

# Village VOICE

Official Newsletter of the Village of Royal Palm Beach, Florida

**October 2024** 

1050 Royal Palm Beach Boulevard

# In Memoriam: Mayor Fred Pinto

It is with profound sadness that we announce the passing of our beloved Mayor, Fred Pinto, at the age of 73. Fred's leadership, unwavering dedication, and love for our community made him a cherished figure in the Village of Royal Palm Beach. He passed away last weekend after recently winning re-election to his fifth consecutive term, marking over two decades of faithful service to our village. His contributions have left a lasting mark on our community.

Fred Pinto's journey in public service began in March 2003, when he was elected to the Village Council, Group 4. Over the years, he held the position of Vice Mayor before being elected as Mayor in March 2016. His vision for Royal Palm Beach was one of progress and unity, and under his leadership, our village continued to flourish. Fred's tireless commitment to fostering a strong and vibrant community will be remembered as one of his greatest legacies.



Born and raised in Harlem, New York, Fred later made Royal Palm Beach his home for over 25 years. He was a man of intellect, holding a BS in Business Administration from Fordham University and graduating from the United States Army Command and General Staff College. Fred served our country with honor, retiring as a Lieutenant Colonel. Beyond his official duties, he chaired the Palm Beach Transportation Planning Agency and contributed to organizations such as the Palm Beach County Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) and the Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council (TCRPC). Additionally, Fred was a past President of both the Palm Beach County Caucus of Black Elected Officials and Caribbean American For Community Involvement FL, Inc. (CAFCI), where he worked to uplift and strengthen the local community.

Pinto's impact resonated throughout the community, as many leaders and friends remembered his contributions. The Village of Wellington honored him, stating, "Fred's contributions as the Mayor of the Village of Royal Palm Beach, past president of the Caribbean American for Community Involvement in Florida, Inc. (CAFCI), and his tireless advocacy for our western communities leave a legacy that will be remembered for years to come. Fred was dedicated to building bridges across communities and ethnic groups, always working to foster mutual respect and understanding."

While we mourn the loss of an exceptional leader, we are grateful for the time we had with him. His presence will be sorely missed, but his legacy will continue to guide and inspire us all. Rest in peace, Mayor Pinto—your service, kindness, and dedication to our community will never be forgotten.

# Highlights of October Events

Mark your calendars! The Royal Palm Beach Green Market & Bazaar 2024 to 2025 season kicks off on October 12th! Get ready for fresh finds, local goodies, and a great time with the community. For more information and to become a vendor, please visit <a href="https://www.rpbgreenmarket.com">www.rpbgreenmarket.com</a>. Hope to see you all there!



## **Main Event**

Get ready for Halloween fun at the FREE Rock N Fall Festival at Commons Park! Join us for two days of family-friendly activities and live music on Friday, October 4th (5-10 PM) and Saturday, October 5th (1-9 PM). Enjoy games, a Halloween FunZone, axe throwing, train rides, a Ferris wheel, pumpkin carving, costume contests for kids and pets, plus live music with Southern Blood, a Linkin Park tribute, and more! Don't miss the spooktacular fun—see you there!



## News from PBSO District 9

#### **PBSO Recommends the following HALLOWEEN Safety Tips**

#### BE COSTUME SMART:

- Go for bright and reflective costumes so everyone can see you.
- Maybe swap out masks for some cool face paint instead.

#### KEEP A GHOULING EYE OUT:

- Parents are urged to walk door to door with their kids.
- Older kids should stick together in groups.
- Kids should stay out of the roadways
- Only approach well-lit houses

#### MAKE SURE TO GET TREATS NOT TRICKS:

- Parents should check your kids candy before munching.
- Throw away anything that looks tampered with or unwrapped.
- Never take homemade goodies from strangers.

#### HANDING OUT CANDY:

- Residents handing out candy are urged to light up your home and clear out any tripping hazards from your yard.
- Use battery operated candles in your pumpkins rather than candles to prevent any fire scares.
- Keep animals inside this night may be too spooky for them.

#### **DRIVE CAREFUL:**

- Parents following children in their cars should drive slow.
- Residents are urged to be extra caution when backing out of driveways.
- Watch for excited kids who might pop up unexpectedly.

#### STAY CONNECTED:

- Parents make sure your kids have a way to reach you.
- Consider tracking apps for kids that are out without an adult.
- Have a plan for what your kids should do if they get lost or can't find their group.

Have a SAFE and Fantastic Halloween. ENJOY Trick-or-Treating.

## Clerk's Office



The next Village of Royal Palm Beach Municipal Election is March 11, 2025.

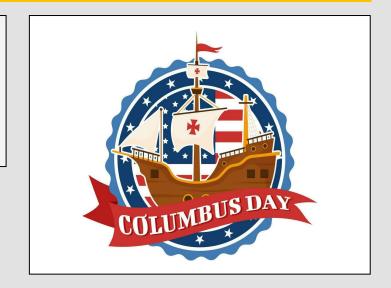
The qualifying period for those seats begins Friday, November 1, 2024 at 8:00 a.m. and ends at 5:00 p.m. Tuesday, November 12, 2024.

Stay tuned for more information!

# Columbus Day

Village Offices will be closed on Monday, October 14th, in observance of Columbus Day.





# Engineering

## PW22RR – Road Resurfacing

This is a massive project that will resurface approximately 30 miles of roadways while also improving curb and sidewalk crossings. Existing sidewalk connections will be updated to meet current Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) standards. This will involve rebuilding any existing sidewalk crossings that do not comply with ADA requirements and adding new sidewalk crossings and related drainage features in areas where they do not currently exist (please see pictures below).

The affected roads include Alcazar St, Almeria St, Azalea Dr, Balsam Dr, Barcelona Dr, Belvedere Rd, Bilbao St, Bobwhite Ct, Bobwhite Rd, Camellia Dr, Carissa Dr, Chestnut Cir, Civic Center Way, Cocoplum Cir, Cocoplum Ln, Copperwood Cir, Country Club Dr, Croton Dr, Dahlia Dr, Dove Cir, Eider Ct, Emerald Ct, Euston Ct, Finch Ct, Public Works Operating Center Parking, Galiano St, Garden Ct, Gardenia Dr, Goldfinch Ln, Greenwood Ct, Habitat Ct, Hibiscus Dr, Infanta Ave, Infanta Ct, Jay Ct, Katz Field Parking, Kent Ct, Las Palmas, Las Palmas St, Laurel Way, Lilac Dr, Linda Ct, Locust Ln, Madrid St, Malaga St, Mallard St, Mandeville Ln, Martin Cir, Meadowlark Dr, Mimosa St, Monterey Way, Morgate Cir, Natchez Trace Ave, Natures Way, Nottingham Rd, Old Crestwood Blvd., Oleander Dr, Orchid Dr, Oriole Ct, Park Rd N, Park Rd S, Pintail Ct, Poinciana Blvd, Prado St, Preservation Park Parking, Puffin Ct, Rainforest Ct, Raven Ct, Rivera Ave, Rivera Ct, Royal Palm Beach Blvd, Royal, Pine Cir E, Royal Pine Cir W, Salzedo St, Sand Pine Way, Sandpiper Ave, Santa Cruz Ave, Santander Ct, Santiago St, Saratoga Blvd W, Seagull Ct, Segovia Ave, Segovia Ct, Segura St, Sevilla Ave, Spanish Pine Ter, Sparrow Ct, Sparrow Dr, Sparrow Ext, Sparrow Ln, Sparrow Pl, Sparrow Rd, Sparrow Ter, Starling Ave, Sunflower Cir, Sunflower St, Sweet Bay Ln, Sycamore Dr, Teal Ct, Toledo St, Trace Ct, Twin Lakes Way, Valencia St, Venetian Ln, Viscaya Ave, and Wildcat Way.

This is the largest resurfacing project the Village has ever undertaken, spanning the entire Village. We kindly ask residents to remain patient as we complete the pre-bidding process in Q4 2024 and prepare to begin construction in late Q4 2024 or early Q1 2025. Please see below for a QR code to access an interactive map of the project.









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## New FEMA Flood Zone Maps and Updated CRS Rating for Royal Palm Beach and Parts of Palm Beach County

New FEMA flood maps are set to go into effect for Palm Beach County on December 20, 2024. The new flood maps do not affect any properties in the Village of Royal Palm Beach, however, it is important for all property owners to know their flood zone. Go to <a href="www.royalpalmbeachfl.gov/flood">www.royalpalmbeachfl.gov/flood</a> for additional information or Call the Village of Royal Palm Beach's Engineering Department at 561-790-2612 for access to FEMA's Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRM) and elevation certificates on file for the Village, and to learn if a property is in a Special Flood Hazard Area, and if it may be affected by local drainage problems, or is in an area that has previously had flooding problems, and to see if your property is located near an area that should be protected because of its natural floodplain functions. Check your flood zone using an interactive map @www.royalpalmbeachfl.gov/floodlookup

## Community Rating System Class 5 (25% discount)

The Community Rating System (CRS) is a voluntary incentive program that recognizes and encourages community floodplain management practices that exceed the minimum requirements of the NFIP. Village staff along with the Village's Program for Public Information Committee (PPI) have continued to follow best practices in regards to emergency management, drainage system maintenance and flood plain development management.

As a result of these best practices and the outreach and messaging efforts by the PPI Committee, the Village's CRS rating is as of April 1, 2025 is going to improve from a Class 6 to a Class 5. The Class 5 rating will give eligible renewals and new flood insurance policies a 25% annual savings on flood insurance premiums.

## Council



#### Council Special Meeting

October 10, 2024 6:30 PM — 9:00 PM

#### Council Regular Meeting

October 17, 2024 6:30 PM — 9:00 PM

### Parks And Recreation



## Fall Concert Nights

Life In Technicolor:

A Tribute to Coldplay

October 18th, 2024

Food Trucks: 5:00 PM — 9:00 PM

Band: 7:00 PM — 9:00 PM



# Senior Programs



Join us for a spooktacular Senior Program Halloween Party on Thursday, October 31, 2024, from 12:00 PM to 2:30 PM at the Royal Palm Beach Recreation Center, located at 100 Sweet Bay Lane, Royal Palm Beach. For just \$10, enjoy an afternoon filled with delicious food, exciting prizes, and fun giveaways. Get ready to dance the day away with our lively DJ, and don't miss your chance to shine in our festive costume contest—so be sure to dress to impress! This is the perfect opportunity to celebrate the season, reconnect with friends, and create lasting memories in a spirited atmosphere. For more information and to register, please call 561-790-5124. We can't wait to see you there!



#### **Young at Heart Club**

Luncheon: October 4th Business Breakfast:

Theme: **Black & Orange** Wednesday, October 16th

Entertainment: Krush Band

Entrée: Chicken Parmesan w/ Baked Ziti



# Village of Royal Palm Beach October 2024



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Check our wel	Sat
If further information is required please call the Clerk's Office at 790-5100.	All meetings will be held in the Village Council Chambers unless otherwise noted.	RPB Youth Baseball Meeting 7:00pm	2	3	ROCK Fes	N FALL
6	7 Education Advisory Board Meeting 6:00pm	8 Recreation Advisory Board Meeting 6:30pm (Rescheduled July 22nd Meeting)	9 Special Magistrate Hearing 5:30pm	COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING 6:30pm Technical Staff Review 9:00am	11	Green Market 9am to 1pm Village Hall Complex
13	VILLAGE OFFICES ARE CLOSED	RPB Youth Soccer Meeting 6:30pm	RPB Youth Basketball Meeting 7:00pm	COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING 6:30pm	18 Food Truck Expo and Concert Life In Technicolor 7pm to 9pm Commons Park	Green Market 9am to 1pm Village Hall Complex
20	21	Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting 7:00pm	RPB Youth Football Meeting 7:00pm	Technical Staff Review 9:00am	25	Green Market 9am to 1pm Village Hall Complex
ROYAL PALM BEACH INCOME	28 Recreation Advisory Board Meeting 6:30pm	29	30	31		

## **Village Calendar**

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