



Village VOICE

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EVERYONE COUNTS! IN ROYAL PALM BEACH CENSUS 2020



Royal Palm Beach Stands to Receive Millions...But It Depends on YOU!

In a single year, the Village of Royal Palm Beach collects approximately \$5 million dollars of your property taxes.

In a few months, if everyone in the Village is counted in the upcoming census, the Village could receive three times that amount in additional federal dollars over the next ten years.

The count, which takes place every ten years, begins April 1.

The census provides critical data that lawmakers, business owners, teachers, and many others use to provide daily services, products, and support for Royal Palm Beach residents. Every year, billions of dollars in federal funding go to hospitals, fire departments, schools, roads, and other resources based on census data.

A complete and accurate count is critical for our village because the results of the 2020 Census will affect community funding, congressional representation, and more.

Did You Know...



1 OUT OF 5

How many people in Royal Palm Beach were not counted in the last census ten years ago.



\$15,000,000

How many additional Federal dollars Royal Palm Beach will receive over ten years if everyone is counted now.

\$1.5M

If everyone is counted, the amount of additional dollars every year that could improve village roads, parks, and waterways.

In mid-March, Royal Palm Beach residents will begin receiving letters to complete the 2020 Census. Once the invitation arrives, you should respond for your home in one of three ways: online, by phone, or by mail.





Despite recent vote, Village vows to continue push for State Road 7

A recent vote by a regional planning organization to abandon State Road 7 extension plans is not deterring village leadership.

In December, the Palm Beach Transportation Planning Agency (TPA) Board (made up of elected officials from across the county) voted to remove the State Road 7 extension from its

plans. TPA support is required if the project is to move forward. Royal Palm Beach Mayor Fred Pinto who is on the TPA and voted to keep the project, says he is not giving up.

"We were stunned when the vote went that way," said Mayor Pinto. "Our next meeting will be in February and we will be looking to address this issue because of the long history we have with State Road 7."

Officials say getting the project put back on the list is required if the state is to complete the project.

New Village Hall construction take next step

It's time to put pen to paper and see what it might look like!

The Village has given the green light to a local architectural and design firm to begin designing the new Village Hall project.

The new building will be on the same campus as the current village hall. It will be hurricane rated while the current village hall is not. That means operations will not need to move to another building during a storm. It also means post-storm operations will be up and running more quickly for residents.

The new building will be more energy efficient, take up less of a footprint, and consolidate all operations into a one-stop shop. Construction is currently scheduled to begin at the end of 2020, and take about a year and a half.



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

AVOID BEING A VICTIM OF A PORCH PIRATE

Sixty-nine percent of Americans shop online, and 25% of Americans shop online at least once per month.

That's a lot of boxes dropped at doorsteps. One in five people have their packages stolen. Avoid becoming a victim:

- *Track your packages.*
- *Make sure someone is home to receive the package.*
- *Require a signature, or schedule the delivery.*
- *Ask to have packages left in less conspicuous places.*
- *Have a camera that alerts you when someone is near.*
- *If you see something, say something.*

