



# TOWN OF JUPITER

## 2015 ANNUAL REPORT AND 2016 PREVIEW



## PRESERVING OUR JUPITER

Did you know for roughly every six acres of incorporated Jupiter land, one acre of land is preserved? As stewards of our surrounding native habitats, we take tremendous pride in the preservation of the 14,737 acres that encompass our town. Currently, 2,650 acres of Jupiter are dedicated to numerous parks and ten open space natural areas, and approximately two miles of Riverwalk lead you to our beautiful Jupiter waterfront.

Our open green spaces are one of the main factors that make the Town of Jupiter a unique and desirable place to call home. Well maintained parks, open spaces and recreational areas have been known to positively impact surrounding home values and be a driver of economic growth and stability. They also provide a safe and secure place for families and friends to gather and enjoy the great outdoors.

As we transition into 2016, it's important for us to share that as we experience thoughtful growth and redevelopment in Jupiter, the provision of open space in a safe, easy-to-navigate community will continue to be a fundamental focus of the Town. Preserving the public's access to our beautiful waterfront via the Jupiter Riverwalk remains a key priority. We hope as the year progresses, that you, our valued residents, will take the opportunity to attend the many open, public meetings at Town Hall. Your input is always considered in regards to Jupiter's future.

We also hope you get outdoors and enjoy the beautiful open spaces and natural areas that make Jupiter the distinctive coastal community we treasure.

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### MEMBERS OF THE JUPITER TOWN COUNCIL

MAYOR	VICE - MAYOR	COUNCILOR	COUNCILOR	COUNCILOR
Karen J. Golonka	Jim Kuretski	Ilan Kaufer	Ben Klug	Todd R. Wodraska

# 2015: YEAR AT A GLANCE

## POLICY ACTIONS & ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN 2015

In 2014, the Town held several focus groups with residents and businesses to gain feedback on areas of focus for the community. That citizen feedback was instrumental in establishing the Town's nine strategic results. Throughout 2015, Town Council refined these results to clearly define how the Town of Jupiter achieves success. Below is a summary of Town Council policy actions and accomplishments for 2015, and how they relate to the Town's nine strategic results. The complete strategic plan can be viewed online at [www.jupiter.fl.us/strategicplan](http://www.jupiter.fl.us/strategicplan).



### Manage Growth

- Updated the Future Land Use Element of the Town of Jupiter Comprehensive Plan regarding the Indiantown Road Overlay Zone (IOZ). This update will allow current businesses along Indiantown Road to expand by up to 10%, provided the expansion would redevelop and improve the property.
- To reinvigorate existing small businesses, approved \$14,000 in matching grant funds from the Storefront Revitalization Matching Grant Program for exterior improvements to three local businesses.



### Mobility

- To provide patrons an alternative method of transportation within the Inlet Village, approved proceeding to contract negotiations between CRA and The Free Ride, Inc. for point-to-point electric taxi service. This free, popular mode of transportation can be found in other local municipalities including West Palm Beach and Delray Beach.
- Completed phase I of the A1A roadway project that included the undergrounding of utilities and installation of drainage systems, and began phase II which includes enhanced pedestrian access with sidewalks, bike paths, lighting and landscaping. Anticipated phase II completion is spring of 2016.
- For the future extension of Island Way South, approved the transfer of Palm Beach County land to the Town. This area includes approximately 0.13 miles of 68th Terrace North, parcels on 174th Street North and Palm Beach Avenue in Kennedy Estates.
- Officially responded to the Federal Railroad Administration on the All Aboard Florida project, identifying the need for more information and to address issues related to land use rights, public safety, and traffic impacts. The Town's correspondence to the Federal Railroad Administration can be found at [www.jupiter.fl.us/AAF](http://www.jupiter.fl.us/AAF).



### Green Space

- In support of the South Jupiter Dune Restoration Project, approved an interlocal agreement with Palm Beach County for \$72,400 to aid in the preservation of our often compromised sand dunes.
- Established a tentative timeline for the first phase of the Cinquez Park Open Space on Indiantown Road. This new Jupiter Open Space proposes the inclusion of a dog park, two playground areas and a treehouse. Town Council anticipates reviewing additional conceptual designs in 2016.



### Organizational Excellence

- Approved a two-year contract with the Police Benevolent Association (PBA), the collective bargaining organization for the Town's police officers. The Jupiter Police Department has 108 sworn officers dedicated to ensuring the safety of residents and visitors.
- To streamline and simplify the regulatory process for contractors doing business in incorporated Jupiter, the Town entered into an interlocal agreement with Palm Beach County who requires contractor licenses, proof of insurance and demonstration of competency. This partnership removes duplicate efforts for Town staff and can alleviate financial and administrative burdens for contractors operating within the Town.
- Implemented a pay for performance evaluation system that ties salary increases to job performance as well as Town goals and metrics.



### Safety

- Approved the use of asset forfeiture funds for creating a K9 training course for the Jupiter Police Department's K9 unit (\$37,181), upgrades to the mobile command vehicle (\$64,500), purchasing digital roadside message boards for traffic enforcement and safety (\$63,540), and mobile wireless fingerprint scanners (\$25,289).
- To replace a portion of an aging first responder fleet, approved the purchase of 36 Jupiter Police Department vehicles, including patrol and detective cars, and a crime scene van. These purchases were funded by the Town's Community Investment Program (CIP) and operating budget.



### Unique Small Town Feel

- Designated the Jupiter FEC Train Depot (circa 1915), located in Sawfish Bay Park, as a local historic site. The Loxahatchee Guild and Town celebrated the Train Depot's 100 year anniversary with an open house on July 30, 2015.
- In support of neighborhood improvements, approved six Neighborhood Enhancement Matching Grants totaling \$23,525 to Cypress Cove HOA, Egret Landing HOA, Indian Creek Keystone Condo Association, Indian Creek, Pinecrest Condo Association, Jupiter Village Phase II, and Oceanside Terrace Condo Association.
- Renamed Pine Gardens South Park to Officer Bruce St. Laurent Park in honor of the Jupiter Police Officer who gave his life in the line of duty on September 9, 2012. The newly renovated and renamed park reopened in December of 2015.



### Fiscal Responsibility

- For Fiscal Year 2016, (Oct. 1, 2015-Sept. 30, 2016), approved the new millage rate (property tax rate) of 2.4834, which is slightly lower than the preceding year. The millage rate is stated in terms of dollars per \$1,000 of taxable property value.
- Approved Fiscal Year 2016's operating budget and pay plan, and the 5-year Community Investment Program (CIP). The operating budget and pay plan total \$80 million, an increase of approximately \$3.1 million from FY15. The Community Investment Program for 2016-2020 includes a 5-year total capital investment of \$74,285,993, an increase of approximately \$9.4 million from the previously-approved plan for FY15-FY19.
- Adjusted stormwater fees and water rates for Fiscal Year 2016. New stormwater fees of 2.1% will result in a net increase in a typical resident's monthly fee of \$0.09 and water rates of 4.1% will result in a net increase of \$1.21 in a typical resident's monthly fee. Stormwater and water rate adjustments are based on the Consumer Price Index.



### Town Communication

- All Town Council and Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) meetings now stream live via the web at [www.jupiter.fl.us/Live](http://www.jupiter.fl.us/Live). All meetings are recorded and indexed for easy reference. Town Council and CRA meeting agendas can be accessed on the Town website at [www.jupiter.fl.us/agendas](http://www.jupiter.fl.us/agendas).



### Strong Local Economy

- Through the Town's Economic Development Fund, committed \$35,000 to encourage the retention and expansion of Project Chew, a specialty pharmaceutical company, as well as \$35,000 to incentivize the relocation of Project Link, a bioscience firm developing two types of cancer treatments. These funds represent the Town's required 20% local share of a Qualified Targeted Industry tax refund program run by the State of Florida to attract and retain new businesses. The State's share of this program is \$140,000 for each agreement.
- In support of the local bioscience industry, approved a loan guarantee for \$200,000 for Avespa Holdings, LLC., who provides a new technology for cleaning wastewater world-wide.
- In support of local small business, established regulations to allow microbreweries in various commercial and mixed use zones within the Town. Through approval of a special exception, the Civil Society Brewing Company now calls Abacoa Town Center home.

# JUPITER'S BUDGET AT A GLANCE

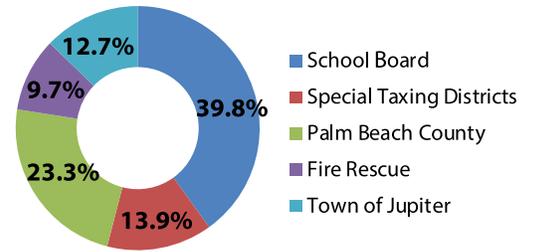
Jupiter's economy continued to strengthen throughout 2015 and property values have steadily increased. Property values in 2015 grew by 7.45%, a positive increase from 2014 which saw a rise of 4.24%. Though rising property values would have generated additional revenue from ad valorem tax dollars, the Town chose to slightly reduce the 2016 ad valorem millage rate to 2.4834, down from 2.5142 in 2015.

Conservative fiscal management throughout recent recessions and the current economic upswing allowed the Town to make significant financial commitments to infrastructure and park maintenance in 2015. The overall budget (including capital investments) for 2015 saw an \$8.1 million increase over the 2014 budget of \$79.8 million. This increase is mostly attributed to the A1A roadway project in the Inlet Village from US1 to Jupiter Beach Road. This project included the undergrounding of utilities, installation of drainage systems, and a redesign of the roadway to increase pedestrian access, including improvements to lighting, sidewalks, bike lanes and landscaping. The A1A roadway project is expected to be complete in the spring of 2016.

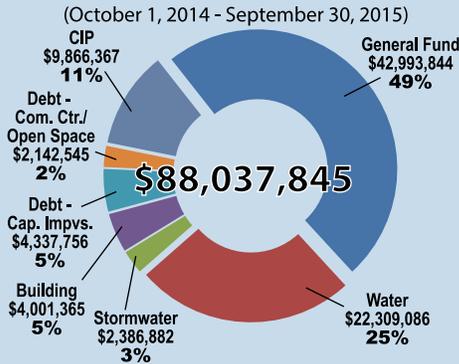
The Town's five-year Community Investment Program (CIP) for 2015-2019 totaled \$64.8 million. Of this five-year total, 2015 capital expenditures accounted for \$9.8 million.

In 2015, the Town continued efforts to support a program balancing employee needs and fiscal responsibility, and began the implementation of a pay for performance system. This new system is scheduled to roll out throughout 2016 and will be applicable to the Town's 258 regular employees. The Town's 108 contract employees (sworn police personnel) will continue to use their current evaluation process.

## Typical Jupiter Resident Tax Bill



## Fiscal Year 2015- Amended Budget

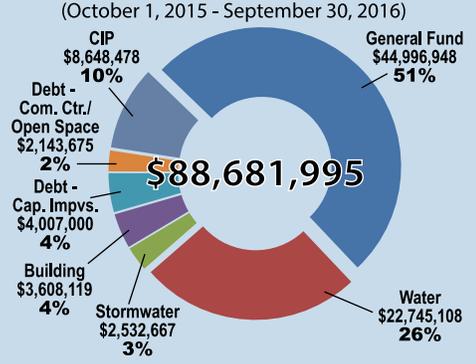


## Jupiter's Total Budget

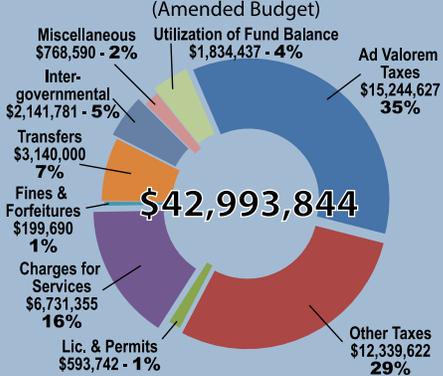
Jupiter's fiscal year begins October 1 and goes through September 30. The total revised budget in fiscal year 2015 was \$88 million, including \$9.8 million in capital investments. This is an increase of \$8.1 million over fiscal year 2014, due mainly to infrastructure improvement costs.

In fiscal year 2016, the total adopted budget is \$88.6 million, an increase of \$644,150 over fiscal year 2015.

## Fiscal Year 2016- Adopted Budget



## 2015 General Fund Revenues

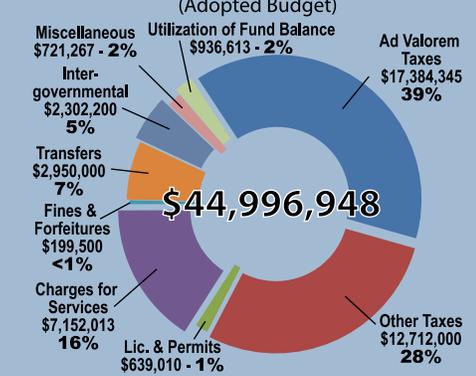


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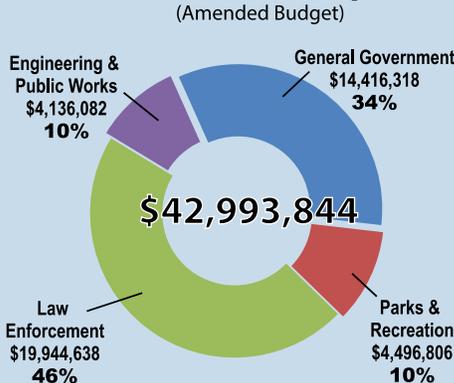
Property taxes, also known as ad valorem taxes, are the most significant source of funding for Jupiter's general operations. In 2016, tax revenues are expected to increase slightly compared to 2015, primarily due to an increase in property values in the Town.

Fun fact: According to the US Census, Jupiter boasts a homeownership rate of 72.8%.

## 2016 General Fund Revenues



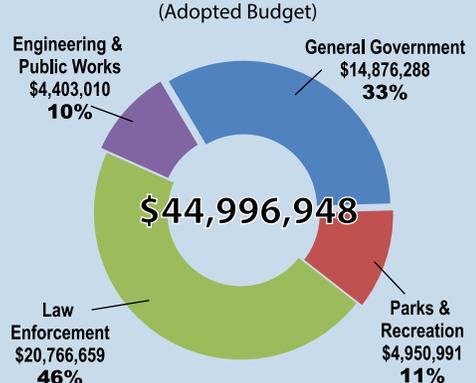
## 2015 General Fund Expenses



## Where the Money Goes...

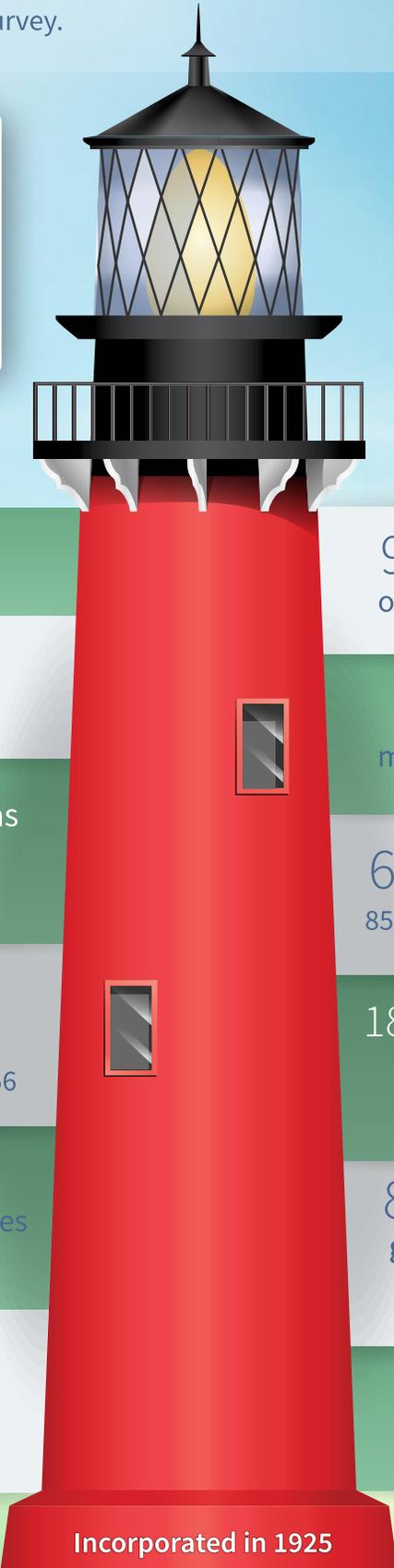
The Town of Jupiter continues to place great importance on the safety and security of its citizens. Law enforcement takes up the largest portion of Town expenditures, followed by General Government operations. These general operations include recreation and neighborhood programs, financial management, planning and zoning, parks and open spaces, and much more. Though the General Government expenditure amount will increase slightly in the coming year, the expenditures will take up a smaller percentage of the overall 2016 General Fund Expenses.

## 2016 General Fund Expenses



# 91 YEARS OF HIGH QUALITY OF LIFE IN JUPITER

Every two years, the Town of Jupiter conducts a citizen survey. The feedback from the biannual survey is instrumental to the Town's strategic planning efforts. This infographic includes Town data points and highlights some of the key findings from the 2015 survey.



94% of residents rate Jupiter's quality of life as good or excellent!

Average Annual Temperature 75°  
Average Days of Sunshine per year 235

59,108 Population

91% of residents have positive overall feelings of safety in Jupiter

92% of residents plan to remain in Jupiter

8 in 10 residents gave high marks to Jupiter's customer service

7 in 10 residents rate Jupiter as excellent or good for its sense of community

63.3 miles of bike & multi-use trails  
85% of residents have visited a Town park

Median Household Income \$70,240  
Well above the state average of \$46,956

18 Parks & 10 Open Space Properties  
89% of residents have positive feelings on Town parks

92% of residents have positive views on the value of services for the taxes paid to Jupiter

8 in 10 residents gave excellent or good ratings to Jupiter as a place to raise children & a place to retire

83% of residents have positive views of Jupiter's overall economic health

93% of residents would recommend living in Jupiter

Incorporated in 1925

Sources: US Census Bureau, Town of Jupiter, 2015 Jupiter Citizen Survey. Weather data from homefacts.com.