



TOWN MANAGER COMMENTS

Exhibit A

TOWN COMMISSION MEETING Wednesday, December 6, 2023

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

- Staff is working on the Live Local Act related 'Ordinance, reporting and other amendments' and more info will be available in early 2024. Staff has also developed Ordinance drafts for the following topics and these are in various stages at the staff level and will be presented in early 2024:
 - ADUs (Accessory Dwelling Units)
 - Parks & Public Facilities Regulations
 - Mobile Vendors (including Mobile Food Dispensing Vehicles, i.e. food trucks)
 - Seawalls
- **Projects (some highlights – not all projects/initiatives are listed):**
 - The office/warehouse projects are substantially completed and the Town is now able to offer over 600,000 square feet of new, build-to-suit office warehouse space.
 - Texas Roadhouse (within the Congress Business Park) – is moving forward quickly with construction.
 - DXD Self-Storage (Water Tower Road) – is moving forward quickly with construction.
 - Empire Landscaping (13th Street) is pending their construction permit submittal
 - Northlake Promenade Apartments (Twin Cities Mall Site) – Residential - In site plan review – 279 units (studio through 3 bedroom)/7 stories (the Village of North Palm Beach is currently reviewing the Master Plan for the redevelopment of their side. A joint Planning Board meeting is being coordinated for January and then the Village Council will render a final decision on the Master Plan). Staff will coordinate a courtesy presentation for the Town Commission in 2024 as well.
 - Residences at 10th & Park (NE Corner of Park/10th) – Mixed-Use - In site plan review – 595 units (studio to 3-bedroom)/16 stories/16,000+ square feet of commercial (retail, restaurant)
 - Kelsey on Park (SE Corner of Park/10th) – Mixed-Use - Pending the outcome of Live Local Act regulations, or a possible resubmittal by the applicant to meet our current code.
- The Community Development Department has several projects/initiatives that are ongoing. The updates provided this evening are not all-inclusive. For any and all additional information related to the various projects/initiatives, please contact the Department directly (561-881-3319).

HUMAN RESOURCES

Job Openings:

Dock Attendant -- Hourly rate: \$18.91 to \$30.25
Groundskeeper -- Hourly rate: \$16.51 to \$26.42
Lead Groundskeeper -- Hourly rate \$18.91 to \$30.25
Library Assistant -- Children's -- Hourly rate: \$15.43 to \$24.69
Maintenance Worker -- Hourly rate: \$18.91 to \$30.25
Receptionist/Cashier -- Hourly rate \$18.91 to \$30.25
Sanitation Foreman -- Hourly rate \$26.52 to \$42.43
Sanitation Truck Operator I -- Hourly rate: \$18.91 to \$30.25
Sanitation Truck Operator II -- Hourly rate: \$21.65 to \$34.63
Stormwater Technician II -- Hourly rate: \$21.65 to \$34.63
Public Works Director -- Salary range: \$115,002.64 to \$184,004.23 per year
Recreation Supervisor -- Salary range: \$ 51,545.59 to \$82,472.94 per year

All of the above positions are open until filled.

To view the complete job posting for the above position or to download an employment application, please visit the Town's official website at www.lakeparkflorida.gov . For additional information please contact the Town's Human Resources Department at 561-881-3300 and choose Option 8.

LIBRARY

- The library is hosting a Stuffy Christmas Sleepover. Children can drop off their stuffed animals at the library on **Thursday, December 7**, or **Friday, December 8**. Stuffies will watch movies, listen to bedtime stories, and even visit with Santa! Children will come back to the library on **Saturday, December 9, at 12:30 p.m.** to have milk and cookies with their stuffy and Santa! On **Saturday, December 16**, the children can pick up a photo album of all of the fun their stuffed friend had. Please make sure to talk to a library staff member when dropping off the stuffy. Only one stuffed friend per child is allowed. Children can also drop off a letter to Santa in Santa's Holiday Mailbox. For more information, stop by the library or contact the library at 561-881-3330.
- Come to one of the library's ACP Workshops for more information on the Affordable Connectivity Program. ACP is a government program to make broadband internet accessible to everyone. You may attend any one of the many workshops that are offered this month to learn more about the programs that are available in English, Spanish, and Creole. You may view the Town's calendar by visiting the Town's website www.lakeparkflorida.gov for dates and times or contact the library at 561-881-3330 for more information.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Santa's Holiday Mailbox

Santa's Holiday Mailbox is officially open in the Lake Park Public Library this holiday season! Drop off your letter to Santa and place it in the mailbox from **November 27 – December 20**. Don't forget to include your name and mailing address. Santa will send a personalized reply back!

Santa's Magical Sleigh Ride

On **Saturday, December 9** Santa will travel through the Town of Lake Park on a holiday themed fire truck complete with LED lights and snow! Residents and businesses are urged to be on the lookout for Santa from 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Holiday Decorating Contest

The Town's Holiday Decorating Contest is back! Registration is open **now through December 8**. Winners will be announced on Wednesday, December 20.

Lake Park Elementary Caroling Event

Students from Lake Park Elementary will be caroling on **Wednesday, December 14** from 5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. The students will start at Lake Park Elementary, travel north towards Foresteria, west towards 6th street, south on 6th street, east on Evergreen and back to the school.

For more information regarding the event, contact the Special Events Department at 561-840-0160.

RESIDENTIAL SANITATION SCHEDULES

The residential sanitation schedule for the week of December 25 is as follows:

- **Monday, December 25:** No service in observance of Christmas Holiday
- **Tuesday, December 26:** Garbage cart and vegetation collection
- **Wednesday, December 27:** Recycling cart collection
- **Thursday, December 28:** Garbage cart and bulk trash collection

The residential sanitation schedule for the week of January 1, 2024 is as follows:

- **Monday, January 1:** No Service in Observance of New Year's Day
- **Tuesday, January 2:** Garbage cart and vegetation collection
- **Wednesday, January 3:** Recycling cart collection
- **Thursday, January 4:** Garbage cart and bulk trash collection

UPCOMING HOLIDAY CLOSURES

- The Lake Park Public Works Department, the Lake Park Public Library and the Lake Park Harbor Marina will all close at noon on Friday, December 15. Lake Park Town Hall will remain open until 2:00 p.m. Beginning at 2:00 p.m., all departments will be closed for the day for early staff dismissal.
- All Town departments will be closed on Monday, December 25 in observance of the Christmas Holiday.
- All Town departments *other than the Lake Park Harbor Marina* will be closed December 26 and December 27.
- All Town departments will be closed on Monday, January 1, in observance of the New Year Holiday.

HOLIDAY LIGHTS DISPLAY

The inaugural Holiday Lights Display on Park Avenue has received positive feedback both on social media and from many who took the opportunity to share their thoughts during the Holiday Celebration on December 1. In addition to the many local businesses that have shared the event, the latest is Easel Art Supply Palm Beach has posted, along with a photo of our Happy Holidays Town of Lake Park display and hash tag links, the following language on its Facebook page: "Happy holidays from Easel Art Supply!!! The town of Lake Park is having a light display and we highly recommend strolling through!!!"

Staff has worked diligently to overcome obstacles, including learning at 4:00 p.m. on December 1 that there was an error in the MOT and Park Avenue was not scheduled to be closed, but still achieving its closure in a timely manner, and the delayed delivery and installation of several displays and many of the decorative lights that are to be placed in the trees along the route. The vendor promised the installation would be complete by the end of the day on December 5, however as of this morning, December 6, that was not the case. Staff is continuing to work with the vendor to ensure that the displays are fully installed. Communication with the Commission and Park Avenue businesses will be ongoing until the matter is resolved.

This event has been heavily promoted, and was featured among the list of the "Best Holiday Lights" in the Palm Beach Post. Among the features highlighted in all of these postings is the uniqueness of the weekend walkability of the displays.

As of 10:30 this morning, we have already received more than 120 Eventbrite registrations for the event; as many of them are for multiple attendees, the registrations equate to more than 500 individuals so far who plan to attend. Because this is a free, non-ticketed event, we do not have a way to determine which days any of the registrants will be attending or whether they plan to walk or drive through.

Two local business owners have stated they would prefer that Park Avenue remain open every evening, rather than closing on Friday and Saturday evenings, as well as Sunday, December 31 and Monday, January 1. While this is an option, to make the change we

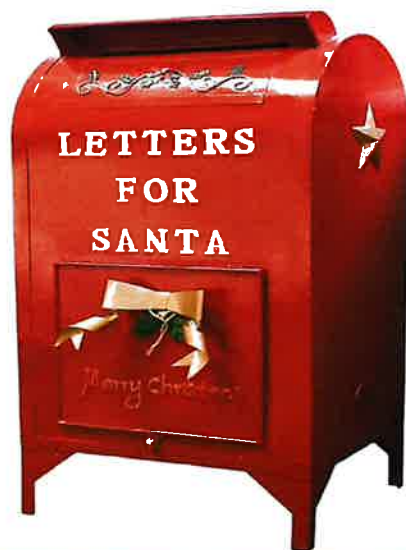
would like Town Commission input. At this time we are looking for consensus as to whether we continue with the closures on the scheduled dates or eliminate them entirely.

PRESERVATION OF ITEMS FROM TIME CAPSULE AND NEXT TIME CAPSULE

In the interest of helping to preserve the water damaged items from our time capsule, our Assistant Town Manager/Human Resources Director who also serves as our risk manager contacted Gehring Group to determine how we should proceed with attempting to preserve such items. Gehring Group responded that unless these items are considered "fine art", there would be no Insurance coverage for these items based upon age. In other words, there really is no value to them under our insurance policy since they are not items of fine art if we were to discard them due to their condition. We could, however, attempt to preserve them if they have more of a sentimental value but if we do, we should obtain the assistance of a professional restoration and preservation expert.



SANTA'S HOLIDAY MAILBOX



Hey kids! Write a letter to Santa Claus and drop it in the Holiday Mailbox located in the Lake Park Public Library (529 Park Avenue, Lake Park, FL 33403) and we will deliver it to the North Pole! Please make sure to include your RETURN ADDRESS so Santa can send you a personalized reply. Santa's Holiday Mailbox will be available from November 27 through December 20.

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TOWN OF LAKE PARK



SANTA'S MAGICAL SLEIGH RIDE

Please join Santa as he travels through the Town of Lake Park on his magical sleigh this holiday season! Be on the lookout from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM to see if Santa is on your street. Santa's magical sleigh will not stop but will travel continuously throughout the town.



HOLIDAY DECORATING CONTEST

The Town of Lake Park invites you to show your holiday spirit by joining our annual Holiday Decorating Contest.

Registration begins on November 13 and is open through December 8. All registered participants are asked to have their decorations up and lights on from 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM December 12 through December 18.

To register please contact the Special Events Department at 561-840-0160 or speialevents@lakeparkflorida.gov.

Winners will be announced on Wednesday, December 20.

CATEGORIES

Best Lights
Best Animation
Best Lawn Display
Best Balcony Display
Best Theme
Best Overall





Lake Park Elementary
School presents...

4TH ANNUAL HOLIDAY CAROLING NIGHT!

**WHEN: DECEMBER 14TH
5:00 - 6:00 PM**

**WHERE: STARTING AT LAKE PARK
ELEMENTARY (410 3RD ST.) WE WILL
WALK NORTH TOWARDS FORESTERIA,
WEST TOWRDS 6TH ST., SOUTH, ON
6TH, AND EAST ON EVERGREEN BACK
TO THE SCHOOL ON 3RD ST.**

Can't wait to see you all there!

QUESTIONS: 561-494-1328