



Save the Dates for These Community Events

February 24th

Health & Wellness Fair
9:00am – 6:00pm
PBSC Lox Groves Campus

February 29th

Okeechobee Blvd. Business Overlay
9:00am – 3:00pm
Town Hall

March 7th

Coffee with the Mayor
8:00am – 11:00am
Town Hall

Event information available at Town Hall or www.loxahatcheegrovesfl.gov

Lox Groves 2019 Annual Police Report Shows Overall Drop in Stats from 2018

PBSO Lt. Craig Turner presented the 2019 Annual Report for Loxahatchee Groves on crime and other statistics which generally showed a decrease from 2018 in most categories. "Your town is an anomaly within the county going from 117 motor vehicle crashes to 77," Turner said. Both Lt. Turner and Council agreed the decrease could be related to lower speed limits. The annual report is available at Town Hall.

Lt. Turner encourages all five deputies assigned to District 17 to make personal connections with Lox Groves residents and get to know us and become familiar with our needs.

Up-coming collaborative projects with PBSO include strategic installation of game cameras and license plate readers within Lox Groves to enhance security and deter crime.

Council Renews Town Manager Contract 5-0

Jamie Titcomb will continue his roll for Loxahatchee Groves with a renewed three-year commitment, which doesn't deviate from his original contract. The contract includes a performance review by Council before December 31st each year and verbiage is not connected to the Town Charter. A super-majority Council vote can terminate the contract.

Swank Farm Master Chef Dinner Serving Funds for Lox Groves Scholarships

On March 7th, Loxahatchee Groves Swank Farm will host its Master Chef Series with a theme of all things Maine. Proceeds from the event will benefit the Loxahatchee Groves Scholarship Fund. Last year, four young residents were awarded \$1,000 each. Visit Town Hall for more information or contact Mary McNicholas at 561.662.1805

Podium Topics at Resident Workshop Hour

At the start of every Town Council meeting, from 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm, residents are encouraged to come and speak about any topic pertinent to Loxahatchee Groves which is not on that night's agenda. Here Council can interact with residents and among themselves to discuss solutions and resident needs. Topics brought forth at the February meeting:

1. **Coastal Waste:** clamshell truck and vegetation removal
2. **Groves Town Center:** potential alternate land use besides an assisted living facility
3. **B Road:** what is the plan if state money is received?
4. **Westlake/SFWMD:** water level drop and process for restoring levels in the north-end of town
5. **Tangerine Dr:** stop heavy equipment cut-thru traffic
6. **Traffic Count:** determine if cost-effective
7. **Speed control:** suggested 25 MPH on all interior roads
8. **Maintenance maps:** make changes and file with county
9. **Gas Tax:** remove small roads from the Gas Tax Revenue List that create more cost than revenue
10. **Gun Fire:** local increase; only FL Governor can amend

Funds Approved for WBI Drainage Contract

From a list of five sites proposed by the Public Works Department, Council selected two, based on need and available funds, giving Lox Groves contractor WBI the go-ahead to improve drainage at the areas of Folsom Road and 25th Street, as well as Kazee and G Road East.

Reorganized Town Hall Personnel

February 3rd saw a strategy shuffle of Town Hall personnel to accommodate service level needs. Now Public Works has front-office help and Town Hall has one dedicated employee to stream-line accounts payable and receivable. A former Palm Beach County Building Dept. employee now serves as a planning assistant for permitting efficiency and continuity.