

Jupiter Town Times

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Message from the Town of Jupiter Community

Over the past few months at the Town, we've had to close our doors, offer services online-only, and conduct business virtually. The disruption to our normal way of life due to the COVID-19 pandemic was something no one could have foreseen. Some of you may have suffered loss of loved ones during this time, and we send our heartfelt sympathies to you. Others may have suffered financial loss, and to you, we offer a connection to help and assistance. The recent months have challenged us physically, emotionally and economically.

And yet we've heard countless stories of you stepping up to provide for a family member, a neighbor or a complete stranger. We've seen you creatively reimagine what it means to be present in a time when distance is required. At the heart of this small town is its sense of community. As we continue to safely bring back the things you've come to expect from the Town – open lobbies, access to knowledgeable staff, use of recreational spaces, and other things that offer a sense of normalcy in this “new normal” we're learning together – we are grateful for a community that shows us time and again how fortunate we are to live and work in Jupiter.

This edition of the Town Times contains information on assistance programs available to our residents at the time of printing. Any updated information can be accessed on our website at www.jupiter.fl.us/COVID19.

Town Council Corner: Recent Policy Actions

Below is a summary of some of the approvals and decisions made by the Town Council and the Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) Commission during recent meetings. To see items coming up on agendas for future meetings, visit www.jupiter.fl.us/Agendas. To watch meetings live, or to watch recorded meetings on-demand, visit www.jupiter.fl.us/LIVE.

TOWN COUNCIL

- **Election Certification and Selection of Vice Mayor:** Certified the results of the Jupiter municipal election held on March 17, 2020. Council Member Ron Delaney and Council Member- Elect Cameron May were sworn-in for their three-year terms. Councilor Ilan Kaufer was selected to serve as Vice Mayor for the 2020-2021 term.
- **Utilities Contract Award - Water Main Crossings:** Approved a contract award to Johnson-Davis, Inc in the amount of \$452,000 for Old Jupiter Creek and Casseekey Island subaqueous water main crossings.
- **Agreement for Peer Support for Opiate Addiction Recovery:** Approved an agreement between the Jupiter Police Department and the Seminole County Sheriff's Office to provide peer support for individuals seeking recovery from opiate addiction.
- **Local Non-profit and Charitable Organization Funding:** Approved the distribution of \$46,000 to various local non-profit and charitable organizations as part of the Town's Community Organizations Funding Program for Fiscal Year 2020.
- **Palm Beach County Fire Rescue Contract Amendment:** Approved an amendment to the Palm Beach County Fire Rescue (PBCFR) contract to increase staffing levels at Station 18 (from two to three full-time employees) and allowing PBCFR to include four months of Fiscal Year 2020 cost increases in the Fiscal Year 2021 budget.
- **Historical Society Temporary Relocation:** Approved a Joint Participation Agreement with the Florida Department of Transportation for the temporary relocation of the Loxahatchee River Historical Society during the reconstruction of the US 1 Bridge.
- **Neighborhood Matching Grant Funds:** Approved the 2020 Neighborhood Matching Grant funding recommendations in the amount of \$45,571.50 for projects to enhance the look and value of Jupiter neighborhoods.
- **Appointments to Boards, Committees and Organizations:** Made appointments to the Town's various boards and committees and countywide organizations.

- Veterans Memorial: Approved the budget of \$290,466 for the planned Veterans Memorial on the municipal campus.
- Casa Tequila Restaurant Site Plan: Approved a site plan application to build a 5,000 square foot restaurant with outdoor seating on a 2.24 acre property located on Indiantown Road, just west of the Turnpike exit.
- Generation Church Site Plan Amendment: Approved a site plan amendment for an existing church on a 2.4 acre property located at 510, 430, 418, and 412 Center Street to modify the phasing plan for the construction of parking, the site and landscape plans, and the architectural elevation.
- Local Business COVID-19 Financial Relief through Water Rates: Approved a rebate for two monthly billing cycles for qualified businesses on water bills to assist with recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Riverbend Country Club Water Distribution System Improvements: Approved a purchase order in the amount of \$114,850 to an existing contract between Underground Construction Management, Inc. and Riverbend Condominium for construction of water distribution system improvements in Riverbend Country Club.
- Law Enforcement Explorer Program Donation: Approved a donation of State Forfeiture Funds in the amount of \$5,200 to the Gulf Stream Council's Learning for Life Explorer Program to support the Law Enforcement Explorer Academy.
- Furniture and Fixtures for New PD/Data Center: Approved the use of Federal Forfeiture Funds in the amount of \$422,191.22 to purchase and install furniture and fixtures from JC White in the new Police Department/Data Center building.
- Cornerstone Architectural Style Amendment: Approved a site plan amendment for a mixed-use building on a 1 acre property located on the southwest corner of US 1 and Indiantown Road to change the architectural style from the previously approved Mediterranean to Coastal/Post-modernist style.
- Water and Irrigation Conservation Program: Approved an update to the program to increase the permitted hours of irrigation and define the days of the week when irrigation is permitted by street address (see article on page 3).

Financial Assistance for Jupiter Businesses and Residents Affected by the COVID-19 Pandemic

The following contains the latest information available at the time of printing. Check our website (www.jupiter.fl.us) and the county's website (www.pbcgov.com) for updated information.

Rent and Utility Payment Assistance

A relief program is available for residents who have experienced loss of income as a result of COVID-19 and need help paying rent and/or utilities. The Palm Beach County Community Services Department is distributing Federal CARES Act funding through this one-time relief program for Palm Beach County residents living in apartments, houses, townhomes, or mobile homes. Applicants must meet eligibility requirements to receive assistance. For additional information, a list of eligibility requirements, and application instructions, visit the Palm Beach County Community Services Department website at www.pbcgov.com/communityservices.

Water Utility Rebate

On May 19, the Jupiter Town Council approved a program to provide financial relief to local businesses through an instant rebate on water utility base facility charges, commodity charges, and fire line charges. No application process is required, and affected businesses are being given this instant rebate for two billing cycles.

Jupiter is fortunate to have such a financially-stable water utility that provides high-quality water through a reliable distribution system. Business customers help support the long-term financial viability of the utility, and this rebate is an opportunity to give back during this unprecedented time and assist local businesses with their reopening and recovery process. Additional information about the program can be found on our website at www.jupiter.fl.us/Water.

Public Budget Workshops & Hearings: Fiscal Year 2021

The Town of Jupiter's proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2021, which begins October 1, 2020, will be heard in two public budget hearings tentatively set for September 8 and September 22. Both hearings will be held at 7:00 pm at the Jupiter Town Hall Council Chambers (210 Military Trail). Public budget workshops are held in advance of the public hearings in

September. This year, the first workshop was held on June 25, and the second workshop is scheduled for August 13. For confirmed public hearing dates, please check www.jupiter.fl.us/agendas. To view information presented at meetings and workshops including the proposed FY 2021 budget and supplemental materials, please visit www.jupiter.fl.us/agendas. Meeting materials will be posted one week prior to public workshop and hearing dates. For more information on public hearings and meetings, call 561-746-5134.

Resources & Referrals for Jupiter Residents

Sometimes we all need a little help. If you or someone you know needs assistance with community organization, finances, homeownership, or social services, Neighborhood Services can help provide the services, refer you to the right agencies, or walk you through the process of getting the help you need. For more information, please call 561-741-2511 or visit www.jupiter.fl.us/neighborhoods.

Public Hearing to Consider Stormwater Fee Increase

At its regular meeting on August 18, the Jupiter Town Council will consider an adjustment to the monthly fee charged for stormwater services (see table below).

Stormwater Utility Fee (proposed 7%% increase)	October 1, 2019	October 1, 2020
Average residential monthly stormwater bill	\$5.70/month	\$6.10/month

Should the proposed rate increases be adopted by Council, new rates would take effect October 1, 2020. Please call 561-741-2300 with any questions you may have.

The proposed adjustment is intended to do the following:

- Enhance stormwater runoff quality to the Loxahatchee River to effectively mitigate existing water quality impairments;
- Minimize the risk of flooding;
- Maintain rates for service consistent with the cost of service; and
- Support the sustainability of the utility's financial plan including funding for renewal and replacement of aging assets.

Be Prepared this Hurricane Season

Hurricane season is underway, and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration has already predicted it to be a busy one. If this isn't your first hurricane season in Florida, you may have already stocked up on water, batteries and non-perishable foods. However, you may have missed some lesser-known tasks that should be on everyone's hurricane checklist.

Landscaping Check

It is important to properly prune trees and palms to help them withstand winds and to prevent limbs from becoming flying debris in a storm. Prune your trees regularly, but do not prune or landscape when a storm is approaching since yard waste can become projectiles in the storm. Be aware that certain tree trimming services are offered at this time of year specifically for storm prep, but they often employ pruning methods that are a violation of Town Code and can, in fact, damage the tree. Be sure your landscape company uses a certified arborist for proper pruning. For more information, call our Natural Resources staff at 561-741-2565.

Follow Town Code for Safety

Some code violations can lead to safety issues if a storm hits. Below are tips from the Code Compliance Division to help make sure your structures are secure for hurricane season.

- Remove accumulated items from yards so they don't become flying debris in a storm.
- Finish up home projects to make homes more secure before a storm hits. For example, repair loose or damaged areas of fencing, particularly where pools exist.
- Repair roofs, broken windows or doors to help maintain the structure's integrity.
- Use proper storm shutters or plywood installation. Taping windows for a storm is not safe or effective.

Post-Storm Plan

Before a storm ever forms, it is important to know where and how to receive information after a storm. In the event that Jupiter is impacted by a storm, residents should expect some Town services to remain suspended for three business days or more depending on the storm's severity. The Town will send updates and information before, during and after a storm through the following

Town channels:

Website: www.jupiter.fl.us/storm

Resident Info Line: 561-743-7013

TV Comcast: Channel 18

Follow us:

Facebook: @townofjupiter @jupiterpolice

Twitter: @townofjupiter

In the event that a storm disrupts the Town's ability to provide updates through these channels, important information bulletins will be posted daily at 25 sites around Town. Go to www.jupiter.fl.us/STORM for storm prep information and resources, including a map of these locations.

What's That Bulldozer For?

There are a number of construction projects in Jupiter that are underway or will be starting soon. Check out the list below for information on some projects that may be of interest to our residents. For additional details and a full list of major construction projects in Jupiter, visit www.jupiter.fl.us/CurrentMajorProjects.

1. Abacoa Chabad: A religious facility and daycare on 1.5 acres, located at the southwest corner of University Boulevard and Quarry Knoll Way. Under construction.
2. Abacoa Commons III: A 50,000 square foot, 3-story medical and office building located on a 4.2 acres at the southwest corner of Corporate Way and University Boulevard. Approved.
3. Abacoa Dakota: A 3-story building with commercial uses on the ground floor and residential units (to include workforce housing) on the upper floors on a 0.23 acre property located at the northwest corner of Dakota Drive and Williston Drive. Approved.
4. Barcelona Commercial – First Citizens Bank: A First Citizens Bank location in the Barcelona Commercial property located at 1098 Military Trail. Under construction.
5. Beacon Pharmaceutical: A 150,000 square foot bio-science/research and development facility on a 9.0 acre parcel located on the north side of Indiantown Road between Caprice Court and the Florida Turnpike. Approved.
6. Casa Tequila: A 5,000 square foot restaurant with outdoor seating on a 2.24 acre property located at the northeast corner of Indiantown Road and Caprice Court. Approved.
7. Circle K: Redevelopment and expansion of the gas station and convenience store located at 126 W. Indiantown Road. Under construction.
8. Compass Self Storage: A self-storage facility on a 7.3 acre property located at the southeast corner of Frederick Small Road and Sweet Bay Circle. Under construction.
9. Cornerstone: A planned mixed use building located at 50 S. U.S. Highway One. The Town approved a request to modify the approved site plan from Mediterranean style to Coastal/ Post-Modernist style. Approved.
10. Inlet Waters: A multi-family townhouse development with a community pool and a special exception for a private marina, located on 3.8 acres at 700 North A1A. Under construction.
11. Jupiter Medical and Technology Park: A two-story, 50,000 square-foot building to be used as a medical office and a business office, and a two-story parking garage to serve the buildings on a 15.9 acre property located at 1701 Military Trail. Approved.
12. Kempe West/Jupiter Oxbow: A mixed use development for multi-family residential and retail with a publicly-accessible archaeological/historic plaza on a 0.72 acre property fronting A1A, and a four-slip marina located on the west side of North A1A between Saturn Street and Parkway Street. Approved.
13. Love Street: Two waterfront restaurants on a pedestrian-friendly open space, extension of the Riverwalk, construction of Lighthouse Promenade, and improvements to a 2.0 acre property at 1116 Love Street (Phase One). A future phase will include retail shops and office space. Phase One under construction.

14. McDonald's: Renovations to an existing fast food restaurant to upgrade the architectural elevations, enhance the landscaping and convert the existing single-lane drive-through to a dual-lane drive-through at 181 U.S. Highway One. Approved.
15. Parkway Street Parking Lot: A surface parking lot at the southeast corner of Parkway Street and North A1A. Under construction.
16. Pink House: Allowing retail and medical office use on a 0.25 acre property located at 1011 Love Street. The exterior appearance of the building will remain as-is with updates to the landscaping. Approved.
17. Sawfish Island: A passive park that includes a mangrove habitat, observation deck, kayak landing, and picnic area on 9.3 acres of upland and submerged islands generally located across from Jupiter Harbour. Approved.
18. Sims House: The reuse of a locally historic structure at 322 Center Street for a restaurant and retail food establishment. Under construction.
19. Sims Creek Preserve: A passive park that includes a kayak launch on a 2.8 acre property located on the southeast corner of the intersection of Center Street and Thelma Avenue. Approved.
20. Town Police Building, IT Data Center and Veterans Memorial: A new police department, IT data center, Veterans Memorial and parking lots on the Town Hall Municipal Complex, a 22.5 acre property located at 210 Military Trail on the southwest corner of Indiantown Road and Military Trail. Under construction.
21. Walmart: The addition of 1,480 square feet to the existing Walmart building to accommodate online grocery pickup on a 13.94 acre property located 2144 W. Indiantown Road. Under review.

Make Jupiter Count - Fill Out Your 2020 Census

By now all Jupiter households should have received a code in the mail to complete the census for your household. If you haven't completed it already, please do your part to fill it out. Just by responding, you're helping to determine how more than \$675 billion in federal funding is distributed to communities like ours for things like schools, hospitals, roads and infrastructure, and community development. Due to COVID-19, the response deadline has been extended through October, but don't delay – fill out your form today by going online, responding by phone, or by mailing your completed form back in. If you have questions or want more information, check our website (www.jupiter.fl.us/Census).

Camp in a Box

This year, the Town of Jupiter's summer camp looks different, but it will still bring smiles and fun to our campers. The Town created Camp in a Box allowing campers to do cooking activities, crafts, virtual field trips and more all from the comfort of their home. This 6-week camp experience has a different theme each week, from sports to superheroes. Each week's activities will correlate with that week's theme. Boxes are \$20 each week, and there are discounts when you buy boxes for siblings or the entire series of boxes at once. Learn more about Camp in a Box and see a preview video online at www.jupiter.fl.us/campbox.

Jupiter Police Department – Citizen Survey:

The Jupiter Police Department's citizen survey is part of a continuing effort to provide professional and efficient police services to residents of the Town of Jupiter. Responses will be used to evaluate the service you have received, recognize positive performance, and identify opportunities for improvement. Your feedback will also provide valuable insight into how we might improve community relations and better serve our residents. To participate in the survey, please visit www.jupiter.fl.us/JPDSurvey.

It's Not Worth the Risk – Put the Phone Down

Distracted driving is anything that takes your hands off the wheel, your eyes off the road, or your mind off of driving. This kind of dangerous behavior puts everyone on the road at risk. To support the law that went into effect in 2019 prohibiting drivers from texting while driving, the Jupiter Police Department in partnership with the Florida Department of Transportation is participating in the "Put It Down" distracted driving enforcement campaign. Now through September 30, 2020, JPD will increase awareness and education on the laws and dangers of distracted driving, as well as increase enforcement of distracted driving violations. The goal of the campaign is to eliminate crashes and injuries due to distracted driving.

Tips to Avoid Scams: Police Impersonator Scam

The Jupiter Police Department is aware of a phone scam involving calls to residents from an individual claiming to be a JPD Officer or Supervisor in an attempt to demand gift cards as payment for legal matters. The scammers are using not only the names of our officers, but they have also been able to replicate JPD phone numbers for their calls. No one from the Jupiter Police Department will ever call you asking for money or gift cards for any reason.

If you receive a call like this, hang up immediately and call the Jupiter Police Department at 561-746-6201.

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Water Quality & Conservation Efforts

Jupiter residents are keenly aware of the responsibility we share to protect our beautiful natural resources. Over the years, the Town has taken measures to not only preserve the quality of our water, but also conserve its use to ensure its longevity. Recently, the Town Council updated a nearly 30-year old ordinance outlining its Water and Irrigation Program that provides guidance on the prudent use of water and landscape irrigation.

Table 1: Irrigation Days and Times for Residential, Commercial, Industrial, Institutional and Governmental Properties

Addresses	Days
Odd-numbered addresses	Mondays, Wednesdays, and/or Saturdays 4pm – 10 am
Even-numbered addresses*	Tuesdays, Thursdays, and/or Sundays 4pm - 10am

*Even and odd addresses irrigated on the same systems/ zones should be watered on the days for even-numbered addresses (this may include multi-family units and homeowner associations).

**Areas irrigated by treated wastewater or reused water are exempt from these restrictions.

For additional information and exemptions, visit www.jupiter.fl.us/conservation.

As a reminder, in an effort to protect our water quality, the use of fertilizers during rainy season (June 1 through September 30) is prohibited. Many commercial fertilizers contain nutrients, like nitrogen and phosphorus, which can become harmful runoff affecting water quality. Common fertilizers available at home improvement and lawn care stores most likely contain these ingredients and are subject to the ban. Residents and businesses should consider alternative fertilizers or "Florida-friendly" landscaping options that do not present a threat to our water quality (visit www.befloridiannow.org for more information). Contact the Stormwater Department at 561-741-2705 if you have any questions.

2020-2021 Community Development Block Grant Program Action Plan

The Town annually distributes approximately \$300,000 of federal funding from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) through its Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program with the intention of addressing community development and housing needs within Jupiter. The overall goal of the CDBG program is to provide decent housing, a suitable living environment, and expanded economic development opportunities primarily for low- and moderate-income persons.

The Town hosted two public meetings in January to seek input from residents on projects that would be eligible uses of CDBG funding. The Town's draft 2020-2021 Action Plan for distributing this funding is based on the feedback received at the public meetings.

The draft plan focuses on funding for safety improvements including but not limited to enhanced pedestrian crossings on South Loxahatchee Drive in the Pine Gardens South neighborhood. Previously funded projects include water mains and

drainage improvements, park and playground renovations, athletic scholarships for youth, rehabilitation of homes, and emergency financial assistance. The draft 2020-2021 Action Plan will be considered by the Jupiter Town Council at a regularly scheduled meeting that will be advertised in the Palm Beach Post as well as on the Town's website. Following consideration by Council, there will be a 30-day public input period where residents are invited to view the plan and provide additional feedback before it is submitted to HUD. If you would like to discuss the Town's CDBG Program, please contact Neighborhood Services at 561-741 2524 or email satuo@jupiter.fl.us.

Feeding South Florida

During the past couple months, the Town of Jupiter has partnered with Feeding South Florida to host a drive-thru food distribution at the Florida Atlantic University John D. MacArthur campus off Donald Ross. Each week, more than 700 cars went through the distribution line and received groceries for the week that included fresh produce, milk and various proteins. Volunteers from the Town, Christ Fellowship Church and the community unloaded and distributed the food each week. Feeding South Florida is the area's leading domestic hunger-relief organization, serving 25 percent of the state's food insecure population.

Homestead Exemption Outreach

Floridians know that something unique about living in a state where so many people love to vacation is the Homestead Exemption that is filed with your property taxes. Although this exemption only needs to be filed once for each property and will then carry over annually, it is important for first-time filers to know the requirements and deadlines for this tax exemption that can significantly reduce your property tax.

Staff from the Palm Beach County Property Appraiser's Office, Division of Education Services, will be on-hand at the Jupiter Community Center at dedicated times October through December to help you submit your Homestead Exemption application and answer any property valuation questions you may have. If you are looking for Homestead Exemption assistance, plan to attend any one of the following sessions: 2:00 – 3:00 pm on October 7, November 4 and December 2. All sessions will be held in the Jupiter Community Center (200 Military Trail, Jupiter FL 33458) with proper social distancing.

Some helpful information to know about the Homestead Exemption is you must hold the legal title to a residential property by January 1 of the application year, and the property for which you are seeking exemption must be your primary, permanent residence. You also must be a legal resident of Florida by January 1 of the initial application year.

There are also different types of Homestead Exemptions that can be applied for, including the up to \$25,000 Homestead Exemption; the additional \$25,000 Homestead Exemption; a Senior Citizen Exemption; a \$5,000 Disabled Veterans Exemption; a Combat-disabled Senior Veterans Exemption; and a \$500 Widow/Widower Exemption.

Applications are accepted by mail or in-person at any time throughout the year, but in order for the exemption to be considered for the upcoming tax year, the application must be received by March 1 of the qualifying year. A copy of your deed and proof of residency is required for filing. For proof of residency, you may submit a copy of your Florida driver's license, voter registration or permanent residency card. In lieu of a pending permanent resident alien card, the Federal Form I485, "Approval Notice for Application to adjust to Permanent Resident Status," is accepted.

Should you have any questions ahead of time, please contact Mike Pratt at 561-355-4021 or mpratt@pbcgov.org.

2020 Matching Grant Recipients

On May 5, 2020, Town Council approved \$45,571.50 in Neighborhood Matching Grants to 11 different neighborhood groups throughout Jupiter. Grants were awarded for replacement mailboxes, paved walkways, landscaping, entrance beautification, roadway repaving and signage. This year, the following neighborhoods were awarded a Neighborhood Grant:

- Clocktower
- Colony
- Egret Cove
- Greenbrier-Indian Creek
- Indian Creek IIIB
- Jupiter Country Club
- Jupiter Harbour

- Jupiter Plantation
- Jupiter Village Phase 3
- Villas of Ocean Dunes
- Wingfoot- Indian Creek

Neighborhood Matching Grants are awarded every year and are intended for visible neighborhood improvements and/or security enhancements. Matching grants leverage private funding by requiring a 50% match, which can consist of cash, donated materials, and/or labor. Each grant award can be as much as \$5,000. Additionally, the initiative to participate in the program must come from residents and their associations. The next grant cycle begins in February of 2021. To learn more about Neighborhood Grant Programs, please call 561-741-2524 or visit www.jupiter.fl.us/neighborhoods.

Neighborhood Meetings and Events

The Charter Neighborhood Coalition is made up of the Pine Gardens North and South, Eastview Manor and Jupiter River Estates neighborhoods. These groups meet quarterly with representatives from the Town's Neighborhood Services Department to discuss issues important to the residents. The meetings were paused while Governor DeSantis' stay-at-home order was in place, but the Town plans to resume these meetings beginning October 21. All meetings are held at the Town of Jupiter Community Center (200 Military Trail) at 6:30 pm. Residents of the neighborhoods in the Charter Neighborhood Coalition are welcome to attend these meetings to meet your neighbors and learn what's going on in the Town.

Ask the Expert: Where to Turn for Resources as a Local Business

As local businesses begin to reopen their doors to customers, business owners are trying to navigate the community's new normal while many deal with the difficulty of lost revenues from having had to shut down or reduce services. We reached out to Vince LoPresti, Senior Area Manager for the South Florida District Office for the U.S. Small Business Association to get tips and information about resources available to local Jupiter businesses that are especially critical now.

What economic assistance is available to Jupiter small businesses from the Small Business Administration?

To see the different loans and funding options provided by the U.S. Small Business Administration in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, business owners can visit the website (www.sba.gov), click on the "Funding Programs" option at the top right of the page and then choose "Coronavirus Relief Options." Some of the programs highlighted on that page include the Paycheck Protection Program, Economic Injury Disaster Loan (EIDL) and Emergency Advance, SBA Express Bridge Loans and SBA Debt Relief. Due to the latest round of Federal pandemic relief funding, the EIDL Emergency Advance is open specifically to provide assistance to local agricultural businesses that are currently struggling.

How do I check on the status of a EIDL loan once I have submitted?

If anyone has applied for an Economic Injury Disaster Loan and wants to check on the status, they will need to call 1-800-659-2955 or email disastercustomerservice@sba.gov.

Where can businesses receive more information on any loans or debt relief they can apply for outside of the options for COVID-19 relief?

Our website (www.sba.gov) has information on a number of loan and grant options that can provide economic assistance to businesses outside of those available in response to the pandemic. There is also information to connect business owners with our district offices or any of our partner organizations that may be able to help. Just visit our website and select "Local Assistance" to see the resources available.

For those businesses that are reopening, what is the current CDC guidance for businesses and employers?

The CDC has outlined their recommendations for all businesses from restaurants to department stores. Businesses can review the recommendations on the CDC website (www.cdc.gov).

What tips would you want to share with our local businesses as they reopen?

We recommend that businesses follow what the Governor has laid out as requirements for reopening, and follow recommendations for reopening in a safe way. You can see the details online at www.flgov.com/covid-19. Despite everything going on, we are seeing that people are still buying real estate and opening up businesses, which is good for our local economy.

What other resources are there for local businesses?

Jupiter is lucky because Palm Beach County has a lot of business resources, including the Florida Small Business Development Center based out of Florida Atlantic University in Boca Raton, a SCORE office located in West Palm Beach, and the Florida Women's Business Center located in Delray Beach.

- The Florida Small Business Development Center provides counseling for a variety of topics like setting up a business, strategic planning, and bidding on government contracts. You can find more details on their services online at www.fau.edu/sbdc.
- The SCORE office in West Palm Beach has more than 60 mentors covering northern Palm Beach County that help businesses through trainings and webinars. You can get more details about SCORE online at www.score.org.
- The Florida Women's Business Center is a resource focusing on supporting the growth of women-owned businesses throughout South Florida. To find out more about the Women's Business Center, visit their website at www.flwbc.org.

The SBA partners with and supports these local organizations so they can go into their neighborhoods and help their communities.

If local businesses have questions for the Small Business Administration, what is the best way for them to reach out with questions?

You can find our upcoming webinars and virtual office hours by going online to www.sba.gov/southflorida. You can follow us on Twitter (@sba_southflorida) and on YouTube (www.youtube.com/user/sba). If you have questions, you can email southflorida_do@sba.gov.

Jupiter's Award-Winning Water

The Town works diligently to meet and exceed standards of excellence in everything it does. This is especially true for Jupiter's Water Utility, which is responsible for ensuring the quality and safety of our residents' drinking water. Over the past four decades, Jupiter's Water Utility has been honored with more than 50 awards for excellence by industry associations and agencies that regulate its operation. Most recently, it was awarded the Membrane Facility of the Year Award by both the American Water Works Association and the American Membrane Technology Association. To read more about how Jupiter achieves the highest quality drinking water in the Southeast United States, check out the 2019 Water Quality Report (www.jupiter.fl.us/WaterQualityReport).

Business Tax Renewal Season

Jupiter Business Owners: Local Business Tax Renewal Season is July 1 – Sept. 30. The Town of Jupiter is working to prevent the spread of COVID-19 by encouraging online renewals. Guides are available online to help you login, renew your license, build your invoice, pay and print your 2020 business license from home. In-person business should be limited to critical needs only, and customers are strongly encouraged to make an appointment ahead of time. If you have any questions, please contact the office at 561-741-2318 or tojbtr@jupiter.fl.us.

Town Hall Public Meetings

In order to accommodate social distancing, public meetings may be held in the Community Center. Please check our website for meeting locations. Meetings begin at 7:00 pm for more information visit www.jupiter.fl.us/agendas

- Regular Town Council Meeting: July 7 & 21, August 6 & 18, September 1 & 15
- Public Budget Hearings: September 8 & 22
- Planning and Zoning Commission Meeting: July 14, August 11, September 8

- Community Redevelopment Agency Commission Meeting: July 15, August 12, September 9

Share your voice with the Let Us Know button.

Share your suggestions, requests, and comments by using the Let Us Know button on the Town of Jupiter homepage. Get updates and information through Notify Me.

Sign up to receive emails about things like Town events, Council meetings, live broadcasts and more!

Major Events and Town Closings

Independence Day Observed: Closed - Friday, July 3

Labor Day: Closed – Monday, September 7

National Night Out – Tuesday August 4

Social Media Channels

Follow Us on Facebook @TownofJupiter and @JupiterPolice

Follow Us on Twitter: @TownofJupiter

Follow Us on Instagram: @TownofJupiterFL

Town Council Webcast: www.jupiter.fl.us/Live

Watch Comcast: Channel 18