



# Village VOICE

Official Newsletter of the Village of Royal Palm Beach, Florida

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1050 Royal Palm Beach Boulevard, Royal Palm Beach, Florida 33411

## TOP STORY



### Village pushes for Body Cams Village leaders call body cams a priority

Members of the Village of Royal Palm Beach Council are pushing to have body cameras provided to all the deputies in the Village.

Individual members of the Council called it a "priority," adding the assignment of body cameras is an important "now issue." While no official vote of the Council was taken, individually Council members supported efforts by the Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office to purchase body cameras for all deputies.

Body cameras are not currently available to PBSO deputies, but the agency says finding funding is an agency priority. PBSO says the purchase and assignment of cameras needs to be an agency-wide effort and cannot be a piece-meal approach with one municipality at a time.

There is currently no time table for their usage.

## Other Village News

### RPB property values are going up!



Home values in Royal Palm Beach are rising! According to the most recent data, total property values in Royal Palm Beach have gone up \$400 million since last year. The value of property in the Village is now \$3.2 billion dollars!

## Cameras check temps at Village buildings



As part of the Village's response plan to current health conditions, special cameras at the Cultural Center and Recreation

Center are checking temperatures as visitors enter. Anyone with a measured temperature over 100.4 degrees will be prohibited from entering.



## Budget Season Coming

The Village is beginning the annual process of reviewing and approving a budget for the next fiscal year. While not official yet, the current proposed budget holds the line on property taxes by not including any increase in the property tax rate. There are some personnel reductions due to Coronavirus-related revenue drops. But resident services will remain the same. The budget will be discussed and voted on during two upcoming budget meetings.

## Latest on Village Services & Buildings

- Public spaces in Village buildings now open.
- Masks are REQUIRED in Village buildings.
- Meetings with Village staff by appointment.
- Walk-ups must check in at video doorbell.
- Village Hall post office closed.
- Rec. Center, Cultural Center, & Commons Park Sporting Center open with limited capacity.
- Parks open sunrise to sunset.
- Sports fields and playgrounds closed.
- Pavilions open.
- Dog park open.
- Driving Range open.
- Tennis, basketball, & racquetball courts open.
- Indoor activities limited.

The Village of Royal Palm Beach currently has a vacancy for (two) members (one regular seat and one alternate seat) on the Education Advisory Board. If you would like to volunteer your service and expertise on this local government Board, contact the Village Clerk's office.



## ARE YOU PREPARED?

*Just a reminder that we are in hurricane season, and that means you should be ready.*

- *Trim your trees*
- *Have your supplies*
- *Have a family plan*

