

Jupiter Town Times

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Town Council & CRA 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

- Jupiter Community Park Improvements Funding: Approved using approximately \$8 million of One-Cent Infrastructure Sales Surtax funds for planned improvements at Jupiter Community Park. Improvements will take place between 2021 and 2023, and will include drainage, lighting, restrooms, dugouts, sidewalks, parking lots and fencing.
- Jupiter River Estates (JRE) Canal: Approved spending \$44,907 for environmental consulting services from Hazen and Sawyer for a future canal vegetation trimming project in JRE.
- Historic Councilor's House: Approved a local historic designation and historic preservation grant for a circa 1945 single-family house located at 305 2nd Street (known as The Councilor's House).
- Maintenance of Town Rights-of-Way and Easements: Renewed a contract for \$103,349.20 with Terracon Services, Inc. to maintain Town owned rights-of-way and easements.
- Stormwater Improvement Grants: Awarded \$107,726.95 in Stormwater Improvement Grants to various homeowners' and property owners' associations in the Town.
- Veterans Permit Discount Program: Approved discounts on building permits to Jupiter's military
- Additional Outdoor Seating at Jupiter Restaurants: Approved Resolution 99-20, allowing additional outdoor seating at restaurants through February 28, 2021 in order to allow for social distancing. Establishments must initiate an application for approval through the Planning & Zoning Department at the Town.
- JILONA Security Agreement: Approved a security agreement between the Jupiter Police Department and the Bureau of Land Management for the public lands and waterways in the Jupiter Inlet Lighthouse Outstanding Natural Area (JILONA).
- Pink House: Approved the elimination of minimum parking requirement and a modification to the parking lot and garden at 1011 Love Street.
- Opposition to Off-Shore Drilling: Approved a resolution opposing off-shore drilling activities, including seismic airgun blasting.

CRA COMMISSION

- Roundabout at A1A and Jupiter Beach Road: Approved spending \$99,596.74 with Wantman Group, Inc. for the design of a roundabout at A1A and Jupiter Beach Road.

More Sand in Your Shoes

Jupiter Beach Nourishment Projects to Place Sand on Jupiter's Eroding Beaches

From November through January, two separate projects to place sand on opposite ends of Jupiter's beachfront began.

The first, coordinated by Palm Beach County Environmental Resources Management (PBC ERM), is taking place on the southern end of Jupiter Beach, from about marker 33 to the south, into Juno Beach. The project is expected to run until February, and will place about 969,600 cubic yards of sand on the beach when complete. The sand will be taken from an offshore borrow area about 1.7 miles northeast of the Jupiter Inlet.

The second project, managed by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), is taking place at the very northern end of Jupiter's beachfront. Using sand that accumulated in the Jupiter Inlet during storm season, the USACE will place about 95,000 cubic yards of sand on the beach just south of the inlet. Work began in January, and is expected to be complete in March.

Beach nourishment projects like these typically take place during winter months, after sea turtle nesting season is over and before the next nesting season begins. For more information on PBC ERM projects, visit www.pbcerm.com. For more information on USACE projects, visit their Jacksonville district site at www.saj.usace.army.mil.

Jupiter Police Department Headquarters and IS Data Center Opened

In October, 2020, the Town of Jupiter unveiled its new Police Department and Data Center building on the municipal complex, just east of the Community Center.

This new, hardened facility not only houses day-to-day public safety resources and activities, but it is also home to a data center that supports the Town's information infrastructure. The facility also serves as the Town's Emergency Operations Center and houses police and Town personnel before, during and after disasters such as hurricanes.

For safety reasons, an in-person grand opening event was not held, but a virtual grand opening video can be viewed on the Town's website or social media accounts. The facility is now open for business, and several small-scale, registration-only community meetings and events are planned.

Jupiter Jubilee Canceled

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, and out of an abundance of caution, the Town has regretfully canceled its Jupiter Jubilee event for February 2021. We look forward to bringing residents and visitors back together to celebrate all that is uniquely Jupiter when it is safe to do so. Watch our email, web and social media announcements for updates in the future as the Jubilee and other events resume.

Green Bike Lane Markings Installed Around Town

If you've been out cycling lately, you may have noticed something different in the bike lanes you typically travel. Last October, the Town installed green bike lane markings along various roads around town, including A1A in the Inlet Village, Ocean Way, Greenway Drive, Maplewood Drive, Dakota Drive, Parkside Drive, and University Blvd.

The brightly-colored markings call attention to the bicycle lanes, enhancing safety by providing a visible indicator for both cyclists and motorists.

Town of Jupiter Sponsorship Program

The Town's annual sponsorship program is a way to give local businesses an affordable opportunity to be featured in front of their target audiences. In 2020, we had to cancel most of our events and sponsorships. As we begin 2021, the event schedule is still uncertain, and therefore sponsorship opportunities are not available. With a goal of bringing the program

back in 2022, we will continue to work and support local businesses. For more information, visit www.jupiter.fl.us/Sponsorships.

Jupiter Honors Those Who Serve and Have Served

On Veterans Day, November 11, 2020, the Town of Jupiter proudly dedicated its newly-completed Veterans Memorial to honor those who serve and have served.

The memorial, located on the Town's municipal complex between the community Center and the Police Department, will serve as a place of reflection, honor and remembrance for the entire Jupiter Community.

Visit the Town's website for a short video virtual tour of the memorial, which is now officially open to the public to pay tribute to the men and women who have served our country and protected our freedom.

US1 Bridge Replacement Project by the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT)

The design plans for replacement of the US 1 bridge are close to being finalized, and a contractor will be chosen this spring. The first phase of construction, beginning this summer, will be a series of intersection improvements along the planned detour routes. Intersections that will be improved include Indiantown Road and Alternate A1A, Indiantown Road and US 1 and Alternate A1A and US 1.

The temporary detour for the bridge construction will begin in the spring of 2023, and will last approximately 20 months. Construction is scheduled to be complete in mid-2025. When a contractor is chosen, certain phases of the construction may be modified.

Testing of some of the construction methods started in December, so residents may see equipment adjacent to the bridge. This activity is not directly related to the bridge replacement project, but is in preparation for it. For further information or to be added to the project mailing list please visit FDOT's project website at www.fdot.gov/projects/jupiterus1bridge/main.

Town Continues Dune Crossover Renovations

Jupiter's beautiful beaches are accessible by way of access points and crossovers along the length of the beach from the Inlet to the Juno Beach Pier. Eighteen of those crossovers are maintained by the Town, and last November, the latest phase of dune crossover renovations began. Crossovers 31, 45, and 48 were demolished, and new structures that meet ADA requirements for accessibility are under construction. Sidewalks remain open while the new crossovers are constructed, and beach-goers can use neighboring crossovers to access the beach while work is done. The new crossovers are expected to open in early March.

Students Invited to Submit Artwork for the 2020-2021 Drop Savers Poster Contest

In partnership with the Florida Section of the American Water Works Association (FSAWWA), the Town of Jupiter Utilities participates in the annual Drop Savers Poster Contest. The contest allows participants to have fun while promoting the importance of water conservation in their homes. School-age children submit entries on white letter size (8.5" x 11") paper portraying water conservation through

a slogan, drawing or a combination of the two. Artwork can be done by hand using crayons, paint, color pencils, or markers. No highlighters, photos or computer graphics are permitted. Posters are judged based on the water conservation theme, originality and artistic ability.

Submissions and winners are divided into five age divisions ranging from kindergarten to high school with a 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winner for each division.

The 2020-2021 contest information was provided to local schools in early January. Students will submit their entries to their teachers at school, and the deadline to submit artwork to the Town of Jupiter Utilities is February 17. Winners will be announced by the first week of March and original artwork will be returned to schools. The 1st place winners from each

division will advance to the state level selection process with FSAWWA for additional recognition and prize opportunities. All 15 winners will receive local recognition and prizes. For more information, please visit www.jupiter.fl.us/DropSavers.

Jupiter U Goes Virtual

Jupiter U is coming to a computer near you in April. To be able to provide this complimentary, unique program in a safe way, we are offering Jupiter U as a series of virtual tours. Though online, the classic tours will still be available, like the Lighthouse History tour. We are also adding some new sessions that will include a behind the scenes look at the new Police Department building. Registration will open Tuesday, February 23.

For more details, visit www.jupiter.fl.us/JupiterU.

Cops and Teens Talk

January 12, February 9 & March 9
3:15 pm at Jupiter Police Department Community Room

High school-aged teens are invited to join the Jupiter Police Department to share ideas, build relationships, enjoy pizza, and earn community service hours through the Cops & Teens Talk program. Teens will have the opportunity to talk with Police Officers about things that are important to them in a relaxed and healthy environment. The program takes place every second Wednesday of the month at 3:15 pm in the Jupiter Community Center.

For more information or if you have questions, please visit www.jupiter.fl.us/CopsTeens or contact Officer Diana Zeitz at 561-741-2436.

Fraud Prevention Tips

Beware of Information Being “Sold to the Highest Bidder”

If you have a cell phone there is no doubt that you received a lot of unsolicited text messages and phone calls from various “campaigns” during this past election season. Whether these solicitation text messages, calls and emails were from legitimate campaigns or not, one thing is probably true: you did NOT sign up for these or consent to them and wondered how they got your personal cell phone number.

It's important to remember that all of our information is out there in the cyber community. Some of our information has made its way to the internet and can be easily found with a simple search. However, a lot of our information is actually a commodity that is gathered in a variety of ways, and most often without our consent, for example for a store rewards program, on social media sites and during online purchases. When we participate in these activities, our personal information can be “data mined” and sold to the highest bidder. Although there is a legitimate commercial and marketing use for the selling of data, like anything, it is often exploited by criminals and used to prey on trusting victims.

What should you do? The best advice is to be wary and skeptical of any unexpected call or text that is not from a known contact in your phone. When in doubt, DO NOT answer, and let it go to voicemail. If it is important, they will leave a message and then you can do your own research to confirm the validity and nature of the call. If it is a text, do not click on any links in the text. As always, if it is an email, do not click on any links and never open any unknown attachments. For ongoing crime prevention safety tools and topics, please visit: www.jupiter.fl.us/CrimePrevention.

Pedestrian and Bike High Visibility Enforcement /Traffic Safety Enforcement Campaign

For the sixth year in a row, the Jupiter Police Department is participating in the Pedestrian and Bike Safety High Visibility Enforcement campaign. Through this campaign, JPD is committed to providing education and awareness to pedestrians, bicyclists and motorists so we can ensure the safety of everyone who utilizes our roadways. This grant-funded campaign through the Florida Department of Transportation, Institute of Police Technology and Management, and the University of North Florida will run through May. For more information about pedestrian and bike safety and community programs and resources, please visit www.jupiter.fl.us/BikePedSafety.

2021 Matching Grant Program: Your Neighborhood May Be Eligible to Receive a Grant!

Each year, the Town of Jupiter awards Neighborhood Enhancement Grants to eligible projects submitted by neighborhoods in our community. Each grant award can be as much as \$5,000, and can go towards things like entrance signs, landscaping, lighting, security cameras, and exterior painting - projects that enhance the look and value of the neighborhood. Neighborhoods are required to provide a dollar-for-dollar match to the awarded funding, and project proposals must come from the neighborhood residents and its association. Applications for the 2021 Town of Jupiter Neighborhood Matching Grant Program will be available online the first week of February and will be due March 19, 2021.

If you are interested in participating in the program, please plan to attend a workshop to discuss the grant criteria on February 11, 2020 at 6:00 pm at the Jupiter Community Center (200 Military Trail). Communities who send at least one representative to the workshop will receive an additional 10 points towards their application. HOA property managers representing a community will NOT receive the bonus points. Communities that were awarded Matching Grants within the previous three years (2018- 2020) are not eligible to apply in 2021.

For more information, please call Satu Oksanen, Neighborhood Services Manager, at 561-741-2524 or visit www.jupiter.fl.us/MatchingGrantProgram.

Adopt with a Cop

The Jupiter Police Department in partnership with Furry Friends Adoption, Clinic & Ranch is offering the “Adopt with a Cop” program. Every other Wednesday, a JPD Officer introduces 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.

Coffee with a Cop

January 14 & March 11
9:00 am at Jupiter Police Department Community Room

Coffee with a Cop is an ongoing community event where residents are invited to meet their Jupiter Police Department Officers and enjoy complimentary coffee and donuts. This event provides an opportunity to discuss crime trends, local incidents, and other topics related to the work the Police Department does in the Town. For more information, please visit the website at www.jupiter.fl.us/Coffee.

Community Development Block Grant Funding & the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES)

In 2020, the Town was notified that it would receive special allocations of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds to be used to prevent, prepare for and respond to the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic. The funding was authorized by the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act), which was signed by President Trump on March 27, 2020 to respond to the growing effects of this historic public health crisis. The Town's allocation for all funding rounds totaled \$519,573.

A total of \$310,281 from the first round of funding were made available to three local nonprofits in their COVID-19 related efforts in the Town:

- Merciful Heavens, Inc. received \$25,000 to provide nutrition for food-insecure Jupiter families through the agency's four core programs: the Thanksgiving food giveaway; a “filled fridge and stocked pantry” for a family referred by the Town's Code Enforcement team; the “Secret Santa” program, which pays 3 months utilities for families referred by the Town's Neighborhood Services team; and the Summer Camp program, which provides meal boxes for families of campers at El Sol and the Edna Runner Tutorial Center.
- MyClinic, Inc. received \$153,000 to expand their existing healthcare facility to accommodate COVID-19 precautions and future programs for vulnerable populations.

- The Pearl Mae Foundation, Inc. received \$96,500 for Pearl's Pantry, which delivers food and supplies for quarantined individuals, specifically seniors.

The Town's CDBG Taskforce is establishing the process to distribute the additional funds of \$209,292 to the community.

Ask the Expert: Revitalizing Jupiter's Industrial and Commercial Areas

During the 2020 Strategic Planning process, Town Council identified a strategic initiative to study how to revitalize industrial and commercial areas in the Town. Jupiter is often thought of as a primarily residential community, but nestled among its beautiful neighborhoods are several active, vibrant industrial areas that provide important income for local business owners and their employees, as well as access to vital products and services for residents. The Pine Gardens North area was identified as the first area to study. To understand why these areas are important, and what the study involves, we spoke with John Sickler, Director of Planning & Zoning for the Town.

Q: Why are industrial and commercial areas important to preserve?

A: Industrial and commercial areas within a Town like Jupiter are home to necessary services for area residents. It's important to preserve areas where residents can travel locally to visit car mechanics, body shops, marine mechanics, construction companies and many other businesses without having to drive a long way.

Q: What kinds of the challenges and issues typically face these areas within a community?

A: Often, these areas are by definition a collage of different types of architecture and structure type. And because of the industrial nature of many of the industries, they don't always have new storefronts, organized parking or any landscaping. In Jupiter, many of our industrial areas neighbor residential areas, so it can be difficult to strike a balance between the needs of businesses and the quality of life of nearby residents.

Q: Why was Pine Gardens North Industrial area chosen as a first area of study?

A: Pine Gardens North provides a good study area because of the variety of businesses located there, and their proximity to residential neighborhoods. By studying that area, there may be learnings that can be applied to other industrial areas in the Town as they, too, are studied.

Q: What will the study involve?

A: The first step in the study was to distribute a survey to business owners and operators, and property owners in the Pine Gardens North Industrial Area. Once the results are reviewed and analyzed, follow up interviews or focus groups will be conducted in order to understand some of the details behind the data. Then, a resident survey is planned, so that both perspectives can be considered in any proposals for future strategies.

Q: What is the final objective?

A: The final objective is to be able to provide Town Council with some proposed strategies to revitalize and preserve the industrial area. Hearing from business owners, operators, property owners and residents will provide some important insights on which to base those proposals, and provide an environment where businesses can continue to thrive and residents can enjoy quality of life.

TOWN HALL PUBLIC MEETINGS

Held in Town Hall Council Chambers at 7:00 pm for more information visit www.jupiter.fl.us/agendas

- Regular Town Council Meeting: January 5 & 19, February 2 & 16, March 2 & 16
- Planning and Zoning Commission Meeting: January 12, February 9, March 9

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MAJOR TOWN EVENTS & CLOSINGS

Closed: New Year's Day: Wednesday, January 1

Closed: Martin Luther King, Jr.: Day Monday, January 18

Closed: President's Day: Monday, February 15

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