



# Village VOICE

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## TOP STORY



### New Village Program Helps Seniors Get Around Town

The Village is stepping up to address one of the most common problems facing senior residents. Experts say more than half of all non-drivers 65 and older stay at home because they don't have transportation options. This means seniors skip medical appointments, become isolated, and lose independence.

A new Village program will help seniors get out and around. The program, offered by the Recreation Department, will teach seniors how to set up and use a ride share account on a smart phone. Once they have successfully completed the class, the Village will give them a \$35 ride share gift card to get them started.

The class is offered on the first Tuesday of the month. It is open to village residents with proof of address. Gift cards are limited to one per year. Call 790-5124 for more information.

## Other Village News

### Keep Our Village Beautiful

*KNOW YOUR DAY*



The Village wants to remind all residents to know the designated day for bulk debris pickup in their neighborhood.

It's important not only homeowners know their day, but that HOAs, multi-family property owners, and landlords also make sure their residents know the designated bulk debris day for their properties.

The rule is simple: Nothing can be put out for pickup until the evening before your scheduled pickup day.



NEW LOCATION  
VILLAGE HALL CAMPUS

SATURDAYS  
9-1

## Additional Defibrillator at Cultural Center

As the Village continues its commitment to create a world-class venue at the Cultural Center, the latest addition doesn't increase culture but instead increases safety.

The Village has purchased a second automatic external defibrillator (AED) for the building. The second defibrillator is part of the Village's larger commitment to providing AEDs in its buildings. In addition, the Village provides CPR and AED training to staff members.



## The Census is coming, and being counted means more money for Royal Palm Beach

Every ten years, the federal government conducts a population count of everyone in the nation. The next U.S. Census will take place in March.

The last time Royal Palm Beach was counted by the census, there was a drop in the percentage of residents responding. The drop, which was only 6%, cost the Village \$4,000,000!

That is because the census count is the basis for distributing over a half a trillion dollars (yes...we said Trillion, with a "T") in federal funds. The lower the count, the less money is given to a city.

If Royal Palm Beach were to have a 100% response rate in March, it could mean an additional \$15,000,000 over ten years. To put that number in perspective, the Village only collects one third of that in property taxes each year. Think of all the amazing things we could do with an extra \$15M!

Between now and March, we will be reminding you why it is so important to be counted. For more information on Census 2020 you can visit the Census Bureau website, [census.gov](https://www.census.gov).



*News from The Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office District 9 Village of Royal Palm Beach*

## WITCHES, GOBLINS AND SUPERHEROES DESCENDING ON OUR NEIGHBORHOODS.

*The Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office wants children of all ages to have a safe and enjoyable trick-or-treat holiday by offering parents and citizens some safety tips:*

- *Add reflective tape to the costumes.*
- *Carry a flashlight.*
- *Walk don't run.*
- *Obey traffic signals.*
- *Look before crossing the street.*
- *Cross the street only at corners.*
- *Accept treats at the door.*
- *Never go into a stranger's house.*
- *Children should wear a watch.*
- *Small children should be accompanied by an adult.*
- *Trick-or-treat in groups of 3 or 4 in well known areas.*
- *Never go to a house that is dark.*
- *Do not take shortcuts through yards, driveways and alleys.*
- *Stay on the sidewalk of well lighted streets.*