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TOP STORY



Town Adopts New Fees For 2019: No Increases for Residents

No increase in 2019!

In addition to keeping the town property tax rate the same for 2019, the Lake Park Commission has now also voted not to increase fees for 2019.

Fees are a critical source of revenue for any local municipality. Almost all local governments charge usage, permit, and other fees to fund general operations. Despite popular belief, property taxes aren't enough for any city or town to operate.

In addition to holding the line on fees for 2019, the Commission also passed a new ordinance making it easier for residents to know what all the fees are by consolidating them into one single document.

The Commission vote on fees came just one day before lawmakers passed the 2019 town budget with a property tax rate that will also be the same as 2018.

Other Town News

Town Commission passes 2019 budget. What's in it for you?



The Lake Park Commission has passed the 2019 budget. The new spending plan increases the Town's level of service and public safety without increasing the tax rate.

Among the highlights passed by Commissioners:

- Funds for a new code enforcement officer to focus on areas east of Park Avenue.
- Expanded PBSO walking patrols on Park Avenue.
- Promoting a part-time librarian to a full-time librarian.
- Upgrades to the official town website.
- Promoting a new PBSO sergeant to ensure the Town always has a supervisor.
- New surveillance cameras around the Town.
- New license plate readers around the Town.
- New incentive funds for business expansion.

In addition to these items, penny sales tax funds will pay for new security cameras around town.

These aren't the only new items in the budget, but they are some of the highlights that you will see during the next year.



The Property of the Month

Wesley A. Holt

454 Cypress Drive.

Every month a new property is selected by the Town's Code Compliance Officers. The selection is based on overall aesthetics and upkeep. The property is honored with a "Property of the Month" sign in their front yard to display for the duration of the month.



What happened to the playground in Lake Shore Park?

Some residents have been asking why the playground in Lake Shore Park has been removed. The answer is protecting public safety. Town officials say the playground equipment was beyond repair and despite efforts to prevent public access, residents were still allowing kids on the equipment. There are no immediate plans to replace the equipment in Lake Shore Park, however a new playground is being installed in Bert Bostrom Park.



Town wants tougher tools to crack down on nuisance code violators

The message to chronic code violators from the town is this: We have had enough!

Town staff is currently looking into drafting tougher measures to deal with chronic, repeat code violators. Many cities have what are called "Chronic Nuisance Ordinances." These ordinances give cities and towns the power to levy heavy fines on or shut down repeat offenders. Right now it's just something staff is researching.

But the word from Town Hall is clear: We're mad and we're not going to take it anymore!

Please help keep Lake Park clean. Remember to pick up.



When pet waste is disposed of improperly, not only water quality suffers – your health may be at risk, too. Pet waste may not be the largest or most toxic pollutant in urban waterways, but it is one of the many little sources of pollution that add up to a big problem. Please make sure you ALWAYS pick up after your pet in Lake Park.

Trick or Treating for kids! Costumes are encouraged. Appropriate dress (non-scary)

FAMILY FUN HALLOWEEN ALTERNATIVE

Fall Fest

LIVE PERFORMANCE BY **WONDERAMA**

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2018
6:00 P.M. - 9:00 P.M.
 FREE ADMISSION & PARKING
LAKE PARK HARBOR MARINA
 105 LAKE SHORE DRIVE, LAKE PARK, FL 33403
 (Just East of US Highway 1 and Park Avenue, Between Northlake and Blue Heron Blvd)
NO OUTSIDE FOOD OR DRINK
 (561) 840-0160 - www.lakeparkflorida.gov

- Candy
- Live Music
- Arts & Crafts
- Food Vendors
- Giveaways
- Cash Bar

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Town Manager's Corner



People sometimes ask me, "What does a town manager do?"

While part of my job is to make sure the town's daily business stays on track, another part is ensuring that Lake Park remains the kind of community people are proud to call home.

A big part of that is making sure Lake Park has public, community events that bring our residents together. Our staff does an incredible job at this. From yoga at the Marina to the upcoming FallFest, there is always something going on.

I invite you to take advantage of all our terrific events every month. They are all opportunities to meet your neighbors, enjoy our town, and make Lake Park the kind of place everyone is, in fact, proud to call home.

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