



TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

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INTRODUCTION

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

MISSION STATEMENT

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

WHAT'S NEW IN THE TOWN

Manatee Season

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



Honoring the Memory of Former Vice Mayor Louis M. Canter

The Town would like to acknowledge, with respect and sadness, the memory of Former Vice Mayor Louis M. Canter, whose dedication and service to the Town will always be remembered. He will forever be honored for his invaluable contributions to our community, which will continue to be celebrated with great respect, admiration, and gratitude.

Mayor Lythgoe and members of our Town Council and Senior Management Team attended the funeral service, which was held on 12/17/2024 at 10:30 a.m. at Beth Israel Memorial Chapel. Staff is working with Mr. Canter's family to permanently memorialize his memory.

Please join us in keeping his family in your thoughts and prayers during this very difficult time as we continue to honor his legacy. He will always be remembered for his good deeds and service to the Town and the community.



Christmas Spirit at Evergreen Cemetery

The Town invites all residents to visit the Evergreen Cemetery this holiday season. The cemetery is beautifully decorated for Christmas, with bows on the gates and fence, flowers at all 20 graves, and a candy cane on the tree. We would like to extend our thanks to Rosemary Mourning for making this festive display possible.

Ocean Ave Drawbridge Project – January 2025

On 11/26/2024, the Town received information from representatives of the Palm Beach County (PBC) Road and Bridge Division about the upcoming project at the Ocean Ave Drawbridge, scheduled to begin in January 2025. The project will involve lane closures, with one (1) lane being closed at a time to ensure traffic flow is maintained while the work is being completed.

During this project, they will be pressure washing the road-facing side of the bridge walls. By performing both tasks simultaneously, they aim to minimize the impact on the traveling public. PBC Road and Bridge Division also mentioned that other areas of the bridge will be addressed as staffing and scheduling allow, with safety concerns being prioritized and aesthetic improvements made as time permits. The Town will keep you updated on the final details and schedule for this project.

Police Department's New Patch

We are excited to unveil the new Police Department patch! The previous design was long overdue for an update, and we're thrilled with the fresh look. The new badge features our Marine Unit, along with the iconic Ocean Ave Bridge and palm trees, beautifully capturing the essence of our coastal community. Please take a moment to check it out!



Lantana Leadership Program – Civics and Government Day

On 12/06/2024, the Greater Lantana Chamber of Commerce held their 3rd annual Civics and Government Day as part of the Lantana Leadership Program. The Town had the privilege of participating in and hosting the event in the Town Hall Council Chambers. While Mayor Lythgoe was away on Town business, Vice Mayor Mark Zeitler, Vice Mayor Pro Tem Kem Mason, Councilmember Lynn J. Moorhouse, Councilmember Castle, and Town Manager Brian Raducci shared their experiences and insights into how they became involved in local government. They also discussed ways to become more engaged with local government, and provided updates on the Town's ongoing projects. The participants had the opportunity to ask questions and suggest activities to improve residents' understanding of local government. We would like to extend our gratitude to the Councilmembers for their participation and congratulate the participants for nearly completing the Lantana Leadership Program.



Finland House Independence Day

On 12/06/2024, the Town had the honor of participating in the Finland House Independence Day celebration. Vice Mayor Mark Zeitler spoke at the event and congratulated those in attendance on behalf of the Town. In addition, the Police Department assisted with traffic control on Central Blvd/Finlandia Blvd for the duration of the event. The celebration featured a flag-raising ceremony, followed by coffee and Finnish pulla.

Winterfest Lantana Event

The Town would like to thank everyone who joined us for a delightful evening of holiday cheer at **Winterfest Lantana!** This beloved annual event was the perfect way to kick off the holiday season with family, friends, and the whole community. It was held on Friday, 12/13/2024, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at Town Hall. Residents enjoyed a variety of unique vendors, delicious treats, exciting free giveaways, photos with Santa, and so much more! At last count, the Town gave away 236 gifts and estimated that over 500 people were in attendance. We had 12 volunteers from South Tech Academy's DECA program who helped in various areas of the event. As usual, the Fire Department was a great success, with many kids enjoying the chance to look at the trucks and meet the staff of Station 37.

It was a festive and fun evening, and we are grateful for the support and participation of all who attended.



Holiday Cheer Light Display Contest

The Town is thrilled to announce that all submissions have been received for the **Holiday Cheer Light Display Contest!** A heartfelt thank you to everyone who submitted their forms to participate. We invite you to attend the 01/13/2025 Town Council meeting, where we will announce the winner and celebrate the festive spirit.

The Results for the top four (4) best contestants in each category are as follows:



Griswold Award:
1st place: 1021 Garnett St
(picture above)



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



Judges Choice Award:
1st place: 620 W Ocean Ave
(picture above)



Classic Holiday Award:
1st place: 120 N 12th Pl
(picture above)
2nd place: 526 W Perry St, Apt A
3rd place: 1222 Palama Way

You can also view the winners on the News & Events section of the Town website: www.lantana.org.



I-95 Hypoluxo Rd Outfall Maintenance

Due to the heavy rains experienced in October, the outfall at the I-95 Hypoluxo Rd exit required clearing around the end wall. As a result, the Town contacted the PBC Department of Engineering and Public Works to clear the outfall.

On 12/06/2024, we received information that the PBC Stormwater team visited the location. The outfall culvert was jetted and inspected, along with the culvert running under Hypoluxo Rd.

Awards and Recognitions

During the 12/09/2024 Town Council meeting, the following recognitions and awards were presented to several staff members:

Recognizing Police Department Explorer Josue Chun-Morales

Chief Scheller and Officer Pearson congratulated the Police Explorers for their dedicated service to the Town. They also presented a plaque to Police Department Explorer Josue Chun-Morales in recognition of his accomplishment in completing Army boot camp.

Read for the Record Palm Beach County 2024

The Town was once again named the 2024 Small Municipality Winner for Read for the Record Palm Beach County! This year, volunteers in the Town read Piper Chen Sings by Phillipa Soo to over 2,488 children throughout the community. We also hosted two (2) storytimes at the Library, and afterward had yummy boba tea and ice cream from Mimi's Creamery across the street. This was the second year that the Town won in our category.

We wanted to say a big "THANK YOU" to all of our volunteers who read at local schools and day cares, and all of our participants who got the chance to hear Piper Chen Sings for making this possible.



Next year, the Literacy Coalition of PBC will be celebrating their 20th year of coordinating Read for the Record in our county, which means that we will have even more fun.

Make sure to keep an eye out for our call for volunteers beginning in September next year!



Town's Employee of the Year Award for 2024

Jennifer Sweeten was selected as the Town's Employee of the Year. As visitors of the Library know, Jennifer goes above and beyond to provide excellent customer service for our community, ensuring that our Library is truly a welcoming place for everyone who visits. Jennifer has been with the Town for the past seven (7) and a half year, in many different capacities. She has worked in the Town's Finance Department, Development Services Department, and joined the Library back in February of this year as our Community Engagement and Outreach Coordinator. She is a huge asset to the Town, and we are

incredibly grateful that she is a part of our team! Make sure you come and wish her "congratulations" next time you stop by!

Bonefish Cove Habitat Restoration Project Update December 2024

On 12/12/2024, the Town received information from representatives of PBC's Department of Environmental Resources Management (ERM) that the project progress continues, with sand material being delivered to the site daily for the dredge material management areas on Peanut Island. The contractor continues to bring 2-4 barges of sand each day. Additionally, they mentioned that material is being stockpiled at Bonefish and will then be moved and shaped to create the first island and surrounding (submerged) seagrass areas.

They also noted that there have been many questions about traffic issues and bridge openings and that they are currently working with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (ACOE) and the Town of Palm Beach to assist with this matter. They mentioned that the Town of Palm Beach has approved an amended waiver to allow Sundays for project work in order to improve the scheduling of barge traffic to try to avoid rush hour and reduce potential impacts from the timing of bridge openings. For more information on the project, please visit the PBC's ERM website at: [Environmental Resources Management](#)

Derelict Vessel Information

On 12/12/2024, representatives from FWC informed us that the Florida Department of Emergency Management (FDEM) has been removing the Helene and Milton derelict vessels, which has been helping them in accelerating the process. While this is still an estimate, it's possible that by the end of the year, the contractors working for FDEM may be in the Town area conducting removals.

It is expected that the two (2) vessels offshore of Sportsman's Park will be removed during that timeframe, and hopefully, the 3rd vessel (which is pending because the Notice of Rights was returned to sender and the case won't be able to move forward until 12/18/2024) will also be part of the first wave of removals by FDEM in our area, if FDEM has the capacity at that time. If not, the 3rd vessel will presumably be removed in a later wave.

Thank you for your patience as we work to resolve this matter.

Palm Beach County Day 2025

On 12/17/2024, Mayor Lythgoe and Town staff met with Mat Forrest from our lobbying firm to discuss the State's upcoming legislative season. PBC Day in Tallahassee is scheduled for 03/04 – 03/05/2025. During this event, members of our Town Council and the Town Manager plan to travel to the State

Capitol to observe the legislative process in person, meet with members of our lobbying firm, and network with other municipalities and organizations attending the event. The Town hopes to utilize this opportunity to meet with both Senators and Representatives to discuss gaining their support for funding the Town's FY 2025/26 State Appropriation Requests. During this time, the Town will provide a first-hand account of its challenging capital and infrastructure needs.

[Town's Participation in the United States Lifesaving Association Training Officer Academy](#)

The Town had the distinct honor of hosting a portion of the United States Lifesaving Association (USLA) Southeast Region Training Officer Academy for the first time, marking a significant achievement for the Marine Safety Division. This prestigious 40-hour academy, held at The Breakers in Palm Beach and aligned with USLA's minimum training standards for open-water beach lifeguards, brought together lifeguards in leadership positions, including captains, lieutenants, and chiefs, from Florida, Alabama, New Jersey, Georgia, and even Costa Rica.



On 12/17/2024, the Marine Safety Division Supervisor Marc Fichtner and Senior Ocean Lifeguard Sam Janssen presented at our Beach on "Shoreline Rocks & Reefs." There they shared rescue protocols for these unique topographies, practical tips and tricks, and emphasized the importance of beach surveys by supervisors. Participants also engaged in hands-on beach mapping exercises in teams, reinforcing the critical role of understanding and preparing for the areas they protect.

This event highlighted Lantana's expertise and commitment to advancing lifesaving education

[Ocean Ave Project Update](#)

Town Manager Brian Raducci and Development Services Director Nicole Dritz continue having monthly meetings with the owners of the Ocean Ave property to discuss the development of the property. The Town will keep you informed of any updates.

[Toy Giveaway Event](#)

On 12/21/2024, Police Officers, Police Explorers, Mayor Karen Lythgoe, and Town Manager Brian Raducci plan on distributing wrapped Christmas gifts to pre-selected families in our community. Following the event, members of the Police and Library Departments will provide lunch to the Explorers and the Library volunteers to show their appreciation for their time and efforts throughout the year.

We would like to thank all staff who participated for their dedication to this cause and for helping bring joy to the children in our community.

[Town Calendar](#)

The 2025 Town Calendar is being printed and will be mailed out to our residents the week of 12/25/2024. 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!

[01/09/2025 Special Town Council Meeting](#)

Due to circumstances beyond our control, the Town had to postpone the Special Town Council meeting that was scheduled for 12/10/2024 to 01/09/2025. Since the 12/10/2024 meeting had been previously and properly noticed, a very brief meeting did occur but to only defer the entire agenda until 01/09/2025 at 5:30 p.m. in the Town Hall Council Chambers. At that meeting, the following items related to the project will be discussed and potentially acted upon.

Agenda:

- Comprehensive Plan Amendment for Increased Density.
- Zoning Code Amendment to Allow Higher Density.
- Special Exception for Planned Mixed-Use Development.
- Site Plan Approval.
- Landscape Plan Approval.

The Town Council will consider for approval the proposed changes to the Comprehensive Plan and Zoning Code, as well as a potential mixed-use development for the former Kmart site at 1201 S Dixie Hwy.

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

Drive-In Movie Night Event

The Town would like to invite all residents to the Free Drive-In Movie Night Event that will take place on 01/10/2025 at 7:00 p.m. We will have snacks and refreshments available while enjoying Ghostbusters Frozen Empire. For more information, contact Nadine Shawah, Parks and Recreation Superintendent at nshawah@lantana.org or (561) 540-5754.

Employee Spotlight

Karen Dipolito has been an integral part of the Police Department for the past 26-plus years. She is responsible for many tasks, including records management, processing records requests, and assisting the public with various inquiries. Karen is highly reliable and can always be counted on to accept new tasks and responsibilities in order to meet the goals and objectives of the Police Department. She routinely receives commendations praising her compassion and thoroughness when dealing with the public, and she is very well-respected among both the Police Department and Town staff. Karen enjoys boating and relaxing with her four Corgis, and she also enjoys spending time with her husband, Sergeant Tom Dipolito!



Water Service Line Inventory Underway

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 well within all mandatory Florida Department of Health water treatment parameters. Our water is tested internally on a daily basis for chlorine, hardness, color, iron, PH, alkalinity, chlorides, total dissolved solids, temperature and conductivity. In addition, it 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 accordance with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency’s (USEPA’s) new requirements, the Town is currently conducting a comprehensive water service line inventory to determine if any of our water service lines potentially contain lead services, or galvanized requiring replacement (GRR) services which are galvanized service lines that are or have previously been downstream of a lead service. These materials could cause adverse health effects to our residents and visitors. As a result, the Town, in conjunction with our engineers has been reviewing our infrastructure records to identify any such potential water service lines. Due to the age, location and condition of some of our infrastructure, a physical inspection of the water service line will be required (at a later

date), in order to make a final determination of the content of the water line's material. This process involves analyzing the service lines that connect your property to the water main to ensure they do not contain any unknown materials, (i.e., lead or GRR pipes). Please be advised that to date, while reviewing our records, the Town has not found any such pipes. The Town's goal is to maintain the highest standards of water safety for Lantana residents and visitors. Please be advised that due to this process you may receive additional information regarding this matter. This information is available in [English](#), [Spanish](#) and [Creole](#) on our website. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Eddie Crockett, Public Services Director, at (561) 540-5753 or ecrockett@lantana.org.

[Town Telephone Directory](#)

If you have any questions or concerns or would like to obtain specific information, please utilize the Telephone Directory below to contact the department that may be most able to assist you. At times, due to the high call and customer volumes, we may be unable to answer your call immediately. In those instances, please leave a voicemail with your name, number and the reason for your call and we will return your call within 24 hours. If you do not receive a call back within that time period, please contact Maria Rios, Executive Assistant to the Town Manager at (561) 540-5004 or mrrios@lantana.org.

Town of Lantana Offices	Phone Numbers
Town General Information	561.540.5000
Building Division / Planning and Zoning (Permits, Inspections, Business Tax Receipts)	561.540.5780
Code Enforcement	561.540.5790
Parks and Recreation Division / Facility Rentals	561.540.5754
Utilities / Water Plant	561.540.5760
Utility Billing	561.540.5020
Public Services Center (e.g., Missed Garbage Pick-Up)	561.540.5750
Parking Permits (Townwide and Boat Trailer)	561.540.5008
Lantana Public Library	561.540.5740
Emergency	911
Police Non-Emergency	561.540.5701
PBC Fire Rescue Non-Emergency	561.616.7000

[Florida Power & Light Company \(FPL\) News](#)

[Lantana Feeder Hardening Project](#)

19 new Concrete Poles were recently installed around S Arnold Ave from W Pine St to Garnett St. In order to make this installation possible, some light fixtures were removed. FPL and their contractors are currently working on the Feeder Hardening Project in the area. As a result, Lantana Feeder #2839 (i.e., Skylark Ln, Julia Heights Dr, Cardinal Ln, Garnett St, S Arnold Ave, S 4th St and Lantana Rd from N 8th St to Dixie Hwy) is expected to be 100% complete shortly. Lantana Feeder #2836 (i.e., North on S 14th St and west of I-95 on Lantana Rd) is expected to be 100% complete shortly.

[Reporting and Tracking an Outage](#)

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



Light Up Lantana

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

Flooding: Know Your Hazards



The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) revised the Flood Insurance Study (FIS) and Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRM), effective 12/20/2024. To remain eligible for the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP), the Town needed to adopt floodplain management regulations that meet NFIP standards by this date.

Additionally, the Town participates in the Community Rating System (CRS) with a Class 8 rating. To maintain this rating, all manufactured homes in the Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA) must be elevated to at least the Base Flood Elevation plus one (1) foot. For this reason, during the 12/09/2024 Town Council meeting, the Town presented Ordinance O-07-2024, which included the appropriate language to reflect this requirement.

While this requirement is not mandatory for CRS participation, it is crucial for maintaining the Class 8 rating. Had the ordinance not been adopted, the Town would have been downgraded to a Class 9 rating, reducing the flood insurance premium discount from 10% to 5%. There are 887 policies in the community receiving the 10% discount, which would have been reduced had the new regulations not been approved. For more information about this ordinance, please refer to the [12/09/2024 Agenda](#).

If you have questions on what this means for your property, please feel free to reach out to planning@lantana.org. Additional information and resources regarding NFIP and floodplain management can be found at <https://www.fema.gov/flood-maps>.

Sign Up for CodeRED Alerts!

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 Kathleen Dominguez, Town Clerk at kdominguez@lantana.org or (561) 540-5016.

Water Treatment Plant (WTP) and Water Distribution System Improvements Update

In an attempt to continually improve our WTP and related facilities, the Town’s staff works closely with our engineers on all of our water-related improvement projects. In order to continually provide quality potable water in a safe, consistent and cost-effective manner, the Town has recently completed/is undergoing the following projects:

Completed within the last 12 months:

- All of high service pumps at the WTP have been replaced and are online.
- The Water Main Replacement Project under the Florida East Coast (FEC) Railway tracks at Pine St.
- The radiator, battery charger and batteries of the WTP's emergency power generator have been repaired/replaced.
- The Brine Tank has been replaced (completed 10/2024).

Ongoing Projects:

- A \$2.4M Filter Media Replacement and WTP improvements Project.
 - All five (5) resin tanks have been restored and are significantly improving the clarity and softness of the water.
- Phase I of the A/C Water Main Pipe Replacement Project continues.
- Design work for Phase II of the Broadway and WTP Discharge Water Main Pipe Replacement Project is underway.
- Installation of a new water main interconnect with the City of Lake Worth Beach on Dixie Hwy.

All of these projects are ongoing simultaneously, at various stages of progress and are of the highest priority to Town Officials and staff. In addition, the staff meets monthly with our engineers to ensure that we remain on task and that we coordinate with the various regulatory agencies to deliver 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 from 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. If you should have any concerns regarding the color, odor 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.

Interlocal Agreements (ILAs) for Water Main Interconnection

The Town has ILAs with the Cities of Boynton Beach, Lake Worth Beach and the Town of Manalapan for water main interconnection to help guard against the potential failure of water service to customers within each municipality's service areas and to enhance our respective water distribution systems interconnectedness for security, emergency and vulnerability preparedness.

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TOWN CLERK

2025 Town Election Information

Next Town Election: Tuesday, 03/11/2025 for the Offices of Councilmember Group 1 and Group 2 (three-year terms). The qualification period ended on Friday, 11/15/2024 at 4:30 p.m.

Qualified Candidates:

- Councilmember – Group 1:
 - Lynn J. Moorhouse (incumbent)
 - Jesse Rivero
- Councilmember – Group 2:
 - Kem Mason (incumbent) – Duly Elected Note: Kem Mason met all qualification requirements without opposition and was duly elected.

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

New Town Website

We are excited to announce that our new website launched on 11/21/2024 and offers a more user-friendly experience, a fresh new look, and easy access to all the information that you need. Check it out today at www.lantana.org

Town's Livestreaming Platform and Agenda Notifications

To use the platform for accessing the live-streamed and recorded Town Council Meetings please adhere to the following instructions:

Tune in Live or Catch up Later

- Visit https://lantanafl.granicus.com/ViewPublisher.php?view_id=1.
- Click the "View Event" link for the live broadcast when the Town Council Meeting starts.
- Recordings are available on-demand after each meeting in the Past Events section.

Stay informed

Sign up for email notifications when new agendas are posted and never miss an update at https://lantanafl.granicus.com/ViewPublisher.php?view_id=1.

Welcome to Lantana Video Tour

We are excited to invite you to explore the Town through our interactive video tour! Discover our vibrant community, dedicated public safety services, and wonderful public Library. The video is available on the homepage of our website at www.lantana.org.

Schedule of Future Events/Important Dates

- 12/24/2024 – Town Offices Closed Early in Observance of Christmas Eve.
- 12/25/2024 – Town Offices Closed in Observance of Christmas Day.
- 12/31/2024 – Town Offices Closed in Observance of New Year's Eve.
- 01/01/2025 – Town Offices Closed in Observance of New Year's Day.
- 01/09/2025 – Special Town Council Meeting, Town Hall Council Chambers, 5:30 p.m.
- 01/10/2025 – Drive-In Movie Night, Lantana Sports Park, 7:00 p.m.
- 01/13/2025 – Town Council Meeting, Town Hall Council Chambers, 6:00 p.m.
- 01/16/2025 – Special Magistrate Hearing, Town Hall Council Chambers, 5:30 p.m.
- 01/22/2025 – Planning Commission Meeting, Town Hall Council Chambers, 6:30 p.m.
- 01/27/2025 – Town Council Meeting, Town Hall Council Chambers, 6:00 p.m.

PUBLIC SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Lantana Nature Preserve (Preserve) Improvements

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

In addition, on 03/14/2024, the Town began replacing two (2) of the Preserve's deteriorated timber pedestrian bridges along the hiking paths. The construction of the largest bridge was completed on 08/02/2024, while the smaller bridge will remain closed until further notice so that additional construction work can be done. The parking lot is open and will not be affected by any additional construction. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause and appreciate your patience.



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

Hypoluxo Island Drainage Information

On 04/24/2023, the Town Council approved our Engineer to design, permit and bid the Drainage Improvement Project for N Atlantic Dr and Beach Curve Rd (CSA No 2023-03). N Atlantic Dr has reached the 90% design submittal stage, which includes updated drawings, specifications, and cost estimates. We are preparing for a final review and approval process which is expected to be completed in January 2025.

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

Project	Funding Year	Start Date	Estimated Completion	Comments
Lift Station Rehabilitation (6-N Atlantic Dr, 16-Lantana Beach & 18-Police Dept.)	FY 2020/21 (rolled over to FY 2021/22)	TBD	Completed	Lift station 6 and 18 have been completed, while 16 is substantially complete. Awaiting close out documents.
Beach Pavilion Repairs	FY 2020/21 (FY 2021/22 not funded)	TBD	TBD	Bldg. use/purpose being evaluated as part of the Master Plan.
Filter Media Replacement & WTP Improvements	FY 2020/21 (rolled over to FY 2021/22), additional funds added in FY 2022/23	02/2024	05/2025	Filter media replaced in all five (5) vessels. Water quality improvements objectives met. Vessel exterior sandblasting and painting underway.
Design of SE Atlantic Dr, Beach Curve Rd, Barefoot Ln, Lagoon Ln, N Atlantic Drainage Improvements	Included in FY 2021/22 year-end budget amendment	TBD	01/2025	Design underway and is anticipated to be completed in 01/2025. Delays experienced in getting regulatory agency approvals.
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	09/2025	Two (2) related contracts approved by Town Council on 06/24/2024 which will be rolled over to FY 2024/25.
AC Pipe Replacement (Phase I)	FY 2021/22	03/2024	01/2025	Town Council awarded engineering CSA to B & W & construction contract to FG Construction on 01/08/2024. NTP was issued in February 2024. Project underway.
Repair Seawall @ Bicentennial & Sportsman's Parks	FY 2022/23	08/2022	TBD	Grant agreement approved by Town Council on 01/22/2024.
Design: Asbestos Cement (AC) Water Mains (Phase II)	FY 2022/23	TBD	02/2025	Design underway and is anticipated to be completed in 02/2025. Delays experienced in getting regulatory agency approvals.
Vulnerability Assessment/Ocean Ave.	FY 2022/23	08/2023	03/2025	Approved by Town Council 08/14/2023. CSA underway.
Install Emergency water main connection with City of Lake Worth Beach (LWB) through an Interlocal Agreement (ILA)	FY 2022/23	TBD	TBD	ILA approved by Town Council 08/14/2023 & by LWB City Commission 09/14/2023. LWB expected to approve contractor work order shortly.

Exhibit B – Public Services Department's FY 2023/24 Capital Projects

Project	Funding Year	Start Date	Estimated Completion	Comments
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	Roof contractor approved by Town Council on 07/22/2024 and roof work is underway.
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
Funding to replace the ADA Ramp at Lantana Beach	FY 2023/24	TBD	TBD	TBD
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	TBD
Council Chambers Renovations	FY 2023/24	TBD	TBD	RFQ being evaluated.
Construct classrooms and Emergency Operations Center at Police Department	FY 2023/24	TBD	TBD	RFQ being evaluated.
Replacement of asbestos concrete piping	FY 2023/24	TBD	TBD	Phase II Engineering CSA approved by Town Council 04/08/2024. Underway.
Replacement of a utility truck including a lift gate	FY 2023/24	TBD	TBD	Approved by Town Council on 12/11/2023. Vehicle ordered. One (1) vehicle delivered.
Replace water meters w/Automated Meter Reading System (AMR)	FY 2023/24	TBD	TBD	Meter types being evaluated.
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	CSA from B & W going to Town Council on 12/09/2024 for approval.
Replacement of a 2011 Ford F350 crane utility truck	FY 2023/24	TBD	TBD	Approved by Town Council on 12/11/2023. Vehicle ordered.
Replace roof at Water Treatment Plant (WTP)	FY 2023/24	10/2024	12/2024	Underway.
Bicentennial Park Seawall Hardening	FY 2023/24	01/22/2024	02/2025	Approved by Town Council 01/22/2024. CSA underway. Construction Award anticipated for 02/2025.
WTP Instrumentation & Control Improvements	FY 2023/24	05/13/2024	03/2025	Engineering CSA approved by Town Council 05/13/2024. Underway.
Maddock Park ADA Ramp Replacement	FY 2023/24	08/26/2024	11/23/2024	Completed.

Exhibit C – Public Services Department’s FY 2024/25 Capital Projects

Project	Funding Year	Start Date	Estimated Completion	Comments
Holiday decorations for Greynolds Circle	FY 2024/25	10/01/2024	Completed	Completed.
Install lighting to support holiday celebrations around Greynolds Circle	FY 2024/25	10/01/2024	Completed	Completed.
Move electrical lines under sidewalk	FY 2024/25	TBD	TBD	TBD
Curb installation at intersections	FY 2024/25	TBD	TBD	TBD
Two (2) shade structures for Sports Park bleachers	FY 2024/25	TBD	TBD	TBD
Replace split-rail fence at Maddock Park	FY 2024/25	TBD	TBD	TBD
Replace Development Services' windows with hurricane-rated impact windows	FY 2024/25	TBD	TBD	TBD
Covered storage approximately 100' x 42'	FY 2024/25	TBD	TBD	TBD
Replace Public Services' Center roof	FY 2024/25	TBD	TBD	TBD
Library bathroom improvements	FY 2024/25	TBD	TBD	TBD
Replace Lyman Kayak Park launch ramp with concrete ramp	FY 2024/25	TBD	TBD	TBD
Replace Town Hall windows with hurricane-rated impact windows	FY 2024/25	TBD	TBD	TBD
Replace asbestos concrete piping-Phase II	FY 2024/25	TBD	TBD	TBD
Construct lift stations (i.e., 3, 4, 8 and/or 9) into submersible pump stations	FY 2024/25	TBD	TBD	CSA Being Evaluated.
Replace two (2) chlorine tanks	FY 2024/25	TBD	TBD	TBD

DEVELOPMENT SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Water Tower Commons Project Update

Town staff continues to work closely with the Developers of the Water Tower Commons site (site). Currently, staff is processing appropriate permits and inspections for the approved eastern commercial side of the site as well as a Fifth Third Bank. On 08/12/2024, the Town Council approved a Special Exception, Site Plan and Landscape Plan for a modification to the eastern commercial portion of the site to include a Carl's Jr. and Panda Express. As part of the approval of the Water Tower Commons Project, the Developer was required by PBC to install a mast arm traffic light at the project's entrance. Since Lantana Rd is County-owned and maintained, Town staff has recently been engaged in discussions with PBC as well as the Developer regarding the mast arm. Ongoing traffic analyses will be conducted to determine when the mast arm is warranted.

Lantana Village Update

In April 2023, Integra Solutions, LLC (Integra) purchased the 18-acre site located at the corner of Hypoluxo Rd and Dixie Hwy, commonly referred to as the vacant Kmart site. Since that time, staff has been collaborating and coordinating with Integra's development team to deliver a well-planned mixed-use development and vibrant space that will enhance the site's visual appeal and address the community's diverse needs. On 02/12/2024 a public workshop was held whereby Integra presented the site's conceptual site plan and renderings (as currently drafted). During the workshop, the Town Council provided positive feedback on the project's conceptual plan, commending its thoughtful design and alignment with the community's vision and Master Plan. Overall, the Council's endorsement (through consensus), signifies confidence in the project's potential to breathe new life into the community's fabric. In addition, the public was given the opportunity to ask questions and provide comments. As a result, staff has moved forward with next steps including both text and Comprehensive Plan amendments. Due to circumstances beyond our control, the Town had to postpone the Special Town Council meeting that was scheduled for 12/10/2024 to 01/09/2025. Since the 12/10/2024 meeting had been previously and properly noticed, a very brief meeting did occur but to only defer the entire agenda until 01/09/2025 at 5:30 p.m. in the Town Hall Council Chambers. At that meeting, the Site Plan and related items for the project will be discussed and potentially acted upon. For more information regarding the materials that were presented at the 02/13/2024 workshop (e.g., Site Plan, Renderings and PowerPoints), please contact Town Administration at (561) 540-5004.



Rendering of Lantana ParkSquare as seen from the FEC Railway

Master Plan Update

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

- The adopted Townwide Master Plan has been posted on the Town's website at <https://www.lantana.org/>.
- Staff has formed the Master Plan Committee, a volunteer group of residents from various neighborhoods to provide input on the Master Plan and ongoing projects.

- Digital copies of the Master Plan have been distributed to potential developers and stakeholders.
- Staff presented to the Town Council highlights of the Master Plan in relation to the proposed redevelopment of the Kmart site on 02/13/2024.
- Staff continues to meet monthly with the vacant Ocean Ave property owners on a redevelopment plan that aligns with the Master Plan.
- Staff has and will continue to explore redevelopment plans for Lantana Beach as it relates to the Master Plan. On 11/04/2024 staff met with members of the EAU's management team to discuss potential partnership opportunities pertaining to this effort.
- \$200k worth of funding has been budgeted for related projects (i.e., \$100k and another \$100k was included in the FY 2023/24 and FY 2024/25 budgets, respectively).

Traffic Calming

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

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

Effective December 20, 2024, in designated flood zones, building codes require new construction and substantially improved building projects to be built at a minimum height of the designated Base Flood Elevation (BFE) plus one (1) foot. "Substantial improvement" means any reconstruction, rehabilitation, addition or other improvement to a structure, where the total cost equals or exceeds 50% of the market value of the structure before the start of construction of the improvement. 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 six (6) months. If your permit is set to expire, you can request an extension in writing with justifiable cause prior to the expiration. The Town's Building Official has authorization to grant, in writing, one (1) or more extensions of time, for periods not more than three (3) months each. Please contact the Building Division for more information regarding these requirements at buildingpermit@lantana.org.

Business Tax Receipts (BTRs) for Sale

FY 2024/25 BTRs went on sale on 07/01/2024 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 09/30/24. If payment has not been received by this date, they are considered overdue and additional fees may apply. Payments can be made in person or by mail, via check.

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/representatives of the recently demolished vacant Ocean Ave properties in order to determine next steps for redevelopment.
- Coordination with CentralSquare Technologies to implement online permitting.
- Coordination with 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.

LIBRARY DEPARTMENT

Holiday Season at the Library

This December, the Library was filled with holiday cheer, thanks to our wonderful community who came out to one (or more!) of our holiday-themed events. Our 1st Annual Cookie and Recipe Exchange was a great success, with attendees exchanging treats and sharing family recipes. We are creating a Library Cookbook which will feature all the recipes shared at the exchange, so don't forget to check it out when it becomes available after the New Year!



The Friends of the Library Annual Holiday Concert was another highlight, featuring the Friendship Ensemble who performed classic holiday songs, with attendees singing along. The event continues to grow each year and brings more joy to our community. A special thanks to The Cheese Shoppe in downtown Lantana for donating charcuterie platters for everyone to enjoy during the concert.



We also hosted a community party inspired by the Icelandic tradition of Jólábókaflóð, aka the "Christmas book flood." This event featured books, food, games, and gifts! The celebration was a wonderful mix of culture and holiday cheer.



Along with these special events, we offered a Gingerbread Storytime, Jean's Imagineers STEM program, Holiday Movies, Paws to Read, Yoga, and had patrons pitch in to help decorate the Library. Thank you to everyone who participated and volunteered, making this season at the Library one to remember. We hope everyone enjoys the rest of 2024 and look forward to more community events in the new year!

Keep up-to-date on our news and events on the Library's new website: <https://www.lantanalibrary.org/>

FINANCE DEPARTMENT

Parking and Boat Trailer Decals

Parking and boat trailer decals are on sale now at Town Hall and are good through 09/30/2025. Additional information may be found at <https://www.lantana.org/parkingpermit>.

FY 2024/25 Adopted Annual Budget

After months of preparation, the Town's FY 2024/25 budget (10/01/2024 – 09/30/2025) was passed and adopted on 09/18/2024 and can be found at <https://www.lantana.org/179/Accounting-Budget>.

Hiring Opportunities

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

Exhibit D – Finance Department's Monthly Report

Item	November
Number of Accounts Payable Checks Issued	146
Amount of Accounts Payable Checks	\$ 2,086,912
Utility Bills Prepared	3,543
Utility Accounts on Auto-Pay	1,014
Utility Accounts Opened	25
Town Water Consumption (in thousands of gallons)	5,697
Water Consumed (net of Town usage in thousands of gallons)	60,159
Water/Wastewater Utility Revenue Billed	\$ 1,028,793
New Employees	-
Separated Employees	-
Number of Interviews	-
Number of Insurance Claims Managed	18
SysAid Tickets completed (Information Technology)	21
Security Logs Reviewed	3,240
Backups Performed (i.e., computer, server, etc.)	405
Network Add/Change/Deletions	95

Exhibit E – Budget-In-Brief



BUDGET-IN-BRIEF as of October 31, 2024

(8.33% of year elapsed)

General Fund Revenues				Other Town Funds			
Revenues	Budget	Year-to-Date	%	Police Education Fund	Budget	Year-to-Date	%
Taxes	11,088,970	(123,042)	-1.1%	Revenues	2,738	172	6.3%
Licenses & Permits	930,500	184,646	19.8%	Use of Reserves	-	-	N/A
Assessments	1,054,643	-	0.0%	Total Revenues	\$ 2,738	\$ 172	6.3%
Intergovernmental Revenue	1,984,588	(161,609)	-8.1%	Total Expenses	\$ 2,738	\$ -	0.0%
Charges for Services	970,880	80,222	8.3%				
Fines & Forfeitures	294,350	11,916	4.0%	Police Forfeiture Fund*	Budget	Year-to-Date	%
Misc. Revenue	1,332,940	157,128	11.8%	Total Revenues	\$ -	\$ -	N/A
Interfund Transfers	-	-	N/A	Total Expenses	\$ -	\$ -	N/A
Use of Reserves	175,000	14,578	8.3%	*Per Florida Statute fund is not budgeted			
Total Revenues	\$ 17,831,871	\$ 163,839	0.9%				

General Fund Expenditures				Other Town Funds			
Expenditures	Budget	Year-to-Date	%	Water & Sewer Utility Fund	Budget	Year-to-Date	%
Town Council	155,341	20,554	13.2%	Revenues	8,891,399	(73,828)	-0.8%
Town Manager	588,742	55,842	9.5%	Use of Reserves	-	-	N/A
Finance	710,353	75,352	10.6%	Total Revenues	\$ 8,891,399	\$ (73,828)	-0.8%
Non-Departmental	140,000	14,241	10.2%	Total Expenses	\$ 8,891,399	\$ 838,384	9.4%
Police	8,386,719	1,161,796	13.9%				
Development Services	1,533,946	110,756	7.2%	Infrastructure Surtax Fund	Budget	Year-to-Date	%
Operations	4,477,374	250,801	5.6%	Total Revenues	1,178,902	(127,659)	-10.8%
Library	547,617	28,776	5.3%	Use of Reserves	-	-	N/A
Capital Outlay	1,291,779	124,101	9.6%	Total Revenues	\$ 1,178,902	\$ (127,659)	-10.8%
Debt Service	-	-	N/A	Total Expenses	\$ 1,178,902	\$ -	0.0%
Interfund Transfers	-	-	N/A				
Contingency	-	-	N/A				
Total Expenditures	\$ 17,831,871	\$ 1,842,219	10.3%				

Other Town Funds				YTD-Total Town-wide Budget			
Water & Sewer Utility Fund	Budget	Year-to-Date	%	Expenditures	Budget	Year-to-Date	%
Revenues	8,891,399	(73,828)	-0.8%	Total Town-wide Budget	\$ 29,540,194	\$ 2,872,549	9.7%
Use of Reserves	-	-	N/A	(not including Police Forfeiture Fund)			
Total Revenues	\$ 8,891,399	\$ (73,828)	-0.8%				
Total Expenses	\$ 8,891,399	\$ 838,384	9.4%				

POLICE DEPARTMENT



Traffic Enforcement

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

Police Department's Ongoing Projects and Current Trends

- Staff continues to work with the Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE) with the migration of Uniform Crime Reporting under the new Florida Incident-Based Reporting System (FIBRS).
- Staff continues to work with County liaisons to assist homeless subjects to obtain available services.
- Road Patrol shifts continue to conduct in-service training on new equipment.
- Officers completed high liability firearms training.
- Police Department staff are recruiting residents in order to reinstate the Citizens on Patrol Program.
- Road patrol officers are continuing traffic enforcement measures throughout the Town.
- On 12/13/2024, Police Explorers and Officers attended the Winterfest Lantana Event.
- On 12/21/2024, Officers and Police Explorers will conduct a Toy Giveaway for those families that are in need in our community.

Exhibit F – Police Department's Capital Projects

Project	Funding Year	Start Date	Estimated Completion	Comments
Axon Air Skydio Drone and related accessories.	FY 2023/24 ARPA Funded	03/2024	12/2024	Awaiting FAA paperwork.
Purchase of six (6) non-lethal PepperBall devices	FY 2023/24 LETF Funded	06/2024	Completed	Completed.
Replace 45 firearms for Law Enforcement Officers	FY 2024/25	10/2024	01/2025	TBD
Purchase three (3) SUV utility style vehicles and related equipment for Uniform Division	FY 2024/25	10/14/2024	TBD	Purchase Order sent to vendor.
Replace two (2) rugged laptop computers for Road Patrol	FY 2024/25	TBD	TBD	TBD
Replace virtual server cluster	FY 2024/25	TBD	TBD	TBD
Purchase of Flock safety cameras (license plate readers)	FY 2024/25	TBD	TBD	TBD
Two (2) rugged laptops for Detective Bureau	FY 2024/25	TBD	TBD	TBD

FIRE RESCUE DEPARTMENT

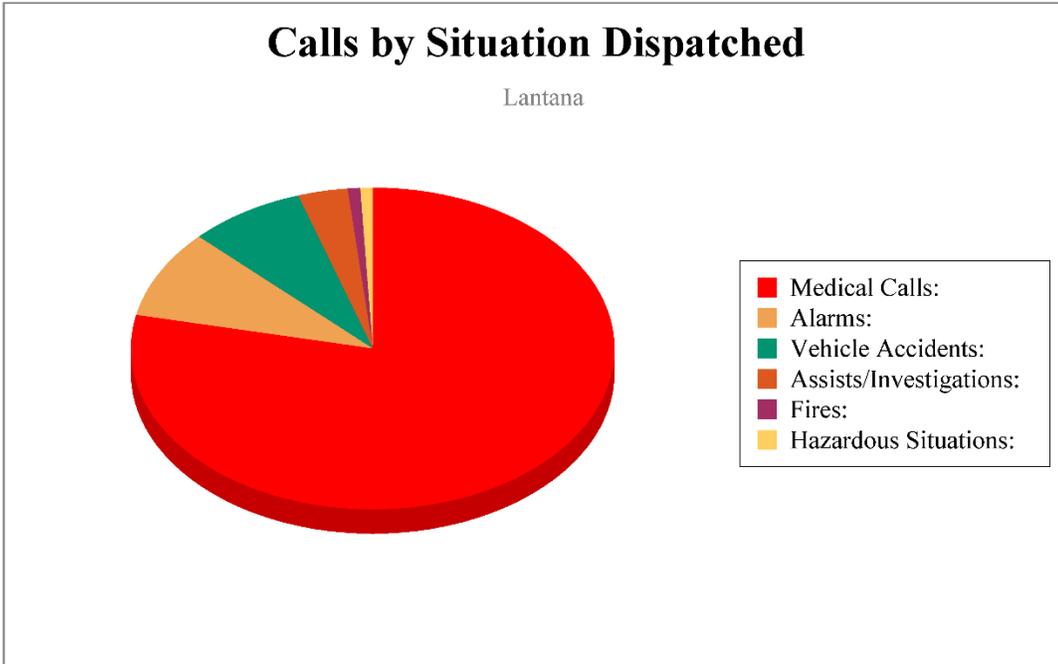
Exhibit G – Fire Rescue Department’s Municipal Call Type Report Chart



Palm Beach County Fire Rescue
Lantana
 11/01/2024 to 11/30/2024

Average Response Times	Disp Hand	Turnout	Travel	Resp Time
Emergency Calls:	<u>0:00:45</u>	<u>0:00:51</u>	<u>0:04:18</u>	<u>0:05:54</u>

<u>Type - Situation Dispatched</u>	<u># of Incidents</u>	<u>%</u>
Medical Calls:	185	78.39%
Alarms:	21	8.90%
Vehicle Accidents:	18	7.63%
Assists/Investigations:	8	3.39%
Fires:	2	0.85%
Hazardous Situations:	2	0.85%
Total	<u>236</u>	<u>100.00%</u>



Palm Beach County Fire Rescue Car Seat Check Locations

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

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

GRANTS/APPROPRIATIONS/AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT INFORMATION

Grants/Appropriations Funding Update

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

- Ryan Ruskay from RMPK Funding (RMPK). RMPK is an external grant writing firm that assists the Town in obtaining funding for a wide range of capital improvement projects that enables us to better meet the unique and diverse needs of our community. To date, RMPK has been instrumental in the Town securing more than \$2.3M in such funding.
- Mat Forrest from our Lobbying firm – Ballard Partners, has previously set up in-person meetings with our State Senator and Representative during Palm Beach Day in our State Capitol so that the Town could gain their support for our various state appropriation requests for infrastructure improvements. To date, as a result of Mr. Forrest's efforts, the Town has been awarded \$1.2M in state appropriation funding.
- In addition, we work very closely with our Congressional partners – Congresswoman Lois Frankel and her staff. The Congresswoman has supported and assisted/is assisting the Town in securing the following federal appropriations:
 - Secured \$1.2M in FY 2022/23 to assist in funding our Water Main Replacement Project (includes Phase I of our A/C Pipe Replacement Project).
 - Secured nearly \$960k in FY 2023/24 to assist in funding our Water Main Replacement Project and WTP Improvements (i.e., includes Filter Media Project).
 - On 07/15/2024, the Town was informed that \$1.1M was included in the FY 2025 Interior Appropriations Bill, recently passed by the House Appropriations Committee. This included funding for upgrades to our WTP Control Panels and Instrumentation Equipment. Final funding determination is contingent upon Congress passing the FY 2025 Budget.

American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funding Update

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

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

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Exhibit H – Active Grants/Appropriations Schedule

Name of Grantor/Name of Grant/Scope of Work	Date Awarded	Date Agreement		Grant Amount	Town Match	Total Grant	Status
			Approved by Town				
<u>American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funding</u>							
				\$ 6,300,000	\$ -	\$ 6,300,000	
<u>American Library Association's (ALA) Libraries Transforming Communities Grant</u>							
Accessible for Small and Rural Communities	04/19/2023	04/19/2023		\$ 20,000	\$ -	\$ 20,000	Grant Rec'd 11/02/2023.
<u>American Library Association's (ALA) Libraries Transforming Communities Grant</u>							
Accessible for Small and Rural Communities	02/14/2024	TBD		\$ 10,000	\$ -	\$ 10,000	TBD
<u>Southeast Florida Library Information Network (SEFLIN)</u>							
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.
<u>Community Development Block Grants (CDBG)</u>							
FY 2024/25 Sports Park Improvements	5/14/2024	TBD		\$ 99,952	\$ -	\$ 99,952	Agreement scheduled to go to Town Council on 01/13/2025.
<u>Congressional Community Project Funding (CPF) Opportunities through Congresswoman Lois Frankel's Office</u>							
FY 2022/23 Grant Submission - Water Main Replacement Project	12/24/2022	TBD		\$ 1,200,000	\$ 240,000	\$ 1,440,000	Federal funds have been awarded but not appropriated. Approved CATEx received 08/29/2024.
FY 2023/24 Grant Submission - Water Main Replacement Project and Water Treatment Plant (WTP) Improvements	03/25/2024	TBD		\$ 959,757	\$ 191,951	\$ 1,151,708	Nearly \$960k has been included in the Federal Interior Appropriation Bill for this purpose.
FY 2024/25 Grant Submission - Water Treatment Plant Upgrades - Control Panels and Instrumentation Equipment	TBD	TBD		\$ 1,100,000	\$ 220,000	\$ 1,320,000	This project was included in the FY 2024/25 Interior Appropriation Bill that the House Appropriations Committee passed the week of 07/08/2024.
<u>Florida Department of Environmental Protection - Resilient Florida Grant Program</u>							
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	Town awaiting completed design.
Seawall Hardening	07/13/2023	01/22/2024		\$ 900,000	\$ 900,000	\$ 1,800,000	Town staff awaiting completed design.
A1A/Ocean Ave Resiliency	TBD	TBD		\$ 2,269,449	\$ 2,269,449	\$ 4,538,897	Application submitted 09/05/2024.
<u>Florida Department of Transportation</u>							
Beautification Grant for Dixie Hwy Medians	01/05/2024	09/11/2023		\$ 72,444	\$ 56,368	\$ 128,812	Executed agreements received 11/13/2024. Kick-off meeting to follow.
<u>Florida Recreational Development Assistance Program (FRDAP)</u>							
FY 2023/24 Bicentennial Park Improvements Potentially seawall hardening	06/15/2023	01/08/2024		\$ 200,000	\$ 200,000	\$ 400,000	B&W working on design for seawall.
FY 2023/24 Maddock Park Improvements Gazebo at Maddock Park Dog Park.	06/15/2023	01/08/2024		\$ 112,500	\$ 37,500	\$ 150,000	CSA to design Gazebo approved by Town Council 10/14/2024.
FY 2024/25 Beach Park Improvements Irrigation on the north side of the park, removal of outdated light poles, updating parking lot drainage system, seawall re-coating, installation of turf/grass and salt tolerant vegetation and removal of invasive plants from dune.	TBD	TBD		\$ 112,500	\$ 37,500	\$ 150,000	Draft agreement received 10/10/2024. Accepted by Town Council on 11/18/2024. Awaiting fully executed agreement.
Total				\$ 14,234,202	\$ 4,863,368	\$ 19,097,570	



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