

PROJECT UPDATES

3550 SOUTH OCEAN BLVD.



Test piles were drilled/installed on July 12th.

Production piles work began on August 29th and was completed on September 27th.

Kast Construction, General Contractor, has executed a construction contract and is in the process of applying for a building permit.

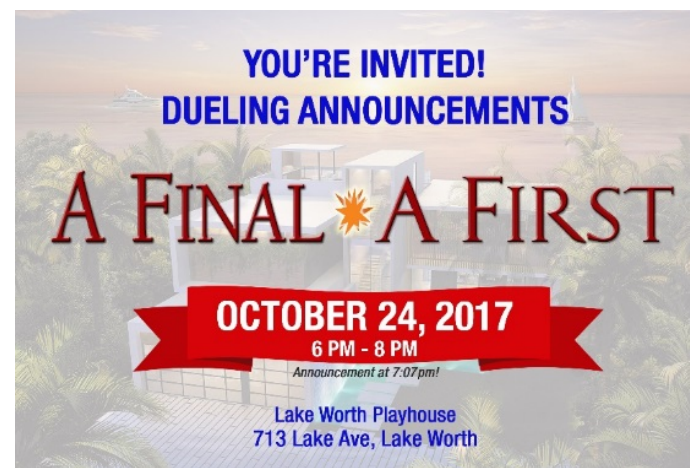
There was a brief hold on progress, but they should be back to work shortly moving dirt, installing dewatering system, starting on retaining walls, and installing sheet piles on the south side.

3492 SOUTH OCEAN BLVD.



On October 24, 2017 at 7:07 PM Frank McKinney will announce his retirement from creating oceanfront luxury homes. On the large screen at the Lake Worth Playhouse (713 Lake Ave., Lake Worth) Frank will showcase a world premiere movie trailer for what he calls his final masterpiece, the \$20+ million home he is building at 3492 S. Ocean Blvd. in South Palm Beach.

Why 7:07 PM you ask? One year from that very minute, at 7:07 PM on October 24, 2018, the full moon will rise over the horizon at the exact latitude where 3492 S. Ocean Blvd. is located. As that full moon rises next year, Frank plans to pull the veil off his final masterpiece and sell it to “one fortunate buyer.”



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FISCAL YEAR 2017-2018 BUDGET ADOPTED

TOWN COUNCIL ROLLS BACK AD VALOREM TAX LEVY MILLAGE RATE

The Town Council adopted the FY 2018 annual operating budget following two required public hearings held on September 28th and October 2nd 2017. The Town Council decided to reduce the tax levy millage rate for a second year in a row based in large part on an increase in taxable assessed values generating new property tax dollars for general operating purposes and the improved financial condition of the Town. The assessed value increased from \$305,984,294 to \$325,966,286 or an increase of 6.53%, which is good news for your home values. The increase in value resulted in new ad valorem tax dollars of \$78,357 at the current tax levy rate of 4.1278 per thousand. The partial rolled back tax levy millage rate adopted by Town Council of 3.9965 per thousand dollars of assessed value, decreased the ad valorem taxes by \$40,659 resulting in an increase of \$37,698, or 3.27%. The full roll back rate for 2018 is 3.8652 per thousand dollars. The actual rate rolled back was 0.1313 from 0.2626.

FISCAL YEAR 2018 ANNUAL BUDGET ADOPTED

On October 2, 2017 the Town Council adopted the Town Manager proposed annual budget with some modifications. Total General Fund revenues are budgeted at \$2,637,966 or an increase of \$520,971 or 25% over Fiscal Year 2017 budgeted revenues of \$2,116,995. General Fund expenditures are budgeted at \$2,398,435 or an increase of \$316,460 or 15% over Fiscal Year 2017 budgeted expenditures of \$2,081,975. The projected fund balance is \$239,531.

The significant difference in increased revenues for Fiscal Year 2018 relates to the use of appropriated and restricted fund balances equal to \$377,952. Without the use of fund balances general fund revenues would have been \$2,200,014 versus \$2,116,995, or \$83,019 of actual new revenues. Of this amount, \$37,698 is new ad valorem and \$25,000 is new sewer fund transfer. The remaining \$20,321 of new revenue is spread

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out among several sources. The charts provide details on all revenues by source and all expenditures by department.

Sewer Fund revenues are budgeted at \$932,350 or an increase of 144% over Fiscal Year 2017 budgeted revenues of \$381,500. Sewer Fund expenditures are budgeted at \$892,536 or an increase of 153% over Fiscal Year 2017 budgeted expenditures of \$352,252. The projected fund balance is \$39,814.

The significant difference in revenues is due to 1) 13.4% increase in sewer charges pass on by the Lake Worth Regional Sewer utility of which the Town is longstanding member and 2) use of \$500,000 in appropriated fund balance for infrastructure projects in 2018. Without the use of fund balance actual new revenues are \$50,820 in sewer charges. Sewer Fund expenditures are budgeted at \$892,536 or an increase of \$540,284 or 153%. Of this amount, \$527,000 is attributed to infrastructure projects related to the sanitary sewer gravity main and lateral lines. The charts found on page _ provide details on the revenues by source and expenditures by categories.

Questions related to the Town's annual budget or finances can be discussed with the Town Manager Bob Vitas.



ORDINANCE AND RESOLUTIONS

Since the last newsletter, there was one Ordinance and three Resolutions passed by the Town Council, specifically:

- **Ordinance 287:** The Town Council adopted the updated Flood Insurance Study and the Flood Insurance Rate Map.
- **Resolution 03-2017:** A State of General Emergency was declared within the Town of South Palm Beach due to the potential impact of Hurricane Irma as a possible Category 5 hurricane within the Palm Beach County area.
- **Resolution 04-2017:** The Town Council adopted the final 2017-2018 millage rate for the Town of South Palm Beach
- **Resolution 05-2017:** The Town Council formally adopted the final budget for fiscal year 2017-2018



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In addition to the above-mentioned Town activities, our first Art Show will be on Sunday, January 7th, following one on Sunday, February 4th, and on Sunday, March 4th. Lenore Zake is the Art Show Chairperson and is constantly seeking out new artists to present their work in Town Hall. This event is free and is very well-attended.

The monthly Ice Cream Socials sponsored by Lenny and Florence Cohen have been one of our most popular events. The socials are held on the 3rd Sundays of January, February, and March 2018. There is no charge for this fun event.

In addition to the Lecture and Music Series, Ellen Salth chairs the monthly Book Discussion Group, which meets the 3rd Tuesdays from November through April 2018. The group is very active in their discussions, and never miss a meeting. The books to be read can be picked up at Town Hall. Also, there is no fee to become a Book Discussion Group member.

Last, but not least, are our fabulous bus trips. The fun begins when you arrive for the bus at Town Hall and continues throughout the trip. Our most popular venue is the Hard Rock Casino. Hiring the bus for that trip requires a minimum number of participants and each person gives the bus driver \$22 (which includes his tip). Plan to attend our next bus trip. You'll have a great day!

If you have any questions, please call Sandy at 561.588.8889.



BUILDING DEPARTMENT



If you have any questions regarding contractors and/or permits, just call the Building Department at 561.588.8889.

BUILDING PERMITS FALL OF THIS AND LAST FISCAL YEAR

FY 2015-16	July 2016	August 2016	Sept. 2016
Issued	44	45	50
Value	\$353,123.83	\$726,024.80	\$1,256,689.45
Fees	\$10,096.97	\$18,526.00	\$26,853.26
FY 2016-17	July 2017	August 2017	Sept. 2017
Issued	44	76	40
Value	\$517,139.11	\$896,882.79	\$529,569.00
Fees	\$13,643.46	\$22,824.82	\$14,429.06

ANNOUNCEMENT FOR MARCH 2018 LOCAL ELECTION

This will serve to remind everyone that any resident of the Town of South Palm Beach who is a registered voter, and has lived in the Town for at least one year, is eligible to run for the office of Town Council Member.

There are three Council Member seats up for election on March 13, 2018, which are two Council Member seats, for two year terms, currently held by Stella Jordan and Robert Gottlieb, as well as one Council Member seat, for a one year term, currently held by Lucille Flagello.

Call Town Clerk Maylee De Jesús at 561.588.8889 with any questions.

COMMUNITY AFFAIRS ADVISORY BOARD (CAAB)



We are looking forward to a wonderful winter season here in Town of South Palm Beach. Ellen Salth, our Lecture and Music Chairperson has been very busy setting up the Lecture and Music Program. The Music Series will start off on Wednesday, January 10, 2018, with Yoko Sata Kothari who will be sharing some of the musical pieces she performed at her piano recital in Carnegie Hall. The Music Series then proceeds on alternate Wednesday evenings. Ellen Salth

has also booked all her speakers for the Lecture Series beginning on Wednesday, January 17, 2018. This season speakers are only scheduled on Wednesday evenings at 7:30 pm, make sure you purchase your tickets early so you will not be disappointed. The prices of both Lecture and Music Series are remaining the same as last year, \$70.00 for each Series for Town of South Palm Beach residents and \$85.00 for out-of-towners.

We were very pleased to have provided the Saturday 9:30 am Yoga classes throughout the summer months with an excellent attendance record each week. Beginning in January 2018, we will recommence our popular regular exercise programs:

- Saturday 9:30 a.m. – Yoga Classes – Jessica Robertson, Instructor
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- Wednesday 9:00 a.m. - Tai Chi Classes – Greg Boster, Instructor
- Friday 9:00 a.m. – Zumba Gold – Patricia Cerniglia, Instructor



There is no registration necessary and each class is \$5 per person, per session.

We are considering adding a Chair Yoga Class during the week, if there's enough interest. The Certified Instructor would be Penelope Kenny, a Town resident.

The Robert Welstein Quest for Knowledge Program, a weekly informal and educational presentation, is set to begin on Monday, January 8th. The speakers are all reserved and there's always a full house for this free program each Monday morning at 10:30 AM through March.

POLICE LOG

As the 2017 hurricane season is starting to wind down, South Palm Beach survived the angry lady known as hurricane IRMA. The Town was spared much of the devastation which impacted much of the Caribbean, the Florida Keys and West Florida.

Below is listed the chain of events of pre-storm, storm and post-storm as she struck South Florida during the September 8-11th timeframe:

- Monday, September 04, 2017, Governor Scott signed a “State of Emergency for the State of Florida.”
- Thursday, September 07, 2017, The Town of South Palm Beach signed a “State of Emergency” for the Town.
- Friday, September 8, 2017, 10:00am, Palm Beach County issued a mandatory evacuation, the South Palm Beach Police Department starts the procedure for evacuating the Town residents. Town Hall closed early.
- Saturday, September 10, 2017 at 3:00 pm Palm Beach County begins a countywide curfew during this hurricane.
- Saturday, September 10, 2017, Palm Beach County Fire Rescue issues a no go situation due to strong winds and departs from the barrier island and relocates Rescue #38 to the City of Lake Worth, until an all-clear is announced.
- Saturday, September 10, 2017, the Town prepares for the strong side of hurricane Irma.
- Saturday and Sunday, Palm Beach County is battered with winds topping 100mph. South Palm Beach loses all power and cable service. Wind brings down a power line over A-1-A near the north end of Town. Rough surf batters all sea walls with little damage. No real flooding was observed. A number of car windows and condo windows were damaged or destroyed.
- Monday, September 11, 2017, Irma travels north and winds subside. Tuesday most power is restored except the Tuscany. FPL needed to wait for a specific part before restoring power to the building.
- Tuesday, September 12, 2017, Town Hall reopens.

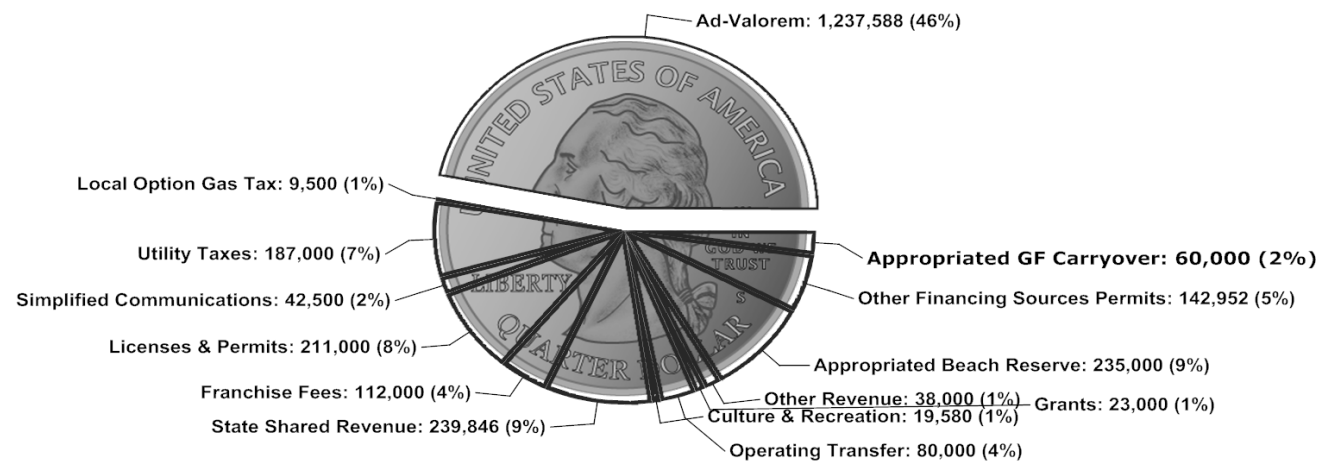


Unfortunately, not all South Palm Beach residents evacuated when the Mandatory Evacuation Order was issued. This is the recipe for disaster! During the height of the storm, there was no fire or medical personnel available and even the police department evacuated for a few hours.

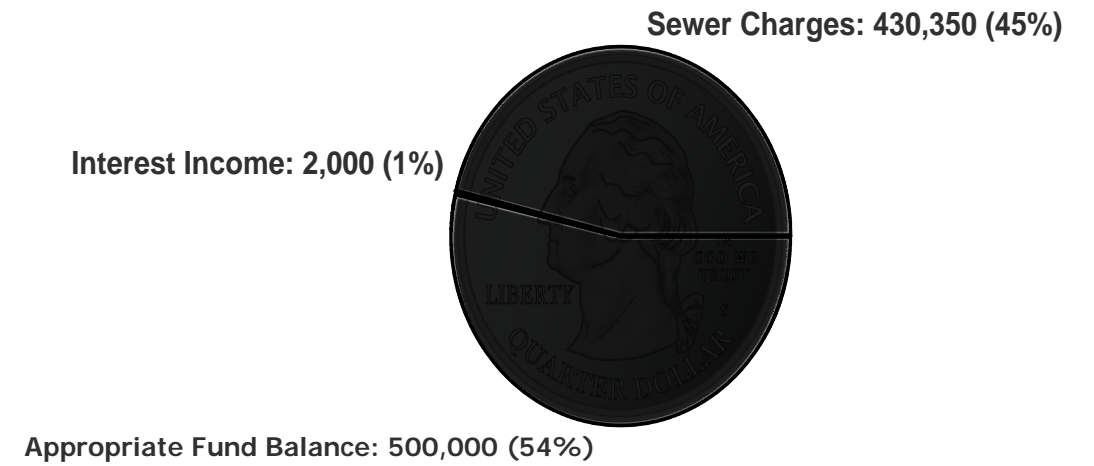
There are always residents who claim to be safer in their condos, but as the Chief points out after almost three decades in the Town: **OUR TOWN CONDOS ARE NOT HURRICANE PROOF, IF THEY WERE, THEY WOULD BE DESIGNATED AS EVACUATION SHELTERS. IT'S TRULY BETTER TO BE SAFE THAN SORRY!!**

SOUTH PALM BEACH 2017-2018 BUDGET

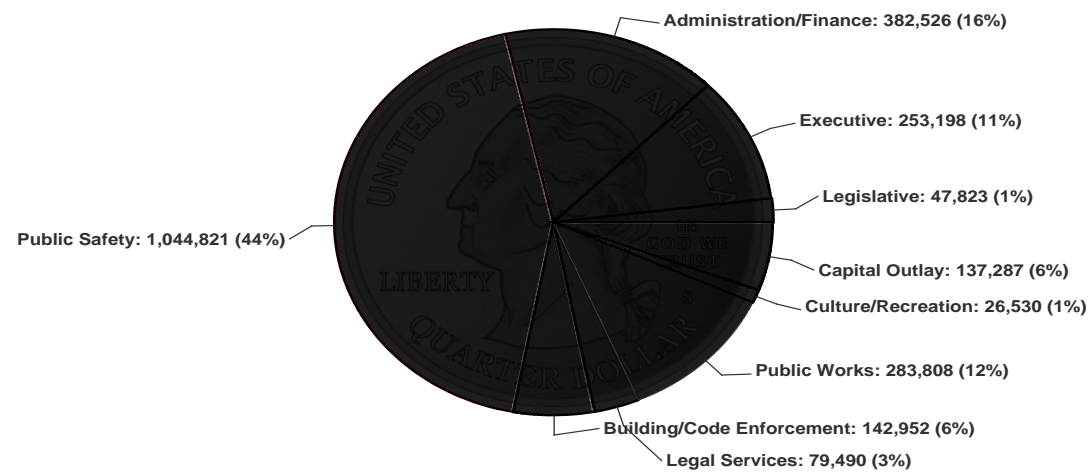
FISCAL YEAR 2018 GENERAL FUND REVENUES BY SOURCE \$2,637,966



FISCAL YEAR 2018 SEWER FUND REVENUES BY SOURCE \$932,350



FISCAL YEAR 2018 GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES BY SOURCE \$2,398,435



FISCAL YEAR 2018 SEWER FUND EXPENDITURES BY SOURCE \$892,536

