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TOP STORY



Rules Don't Allow Town To Rent Building to Artists

According to two legal opinions the Town cannot rent the building at 800 Park Avenue to the Artists of Palm Beach County (APBC). Members of the Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) Board asked for the two opinions.

The issue isn't whether the Town supports the arts. The issue isn't whether the Town wants APBC to stay in the building. The issue isn't whether APBC brings value to the community. The sticking point surrounds a single legal requirement set up over ten years ago when the CRA bought the building.

In 2009 the CRA purchased 800 Park Avenue. In order to raise the money, the Town issued a public bond. A public bond is essentially government borrowing money from the public. Like any loan, accepting the money came with certain rules and requirements. When the Town went to the public asking for money, it agreed the building would only be used for "municipal purposes." That's legal language meaning the terms of the bond required the building purchased with public dollars be used by the public government.

As a sign that the Town values APBC and wants them to stay in Lake Park and continue as an important community asset, the town is offering to help APBC find a new home on Park Avenue.



OTHER TOWN NEWS

Crime fighting success leads to upgrades in license plate reader program



The overwhelming success of Lake Park's license plate reader system is prompting an upgrade to the cameras. With

the cameras increasingly being credited with reducing crime across the Town of Lake Park, town leaders have approved funding to upgrade the system. Officials say the upgrade will "make it more effective" for law enforcement to do its job. According to town leaders, the cameras "have solved a significant number of criminal activities."

Just what are the upgrades? We can tell you that the town is getting better cameras. But that's about all we can tell you! Revealing exactly where they are and how they work would be tipping our hand. But we can tell you that the cameras have been one of the most successful tools in reducing crime in Lake Park!



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LET'S TALK ABOUT SEXTING, THREATS, BULLYING, AND



The School District of Palm Beach County, Department of Safe Schools has partnered with the State Attorney's Office, Juvenile Division to host a Town Hall meeting to tackle some tough but critically important issues facing our children. Among the topics will be sexting, threats, bullying, and vaping.

Palm Beach Gardens High School Auditorium 4245 Holly Drive November 7th, 2019 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

The School District is holding similar town halls across the county. This is the location closest to Lake Park. For information on other dates and times contact the School District.