



Village VOICE

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TOP STORY



Village Leaders: No tax rate Increase in 2020

The Royal Palm Beach Village Council hasn't given final approval to next year's budget yet, but they have made a decision on next year's property taxes.

During a July meeting, the Village Council voted to guarantee no property tax rate increase next year.

Two public budget hearings will be held on September 5 and September 19. Both hearings begin at 6:30 p.m. in the Council chambers. The final budget will be approved at the second meeting.

Other Village News

Sneak Peek: What are next year's priorities?

STRATEGIC PLAN 2020

Village officials are laying out their priorities for the upcoming fiscal year. As part of the Village's Strategic Plan, here are some of the items topping the list:

- Have a balanced budget without increasing the tax rate.
- Annex Palms West Hospital into the Village limits.
- Remodel the Recreation Center.
- Provide important information to area seniors.
- Work on a Mobility Strategy and plan.
- Install security cameras in village parks.
- Work on creating a mobility hub at SR7 & Southern Blvd.



**COLLEGE EXPO/
CAREER FAIR**
SEPTEMBER 20TH 3PM-6PM

Become a **Sponsor or Vendor**

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Improving biking around the Village

With the recent emphasis on making communities more bike-friendly, Royal Palm Beach is taking the lead. A plan to install a network of wayfinding and directional signs for bikers has just been given the stamp of approval at the county level. The county Transportation Planning Agency has agreed to support the idea. This clears the way for possible state funding for the project.

According to a recent article in "Fast Company" magazine, "Designing a city for bicycles is not just a pleasant idea for the cyclists among us. Designing a city for bikes will also achieve the goals we want for our future urban centers, making them more equitable, healthy, efficient, and clean."



Summer Camp Success - Time For Fall Registration

It was another successful summer. We had over 250 participants in our Sports Academy camps and over 400 for our all day summer camp. Register now at the Recreation Center for our upcoming leagues and programs, including:

- Wednesday Night Adult Flag Football league begins in September.
- Youth Basketball league starts in November and runs through February.
- Lil' Hoopsters and Lil' Sluggers programs begin the end of August and our Soccer Tots program begins in September.
- The Petite Academy of Dance, for ages 2 through 12, begins in September and accommodates a variety of dance styles including: ballet, tap, jazz and more.

Record crowds attend July 4th celebration

The annual July 4th Spectacular was another successful event with an estimated 15,000 to 20,000 people in attendance. The event offered great entertainment, quality food and beverages and a top of the line fireworks display in the Village's Commons Park.



Royal Palm Beach Palm Beach Sheriff's Office Tip of the Month

TEACH YOUR CHILDREN ABOUT BULLYING

A new school year is a good time to educate your children about bullying. Here are some tips to help them if they face a bully:

- **Don't show anger.** That only tells a bully he/she has control over you.
- **Avoid physical force.** Pushing or hitting shows you are angry. You never know how a bully will react.
- **Walk away.** Stand tall, be confident and walk away. Ignoring a bully tells them you don't care.
- **Use Humor.** Humor helps deflect if you can't walk away. Say something funny about yourself.
- **Find support.** Talk to someone like a parent, teacher, or law enforcement officer. Don't hold in your fears or frustrations.
- **Have a buddy system.** Being part of a group of friends helps you stand up against bullying.