



## TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

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# TOWN OF LANTANA

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## INTRODUCTION

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

## MISSION STATEMENT

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

## WHAT’S NEW IN THE TOWN

### King Tides 2024

The Town is committed to keeping the community informed and safe regarding “King tides”, which refer to tides that are higher than normal, commonly seen in Florida during the Fall. These tides can lead to local “sunny day” flooding, which happens even in the absence of rainfall. The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) provides forecasts for high tide levels at their Lake Worth tide gauge, helping to predict when king tides are likely to happen. NOAA also indicates specific sea levels that should alert people to potential flooding risks, known as the Action Stage, as well as levels where flooding is expected, referred to as the Flood Stage.

#### Predicted high tide dates for 2024:

- High tides expected within three (3) inches of Action Stage:
  - 09/19 – 09/21/2024
  - 10/16/2024
  - 10/20/2024
  - 11/14/2024
  - 11/17 – 11/18/2024
- High tides expected within three (3) inches of Flood Stage:
  - 10/17 – 10/19/2024
  - 11/15 – 11/16/2024



If you would like more information on how to prepare for and protect yourself and your loved ones during and after a king tide, please visit PBC’s website [here](#).



### School Bus Stop Ahead Signs

On 08/30/2024, the Town installed new “School Bus Stop Ahead” signs in order to enhance safety and improve visibility for drivers approaching bus stops. These signs aim to alert drivers in advance, helping to reduce the risk of accidents and ensure that students are more easily seen while waiting for the bus in the following locations:

- North and Southbound at Mango.
- Southbound at Central.
- Northbound at Greynolds.
- Southern at Greynolds and Garnett.
- Northbound at W Pine St.

### Public Budget Hearings

On 09/09 and 09/18/2024, the Town held its 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Public Budget Hearings. During the meetings, the Finance Director provided a high-level summary of the proposed FY 2024/25 budget and reviewed the highlights from each of the following funds: General, Utility, Stormwater and Flooding Improvement (New), Infrastructure Surtax, Insurance, Police, Grants and the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA). The Town Council gave positive feedback, leading to the approval of the final millage rate and budget for FY 2024/25. We would like to thank everyone involved in making this process smooth and possible. For more information on the budget process, please refer to the [FY 2024/25 Adopted Annual Budget](#) under the **FINANCE DEPARTMENT** section.

### 09/09/2024 – Town Council Meeting Presentations

The Town had the honor to host the following representatives during the 09/09/2024 Town Council Meeting:

#### Presentation by Godfrey Lamptey from GOAL Associates

During the 09/09/2024 Town Council Meeting, Godfrey Lamptey, P.E., PTOE, President of GOAL Associates, provided a presentation on the proposed improvements to the I-95 interchange at Lantana Rd. He showed design plans illustrating the current situation and the proposed changes, highlighting the importance and benefits these improvements would bring to the Town. We would like to inform you that this is a project scheduled for the future and that no action will be taken in the short-term.

#### Presentation by Amy Kemp from Florida Power & Light Company (FPL)

During the 09/09/2024 Town Council Meeting, Amy Kemp, External Affairs Manager for Central and Southern Palm Beach County (PBC) at FPL introduced herself and provided an overview of the services offered by FPL, as well as the current projects they are working on. She also shared information for residents to prepare for hurricanes, which can be found at the following link [FPL.com/Storm](https://www.fpl.com/Storm).

#### Presentation by Lee Bersch and Natalie Stolbach from the Greater Lantana Chamber of Commerce

**“Elevate your leadership skills and make a lasting impact on Lantana.”** As highlighted by Natalie Stolbach and Lee Bersch from the Greater Lantana Chamber of Commerce during the 09/09/2024 Town Council Meeting, the 2025 Leadership Program offers an exceptional opportunity to develop your leadership skills and contribute to the growth of our community. Network with local professionals, gain valuable insights into community issues and become a driving force in shaping the Town's future. Enroll today and join the ranks of Lantana's next generation of leaders! For more information visit [www.lantanachamber.com](http://www.lantanachamber.com).

#### Presentation by Brent Whitfield from Chen Moore and Associates (CMA)

During the 09/09/2024 Town Council Meeting, Brent Whitfield, Project Engineer and Environmental Specialist from CMA, provided a final presentation on the Stormwater and Flooding Improvement Program. He addressed questions from both the Town Council and the public. We received positive feedback from the councilmembers, which resulted in the final adoption of the program.



#### North Tennis/Pickleball Courts Improvements

On 09/12/2024, the North Tennis and Pickleball Courts were closed for several days to facilitate essential fence repairs. This maintenance work was necessary to ensure the safety and functionality of the courts. We apologize for any inconvenience this has caused and appreciate your understanding and patience during this time, as we recognize the importance of these facilities to our community.

### New Rescue Truck Arrives at the Lantana Fire Station #37

The Town is excited to announce that we have received a new rescue truck to enhance safety and operations. Some of the newest features and upgrades include:

- **Integrated UV Lights and Air Scrubbers:** For improved sanitation of the patient compartment.
- **New Patient Compartment Design:** Enhances patient care and the flow/movement of crew members.
- **Improved Dynamic Emergency Lighting:** Adjusts for both nighttime and daytime responses.
- **Latest Emergency Lighting Technology:** Synchronizes emergency lighting with other fire rescue and law enforcement vehicles on scene, improving safety for motorists and the first responders. This first-generation technology allows emergency lighting to “communicate” with each other. Full functionality will develop as newer and next-generation vehicles are put into service.



### Florida Beach Patrol Chiefs Association Meeting

On 09/13/2024, the Town’s Marine Safety Division was thrilled to host the Florida Beach Patrol Chiefs Association, marking their return to the Town after nearly 20 years. This prestigious gathering brought together the chiefs of ocean rescue and beach patrol organizations from across the State. It was a fantastic opportunity for these dedicated professionals to connect, share insights and collaborate on advancing beach safety. We are proud to have supported such an inspiring and productive meeting. Here is to the continued success and growth of professional lifeguard associations across our State.

### Citizen Observer Patrol (COP) Unit Volunteer Program

The Police Department recognizes the volunteer COP Program as a valuable resource for law enforcement. This program engages citizens in observing and reporting suspicious or criminal activities within the Town. Additionally, properly trained members assist with enforcing parking regulations. If you are interested in becoming a member of the Police Department’s COP Unit, please contact Lieutenant Ron Shearouse at [rshearouse@lantana.org](mailto:rshearouse@lantana.org) if you have any questions. For details on eligibility requirements and to complete the volunteer application, please access the application [here](#) and submit it to the Police Department at 901 N 8<sup>th</sup> St, Lantana, FL 33462, Attention: Lieutenant Ron Shearouse.

### Lantana International Coastal Cleanup 2024

The Town held the “Lantana International Coastal Cleanup 2024” event on Saturday, 09/21/2024, beginning at 8:30 a.m. at Lantana Beach. The Town teamed up with PBC’s “Keep Palm Beach County Beautiful” organization to help provide supplies for the event. Over 45 volunteers walked the beach and park area, picking up 135.65 lbs. of trash consisting of plastic bottles, foam pieces, plastic pieces, cigarette butts, bottle caps, rope, food wrappers and much more. All participants enjoyed a very rewarding day. The Town is looking forward to continuing annual cleanups around the community and thanks everyone who participated in this successful cleanup event.



## Awards and Recognitions

### CPR Training for Town Staff

The Town is pleased to announce its collaboration with the American Red Cross to provide Adult and Pediatric CPR training to Town staff. During the month of August, staff from various departments voluntarily participated in an online training session with the American Red Cross and practiced with the Town's Marine Safety Division to obtain their CPR Certification. Obtaining this certification is crucial as it equips our staff with the skills and knowledge to respond effectively in emergency situations, potentially saving lives and ensuring a safer community. We would like to thank them for taking the initiative to participate in this training and to encourage additional staff members to participate in future sessions.



### September 11<sup>th</sup> Ceremony

On 09/11/2024, the Town held a ceremony to honor the victims of the tragic events of 09/11/2001. The ceremony took place in front of the Police Department's Fallen Officer Memorial on Greynolds Circle. Vice Mayor Pro Tem Kem Mason, who dedicated 33 years of service as a PBC Firefighter and retired as a Captain, gave remarks about the event and recognized the victims. Chief of Police Sean Scheller encouraged everyone to remember this event throughout the year, not just on the anniversary date. A wreath was placed at the event location to honor the victims, allowing residents who could not attend the ceremony to stop by throughout the day to pay their respects. The Town would like to thank all of the councilmembers, police officers, firefighters, Town staff and residents who attended the ceremony to honor the victims.



### Lantana is LEED Silver Certified



The Town is proud to announce that it has achieved LEED Silver Certification! The LEED for Cities and Communities program is revolutionizing the way cities and communities are planned, developed and operated to improve their overall sustainability and quality of life.

During the 09/23/2024 Town Council meeting, the Development Services Director, Nicole Dritz explained that this certification is an important acknowledgment of the Town's investments in sustainability to date. More importantly, it serves as an assessment of our current standing and provides a roadmap for future progress. LEED for Cities and Communities helps us set goals, measure progress and continuously improve. The Town is grateful for Nicole Dritz's efforts in securing this certificate, as well as to all the staff involved in making this possible!



### 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 don't 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](mailto: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

### Newly Hired Employees

The Town is pleased to introduce the following newly hired employee. Please join the Town in welcoming Mr. Brian Ross to our Lantana Family!



Brian Ross is the new Utility System Worker for the Utilities Division. He is responsible for performing skilled manual labor in the maintenance or construction tasks for water mains and services, sewer mains and laterals, streets, swales, stormwater mains, lift stations and at the Water Treatment Plant.

### Employee Spotlight

Meet Kathleen Dominguez, the dedicated Town Clerk who has been a vital part of the Lantana team since January 2020. As a Certified Municipal Clerk, Kathleen plays a crucial role in keeping the Town running smoothly.

From preparing meeting agendas, managing public records requests, to supervising the Town elections, Kathleen is the go-to person for residents seeking information or assistance. With a passion for her work and a friendly demeanor, she serves as a bridge between the Town and its community.

When Kathleen is not busy keeping the Town organized, she enjoys exploring her hobbies. You might find her curled up with a good book, shopping for new treasures, baking delicious treats or embarking on adventures with her family.



### Bonefish Cove Habitat Restoration Project Update September 2024

On 09/04/2024, the Town received information that representatives from PBC's Department of Environmental Resources Management (ERM) met several times with the US Army Corps of Engineers (ACOE). As a result, the proposed plan changes were provided to PBC's ERM and they are currently working on modifying the original project design to ensure that the traditional route used by local boaters to the Intracoastal Waterway remains unchanged. For the latest information on the Project, please visit the PBC's ERM website at: [PBCLakeWorthLagoon.com](http://PBCLakeWorthLagoon.com).

### FPL News

#### Lantana Roadwork Project

FPL construction crews began replacing critical equipment on 09/09/2024, and will continue through 10/18/2024 affecting travel on S 14<sup>th</sup> St in the Town. The work is part of the FPL's ongoing efforts to ensure continued service reliability for its customers. It takes place Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. All motorists are urged to use caution when traveling near the area.

Below is a summary of the work schedule and current status:

- Week of 09/09 - 09/13/2024: Message boards notifying residents of detours were displayed on the North and South ends of S 14<sup>th</sup> St.
- Monday, 09/16/2024: Work began as scheduled.
- Weeks of 09/16 and 09/27/2024: Detours and road shutdowns were in effect, with two (2) police officers on site.
- Weeks of 09/30 and 10/18/2024: Flagging operations will be carried out to complete the project.

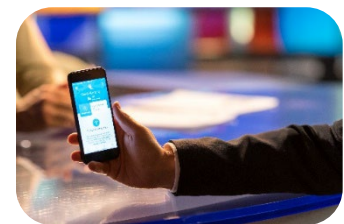
#### Lantana Feeder Hardening Project

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 4<sup>th</sup> St and Lantana Rd from N 8<sup>th</sup> St to Dixie Hwy) is expected to be 100% complete by the end of September 2024. Lantana Feeder #2836 (i.e., North on S 14<sup>th</sup> St and west of I-95 on Lantana Rd) is expected to be 100% complete by the end of October 2024.

FPL apologizes for any inconvenience caused by these projects.

#### 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](http://FPL.com) to report or check the status of your outage.



#### How FPL Restores Your Power

FPL is dedicated to restoring your power safely and as quickly as possible after a storm. Their highly skilled restoration teams work around the clock, prioritizing critical infrastructure to ensure power is restored to our community. Click [here](#) to learn how FPL restores power. Additionally, the company urges you to always be aware of potential safety hazards, especially before, during and after severe weather.

Prepare your family and/or business for storm season by visiting [FPL.com/Storm](https://www.fpl.com/Storm) and access helpful resources, tips and guidelines to ensure you and your loved ones are ready when storms strike.

#### 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](mailto:gellis@lantana.org) or (561) 540-5764.

#### Sea Turtle Nesting and Hatching Season

March 1<sup>st</sup> marks the beginning of the Sea Turtle Nesting and Hatching Season which runs annually from 03/01 – 10/31. During this period of time, sea turtles make their way to Florida beaches to lay their eggs. Please help us protect these sea creatures by staying clear of any such nests.

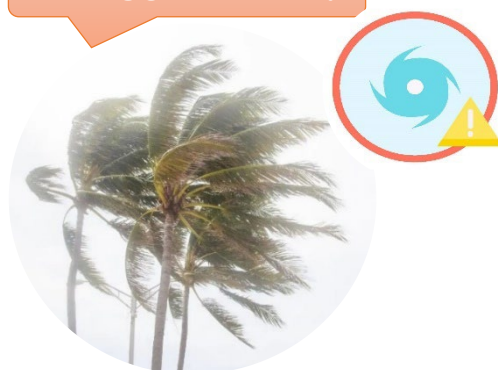
#### 2024 Hurricane Season Preparedness

The Town is committed to assisting residents in preparing for the potential impacts of a hurricane. To ensure everyone’s safety, we provide some recommendations below to properly prepare for a hurricane in advance:

##### Before:

- ✓ Install straps or additional clips to securely fasten your roof to the frame structure. This will reduce roof damage.
- ✓ Be sure trees and shrubs around your home are well trimmed.
- ✓ Obtain cash or travelers checks.
- ✓ Fuel up vehicles and propane tanks.
- ✓ Determine how and where to secure your boat.
- ✓ Purchase supplies for your family’s disaster supply kit.
- ✓ Make plans to board your pet if you plan to go to a shelter.
- ✓ Check your shelter information and location.

ARE YOU PREPARED?



##### After:

- ✓ Report downed lines to FPL or the Police Department.
- ✓ Do not drive into flooded areas.
- ✓ Check for gas leaks.
- ✓ If you think sewage lines are damaged, don’t use toilets and call a plumber. If water pipes are damaged, don’t use tap water; call the Town’s Water Treatment Plant (WTP) at (561) 540-5760.

Please make sure you are prepared and [PBC Emergency Management Hurricane Information](#) for an official hurricane guide from the PBC Emergency Information Center (available in English, Spanish and Creole). Additionally, to find your Evacuation Zone, please visit [PBC Emergency Management - Evacuation Zone vs Flood Zone](#). Here, you can enter your address to determine if you are in an evacuation zone and access a list of nearby shelters, gas stations, grocery stores, and other important resources.

#### FLOODING: KNOW YOUR HAZARDS



Know Your Zone: The Town has areas that are considered Special Flood Hazard Areas which require all buildings to be constructed at or above, the Base Flood Elevation. For more information on your specific flood zone and hurricane preparedness, please visit the [Lantana Emergency Management](#) webpage.

Community Rating System (CRS): The Town participates in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) Community Rating System (CRS) and is currently rated a Class 8 Community. This allows a property owner who purchases a flood insurance policy to receive a discount on its cost. As part of our participation, the Development Services Department offers a service to answer questions on Flood Zone and Base Flood Elevation determinations from the Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRMS). Please feel free to stop by or call them at (561) 540-5780 for help answering questions regarding your Flood Zone. The FIRMS and various other publications on flood prevention are available at Development Services and the Library.

New Flood Insurance Rate Maps: The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has notified the Town that revisions to FIRMS and the Flood Insurance Study (FIS) report for the Town have been completed and will become effective on 12/20/2024.

Prior to the effective date, the Town is required, as a condition of continued eligibility in the NFIP, to adopt certain regulations. If you have questions on what this means for your property, please feel free to reach out to [planning@lantana.org](mailto: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](mailto:kdominguez@lantana.org) or (561) 540-5016.

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

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 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.

### Ongoing Projects:

- A \$2.4M Filter Media Replacement and WTP improvements Project.
  - The 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> of five (5) resin tanks have been restored and are significantly improving the clarity of the water while removing water discoloration.
  - In addition, the restoration of the 3<sup>rd</sup> resin tank began on 08/19/2024.
- 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.
- Replacement of the temporary Brine Tank with a permanent one (expected completion 10/2024).
- 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. In many cases, there are multiple regulatory agencies that we need to coordinate with and design issues that need to be addressed 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 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 and 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.

### Dune Restoration Project Delayed until End of Year/Early 2025

On 08/13/2024, the Town received an update on the Dune Restoration Project from the Town of Palm Beach's Director of Public Works. The project is scheduled for Winter 2024, with access now planned south of the Lake Worth pier, which eliminates the need for access through the Town's Dorothy Rissler. The Town of Palm Beach is now requesting reimbursement from the Town for sand costs only and is obtaining estimates for sand rates and quantities needed. Since the sand was originally going to be provided in exchange for Dorothy Rissler access (which is no longer required), they will seek funds from PBC's ERM for sand placement in the Town. We are currently evaluating the need for a new ILA to proceed if the project is financially feasible for the Town.

## TOWN CLERK

### PBC 2024 Presidential Election Dates and Deadlines – Mark Your Calendars!

The Presidential Election Day is Tuesday, 11/05/2024.

- Early voting begins on **Monday, 10/21/2024, through Sunday, 11/03/2024, from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. at select locations.**
- The deadline to register to vote is **Monday, 10/07/2024.**
- Deadline to request that a Vote-by-Mail ballot be mailed to you: **5:00 p.m. on Thursday, 10/24/2024.**
- Deadline to return your Vote-by-Mail ballot to the Main Office: **7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, 11/05/2024.**

For more information on early voting, vote-by-mail, and registration deadlines, please visit: <https://www.votepalmbeach.gov/>, or call (561) 656-6200.

### 2025 Town Election Information

**Next Town Election:** March 11, 2025 for the Offices of Councilmember Group 1 and Group 2 (three-year terms).

#### **Seats up for Election:**

- Councilmember, Group 1: (Incumbent: Lynn J. Moorhouse)
- Councilmember, Group 2: (Incumbent: Kem Mason)

#### **Qualification Period:**

- Begins: Noon on Monday, 11/11/2024 (Note: Town offices are closed on Monday, 11/11/2024 for Veterans Day).
- Ends: 4:30 p.m. on Friday, 11/14/2024.

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

### Get Ready for a New Town Website

On 03/25/2024, the Town Council approved a contract with CivicPlus, LLC, to completely revamp our website. This means a more user-friendly experience, a fresh new look and easier access to all the information you need. Stay tuned for the launch this Fall – November 2024!

### Town's Livestreaming Platform and Agenda Notifications

To use the platform for accessing the livestreamed and recorded Town Council Meetings please adhere the following instructions:

#### Tune in Live or Catch up Later

- Visit <https://www.lantana.org/TownAgendas>.
- 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://www.lantana.org/TownAgendas>.

### Schedule of Future Events/Important Dates

- 09/25/2024 – Planning Commission Meeting, Town Hall Council Chambers, 6:30 p.m.
- 10/14/2024 – Town Council Meeting, Town Hall Council Chambers, 6:00 p.m.
- 10/17/2024 – Special Magistrate Hearing, Town Hall Council Chambers, 5:30 p.m.
- 10/21/2024 - 11/03/2024 – Early Voting Begins, 7:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.
- 10/23/2024 – Planning Commission Meeting, Town Hall Council Chambers, 6:30 p.m.
- 10/24/2024 – Read for the Record Day, Lantana Public Library, Lantana Public Library, time TBD.
- 10/25/2024 – Haunted Nature Preserve, 440 E Ocean Ave, 6:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
- 10/28/2024 – Town Council Meeting, Town Hall Council Chambers, 6:00 p.m.
- 11/05/2024 – Election Day, 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.
- 11/11/2024 – Town Offices Closed in Observance of Veterans Day and Veterans Day Celebration, Bicentennial Park, 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.
- 11/18/2024 – Town Council Meeting, Town Hall Council Chambers, 6:00 p.m.
- 11/21/2024 – Special Magistrate Hearing, Town Hall Council Chambers, 5:30 p.m.
- 11/27/2024 – Town Offices Closed Early in Observance of Thanksgiving and Planning Commission Meeting, Town Hall Council Chambers, 6:30 p.m. (TENTATIVE).
- 11/28 – 11/29/2024 – Town Offices Closed in Observance of Thanksgiving.

### **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](mailto: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. These plans are scheduled to be submitted to the South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD) in the coming days. We are preparing for a final review and approval process which is expected to be wrapped up in October 2024.

Exhibit A – Public Services Department's Ongoing 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	09/1/2024	Contract awarded & underway. Lift station 6 & 18 are complete, while construction for 16 is substantially complete.
Water Main Replacement Under FEC @ Pine St	FY 2020/21 (rolled over to FY 2021/22)	06/2023	08/2024	Complete and Operational
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 (2) of (5) vessels. Noticeable increase in water color has been noted. Rehabilitation of 3 <sup>rd</sup> vessel started 08/19/2024.
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	10/2024	Design underway & is anticipated to be completed in 10/2024.
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	Two (2) related contracts approved by Town Council on 06/24/2024 which will be rolled over to FY 2024/25.
Phase I 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.
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	None at this time.
Vulnerability Assessment/Ocean Ave.	FY 2022/23	08/2023	10/2024	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 Capital Projects included in FY 2023/24 Adopted/Amended Budget

Project	Funding Year	Start Date	Estimated Completion	Comments
Holiday decorations for Greynolds Circle	FY 2023/24	TBD	09/2024	Decorations being reviewed.
Upgrade playground equipment at Maddock Park	FY 2023/24	08/2024	09/2024	Complete.
Replace fence around northern tennis court	FY 2023/24	TBD	09/2024	Complete.
Replacement of 2004 Ford Ranger	FY 2023/24	10/2023	05/2024	Purchase was approved by Town Council on 10/23/2023. Vehicle received.
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. Awaiting contract scheduling and permits.
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
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	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.
Architectural services to design office space at the Operations Center	FY 2023/24	TBD	TBD	RFQ being evaluated.
Automatic flushing system for water distribution system	FY 2023/24	10/2023	09/2024	Nine (9) Auto flush systems installed at various locations Townwide (mobile).
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 being evaluated.
Begin GIS location and mapping for stormwater and sewer infrastructure	FY 2023/24	TBD	TBD	Stormwater system completed. Approved by Town Council on 06/24/2024. Project underway
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	TBD	TBD	Awaiting contractor scheduling.
Brine Tank Replacement	FY 2023/24	01/2024	10/2024	Approved by Town Council on 01/22/2024. New tank delivered.
Bicentennial Park Seawall Hardening	FY 2023/24	01/22/2024	10/2024	Approved by Town Council 01/22/2024. CSA underway.
WTP Instrumentation & Control Improvements	FY 2023/24	05/13/2024	03/15/2025	Engineering CSA approved by Town Council 05/13/2024. Underway.
GIS Implementation - Phase II	FY 2023/24	05/13/2024	TBD	TBD
Maddock Park ADA Ramp Replacement	FY 2023/24	08/26/2024	11/23/2024	Underway.

## 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 ParkSquare Update

In April 2023, Integra Solutions, LLC (Integra) purchased the 18-acre site located at the corner of Hypoluxo Rd and Dixie Hwy, commonly referred to as the vacant Kmart site. Since that time, staff has been collaborating and coordinating with Integra's development team to deliver a well-planned mixed-use development and vibrant space that will enhance the site's visual appeal and address the community's diverse needs. On 02/12/2024 a public workshop was held whereby Integra presented the site's conceptual site plan and renderings (as currently drafted). During the workshop, the Town Council provided positive feedback on the project's conceptual plan, commending its thoughtful design and alignment with the community's vision and Master Plan. Overall, the Council's endorsement (through consensus), signifies confidence in the project's potential to breathe new life into the community's fabric. In addition, the public was given the opportunity to ask questions and provide comments. As a result, staff has moved forward with next steps including both text and Comprehensive Plan amendments. Most recently, staff has provided the developer with comments after reviewing the Special Exception, Site Plan and Landscape Plan. 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/news/post/15421/>.
- Staff has formed the Master Plan Committee, a volunteer group of residents from various neighborhoods to provide input on the Master Plan and ongoing projects.
- Digital copies of the Master Plan have been distributed to potential developers and stakeholders.
- Staff presented to the Town Council highlights of the Master Plan in relation to the proposed redevelopment of the Kmart site on 02/13/2024.

- Staff has and continues to work with the vacant Ocean Ave property owners on a redevelopment plan for the parcels, in keeping with the Master Plan proposal for the properties. A Demolition Permit for this site was approved the week of 04/15/2024 and has been completed. On 07/18/2024, staff had a conference call with the owners to discuss next steps for redevelopment and a follow-up conference call is being scheduled in the coming weeks.
- Staff has and will continue to explore redevelopment plans for Lantana Beach as it relates to the Master Plan.
- \$100k worth of funding has been included in the FY 2023/24 budget and another \$100k has been included in the FY 2024/25 budget for related projects.

### Traffic Calming

Staff is currently working with our contracted Traffic Engineer on residents who have expressed traffic concerns for their neighborhoods. There are multiple different requests for various parts of the Town that staff and the engineers are currently working through the Traffic Calming Policy on. Please reach out to the Development Services Department at [Planning@lantana.org](mailto: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

In designated flood zones, building codes require new construction and substantially improved building projects to be built at a minimum height of the designated Base Flood Elevation (BFE) plus one (1) foot. "Substantial improvement" means any reconstruction, rehabilitation, addition or other improvement to a structure, where the total cost equals or exceeds 50% of the market value of the structure before the start of construction of the improvement. Please contact our Planning and Zoning Division for more information regarding these requirements at [planning@lantana.org](mailto:planning@lantana.org).

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

Please help us help you! It's never too early to reach out to the Development Services Department if you are thinking of opening a new business in Town, moving your business to a new location or doing a home improvement project. The earlier you know if permits are needed, if your use is permitted at a location and/or if there are certain code requirements that need to be met, the more seamless we can make the process. Having the information ahead of time will help facilitate a successful outcome and will assist in preventing frustration and unnecessary delays. The Development Services Department is here to guide you through every step of the Town's processes and requirements.

### Permit Extensions

Building Permits can expire if there is no activity on the project. Work shall be considered to be in active progress when the permit has received an approved inspection within 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](mailto:buildingpermit@lantana.org).

### Business Tax Receipts (BTRs) for Sale

FY 2024/25 BTRs went on sale as of 07/01/2024 at the Development Services Department. Any business or rental property operating in the Town should pay their business tax receipt for the upcoming fiscal year (10/01/2024 – 09/30/2025) by 09/30/2024 which is the deadline to be in compliance. Payments can be made in person or by mail, via check. All businesses in Town must obtain a business tax receipt.

### Reporting Code Violations

If you are reporting a potential Code Violation, you must include your name, address and contact number for an investigation to occur. Per a Florida State Statute passed in the Summer of 2021, Code

Enforcement can no longer act upon anonymous complaints. However, this does not apply if the code inspector has reason to believe the violation presents an imminent threat to public health, safety or welfare or imminent destruction of habitat or sensitive resources. For more information on the legislation, please see the following link <https://flsenate.gov/Session/Bill/2021/60/?Tab=BillText>.

#### Development Services' Ongoing Projects

- Multiple Variance, Site Plans and Special Exception requests. Feel free to reach out to the Development Services Department at [Planning@lantana.org](mailto:Planning@lantana.org) for details.
- Ongoing discussions with the property owners/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.
- 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.

### **LIBRARY DEPARTMENT**

#### Library Update: Recent Happenings and News

Literacy tutoring at the Lantana Public Library has officially started. The Library and the Town has partnered with the Literacy Coalition of PBC to conduct one-on-one tutoring sessions with struggling readers from 1<sup>st</sup> through 3<sup>rd</sup> grade. The first session was on 09/10/2024, and continues every Thursday from 3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

We would like to thank everyone who has expressed interest in this program, especially those who have offered to dedicate their time to supporting these amazing students. It is not too late to sign up to volunteer with the Coalition. Anyone looking to volunteer can view more information about the program and register at the following link: <https://www.literacycbc.org/literacy-impact/childrens-literacy-programs/building-better-readers/>

#### Congratulations to the Winners of Summer Reading Program 2024

Summer is over, but the participants of our Summer Reading Program are still excited about the prizes that they earned this year! Some of our prizes included tickets to local attractions, gift cards, toys and games, a PS5 and a Nintendo Switch. Congratulations to everyone who participated this year. You made this summer, one to remember!



#### October Programs

We're looking forward to bringing back our regular schedule of programs starting in October. Some of our highlighted events are as follows:

- Lunch and Learn – 10/03/2024 at 1:00 p.m.: Our monthly Lunch and Learn lecture series will feature Chelsea Bennice who is a post-doc at FAU's marine lab and is known as the octopus

girl. Lunch will be provided during this intriguing presentation. Email Jane Smith, at [jsmith@lantana.org](mailto:jsmith@lantana.org) by 10/01/2024 to register for this event.

- Adult Book Club – 10/10/2024 at 1:00 p.m.: This month, we are reading *Remarkably Bright Creatures*. Email Jane Smith at [jsmith@lantana.org](mailto:jsmith@lantana.org) to register and receive a copy of the book, while available.
- Read for the Record – 10/24/2024 at TBA: Our annual celebration of early literacy! We will have a fun-filled storytime with a special guest reader to read our featured book, *Piper Chen Sings* by Phillipa Soo.

Visit the Library’s website at <https://lantanalibrary.org/programs/calendar-of-events/> to see the full list of programs for the upcoming month.

### Seeking Community Help

The Library is still seeking volunteers for Read For The Record on 10/24/2024. Volunteers will go to area Schools and Daycares to read a book to community youth. Please contact Maria Rios at [mrrios@lantana.org](mailto:mrrios@lantana.org) for more information and to sign up!

## 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

The Town’s FY 2024/25 budgeting process is now complete. In April 2024, the budget documents were distributed to departments that submitted their requests back to the Finance Department by the end of the month. Departmental meetings were held where management and department heads initially reviewed all budget requests. On 04/19/2024, the Town Council held a Workshop/Visioning Session at the Finland House, which was publicly noticed and open to the public. In attendance were all elected officials, Town Manager, Town Attorney, Town Clerk, department heads and other key staff. The meeting was designed to assist in the preparation of the FY 2024/25 Operating and Capital Budget. No formal action was taken at this meeting, as it was a Workshop.

Subsequent workshops to discuss the budget were held on 06/17 and 07/08/2024 with the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> public hearings held at 5:30 p.m. on 09/09 and 09/18/2024, respectively in the Town’s Council Chambers at Town Hall.

### Hiring Opportunities

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

### Exhibit C – Finance Department’s Monthly Report

Item	August
Number of Accounts Payable Checks Issued	231
Amount of Accounts Payable Checks	\$ 1,786,662
Utility Bills Prepared	3,544
Utility Accounts on Auto-Pay	998
Utility Accounts Opened	33
Town Water Consumption (in thousands of gallons)	6,995
Water Consumed (net of Town usage in thousands of gallons)	63,670
Water/Wastewater Utility Revenue Billed	\$ 998,623
New Employees	2
Separated Employees	2
Number of Interviews	12
Number of Insurance Claims Managed	20
SysAid Tickets completed (Information Technology)	32
Security Logs Reviewed	5,232
Backups Performed (i.e., computer, server, etc.)	405
Network Add/Change/Deletions	87

Exhibit D – Budget-In-Brief



**BUDGET-IN-BRIEF as of August 31, 2024**  
(91.67% 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	9,652,733	94.7%	Revenues	3,664	3,481	95.0%
Licenses & Permits	812,964	997,755	122.7%	Use of Reserves	-	-	N/A
Assessments	997,514	979,054	98.1%	Total Revenues	\$ 3,664	\$ 3,481	95.0%
Intergovernmental Revenue	3,533,231	1,687,245	47.8%	Total Expenses	\$ 3,664	\$ 2,607	71.2%
Charges for Services	940,222	928,961	98.8%				
Fines & Forfeitures	211,200	536,133	253.9%				
Misc. Revenue	1,263,486	1,788,864	141.6%	<b>Police Forfeiture Fund*</b>	Budget	Year-to-Date	%
Interfund Transfers	-	-	N/A	Total Revenues	\$ -	\$ 18,119	N/A
Use of Reserves	3,498,055	3,206,667	91.7%	Total Expenses	\$ -	\$ 15,056	N/A
Total Revenues	\$ 21,453,020	\$ 19,777,412	92.2%	*Per Florida Statute fund is not budgeted			
General Fund Expenditures				Grants Fund (incl. ARPA)			
Expenditures	Budget	Year-to-Date	%	Revenues	Budget	Year-to-Date	%
Town Council	144,455	121,096	83.8%	Revenues	420,070	250,965	59.7%
Town Manager	588,231	502,605	85.4%	Use of Reserves	4,246,813	3,893,053	91.7%
Finance	667,206	582,470	87.3%	Total Revenues	\$ 4,666,883	\$ 4,144,018	88.8%
Non-Departmental	281,178	145,973	51.9%	Total Expenses	\$ 4,666,883	\$ 3,734,249	80.0%
Police	7,847,302	7,032,344	89.6%				
Development Services	1,661,527	1,047,284	63.0%	<b>Insurance Fund</b>	Budget	Year-to-Date	%
Operations	4,189,525	3,754,099	89.6%	Revenues	917,023	917,023	100.0%
Library	426,265	403,804	94.7%	Use of Reserves	-	-	N/A
Capital Outlay	5,598,331	576,766	10.3%	Total Revenues	\$ 917,023	\$ 917,023	100.0%
Debt Service	-	-	N/A	Total Expenses	\$ 917,023	\$ 853,123	93.0%
Interfund Transfers	-	-	N/A				
Contingency	49,000	-	0.0%				
Total Expenditures	\$ 21,453,020	\$ 14,166,441	66.0%				
Other Town Funds				YTD-Total Town-wide Budget			
Water & Sewer Utility Fund	Budget	Year-to-Date	%	Expenditures	Budget	Year-to-Date	%
Revenues	9,761,407	8,467,727	86.7%	Total Town-wide Budget	\$ 47,189,646	\$ 28,410,661	60.2%
Use of Reserves	8,368,504	7,671,408	91.7%	(not including Police Forfeiture Fund)			
Total Revenues	\$ 18,129,911	\$ 16,139,135	89.0%				
Total Expenses	\$ 18,129,911	\$ 9,568,331	52.8%				
Infrastructure Surtax Fund	Budget	Year-to-Date	%				
Total Revenues	1,045,436	977,855	93.5%				
Use of Reserves	973,709	892,599	91.7%				
Total Revenues	\$ 2,019,145	\$ 1,870,454	92.6%				
Total Expenses	\$ 2,019,145	\$ 85,910	4.3%				

## 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 is working with County liaisons to assist homeless subjects to obtain available services.
- Road Patrol shifts continue to conduct in-service training on new equipment.
- Police Department staff are recruiting residents in order to reinstate the Citizens on Patrol Program.
- Members of the Police Department attended the 9/11 ceremony on 09/11/2024 at the Police Department's Fallen Officer Memorial on Greynolds Circle.
- Road patrol officers are continuing traffic enforcement measures throughout the Town.
- On 09/09/2024, the Town Council approved the 5<sup>th</sup> Amendment to an Interlocal Agreement with the Town of Hypoluxo for the Town to provide Police Services to the Town of Hypoluxo for an additional five (5) year period that expires on 09/30/2029.

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

Project	Funding Year	Start Date	Estimated Completion	Comments
One (1) SUV-type vehicle for Police Administration	FY 2023/24	10/01/2023	10/2024	Scheduling the installation of public safety equipment.
Three (3) SUV-type vehicles and related equipment for Uniform Division	FY 2023/24	10/01/2023	10/2024	Scheduling the installation of public safety equipment for the 3 <sup>rd</sup> vehicle.
Computer replacement and related equipment: three (3) laptops for Uniform Division	FY 2023/24	10/01/2023	Completed	Received and ready for use.
Axon Air Skydio Drone and related accessories.	FY 2023/24 ARPA Funded	03/2024	10/2024	Drone has been received. Training in progress.
Motorola Purchase of Interoperability Radios	FY 2023/24 ARPA Funded	02/2024	09/2024	Scheduling appointment with Motorola to program the radios.
Purchase of six (6) non-lethal PepperBall devices	FY 2023/24 LETF Funded	06/2024	09/2024	Equipment received. Training in progress.

**FIRE RESCUE DEPARTMENT**

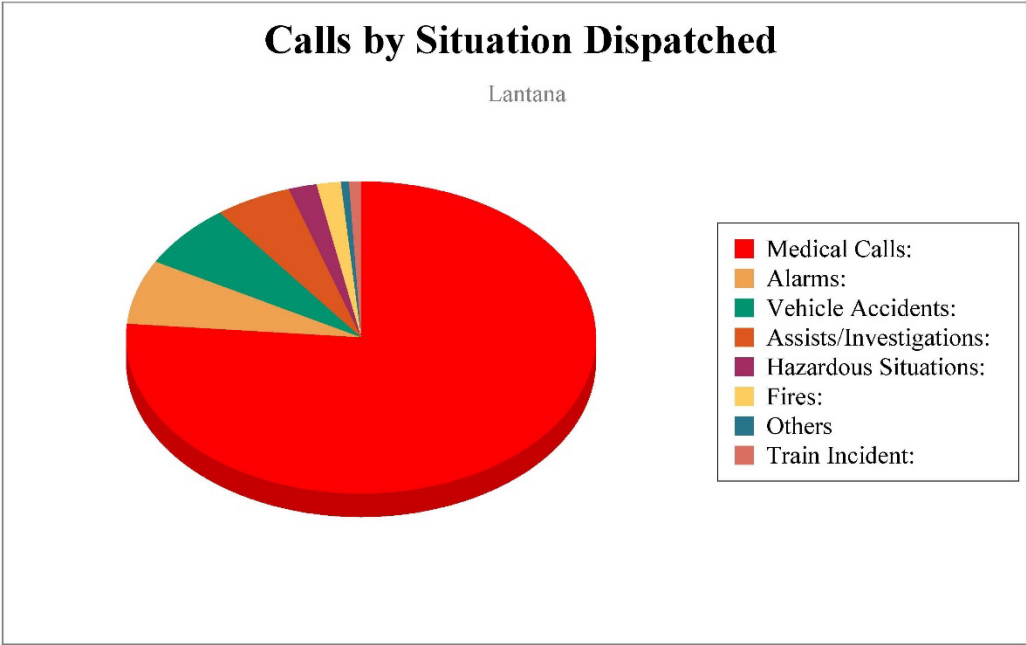
Exhibit F – Fire Rescue Department’s Municipal Call Type Report Chart



**Palm Beach County Fire Rescue**  
**Lantana**  
**08/01/2024 to 08/31/2024**

Average Response Times	Disp Hand	Turnout	Travel	Resp Time
<b>Emergency Calls:</b>	<u>0:00:44</u>	<u>0:00:57</u>	<u>0:03:48</u>	<u>0:05:29</u>

<u>Type - Situation Dispatched</u>	<u># of Incidents</u>	<u>%</u>
Medical Calls:	203	76.32%
Alarms:	18	6.77%
Vehicle Accidents:	18	6.77%
Assists/Investigations:	14	5.26%
Hazardous Situations:	5	1.88%
Fires:	4	1.50%
Others	2	0.75%
Train Incident:	2	0.75%
<b>Total</b>	<b><u>266</u></b>	<b><u>100.00%</u></b>



PBC 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.
- In March 2023, Mat Forrest from our Lobbying firm – Ballard Partners, set up in-person meetings with Senator Bobby Powell Jr. and Representative Mike Caruso during Palm Beach Day in our State Capitol so that the Town could gain their support in funding the Town's FY 2023/24 state appropriation request. As a result of Mr. Forrest's efforts, the Town was awarded \$1.2M to fund the Town's Water Main Replacement Project.

Additionally, we recently sought Mr. Forrest's assistance to secure \$2.5M worth of FY 2024/25 state appropriation requests to support our Water Main (\$1.2M) and WTP (\$1.3M) infrastructure projects. On 02/10/2024, Mr. Forrest confirmed that the Town had tentatively received \$350k of the \$1.3M requested for the WTP infrastructure project in the Senate and that he would continue to work to keep the Senate funded and to have the House agree to the Senate's position during the Budget Conference. On 03/05/2024, Mr. Forest confirmed that the Legislature completed their budget negotiations and unfortunately, we were unable to maintain the funding for the WTP infrastructure project.

- 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.

### Railroad Crossing Elimination (RCE) Grant Update

In 09/2024, the Administration determined that at this time, due to unforeseen costs, restrictions, limitations and circumstances beyond our control, it was not financially feasible for the Town to apply for the RCE Grant. We will continue to work with our transportation partners to see if circumstances change so that any future opportunity to apply for this or similar grants may be considered.

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

## Exhibit G – Active Grants/Appropriations Schedule

Name of Grantor/Name of Grant/Scope of Work	Date Awarded	Date Agreement Approved by Town	Grant Amount	Town Match	Total Grant	Status
<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 2023/24 Community Sensory Garden with ADA Accessibility	07/12/2023	09/11/2023	\$ 52,623	\$ -	\$ 52,623	Requested that funding be moved to FY 2024/25.
FY 2024/25 Sports Park Improvements	5/14/2024	TBD	\$ 99,952	\$ -	\$ 99,952	Agreement Pending.
<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.
FY 2023/24 Grant Submission - Water Main Replacement Project and 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 9/5/2024.
<u>Florida Department of Transportation</u>						
Beautification Grant for Dixie Hwy Medians	01/05/2024	09/11/2023	\$ 72,444	\$ 56,368	\$ 128,812	Awaiting NTP from FDOT.
<u>Florida Recreational Development Assistance Program (FRDAP)</u>						
FY 2023/24 Bicentennial Park Improvements	06/15/2023	01/08/2024	\$ 200,000	\$ 200,000	\$ 400,000	B&W working on design for seawall.
Potentially seawall hardening						
FY 2023/24 Maddock Park Improvements	06/15/2023	01/08/2024	\$ 112,500	\$ 37,500	\$ 150,000	CSA tentatively scheduled to go to Town Council 10/2024.
Gazebo at Maddock Park Dog Park.						
FY 2024/25 Beach Park Improvements	TBD	TBD	\$ 112,500	\$ 37,500	\$ 150,000	Notified by Ryan Ruskay on 03/06/2024 that this project is being funded in the State's FY 2024/25 budget.
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.						
<u>State Appropriation Requests</u>						
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	Grant funded portion of project complete.
<b>Total</b>			<b>\$ 15,486,825</b>	<b>\$ 4,863,368</b>	<b>\$ 20,350,193</b>	



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