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As summer ends and we transition into the fall months, we wish to share what has happened over the summer and news as the season starts. Thank you for being an engaged and valued member of the Palm Beach community.

## Traffic & Transportation

- Beginning November 17, **unscheduled barge bridge openings** will be limited to weekends and holidays to help ease weekday rush-hour congestion. Weekday openings may still occur occasionally between 5:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. You can view the full bridge schedule on the Traffic Impact webpage.
- **Car carriers** may not load or unload vehicles on any public roadway or right-of-way, including Phipps Ocean Park. Please remind auto transport companies to coordinate pickups and drop-offs outside Town limits. Violations may result in a Code Enforcement action under Town Code Section 106-1.
- **The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT)** recently modified traffic patterns and yield designations in this area. Please drive carefully and watch for new signage and lane markings.
- The Town's new paid parking program continues to roll out. Areas coming soon include:
  - Royal Poinciana Boulevard (north end)
  - Southern Boulevard Bridge
  - Phipps Ocean Park

All paid parking uses the [ParkMobile app](#), which allows secure payment and the option to manage multiple vehicles. Always double-check the correct license plate before confirming payment. More details are available on the [Park in Palm Beach webpage](#).

- The [Town's Traffic Impact page](#) lists current construction projects, traffic alerts, and news releases. You can also share suggestions or feedback by emailing [traffic@townofpalmbeach.com](mailto:traffic@townofpalmbeach.com).

## Townwide Updates

- The Town is removing **illegal mooring buoys** in Lake Worth Lagoon to promote safe navigation and protect marine habitats. These unpermitted buoys can damage seagrass meadows and endanger boaters. Palm Beach Police and other departments are collaborating to restore the lagoon's health and safety.
- New rules prohibit **electric scooters, e-bikes, and other micromobility devices** on Town sidewalks and the Lake Trail to ensure pedestrian safety. Operators must now be at least 15 years old and carry a government-issued photo ID when riding in public areas.
- **Yard Trash & Landscaping Reminder:** Per [Section 102-45](#) of the Town Code, yard waste must be set out without plastic bags and kept free of debris like bottles or pet waste. [Waste collection schedule.](#)
  - **Nov 1 – Apr 30:** one day before collection
  - **May 1 – Oct 31:** up to three days before collectionViolations may result in fines under the [Public Works Right-of-Way Manual](#), Chapter XII.
- **Construction & Lawn Maintenance Hours:**
  - Updated allowable work hours for 2025 are posted on the [Working Hours for Construction and Lawn Maintenance page.](#)
- **Development Review Calendar**
  - Deadlines for December 2025 – April 2026 are now online. View the schedule on the [Development Review webpage.](#)

## Capital Projects

- Several capital projects will be completed ahead of season, including the **Royal Poinciana Way median beautification**, phase one of the North County Road canopy drainage improvements (just north of Wells Road), and paving between Kawama and Bahama Lane.
- **Undergrounding** continues with poles being taken down in Midtown and active construction north of Royal Poinciana Way.
- FDOT projects continue along A1A between Lake Avenue and Royal Palm Way.
- Annual tree trimming, light repair and replacement, and park maintenance are underway in preparation for the season.
- In addition to the annual maintenance of the **wastewater pump stations**, the stormwater system has been maintained to manage recent rain and king tides.
- **Phipps Ocean Park** is progressing nicely, and the tennis center will open by November 1, 2025. For a project update, please visit the [Town's website](#) or the [Preservation Foundation of Palm Beach's site.](#)
- **The Midtown beach renourishment project**, funded and executed by the US Army Corps of Engineers, will likely begin in December or January to bring sand to the beaches between Seminole Avenue and Banyan Road. Also likely to start in January, trucks will be hauling sand from Phipps Ocean Park down to Reach 8, south of the Lake Worth Beach pier.

- Starting November 2025, the Town will be restoring the dunes in Reaches 8 and 9 at the southern end of Palm Beach Island. Trucks will be hauling sand from the sand stockpile at Reach 7 Phipps Ocean Park project to the dunes of Reaches 8 and 9.
  - [Dune restoration](#)
- In addition, approximately 500,000 cubic yards of sand will be dredged from offshore and placed along the beach in the Mid-Town area. Construction will begin January 2026.
  - [Mid-Town Beach Renourishment](#)

## Fiscal Year 2026 Budget Highlights

- **Tax rate** remains \$2.61 per \$1,000 of taxable value.
- **Property values** increased 8%, adding \$2.6 million in revenue (total \$85.7 million).
- Two new Police Service Aide positions funded to improve traffic management and safety.
- As a result of the increased property values:
  - Homesteaded properties (owner-occupied primary residences) will see an average increase of \$79 per \$1 million in taxable value.
  - Non-homesteaded properties (such as rental properties and second homes) will see an average increase of \$120 per \$1 million, in accordance with the 10% cap set by state law.
- [Master Fee Schedule](#)
- Many budget documents, including the [FY2026 final budget summary](#), are published on the town's website. Additionally, the Finance Department publishes additional reports, including the [monthly financial reports](#), which include details on the Town's revenues, expenditures, debt, and permit applications.

## Hurricane Preparedness

- Hurricane season runs through November 30. Be sure to review your emergency plans. The hurricane preparedness page has important information, including the entry list instructions and form. [Hurricane Preparedness page](#)
- A post-storm permitting guidance to expedite recovery efforts has been created and can be accessed on the Town's website: [Tropical Storm Hurricane Recovery Permitting Guide](#)

## Fire Rescue & Police Highlights

- Training Excellence: Fire Rescue completed confined-space, trench-rescue, and advanced structural-collapse response training.
- Community Engagement: Seven firefighters participated in the West Palm Beach 9/11 Memorial Stair Climb.
- Tactical Medic Program: A new joint initiative between Fire Rescue and Police enhances emergency response.

## Awards & Recognition

Town staff continues to work hard to deliver exceptional service to you.

- The Town of Palm Beach has won the coveted Top Workplaces of South Florida award. This year, we stood out as the only municipality to earn this prestigious award. Being honored once again highlights the dedication of our staff and leadership to maintaining a workplace culture that values teamwork, innovation, and excellence in public service.
- Fire Rescue received the American Heart Association Gold Award due to meeting their benchmarks on STEMI and Stroke calls for short on-scene times, rapid assessment of stemi and stroke, and time to treatment.
- Palm Beach Fire Rescue received the National Firefighters Cancer Registry Gold Helmet Award. This award is exclusively given to Fire Departments that register more than 50% of their department personnel into the registry.

## Recreation & Community Life

- New Fall Programs at Mandel Recreation Center
  - **Youth:** gymnastics (ages 1–12), ballet/tap, hip-hop, musical theater, jazz/lyrical, and cheer (ages 5–11)
  - **Adults:** Fall crafts workshop (Nov 7), Modern Canasta, Ballet/Jazz dance
- A new centralized front desk now greets visitors at Mandel Rec Center.
- Upcoming Events
  - **Halloween Happenings** – Friday, Oct 24 · 6–8 p.m.
    - Resident registration open | Non-resident opens Oct 13
  - **Fall Camp** – Nov 24–26
    - Resident registration opens Oct 13 | Non-resident Nov 3
- Stay current on classes and programs by subscribing to the [Recreation Newsletter](#).

## Town Council & Public Meetings

- In May, the Town launched new meeting-management software. Personal assistance is available weekdays at 561-838-5410.
- Personal assistance is available during business hours to access meetings and navigate the new [Public Meetings page](#). Please call 561-838-5410.
- **Public Comment letter process** – [link to how-to](#)
  - If you cannot attend a public meeting in person, you may submit a written comment ahead of time using the public comment form linked under the ‘Comments’ section of the meeting’s agenda. Your comment will be sent directly to the relevant staff and officials.
- **Agenda notification subscriptions** - [link to how-to](#)
  - If you would like to receive email alerts when the town posts agendas and minutes online, create an account and manage your subscriptions on the [Public Meetings page](#) to select which meetings you are interested in.

- You can now search for meeting content by agenda, agenda item, and agenda files under our website search's Agendas & Minutes section. Additional searchability through the [Public Meetings page](#) is coming soon.
- Bring your own device open house assistance sessions will be scheduled several times each month during the season to help you with public meeting-related items, website services, and subscriptions to news releases, alerts, and agendas.
- Please join us at or watch the live streaming of the upcoming Town Council, Boards, and Commission Meetings. 2026 Public Meeting Calendar will be available by November.
- Join us **December 2, 2025 at 3:30 p.m.** in the Council Chambers as residents nominate candidates for the upcoming Town Council election.

## Recent Code & Zoning Updates

The Town Council adopted several ordinances to support the Town's code review and revisions.

- **Mechanical Equipment ( Ord. 009-2025):** This ordinance aims to simplify and clarify mechanical equipment regulations.
- **Nonconforming Lots (Ord. No. 010-2025):** This focuses on simplifying the approval process for single-family development on nonconforming lots.
- **Building Angle of Vision (Ord. No. 011-2025):** Simplifies zoning regulations for one-story homes while maintaining appropriate design standards for larger buildings.
- **Residential Use In C-TS, C-WA or C-OPI District (Ord. No. 012-2025):** This ordinance eliminates an outdated zoning requirement that applies residential zoning standards to residential units within a commercial district.
- **Uniform Appeals (Ord. No. 013-2025):** The update unifies and streamlines the appeals process for ARCOM, LPC, and Zoning decisions under one consistent framework.
- **Duration of Land Use Approval & Extension of Time (Ord. No. 014-202):**Standardizes approval timeframes for development projects reviewed by ARCOM, LPC, and the Town Council.
- **Floodplain Variances (Ord. No. 015-2025):** For projects that have already received approval from the Landmarks Preservation Commission (LPC), this removes the public notice requirement for floodplain variances approved by LPC.

## Town-observed Holidays

- Veterans Day: Tuesday, November 11
- Thanksgiving: Thursday and Friday, November 26 & 27
- Christmas: Wednesday & Thursday, December 24 & 25
- New Year's: Wednesday & Thursday, December 31 & January 1

Administrative offices will be closed on Town-observed holidays. Service delivery changes and any other schedule changes will be posted on the Town calendar and announced in a news release the week before the holiday. Download the printable [Town Observed Holidays page.](#)

## Tree Lighting

- The lighting of the Christmas trees on Palm Beach is a very special time of year. Please visit the Town's calendar for details about the Worth Avenue, Memorial Park, and Bradley Park tree lightings on December 2, 2025.

## Stay Connected

- Stay informed with real-time alerts for traffic, bridges, and news releases. Sign up for text and email notifications on the [Stay Connected page](#) or call [\(561\) 838-5410](tel:5618385410) for help.
- **Follow us on social media:**
  - Instagram | Facebook | X | LinkedIn – **Town of Palm Beach**
  - Instagram | Facebook – **Palm Beach Fire Rescue**
  - Instagram | Facebook – **Palm Beach Police Department**
  - Instagram | Facebook – **Town of Palm Beach Recreation**
  - Instagram | Facebook – **Town of Palm Beach Marina**
  - Instagram | Facebook – **Palm Beach Par 3 Golf**

For additional information see the [Town Managers Office](#) page and [Town Council Updates](#).