on invasive species and reforestations at the Nature Preserve		TBD	TBD	\$ 75,000	\$ -	\$ 75,000	Application submitted to State.
Florida Department of Environmental Protection - Resilient Florida Grant Program							
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	Need Signed Agreement.
Florida Department of Transportation							
Beautification Grant for Dixie Hwy Medians		TBD	TBD	\$ 80,000	\$ -	\$ 80,000	Submitted to State.
Florida Recreational Development Assistance Program (FRDAP)							
FY 2023/24 Bicentennial Park Improvements		06/15/2023	TBD	\$ 200,000	\$ 200,000	\$ 400,000	Need Signed Agreement.
Potentially seawall hardening							
FY 2023/24 Maddock Park Improvements		06/15/2023	TBD	\$ 112,500	\$ 37,500	\$ 150,000	Need Signed Agreement.
Asphalt walking path w/ signage, shade structures for playground and exercise station							
FY 2024/25 Beach Park Improvements		TBD	TBD	\$ 112,500	\$ 37,500	\$ 150,000	Application Submitted.
Asphalt walking path w/ signage, shade structures for playground and exercise station							
State Appropriation Requests							
working in conjunction with our Lobbyist Mat Forrest from Ballard Partners and State Representative, Mike Caruso and State Senator Bobby Powell Jr.							
FY 2023/24 Grant Submission - Water Main Replacement Project		06/15/2023	09/11/2023	\$ 1,200,000	\$ -	\$ 1,200,000	Project bids being evaluated.
FY 2024/25 Grant Submissions							
Water Main Replacement Project		TBD	TBD	\$ 1,200,000	\$ -	\$ 1,200,000	Submitted to Lobbyist.
WTP Improvements (i.e., resins and filter media)		TBD	TBD	\$ 1,300,000	\$ -	\$ 1,300,000	Submitted to Lobbyist.
Total Active Grants/Appropriations Applied For				\$ 8,330,223	\$ 2,435,600	\$ 10,765,823	
Total Active Grants/Appropriations TBD				3,767,500	287,500	4,055,000	
Total Active Grants/Appropriations Applied For That Have Been Awarded				\$ 4,562,723	\$ 2,148,100	\$ 6,710,823	



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