



TOWN MANAGER COMMENTS REGULAR TOWN COMMISSION MEETING Wednesday, November 6, 2024

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

- Gravel Driveway compliance update: As the Town Commission may recall, an amnesty period for non-conforming gravel driveways was granted through March 2026 by the Town Commission. Earlier this year, the 40 properties identified were provided with a copy of the Resolution enacting the amnesty period, along with information on the grant funds available to provide financial assistance. This month, a courtesy reminder letter was mailed to property owners along with a copy of the grant application and guidelines as well. So far, **one** property owner has received grant funds under the program and has rendered their driveway in compliance. **Three** additional properties have complied by installing a new driveway surface that is code compliant without requesting grant funds. **One** more property is in process with a grant application (in review) and intends on moving forward with their driveway work in the next few months. Finally, **two** additional properties are either in permitting (or received a permit already) and will move forward with their driveway work in the next few months as well, and have not requested any grant funds. A total of **seven** properties (17.5%) have either complied, or are on their way towards compliance in these first 8 months of the amnesty period. Staff intends on continuing to mail reminders to property owners every 6-8 months, along with a copy of the grant application offering financial assistance.
- Staff was advised by the prior Town Manager that the Commission would be interested in a policy change that would require town-wide mailings for projects of significance (i.e. mixed-use development projects), and for town-initiated workshops/forums. While this type of notification is already done for most town initiated workshops/forums that are of town-wide interest, is the Town Commission interested in having staff bring back a discussion item for increasing the noticing requirements for development projects of significance (i.e. mixed-use development projects) and for increasing the noticing requirements to a town-wide standard for all town initiated workshops/forums?

HUMAN RESOURCES

New Employees:

We are pleased to announce that the following new employees have joined our staff:

- Charles Vail, our new Dock Attendant at our Lake Park Harbor Marina
- Craig Lietzke and Antonio Sturgis, our new Groundskeepers in our Public Works Department

Mr. Lietzke and Mr. Sturgis are unable to attend tonight's meeting but will be at the next Commission meeting. Mr. Charles Vail is here this evening.

Craig Lietzke



Antonio Sturgis



LIBRARY

The Town of Lake Park once again participated in the Literacy Coalition of Palm Beach County's Read for the Record campaign held October 19-25, 2024. There were 76 readers who read "Piper Chen Sings" to 1,360 listeners at ten different locations to include Lake Park schools, preschools, a senior facility and a program for Autistic individuals to read for their enjoyment. Lake Park's first Read for the Record Festival was held on October 19 in Kelsey Park. Multilingual reading sessions took place in both English and Spanish. An additional book reading took place at the Town's Annual Fall Festival in Kelsey Park on October 25. Promotional information for Read for the Record was found on the Town and Library's Facebook pages, Nextdoor, Comcast Channel 18, Town's Newsletter, Town's Calendar and Town Hall's front marquis.

The library partnered with community groups and faith-based and educational organizations to promote Read for the Record to provide volunteers and reading sites. Much of our reading was to individuals at locations outside of the library. This promotes the library and allows us to reach individuals with information regarding ESOL and ELL programs and early childhood literacy programs such as lapsit and story time. The library would like to thank CareCrew, Bridges of Lake Park, and everyone else involved for their help with Read for the Record.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Vets Day Car Show

The Vets Day Car Show will be held on Sunday, November 10 from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. in Kelsey Park. The event will also feature a special award in memory of the original event organizer, Mike Scott. For more information please contact Stefanie Scott at 772-834-8028.

Centennial Memorial Park Ribbon-Cutting Ceremony & time Capsule Viewing

Join us for a ribbon-cutting ceremony celebrating the opening of Centennial Memorial Park on Saturday, November 16 from 9:00a.m. – 11:00 a.m. You can also view the contents of the Centennial Time Capsule, which will be buried at the Clock Tower on Park Avenue. For more information, contact the Special Events Department at 561-840-0160.

Holiday Decorating Contest

The Town's Holiday Decorating Contest is back. Registration is open now through December 11. All decorations must be visible from the street for judging. For more information, contact the Special Events Department at 561-840-0160.

TOWN CLERK

Municipal Election 2025 - There will be four (4) Town Commission seats up for election this coming March 2025. The qualifying period for this election started yesterday and ends Tuesday November 19, 2024 at noon. Anyone interested may contact the Clerk's office for further information at 561-881-3311 or email townclerk@lakeparkflorida.gov. Qualifying information is also available on the Town's website.

PALM BEACH NORTH CHAMBER PROSPERITY AGENDA

The Palm Beach North Chamber of Commerce is in the process of drafting its 2025 Legislative Agenda and wants to ensure they are aligned with its stakeholders. Attached is the Draft Agenda from last year that the Chamber is in the process of refreshing for 2025. Please advise if there are any efforts that should be included regarding the Town of Lake Park. Such feedback is requested by November 15, 2024.

SEACOAST UTILITY AUTHORITY BOARD ACTION

During the current fiscal year, Seacoast will initiate its multi-year plan to replace its Lake Park water distribution system. This project will be completed in phases designed to mitigate public inconvenience and to allow Seacoast's relatively small Engineering Department staff to effectively administer the work.

The first of these projects will be Phase 8A, a section of Lake Park bounded on the north by Northlake Boulevard, on the south by Northern Drive, on the east by Flagler Blvd, and on the west by Prosperity Farms Rd. Water mains in this area were installed over 60 years ago and are typically 4-inch, 6-inch, and 8-inch cement composite, a pipeline material that Seacoast no longer uses. Pipeline failures been modest in number here, but the pipe is nearing the end of its design life. It is very brittle, requires special handling, and when failures begin in a community, their frequency tends to accelerate.

Phase 8C is a section of Lake Park bounded on the north by Northlake Boulevard, on the South and East by West Jasmine Drive and on the west by 10th Street. Water mains in this area were installed beginning in 1960 and are typically 4-inch, 6-inch, and 8-inch cement composite, a pipeline material that Seacoast no longer uses. Pipeline failures been modest in number here, but the pipe is nearing the end of its design life. It is very brittle, requires special handling, and when failures begin in a community, their frequency tends to accelerate.

At its 10/23/2024 Board meeting, the Seacoast Utility Authority Board approved both items. There will be no cost to the Town. I asked Seacoast Executive Director Rim Bishop what the Town needs to do to prepare for these two projects. He replied there is nothing that the Town needs to do yet. Once the engineering contracts are approved, Seacoast will have them lay out the project. After they do that, Seacoast will contact the Town to see if we would like for Seacoast to host or attend a community meeting to present the projects, review the impacts and schedule, and respond to any questions. This would take place sometime next year. Rim Bishop has advised that all such projects will take place in road rights-of-way and existing easements of record, not on residents' private property

TOWN COMMISSION CONSENSUS

Holiday Office Closures

We're seeking consensus on closing the Marina on Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day, and closing early on Christmas Eve at 2:00pm. For your information we were closed on both Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day last year. The Marina Director also received no

complaints from any Marina Tenants or Members of the Public on being closed either of those days last year. Freedom Boat Club is also closed on both of these dates, and Jetride will have limited hours of operation on both days. The Dive boats are also going to be closed for both holidays. Marina patrons will still have access to their boats even with the office closed, just no fuel or ice sales during that time. The ramp will also remain open and customers can pay via the Passport Parking App.

Upcoming Town Meetings:

Seeking Town Commission consensus regarding the rescheduling or cancellation of the following meetings:

Wednesday, December 4, 2024 Town Commission and regularly scheduled CRA Board Meetings. There will not be a quorum at these meetings as three members of the Town Commission/CRA Board will be attending the Florida League of Cities Legislative Conference, December 4-6, 2024 in Orlando.

Wednesday, January 1, 2025 Town Commission Meeting as this meeting falls on the New Year's Day holiday. The next scheduled Town Commission meeting is January 15, 2025.

Please advise how you wish to proceed with the rescheduling or cancellation of the Wednesday, December 4, 2024 and January 1, 2025 meetings.

VETERANS DAY HOLIDAY CLOSURE

Town of Lake Park Offices, including Town Hall, the CRA office, Public Works, and the Lake Park Public Library, will be closed on Monday, November 11, in observance of Veterans Day. The Lake Park Public Library will also be closed on Friday, November 8, and Saturday, November 9. The Lake Park Harbor Marina's operating hours will not be impacted by the holiday.

RESIDENTIAL SANITATION SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 11

The residential sanitation schedule for the week of November 11 is as follows:

Monday, November 11: No residential sanitation collection in observance of Veterans Day

Tuesday, November 12: Garbage cart and vegetation collection

Wednesday, November 13: Recycling cart collection

Thursday, November 14: Garbage cart and bulk trash collection

Please contact the Public Works Department at 561-881-3345 with any questions regarding your sanitation collection.

19th
Annual

Stefanie & Skylar Scott



VETS DAY SHOW

In Memory of "The Stripper"

Mike Scott

**Sunday, November 10th, 2024
9 AM - 3 PM**

Rain Date - November 17, 2024

**Kelsey 601 US Highway 1
Park Lake Park, FL**

\$20 Registration CASH ONLY

No Pre Registration

Open to all early and late model vehicles

TOP 20 TROPHIES

Mike Scott Memorial Award

Food Truck on Site, Vendors

50/50 Drawing, Give Aways & More

FREE FOR SPECTATORS

**For more info contact Stefanie Scott
772-834-8028 VetsDayShow@gmail.com**

CENTENNIAL MEMORIAL PARK RIBBON-CUTTING CEREMONY & TIME CAPSULE VIEWING



The Town of Lake Park and the Community Redevelopment Agency invite you to join us for a ribbon-cutting ceremony celebrating the opening of Centennial Memorial Park. You can also view the contents of the Centennial Time Capsule, which will be on display in the gazebo area. The Time Capsule will be buried at the Clock Tower on Park Avenue. For more information, please contact the Special Events Department at 561-840-0160 or specialevents@lakeparkflorida.gov.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2024
9:00 AM - 11:00 AM
CENTENNIAL MEMORIAL PARK
610 7TH STREET
LAKE PARK, FL 33403



2024 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 1 and is open through December 11.

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 19.

All decorations and lights must be visible from the street for judging.

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

CATEGORIES

Best Lights

Best Animation

Best Lawn Display

Best Balcony Display

Best Theme

Best Overall

Winners will be announced on Friday, December 20.



In support of its mission to create a prosperous economy, high quality of life, and resilient and connected region, the Palm Beach North Chamber of Commerce requests your support for the following efforts.

RESILIENT AND CONNECTED REGION

1. Develop a regional risk and disaster preparedness, and recovery strategy.

- Strongly support a statewide plan for catastrophic disasters and resiliency with the establishment of metrics.
- Support funding for infrastructure hardening and resiliency.

2. Lead in smart region/city technologies.

- Support key enabling legislation and policy for technological innovation without overregulation.
- Promote grant funding opportunities from Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) and FloridaCommerce, and other appropriate State agencies.
- Promote establishment of data center(s) near Palm Beach North.
- Expand the use of sales tax dollars for economic development to include technology implementation.
- Support key transportation and logistics Initiatives, as well as appropriate funding for FDOT projects.
- Support funding for broadband expansion, access, and affordability.

3. Prepare for multimodal transportation systems.

- Champion innovations in all modes of transportation.
- Ensure only authorized use of the State Transportation Trust Fund.
- Support funding for the expansion of the South Florida Regional Transportation Authority/Tri-Rail in its efforts to further improve connections between neighboring municipalities in Palm Beach North.
- Support funding for multimodal transportation efforts.

PROSPEROUS ECONOMY

4. Develop and retain a skilled workforce to meet Palm Beach North employer needs.

- Continue to develop and maintain career and vocational based training, advising and curriculum through workforce grant funding and other funding initiatives.
- Continue to support the construction, maintenance, and operation of Public Education Capital Outlay ("PECO") facilities within the Palm Beach North region.
- Prepare the workforce of tomorrow through financial support for Palm Beach State College, Florida Atlantic University, the School District of Palm Beach County, and CareerSource PBC (our "Educational Partners").
- Support higher education initiatives, including the following requests from Florida Atlantic University (FAU):
 - Support requests for operational and PECO funding to continue developing its College of Dentistry.
 - Support the FAU Health initiative, specifically the expansion of enrollment and programming in the FAU Schmidt College of Medicine, to continue bringing premier academic medicine to Southeast Florida.
 - Support continued funding of the Max Planck Scientific Fellows program at FAU to train the next generation of the best and brightest researchers.

5. Promote and support business recruitment and retention in Palm Beach North.

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- Support for Programs within the FloridaCommerce, including but not limited to Small Business Assistance, Economic Development, and Workforce Investments.
 - Encourage further reduction or elimination of business rent tax.
- 6. Foster the creation and growth of small businesses in Palm Beach North.**
- Support and promote greater access to affordable healthcare insurance.
 - Support the FloridaCommerce's efforts to assist small businesses.
 - Ensure continued support for Florida's Small Business Development Center network.
- 7. Identify and implement economic development priorities.**
- Support marine development projects.
 - Continue to promote and support Sober Homes and Addiction Recovery Regulation, as well as associated legislation to address Palm Beach County's opioid crisis.
 - Continue to support the authorization of expanded gaming opportunities in Palm Beach County (e.g. sports betting) at licensed pari-mutuel facilities.
 - Protect home rule authority, preserve essential local control, and oppose statewide preemptions, except under conditions where State preemption is appropriate.
- 8. Foster innovation and diversifying our economy by growing targeted industries.**
- Promote public infrastructure and workforce training across Palm Beach County through funding from the Florida Jobs Growth Grant.
 - Ensure continued support and development of Bioscience Research in Palm Beach North (e.g. Biomedical Research Trust Fund investment and allocations).
 - Promote funding, placement, and collaboration for innovative programs within Palm Beach North, including those linked to our Educational Partners like The Wertheim UF Scripps Institute and TMRW Sports at Palm Beach State College.

HIGH QUALITY OF LIFE

- 9. Expand housing options, with concentration in funding essential services housing by supporting legislation that addresses:**
- Property insurance reform to ensure availability of affordable property owners' insurance.
 - Full funding and protection of the Sadowski Local Government Housing Trust Funds.
 - Incentivize neighborhood mobility options for affordable housing development that will connect to current public transit networks.
 - Meaningful ways to create measurable increases in workforce housing, including regulatory reform and incentives.
- 10. Coordinate local growth, development, and environmental stewardship plans.**
- Enact long-term, economically viable, sustainable water and environmental policies that address:
 - Adequate funding and other resources with accountability requirements for FDEP and the Water Districts, including necessary research for causes of algae and red tide issues.
 - Development of a state program for a strategy and funding to convert septic to sewer.
 - A strategy, and funding, for the implementation of Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan (CERP).
 - To ensure improved water quality in the Loxahatchee River Watershed, support appropriations requests that have been approved and ranked by the Loxahatchee River Preservation initiative.
 - Support State funding for the Town of Mangonia Park's "Modernization and Expansion" of its water treatment plant.
 - Support funding to provide capital improvements to State-owned Tequesta Park.

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- Support State funding to ensure completion of the Town of Palm Beach Shores and Town of Lake Park dredging to improve safety for recreational boaters.

11. Promote and enhance early learning through grade 12 education system.

- Support charter school options and accountability.
- Support funding and increased access to early learning programs.
- Fund full-day, high quality Voluntary Pre-K program for all.
- Support increased State funding for mental health services and increase the Safe Schools categorical allocation.
- Fully fund student security requirements without the need for the local community funding.
- Increase the Base Student Allocation to allow increases Florida's teacher base salary, address compression, and ensure salary increases for all teachers.

12. Promote region as tourist destination, including growth of hospitality industry.

- Support for maintaining non-restrictive VISIT FLORIDA funding to ensure Florida continues to be top of mind as a leading vacation and meeting destination.
- Support beach and inlet management appropriations for Palm Beach North communities on a Local, State, and Federal level.
- Oppose adding any additional uses for Tourist Development Tax revenues to avoid diminishing the effectiveness of these dollars for the promotion and marketing of tourism.
- Support funding for local public safety initiatives to promote tourism in Palm Beach North.
- Fully fund the 2025-2026 Division of Arts & Culture grant recommendations, which include over \$7.6 million in critical funding for Palm Beach County's arts and cultural sector.