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### Protect our Storm Water Drainage Systems

The Town of Haverhill is regulated by the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) program. This program regulates storm water discharges that lead directly to surface waters. The storm water drainage system collects all the rain water that runs off hard surfaces such as roofs and sidewalks. This storm water runoff drains into catch basins. If that runoff contains pollutants, then those pollutants are routed to the nearest canal, lake and eventually the ocean. Water pollution damages the environment and wildlife and can restrict recreational activities like fishing, swimming and boating.

Please help us protect our waterways by controlling discharge pollution. Be aware of an accidental oil or paint spill, soapy wash water, wastewater and grease that may be draining into our catch basins. These are pollutants and illicit discharges. Please do not blow grass clippings into the storm drains and remind landscapers not to as well.

Every little bit helps and we appreciate your efforts to help protect our environment!







# Spring 2025 Newsletter





#### WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU

Town of Haverhill Community Workshop

Thursday, Apr 24, 2025 | 5 PM 4585 Charlotte Street, Haverhill, FL 33417

Please join the Haverhill community workshop to learn more about the project, ask questions, and provide feedback

# TOWN OF HAVERHILL FLOODING & SEA LEVEL RISE RISK ASSESSMENT

Help shape your town's future.
Haverhill is leading the way by
launching their own risk assessment.
Palm Beach County is partnering with
your community to host this workshop
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Join us for our Flooding & Sea Level Rise Risk Assessment community workshop! Palm Beach County is partnering with the Town of Haverhill and other small communities to host this workshop to inform residents about the new Climate Risk Assessment, which evaluates flood risks across multiple communities. Learn how flood risks affect our community, ask questions, share your thoughts, and help shape our climate resilience strategy. Your input matters in building a resilient future for our community! Can't make it in person? Livestream access available.

## Town Council Members and Town Staff

Jay G. Foy Mayor

Lawrence Gordon Vice Mayor

Dennis Withington Council Member

Ray Caranci Council Member

Dr. Teresa Johnson Council Member

Tracey L. Stevens
Town Administrator

Jean Wible Deputy Town Clerk

Joe Petrick
Public Services Coordinator/
Code Enforcement Officer

Gina Botello Assistant Town Clerk

Durrani Guy Building Official

Rodrick Jones Public Works

Council meets the fourth
Thursday of each month at
6:00 p.m. Special meetings and
workshops are held on the
second Thursday of the month
at 6:00 p.m. as needed. All
meetings are open to the public
and the agenda is posted on the
Town's website
www.townofhaverhill-fl.gov



#### State of the Town - 2024

We congratulate Ray Caranci and Dennis Withington who were re-elected to the Town Council in March 2024 to serve a three-year term. We also congratulate Mayor Foy who received the Mayor John Land Years of Service Award for his 30 Years of Service to the Town of Haverhill. All Council Members have been busy this year representing the Town on several Boards. Mayor Foy represents the Town on the Palm Beach County Water Resources Task Force, and at the Palm Beach County League of Cities' District II & III meetings. Vice Mayor Gordon serves on the Palm Beach County League of Cities Board and continues to represent the Town on the Federal, State and Local level through his involvement with the Florida League of Cities, National League of Cities, and the Florida Black Caucus of Local Elected Officials. Council Member Johnson represents the Town on the Palm Beach County Re-Entry Task Force and the Citizens' Committee on Airport Noise, while Council Member Caranci represents the Town as the Alternate Delegate on the Palm Beach County Multi-Jurisdictional Issues Forum. In addition, Council Member Withington was recently selected to serve on the Homeless & Housing Alliance of Palm Beach County to help solve complex housing issues for our community.

Town Administrator Stevens was elected as the President of the Florida Government Finance Officers' Association Palm Beach Chapter in June and also serves as the District IV Director of the Florida City & County Management Association. She also represents the Town on the Palm Beach County Multi-Jurisdictional Issues Forum as the Voting Delegate.

The Town's Building Official, Durrani Guy, completed his first year with the Town, and we thank him for his service in helping the residents safeguard their assets with safe building practices. We also thank our entire staff for the outstanding work they do for the betterment of the Town: Tracey Stevens, Town Administrator; Jean Wible, Deputy Town Clerk; Joe Petrick, Public Services Coordinator/Code Enforcement Officer; Rodrick Jones, Public Works; and Gina Botello, Assistant Town Clerk/Permits Technician.

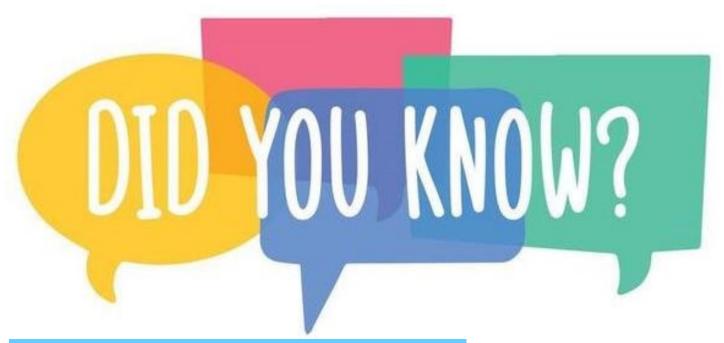
The Town continues to appreciate the relationship it has with the PBC Sheriff's Office and PBC Fire Rescue Department who help keep our residents safe. We also appreciate the relationship we have with our many vendors and contractors who help keep us operating.

Last year, the Town rolled out a new mass notification system to alert residents of emergency situations, construction projects, and town meetings and events. We have seen an increase in enrollment for the program this year, and staff continues to encourage residents to sign up.

At our request, Palm Beach County will be installing lighting for the basketball courts at Haverhill Park over the next year, utilizing a federal grant.

Regarding land development, construction of the 40-unit Haverhill Court Townhomes project located on Haverhill Road is well under way, with certificates of occupancy issued for twenty units already. The Council also adopted an ordinance annexing property off Wallis Road for a developer to construct 100 townhome units, with 10 of those units being provided as workforce housing.

The Town negotiated a ground lease with Dish Wireless to install utilities on the communications tower on Town Hall property. Additional revenues will be collected by the Town beginning next year.



You can now see the status of your permit application submission, inspection time frame and results on our website:

www.townofhaverhill-fl.gov/building

#### You Can Receive Important Alerts from the Town

- 1. Visit our website at www.townofhaverhill-fl.gov
- 2. Click on Alerts & Notifications at the bottom left of page
- 3. Click on Sign Up
- 4. Complete the sign up form to subscribe
- 5. Make notification selections
- 6. Click Sign Me Up
- 7. Please make sure you confirm your account to ensure you are receiving notifications

Questions? Call Town Staff at 561-689-0370 Ext 1

All motor vehicles on a residential lot must be parked in a garage/carport or on a driveway/parking area that has been designed and permitted for that purpose. All motor vehicles shall be parked on a durable surface as approved by the Town Engineer, including concrete, pavers or asphalt. The parking of motor vehicles on the landscaped or sodded front yard is <u>not permitted</u>.

Parking on any portion of a sidewalk and along any of the Town's drainage systems and swales is also **not permitted**.

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## SWA RECYCLING NEWS: Is It Recyclable?

### Let's Talk About Cardboard

Today, many things are recyclable. And, in Palm Beach County, cardboard definitely is recyclable. With online buying and general packaging, there's a lot more cardboard in our waste stream today. The good news is that cardboard can be recycled.

In Palm Beach County, cardboard goes into your yellow recycling bin. But the Solid Waste Authority of Palm Beach County (SWA) understands that not all cardboard can fit into the 18-gallon yellow recycling bin.

There are options after removing all the foam and plastic packaging:

- For residents living in unincorporated Palm Beach County, place excess and oversized cardboard beside the yellow recycling bin to be collected for recycling. Waste collection workers will pick it up by hand and put it into the correct side of the split body recycling truck.
- For residents living in one of Palm Beach County's 39 municipalities, contact your municipality directly for their curbside cardboard guidance. A list of municipal contacts can be found online.
- For anyone who wants to recycle oversized or excess cardboard themselves, they can take it to any of more than 250 yellow community cardboard dumpsters throughout our county. You can find the nearest community cardboard dumpster at swa.org/wheretorecycle.
- You can also take your cardboard and other yellow recycling bin materials to one of seven SWA Home Chemical & Recycling Centers.

In 2023, the SWA reported to the Florida Department of Environmental Protection that it sold almost 75,000 tons of recyclable commodities to mills and factories that use them to make new products. Of that, more than 18,000 tons was cardboard.

Keep giving your recyclables the future they deserve. Recycle right, Palm Beach County!



## **State of the Town - 2024 (Continued)**

The Annual Trunk-or-Treat event was held on Halloween for our residents and was a huge success. Staff received many positive comments and a plea to hold this event again next year.

The Town adopted several Ordinances this year addressing the following:

- Rolloff Containers on Residential Lots
- Adopting Updates to the Flood Insurance Study and Rate Maps
- Driveway Installation and Parking Regulations
- Creating Procedures for Annexations
- Clarifying the Days Vegetation may be left Curbside, and Providing that Sidewalks and Roadways Shall not be Impeded
- Portable Storage Units on Residential Lots
- ◆ Parking Regulations, the Prohibition of Commercial Vehicle Parking, and the Regulation of Recreational Vehicle Parking
- Updating the Sign Code
- Maintenance of Septic Systems and Wells
- Annexing Property off Wallis Road, along with Comp Plan Amendment, Re-Zoning and Text Amendment

In addition, a resolution was adopted supporting the procurement and oversight of consultants for the development of a countywide transportation plan, whereas municipalities will partner with Palm Beach County to develop a plan that will help alleviate traffic issues around the county.

The FY25 budget was adopted with a millage rate of 4.05, which is the same millage rate as last year. In addition to adding a staff member, there were increases in several expenditure line items as prices continue to climb with inflation; however, the increase in property values helped to offset those prices, thus allowing the Town to adopt the same millage rate. The Town remains fiscally sound and received another successful audit report for fiscal year 2023.

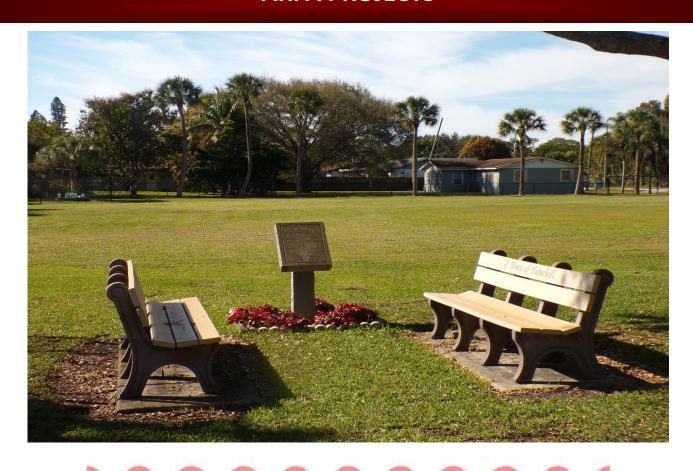
The Town continues to work on projects utilizing the \$1,023,921 in American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds

received from the federal government in response to the COVID pandemic. Projects that have been completed include audio/visual upgrades in the Council Chambers, vehicle purchases for the Public Works and Code Enforcement Departments, an upgraded drainage system on Club Road West, additional traffic calming installations, and reconfiguration of the Town's ballfield into a passive park for town events. Projects remaining include new street light installations throughout the town and a new drainage system in the area of Tall Pines Road.



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#### **ARPA PROJECTS**





# Holiday Closings for 2025

## Town Hall will be closed the following dates:

Memorial Day — May 26th
Juneteenth — June 19th
Independence Day — July 4th
Labor Day — September 1st
Columbus Day — October 13th
Veteran's Day — November 11th
Day Before Thanksgiving — November 26th — Closing at Noon
Thanksgiving Day — November 27th
Friday After Thanksgiving — November 28th
Day Before Christmas Eve — December 23rd — Closing at Noon
Christmas Eve — December 24th
Christmas Day — December 25th

Town Hall will also close at 10:30 on the date (TBD) of the annual Palm Beach League of Cities Tri-Cities BBQ to allow all staff the opportunity to participate.



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## **Ribbon Cutting Ceremony**



Vice Mayor Gordon and
Council Member Caranci
attended the ribbon cutting
ceremony for the grand
opening of Newberry Court
located at 5001 Elderberry
Street in Haverhill.

D.R. Horton has completed 20 units of the 40-unit townhome development, and they expect to complete the other half later in the year.



## **ARPA PROJECTS (Continued)**









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Council Member Teresa Johnson,
Vice Mayor Lawrence Gordon,
Town Administrator Tracey
Stevens, Public Works Rodrick
Jones, and Public Services
Coordinator Joe Petrick attended
the annual Palm Beach County
Tri-Cities BBQ and Toy Drive on
December 13, 2024.

We are excited to announce that we recently welcomed our new
Assistant Town Clerk/Permits
Technician, Gina Botello, to the team at Town Hall. Gina comes to the Town with municipal government experience as an Assistant Town Clerk & Permits
Technician for the Town of Manalapan, along with over 10 years experience as an



Administrative Assistant for a Homeowners' Association and a Multi-Media Production Company. Gina's role is the first point of contact for residents and visitors at Town Hall, managing the front desk call center, assisting with the permitting process and providing support services to all Town Staff.

Vice Mayor Lawrence Gordon joins Palm Beach County Mayor Maria Marino at the Mayor's Parade at the South Florida Fair on January 19, 2025.



# Our Town's Movie Night in the Park Event

Thank you to everyone who attended as we continue hosting events that bring our community together!















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