

# JUNO BEACH NEWS

SPRING/SUMMER 2025

## Welcome Robert Cole, New Town Manager of Juno Beach



Robert Cole

*The Town of Juno Beach is pleased to announce that Robert A. Cole has been appointed as the new Town Manager, effective March 31, 2025. Mr. Cole brings nearly 30 years of municipal experience to the role, ensuring that the town will continue to benefit from effective leadership and forward-thinking governance. The Town Council voted unanimously in favor of Mr. Cole's appointment on March 7, 2025, and the community is excited to welcome him to Juno Beach.*

*Join us in welcoming Robert A. Cole to Juno Beach and celebrating the future of our town!*

*Frank M. Davila, CFM, who had been serving as Interim Town Manager, will continue in his role as Director of Planning & Zoning. His dedication and service to the community during the interim period are greatly appreciated, and the town looks forward to continuing to work with him in his ongoing capacity.*

## Upcoming Appreciation and Recognition Weeks

Public Service Recognition Week ► May 4<sup>th</sup> to May 10<sup>th</sup>, 2025

Celebrated the first full week in May since 1985, **Public Service Recognition Week (PSRW)** is a time set aside to honor those who serve our nation as federal, state, county, and local government employees. Throughout the nation and the world, public servants use this occasion to educate others about the work they do and why they have chosen public service careers, as well as the many ways government services make life better for all of us. Public servants include teachers, doctors, and scientists, train conductors, astronauts, nurses, safety inspectors, laborers, computer technicians, social workers, and countless other occupations. Day in and day out they provide the diverse services demanded by the American people of their government with efficiency and integrity.

**The Town of Juno Beach would like to recognize the accomplishments and contributions of our Town Staff.**

56<sup>th</sup> Annual Professional Municipal Clerks Week ► May 4<sup>th</sup> to May 10<sup>th</sup>, 2025

Municipal Clerks throughout the United States, Canada and 15 other countries will celebrate the **56<sup>th</sup> Annual Professional Municipal Clerks Week** from May 4<sup>th</sup> through the 11<sup>th</sup>, 2025.

In 1984 and in 1994, President Ronald Reagan and President Bill Clinton, respectively, signed a Proclamation officially declaring **Professional**

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## Unwelcomed Gazebo Guests

The Pelican Lake Gazebo has some unwanted residents—TERMITES! In an abundance of caution the gazebo is **CURRENTLY CLOSED** to ensure the public's safety.

*Stay tuned for additional information!*



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From The Desk of

*Mayor*  
**PEGGY WHEELER**



*Welcome to the Town's Spring Newsletter,*

As always, I'm pleased to bring you updates on what's been happening in town since our last edition.

It is an honor to serve as your Mayor. I am grateful for the opportunity to work alongside our residents drawing on my 25 years of experience and history in the beautiful Town of Juno Beach.

## NEW TOWN MANAGER

*The most important topic in this edition is the Council's unanimous selection of a new Town Manager. On March 7<sup>th</sup>, 2025, the Council voted to appoint Mr. Robert Cole to the position of Town Manager. We look forward to welcoming Rob to Juno Beach. Rob will start on March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2025. Please stop in and give him a warm welcome. And a big thank you to Interim Town Manager Frank Davila and Town Clerk Caitlin Copeland as well as all our Department Heads and Staff for the amazing job they have done while Council went through the approval process of hiring our new Town Manager.*

## Planning and Zoning Appointments

*The following members have been appointed to the Planning & Zoning Board:*

### **Michael Stern**

Returning Member (15 years)

### **Jim Ferguson**

Returning Member (7 years)

### **Jonathan Butler**

Returning Member (1 year)

**Brian Cole** (Newly Appointed Member)

**Jim Ehret** Returning Member (1 year)

**Carol Rudolph** (Alternate)

Returning Member (1 year)

*During our Public Input Session on Master Planning on March 13<sup>th</sup>, 2025, several questions were raised that I'd like to address.*

## Traffic Concerns at US1 & Donald Ross Rd.

Council unanimously opposed adding any turn lanes that would compromise the beauty of the medians and iconic Medjool palms.

## Protection of Natural Areas, Environmentally Sensitive Land (ESL), and Preserves

A common question raised was whether the Town's Environmentally Sensitive Land (ESL) and preserves are protected and whether the County could take ESL land if the Town develops residential areas over commercial. It has been stated that even with the full build out of residential units in Juno Beach, the Town would not reach a threshold requiring additional services that would infringe on the ESL land. Areas of the ESL (Preserves) are also protected by a 99-year lease agreement.

Additionally, a third-party conservation easement, held by Conservation Florida since the 1990s, provides an extra layer of protection from a group called *Conservation Florida* that started in the 1990s for our natural areas. Any sale or repurposing of these lands would require a unanimous vote, along with approval from the County Commission and a unanimous vote from the Council.

## U.S. Coast Guard Bridge Opening Requests

We continue to pursue restrictions on U.S. Coast Guard bridge openings to help ease congestion. The Coast Guard is currently evaluating data at peak travel times and will determine whether a change is warranted. If they find adjustments are needed, they will initiate the federal rulemaking process.

If the Town receives approval, I hope to advocate for full-time hourly bridge openings to further reduce traffic disruptions. Given Juno Beach's location as a barrier island and its proximity to the Ocean, US-1, and the Intracoastal bridge, an hourly system could ease traffic disruptions and greatly benefit our residents.

## Marsinski Bridge Update

I attended a Mayor's meeting with Palm Beach County Mayor Maria Marino and County Administrator Verdina Baker, where they informed us that the Mar-

sinski Bridge has been removed and is no longer included in the County's five-year plan. I will ask Council for a consensus to send a letter to the County to reconsider and/or send a letter specifying the reason it will no longer be included.

## Complete Streets

Complete Streets is still actively being pursued which if approved by FDOT and the Town would allow for enhanced safety, slowing of traffic, beautifying of US Highway 1, and make it more pedestrian and bike friendly by separating the roadway bike and pedestrian lanes. This program would be fully funded with up to 5 million dollars from the Florida Department of Transportation.

## Pelican Lake Algae Control

Sterile, grass-eating carp have been introduced into Pelican Lake as a biological method to control algae. These fish feed on Chara and Marine Naiad, the aquatic vegetation that contributed to last year's algae overgrowth. This approach is intended to work alongside the scheduled maintenance treatments previously approved by the Town Council, hopefully reducing the need for costly mechanical removal in the future.

## Development Updates

The Town has not received any new requests for development on commercial or mixed-use sites.

## Moratorium on Mixed-Use Commercial Development

The moratorium on commercial mixed-use development was passed at the March 26<sup>th</sup>, 2025 meeting. This 9-month to 1-year period provides a critical window to conduct a comprehensive analysis of the potential impacts of both commercial and residential projects on our community, traffic, and infrastructure.

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## TOWN OF JUNO BEACH

### **JUNO BEACH TOWN COUNCIL MEETING DATES FOR 2025**

**Wednesday, April 23, 2025 ■ 5:30 p.m.**

**Wednesday, May 28, 2025 ■ 5:30 p.m.**

**Wednesday, June 25, 2025 ■ 5:30 p.m.**

**Wednesday, July 23, 2025 ■ 5:30 p.m.**

**Tuesday, August 26, 2025 ■ 5:30 p.m.**

#### **1<sup>ST</sup> BUDGET HEARING**

**Tuesday, Sept. 10, 2025 ■ 5:30 p.m.**

(This date may vary due to the Palm Beach County School District Meeting Dates.)

#### **2<sup>ND</sup> BUDGET HEARING**

**Wednesday, Sept. 24, 2025 ■ 5:30 p.m.**

**Wednesday, October 22, 2025 ■ 5:30 p.m.**

**Wednesday, Nov. 12, 2025 ■ 5:30 p.m.**

**Wednesday, Dec. 10, 2025 ■ 5:30 p.m.**

### **PLANNING & ZONING BOARD MEETING DATES FOR 2025**

- ◆ Monday, April 7, 2025 @4:00 p.m.
- ◆ Monday, May 5, 2025 @4:00 p.m.
- ◆ Monday, June 2, 2025 @4:00 p.m.
- ◆ Monday, July 7, 2025 @4:00 p.m.
- ◆ Monday, August 4, 2025 @4:00 p.m.
- ◆ Monday, September 15, 2025 @4:00 p.m.
- ◆ Monday, October 6, 2025 @4:00 p.m.
- ◆ Monday, November 3, 2025 @4:00 p.m.
- ◆ Monday, December 1, 2025 @4:00 p.m.



### **JUNO BEACH TOWN COUNCIL 2025**

Pictured from left to right: Vice Mayor Pro Tem Diana Davis, Councilmember Marianne Hosta, Mayor Peggy Wheeler, Vice Mayor John Callaghan, and Councilmember DD Halpern

## *Sea Turtle Nesting Season*



**Please Help Protect Our Nesting Sea Turtles and Their Hatchlings by Eliminating and/or Minimizing (to the extent possible) Lighting That May be Visible From the Beach**

Beach front property owners are required by state, county, and local regulations to eliminate lighting visible from the beach in order to minimize potential impacts on adult female turtles and their hatchlings. This includes eliminating exterior lighting; i.e. porch/patio lighting, pool lighting, security lighting, landscape lighting, etc., as well as potentially problematic indoor lighting which may include lights that are located directly adjacent to windows and bright overhead fixtures. Please also ensure that all beach chairs, umbrellas, etc., are removed from the beach and dune daily as these can trap sea turtles as the attempt to nest!

**March 1<sup>st</sup> through October 31<sup>st</sup>**





## TOWN UPDATES

# FRDAP GRANT RECEIVED TO FUND JUNO BEACH WALKOVER RENNOVATIONS

## *Sealed Bid Will Be Awarded to One Contractor This Summer*

The Town has received a Florida Recreation Development Assistance Program (FRDAP) grant to renovate the most recently added beach access. JB-0 is located at the intersection of Donald Ross Road and Ocean Drive. The Town's engineers are working on a proposed design for the dune structure and to improve the drainage at this site. Due to turtle nesting season there will be construction constraints. Construction is only allowed from Nov-Feb for projects of this nature. A sealed bid will be advertised this summer and awarded to a skilled contractor.

*From the Desk of Mayor Peggy Wheeler....* (Continued from page 2)

### Strategic Plan Development

A draft of the proposed Strategic Plan will be presented at a public hearing at a future date. At that time, the Town could either adopt the plan or defer it to a subsequent meeting for further revisions before adoption.

This Strategic Plan synthesizes input from approximately 40 individuals over 7 months. It is guided by a vision and 10 guiding principles. The draft outlines 39 prioritized action strategies over the next 5 years in pursuit of four key goal areas:

- ▶ Administrative Excellence
- ▶ Council Effectiveness
- ▶ Managing Growth
- ▶ Healthier Environment

### Dune Walkover Renovation (JB0)

The Council will be reviewing the survey, civil engineering plans, and elevation changes for the northernmost dune walkover (JB0). Preserving the current footprint is important, as this dune walkover is defined by the beau-

tiful canopy of sea grapes that create a unique and serene atmosphere. Therefore, maintaining the natural integrity of this entrance while enhancing the walkover for public use is a priority.

### Architectural Review Board and Proposed Zoning Code Changes

The Architectural Review Board and proposed zoning code changes will be discussed in a **workshop** tentatively scheduled for **May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2025**.

Certain decisions, such as changes to Town codes, have significant implications. Every proposed code change must be carefully evaluated to avoid unintended consequences, including potential infringements on property rights and negative impacts on home values. Thoughtful governance requires considering how any change might affect all residents and their property values.

Several proposed code changes for single-family homes will be discussed in

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## Pruning Dune Vegetation

Pruning dune vegetation may seem desirable to a property owner in order to provide a clear ocean view. Removing too much vegetation can hurt the fragile dune structure and impact sea turtles.

A well-developed stand of sea grapes is essential to the stability of the beach and dune, and protection of upland buildings from storm-induced erosion and blowing sand and salt spray. Sea grapes also block light from the beach where it could otherwise interfere with sea turtle nesting and disorient emerging hatchlings.

All pruning of native dune vegetation within the Town's 50-foot setback west of the Coastal Construction Control Line (CCCL) shall be **trimmed no lower than five feet above grade**. For trimming below five feet, please contact Code Compliance Officer Mrs. Lynn Hamel to inquire about submitting a Seagrape/Dune Vegetation Trimming Permit. Please note that an FDEP may be required. For more information, please contact **Mrs. Lynn Hamel** by calling **(561) 627-0818** or via email at [lhamel@juno-beach.fl.us](mailto:lhamel@juno-beach.fl.us).





# Juno Beach Police Department



## CONGRATULATIONS DAVIS ROBINSON OFFICER OF THE YEAR!

We would like to congratulate Officer Davis Robinson on receiving the Officer of the Year award!

## WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST POLICE OFFICER, BRIAN BENITEZ!

We are excited to introduce Brian Benitez as the newest member of our police department.

Officer Benitez brings enthusiasm, dedication, and commitment to serving our community. With a strong background in law enforcement and a passion for helping others, we are confident that he will be a great asset to our team.

## A SPECIAL NOTE OF THANKS

### ...to Juno Beach Police Department Volunteers

The Juno Beach Police Department Volunteers deserve a special recognition for their hours of dedicated and volunteer service to our community. Each week, our Police Department Volunteers serve as additional “eyes and ears” for our Police Department within our community. Our Volunteers also assist and serve during numerous public events held in Town throughout the year. We appreciate all that they do.

### ...and to The Community of Juno Beach

Additionally and most importantly, we would like to thank you, our residents, for your continued support and partnership, as we all work toward maintaining a safe environment and a high quality of life within our community.

## SEE SOMETHING...SAY SOMETHING!

We can all help keep our community safe by paying attention to our surroundings and reporting suspicious activity to our local law enforcement.

With the **SaferWatch App**, you can report a tip in non-emergency situations, and the Police Department can send you important real-time alerts.



**Please join us for Coffee with a Cop Wednesday,**  
1st Wednesday of Every Month  
at 9:30am.  
at the  
**Juno Beach Town Center**

**JOIN YOUR NEIGHBORS AND POLICE OFFICERS FOR COFFEE, DONUTS, AND CONVERSATION!**

Chief Brian J. Smith will give a community update and a chance for citizens to ask questions, voice concerns, and get to know the officers in your neighborhood!

Juno Beach Police Department  
Sponsored By:  
Juno Beach Police Foundation

Chief Brian J. Smith



## Juno Beach POLICE FOUNDATION

The Juno Beach Police Foundation provides financial support for the equipment, training, and technology components of the **Juno Beach Police Department**. They support grants and initiatives that provide our residents with an improved quality of life through the excellence of policing.

The Juno Beach Police Department is very thankful for the foundation's support and gracious donations over the past few years.

**For more information, please visit their website or you can contact them directly at (561) 972-8660.**

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# TOWN OF JUNO BEACH FLOOD HAZARD INFORMATION

(Last Revised March 2025)

*The Town of Juno Beach has applied through the Federal Emergency Management Association and received a 20% Flood Insurance discount for Special Flood Hazard Areas (SFHA). During extended periods of heavy rainfall, some neighborhoods within the town are subject to flooding. Since you are in a flood hazard area, this information will address issues designed to protect you and reduce loss of value to your property as a result of floods.*

**[Notice to Floodplain Residents]**

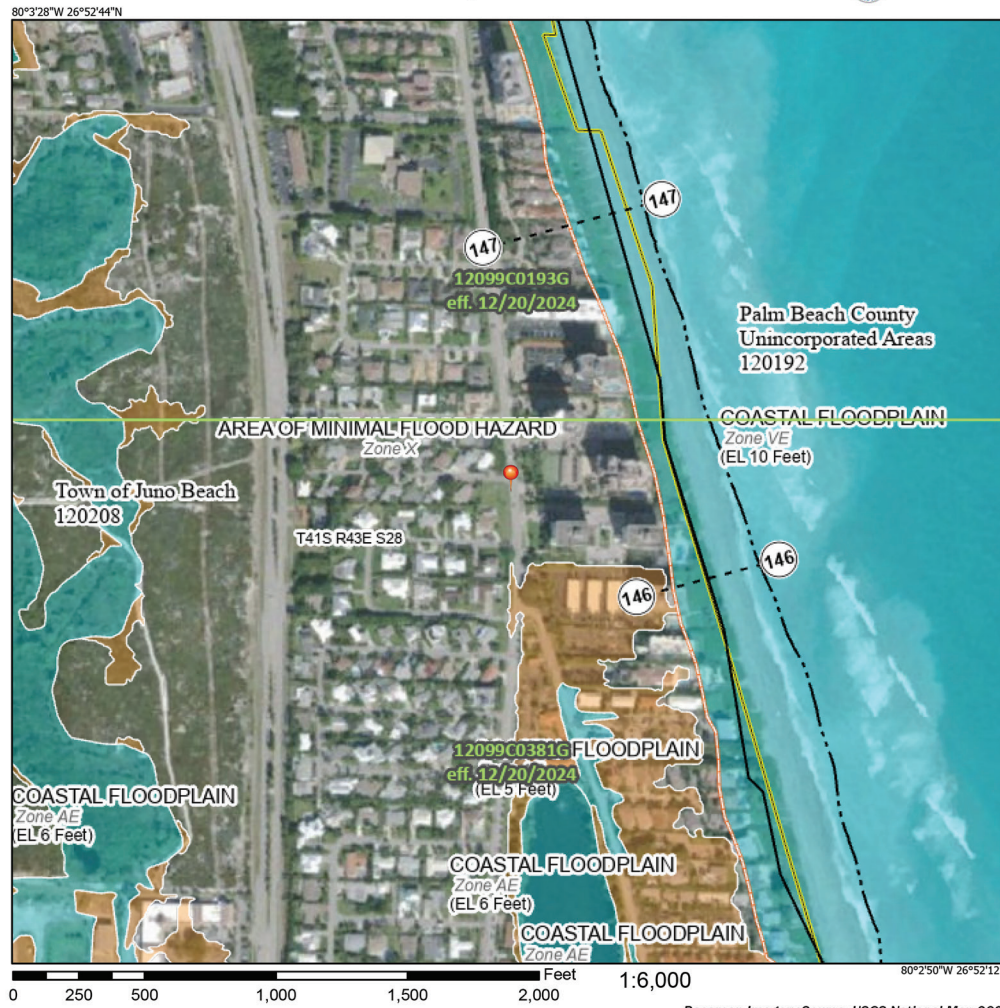
## ► FLOOD HAZARD

A flood hazard can occur when tropical storms, hurricanes or other heavy rainstorms occur. Although the Town has not experienced any major floods, the areas prone to flooding are areas along US Hwy 1, Pelican Lake; coastal areas/shoreline; and Inland bodies of water. If your property floods and you file two or more claims worth \$1,000 or more within any 10-yr period, you are considered a "repetitive loss" property. Please contact the Town to discuss options to flood proof your property and ways to mitigate flood damage.

## ► PROTECT YOURSELF

Recognize the flood warning signals; when flood warnings are issued, it will be done by sirens and loudspeakers from police vehicles who will give evacuation routes. The main evacuation route will be US Hwy 1. Stay tuned to local TV or radio stations for information. Designate a meeting place with family/friends if an evacuation does occur. To prevent drowning, do not drive or otherwise go into any flood waters. Sign up for instant messaging through Palm Beach County's Emergency Notification System [www.alerttpbc.com](http://www.alerttpbc.com).

## National Flood Hazard Layer FIRMette



### Legend

SEE FIS REPORT FOR DETAILED LEGEND AND INDEX MAP FOR FIRM PANEL LAYOUT

SPECIAL FLOOD HAZARD AREAS	Without Base Flood Elevation (BFE) Zone A, V, A99
	With BFE or Depth Zone AE, AO, AH, VE, AR
	Regulatory Floodway
OTHER AREAS OF FLOOD HAZARD	0.2% Annual Chance Flood Hazard, Areas of 1% annual chance flood with average depth less than one foot or with drainage areas of less than one square mile Zone X
	Future Conditions 1% Annual Chance Flood Hazard Zone X
	Area with Reduced Flood Risk due to Levee. See Notes, Zone X
	Area with Flood Risk due to Levee Zone D
OTHER AREAS	NO SCREEN Area of Minimal Flood Hazard Zone X
	Effective LOMRs
GENERAL STRUCTURES	Channel, Culvert, or Storm Sewer
	Levee, Dike, or Floodwall
OTHER FEATURES	Cross Sections with 1% Annual Chance Water Surface Elevation
	Coastal Transect
	Base Flood Elevation Line (BFE)
	Limit of Study
MAP PANELS	Jurisdiction Boundary
	Coastal Transect Baseline
	Profile Baseline
	Hydrographic Feature
MAP PANELS	Digital Data Available
	No Digital Data Available
	Unmapped

The pin displayed on the map is an approximate point selected by the user and does not represent an authoritative property location.

This map complies with FEMA's standards for the use of digital flood maps if it is not void as described below. The basemap shown complies with FEMA's basemap accuracy standards.

The flood hazard information is derived directly from the authoritative NFHL web services provided by FEMA. This map was exported on 3/12/2025 at 1:41 PM and does not reflect changes or amendments subsequent to this date and time. The NFHL and effective information may change or become superseded by new data over time.

This map image is void if the one or more of the following map elements do not appear: basemap imagery, flood zone labels, legend, scale bar, map creation date, community identifiers, FIRM panel number, and FIRM effective date. Map images for unmapped and unmodernized areas cannot be used for regulatory purposes.



**We encourage all property owners in the "VE" Flood Zone to contact their insurance agent about proper flood coverage. Please visit the Town of Juno Beach's website for additional information on flood preparedness at [www.juno-beach.fl.us](http://www.juno-beach.fl.us) or call Frank M. Davila, CFM, Director of Planning & Zoning at (561) 656-0306.**



### ► PREPAREDNESS

The Town staff is here to assist you with Hurricane, Flood and Disaster Preparation. FEMA brochures are available to learn how to prepare and protect yourself and your property. *Visit the town center for more information.*

### ► FLOOD INSURANCE

The Town of Juno Beach is a barrier island and certain areas may be prone to flooding. Flooding is not covered by homeowners' insurance; a separate flood policy is necessary. Flood insurance is available through the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). This insurance is backed by the Federal Government and FEMA. **All property owners** should contact their insurance agent to receive a quote and it is recommended that renters also have a policy to cover personal contents. Ask your insurance agent about a low-cost Preferred Risk Policy. Once flood insurance is obtained, there is a **30-day delay** before the policy is in full force and effect.

You Can Insure Your RESIDENTIAL Property With Flood Insurance:  
**\$250,000 for the building and \$100,000 for your contents**

For NON-RESIDENTIAL Buildings You Can Insure For Up To:  
**\$500,000 for the building and \$500,000 for your contents**

### ► BUILD RESPONSIBLY

A permit is mandatory before you build or make structural improvements. Contact the **Planning & Zoning Department** at (561) 656-0306 prior to any construction activities or to report illegal floodplain development.

### ► PROTECT DRAINAGE SYSTEM

It is illegal for any solid, liquid or gaseous matter to enter the drainage system. Proper drainage will help reduce the risk of flooding. Town staff inspects the drainage system and removes blockages that are found or reported. If you live near Pelican Lake or other areas where waters flow, you can help in this process by keeping areas clear of debris. Reports of any violations should be made to the **Code Compliance Dept.** at (561) 627-0818.

### ► PROTECT NATURAL FLOOD PLAN FUNCTIONS

Juno Hills Scrub site, 148 acres northwest of Donald Ross Road and U.S. Hwy 1 and 42 acres east of U.S. Hwy 1 and 341 acres southeast of Donald Ross and Ellison Wilson Road have been designated as Environmentally Sensitive Lands. These undisturbed natural areas of Juno Beach, act as a natural storage area for flood waters which reduce the possibility of flooding nearby residences and help to recharge our groundwater aquifer. Please help keep this area nat-

ural and beautiful by reporting any illegal dumping and littering violations to the Town at (561) 626-1122.

### ► MAP DETERMINATIONS/ ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

The Town provides map determinations to let you know what flood zone you are in. For other pertinent information on flooding visit our website at [www.juno-beach.fl.us](http://www.juno-beach.fl.us) or call (561) 626-1122.

Check FEMA'S website for information on your designated flood zone at:  
<https://msc.fema.gov/portal/search>

## UPCOMING EVENTS!

### ARBOR DAY CELEBRATION

► April 25, 2025 ◀

From 9:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.

### 911 REMEMBRANCE CEREMONY

► September 11, 2025 ◀

From 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

### OCTOBERFEST

► October 17, 2025 ◀

From 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

### VETERANS DAY EVENT

► November 11, 2025 ◀

From 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.

### CHRISTMAS BY THE LAKE

► December 5, 2025 ◀

From 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

### HANUKKAH CELEBRATION

► December 16, 2025 ◀

From 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

## ENSURE PROTECTION TO YOUR PROPERTY

*You can minimize damage to a structure with a few simple acts:*

- Store materials like sandbags, plywood, and plastic sheeting to protect your house from flood waters and to make quick repairs after a severe storm.
- Secure your home before leaving. Bring outdoor belongings such as garbage cans and patio furniture inside the house or tie them down securely. Move essential items and furniture to the upper floors, lock doors, and windows.
- Protect windows with storm shutters.
- Elevate the building and all electrical equipment above the flood level.
- Dry or wet flood-proofing the building to limit water damage and intrusion.
- Redirect drainage away from the building.
- Maintain storm drains and keep swales clear of debris.
- Correct sewer back-up problems.
- For information on retrofitting or flood proofing your structure to reduce the impact of flooding, call the Town's Planning & Zoning Department at (561) 656-0306.

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## TOWN UPDATES

Please Note: The TOWN CENTER will be CLOSED  
May 26<sup>th</sup> in Observance of Memorial Day  
June 19<sup>th</sup> in Observance of Juneteenth  
July 4<sup>th</sup> in Observance of Independence Day

No Dogs or animals are allowed on any beach within corporate limits of the Town of Juno Beach.

*(The only exception is service animals.)*

If you would like to report the presence of a dog or any other animal on the beach, please contact the Juno Beach Police Department @ (561) 799-4445.



## THE BOOKMOBILE IS AVAILABLE

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April 23, May 7, 21, and June 4, 2025



Palm Beach County  
Board of County  
Commissioners



## JUNO BEACH CIVIC ASSOCIATION'S ANNUAL MEETING

★ **Thursday, April 17<sup>th</sup>, 2025 • 8:00 p.m.** ★

At the Juno Beach Town Center • 340 Ocean Drive • Juno Beach

- State of the Town
- State of the County
- Civilian of the Year
- Officer of the Year

*Everyone  
Welcome!*

*Let's Raise A Glass and Honor  
Our 2025 Awardees!*



*Please Join Us in Celebration With  
Lite Bites and Champagne!!!*



*Thank You to Our Sponsors!!! Town of Juno Beach and JDL Development*



**Recognition....** (Continued from page1)

**Municipal Clerks Week** the first full week of May and recognizing the essential role Municipal Clerks play in local government.

Although one of the oldest positions in local government, few people realize the vital services Municipal and Deputy Clerks perform for their community. Primarily, they act as the cornerstone of their council. They also prepare the council agendas, record and index minutes and maintain the council's ordinance and resolutions files. Other responsibilities include keeping the official records of the city, conducting local elections and processing permits. Many serve as financial officers or treasurers and, in some municipalities, may act as chief administrative officers.

**The Town would like to extend its appreciation to our Professional Municipal Clerk, Caitlin E. Copeland-Rodriguez,** along with all Professional Municipal Clerks for the vital services they perform and their exemplary dedication to the communities that they represent.

**Police Week and Peace Officers  
Memorial Day  
May 12<sup>th</sup> to May 17<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

Calling all Florida Police Agencies and Municipalities and upon all patriotic, civil, and educational organizations to observe the week of May 12<sup>th</sup> through 17<sup>th</sup>, 2025, as **Police Week** with appropriate ceremonies in which all of our citizens may join in commemorating police officers, past and present, who by their faithful and loyal devotion to their responsibilities have rendered a dedicated service to their communities and, in doing so, have established for themselves an enviable and enduring reputation for preserving the rights and security of all citizens.

We would also like to call upon all citizens to observe Thursday, May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2025 as **Peace Officers Memorial Day** in honor of those peace officers who, through their courageous deeds,



**ANNUAL  
POLICE  
AWARDS  
CEREMONY**

The Juno Beach Police Department invites you to join them in honoring its members who have received awards for their outstanding service to the Department and to the Community!

 May 28, 2025

 5:00PM

 Town Center, 340 Ocean Dr

**PRIOR TO THE TOWN COUNCIL  
MEETING**

have lost their lives or have become disabled in the performance of duty.

**National Public Works Week  
May 18<sup>th</sup> to May 24<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

Public works services provided in our community are an integral part of our citizens' everyday lives. The support of an understanding and informed citizenry is vital to the efficient operation of public works systems and programs such as water, sewers, streets and highways, public buildings, solid waste collection, parks, and canal maintenance. The health, safety, and comfort of this community greatly depends on these

facilities and services. The quality and effectiveness of these facilities, as well as their planning, design, and construction, is vitally dependent upon the efforts and skill of public works officials. *There would be no community without the quality-of-life public works provides!* There would be no community to police and protect, no public to lead or represent. Public works allows the world as we know it to be.

**The Town of Juno Beach would like to recognize the contributions that the public works department make every day to ensure our health, safety, comfort, and quality of life.**





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*From the Desk of Mayor Peggy Wheeler...* (Continued from page 4)

the coming months. One already codified is called "Harmony." While "Harmony" may sound appealing, it can actually strip away single-family property rights and lead to declining home values. Juno Beach already has well-established setbacks and height restrictions that ensure responsible development. Single-family homeowners should attend the **workshop on May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2025**, as well as the **Town Council meeting on May 28<sup>th</sup>, 2025**.

### Vulnerability Assessment Plan

*The Town's Vulnerability Assessment Plan is an ongoing project until next year, with the following tasks scheduled for completion:*

- **TASK 4: Data Collection**  
■ April 30, 2025
- **TASK 5: Exposure Analysis**  
■ June 30, 2025
- **TASK 6: Sensitivity Analysis**  
■ September 30, 2025
- **TASK 7: Public Meeting #2**  
■ December 31, 2025
- **TASK 8: Final Assessment**  
■ March 31, 2026

### Florida Legislation News

The Florida Legislative session runs until May 2<sup>nd</sup>, and I've been tracking Senate and House bills moving through committees. Some could adversely affect our municipality if passed so Council advised the Town Manager and Town Attorney to work together on opposing those that may impact our community.

### Police Department News

Chief of Police Brian Smith requested LifeVacs from our Police Foundation which was approved by the Town Council—a life-saving choking rescue device that will be placed in each Police Vehicle. A LifeVac is a human-powered, non-invasive, single-use airway clearance device designed to remove obstructions from a choking victim's airway, especially when traditional choking protocols have been unsuccessful.

### Juno Beach Police Foundation

The Town is grateful to the Juno Beach Police Foundation for its generous and ongoing commitment to public safety.

At the February Town Council meeting, the Foundation pledged up to **\$20,000** to install security cameras at key locations around Pelican Lake. In partnership with the Town Staff, this initiative will enhance security and provide peace of mind for our residents and visitors. ***We appreciate the Police Foundation's ongoing support and dedication in keeping our community safe!***

### Upcoming Events

*The Juno Beach Civic Association's 1<sup>st</sup> annual Spring Fling event was a huge success!*

Please join us for the following upcoming community events:

► **Juno Beach Civic Association** will host its first **Annual Meeting** with their new board on **April 17<sup>th</sup>, 2025**. Awards will include Citizen of the Year, Police Officer of the Year, and Lifetime Achievement Award. As Mayor, I will be delivering the State of the Town Address, and Palm Beach County Mayor Maria Marino's office will provide an update on the State of the County.

► Join us for the **Arbor Day Celebration April 25<sup>th</sup>, 2025**, when we will plant a tree donated by the Ecology Group, in celebration of the preservation of trees and the beauty they provide.

In closing, it is my honor to serve as your Mayor. I am always available to you, so please feel free to call or email me with your thoughts and/or suggestions.

*Warm Regards,*  
**Mayor Peggy Wheeler**  
Town of Juno Beach  
(561) 310.2300

**COUNCIL HOUR!**

**Get to Know Your Town  
Council Members!**

**THIRD FRIDAY  
OF EVERY  
MONTH\***

**4:00-5:00 P.M.**

**Ask Questions...**

**Have 1-on-1  
Conversations!**

**JUNO BEACH  
TOWN CENTER  
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\*EXCLUDING HOLIDAYS & TOWN EVENT DATES





## PLANNING & ZONING

**Title:** Temporary Moratorium on Commercial, Mixed-Use and Multi-Family Development Applications

**ORDINANCE NO. 792** Effective: March 26, 2025

**SUMMARY:** Established a temporary moratorium on the acceptance, processing, and consideration of any new application for development approval of a commercial, mixed-use, or multi-family residential project within the corporate limits of the town for a period of up to one year.



### PARDON OUR DUST!

The shade structures at three beach access points in Juno Beach will be re-roofed the last week in May. The locations where the construction is taking place are 530, 570, and 800 Ocean Drive. These structures serve residents and visitors when they need a break from the Florida sun.

### APRIL IS WATER CONSERVATION MONTH!

Conserve Water, Preserve the Planet  
= EVERY DROP COUNTS =

The Town of Juno Beach, Florida is calling upon each citizen and business to help protect our precious resource by practicing water saving measures and becoming more aware of the need to save water. Reduce your use!



## ELECTION INFORMATION



## MUNICIPAL ELECTION MARCH 10, 2026

**Becoming a Town Council Candidate:** Qualifications and eligibility to run for the Town of Juno Beach Town Council can be found in our Town's Charter. For more information on how to become a candidate or if you want to pickup a Candidate's Packet, please contact the **Town Clerk, Caitlin E. Copeland-Rodriguez**, at [ccopeland@juno-beach.fl.us](mailto:ccopeland@juno-beach.fl.us) or call **(561) 656-0316** to schedule an appointment.

**County, State, and Federal Elections:** All County, State, and Federal elections are the responsibility of the **Palm Beach County Supervisor of Elections**. For more information, you can call their office at **(561) 656-6200**, or visit their website for information on precincts, polling locations, acceptable forms of photo ID, and voting by mail.

Precincts 3501, 3502, 3503, 3504, 3505, and 3506: Juno Beach Town Center, 340 Ocean Drive, Juno Beach

### CURRENT TOWN COUNCIL SEAT(S):

**Seat Mayor**

— **PEGGY WHEELER** —

**Seat #1: Councilmember**

— **MARIANNE HOSTA** —

**Seat #3: Vice Mayor**

— **JOHN CALLAGHAN** —

**Seat #4: Councilmember**

— **DD HALPERN** —

**Seat #5: Vice Mayor Pro Tem**

— **DIANA DAVIS** —

**Seat Terms: MAYOR: Two years**

**Seats 1, 3, 4, and 5: Three years**

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**Candidate Filing Period for Town Council Seats: MAYOR, #1, & #3:  
Noon, November 4, 2025 — Noon, November 18, 2025**





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