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# MANALAPANIAN

October 2025

## From the desk of the Town Manager—

The Town Commission recently approved a budget that will allow us to move forward with a new guardhouse at the Point. This project is being designed as a stronger crime deterrent, with greater visibility into the guard station and upgraded technology, including screens that clearly display the monitoring of vehicles, vehicle tags and individuals entering the community. The design is intended to send a clear message that activity at our entrance points are being watched closely. We are currently in the design phase and look forward to sharing plans with residents at an upcoming Commission meeting, where your input will help shape the final design.

At the same time, the Town is planning for larger infrastructure needs that go beyond the guardhouse. After a full assessment with our architectural and engineering team, our current facilities at Town Hall and within the Police Department no longer meet the safety and operational standards of today. Additionally, our Fire Rescue personnel are facing challenges with limited space, which affects their ability to meet current staffing requirements. Addressing these concerns will help create safer, more effective working environments for both departments. To address these challenges, the Town is actively working to acquire the former bank building at the gateway to Manalapan. This is the only site that can accommodate a new facility capable of housing Town operations while also providing proper space for our emergency responders.

This project is not just about a building, it's about creating a safe, respectable, and functional space that reflects the Town while supporting the dedicated men and women who serve our community. We are currently in discussions with Palm Beach County, who will contribute to the cost of their portion of the facility, and we are fortunate to have already received a \$1 million commitment from a very generous resident. While we are in the early stages, once design plans begin to take shape hopefully by this time next year, residents will be invited to provide input just as they will with the new guardhouse.

Finally, as we look ahead, we remain mindful of seasonal challenges. With heavy rains upon us, please review your irrigation systems and work with landscapers to ensure efficient water use. We are also in the peak of hurricane season, while we have been fortunate so far, it is critical to remain prepared with a household storm plan in place.

Onward, together.

Eric Marmer, Town Manager

*Save the Date for our 2026*

SEASON OPENING PARTY

FRIDAY JANUARY 23<sup>RD</sup>, 2026

FROM 6 PM TO 8 PM AT THE

J. TURNER MOORE MEMORIAL LIBRARY



Jeffrey Rasor, Chief of Police  
**THE MANALAPAN POLICE DEPARTMENT**



**From the Chief ---**

**Pedestrian and Bicyclist Safety Reminder**

As the seasons change and we approach the time change, I want to take a moment to remind everyone about the importance of pedestrian and bicyclist safety, especially during the early morning and dusk hours.

With shorter daylight hours, visibility is significantly reduced. Whether you're out for a walk, jog, or bike ride, please make sure to wear **bright or reflective clothing** and use **lights or reflectors** to ensure you're easily seen by motorists. These small steps can make a big difference in preventing accidents and keeping everyone safe.

**Holiday Season Crime Prevention**

As we head into the festive season with **Halloween, Thanksgiving, Hanukkah, and Christmas** on the horizon, it's important to stay vigilant. The holidays are a time for celebration, but they can also present increased opportunities for crime.



- **Lock your vehicles and homes**, even when you're nearby.
- **Do not leave valuables in plain sight**, especially in parked cars.
- Be cautious of **online scams** and package thefts.
- If you see something suspicious, **report it immediately** to the Manalapan Police Department (561) 585-4030.

*Let's work together to ensure a safe and joyful holiday season for all.*

**Meet the Manalapan Police – Detective Jason Jabcuga**

We're pleased to welcome **Detective Jason Jabcuga** to the Manalapan Police Department. Jason brings a wealth of experience and a strong commitment to public safety. Here's a message from him:

"After a rewarding career with the City of Delray Beach Police Department, where I retired as a Sergeant, I'm honored to begin this new chapter with the Manalapan Police Department.

My career began in road patrol, and over the years, I served in a variety of specialized units. The majority of my service was in the Violent Crimes Division, both as a Detective and later as a Detective Sergeant.



After retirement, I worked in the private sector as an investigator for a local law firm, focusing on product defects and premises liability cases. While it was a valuable experience, I realized how much I missed the purpose and impact of law enforcement.

When the opportunity to join the Manalapan Police Department came along, I knew it was the right fit. I look forward to applying my experience to serve this community and contribute to the department's continued excellence.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve."

— Detective Jason Jabcuga

If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact us at **(561) 585-4030**.

Thank you for your continued support. **Together, we make a difference.**

Stay safe,



Manalapan Police Department

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## THE COMMISSION CORNER

By Vice Mayor Simone Bonutti

When I first joined the Town Commission in 2014, Manalapan was a very different place. Our focus then was primarily on the day-to-day needs of running the Town. Over time, I've had the privilege of watching our community grow more engaged, with both the Commission and our residents increasingly focused on shaping the Town's future together.

That shift has been inspiring. Today, our residents are not only invested in their homes, but they are personally invested in ensuring that Manalapan remains strong and resilient for generations to come. That shared commitment has created momentum to move forward on long-term infrastructure priorities such as sewer conversion, undergrounding FP&L lines, expanding natural gas access, and building a modern Town Hall and Emergency Services facility worthy of our community.

What makes this moment so exciting is that all the pieces are now in place. With the leadership of our new Town Manager, Eric Marmer, and our new Police Chief Jeffrey Rasor, together with their dedicated staff, we have a team working tirelessly to lay the groundwork for success. Their professionalism and vision are ensuring that these projects are not just plans on paper, but real steps toward a stronger Manalapan.

As I reflect on my years of service, I am proud of how far we have come. And as I look ahead, I believe we are entering one of the most important chapters in our Town's history. Together, we are building not just stronger infrastructure, but an even stronger sense of community.

It is a privilege to serve you, and I am filled with optimism about the future we are creating side by side.

With gratitude,  
Vice Mayor Simone Bonutti



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## Welcome to Our Newly Renovated Website

We’re delighted to share that our website has been refreshed with a brand-new look! It’s not only more functional and easier to navigate, but also more visually appealing—making it a place we hope you’ll enjoy visiting.

We invite all residents to log on, take a look around, and explore the improved features. From Town updates to helpful resources, everything is now easier to find and better presented.

We’re excited to welcome you to this updated space designed with our community in mind.



Please logon to:  
**www.manalapan.org**

## Manalapan Holiday Donation Drive

This holiday season, Manalapan Town Staff will be collecting donations for two important causes beginning **November 14th**.

**Toys for Tots** – Residents are invited to bring a new, unwrapped gift for a child in need. Gifts for children **ages 10 and older** are especially appreciated, as this age group is often overlooked.

**Tri County Animal Rescue** – This no-kill, non-profit animal rescue organization serves Miami-Dade, Broward, and Palm Beach counties. We are especially proud to support this cause, as Manalapan resident **Suzi Goldsmith** is the Co-Founder and Chairperson, and fellow resident **Lois Pope** provided the endowment for the Lois Pope Pet Clinic, which offers affordable veterinary care for low-income families.



Items needed include: cat litter, copy paper, dry dog food, Cesar wet food, Pedigree puppy food, dog beds, squeaky toys, and cleaning supplies.

Donations may be dropped off at **Town Hall** during **regular business hours** through mid-December.

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## Promote Your Business in the Town Newsletter!

Looking for a unique way to reach residents and grow your local business? The Town of Manalapan is now offering advertising space in our official newsletter!

Our newsletter reaches a wide audience of engaged residents who value staying informed about community news, events, and services. This is a great opportunity for local businesses, service providers, and organizations to connect directly with the people who live and work in our town.

We offer the following annual advertising options:

- **1/8 page** – \$250/quarter
- **1/4 page** – \$750/quarter
- **1/2 page** – \$1500/quarter
- **Full page** – \$3,000/quarter



Whether you want to highlight a special promotion, introduce your services, or simply boost visibility, we're happy to work with you to find the right fit. We are also pleased to offer a 10% discount if you elect to pay for a year's worth of advertisements.

For more information about ad specifications, deadlines, and how to reserve your space, please contact Town Clerk Erika Petersen at 561-383-2541 or [epetersen@manalapan.org](mailto:epetersen@manalapan.org).

Let's work together to support local business and keep our community connected!

### Meeting and Event Calendar

**October 2nd @ 10 AM — ARCOM**

**October 14th @ 9 AM — TCOM**

**October 21st @ 2 PM — CE**

**November 4th @ 9 AM — TCOM**

**November 6th @ 10 AM — ARCOM**

**November 11th — Town Hall Closed**

**November 18th @ 2 PM — CE**

**Nov. 27th & 28th — Town Hall Closed**

**December 4th @ 10 AM — ARCOM**

**December 9th @ 9 AM — TCOM**

**December 16th @ 2 PM — CE**

**Dec. 24th & 25th — Town Hall Closed**

**ARCOM = Architectural Commission**

**TCOM = Town Commission**

**CE = Code Enforcement**

### Town of Manalapan - Irrigation Schedule



Address:	Days Allowed:	Hours Allowed:
100–1400 S. Ocean Blvd.	Mon., Wed., Sat.	Midnight – 10AM and/or 4 PM – Midnight
1420–4020 S. Ocean Blvd.	Tues., Thurs., Sun.	
Point Manalapan (Odd Addresses & East La Coquille)	Mon., Wed., Sat.	
Point Manalapan (Even Addresses & West La Coquille)	Tues., Thurs., Sun.	

#### Notes:

- New landscaping (under 31 days): you may water daily except Fridays
- Car/boat washing, fountains, & water recreation are allowed anytime
- Rules set by the South Florida Water Management District – please check [www.manalapan.org](http://www.manalapan.org) for any updates

## Resident Highlight

The *Manalapanian* will be highlighting residents in upcoming issues, beginning with a tribute to veteran and longtime neighbor, Mr. John Mitsinikos, in honor of Veteran's Day.

John has called Manalapan home for nearly 40 years. Many remember seeing him bike to the Eau almost daily; now 93, he still works out at the gym several times a week. Always friendly, he enjoys offering neighbors fresh coconut water—friends often leave coconuts in his driveway so he can enjoy one every day. To John, Manalapan is paradise, and he is proud his children and grandchildren will continue to enjoy it.



A proud Navy veteran, John served aboard the USS Hailey during the Korean War. The destroyer departed Newport, Rhode Island in September 1952 and sailed through the Panama Canal to join operations in the Pacific. For four months, the Hailey supported combat efforts in Korean waters as part of Task Force 77, enforcing blockades and delivering close fire support for troops on the ground. John and his shipmates faced the constant tension of war at sea while providing vital protection for carrier operations. In February 1953, the Hailey returned through Japan and rejoined the Atlantic Fleet. His service during this critical time was a defining chapter in his life, and one he carried with great pride.



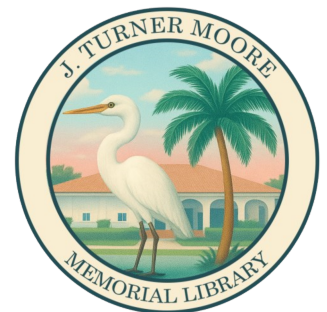
John married his high school sweetheart, Joan, in 1952, after first meeting in kindergarten. They shared 69 years together, raising three children, seven grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

After graduating from St. John's University in 1958, John built a successful career as a manufacturers' representative, working with more than 40 companies including Louisville Slugger, Head Skis, and Nike. He retired in 1989 and moved to Florida. An avid sailor and skier, John inspired his family to share his love of the outdoors, and he and Joan traveled the world together. At home, they hosted Christmas in Manhasset for over 35 years—one of John's most cherished traditions.

### Meet Me at the Library!

The J. Turner Moore Memorial Library is looking forward to an exciting season! Keep an eye on your mailbox for our annual membership renewal letter, which will include updated class rates. We're delighted to announce that Yoga classes will continue this season, along with some fun new library swag.

Our popular lecture series will also return, and we'll share the full calendar as soon as it's available. In the meantime, you can always find the latest library updates online at [www.manalapan.org/library](http://www.manalapan.org/library)





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**THE TOWN OF MANALAPAN**

hereby sets forth the full cost of solid waste management within the municipal limits for the fiscal year which began October 1, 2024 and ended September 30, 2025

	Solid Waste Collection	Disposal	Recycling
<b>RESIDENTIAL</b> (on average, per household per year)	<b>\$ 864.26</b>	<b>*</b>	<b>\$ 76.28</b>
<b>NON-RESIDENTIAL</b>	<b>-0-</b>	<b>-0-</b>	<b>-0-</b>

\* Disposal cost for 2024-2025 were assessed on the tax roll by the Solid Waste Authority of Palm Beach County.