



JUNO BEACH HISTORICAL SOCIETY

340 Ocean Drive, Juno Beach, FL 33408

3000 BC	Archaeological evidence of human settlement at Jupiter Inlet
1513	Ponce de León claims La Florida for Spain
1565	Spaniards encounter native Jaega people called Jobe at Jupiter
1696	Jonathan Dickinson shipwrecked near the Inlet
1763	English rename Spaniard's Jobe (HO-bay) River to Jupiter River, after the god Jove/Jupiter
1835-42	Second Seminole War, aka Florida War
1838	Battle of the Loxahatchee, Jan. 24. Fort Jupiter built
1841	US Army Engineers describe canoe travel from Jupiter to Lake Worth partly via Lake Worth Creek
1859	Jupiter Lighthouse completed
1862	Homestead Act encourages settlers in south Florida
1866	Dade County includes present Martin, Palm Beach, Broward and Miami-Dade Counties. 1870 pop. was 85
1873	Pierce family are first permanent settlers in Lake Worth area, at "Hypoluxo Island"; LW pop now 8
1874	State votes to finance canal to link Loxahatchee River to Lake Worth
1878	Providencia capsized by hurricane off Palm Beach releasing 20,000 coconuts
1880	Dade County, Miami to Port St. Lucie, pop. Is 257. E. Dimick opens Coconut Grove House hotel on Palm Beach.
1884	Brelsford and Dimick clear road from Jupiter to Lake Worth; later becomes county road
1885	Brelsford and Dimick begin bull train and hack line from Jupiter to Lake; winter veg. and esp. pineapples
"	Barefoot Mailman walks Star Route from Palm Beach to Miami
1886	Sidewheel steamer "Lake Worth" begins first regular Indian River service between Titusville and Jupiter
1887	Albert M. Field gives an acre of his homesteaded land for Dade County seat to move to Juno
"	Plans for the J&LW Railway announced.
1888	Indian River Steamboat Co. lays track for J&LW Rwy to replace wagon route
1889	July 4. Celestial (Jupiter and Lake Worth) Railroad opened with No. 3, its only engine, one pax car and 3 flatbeds
1889-99	Juno becomes seat of Dade County. Government first meets in Juno in 1890.
1890	Dade census 861 in 224 dwellings, up from 332 pop in 1885; only settlements St. Lucie, Jupiter, L. Worth, Biscayne
"	Juno had seven homes, two boarding houses, a general store, and county courthouse where Commission met
1891	Juno Post Office established. J&LW Rwy. adds second passenger coach
1891-95	<i>The Tropical Sun</i> published in Juno
1892	Telephone line connects Juno and Jupiter. County Jail attached to Courthouse.
1893	Flagler visits; buys large tracts in "veritable paradise" of PB and future WPB for his future hotel and railroad line
1894	Flagler's East Coast Railroad reaches West Palm Beach, March. Royal Poinciana Hotel opens.
"	Narrow canal connect Lake Worth to LW Creek and Loxahatchee; dug by Dimick, Pitts, Lainhart, et. al.
1895	Jan.: <i>Tropical Sun</i> moves to WPB. April: Celestial Railway ceases; June: track taken up and soon sold
1898	Barge Canal, later the ICW, opens as private canal connecting Lake Worth to Lake Worth Creek and Loxahatchee
1899	Juno Courthouse building, its records, and one prisoner moved by barge to Miami
1903	Juno Post Office closes, moved to Munyon Island
1907	Forest fire destroys what is left of buildings in Juno
1909	Palm Beach Co., with 5,000 pop. and containing future Broward and Martin, separates from Dade Co.
1916	New Palm Beach Heights platted, first area of present Juno Beach; Marcinskis move into their house
1927	SR 5 becomes US-1 along Ocean Drive
1929	Seminole Golf Club founded; opens Jan. 1930
1933	Oscar and Hulda Erikson, open town's first home and business, the Juno Beach Tourist Camp
1937	Howard and Joyce Cook open Surf Cottage Camp, namesake of today's Surf condo
1938	Old Dade County Court House bronze plaque erected on US 1 nr PGA by Seminole Chapter of DAR
1941	name of Juno Beach registered; Trade Winds Hotel opens
"	Four hotel businesses: the Dunes, Juno Beach Cottages, Surf Cottages, and the Trade Winds

1942	U-Boats sink 16 ships bet. Cape Canaveral and Boca. Storm blocks Jupiter Inlet through the war
1943-44	US Coast Guard stationed at Surf Cottages
1945	Eriksons rebuild original cottages after fire destruction in 1944
1946	Bessemer Properties buys 3/4 mi. tract from Seminole Golf Club to Brigadoon for \$308K
1947	Juno Beach Park rents "trailers" with private baths
1948	Bessemer plats Juno Beach, dredges Pelican Lake marshland, builds 500 ft. Juno Beach Pier. Surf Grill opens
"	Juno Beach Association founded, discusses incorporating, advertising. Sapphire Sea opens
1949	Juno Beach Association votes to incorporate but wait two years to do so
"	Standard Oil gas station opens at 841 Ocean Dr., later becomes first Town Hall
1950	JB Fishing Pier opens. Built in 1949 for \$40,000. Beachbound opens
1952	Juno Beach Association, with 13 motel members, votes for town incorporation
1953	May 7 JB incorporated at Trade Winds Motel, commission elected, pop. approx. 130 (1500 seasonal)
1953	first JB Commission meeting, June 16, at Trading Post at 300 Mercury Road
"	Bessemer Properties deeds Juno (Pelican) Lake and Pier (Mercury) Road parcels to Town
1954	34 votes cast in first town election; Comprehensive zoning plan adopted
"	JB Town revenue was \$10,914.14. Disbursements were \$4,504.64
1957	SR 5 (US-1) bypass opens west of Ocean Drive, then renamed A-1-A
"	Sunshine State Parkway, later Turnpike, opens from Miami to Ft. Pierce
1958	Juno Beach Garden Club names the streets after Roman deities
1959	Juno Beach Association becomes Juno Beach Area Chamber of Commerce (ends in 1966)
"	Bessemer sells Fishing Pier for \$47,000. Seminole GC erects Juno Ball to store its water
"	Methodist Church dedicated at 381 Celestial Way, later Town Center site
1960	Census reports 249 residents
"	Howard Johnson's rest. opens at Donald Ross and US 1; its Lodge opens next year
1961	Town Hall opened at 841 Ocean Dr., site of former Standard gas station
"	Police "amblewagon" goes into service with red flasher, stretcher, oxygen, fire extinguisher
1962	Eight fire departments fight threatening blaze driven by gusty winds
1963	Town celebrates tenth anniversary with party at Beachbound
1966	Greenbrier condo, the first in Juno; Barclay 1967; Colony and Seminole 1968
1970	Census reports 747 residents
1972	Twelve-story condo built. 1974 Town limits future heights to 12 stories. Last one built in 2001
"	A-1-A speed limit reduced from 40 to 30 mph. Stop light replaces flashing light at US-1/Donald Ross
1973	Town and PB County open bicycle path that runs along lake and length of town
"	JB Civic Assn. formed to address rapid growth
1974	The Tower, first high-rise condo; Town limits building heights to 12 stories in 1974
1977	Wally and Penny Sheltz buy Fishing Pier; Civic Assn. runs contest for new town emblem
1978	Council approves Juno Associates plan for a dozen 12-story buildings in area north of Donald Ross Rd.
"	40 foot whale beached and buried
1979	County buys 18-acre tract to expand beach access. Fletcher opens Children's Museum on Mercury Rd.
"	Town switches to Jupiter water supply due to with salt water intrusion aquifer; The Waterford approved
1980	Census reports 1142 residents
1981	The Juno Ball is taken down due to salt water intrusion into the aquifer
1982	Juno annexes Universe Bd. Land; FP&L headquarters and The Waterford open
1983	Eleanor Fletcher's Children's Museum reopens with turtle exhibits at former Juno by the Sea motel
1984	Thanksgiving storm destroys original Fishing Pier
1985	Town Manager system adopted; Commissioners become Councilors
1986	Frenchman's Creek Beach Club established amidst much controversy
1987	Loggerhead Park opens; I-95's missing link opens
1988	Area code changes from 305 to 407
1990	Children's Museum moves to new buildings, renamed Marinelife Center of Juno Beach

1990	Census reports 2172 residents
1991	Bond issue of \$100m approved purchase of Juno Hills/Juno Dunes Natural Area West Tract
1992	Town Center opens 340 Ocean Dr., Friends of the Arts host first show
1992	Palm Beach County begins purchase of Environmentally Sensitive Land, 140 acres to start
1993	The last oceanfront motel, the Ocean Lodge, is sold, thus, Motel Era comes to an end
1994	Seminole Golf Club annexed
1995	County buys 42-acre future Oceanfront Tract of Juno Dunes Natural Area
1997	Kagan Park playground opens
1999	new Juno Beach Pier opens
2000	Census reports 3262 permanent residents
2001	Juno Dunes Natural Area's Oceanfront and Western Tract trails open to the public
2007	Marinelife Center renamed Loggerhead Marinelife Center and enters new home
2018	Juno Beach Historical Society and Landmarks Advisory Committee estd. by Town Council
2020	Census reports population of 3858, up from 3176 in 2010
2021-22	JBHS, as Landmarks Advisory Committee, creates historical plaques, launches Discover Tour Guide and phone app
2022	Loggerhead Marinelife Center opens new wings
"	JBHS receives Fannie James Pioneer Achievement Award from Historical Society of Palm Beach County
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