



The

MANALAPANIAN

October 2026

From the desk of the Town Manager –

Dear Town Residents,

As we begin a new fiscal year, there is a great deal of progress underway throughout the Town. We are now in the beginning stages of design and development for our new Town Hall and Public Safety Facility at 131 South Ocean Boulevard, with the selection of a Construction Manager at Risk (the General Contractor) among the next major steps. At the same time, we continue advancing plans for a new Guard House at the Point, along with several important utility and infrastructure improvements throughout Manalapan.

Much of our focus over the coming year will be on moving these projects from planning into action while continuing to provide the high level of service our residents expect. This includes advancing the Town's septic to sewer conversion, addressing the long-term needs of our water utility, continuing our work on beach erosion, and finding practical ways to improve Town operations and control costs. As part of this effort, I encourage residents to join us for a Community Information Session on the Septic to Sewer Project at 9:00 a.m. on December 11 at the Town Library. The Town's engineering consultants will provide an overview of the project, discuss what residents can expect, and answer questions from the community.

There is a lot happening in Manalapan, and I am excited about the progress we are making. As these projects continue to develop, we will use *The Manalapanian* and other Town communications to keep residents informed and share important milestones along the way. I look forward to another productive year serving our community.

P.S. There is a publication that goes by the name "Town of Manalapan 33462" and lists a fake website. This is not a publication of the Town, unfortunately there is not anything we can do to prevent it. All official communication will come from either this publication, an email from our usual mailing list, or Code Red our emergency communication service (please sign up for this if you haven't already done so).

Onward together,
Eric Marmer, Town Manager

Save the Date for our 2027
SEASON OPENING PARTY

Friday January 22, 2027

From 6 pm to 8 pm at the J. Turner Moore Memorial Library

Jeffrey Rasor, Chief of Police
THE MANALAPAN POLICE DEPARTMENT



Message from the Chief - October 2026

As we begin the fall and holiday season, starting with Halloween, we can expect an increase in traffic and more people enjoying outdoor activities throughout our community. As the weather becomes cooler, we typically see more pedestrians, bicyclists, joggers, and motorists on our roadways. I would like to take this opportunity to remind everyone to remain alert and make safety a priority, particularly during the early morning and evening hours.

With shorter daylight hours, visibility becomes increasingly important. If you are walking, jogging, or bicycling, please consider wearing bright or reflective clothing and using appropriate lights or reflectors so motorists can easily see you. Motorists should also remain attentive, reduce distractions, and be especially watchful for pedestrians and bicyclists. These simple precautions can make a significant difference in preventing accidents and keeping everyone safe.

Pink Badges for Cancer Awareness

During the month of October, you may notice our police officers and Community Service Officers wearing pink badges and our Communications personnel wearing their pink badge uniform shirts. This initiative is part of the Manalapan Police Department's recognition of Cancer Awareness Month and represents our support for individuals and families whose lives have been affected by cancer.

Preparing for the Busy Holiday Season

As we move from Halloween into Thanksgiving, Hanukkah, Christmas, and the remainder of the holiday season, our roadways, shopping areas, and local businesses will become increasingly busy. Please allow yourself additional travel time and remain patient with other motorists, pedestrians, and shoppers.

The holiday season can also bring increased opportunities for crimes of convenience. Please remember to lock your vehicles and homes, even when you are nearby, and never leave valuables, packages, purses, electronics, or other attractive items visible inside a parked vehicle.

Help Us Prevent Package Theft

With the increase in online shopping during October, November, and December, package theft becomes an important crime-prevention concern. The Manalapan Police Department offers a service to help our residents protect delivered packages. If you are away from home and receive notification that a package has been delivered, you may contact the Manalapan Police Department at (561) 585-4030 and request that an officer move the package to a safer location on your property until you return home. This simple service may help prevent a theft and keep your delivery secure.

Residents can also reduce the opportunity for package theft by taking a few additional precautions:

- Track your shipments online. Most delivery companies provide real-time tracking so you can monitor the progress of your delivery.
- Use delivery notifications and scheduling tools. Take advantage of text or email alerts, estimated delivery windows, and options to reschedule or customize deliveries.
- Plan deliveries for times when you will be home. When possible, schedule packages to arrive when someone is available to receive them.
- Secure packages promptly. Retrieve delivered items as soon as possible or arrange for someone you trust to secure them.
- Remain alert for suspicious activity. Pay attention to unfamiliar vehicles or individuals who appear to be following delivery vehicles or approaching residences without an apparent reason.

See Something, Say Something

Crime prevention is most effective when the Police Department and our residents work together. If something does not look right, please report it. Do not assume someone else has already called. If you observe suspicious or concerning activity in your neighborhood, please contact the Manalapan Police Department immediately at (561) 585-4030. Prompt reporting gives our officers the opportunity to investigate suspicious activity and, in many cases, prevent a crime before it occurs. On behalf of the men and women of the Manalapan Police Department, I wish everyone a safe and enjoyable fall and holiday season. Thank you for your continued partnership and for helping us keep the Town of Manalapan a safe community to live, work, and visit.

Meet the Manalapan Police Department – Police Officer Stephan Jacknowitz.

In this edition of our newsletter, we are pleased to introduce Police Officer Stephan Jacknowitz, a longtime member of the Manalapan Police Department who has dedicated approximately 20 years to serving our community.

Officer Jacknowitz was born and raised during his early childhood in Dix Hills, New York. At the age of 13, his family relocated to Boca Raton, Florida, where he attended Spanish River High School. While at Spanish River, Officer Jacknowitz played cornerback for the high school football team. One of his favorite stories from those days and one he is always happy to share is that he intercepted two passes thrown by future college and professional quarterback Steve Bellisari.

Following high school, Officer Jacknowitz attended the University of Florida, graduating in 1999 with a Bachelor of Science degree and dual majors in Finance and Insurance.

Officer Jacknowitz's journey into law enforcement was not a direct one. He began his professional career in the private sector, working in consumer finance for a large financial institution in the early 2000s. When the company offered him an opportunity that would have required relocating out of state, he chose to remain in South Florida near his family.

He later entered public service with the Florida Department of Business and Professional Regulation, Division of Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco, where he worked in auditing. His position frequently brought him into contact with law enforcement officers, and those experiences sparked his interest in pursuing a career in policing.

That interest ultimately led Officer Jacknowitz to the Manalapan Police Department, where his law enforcement career began approximately 20 years ago.



"It has been an honor serving the community and working with such great people who truly make the Manalapan Police Department one of the most enjoyable places to work. I have learned a lot throughout my career, and I want to thank our current leadership for making the Manalapan Police Department a great place to work."

Officer Jacknowitz is currently assigned to Community Patrol and serves the Department in several additional roles. He is a Field Training Officer, Background Investigator, and Evidence Custodian. Through these assignments, he plays an important role not only in serving our residents but also in helping prepare and mentor the next generation of Manalapan police officers.

Away from work, Officer Jacknowitz has been married to his wife, Tricia, for 17 years. Their family includes Belle, their 16-year-old pug, and Liberty May, an 18-month-old rescued beagle. Officer Jacknowitz and his wife enjoy attending sporting events together and cheering on the Florida Gators, Florida Panthers, and Miami Marlins.

After two decades of service, Officer Jacknowitz remains committed to the Department and the community he serves.

"I look forward to continuing to contribute to the excellence of the Department and serving the Manalapan community. Thank you for the opportunity to serve."

The Manalapan Police Department is proud to have Officer Jacknowitz as part of our team and appreciates his many years of dedicated service to our residents and the Town of Manalapan.

Stay safe,
Chief Jeffrey Rasor
Manalapan Police Department



"C.A.R.I.N.G. for Our TOWN"
Community, Accountability, Respect, Integrity, Noble, and Growth.

Yoga at the Library Returns October 21!



Yoga classes at the Library will resume on Wednesday, October 21. Classes will initially be offered on Wednesdays, with Friday classes beginning November 20, at which time yoga will be offered twice a week.

The 10:00 AM class will feature Vinyasa Yoga, while the 11:00 AM class will feature Yin Yoga.

Classes are \$20 per session.

Vinyasa Flow | What you can expect: Following a short warm warm-up the class will build strength and flexibility using classic yoga poses. If you want to sweat the opportunity will certainly present itself. Need to take it slow and moderately? Ginny will offer options and modifications to keep you safe while building your practice. Portions of the class will be devoted to developing balance, breath work, and more. The last third of the class will be floor work and time for a cool down will be included.

Restorative Yin Yoga | This class will leave you feeling blissful. Expect a gentle class that will incorporate breathwork, balance, and stretch. Whether you are an athlete or someone who enjoys a gently active lifestyle, there are many benefits to taking this class that emphasizes longer holds which benefit connective tissue, fascia, tendons, and joints. Truly, the secret benefits to taking this class is how you'll feel at the end. This class is great for stress reduction and mood enhancement.

For more information or questions, please contact Ginny at 561-350-7144.

THE COMMISSIONER CORNER

Dear Residents,

My husband and I moved from Bal Harbour to Manalapan in 2012. Our youngest son, Joey was still in high school and he particularly enjoyed being able to take advantage of the gym at the EAU. He made friends with residents who then became our friends as well. We quickly discovered that we had found a very special place to call home.

As residents, we have had the opportunity to watch our community grow and evolve while still maintaining the qualities that make it so special. One of the things that make our town so special is the group of people who work every day on our behalf. I would like to recognize and thank Eric Marmer, our town manager, and his staff for the tremendous work they do. I would also like to express our sincere appreciation to our Police Department. Chief Rasor and his officers work tirelessly to protect and serve our residents.

It has been a privilege to serve on the Commission, and I truly have loved being part of a community that cares so deeply about its future. As we look ahead, I believe there are several important projects that deserve our attention and investment. Modernizing the Water Plant and bringing it up to Federal standards is a must. Maintaining safe and reliable water infrastructure is essential to the health and well-being of our community. A New Guard House at the Point will provide a safer, more functional and accessible workspace for our Community Service Officers while creating a welcoming entrance that better reflects the character and quality of the Manalapan community.

Another exciting project for our Town is our New Town Hall. We are now beginning the design phase, and I am excited about what this project will mean for our residents, our staff, and the future of our community. As the design progresses, we look forward to sharing more details and updates with the community. I am proud of what we have accomplished together and enthusiastic about the opportunities ahead.

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve. I look forward to seeing our Town continue to thrive.

Warmly,

Orla Imbesi, Commissioner, Seat #2

Election Dates & Deadlines 2026

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

Early voting for the General Election will run Monday October 19 through Sunday November 1st from 7 am to 7 pm. Only certain sites provide early voting opportunities (the Town of Manalapan town hall is not an early voting site).

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 including sample ballots, changes to your voting information and to see the list of early voting sites:

www.vote palm beach.gov | 561-656-6200

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Septic to Sewer Workshop Friday December 11th

The Town of Manalapan will host its first Septic to Sewer Workshop on Friday, December 11 at 9:00 AM at the J. Turner Moore Memorial Library. Representatives from the Town's engineering firm, Mock Roos & Associates, will be on hand to provide residents with an overview of the proposed septic-to-sewer project and what they can expect as planning moves forward.

The workshop will provide an opportunity to learn more about the project plans, anticipated timelines, potential costs, and available options. Residents will also have the opportunity to ask questions directly of the Town's engineers and gain a better understanding of the project and its potential impact on their properties.

Residents are encouraged to attend to learn more about this important project.

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.

Good News for Flood Insurance Policyholders

The Town of Manalapan is pleased to announce an improvement in its rating through the National Flood Insurance Program's Community Rating System (CRS). The Town's CRS classification has improved from a Class 8 to a Class 7, increasing the flood insurance discount available to eligible policyholders in our community.

The CRS is a voluntary program administered by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) that recognizes communities for floodplain management practices that go beyond the minimum requirements of the National Flood Insurance Program. Communities earn credit for activities that help reduce flood risk, improve public safety, and increase awareness of flood hazards.

As a result of Manalapan's improved Class 7 rating, most eligible flood insurance policies will receive a 15% discount, an increase from the 10% discount provided under the Town's previous Class 8 rating. The new discount will apply to eligible policies issued or renewed on or after April 1, 2027.

The improved rating reflects the Town's continued efforts to strengthen floodplain management and reduce the potential impacts of flooding throughout Manalapan. In addition to helping make our community more resilient, these efforts provide a direct financial benefit to many property owners through reduced flood insurance premiums.

Residents are encouraged to contact their flood insurance agent or provider for information about how the new CRS classification and discount will apply to their individual policy.



FEMA



Meet Me at the Library!

Library Hours

The library is back open on Wednesday and Friday afternoons starting the week of October 7th. Please come by between 2 pm and 4 pm to check out what's new!

Book Club

Please join us on Wednesday, October 14th at 4 pm for our next Book Club where we will be discussing ***Culpability*** by Bruce Holsinger. Copies are still available at the library and remember to RSVP the Friday before via email to: epetersen@manalapan.org

Game Days

The Library Committee is excited to announce that Game Days will resume at the library starting the week of October 19th. Mahjong will take place on Monday afternoons from 2-4 pm and Canasta will be Friday afternoons from 2-4 pm. To sign up for Game Days, please use the Signup Genius link from the Library page on the Town of Manalapan's website at www.manalapan.org/library

Library renewal letters will be going out in the mail the first week of October and we now have the option to pay for your annual membership online. Please remember to renew your membership in order to take part in these events! For questions, call the Library Director at 561-383-2541.

Manalapan Holiday Donation Drive

This holiday season, Manalapan Town Staff will again be collecting donations for two important causes beginning Monday **November 9th**.

Toys for Tots – Residents are invited to bring a new, unwrapped gift for a child in need. Gifts for children ages 11 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, dry dog food, Pedigree wet dog food, dog beds, squeaky toys, Friskies wet cat food, laundry detergent, paper towels and general cleaning supplies.



Donations may be dropped off at Town Hall during regular business hours until December 7th.

RESIDENT HIGHLIGHT

In this edition of our Resident Spotlight, we are pleased to introduce longtime Manalapan resident Bob Kirkland. From a career and life that took him around the world to more than 25 years spent calling Manalapan home, Bob's story is one filled with adventure, family, and community.

Though originally born and raised in Morristown, N.J., Robert "Bob" Kirkland moved around the world throughout the decades to follow family, work, or his own dreams. From Bermuda to Detroit and London to St. Louis, he immersed himself in the communities he found, while also making it his mission to fully experience cultures internationally as the Corporate Vice President of International & Product Marketing for Maritz Travel Company. Early into his nearly 30 year career there, he flew to Tampa to meet a client, but more importantly met a flight attendant aboard the plane: Sharon Allen. They were married just three weeks later in April 1966.



They started their family in 1968, when Sean was born, and Paget arrived the following year. Most of their time was spent in Missouri, as Bob worked in St. Louis and they enjoyed days off relaxing, water skiing, and boating at the Lake of the Ozarks. Whitney, the third and youngest child, was born in 1977, right before a brief stint outside of London. Once all the kids were out of the house, they moved to McLean, Va. and Bob pivoted to real estate, which he has continued to pursue since.

In 2001, Bob and Sharon officially made the move south, following Paget and Whitney, and joined the Manalapan community. Their Florida ranch home on Spoonbill Rd quickly became a cornerstone of the neighborhood where friends and future friends alike could stop for pumpkin bread or to greet the dogs, first Tucker and later Charley. While Sharon was out riding her tricycle with Charley, Bob could be found enjoying the view of the cove in their backyard. He continues to work as a real estate agent at Illustrated Properties, as well as a loving father and grandfather to five grandkids, ages 22 years to four months. Even after calling so many places home, Manalapan has solidified itself as his favorite. It is where he and Sharon lived their fullest life together for 25 years, cherishing the friendships, memories, and community tucked in every corner.

Meeting and Event Calendar

October 1st @ 10 AM - ARCOM

November 17th @ 2 PM - CE

October 12th - Town Hall Closed

November 26th-27th - Town Hall Closed

October 14th @ 4 PM - Book Club

December 3rd @ 10 AM - ARCOM

October 20th @ 2 PM - CE

December 8th @ 9 AM - TCOM

October 27th @ 9 AM - TCOM

December 9th @ 9 AM - Pension Board

November 3rd 7 AM to 7 PM - Election

December 15th @ 2 PM - CE

November 5th @ 10 AM - ARCOM

December 24th-25th - Town Hall Closed

November 11th - Town Hall Closed

January 1st - Town Hall Closed

ARCOM = Architectural Commission

TCOM = Town Commission

CE = Code Enforcement Hearing



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NEW POLICE MARINE UNIT



The Manalapan Police Department is pleased to announce the addition of a new vessel to its Marine Unit through a generous donation from the Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office (PBSO). The Department received a 2012 25-foot *Contender*, which will significantly enhance our marine patrol capabilities and strengthen our ability to protect residents, visitors, and the waterways surrounding the Town of Manalapan. The vessel will be utilized for marine patrol operations, boating safety, emergency response, search and rescue efforts, and assistance to neighboring law enforcement and public safety agencies. The Manalapan Police Department extends its sincere appreciation to Sheriff Ric Bradshaw and the Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office for their continued partnership and generous support.

PUBLIC DISCLOSURE FULL COST ACCOUNTING OF SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PURSUANT TO FLORIDA STATUTE 403.7049 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, 2025 and ended September 30, 2026

RESIDENTIAL (on average, per household per year)	Solid Waste Collection	Disposal	Recycling
	\$370.59	*	\$55.31
NON-RESIDENTIAL	-0-	-0-	-0-

* Disposal cost for 2025-2026 were assessed on the tax roll by the Solid Waste Authority of Palm Beach County.