



TOWN MANAGER COMMENTS
REGULAR TOWN COMMISSION MEETING
Wednesday, November 20, 2024

Exhibit C

Starting tonight, November 20th, 2024, our commission meetings will be streamed live on our YouTube channel, in addition to our website. The YouTube channel can be found at www.youtube.com/@townoflakeparkflorida. Don't forget to bookmark the page for easy access and subscribe to our channel to get notifications about upcoming meetings.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

- Accessory Dwelling Unit Ordinance Update: Staff drafted an ADU Ordinance however, due to some pending litigation, the Town Attorney advised Staff this should not move forward until a settlement is reached on the lawsuit. The Town Attorney will then wrap up his review of the Ordinance and Staff will bring it forward. The intent was to also give the new Town Manager an opportunity to review the proposed Ordinance as well. We anticipate the Ordinance should be able to move forward to the Town Commission in early 2025.
- The Avalon Bay/Northlake Promenade project (in the Publix plaza) recently approved by the Town Commission is currently in permitting. They intend on breaking ground in the first quarter for 2025 and the project will take approximately two years to complete construction.
- Tenant buildouts continue for the various 'newer' office/warehouse buildings. New businesses that complete their registration process are identified on a monthly basis in the Community Development monthly reports provided to the Town Commission (along with additional points of interest for the Department). Some additional tenant buildouts include three units on the ground floor of 801 Park Avenue (One Park Place): a florist, a contractor business office and showroom, and a hair salon. When the new Town Manager comes onboard, a development projects update presentation will be provided to the Town Commission as well.
- Palm Beach County is working through a revised Lake Park Scrub Area plan that will aim to incorporate a new parking lot area, recreational trails, an observation deck, along with other features. A prior Town Commission was concerned with placing a parking lot area on the Silver Beach side of the Scrub Area and this previously delayed the County's funding for the improvements. The County explored options further and will provide their updates to the Town Commission at your January 15, 2025 meeting. While the County will be explaining the reasoning as to why the parking lot is only feasible on the Silver Beach Road side, the County will also be presenting a definitive timeline for improvements throughout the Scrub area that are long overdue. A public outreach meeting will also be held by the County after they have an opportunity to present to the Town Commission on January 15, 2025.

HUMAN RESOURCES

New Employee

We are pleased to announce that our new employee Antonio Sturgis, our new Groundskeeper in our Public Works Department who was hired on October 31, 2024, is in the audience.

U.S. Military Academy Appointments

Members of the U.S. Congress may nominate candidates for appointment to four of the five U.S. service academies:

- U.S. Military Academy (USMA), West Point, NY;
- the U.S. Naval Academy (USNA), Annapolis, MD;
- the U.S. Air Force Academy (USAFA), Colorado Springs, CO;
- and the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy (USMMA), Kings Point, NY.
- (The fifth service academy, the U.S. Coast Guard Academy (USCGA), New London, CT, does not require a congressional nomination for appointment.)

Nominations are made by a member U.S. House of Representatives who represents the Congressional district in which the candidate resides, both U.S. Senators from his or her state, and by application directly to the Vice-President of the United States. I've been in contact with the aide to U.S. Congresswoman Sheila Cherfilus McCormick and obtained information on the nomination process. The application deadline is May 15th of each year for those candidates who are high school juniors and will be seniors the following school year, or who have already graduated. Applicants must meet the following requirements as of July 1st of the year of admission to an academy:

- Age: Be at least 17 years old, but not have passed the 23rd birthday
- Citizenship: Must be a U.S. citizen
- Marital Status: Must be unmarried, not pregnant, and without legal obligation to support children or other dependents
- Residence: Must reside within the boundaries of the Congressional District of Florida (in our case the Congressional District of Congresswomen Sheila Cherfilus McCormick).
- Skill / Fitness: Must meet the medical, physical, and academic requirements of the Academy

Such appointment comes with the obligation to serve in the military for a minimum of five years.

We will be disseminating more information to our residents regarding this around the first of the new year.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Holiday Celebration

Join us for our annual Holiday Celebration on Friday, December 6 from 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. at the Town Green. There will be live performances, free photos with Santa and the official

countdown to the lighting of the holiday tree, menorah, kinara and the holiday lights display on Park Avenue.

Santa's Magical Sleigh Ride

On Friday, December 13 Santa will travel through town on a holiday themed fire truck. Residents and businesses are urged to be on the lookout for Santa from 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Holiday Decorating Contest

Registration is open for the Town's Holiday Decorating Contest through December 11. Winners will be announced on December 20.

Santa's Holiday Mailbox

Drop off your letter to Santa and place it in the mailbox at the Lake Park Public Library from November 25 – December 20. Don't forget to include your name and mailing address.

For more information regarding special events and recreation programs, please contact the Special Events Department at 561-840-0160.

TOWN COMMISSION CONSENSUS

Request from the Village of North Palm Beach

The Town has been approached by the North Palm Beach Village Manager seeking to utilize our boat ramp while they reconstruct their own boat ramp at Anchorage Park. We are seeking your approval to enter into an Inter-Local Agreement with the Village of North Palm for their residents to use our boat ramp while their own boat ramp is under reconstruction. The reconstruction project is scheduled to begin in early January and be completed in March of 2025. We are proposing that we offer residents of North Palm who have a sticker for Anchorage Park the use of our ramp during the above period at no charge in exchange for allowing our residents use of their ramp during our closure / relocation of the Lake Park Boat Ramp. As information, the number of North Palm boat ramp stickers that exist is 225. They charge \$60.00 for each sticker annually.

January-March are the slowest months for revenue at the Lake Park boat ramp for the entire year:

January 24 - \$1,597 total revenue

February 24 - \$1,802 total revenue

March 24 - \$2,588.75 total revenue

Should the Commission approve by consensus of entering into such an Interlocal Agreement with the Village of North Palm Beach, staff will bring back the Interlocal Agreement and authorizing Resolution at the December 18, 2024 Commission meeting.

This would not be the first time the Town of Lake Park has partnered through an Interlocal Agreement with the Village of North Palm Beach. Several years ago, when the Town was having difficulty filling the Library Director position, the Village through an Interlocal Agreement

loaned its Library Director to the Town until we were able to fill our position. Additionally, in 2016 when the Town was unable to fill its Camp Counselor positions, we entered into an Interlocal Agreement to have our campers use the Village's Summer Camp Program that year.

THANKSGIVING WEEK UPDATES

All Town of Lake Park offices, including the Lake Park Harbor Marina, will be closed on Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, November 28. The Marina will reopen on Friday, November 29 and sanitation services will resume, however all other Town offices will remain closed. The Lake Park Public Library will also be closed on Saturday, November 30.

Sanitation services for Thanksgiving week are as follows:

Monday, November 25: Garbage cart and vegetation collection

Wednesday, November 27: Recycling cart collection

Thursday, November 28: No residential or dumpster service

Friday, November 29: Garbage cart and bulk trash collection



HOLIDAY CELEBRATION

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2024
6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

TOWN GREEN
CORNER OF PARK AVENUE
AND 9TH STREET

JOIN US FOR LIVE PERFORMANCES,
PHOTOS WITH SANTA, RAFFLE PRIZES AND
THE OFFICIAL COUNTDOWN TO THE LIGHTING
OF THE CHRISTMAS TREE, MENORAH AND KINARA!
WE ALSO INVITE YOU TO VIEW THE HOLIDAY
LIGHT DISPLAY ALONG PARK AVENUE!

FOR SPONSORSHIP, VENDOR & VOLUNTEER
INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT
THE SPECIAL EVENTS DEPARTMENT
AT 561-840-0160 OR EMAIL
SPECIALEVENTS@LAKEPARKFLORIDA.GOV

SANTA'S MAGICAL SLEIGH RIDE



FRIDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2024

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.

For more information, contact the Special Events Department at 561-840-0160 or email specialevents@lakeparkflorida.gov.



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.



2024 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 25 through December 20.