

Jupiter Town Times

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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

- **Truth in Millage:** Approved the preliminary millage rate for Fiscal Year 2021, which begins October 1, 2020. The preliminary millage rate is the rate that the Property Tax Collector's Office will include for the Jupiter portion of the TRIM notices mailed out in August. The proposed millage (TRIM) rate for Fiscal Year 2021 is equal to the 2020 millage rate of 2.4633 mills (excluding the debt service millage of .1891 mills).
- **Orion Integrated Systems Office Construction:** Approved a special exception application for a business office greater than 2,500 square feet and a site plan application to construct a 7,100 square foot office and industrial building on a 0.47 acre vacant property located within the Jupiter Commerce Center on the east side of Capital Street for Orion Integrated Systems.
- **Center Street Expansion Project:** Approved a resolution encouraging Palm Beach County to support and follow-through with funding and implementation for design, right-of-way and construction to expand the segment of Center Street from Loxahatchee River Road to Alternate A1A to a three-lane typical section. This resolution was in support of the Town's Strategic Initiative to enhance and update the Town's traffic mitigation plans for roadways that are not meeting the Town's level of service standards.
- **Local Business COVID-19 Financial Relief through Business Tax Receipts:** Approved financial relief for local businesses by waiving or reimbursing Business Tax Receipt fees in response to the COVID-19 pandemic (see article on page 2 for more information).
- **Local Funding Agreement for Riverwalk Lighting:** Approved a local funding agreement between the Town of Jupiter and the Florida Department of Transportation in the amount of \$564,502 for decorative lighting along the Jupiter Riverwalk.
- **US 1 Bridge Agreements:** Executed the following agreements between the Town of Jupiter and the Florida Department of Transportation as they relate to the reconstruction of the US Highway 1 Bridge: Local Funding Agreement; Landscape Maintenance Agreement; and Maintenance Memorandum of Agreement.
- **Circle K Redevelopment Project Agreement:** Approved a Maintenance Memorandum of Agreement between the Town of Jupiter and the Florida Department of Transportation for the decorative street lighting installation on Indiantown Road as part of the Circle K Site Redevelopment Project.
- **Comprehensive Plan Amendments:** Made the following Town-initiated amendments to the Comprehensive Plan: Amendments to the Coastal Management Element to modify completion dates for implementing climate policies and adaptation action areas; amendments to the Conservation Element to modify the date for green local government certification and support for community gardens; and amendments to the Future Land Use Element to modify the completion date for adopting a new mixed-use zoning district for properties 100 acres and less in size, and to modify the completion date for developing transit-oriented criteria for properties within half a mile of a public transit stop.
- **Industrial Sector Redevelopment:** Discussed opportunities for redevelopment in the Town's industrial sectors (see article on page 2 for more information).
- **Stormwater Utility Infrastructure Repairs:** Awarded a unit price contract in the amount of \$1,015,000 to Johnson-Davis, Inc. for Stormwater Utility infrastructure repairs with an initial two-year contract term.
- **Bicycle Lane Markings:** Approved a contract in the amount of \$150,400 to TRP Construction Group, LLC for green bicycle lane markings.

- Stormwater Utility Fee Increase: Approved a 7% increase in Stormwater Utility fees in accordance with the recommendations of the Town's Stormwater Utilities Master Plan.
- Dune Crossover Renovations: Awarded a contract award in the amount of \$564,900 to Brothers' Constructions, Inc. for renovations at dune crossovers 31, 45 and 48.
- County Historic Property Tax Exemption: Approved an interlocal agreement with Palm Beach County to allow owners of historically designated properties to request tax exemptions from County ad valorem taxes for the assessed value of qualified rehabilitation improvements.
- Amendments to Sound Regulations: Amended the Town Code to change all references of the term "noise" to "sound." This change will provide separate and distinct regulations for outdoor sound amplification and outdoor venues, and ensure regulations are content-neutral and constitutional.

Town and CRA adopt millage rate, operating budgets and 5-year community investment programs (CIP'S)*

Fiscal Year 2021 Begins October 1, 2020 and Ends September 30, 2021

On September 22, 2020, the Town Council adopted the millage (property tax) rate, operating budget, pay plan for FY2021, and the 5-year Community Investment Program (CIP) for FY2021- 2025. The millage rate for FY2021 is 2.4633, not including debt; including voter-approved debt service, the total millage rate for FY2021 is 2.6524. The FY2021 millage rate, which is stated in terms of dollars per \$1,000 of taxable property value, is 0.0087 mils less than the combined rate for last year. The FY2021 Operating Budget and Pay Plan for all Town of Jupiter funds for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2021 totals \$109 million including debt service funds. This represents a \$1.6 million decrease from the prior fiscal year, which had a total budget of \$110.5 million. The primary reason for this decrease was due to restrictions in state shared revenue reductions from the COVID-19 pandemic and the retirement of the sales tax debt service used to pay for general fund operations. The FY2021- 2025 5-year CIP expenditures total \$73,753,135 compared to \$87,429,781 for fiscal years 2020-2024. This represents a \$13.6 million decrease in the current proposed CIP from the prior year adopted total. This decrease is predominately made up of \$2.5 million that was utilized for the funding of furniture and fixtures for the new PD/Data Center, and \$10.6 million for the Floridan Aquifer Well project, which was funded in 2020.

Also on September 8, 2020, the CRA Commission adopted the FY2021 operating budget and 5-year CIP for the Community Redevelopment Agency. The CRA operating budget for FY2021 totals \$2,678,369, an increase of \$150,580 over FY2020. The 5-year CIP for FY2021-2025 totals \$750,000. Major capital projects included in the CIP include improvements to the intersection of A1A and Beach Road and contributions to FDOT's project for road improvements on Indiantown Rd/US 1 to Ocean Blvd.

**These items were considered at the September 22 meeting of the Town Council, which was after the Town Times print date. Any changes that were made to these items during consideration will be communicated via the Town's website.*

Stormwater Rates Increasing Beginning October 1st

On October 1, residents will see a 7% increase in their Stormwater fees included on their monthly utility bill. The increase is based on the Utility's Master Plan, which identifies the rate increases as a way to fund renewal and replacement of aging infrastructure. With this increase, the typical residential customer's monthly stormwater utility fee will increase from \$5.70 to \$6.10, an increase of \$0.40. Jupiter's rate remains 16% below the average rate charged by other local utilities.

Notice: Waste Management Services Rate Slightly Increases Beginning October 1st

Effective October 1, 2020, rates for waste management services will increase by 1.85% over the previous fiscal year (see rates comparison in table below). Residents will see the slight increase reflected in their October utility bill statement. October bills will be prorated with the number of days in the cycle from the previous September bill date through September 30 billed at the previous rate, and from October 1 to the current date in October billed at the new rate. The November bill will reflect a full month of the increased rate. These adjustments are intended to maintain fees consistent with industry-wide rates in accordance with the composite index. Please call **561-741-2467** with any questions you may have.

Residential Waste Management Services	Oct. 1, 2019	Oct. 1, 2020
Residential curbside and multi-family collection of solid waste, vegetation removal, and recycling collection.	\$13.45/mo.	\$13.70/mo.
Commercial Waste Management Services	Oct. 1, 2019	Oct. 1, 2020
Container collection rate (per cubic yard)	\$8.38/mo.	\$8.54/mo.
Compactor collection rate (12 cubic yards or less; 1.25 x the container collection rate)	\$10.48/mo.	\$10.67/mo.
Compactor collection rate (greater than 12 cubic yards) per pull	\$243.23/mo.	\$247.73/mo.
Roll-off collection rate (large roll-off dumpster containers typically used for construction debris collection)	\$259.73/mo.	\$264.54/mo.

Voters Have Options for November 3 General Election

Election Day is November 3, and the COVID-19 pandemic has changed the voting experience. While it may seem like casting your ballot in November will be challenging, the Palm Beach County Supervisor of Elections wants voters to know that they have a variety of safe options to choose from to make their vote count. Below are the three ways that registered voters may participate in the upcoming General Election on November 3.

Vote-by-Mail Ballot

You must request a vote-by-mail ballot by 5 pm on October 24 in order to vote by mail in the November 3 General Election. You can request a ballot online at www.pbcelections.org (select the "Vote by Mail" tab) or by calling 561-656-6208. Once received and completed, the ballot can either be mailed in or dropped off in a secure drop box provided at any of the early voting locations during early voting (see early voting details below).

Early Voting

Registered voters can vote in-person at any early voting location from October 19 through November 1 from 7 am to 7 pm. The Jupiter Community Center at 200 Military Trail is the closest early voting location for Jupiter residents. Additional early voting locations can be found online at www.pbcelections.org.

Election Day Voting

Registered voters can cast their ballot at their assigned precinct on Election Day, November 3. Find your precinct by going online to www.pbcelections.org and clicking the "Find My Precinct" tab.

In order to vote in the November 3 General Election, you must be registered to vote by October 5. To get registered, visit the Supervisor of Elections' website at www.pbcelections.org or call 561-656-6200.

Serving as a Poll Worker During a Pandemic

It takes more than 4,000 poll workers at over 400 locations throughout Palm Beach County to run a successful election day. As a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, more than 1,500 poll workers cautiously stayed home instead of working the polls on election day during the March Presidential Preference Primary Election. As a result, the Office of the Supervisor of Elections is looking for more poll workers and training more poll workers than will be needed for the upcoming General Election in November. Not only that, but the Supervisor of Elections wants you to know that extra steps are being taken to keep poll workers safe at voting precincts.

During the August Primary, poll workers and voters were provided with face masks and temperature checks, plexiglass was installed to separate voters from poll workers, and additional poll booth cleaning and sanitation was performed between uses. At the November General Election, these steps will be implemented again to ensure the safety of both voters as well as poll workers.

Your help is needed now more than ever. If you are interested in serving your community by becoming a Palm Beach County poll worker, please apply today!

Poll Worker Requirements:

- Must be a registered or pre-registered voter in Palm Beach County.
- Must be able to read, write and speak English fluently.
- Must attend a poll worker orientation session.

- Must attend training prior to each election.

All poll worker positions are paid and training is provided. To apply, contact the Poll Worker Department by calling 561-656-6200 option 3, or by emailing pollworker@pbcelections.org.

Preserving the Town of Jupiter's Industrial Districts

The Town Council has identified the preservation and revitalization of Jupiter's industrial districts as a strategic initiative that supports the Strong Local Economy component of the Town's strategic plan. Protecting these industrial districts also protects the local businesses that provide needed services to Jupiter residents.

Jupiter's industrial districts are active commerce sectors within the Town containing a mix of smaller and larger businesses. While some of the districts stand alone, others are adjacent to residential areas. The Town has identified the following five areas containing industrial uses:

- Pine Gardens (between Center St and Indiantown Rd)
- Toney Penna (east of Military Trail)
- Pennock Industrial Park
- Cypress Drive
- Jupiter Commerce Park and Jupiter Park Drive

Over the past few years, the Town has taken steps to preserve industrial land use in Jupiter. For example, it created a Bioscience Research Protection Overlay to help encourage bioscience-specific industrial land use in the Town. It set limits on establishing non-industrial uses like restaurants and indoor recreation in areas zoned as industrial. And it created a Storefront Revitalization Matching Grant Program for up to \$5,000 to help small businesses upgrade their properties.

The Town intends to continue its efforts to support local business through preservation of its industrial sectors. As a next step, it will conduct outreach to the Pine Gardens area to get input from businesses and property owners to identify specific actions it can take to further protect these areas and the businesses that operate in them. Understanding that the residential areas are also an important component of the success of an industrial district, the Town will work with the surrounding residential communities to understand both the challenges and benefits they experience with their proximity to an industrial sector. In the near future, Town staff will be communicating with the Pine Gardens area, but business and/or property owners can contact the Town at 561-741-2323 or PZInfo@jupiter.fl.us to be added to the contact list for this initiative..

BTR Renewal Fee Waived

At a Town Council meeting on August 4, the Jupiter Town Council unanimously voted to waive the Business Tax Receipt (BTR) fee for businesses and individuals renewing their Jupiter business licenses for Fiscal Year 2021. The action was intended to provide some financial relief to businesses in light of the economic impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Each year, individuals and businesses are required to renew their BTR licenses by September 30 in order to conduct business in Jupiter in the following fiscal year, which begins October 1. For the 2021 renewal season, individuals and business professionals renewing their Jupiter BTR license received a one-time waiver of their renewal fees. The waiver did not apply to new businesses applying for a Jupiter BTR license for the first time. Individuals and business professionals who have questions or need assistance with their BTR license may contact Jupiter's BTR office at 561-741-2318.

Update on the Derelict Floating Vessel Issue

The Town has observed a persistent issue in Jupiter waterways of floating vessels and structures that appear to have been abandoned. These structures present safety concerns to the public, as well as environmental concerns to our waterways. The issue has not been an easy one to solve, given that waterways are governed by various jurisdictions, and in many cases the ownership of the vessels is not known or discernable. The Jupiter Police Department Marine Unit has been patrolling the waters and issuing citations regarding various anchored vessel violations. A number of vessels have been removed either by the Marine Unit or through conversations with the vessels' owners, and Officers are in contact with additional owners to negotiate the removal of their abandoned vessels.

Recently, the Town combined its efforts with Palm Beach County on a cohesive county-wide initiative regarding these abandoned boats. The Town is collaborating with the County on a working group whose goal is to propose a county-wide Floating Structures Ordinance by the end of 2020 for consideration by the Palm Beach County Commission. A county-wide initiative would assist the Town in mitigating the jurisdictional issues that have been complicating the removal of these vessels in Jupiter.

Dune Crossover Renovations to Begin November 1st

This November, the Town will continue its maintenance of dune crossovers along Jupiter's beachfront. Crossovers 31, 45 and 48 will be demolished and rebuilt into ADA-compliant structures. These will be the Town of Jupiter's first ADA-compliant dune crossovers, allowing all beach-goers to access our beautiful beachfront safely. During the renovations, the crossovers and the parking spots adjacent to them will be closed. The work is expected to last from November of this year through February of 2021. For a map of all of Jupiter's beach crossovers, visit www.jupiter.fl.us/Beaches.

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.

Inlet Village Development Update

There has been a lot of activity in the Inlet Village recently. The Pelican Club opened last year in the former Rustic Inn location serving as a venue for weddings and special events, and opening as a restaurant on weekends. Residents will notice the renovated public parking lot at the corner of Love Street and A1A that was completed earlier this year. Construction of the colorful Key West-style Inlet Waters townhome community can be seen while traveling along A1A.

Anticipated later this year are two new waterfront restaurants on a pedestrian-friendly open space, an extension of the Riverwalk, and the construction of Lighthouse Promenade as part of Phase One of the Love Street Project. Improvements to Love Street were also completed as part of Phase One, while Phase Two, which has not been scheduled for construction at this time, will include retail shops and office space. Commercial fishing boats are anticipated to return after construction. Visit www.jupiter.fl.us/CurrentMajorProjects for the latest information on major projects in Jupiter.

Town of Jupiter Gateway Beautification Initiative

Over the course of the next few years, residents will notice new unique landscaping installed in various locations along Indiantown Road from the Turnpike east to A1A as part of the Town's Gateway Beautification Initiative. The Town Council identified entries at the following four locations for these enhancements:

1. The Triangle parcel gateway located at the vacant parcel on the south side of Indiantown Road across from Jupiter West Plaza and adjacent to KFC;
2. The Turnpike gateway located across from the Turnpike entrance;
3. The C-18 and Island Way gateway located along the C-18 canal bridge; and
4. The Center Street gateway located at the intersection of Center Street and Indiantown Road.

The Triangle parcel gateway has already been completed as the first of the Town's "Entry Feature Gateways." Tall, curved-trunk sabal palms mixed with shorter sabal palms have been planted in statement clusters at both corners of this parcel. Royal Poinciana trees, known for their beautiful red blooms, are planted in select locations, while large limerock boulders act as sitting areas for pedestrians. These features were carefully chosen as native, low maintenance landscaping that sustainably reinforce the Town's natural areas while providing an improved habitat for urban wildlife.

The Turnpike and Center Street gateways are anticipated to be completed by the end of 2021, while the C-18 and Island Way gateway will be completed at the end of 2025 due to the timing of an FDOT construction project in that area.

Adopt with a Cop

The Jupiter Police Department in partnership with Furry Friends Adoption, Clinic & Ranch, has kicked off a new “Adopt with a Cop” program. Every other Wednesday, a JPD Officer will be introducing a dog or cat that is looking for a “forever” family. Through this partnership and community outreach, JPD is helping to find homes for these lovable dogs and cats.

Check us out on Facebook [@JupiterPolice](#) to see the adorable furry friends looking to be a part of your family.

National Night Out

We are excited to announce that the 2020 National Night Out (NNO) will still be happening this year. Jupiter’s NNO celebration will be held on Tuesday, October 6, and this year, we’ll be coming to you! Residents are invited to watch the Jupiter Police Department motorcade as it makes its way through Jupiter neighborhoods.

Check out the Jupiter Police Department Facebook event page [@JupiterPolice](#) for the full motorcade route and viewing times.

Fraud Prevention Tips Identity Theft

These days, identity theft is unfortunately far too common. Often, victims aren’t even aware that their identity has been stolen until they receive a late notice or collection notice sometimes years after a fraudulent account was opened and used with their information. Early detection in most instances is key to combating this crime.

Did you know that Federal law requires each of the three credit bureaus (Equifax, Experian and TransUnion) to provide consumers with a free credit report every 12 months? The catch is that you must request these reports. To do this, simply go to www.annualcreditreport.com from a secure internet connection – do not use free public Wi-Fi for this. Be sure to review any creditors listed in your reports. One tip to use to ensure better surveillance of your credit is to stagger your requests for these reports. For example, get the report from Equifax in January, then Experian in May, and then TransUnion in September. This way you are not just checking in once a year.

Although, the credit bureaus are required to provide your credit report once a year, they are not required to provide your credit score for free and will attempt to charge you for that at the time of your report request. However, most, if not all, banks and credit card companies will give you access to your credit score, which is updated monthly. You should check these monthly and from all companies that offer it (since they are often updated on different dates and use different credit bureaus). If you notice any dramatic decreases in your score that you were not expecting, further research should be conducted. Dramatic sudden decreases in your score could indicate a new inquiry, a new line of credit or a missed payment, perhaps on an account you did not even know someone opened using your information.

Be proactive about your credit health to help identify and dispute fraudulent accounts as well as preserve your credit score. Regularly monitoring your reports and scores will help to lessen your chance of suffering the devastating impacts of having your identity stolen.

CDBG Grant Awards to Local Nonprofits

Through the Federal CARES Act, the Town of Jupiter received \$178,908 in additional funding to its Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program to be distributed to local nonprofits responding to the COVID-19 epidemic.

The Town notified local non-profit organizations of the availability of these funds through a notice in the Palm Beach Post, as well as email outreach and information about the funds on the Town’s website.

The Town received three applications from the following local agencies:

- **Merciful Heavens. Inc.** requested \$25,000 to provide nutrition for food-insecure Jupiter families through the agency’s four core programs: Thanksgiving food giveaway; Town of Jupiter Code Program, which provides a “filled fridge and stocked pantry” for a family referred by the Town’s Code Enforcement Unit; “Secret Santa” program, which pays the utility bills for three months for families referred by the Town’s Neighborhood Services staff; and Summer Camp program, which provides meal boxes for families of campers at El Sol and the Edna W. Runner Tutorial Center.

- **MyClinic, Inc.** requested \$153,000 to expand its existing healthcare facility to accommodate COVID-19 precautions and future program growth for vulnerable populations.
- **The Pearl Mae Foundation, Inc.** requested \$96,500 for Pearl's Pantry, which delivers food and supplies while maintaining social distancing for quarantined individuals, specifically seniors.

A selection committee consisting of staff from Finance, Neighborhood Services, Planning & Zoning, Recreation and Utilities departments, reviewed the applications and were unanimously in support of funding them all in full to assist low and moderate income Jupiter residents. While the requests total \$273,600, the Town was able to use its 2019-2020 CDBG funding to cover the remaining balance. For more information on the Town's CDBG program, please visit www.jupiter.fl.us/CDBG.

Be on the Lookout for Holiday Activity Boxes

Even though the Town's traditional holiday events aren't possible this year, the Town's Recreation staff is still working on some holiday magic for families. Keep an eye on our social media sites and our website as the holidays approach for details about picking up family activity boxes for Halloween, Thanksgiving and Winter fun.

Homestead Exemption Hotline

Each year, staff from the Palm Beach County Property Appraiser's Office hosts a workshop at Jupiter's Municipal Complex at dedicated times from October to December to help Jupiter residents submit their Homestead Exemption applications and to answer any property valuation questions they may have. In light of the COVID-19 pandemic, those sessions have been moved from in-person to telephone. If you are looking for Homestead Exemption assistance, dedicated help for Jupiter residents is available from 2:00 – 3:00 pm on Wednesday, October 7 and Wednesday, November 4 when you call **561-624-6524**.

Homestead Exemptions only need to be filed once for each property and will then carry over annually, but it is important for first-time filers to know the requirements and deadlines for this tax exemption that can significantly reduce your property tax. 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.

In-person assistance with Homestead Exemptions is available Monday through Friday from 8:30 am to 5:00 pm at the Property Appraiser's North County Service Center located at 3188 PGA Boulevard, 2nd Floor, Palm Beach Gardens, FL 33410. Should you have any questions, please contact Mike Pratt at **561-355-4021** or mpratt@pbcgov.org.

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.

Charter Neighborhood Coalition Meeting

Wednesday, October 21 at 6:30 pm
Meeting held at the Jupiter Community Center
(200 Military Trail)

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.

Lock It: Your Key to a Secure Jupiter

The Jupiter Police Department reminds you to secure your vehicles, gifts and homes this holiday season by following these simple tips:

- Don't leave gifts and purchases visible in your car.
- Lock ALL of your vehicle's doors, even while you are fueling.
- Keep doors and windows closed and locked while you are away from home and when you sleep.

Report suspicious activity: Call 911 in an emergency, or call 561-799-4445 for a non-emergency.

Send a Letter to Santa

The Town of Jupiter is teaming up with Santa's elves again to help make sure your letters get to the North Pole. Though there won't be a mailbox drop off at the Community Center this year, you can still mail your letter to the address below or send it electronically at www.jupiter.fl.us/SantaLetters. Letters will be accepted between November 30 and December 18. All letters will need to be received by the December 18 date to make sure they get to Santa on time.

To: Santa
c/o Town of Jupiter
Recreation Department
200 Military Trail, Jupiter, FL 33458

Jupiter Quiet Zone Update

As Brightline construction continues in Jupiter, many residents are wondering about the Town's commitment to ensuring that quiet zones are implemented when Brightline's high speed rail service begins to run through the Town. As a refresher, here's a quick explanation of quiet zones. There's usually a requirement for trains to sound their horns when approaching a railroad crossing. In Jupiter, there are a total of six crossings where trains would be required to sound their horns:

- Donald Ross Road and Alt. A1A
- Frederick Small Road and Alt. A1A
- Toney Penna Drive and Alt. A1A
- Indiantown Road and Alt. A1A
- Center Street and Alt. A1A
- Riverside Drive and Alt. A1A

Establishing a quiet zone removes the requirement for the routine blowing of train horns when approaching an intersection, although a conductor always has the option to blow horns at his or her discretion. Since horns are typically used as a safety measure to alert folks that a train is coming, in order to establish a quiet zone, a local municipality must show that the lack of a horn doesn't pose a safety risk. This can be accomplished through the implementation of other safety measures such as gates, medians and channelization devices at intersections.

In 2010, the Town started evaluating what safety measures would be required at its various intersections in order to apply for quiet zones in Jupiter, as well as the costs associated with those safety measures. Working through the Palm Beach County Transportation Planning Agency (TPA), the Town and Brightline agreed that as Brightline makes improvements to the railroad in order to allow for its high speed train service, the work would also include the improvements needed for Jupiter to apply for quiet zones. The project will be funded with private funds and will add supplemental safety measures at crossings with TPA funds from federal grant money. Once Brightline certifies the completion of the supplemental safety measures at each railroad crossing within the Town and Town staff verifies it, the Town will file a Notice of Effectiveness to the Federal Railroad Administration to establish the quiet zone along the Florida East Coast Railway corridor within the Town.

Learn more about the Brightline project at www.jupiter.fl.us/Brightline.

Jupiter Celebrates Florida City Government Week

October 19-25 is Florida City Government Week, celebrating, showcasing and engaging citizens in the work of municipal government. Jupiter will be celebrating what makes our Town great with a proclamation at the regular Town Council meeting on Tuesday, October 20, and on social media leading up to and during the week. Posts will feature information and photos celebrating Town services and departments. Join in on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram with likes, shares and comments about what makes our Town uniquely Jupiter.

Grand Opening of the Jupiter Police Department's New Headquarters and Town of Jupiter IT Data Center

The Town is excited to announce that its new Police Department Headquarters and IT Data Center is ready to open! The new, hardened facility will 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. Check our YouTube channel and our social media sites for our announcement video!

Go Green With Us!

The Town of Jupiter is committed to sustainability and responsible care of our planet. Through conscious efforts to lessen our carbon footprint, we are working towards recertifying as a Green Local Government. One of the ways we are doing this is by reducing our use of paper and offering more robust digital options for our publications. If you currently receive a paper utility bill, you also receive our quarterly newsletter, annual hurricane guide, annual water quality report, and various other notifications that are included as inserts in your utility bill throughout the year. You can join us in our commitment to sustainability by choosing a paperless utility bill and receiving all of the publications you would normally get conveniently delivered to your inbox instead of your mailbox. Simply log into (or create) your utility bill account at

UtilityBill.jupiter.fl.us, and select the "Paperless Billing" tab to change your mailing preference. Once you sign up for paperless utility bills (or "eBills"), you'll be able to view your utility bill online and you'll automatically be signed up for our digital publications. Making a difference is just that simple.

To learn about other ways the Town of Jupiter is responsibly caring for our environment, visit **www.jupiter.fl.us/GoGreen**.

Watch the Holiday Boat Parade Live on Channel 25

Bring the magic of the annual Palm Beach County Boat Parade into your living room this year! The festive parade hosted by the Marine Industries Association of Palm Beach County, will be held on Saturday, December 5 starting at 6:00 pm and should finish its route around 8:30 pm. This year, viewers are encouraged to watch the parade live on WPBF (Channel 25). Make sure to mark your calendars for this beloved holiday tradition! For more information, visit **www.palmbeachboatparade.com**.

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: October 6 & 20, November 3 & 17, December 1 & 15
- Planning and Zoning Commission Meeting: October 13, November 10, December 8
- Community Redevelopment Agency Commission Meeting: October 14, November 12, December 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

National Night Out – Tuesday, October 6

Veterans Day: Closed – Wednesday, November 11

Thanksgiving: Closed – Thursday, November 26 and Friday, November 27

Christmas: Closed – Thursday, December 24 and Friday, December 25

Social Media Channels

Follow Us on Facebook @TownofJupiter and @JupiterPolice

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Follow Us on Instagram: @TownofJupiterFL

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

Watch Comcast: Channel 18