Safe and Secure in our Unique Sense of Community

In Jupiter, we value our quality of life, a term often used to describe the overall feeling of security, sustainability, enjoyment and well-being — both as individuals and as a community. Fundamental to a high quality of life is a feeling of safety, in our neighborhoods, on our streets, and throughout the community.

Over the years, we’ve grown in population, in industry, and in overall size. We’re nearing the point at which available land is either preserved or occupied. We’re almost at what is commonly referred to as “build-out”. Yet we still have a desire to balance the sense and feel of a small, coastal town with the success and sustainability of a mature community.

In 2019, some important initiatives and investments will occur that will help to continue to support Jupiter’s quality of life, safety, and sustainability. On the site of the municipal complex, we will construct a new, hardened Police Department facility to house day-to-day public safety resources and activities, as well as a data center to support Town information infrastructure. This facility will also serve as the Town’s Emergency Operations Center and house police and Town personnel before, during and after disasters such as hurricanes. This facility will modernize public safety in the Town, and help us to continue operations if and when we are ever faced with a significant storm or emergency.

On the March municipal election ballot, there will also be a land acquisition bond referendum. If passed by voters, this referendum would allow the Town to borrow up to $20 million for the purposes of purchasing land. Land considered for this program would be required to be either environmentally sensitive land, waterfront and recreational land, land for open spaces, land for archaeological or historic preservation or land that provides relief from traffic congestion.

Jupiter is becoming a mature community, with different challenges and opportunities than those we faced during high periods of growth. But through it all, our quality of life and sense of small-town feel is what keeps us Uniquely Jupiter.

― Jupiter Town Council
2018: Year at a Glance

POLICY ACTIONS & ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN 2018

Citizen surveys and feedback at public meetings provide residents and local businesses with avenues to influence the direction of Town initiatives. The Town’s nine strategic results are a direct reflection of the input received over the past few years. The Town Council uses these results to define and measure how the Town achieves success. Below is an overview of policy actions and accomplishments for 2018 and how they correlate with the Town’s strategic results. View the complete strategic plan at www.jupiter.fl.us/strategicplan.

Fiscal Responsibility
- FY 2019 Operating Budget, Millage Rate and Community Investment Program: Approved the millage (property tax) rate, operating budget and 5-year Community Investment Program (CIP) for FY 2019 (Oct. 1, 2018 - Sept. 30, 2019). The millage rate stayed the same as the FY 2018 rate at 2.4633 mills excluding voter-approved debt, and 2.6712 mills including voter-approved debt (stated in terms of dollars per $1,000 of taxable property value). The operating budget and pay plan for all funds for FY 2019 totals $92.9 million, which is an increase of approximately $4.2 million from FY 2018. The 5-year CIP for Fiscal Years 2019 through 2023 includes a 5-year total capital investment of $79 million, which is a decrease of approximately $72 million from the previously-approved plan. The substantial decrease was achieved by refocusing on Town Council’s strategic priorities.

Manage Growth
- Lighthouse Promenade: Approved the execution of a grant agreement for $500,000 with 1116 Love Street, LLC to contribute to the construction of Lighthouse Promenade, which will run along the west side of the Love Street parking lot and the future Love Street development in the Inlet Village.
- Medical Marijuana Dispensing Facilities: Approved a zoning text amendment to prohibit medical marijuana treatment center dispensing facilities in Jupiter.
- Beacon Park: Amended the development agreement between the Town and Crossroads 6106, LLC for 93.5 acres of property located north of Indiantown Road and east of I-95 along Island Way to include removing the Town’s 16.6 acre high tech/bioscience parcel; eliminating the gas station use; limiting restaurant square footage to a maximum of 8,000 square feet and prohibiting drive-thru lanes; allowing conference space attached to a hotel between 1,500 and 6,000 square feet; allowing medical and dental clinics; allowing a storage facility through a special exception; and allowing a daycare center.

Unique Small Town Feel
- 1913 Historic Aicher House: Determined that Sawfish Bay Park would be the permanent location for the historic 1913 Aicher House. The house is temporarily located at Old Town Hall Park, and will be preserved with the period furnishings along with the FEC Train Depot that is currently located at Sawfish Bay Park.
- Sims House: Approved a local historic designation and a special exception and site plan for adaptive reuse of the Sims House, 322 Center Street, for use as a restaurant and a retail food establishment.
- Outdoor Seating and Parking Requirements: Approved changes to the Town’s code for outdoor seating at restaurants and sidewalk cafes to modify parking requirements for outdoor seating areas and allow outdoor seating for retail food establishments.

Green Space
- Jones Creek Preserve: Awarded a $339,733 contract to Rosso Site Development, Inc. for improvements to Jones Creek Preserve including a small parking lot, kayak launch, pathway, picnic pavilion and access drive. A grant from the Florida Department of Environmental Services for $101,700 was also accepted to off-set a portion of the cost.
- Land Acquisition Bond Referendum: Approved calling an election for a $20 million land acquisition bond referendum on March 12, 2019, the same date as the municipal election.
- Plastics Reduction: Passed a resolution supporting the voluntary elimination of single-use plastic straws, the overall reduction of single-use plastics, and a Town-sponsored education program for plastics reduction.
- Fertilizer Application Prohibition: Approved an ordinance to prohibit the application of fertilizers during rainy season, June 1 to September 30, as a means to mitigate adverse impacts on the water quality of the water bodies in the Town.

Safety
- Generator and Mechanical Equipment Regulations: Approved amendments to the Town’s code to reduce the setbacks for permanent generators for residential buildings except apartment and condominium buildings, and to modify the setback regulations for mechanical equipment.

Mobility
- East Indiantown Road: Reviewed funding options for funding for improvements to Indiantown Road between US 1 to A1A including bicycle lanes, sidewalks, median landscaping, and lighting.
- Indiantown Road Pedestrian Crosswalk Improvements: Approved an agreement between the Town of Jupiter and the Florida Department of Transportation for the design and installation of pedestrian crosswalk improvements on Indiantown Road at signalized intersections from Island Way to US 1. To enable the improvements, a transfer of right-of-way (ownership) from Palm Beach County to the Town of Jupiter for this portion of the roadway was approved.

Organizational Excellence
- New Police Department, Data Center and Veterans Memorial: Approved a special exception and site plan amendment application to construct a new police department and data center building, a Veterans Memorial, and new parking lots on the Town of Jupiter Municipal Complex.

Strong Local Economy
- Homestead Exemption: Approved an additional $25,000 Homestead Exemption for persons 65 years and older meeting certain maximum income requirements in accordance with Florida State Statute 196.075.
- Jupiter Medical Center Foshay Cancer Center and NICU Addition: Approved site plan amendment applications for a major expansion to the existing Foshay Cancer Center building, as well as an expansion to Jupiter Medical Center that adds a five-story, 41,231 square foot Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU) on the east side of the existing hospital building on Jupiter Medical Center’s 27.3-acre campus, 1240 Old Dixie Highway.
Our region continued to enjoy economic gains throughout Fiscal Year 2018, enabling the Town to maintain a property tax rate consistent with the previous year. Despite having to allocate substantial resources in the wake of Hurricane Irma, Federal and planned emergency funding assisted with minimizing the economic impact to Jupiter, allowing the Town to continue to be forward-thinking with its resources in FY19.

In the course of its financial planning for the year, the Town used a strategic approach to the utilization of its financial resources for FY19, with the most significant investments for FY19 consisting of salary and insurance needs for its employees. The Town’s FY2019 – 2023 Community Investment Plan decreased over the previous year through efforts to better align capital investments to the strategic plan.

The overall amended budget for FY18 was $111.7 million. Looking forward, the Town has adopted an FY19 overall budget of $98.1 million and a five-year Community Investment Program (CIP) of $26.8 million for FY2019 - 2023 (excludes funds Water and Stormwater funds), with $5.3 million of the total CIP planned for allocation in FY19.

Jupiter’s Budget at a Glance

Property taxes, also known as ad valorem taxes, are the most significant source of funding for Jupiter’s general operations. The Town has adopted a tax rate for FY19 that is consistent with the tax rate from FY18. Given the strength of the economy, FY19 tax revenues are expected to be higher than FY18 revenues primarily due to an increase in property values. This has allowed the Town to forego increasing the FY19 tax rate.

Where the Money Goes...

The Town of Jupiter continues to place great importance on the safety and security of its citizens. Law enforcement makes up the largest portion of Town expenditures, followed by General Government operations. These general operations include recreation and neighborhood programs, financial management, planning and zoning, parks and open spaces, and much more. As a percent of the total, the Town will reduce the government expenditure amount this year, while the percentage of expenditures for law enforcement will increase slightly.
JUPITER'S VISION IS... JUPITER IS A DISTINCTIVE COASTAL COMMUNITY COMMITTED TO PRESERVING ITS UNIQUE CHARACTER AND HISTORY AND VIBRANT, SMALL-TOWN FEEL.

Did you know...
for every one acre of commercial/industrial use land, three acres are utilized for open space, preserves and parks?

- 63.6 miles of bike lanes & multi-use paths
- 3.4 miles miles of beach
- 17.7% of protected undeveloped acres of land
  *excludes parks

- 14,812 acres of land
- 3,235 acres parks, natural areas and privately owned preserves
- 61.8 miles mangrove shoreline
- 39.2 miles of paddle trails
- 9 public boat ramps
- 17.7% of protected undeveloped acres of land
  *excludes parks
- 2.5 miles of riverwalk
- 2 dog-friendly parks
- 2.5 miles dog-friendly beach
- 2 dog-friendly parks

Data was compiled from Town of Jupiter surveys and reports.