



Palm Beach Shores News

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JUNE/JULY 2008

CALENDAR

JUNE

- 16 Regular Commission Meeting 7 pm
- 17 SICA Meeting 7 pm
- 19 Bookmobile 10:30—11:30 am
- 24 Planning & Zoning Meeting 7 pm
- 26 Bookmobile 10:30—11:30 am
- 30 Budget Workshop 6 pm

JULY

- 1 VFD Meeting 7:30 pm
- 2 DRC Meeting 2 pm
- 3 Bookmobile 10:30—11:30 am
- 4 Independence Day—Town Hall Closed
- 8 Budget Workshop 6 pm
- 10 Bookmobile 10:30—11:30 am
- 15 SICA Meeting 7 pm
- 17 Bookmobile 10:30—11:30 am
- 20 ABC Safe Boating Class 8—6 pm
- 21 Regular Commission Meeting 7 pm
- 22 P & Z Meeting 7 pm
- 24 Bookmobile 10:30—11:30 am
- 29 Budget Workshop 6 pm
- 31 Bookmobile 10:30—11:30 am

AUGUST

- 5 VFD Meeting 7:30 pm
- 6 DRC Meeting 2 pm
- 7 Bookmobile 10:30—11:30 am
- 7 Budget Workshop 6 pm
- 14 Bookmobile 10:30—11:30 am
- 17 ABC Safe Boating Class 8—6pm

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FROM THE DESK OF THE MAYOR ...

As usual the summer months get all of us at Town Hall in high gear. First and foremost it's Budget time. I have consistently stated that we are better off than most communities. A combination of reasons; completion of capital debt, ability to cut back on or delay new and existing programs and our history of conservative (pay as we go) fiscal policies with the resultant small indebtedness. That said, we do face uncertain times as we enter our budget deliberations; a decrease in our property tax income as well as all state tax generated revenue (think 'gas tax'). The Commission's job is to ensure that we provide all the necessary services to our residents without having to raise the tax rate. A doable, though difficult task.

Out of this year's expenses a second license plate reading camera system is being installed at this time. The first installation has proven itself with numerous arrests being made that would not have happened without our "Spy in the Sky".

Officer Wheeler and his K-9 Officer 'Nitro' demonstrated their skills for students at St. Mark's School and the students must have been impressed. They donated \$1,155.91 to the P.D. to buy Nitro his own bullet proof vest. Thanks from the Town to the Middle School students!

Special thanks go out to resident David Burrus whose very generous donation funded the newest addition to our patrol fleet – that 3 wheel vehicle that allows our Officers to quietly cover the Inlet and Parkway at slow speed but can also conduct a high speed chase (up to 25mph) on our streets.

We all need to be knowledgeable regarding a movement afoot to ensure our ability to control the Town's destiny. On the November ballot will be a chance for you to vote to keep our Town under 'Home Rule'. This initiative is being led by a group that Palm Beach Mayor Jack McDonald formed called 'LUV' the acronym for 'Let Us Vote'. You will be hearing more on this issue and I urge you to be involved with this hot item that will go a long way to keep P.B.S. the "Best Little Town in Florida".

Mayor Tom Mills



In the next few weeks we will be conducting another test of the reverse 911 system. If you recall, this is the system that calls your homes and/or your cell phones in the event of an emergency. I have received about 20 or so cell numbers. If you still want the numbers entered into the system, please give me a call or an email.

Soon a second license-plate-reading camera will be installed in Town. To date it has assisted us many times by immediately advising Dispatch of a stolen vehicle entering Town. The last one recovered was at the Buccaneer.



On June 2nd a meeting of the administrations of the Riviera Beach and Palm Beach Shores Police took place. A task force has been formed, and more information regarding this will be coming up.

Lastly, in regards to the Youth Council, I have been asked to look into what we can do for the kids in Town who are getting a bit older. We are looking into some ideas, and are asking for your help in suggestions for the 12 to 17 year old group; (these ages aren't set in stone.) A dance and barbecue at the Community Center has been discussed, and if you have any ideas or wish to participate, please email slangevin@pbspolice.org or give me a call.



...FROM FIRE CHIEF FAUCI

Welcome to our new volunteers: Police officers Sean Alex and Steve Deck. Also new arrival in the area, Jason McWilliams. Our daytime person, John Lapis has just returned from an 8 hour class on engine procedures and operations.

Would you know what to do in the case of a common kitchen fire? If there's a grease fire on the stove, would you throw water, sugar, or flour on it? Absolutely NOT! The best thing to do is to soak a dish-towel in water and lay it over the top — a one-size fits all fire extinguisher!

...FROM FIRE INSPECTOR GLEN AITKEN

Just a friendly reminder... those of you with a Business Tax Receipt from the Town who are required to schedule an annual Fire Inspection will be receiving letters soon. We'll be asking you to contact Sue to schedule your appointment with the Fire Inspector. If you do not respond, there will be a reminder included with your invoice in August. Worst case scenario... those who have not responded could be brought before the Code Enforcement Special Master where fines could be levied.



The Town has recently purchased "For Sale" and "For Rent" signs that are available for resident use. These signs are code compliant

and can be obtained at Town Hall, call for details.

Our tree trimmers are currently working on cleaning and pruning up the Town's trees. There were over 600 trees on the list this year. Professionally pruning the trees cleans out heavy growth, allowing the winds to pass through, and stimulates new growth for a healthier and stronger tree.

Public Works is continuing to replace cracked and broken sections of the parkway. To date we have replaced approximately 100 linear feet.

...from Public Works Superintendent Walt Fleming

Town Updates

The Community Center has been in operation for just over half a year and we've seen many wonderful and successful events, as well as having experienced several bumps in the road with the use of the facility. As we move through this uncharted territory, your Commission continues to address on-going operational issues, while we're still addressing several outstanding construction issues. Policies and procedures are continuing to be adjusted as we get more experience under our belts and consider new ways to enjoy the facility. As always, your suggestions and comments are welcomed and encouraged.

The Town is currently seeking a part-time coordinator to serve as the liaison responsible for all aspects of coordinating group events and facility rentals. It is imperative that the individual serving in this role be extremely personable and possess strong administrative skills. Experience related to similar operations is preferred, but all viable applicants will be considered. The position will consist of a varied schedule including days, evenings, weekends and some holidays, but may be flexible based on the individual's availability. The number of hours will vary dependent upon need, and the salary will be commiserate with experience.

If interested, please forward your resume or complete an employment application available in Town Hall or on the website @ www.palmbeachshoresfl.us. Calls or walk-ins will not be taken at this time. This position will remain open until filled, and it is the Town's desire to find the right candidate as soon as possible.

I hope you have an enjoyable summer and that we remain storm free for another year. Just in case we're not that fortunate, please make preparations in advance as we face another South Florida hurricane season.

Cindy Lindskoog, Town Administrator

T-Shirts and Ball Caps are here!

**Buy them at Town Hall, \$15 each (kids shirts \$12)
Proceeds will benefit the Community Center**



NOTES FROM THE CLERK

If you will be in Town over the summer months, you are invited to participate in the preparation of the Town's annual budget. Next fiscal year's budget will be produced through a series of Commission workshop meetings held between June and August. Each department's anticipated expenses and the Town's anticipated revenues will be carefully reviewed. All meetings begin at 6:00 pm:

Tuesday, June 10 – Building & Code Enforcement; EMS; Fire departments.

Tuesday, July 8 – Public Works; Streets & Storm Sewers; Sewer; Beach; Community Center; Parks departments.

Tuesday, July 29 – Police; 911 Dispatch; Community Policing departments.

Thursday, August 7 – Finance & Administration; Legislative; Legal; Comprehensive Plan; Conceptual Planning; Solid Waste departments.

Thursday, August 21 - Revenues; Project Loans; Contingencies.

For some historical perspective, check previous years' approved budgets, found in "documents" on the town's website palmbeachshoresfl.us. Your input in the town's budget process is valued – please attend some or all of these informative meetings.

. . . Carolyn J. Gangwer, Town Clerk

HEDGED IN?

In Section IX of the Town's Zoning Ordinance, entitled "Walls, Fences and Hedges", it states "no fence, wall, hedge or other shrubbery of any kind whatsoever may be placed anywhere within the town which obscures the vision of vehicle drivers at the intersection of an accessway (driveway) and a public right of way (ie: town street); or two or more public rights-of-way as defined in section 78-75 of the town Code of Ordinances." Please take a look at any vegetation in your front yard which may violate Town Codes. If you have difficulty seeing to pull out onto the street, then plantings may need to be trimmed or removed.

The general rule for hedges in town is:

- From the front building line (generally the front of a house) to the rear property line, hedges can be a maximum of 8' high.
- From the front building line forward to the town's ten foot strip hedges can be a maximum of 6' high.

Hedges located within the town's ten foot strip can be a maximum of 3' high and are prohibited within 3' from the roadway pavement.

Finally, in the same section of the Town's Zoning Ordinance it states "Ground cover *only* shall be permitted in front of any balustrade. Shrubby immediately behind balustrades shall be limited to the *height of the balustrade.*"





You've seen the ads on TV — Everything's going digital and in the coming year, many TV's will become obsolete.

Please do your part for the environment... instead of disposing of your television or other electronics by placing them curbside (in which case they go to a landfill), please take them to the Solid Waste Authority where they will dispose of them in a more environmentally-friendly way, free of charge. This service is not for businesses, only personal-use items.

For more information, please call the Solid Waste Authority Customer Service at (561) 697-2700 or visit their website at www.swa.org

NEW WATER USE RESTRICTIONS: TWICE PER WEEK

- Watering is allowed from 4—8 a.m. **OR** 4—8 p.m. Odd-numbered houses can water on Wednesdays & Saturdays; even numbered houses on Thursdays & Sundays.
- No watering allowed from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- Hand watering with one hose and an automatic shut-off nozzle is allowed for 10 minutes per day.
- Vehicle & boat washing and pressure-washing homes is not restricted.

More info at 800-662-8876 or
www.sfwmd.gov/conserv

BE SURE AND CHECK OUT THE TOWN'S WEBSITE AT:

Palmbeachshoresfl.us

Items of interest are posted, including the Commission and P&Z Board agendas and minutes, photos, newly approved ordinances and other news items for Town residents and visitors. Surf in and leave your comments in the guest book. Also, you can sign up for e-mail notification of new events including Commission and P&Z agendas and minutes.

WRITE OR CALL: If you have any concerns you can write or call your Commission at the following:

Mayor Thomas R. Mills
344 Sandal Lane, 844-9007
e-mail to: tmills@pbstownhall.org
Vice Mayor Lisa A. Tropepe
121 Claremont Lane, 848-4471
Commissioner John M. Workman
324 Tacoma Lane, 845-6123
Commissioner Thomas R. Sullivan
207 Claremont Lane, 863-5637
Commissioner Alan D. Fiers
236 Inlet Way, 844-7154

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