



The

MANALAPANIAN

July 2026

From the desk of the Town Manager—

I am happy to share some exciting news with you in this briefing that serves as an update to what I wrote to you roughly a year ago. The Town has acquired the former bank building at 131 S. Ocean Boulevard, the vacant and deteriorating property that has sat at our northern gateway for years. This is an effort that traces back nearly twenty years, to 2006, when the Town first considered the site. Acting on the Town Commission's authorization to pursue the property through eminent domain, the Town built a clear and compelling case grounded in a real public need. That case was strong enough that the owner ceded title to the Town without the matter ever going to trial.

This acquisition matters because of what it makes possible. Our current facility at 600 South Ocean Boulevard was built 45 years ago and no longer serves today's Manalapan. It suffers from chronic roof leaks and mold, unreliable mechanical systems, and, most importantly, it cannot provide adequate, safe space for our Police and Fire operations. The limits are real and they affect the protection you receive. The Town pays for four firefighters on staff, yet the cramped quarters allow only three to be on the island at any given time. There is currently no ambulance stationed on the island. Our Police Department has no proper space to hold or question someone in custody. There have been times when staff meeting in the vacant Commission Chambers had to clear the room so that a person who had just been arrested could be processed and questioned there instead. A new, properly designed facility would change all of this, giving our firefighters the space they need, allowing a rescue vehicle to be based right here in Manalapan where it can reach residents faster, and giving our police officers a safe and appropriate place to do their work.

None of this would be possible without the vision and resolve of our Mayor and Town Commission. A project of this scope, first contemplated nearly two decades ago, reflects the kind of long-term thinking that takes real commitment to see through. Building on the groundwork laid over the years, this Commission recognized the need clearly and was willing to act decisively in the long-term interest of the community, and our residents are the beneficiaries of that foresight.

There is still work ahead, and I want to be candid that this acquisition is one piece of a larger effort with several moving parts that the Town is advancing carefully and responsibly. My commitment to you is to keep this project moving while protecting the Town's interests and your investment at every step. I look forward to sharing more as this vision continues to take shape, and as always, my door is open to any resident who would like to discuss it.

Onward, together.

Eric Marmer, Town Manager



Local Independence Day Celebrations



Town of Lantana

Bicentennial Park | 321 E. Ocean Avenue

Spectacular 25-minute fireworks display at 9:00 pm, event opens for seating at 7:30 pm.

City of Lake Worth Beach

Bryant Park | 30 S. Golfview Road

Raft race at 10:00 am, event starts at 6:00 pm with food, vendors, concert & drone display. Fireworks start at 9:15 pm.

City of Boynton Beach

Intracoastal Park | 2240 N. Federal Highway

Enjoy food, music & vendors from 4:00 pm to 9:00 pm, with fireworks display from 9:05 pm until 9:30 pm.

City of West Palm Beach—4th on Flagler

Waterfront Commons 100 N. Clematis Street

Live music, activities & vendors from 5:00 pm to 10:00 pm along Flagler Drive with fireworks starting at 9:09 pm.

Jeffrey Rasor, Chief of Police
THE MANALAPAN POLICE DEPARTMENT



Message from the Chief — July 2026

As we move into the summer season, I would like to remind all residents about the Police Department's **Dark House Check Program**. This program allows police officers to check your home daily during the day, at night, or both while you are out of town. If an officer notices anything unusual or out of the ordinary, our Communications Center will contact the emergency contact you have provided and notify them of the situation. We hope this program provides peace of mind while you are away enjoying your vacation.

Historically, vehicle burglaries tend to increase during the summer months. Fortunately, many of these crimes are preventable. Here are a few important tips to help protect your vehicle and belongings:

- Always lock your vehicle, even when parked in your driveway.
- Remove valuables from plain view or take them with you.
- Close all windows and sunroofs completely.
- Park in well-lit areas whenever possible.
- Never leave keys or key fobs inside your vehicle.
- Be aware of your surroundings and remain vigilant when parking and returning to your vehicle.

A vehicle burglary does not only occur in public parking lots, it can happen in residential neighborhoods, driveways, and community parking areas. Taking a few extra precautions can significantly reduce your risk of becoming a victim.

Report Suspicious Activity Immediately

If you observe anything unusual or concerning in your neighborhood, please contact the Manalapan Police Department at **(561) 585-4030**. Prompt reporting allows officers to investigate suspicious activities and helps keep our community safe.

Thank you for your continued support, partnership, and trust. It is our honor and privilege to serve the residents of Manalapan.

Stay safe and enjoy your summer.

Meet the Manalapan Police – Dispatcher Elisa Lamneck

One of the greatest rewards in law enforcement is meeting young professionals who know exactly what they want to do with their lives. It is rare to meet someone at just 22 years old who is so committed to serving others and continuously improving in their profession. That perfectly describes Dispatcher Elisa Lamneck.

Elisa began her career in emergency communications at just 19 years old with the Atlantis Police Department before continuing her service with the Martin County Sheriff's Office. She later joined the Manalapan Police Department, where she has become a tremendous asset to both our agency and our community.



Since arriving in Manalapan, Elisa has proven to be an excellent fit. She is always eager to learn more about her role and the law enforcement profession as a whole. During some of our most challenging emergency calls, she has remained the calm, reassuring voice on the other end of the phone, providing comfort to callers while ensuring officers receive the information they need to respond quickly and safely.

Elisa currently serves on our night shift, so if you call the Police Department after 6:00 p.m., there's a good chance she will be the friendly voice answering your call. Born and raised in nearby Lake Worth, she brings valuable local knowledge of our community and the surrounding public safety agencies.

When asked what she loves most about Florida, Elisa doesn't hesitate, it's the beach. Away from work, Elisa enjoys spending time with her two dogs, Zeus and Carmella, who keep her active and entertained. She is always looking for new ways to challenge herself and is currently learning American Sign Language while also studying for her FAA Remote Pilot (Drone) Certification. Her commitment to expanding her knowledge and developing new skills reflects her belief that personal and professional growth comes from stepping outside your comfort zone and embracing new opportunities.

Elisa looks forward to continuing her career in public safety, and we are proud to have her serving the residents of Manalapan. We are happy that Elisa has made Manalapan Police Department her home.

On behalf of the entire Manalapan Police Department, thank you for your continued support as we introduce you to the dedicated men and women who proudly serve our community every day.



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

Meet Me at the Library

Summer Hours

The J. Turner Moore Memorial Library will be open to the public every Wednesday from 2 pm to 4 pm.

Save the Date

Book Club will start back up on Wednesday, October 14th at 4 pm. The selected novel is *Culpability* by Bruce Holsinger. Copies are available at the library.



Meeting and Event Calendar

July 2nd @ 10 AM — ARCOM

July 3rd — Town Hall Closed

July 14th @ 9 AM — TCOM

July 14th @ 3 PM — Pension Board

July 21st @ 2 PM — CE

September 3rd @ 10 AM — ARCOM

September 7th — Town Hall Closed

September 8th @ 5:01 PM — TCOM First Budget Hearing

September 9th @ 9 AM — Pension Board

September 15th @ 2 PM — CE

September 22nd @ 5:01 PM — TCOM Final Budget Hearing

*ARCOM = Architectural Commission
TCOM = Town Commission
CE = Code Enforcement*

THE COMMISSION CORNER

I love living in Manalapan. I take my role as Commissioner seriously and feel a responsibility to work diligently in support of both the everyday operations of our town and the important initiatives that help preserve and enhance this wonderful community.

Before moving to the Palm Beach area, I lived in Hawaii with my family full-time for nearly ten years, after spending many years traveling there regularly. During that time, I came to appreciate many aspects of Hawaiian culture, including two words that carry special meaning.

Most people are familiar with the word Aloha, often used as a greeting, but which also reflects deeper values of kindness, respect, compassion, and peace. Another Hawaiian word that resonates strongly with me is Mālama, which means “to care for, preserve, and protect.”

For Hawaiians, mālama is more than a word, it is a way of life. It reflects a commitment to caring for one’s community, protecting the environment, and leaving things better than they were found. It embodies a sense of stewardship and responsibility that I have carried with me long after leaving the islands.

Here in Manalapan, I see that same spirit of mālama every day. Our dedicated town staff, fellow commissioners, volunteers, and residents share a deep commitment to preserving the unique character of our town while thoughtfully planning for its future. Together, we work to protect what makes Manalapan special and to ensure it remains an exceptional place to live for generations to come.

I am grateful for the opportunity to serve this community and look forward to continuing that work alongside all of you.

Cindy McMackin
Commissioner, Seat 1

Election Dates & Deadlines 2026

Florida’s Primary Election will be Tuesday, August 18, 2026 from 7:00 am to 7:00 pm

Early Voting will take place August 8th - August 16th from 7:00 am to 7:00 pm

The deadline to request a Vote-by-Mail ballot is August 6, 2026 at 5:00 pm

Florida’s General Election will be Tuesday, November 3, 2026 from 7:00 am to 7:00 pm

Early Voting will take place October 19th - November 1st from 7:00 am to 7:00 pm

The deadline to request a Vote-by-Mail ballot is October 22, 2026 at 5:00 pm



Important Note: The deadline to register to vote or to change your party affiliation is 30 days before the election. Please refer to the Palm Beach County Supervisor of Elections office for more information:

SEVEN THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW ABOUT PROTECTING YOUR FAMILY AND PROPERTY FROM FLOODS

This newsletter is provided as a public service to promote awareness of flood hazards in our Town. The County Library System provides flood protection information, and maintains copies on the flood insurance rate maps for the entire county along with explanations on their use to determine flood zones and elevations.

The Local Flood Hazard: Properties within the Town of Manalapan are located in several different flood zones. You may contact Town Hall to find out what flood zone your property is located in.

Flood zones are geographic areas the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has defined according to varying levels of flood risk. These zones are depicted on a community's Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) or Flood Hazard Boundary Map. Each zone reflects the severity or type of flooding in the area.

Everyone lives in an area with some flood risk, do you live in a high-risk, low-risk, or moderate-risk flood area.

Find out what flood zone you are in by visiting <https://pbcgov.maps.arcgis.com> or contacting Town Hall.

The Flood Warning System: Copies of Palm Beach County's Flood Warning Program are available at your nearest County Library. When the National Weather Service can forecast intense rainfall in a timely manner, our drainage system can be lowered to receive the extraordinary volume of water expected. During periods of prolonged rainfall, areas of the county are kept under surveillance and report to the Emergency Operating Center. When advised of problem areas, response actions will be taken. When you detect streets flooding in your own area, tune to a television or radio station known by you to have an active news bureau. You will be advised of measures you should take to protect your property and yourself.

Flood Safety: Be aware of what steps to take to minimize your losses due to flooding. The local television and radio stations will warn you when it is necessary to secure your property and evacuate. Live electrical lines cause most hazards. If it appears that floodwater will enter your home, turn off all electric and gas service. If you find that water has entered your home, do not touch electrical switches or appliances to either turn them on or off. Outside, avoid any pools of water in which a downed power line is laying. You must assume that all downed power lines are energized.

Flood Insurance: Homeowner's insurance policies do not cover losses due to flooding. The Town of Manalapan participates in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP), which makes flood insurance available to everyone in the Town. For most, a home and its contents are their greatest investment. If your property is even suspect to the possibility of flood damage, from hurricanes or otherwise, you should be protected with an NFIP Flood Policy. Contact your insurance agent and have him or her discuss the types of coverage available to you.

Copies of FEMA Elevation Certificates on all buildings constructed in the flood plain since 2001 are available at the Town Hall Building Department located at 600 South Ocean Blvd., Manalapan, FL. 33462.

Property Protection Measures: When it appears that your neighborhood is becoming seriously inundated, there are simple things you can do to protect your property, things such as sandbagging building entrances and moving your motor vehicles to higher ground. Many of the things you own are not only valuable but are considered by you to be irreplaceable. These items should be elevated above the floor level to protect them from flood damage.

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Permits: The Town of Manalapan Building Department requires permits for all construction. This includes new construction, repair/replacement work, additions, installation of emergency generators, signs, fences, fill, tree removal, etc. The Town of Manalapan has adopted the Florida Building Code. Parts of this code regulate the amounts and types of construction in the Special Flood Hazard Areas (SFHA). You should always consult with the building official when planning any kind of construction. When others violate our floodplain laws, it could affect your property. The building official should be made aware of such activities.

Drainage System Maintenance: A community can lose a portion of its drainage system carrying or storage capacity due to dumping debris, soil erosion and sedimentation and overgrowth of vegetation. When this happens flooding can occur, subjecting properties otherwise protected to unnecessary risk or damage. Keep grass clippings and other debris out of storm water drainage to prevent clogging and loss of storm water storage. If you experience any localized drainage problems, illegal floodplain development, or illegal dumping violations, please call the Building Department at (561) 585-9477.

Flood Hazard: The Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) for the Town of Manalapan is available at the Library or Town Hall and includes an explanation of the Flood Zone Designations. The Town provides map determinations to let you know if you are in a flood hazard area.

Substantial Improvement Requirements: The National Flood Insurance Program requires an existing building to meet the same construction standards as a new building if the cost of reconstruction, rehabilitation, addition, or other improvements equals or exceeds 50% of the building's market value. Substantially damaged buildings must also be brought up to the same standards.

Floodplain Development Permit Requirements: All development in the Floodplain (not just construction of buildings) require local permits. Contact the Building Department at (561) 585-9477 before you build, fill, or otherwise develop. **PLEASE REPORT** any illegal Floodplain development immediately at (561) 585-4030 any time of day.

Insurance: Flood insurance is an important and practical part of everyone's disaster planning. Most homeowners' insurance policies do not offer protection against flood damage. Flood Insurance is available through the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). Coverage is available for existing structures, buildings under construction, businesses, and contents of insurable, fully enclosed buildings located in Special Flood Hazard Areas (SFHA). For further information call NFIP at 1-800-638-6620, your local insurance agent, or contact the website <http://www.fema.gov/nfip>. The Building Department will provide FEMA elevation certification information for any property within the Town limits. The certificates are kept at Town Hall Building Department located at 600 S. Ocean Blvd. Manalapan, Fl. 33462. The Town's participation in the Community Rating System (CRS) provides each flood insurance policy holder within the Town a ten percent (10%) discount. The discount should immediately be applied to your premium notice. For more information, call (561) 585-9477.

Thank you!



FEMA





Stormwater runoff is rainfall that runs over the ground's surface and into waterways.

Even if it flows into a storm drain, the runoff almost always ends up in our waterways without treatment.

Along its path, runoff can collect pollutants such as:

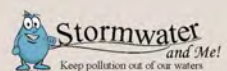
- Oils, greases, paints
- Pesticides, herbicides, fertilizers
- Detergents, cleaners
- Hazardous chemicals
- Leaves and grass clippings
- Sediments, trash and debris
- Pet waste



You can help!

Clean up, pick up, or relocate materials so runoff won't wash them into our waterways.

Call your local authority to report local water pollution activity.





TOWN OF MANALAPAN
600 South Ocean Boulevard
Manalapan, FL 33462

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HURRICANE SEASON IS JUNE 1st THROUGH NOVEMBER 30th

Hurricane season is here and preparing before a storm can help minimize property damage and make our communities safer. The Town of Manalapan strongly encourages residents to implement a year-round yard maintenance program. You can minimize the potential for vegetative debris by trimming now. Once a storm threatens, it's too late to trim trees. Here are some tips to ensure your yard is as prepared as possible:

IN PREPARATION:

- Pick-up Barrier Island Passes at Town Hall for essential personnel to return to the area after the storm. You can email epetersen@manalapan.org to reserve your passes
- Ensure your contact information is accurate and up-to-date with the Manalapan Police Department. This can be done by calling Dispatch at (561) 585-4030 or emailing the Police Administrative Assistant, Angela Randazzo, at arandazzo@manalapan.org
- If you need to register for the Special Needs Shelter, contact the Special Needs Coordinator at (561) 712-6400
- Check your vehicles for Manalapan Resident decals. Please stop by Town Hall if you need a replacement decal
- Cut back all trees and weak branches that could come in contact with buildings
- Have foliage thinned so wind can flow freely through branches, decreasing the chance that trees will be uprooted
- Clean your yard of any items that could pose a danger to you or your neighbor's property in hurricane-force winds, such as broken lawn furniture, etc.
- Other useful links:

NOAA-www.noaa.gov www.pbcgov.com www.nhc.noaa.gov www.weather.gov