

Village of Royal Palm Beach



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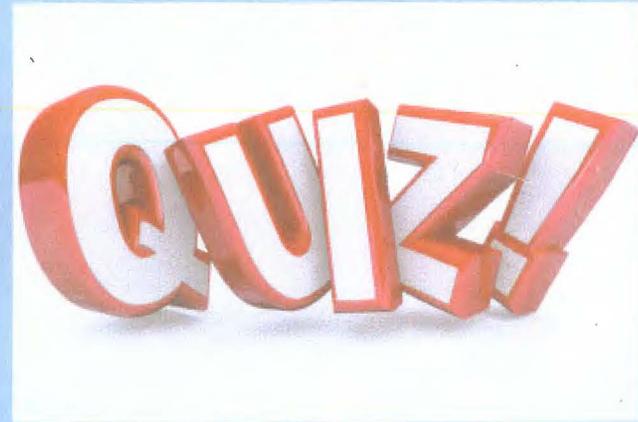
FLORIDA CITY GOVERNMENT WEEK

Florida City Government Week is a special time to recognize the important role played by city government in our lives. Most importantly, this week is a time to spread the word to all citizens of Florida that they are an integral part of the government that is closest to the people.

The Town of Lantana's Mayor and Town Manager make presentations to local schools for City Government Week. The Mayor shows and discusses historical pictures dating back to the 1920's while talking about the history of Lantana to over 200 elementary and middle school students. The Town Manager educates the students on local, state, and federal government.

1. Presentation of City Government Week Proclamation at Town Council meeting.
2. Contact local schools to set-up date/time for presentations.
3. Order "My Town/City I'm Proud of It" buttons and bumper stickers to give to students.
4. Obtain historical pictures to show to students.
5. Day of Presentation:
 - a. Mayor discusses historical pictures with students.
 - b. Mayor discusses links of pictures and how it relates to Lantana today.
 - c. Mayor incorporates State, County, and City/Town facts within presentation.
 - d. Town Manager asks students how many federal/state levels of government there are; provides number of counties and cities within state of Florida; asks what type of services a city/town provides; and talks about the local parks and town events.
 - e. Mayor and Town Manager summarizes by asking questions that were discussed in the presentation.
 - f. Buttons and bumper stickers are given to the students that answer the questions correctly.
 - g. Students are allowed to ask any questions of the Mayor or Town Manager if time is available.
 - h. Formal discussion and overview on facts presented.

PARTICIPATION DURING PRESENTATION



END OF PRESENTATION

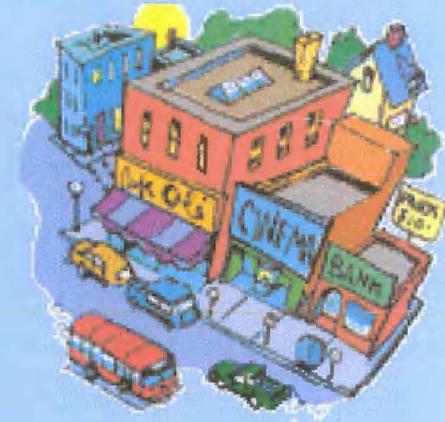
Cities...who needs them?

- **Why cities were formed?**
 - Social contact, Safety, Markets & trade
 - Athens, Greece
- **Why do cities exist today?**
 - Share public infrastructure, Agree to abide by rules
 - Agree pay for utilities & services--taxes
- **What's in a name?**
 - Village...from Latin: "villa" meaning "place to dwell"
 - Town...from Old English meaning "lives within the walls"
 - City...from Greek: "civitas" meaning "citizens"
 - Municipality...from Latin: "municipium" meaning "dutyholders"
- **What's a City Charter?**
- **Why do we say that Cities are "INCORPORATED" ?**



FACTS ABOUT FLORIDA CITIES

- How many municipalities are there in Florida?
- Oldest city in Florida?
- Newest city in Florida?
- Largest city (population) in Florida?
- Smallest city (population) in Florida?
- Median Population of Florida cities?
- How many municipalities are there in Palm Beach County?
- Does everyone living in PBC live in a city? How many?



A History Lesson: Village of Royal Palm Beach



- **General area was Seminole Tribe Hunting Grounds and was used by agricultural companies as experimental farmland**
- **In 1956, Russian immigrant Sam Friedland purchased land in central part of PBC**
- **In 1959, Royal Palm Beach was incorporated...Seminole Chief Billy Bolek relinquished all rights to the land at the groundbreaking**
- **In 1972, Royal Palm Beach Colony, Inc. established to develop RPB**
- **In 1978 Master Plan: La Mancha, Willows, Crestwood, Hawthorne**

ROYAL PALM BEACH COLONY'S "FLY AND BUY"

- COME TO ROYAL PALM BEACH, FLORIDA
 - GET OUT OF THE COLD
 - \$200 ROUND TRIP PLUS 2 DAYS AT ROYAL INN
 - VISIT LION COUNTRY SAFARI
 - INFORMATION ON A GREAT OPPORTUNITY TO LIVE IN FLORIDA
- 1980-1988, RPB GREW BY 247%
...FASTEST GROWTH IN US

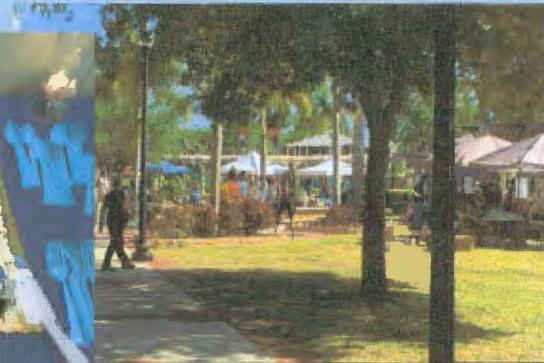


Village of Royal Palm Beach, today

- Royal Palm Beach is the 9th largest municipality in PBC
- Population: 38,000 residents
- Size: 12 Sq. Miles
- Parks: 27 (29)—more park land per capita than other PBC municipalities
- Biggest Park: Commons Park—170 acres
- Roads: 70 miles Village owned; mix of County & State roads
- Canals: 18 miles—drainage & recreation
- Budget 2018: \$49M (\$24 M operating + \$25M capital)
- Tax Rate: 1.92 mils (\$1.92 per \$1000 property value)—5th lowest
- Awards/Recognition: Tree City USA (since 1992); Family Circle (9th best family community)



Finish this sentence... *“What I like best about Royal Palm Beach is _____”*

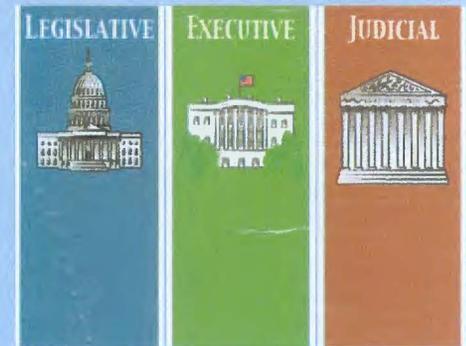


ROYAL PALM BEACH
STAR SPANGLED SPECTACULAR
JULY 3RD 4TH 2016

TWO DAY INDEPENDENCE CELEBRATION

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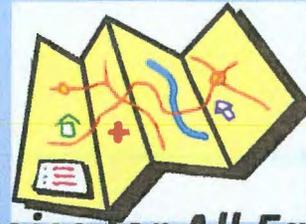
Royal Palm Beach Government



- **Council-Manager** form of municipal government...others?
- **Council = Mayor + 4 Councilmembers**, each has one vote
 - Village Charter; Roberts Rules of Order; FL Constitution & Statutes
 - Councilmembers--Policies... “Board of Directors”
- **Village Manager**--Implements policies & manages day-to-day...CEO/COO
- **Village Staff**—7 Dept. Heads; 150 employees
- **Municipal Government**—all 3 functions (Public Corporation + Sovereign)
 - “Home rule”

What does the Village Council do?

- VILLAGE COUNCIL = PROBLEM SOLVERS AND DECISION-MAKERS...ACCOUNTABLE
- Creates the VILLAGE'S STRATEGIC PLAN



- VILLAGE VISION: *“Premier Residential Community with a Hometown Feeling...the Choice for All Family Generations”*
- Sets ANNUAL BUDGET to fund Strategic Plan priorities (PROPERTY TAX RATE)
- Makes POICIES (EXECUTIVE)
- Makes ORDINANCES (LEGISLATIVE)
- Applies ORDINANCES to cases (QUASI-JUDICIAL)
- Engages Local Schools, School District & School Board (Education Advisory Board)
- Represent Best Interests of Citizens/Community...OK, but how?
→“LISTEN, COMMUNICATE AND LEAD”

Who is the Village Staff and what do they do?



- VILLAGE MANAGER— “CEO”; principal advisor to Council
- VILLAGE ATTORNEY—Legal advice; State Statutes compliance; Ordinances
- VILLAGE FINANCIAL MANAGER—Budget prep.; Financial Reports
- VILLAGE ENGINEER—Project Mgt.; Engineering planning
- DEPARTMENT HEADS:
 - PARKS & REC—plans, conducts & oversees Rec. programs; operates & maintains parks
 - PUBLIC WORKS—operates & maintains canals; roads & sidewalks; landscaping
 - COMMUNITY PLANNING—oversees & recommends new developments (“Comp Plan”)
 - BUILDING—Building Permits; Code Enforcement
- VILLAGE CLERK—Council Agenda & Consent Items; Elections; Historian
- POLICE—COMMANDER, PBSO DISTRICT 9
- FIRE & RESCUE—DISTRICT CHIEF & Station 28 & 29, PBC Fire-Rescue

Innovative Thinking in Royal Palm Beach ...looking to the FUTURE

- E-GOVERNMENT
- GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SYSTEM
- GREEN SPACE
- TRENDING BUSINESSES
- ENTERTAINMENT DISTRICT
- DRONES
- AUTONOMOUS/INTERACTIVE VEHICLES





Village of Royal Palm Beach: Strategic Plan

VISION 2031

ROYAL PALM BEACH 2031 is the Premier Residential Community with a "Hometown" Feeling – The Choice for All Family Generations.

ROYAL PALM BEACH 2031 is:
Beautiful – Safe – Convenient – Enjoyable

GOALS 2021

Financially Sound Village Government
Responsive, Community Based Village Services And Facilities
Abundance of Leisure Choices/Options
More Livable Community:
From "Curb Appeal" To Convenience

POLICY AGENDA 2016 – 2017

Amphitheater Development
Mobility Plan and Fee
Cultural/Business Center Expansion
Communications and Engagement Strategy
Senior Living Complex
Impact Fees: Update
Aquatic Center Concept Plan
Senior Citizens Needs Assessment and Report
RV Parking Lot: Phase II
Planning and Zoning Commission Power
Southern Properties Park
Development Fees: Update
Commons Park: Land Acquisition
Parking at Residences

MANAGEMENT AGENDA 2016 – 2017

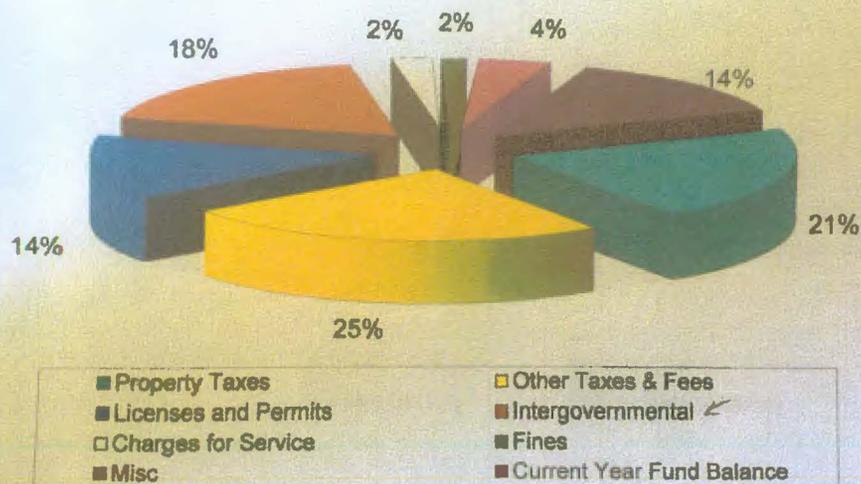
General Fund Revenue Projections Model
ADA Transition Plan
Crestwood Site Development
Capital Projects: Review, Priority
Village Facilities Rental Policy
Park Projects: Review, Priority
Sign Ordinance Update
FEMA Community Rating System
Outreach on Developments and Sensitive Issues
Performance Metrics/Measurement System

Royal Palm Beach Village Government Mission

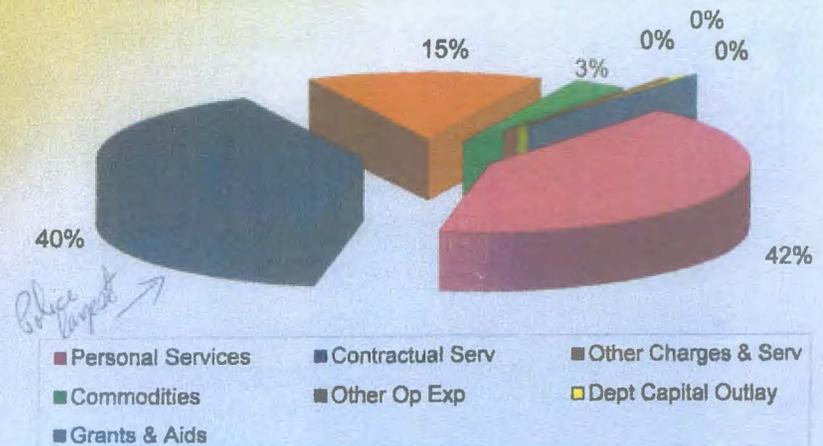
*The mission of the Village of Royal Palm Beach is to provide **Caring**, Municipal Services in the Most Cost Effective **Manner** that are Responsive to Our Community.*

STRATEGIC PLAN OF THE VILLAGE OF ROYAL PALM BEACH

General Fund Revenue Summary-\$23,537,651



Expenditure Summary- \$23,537,651



Budget FY2018 for Village of Royal Palm Beach

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Village of Royal Palm Beach Council
 Regular Meeting was called to order at
 7 p.m. on December 15th.

The following actions were taken:

- Mayor proclaimed March 14, 2017 as Municipal Election Day, approved Agreement with Supervisor of Elections to conduct Municipal Election Services on March 14, 2017 as well as appointed canvassing board to include SOE, Village Clerk and Councilwoman Smith.
- Approved two budget amendments, one to transfer \$5,000 to Bucket Truck fund and \$68,990.00 to CDBG Program to increase funds for ADA improvements .
- Approved two Resolutions, one to enter into agreement with Palm Bch Co for CDBG program to construct ADA sidewalk improvements and two, executes agreement with Northern Palm Beach County Improvement District—MS4 NPDES Fourth Cycle Permit.
- Approved MCIC to allow for an amended phasing plan on 59.84 acres on south side of Southern Blvd. west of SR 7.
- Approved Recreation Advisory Board as the Village Infrastructure Surtax Citizen Oversight Committee.
- Approved Resolution establishing a Reasonable Accommodation Policy.
- Postponed Professional Services Agreement to perform Senior Citizen Needs Assessment Study with PMG Associates, Inc.
- Appointed Mayor Pinto as primary member and Vice Mayor Hmata as alternate to the MPO.

Next Village Council Meeting

[Directors, January 15th](#)
[Download Agenda](#)

On the Horizon

- Traffic Calming Presentation and Policy
- PBC Fire Annual Report
- Site Plan for Cultural Center Expansion
- GIS Interactive Mapping of active applications for changes to properties through e-permitting
- Cypress Key Commercial Use Site Plan
- Southern Boulevard Properties Re-development Plan
- Presentation by Maggie Longoria, Quality Assurance Coordinator for PBC Senior Services

Upcoming Events

- Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Observance Monday, January 16th 8:00—2:00 Cultural Center
- Wonderama Concert/Food Truck Invasi Friday, January 27th 5:30—9:30 Commons Park
- YAH Luncheon—Friday, February 3rd 11:30 am Cultural Center
- Kid's Yard Sale—Saturday, February 4th 9:00—1:00 Veterans Park
- Movie Deep Water Horizon/Food Truck Invasion—Friday, February 10th 5:30—9:30 Commons Park
- Sweetheart Concert—Community Bank Tuesday, February 14th Cultural Center 7:00 pm
- West Fest—Friday, February 24th thro Sunday, February 26th Commons Park

Mayor's Note

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Challenges of Governing

- **PUBLIC TRUST** is essential to effective government—**Fiduciary Responsibility**
- Voters Trust and Confidence “gets you elected, but maintaining it, when making tough decisions, maybe difficult...you can’t satisfy everyone”
- Knowing what the public wants...getting timely, valid input...
 - What do you do with vocal minority input...NIMBY?
- Common Good vs. Individual Liberty?
- For example:
 - Commons Park Amphitheater
 - Medical Marijuana

TO MAKE GOVERNMENT WORK BETTER, I CAN...

- STAY INFORMED...Village WEBSITE royalpalmbeach.com
 - New News Bulletin: The VECTOR
 - Read local media...seek "REAL NEWS" ...use your head...think for yourself... "argue the opposite side"
 - VOLUNTEER:
 - HELP WITH VILLAGE EVENTS
 - SHADOW/INTERN VILLAGE COUNCIL MEMBER
 - HELP WITH A POLITICAL CAMPAIGN
 - APPLY FOR ONE OF RPB CITIZEN COMMITTEES/BOARDS
 - ATTEND/WATCH COUNCIL MEETINGS...SPEAK AT A COUNCIL MEETING...tell Council what your concern/suggestion is and what you would like to see done
 - PARTICIPATE IN ANNUAL "CITIZENS SUMMIT" May 2, 2017, 6pm, Cultural Center
- RUN FOR OFFICE!!!!

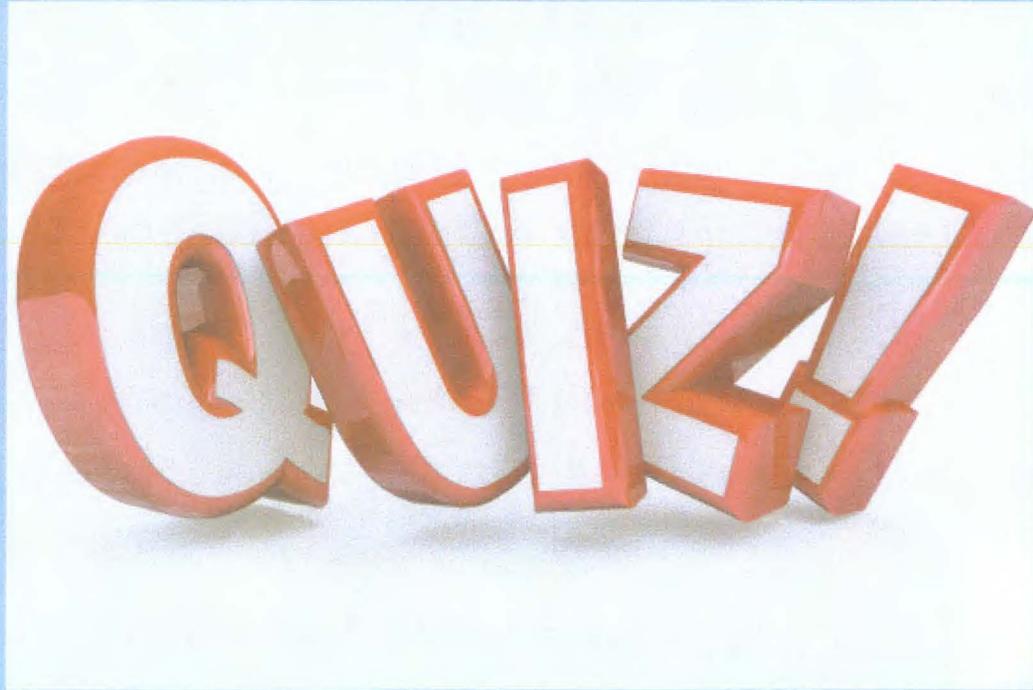


MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS IN ROYAL PALM BEACH

- Local Elections required by VRPB Charter
- 2nd Tuesday in March, every year (March 14, 2017)
- 1 Mayor and 4 Council Seats
 - Staggered elections: 3 seats one year, then 2 seats next year...
 - Mayor & Council Terms 2 years, no term limits...
 - What do you think about term limits?
- All registered Voters are eligible to vote...how many registered voters are there in RPB? How many vote?
- IF YOU DON'T DO ANYTHING ELSE, GET INFORMED, REGISTER AND

VOTE!





QUESTIONS?

