

**CLEAN AND SAFE MONTHLY REPORT  
SEPTEMBER 2018  
LIEUTENANT RUSS MAGER**

Arrests:	15
Field Contacts:	41
Traffic Contacts:	107
Citations:	114
Extra Patrols:	818

Incident Reports:	98
CAD Reports:	138
Alarms:	18
Walk & Talks:	528
Total Activity:	1,877

**SIGNIFICANT ARRESTS / INCIDENTS**

- 18-12960: Bike Theft, 96 NE 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue. The victim's bike was stolen while he was working and later recovered on S. Federal Highway. The person in possession of the bike claimed to have bought it from a black male.
- 18-13189: Bike Theft, 95 NE 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue. Delayed bike theft from the OSS garage. The bike had already been recovered in the possession of B/M Johnnie Wims.
- These two bike thefts were part of many incidents that the east sector of the City was experiencing. In addition to suspect Johnnie Wims, defendant Michael Ritter was developed as a suspect in many of the thefts. POP officers arrested Ritter for multiple burglaries and thefts. There was no evidence to prove that the two were working together but according to the POP Unit, they traveled in the same circles.
- 18-13740: Burglary to Auto (Delayed), 301 E. Atlantic Avenue. On September 14, 2018, the victim came to the DBPD to report a delayed vehicle burglary that had occurred on September 7, 2018 in the parking lot of 301 E. Atlantic Avenue. The victim had parked his vehicle in the lot at 2100 hours and when he returned at 2359 hours he found his vehicle had been rummaged through. The vehicle had been left unlocked.
- 18-14277: Burglary to Business, 186 NE 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue (Delray Camera). On September 26, 2018, at 0250 hours, an employee responded to this location about 30 minutes after receiving an alarm activation and found the front door smashed in. The employee called the DBPD and officers responded. The suspect(s) ransacked the business and stole many cameras, lenses and other items.
- 18-14535: Burglary to Business, 814 E. Atlantic Avenue (Over the Bridge Café). On September 29, 2018, the business reported the theft of one of their outside security cameras. The theft occurred during the early morning hours of September 28, 2018. Surveillance footage shows a W/M, who was identified as possibly being Steven Gmyrek. Gmyrek was located and interviewed, he denied any involvement in stealing the camera.

**PROBLEM AREAS / CITIZEN COMPLAINTS / VAGRANTS / TRANSIENTS**

- Veteran's Park: Officers continue to monitor this park due to negative activity by vagrants. This continues to be a source of calls for service due to the behavior of many of these subjects. Extra Patrols: 56, Walk and Talks: 85, Arrests: 6.
- Vagrants: Officers continue monitoring negative activity by the vagrant community and enforcing quality of life issues. Douglas Woods came back to town and has been hanging out in downtown (several police contacts and two arrests). The PD received several calls due to his behavior. Coulter James Thurber has had numerous police contacts due to his behavior and has been trespassed warned from several businesses.

- Traffic: Officers continue to enforce the City's ordinance regarding trucks on the Avenue. Officers continue traffic enforcement due to issues with vehicles stopping on the railroad tracks by conducting traffic selectives to educate drivers and pedestrians. Officers are stopping cars that are discharging passengers in the roadway and educating pedestrians regarding Jaywalking laws.

### **TRAINING / SPECIAL ASSIGNMENTS**

- Officer Jaworski attended Dive Team training.
- Officer Parzyck completed a Stress Awareness class at PBSC.
- Officer Parzyck attended Active Shooter training at the Seacrest Training Facility.
- Unit officers are tasked with making merchant contacts daily.

### **COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT**

- Officer Brotz and Sergeant Quinn continued their work with the Explorers Program.
- Officer Caceres-Duque volunteered at the library assisting with relocating books (09-04-18).
- Officer Caceres-Duque participated as Honor Guard at St. Vincent's Blue Mass (09-12-18) and a memorial service for West Palm Beach PD Sergeant Nealy (09-18-18).
- Officers Brotz, Jaworski, Salguero, Schwartz and Sergeant Baer attended the Cops and the Community event at the Capital One Cafe (09-13-18).
- Sergeant Quinn attended a Strategic Planning meeting with the Community Greening Board at the Colony Hotel (09-19-18).
- Officers Gordon and Schumer spent time at the 505 Teen Center.
- Sergeant Quinn attended a planning meeting for Buddha Sky Bar Thanksgiving Dinner for the Homeless (09-19-18).

### **BUSINESS/COMMUNITY MEETINGS/OTHER**

- Officer Gordon and Sergeant Quinn attended the DDA meeting (09-10-18).
- Sergeant Quinn walked the downtown corridor with Code Enforcement Officer Thomas Story who addressed code issues with a few businesses.
- Officer Parzyck attended a downtown merchants' meeting where he addressed shoplifting procedures and crime prevention in the downtown area (09-14-18).

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## **Clean & Safe Division**

**Amanda Skeberis, Clean & Safe Administrator**

### **September Monthly Report**

#### **Operational**

**Park(ing) Day** – the Clean & Safe Team participated by means of providing feedback for event planning (location recommendation, activities, etc.) and assisted with the break-down of the event.

**Howard Alan Art Show** – as with all special events, the Clean & Safe Team supported this event by conducting trash removal, weeding, trimming, and mulch installation along NE 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue. Two city light poles previously damaged in motor vehicle accidents were replaced with new poles in the week leading up to the event. All city lighting was assessed and in working order for the event. After the event, a walk-through of the site was conducted and the following notations were made: zip ties, cigarette butts and small trash items were observed in the street and plant nodes. Miscellaneous barricades were left behind until Tuesday morning. These barricades were supplied by the event producer, not the City. Most notably, the portable toilets were not picked up until Wednesday morning. After unsuccessful attempts at reaching the event contact person, Parks was able to reach the event producer who had the toilets removed.

**Chris Evert Charities** – The contractual requirements regarding dumpster service and recycling for this event were requested to Waste Management by the Clean & Safe Sanitation Officer.

**Acting Clean & Safe Administrator** – Code Enforcement Officer Henry Thompson was introduced at the Pineapple Grove Arts District Board meeting as the upcoming acting-Clean & Safe Administrator. He is also being included in Clean & Safe staff meetings and projects.

**Weekly garage inspections** – continuing as requested by Community Improvement Director. A complete list of previously made enhancement recommendations was provided to the Parking team. The most recent inspection of the stairwells in Robert Federspiel garage revealed evidence of vagrants camping/sleeping in the stairwells. The Parking team and Clean & Safe police unit were notified.

**E Atlantic/Gleason and E Atlantic/Venetian** – work on the crosswalks began 09/16. The Administrator drives by this site daily to ensure impact to the area is kept to a minimum. Recently, it was discovered that an additional detour sign was needed to guide drivers back to Atlantic Avenue from the residential neighborhood. After attending a construction update meeting and relaying this, the sign was installed within 24-hours. The construction team was also reminded of the upcoming Holiday Parade which will be impacted if work is not completed on time. This will also be relayed in the next SETAC meeting.



**Special Event application review** – Clean & Safe contributed recommendations/revisions to the Special Event application as was requested by the Parks Director/Special Events Coordinator.

**Office space in Pineapple Grove** – the team received two email inquiries as to how an Allstate office would be permitted to open in a required retail tenant space. Within 24-hours of receiving the inquiries, the Administrator contacted the Allstate office. The prospective tenant was advised of the retail requirement and asked to come in to speak with Planning & Zoning the following Monday. On Monday, members of the Clean & Safe Team, Office of Economic Development and the Planning & Zoning Director spoke with the Allstate tenants. Planning & Zoning has taken the lead as this is a zoning issue now involving attorneys. The concern of office space occupying required retail was brought up in the Pineapple Grove Arts District Meeting as well. It was agreed that in order to ensure the retail integrity of the district, the DDA, City, and merchants have to take a proactive approach. The Planning & Zoning Team was also tasked with creating a letter for Pineapple Grove property owners to remind them of the retail requirement as well as upcoming changes to LDRs. The Clean & Safe Team is working on notifying another a financial advisor trying to occupy retail space of the requirement.

**Board meetings** – CRA, DDA, Commission, Pineapple Grove Arts District, the Set Branding Committee, SETAC, Team Delray and TAC.

**Complaints** – 09/05 complaint of the word “BADASS” (as in Badass Running Company) on window signs above the Bull Bar, in-compliance based on first amendment and signs for commercial advertising per 4.6.7; 09/06 complaint of work without a permit at 80 NE 4<sup>th</sup> Ave, violation issued; 09/06 complaint of uplifting pavers and dead tree on City property in front of Coffee District, tree removed, pavers repaired and low hanging tree branches cut.

### Long Term Projects

**Cigarette litter** – a setback in manufacturing has delayed delivery until the second week of October. The Administrator met with the DDA Director on 09/28 to discuss locations for installation, public awareness, etc.

**Garbage liners** – the maintenance plan began 09/27 and consisted of the Clean & Safe Team removing the liners and placing a temporary liner in the receptacle. Public Works then washed the liners and Clean & Safe placed them back in the receptacles. This process will hopefully improve the smell of the liners as well as increase longevity.

**W 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue terrazzo sidewalks** – meeting schedule for October 3<sup>rd</sup> with Streets Superintendent to complete an assessment of the area in order to create a scope of work for quotes.



## Policy

**CLEAN Program** – Waste Management’s CLEAN Program was implemented on 09/25 after gaining Commission approval. The Administrator has been in communication with Waste Management to ensure customers are properly informed of the program. Waste Management confirmed that customers will be given 60-days’ notice and the first mailing was sent 09/28. A second mailing was requested at the 30-day mark as well. This mailing will also include recycling information.

**Clean & Safe Alleyway Enhancement Program** – the team met with the CRA to discuss a program they administer for alleyway enhancements to include dumpster enclosures. On 10/02, the Clean & Safe Sanitation Officer and Administrator will conduct an alleyway assessment to determine which alleys could most benefit from this funding. Updates to follow.

**Code Board** – on 09/13, the Clean & Safe Team presented two cases: sign violation at 804 E Atlantic Avenue “Berkshire Hathway” for display of a prohibited sign with a guilty finding; maintenance code/care of premises/nuisance code at 16 NW 11<sup>th</sup> Ave with extensions requested by Clean & Safe team due to extensive overhaul required for compliance and elderly occupant.

**Tardy employee** – Ronald Godfrey, General Maintenance Worker, is under observation for multiple tardies.

**General Maintenance Staff Meeting** – General Maintenance Supervisors held a meeting to discuss the high work performance expectations in the Clean & Safe District. It was also reiterated that high work performance and consistent attendance produce higher merit increases. Each employee is now assigned an area within the district that they are responsible for assessing for trash removal, weeding, trimming, etc. They have been tasked with reporting these needs to their supervisors rather than waiting for direction from the supervisors. In addition, the team is scheduled to begin walking with janitorial carts downtown in the next two weeks.

**Evaluations** – none for September.

**Employee recognition** – Employee of the Month and Employee Suggestion Form submitted for Clean & Safe electricians for their dedication and work towards removing and installing 31 light poles downtown over the span of 5 months.

**GovQA** – no complaints received.

**Alcohol, Beverage, Tobacco training** – inquiry for training placed, awaiting a date and time from the agency.

## Training

**Active Shooter** – mandatory attendance on 09/05-09/07 by all Clean & Safe personnel (Richard and James absent). Absent employees will make up training once available in Delray Forward.



**SEIU disciplinary process training** – mandatory attendance on 09/12-09/17 by Administrator and General Maintenance Supervisors (1.5 hours)

**F.A.C.E. training** – attended on 09/17-09/20 by Straghn.

### Follow up/projects

**Treating Atlantic Avenue Palms** – awaiting feedback from Boynton Beach's tree treating contract and scope of work as it is similar to what is needed for Atlantic Avenue.

**Mid-block garbage receptacle removal** – an assessment of receptacles along W Atlantic Avenue from W 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue to conducted to determine which cans are underused. Most mid-block cans were removed as a result, with the exception of those close to bus stops. The removal has opened up more sidewalk space.

**Summer landscape enhancements** – the Worthing Park monument was enhancement with landscape as were two landscape nodes in Pineapple Grove. This work was completed by an outside contractor and inspected by the City Landscape Inspector once completed. Libby Wesley Plaza was also enhanced with new landscape. All previous landscape was removed. This was a collaborative effort between the Clean & Safe Team and Public Works Team.

**Streets** – striping trailer will return to service in October. Request to complete NW section street striping will be made then.

**Rodent Prevention Services** – complaints of rodent activity made by a downtown restaurant were related to the contractor. Bait boxes were already in place in this area however the contractor checked on the boxes and added additional bait during monthly inspections. The contractor also noticed increased activity in the boxes placed along Gleason Street and added two more boxes at no cost. Due to the possible lapse in service while obtaining quotes and POs for the new fiscal year, the contractor took care to fully stock all bait boxes.

**Abandoned/unmaintained newsstands** – additional work on this project delayed due to landscape enhancements taking priority with close of FY 17-18.





## Reports

### **Electricians**

<i>DESCRIPTION</i>	<i>NUMBER SERVICED</i>
GFI replacement	10
GFI covers replacement	6 – metal 7 – accordion 3 – blank
Bulb replacement	38 – 175 8 – 150
Ballast replacement	12
Junction box replacement	4 1 - cover
Yellow globe replacement	2
Glass globe replacement	0
Other	8 – capacitors 1 – lighting contactor 1 – Pineapple Grove light fixture

**NW 5<sup>th</sup> Ave/1<sup>st</sup> St** – through the coordinated efforts of Clean & Safe, Streets and Utilities, the previously damaged pole was replaced on 09/11.

**NE 4<sup>th</sup> Ave** – in preparation for Howard Alan Art Show on NE 4<sup>th</sup> Ave, the Clean & Safe team replaced two light poles that were previously damaged as a result of car accidents. This too was a coordinated effort among City departments.

**Tennis shoes** – were removed from power lines in the alleyway between SW 11<sup>th</sup> Ave – 12 Ave.

**Library sign** – the team facilitated the repair of malfunctioning letters (DELR) by removing them from the building and taking them to a vendor for repair. The need to update the remaining letters was reiterated to Public Works who is waiting on funding for FY 18-19.



## Code Enforcement

<i>DESCRIPTION</i>	<i>NUMBER</i>
General Code	1
Housing Code	2
Verbal Warnings	0
Door Hangers	0
Right of Way	0
Nuisance Abatement/ Reoccurring Nuisance	0
Rental Housing Inspection	0
Facility Inspections	7
Complaints (internal and external)	Listed under Policy
Landscape Code	0

**Sidewalk café renewal violations** – of the six violations that were written to businesses who did not renew by the July 13<sup>th</sup> deadline, two have not renewed. For those that have not, the code board process will be followed.

**Compliance by conversation** – the team speaks to residents, business owners, general contractors and property managers on a daily basis in order to gain compliance for code issues. Unfortunately, this is not always documented on their monthly logs. Beginning this month, they were directed to keep track of these meetings in order to obtain the credit they deserve.

## Tree Trimming and Parks

**Tree Trimming** – the team requested low hanging and dead branches be trimmed from the Railroad Lot, the lot south of Spady on NW 5<sup>th</sup> Ave and two palms behind the Pineapple Grove arch. To date, the palms have been trimmed. Update to follow.

Not a direct report to Clean & Safe Administrator - reporting handled by Public Works and Parks Maintenance respectively.

## Parking Garage

Not a direct report to Clean & Safe Administrator - reporting handled by Lanier Parking, contracted by the City for garage maintenance (and parking enforcement).