

Town Times Newsletter

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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 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.

- **Loxahatchee Business Park South:** Approved a Special Exception application for a 4,146-square foot indoor recreation use on a four acre property located at 803 Maplewood Drive, Unit 36a.
- **Interim Town Manager:** Appointed Frank Kitzerow as the Interim Town Manager.
- **Soma Medical Office:** Approved a site plan application for a 3,893 square foot medical office on a 0.4-acre property located at 351 1st Street.
- **Building Heights Restriction and Bonus Programs Deletion:** Approved Zoning Text Amendments to delete the bonus programs within the U.S. One/Intracoastal Waterway Corridor and Inlet Village Zoning District. Also, to prohibit height variances, administrative height waivers in small scale planned unit developments and to reduce height waiver requests in large scale and small scale planned unit developments.
- **Florida City Government Week:** Proclaimed October 18-24, 2021 as Florida City Government Week.
- **Utility Design Agreement:** Approved a joint participation agreement with Palm Beach County and establishing a budget of \$31,375 for utility design along Church Street.
- **2022 Town Council Meetings:** Approved the 2022 Town Council Meeting schedule.
- **Loxahatchee River Battlefield:** Supported a National Historic Registration application for the location of a circa 1838 battlefield.
- **Town Manager Severance Agreement:** Approved a severance agreement with the Town Manager.
- **Town Manager Search:** Directed Staff to begin the process of identifying executive search firms to identify and hire a new Town Manager.
- **Hamptons at Maplewood (second reading):** Approved a Planned Unit Development (PUD) amendment to increase lot coverage from 35 to 50 percent in a zero-lot line development on 114 acres at the southeast corner of Maplewood Drive and Pinetree Trail.
- **2022 Elections:** Approved an agreement with the Palm Beach County supervisor of Elections for vote processing equipment use and election services for the March 8, 2022 Election and the March 22, 2022 Run-Off Election, if necessary. Also, granted authorization to the Palm Beach County Supervisor of Elections to distribute, canvass and certify all ballots for the Town General Election, including absentee ballots for the March 8, 2022 Election and the March 22, 2022 Run-Off Election, if necessary.
- **FY 2021 Budget Amendments:** Approved fiscal year 2021 year-end budget amendments.

Mark Your Calendars for TOWN OF JUPITER ELECTIONS

Tuesday, March 8, 2022

Polls will be open from 7:00 am to 7:00 pm, for the following seats:

- **Mayor:** Three-year term (candidate must live in Jupiter)
- **First District Seat:** Three-year term (candidate must live in the First District)
- **Second District Seat:** Three-year term (candidate must live in the Second District)

All candidates shall be elected by the voters of the Town at large. If a run-off election is necessary, it will be held on Tuesday, March 22, 2022.

To access the district map and election information, visit www.jupiter.fl.us/Election or contact the Town Clerk's Office at 561-741-2352.

Register to Vote

Florida Voter Registration Applications are available via the Palm Beach County Supervisor of Elections website, www.votepalmbeach.gov. The registration books close Monday, February 7, 2022.

For more information and election updates, please visit the Town Clerk's Election Page at www.jupiter.fl.us or contact the Town Clerk's Office at 561-741-2415 or LauraC@jupiter.fl.us.

Kitzerow Named Interim Town Manager

On Monday, November 8, the Town Council voted to appoint Frank Kitzerow as the Interim Town Manager, a position Kitzerow assumed on Wednesday, December 8.

Kitzerow took over as the Town Manager after a long and distinguished career in law enforcement. Most recently, he served as the Chief of Police and School Safety Specialist for the Palm Beach County School District Police Department, a position he held from 2018 through 2021. Kitzerow previously served the Town of Jupiter as the Chief of Police for 13 years, a position he also held for the City of Portsmouth, Va. from 2003 through 2005. He began his career in law enforcement in 1979 with the Fairfax County, Va. police department.

Kitzerow is nationally recognized as an expert in schoolsafety and serves as the President of the National Association of School and Campus Police Chiefs.

The Jupiter community welcomes Kitzerow back and looks forward to his vision for the Town.

Beach Renourishment Project to place Sand on Jupiter's Beaches

In December, the Palm Beach County Department of Environmental Resources Management (PBC ERM), in conjunction with the Town of Jupiter, began a project aimed at renourishing a stretch of beach ranging from the Jupiter Reef Club to the Jupiter Inlet. The project is expected to run through the end of January and will place 416,000 cubic yards of sand on the beach. The sand for the project is being taken from an offshore borrow area about 1.7 miles northeast of the Jupiter Inlet.

Beach renourishment projects like this typically take place during the winter months, after sea turtle nesting season is over and before the next season begins. For more information on the project, visit www.pbcerm.com.

Jupiter Jubilee

Saturday, February 5 from 11:00 am to 4:00 pm at Abacoa Community Park
Jupiter's Biggest Hometown Celebration!

Free Family Event with Food Trucks, Civic Fair, Kids Fun Zone, Live Music and Entertainment, K9 and police Demonstration and more!

www.jupiter.fl.us/Jubilee

Jupiter's 2021 Citizen Survey

Recently, you may have received an invitation to participate in Jupiter's annual citizen survey. Every other year, the Town of Jupiter conducts a survey of its residents to assess their views on services, programs and policies. The results are used to benchmark and compare Jupiter's performance with other towns and cities in Florida and across the nation. This will mark the 11th year that Jupiter has used the National Citizen Survey (NCS) tool to facilitate its resident survey.

The NCS is a survey tool offered by Polco and the International City Manager's Association. By using this tool consistently over several years, Jupiter has been able to monitor its performance over time, and make adjustments based in part on feedback for the community. The survey is mailed in December to a random, anonymous sample of 4,500 households across four geographic areas of the Town. In January, an online version will also be made available for residents who did not receive a mailed survey but wish to participate. Responses are analyzed in a number of different ways (by geography, by demographic groups and by subject area). The final report will be presented at a Town Council meeting in February or March and published on the Town's website at www.jupiter.fl.us/CitizenSurvey. Past survey results are also available on this webpage.

Each year, survey results are considered by the Town Council and Staff as it prepares updates to the Town's annual Strategic Plan and budget. So if you participate in the survey, thank you! Please know that your input is valuable and is used to inform the strategic direction of the Town.

Michael Barbera Promoted to Deputy Chief

On Monday, November 29, Michael Barbera was promoted to the rank of Deputy Chief of Police for the Town of Jupiter. As the new Deputy Chief, Barbera is second in command of the Jupiter Police Department and oversees the Operations Support Bureau, Patrol Bureau and the Administrative Services Bureau.

Deputy Chief Barbera spent four years in the United States Marine Corps prior to joining the police academy and being hired by the Jupiter Police Department in 1996. He has spent the last 25 years with the JPD and has served in several different positions within the department, including as a Field Training Officer, Street Crimes Agent, Detective, Detective Sergeant, Patrol

Captain and Major prior to his current promotion. He has also been the Jupiter Police Department's Honor Guard Commander for the last 10 years.

Deputy Chief Barbera holds a Bachelor's Degree in Public Administration from Barry University and a Master's Degree in Criminology from Florida State University.

Shop with a Cop

On December 2, the Jupiter Police Department transformed the outside of the Police Department into a winter wonderland for its annual Shop with a Cop event. Twenty local children enjoyed pizza with Santa Claus followed by a ride in a police car to Walmart for a shopping spree with Jupiter police officers.

These deserving kids had the opportunity to buy gifts for themselves and loved ones to celebrate the holiday season.

Gateway Entry Improvements at Center Street and the Turnpike Underway

In December, the Town completed improvement work on gateway entry features at Center Street and the Turnpike. As part of the work on Center Street and Indiantown Road, the Town regraded and cleaned out the two existing ponds and landscaped the areas, median and intersection. The completed work includes native and landscaping that thrives in dry climates, which enhances the appearance of this critical intersection. With the completion of the work, the intersection and retention ponds will function and appear as a natural extension of the abutting Sims Creek Preserve and Cinquez Park open space properties. The cleanup of the ponds also improves water quality before it outfalls into Sims Creek and reaches the Loxahatchee River and also provides habitat for wildlife.

The work on the gateway entry at the Turnpike and Indiantown Road will be completed in early 2022. As part of this project, landscaping, a new Town entry sign and a small wetland are being installed. The Turnpike entry feature will also function and appear as a natural extension of the Jupiter Country Club's wetland preserve.

Once the Turnpike gateway entry feature is completed, the remaining phase of the Town Council's Entry Feature Gateways strategic initiative calls for improvements along Indiantown Road at the C-18 canal and I-95.

Students Invited to Submit Artwork for 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 can submit entries on white letter size (8.5" x 11") paper portraying water conservation through a slogan, drawing or combination. 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 2022 contest information was provided to local schools at the beginning of January. Students will submit their entries to their teachers at school, and the deadline to submit artwork to the Town of Jupiter Utilities is Friday, February 18. Winners will be announced by the first week of March and original artwork 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.

Visit <http://www.jupiter.fl.us/DropSavers> for more information.

Juno Street Stormwater Pump Station Construction to Begin in January

Construction of the Juno Street Stormwater Pump Station is planned to start in January, 2022. The project consists of the construction of a new stormwater outfall pipe underneath the FEC railway and across all lanes of N. Alternate A1A and will require nightly lane closures of Alternate A1A and Old Dixie Highway between Juno Street and Venus Street. The closure of Old Dixie Highway will begin the second week of January and will be for a period of 60-90 days, with intermittent lane closures after that. Venus Street will be limited to local traffic only for approximately four weeks beginning the second week of January.

Currently, the drainage basin on the south side of Center Street drains through the Seminole Avenue Stormwater Pump Station, which discharges to the Loxahatchee River. During large rainfalls, the area often experiences significant flooding. Construction of the Juno Street Stormwater Pump Station will reduce the burden on the Seminole Avenue Pump station and will provide an alternate outfall to the Intracoastal Waterway, which will reduce pollutants introduced to the Loxahatchee River.

Funding of the project is through the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA).

As the Weather Cools, Don't Forget Local Open Burn Regulations

Fires are a cozy way to enjoy the cooler weather outside; however, before you light a fire make sure you know Palm Beach County's Open Burn Regulations. These regulations help to ensure the fires do not create a fire hazard in the community.

Per Palm Beach County Ordinance 590.11, fires of any kind or size are NOT allowed on or in Palm Beach County beaches and parks. This includes the beaches in Jupiter.

Recreational fires like campfires, cooking fires or fires for warmth are allowed on private property without an open burn permit as long as they are no larger than three feet in diameter. Disposing of trash or debris in a recreational fire is not permitted. Ceremonial fires, which include bonfires and fires for religious purposes, do not require an open burn permit, but do require an approval letter from the Fire Marshall's Office. Both recreational and ceremonial fires are not allowed when a county-wide burn ban is issued by Fire Rescue or the Division of Forestry due to dry conditions and/or elevated fire danger. For more information, visit palmbeach.floridahealth.gov.

Calling all Jupiter Residents

Get Involved: Apply to serve on a Town Board or Committee

The Town of Jupiter has several advisory boards and committees which are appointed by the Town Council:

- Art Committee

- Audit Committee
- Beach Committee
- Construction Board of Adjustment and Appeals
- Environmental Task Force
- Historic Resources Board
- Planning and Zoning Commission
- Police Pension Board

If you are interested in volunteering as a member of a board or committee, please complete the online application at www.jupiter.fl.us/Committees. You can also print and mail a copy to the Town Clerk's Office at 210 Military Trail, Jupiter, Florida 33458.

Please note there is a mandatory Palm Beach County Code of Ethics Training required prior to serving on any board.

Please have your applications in by February 1, 2022 for the May, 2022 appointments. Any applications received after this date will be considered for the next year's appointments. Appointments are tentatively scheduled for the first Town Council meeting in May. Applications are accepted throughout the year.

For more information visit the Town of Jupiter online at <http://www.jupiter.fl.us> or contact the Town Clerk's office at 561-741-2415.

Community Development Block Grant Program Meeting Notice

January 26 at 11:00 am and 6:00 pm

The Town of Jupiter will host two public meetings in January to discuss the Town's Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program and to solicit input on the proposed program from residents. At these meetings, representatives from the Town will also provide training on the Fair Housing Act. The meetings will be held on January 26 at 11:00 am and 6:00 pm at the Jupiter Community Center (200 Military Trail) in Meeting Room A.

Each year, the Town of Jupiter participates in the CDBG program as a recipient of federal funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The Town receives approximately \$310,000 of CDBG funds annually. The funds seek to address the community development and housing needs within the municipal limits of the Town by achieving the overall goal of decent housing, a suitable living environment, and expanded economic development opportunities, principally for low and moderate income persons.

In previous years, the funds have been utilized for water main replacements, drainage improvements, street safety improvements, and playground upgrades in the Town's Charter Neighborhoods, among other things.

For more information on the Town's CDBG program, contact Satu Oksanen, Neighborhood Services Manager, at 561-741-2524.

Charter Neighborhood Coalition Meeting

January 19 at 6:00 pm

The Charter Neighborhood Coalition will meet on Wednesday, January 19 at the Jupiter Community Center at 6:00 pm. The Charter Neighborhood Coalition consists of Pine Gardens North and South, Eastview Manor, and Jupiter River Estates. If you reside in one of these neighborhoods please come out to meet your neighbors. Town staff, including neighborhood police officers will be in attendance. This meeting provides a great opportunity to hear town updates and interact with various departments. Refreshments will be served. We look forward to welcoming everyone back!

Town of Jupiter Gallery of Art

On Friday, December 3, the latest exhibit debuted at the art gallery at the Jupiter Community Center. The exhibit, titled "Jupiter Through Your Eyes," showcases art from various local artists. The art will be on display through January, so be sure to stop by and take a look.

The next art exhibit will begin in mid-February and will run through April. The exhibit will be titled "With Love." Visit <http://www.jupiter.fl.us/Art> for details on opening dates for future exhibits.

Walk-n-Talk

January 20 • February 17 • March 17

6:00 – 7:00 pm

Every third Thursday of the month from 6:00 to 7:00 pm officers visit a different neighborhood to walk and talk with the community members. Residents are invited to come meet their JPD officers and neighbors in an effort to enhance communication with the local police department while also promoting physical fitness. For more information, visit www.jupiter.fl.us/WalknTalk.

Coffee with A Cop

9:00 – 10:00 am

- **February 10** at location to be determined

Meet your local police officers and enjoy a cup of coffee from a local coffee shop. This event provides residents the opportunity to discuss crime trends, local incidents and other topics related to protecting the Town. Visit www.jupiter.fl.us/Coffee or the Police Department's Facebook, @JupiterPolice, for additional information.

Adopt with a Cop

The Jupiter Police Department is helping its four-legged friends find homes through its Adopt with a Cop program. Every other Wednesday, in partnership with Furry Friends Adoption, Clinic & Ranch, a Jupiter Police Officer highlights a dog or cat that is looking for a "forever" family. Visit the Police Department's Facebook page, @JupiterPolice, to see the adorable, furry friends looking to be a part of your family.

Pedestrian and Bike High Visibility Enforcement / Traffic Safety Enforcement Campaign

For the seventh 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 uses our roadways. This funded campaign through the Florida Department of Transportation, Institute of Police Technology and Management, and the University of North Florida will run through May, 2022. For more information about pedestrian and bike safety and community programs and resources, please visit www.jupiter.fl.us/BikePedSafety.

Drive-Up Shred Event

January 22 from 9:00-11:00 am

Begin your spring cleaning early by bringing your old personal documents to be shredded at the Jupiter Police Department (196 Military Trail) on Saturday, January 22. Each vehicle will be limited to a maximum of two boxes. For more information, visit the Jupiter Police Department Facebook page, @JupiterPolice, closer to the event date.

Jupiter Police Department Citizen Survey

You are invited to participate in the Jupiter Police Department's Citizen Survey. The survey is part of a continuing effort to provide professional and efficient police services to residents of the Town of Jupiter.

Your responses will be used to evaluate the service you have received, to recognize positive performance and to 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, visit www.jupiter.fl.us/JPDSurvey.

2022 Matching Grant Program: Your Neighborhood May Be Eligible to Receive a Grant

Each year, the Town of Jupiter awards Matching 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, safety 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 2022 Town of Jupiter Neighborhood Matching Grant Program will be available online the first week of February and will be due on March 18.

Communities that were awarded Matching Grants within the previous three years (2019-2021) are not eligible to apply in 2022. For more information, please call Satu Oksanen, Neighborhood Services Manager, at 561-741-2524 or visit www.jupiter.fl.us/MatchingGrantProgram.

Cops and Teens Talk

January 11 • February 8 • March 8

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 JPD officers about things that are important to them in a relaxed and healthy environment. The program takes place every second Tuesday of the month at 3:15 pm in the Jupiter Police Department Community Room.

Visit <http://www.jupiter.fl.us/CopsTeens> or @JupiterPolice on Facebook for more information.

Ask the Expert: Passport to Jupiter

Introducing the new Passport to Jupiter! The program was established as a result of a Strategic Initiative in the Town's 2021-2022 Strategic Plan, and it showcases locations throughout Town that make Jupiter unique for visitors as well as long-time residents. Find out more about the Passport below and get in on the fun!

1. What is in the Passport to Jupiter?

From popular destinations to hidden gems, the Passport to Jupiter features a variety of locations within the Jupiter area. The sites are broken down into six categories – Parks and Recreation, Historic, Natural Areas, Beaches and Waterways, Entertainment and Culture, and the Riverwalk. Keep track of the places you have visited by placing stickers over the corresponding location number.

2. When will the Passport to Jupiter be available?

The Passport to Jupiter will be available in early January, 2022.

3. Where can residents pick up a copy of the Passport to Jupiter?

Residents can pick up a copy at the Town Hall and Jupiter Community Center lobbies or can request a copy online at www.jupiter.fl.us/Passport. The Town has also partnered with some of the sites highlighted in the Passport to provide copies at their locations. For a complete list of partners and locations, check online at www.jupiter.fl.us/Passport.

4. Is there a prize for visiting the sites featured?

After visiting a minimum of 30 sites located within the Passport, bring your Passport into Town Hall Monday through Friday between 8:00 am and 5:00 pm to claim a prize pack from the Town.

5. Is there a cost associated with the Passport to Jupiter?

The Passport to Jupiter is completely free, so make sure to pick up your copy the next time you visit Town Hall or the Community Center!

And, be on the lookout for the Passport to Jupiter mobile app, coming later in 2022, which will allow you to take your Town tour digital.

Jupiter U Coming this April

Jupiter U, the free program to help citizens learn more about the services offered by the Town, returns this April. From parks to the water plant, Jupiter U sessions and tours are the perfect way for residents to learn more about the Town they call home. Registration for the 2022 Jupiter U program will open on February 23.

For the latest details on tours and registration, visit www.jupiter.fl.us/JupiterU. If you have questions about the program, reach out to Kate Pokorny at katep@jupiter.fl.us.

Sponsorship Programs Return

Don't miss your opportunity to Partner with the Town in 2022!

The Town's sponsorship program returns in 2022, featuring a wide range of opportunities for businesses of every size and budget. Check out the booklet today at www.jupiter.fl.us/Sponsorships. Sponsorship opportunities include a new photography category and the Town's largest hometown celebration, the Jupiter Jubilee. Sign up today and get your business in front of Jupiter residents!

For more information on sponsorship opportunities, contact Kate Pokorny at katep@jupiter.fl.us or 561-741-2365.

TOWN HALL PUBLIC MEETINGS

7:00 pm • 561-746-5134 • www.jupiter.fl.us/Agendas

- **Regular Town Council Meeting:** January 4 and 18, February 1 and 15, March 1 and 15
- **Planning and Zoning Commission Meeting:** January 11, February 8, March 8

SPECIAL MAGISTRATE PUBLIC HEARINGS

10:00 am • 561-741-2477 • www.jupiter.fl.us/Code

- **Code Compliance Special Magistrate Hearings:** January 12, February 9, March 9

Please check our website for meeting locations. CRA meetings will be scheduled as needed.

MAJOR TOWN EVENTS & CLOSINGS

- **Jupiter Jubilee:** Saturday, February 5
- **Martin Luther King Jr. Day:** January 17, *Closed*
- **Presidents' Day:** February 21, *Closed*

Visit www.jupiter.fl.us/Calendar for a listing of events and happenings in the Jupiter area.

Visit www.jupiter.fl.us/Live to view live meetings for Town Council, Community Redevelopment Agency Commission and Planning and Zoning Commission.

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