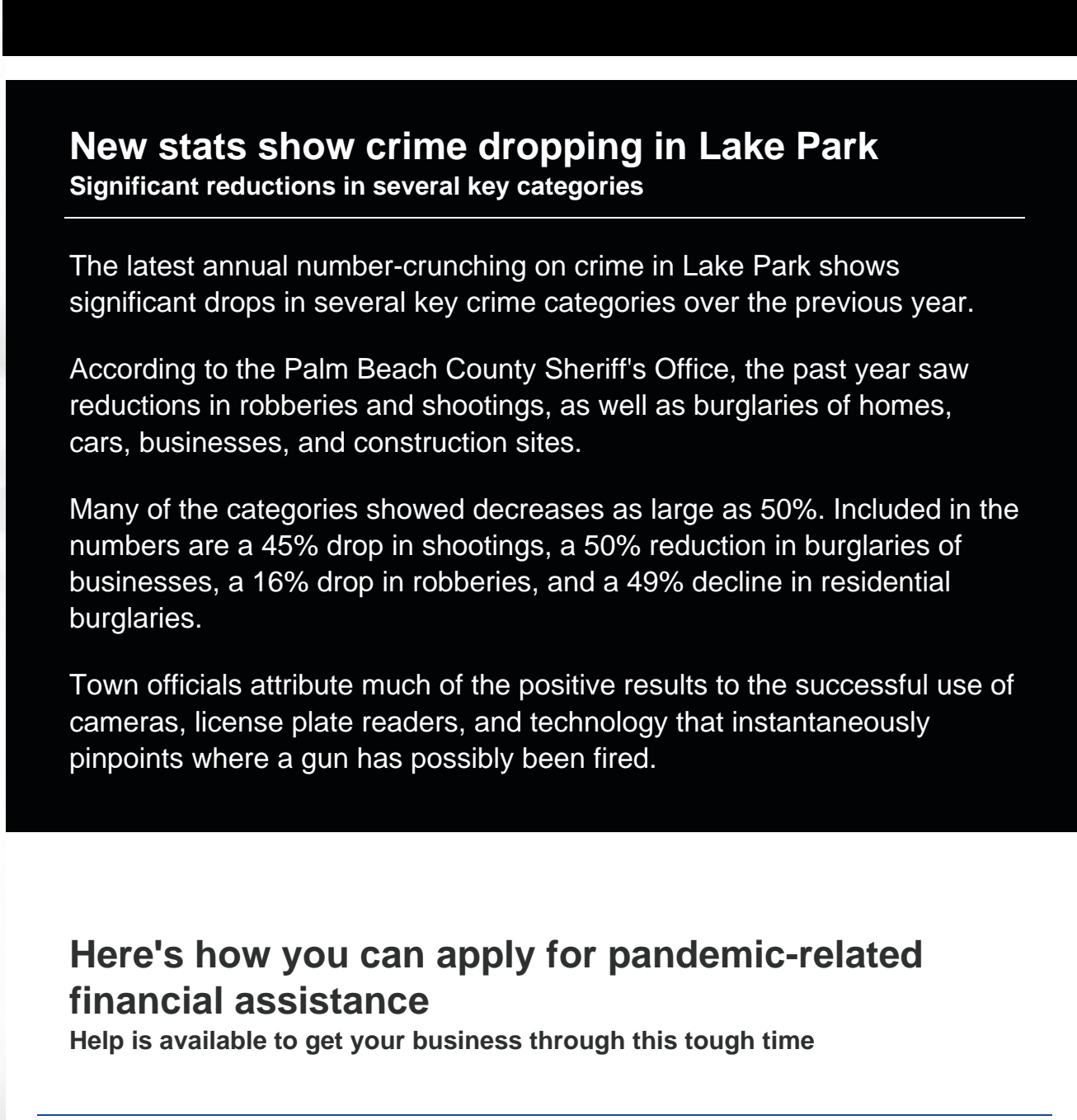




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New stats show crime dropping in Lake Park

Significant reductions in several key categories

The latest annual number-crunching on crime in Lake Park shows significant drops in several key crime categories over the previous year.

According to the Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office, the past year saw reductions in robberies and shootings, as well as burglaries of homes, cars, businesses, and construction sites.

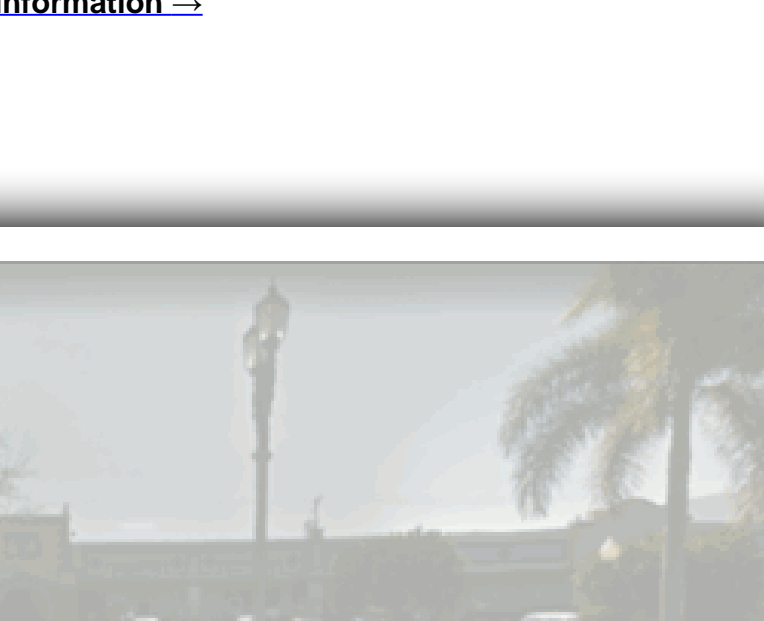
Many of the categories showed decreases as large as 50%. Included in the numbers are a 45% drop in shootings, a 50% reduction in burglaries of businesses, a 16% drop in robberies, and a 49% decline in residential burglaries.

Town officials attribute much of the positive results to the successful use of cameras, license plate readers, and technology that instantaneously pinpoints where a gun has possibly been fired.

Here's how you can apply for pandemic-related financial assistance

Help is available to get your business through this tough time

There are several programs available to help you if your business is suffering as a result of the pandemic shutdown. These include forgivable government loans to cover employee salaries, as well as small business loans.



Click below to learn more information and learn how to apply:

PAYCHECK PROTECTION PROGRAM

• [Paycheck Protection Program Loan Information](#) →

• [Who Can Apply](#) →

• [Loan Details and Forgiveness](#) →

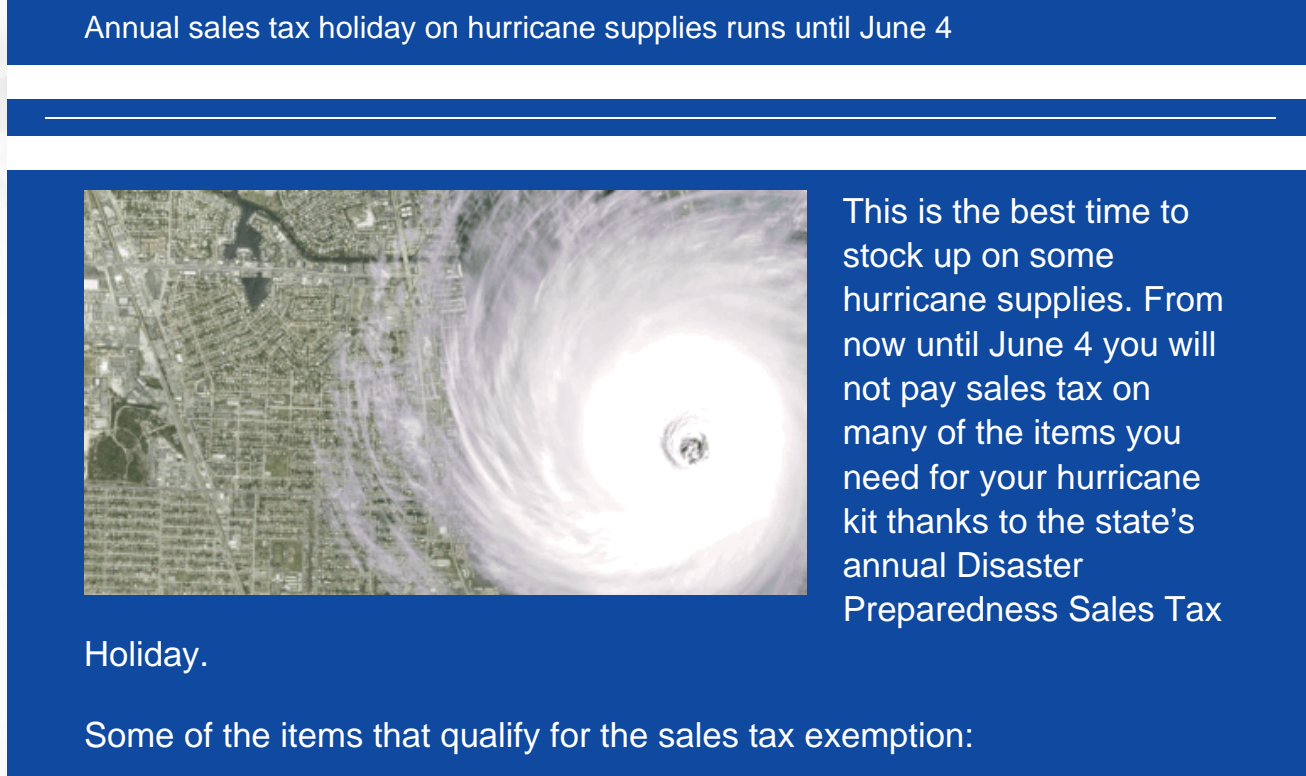
• [Additional Program Information](#) →

ECONOMIC INJURY DISASTER LOAN EMERGENCY ADVANCE

• [New Eligibility for Economic Injury Disaster Loan and Advance](#) →

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Shop Lake Park!

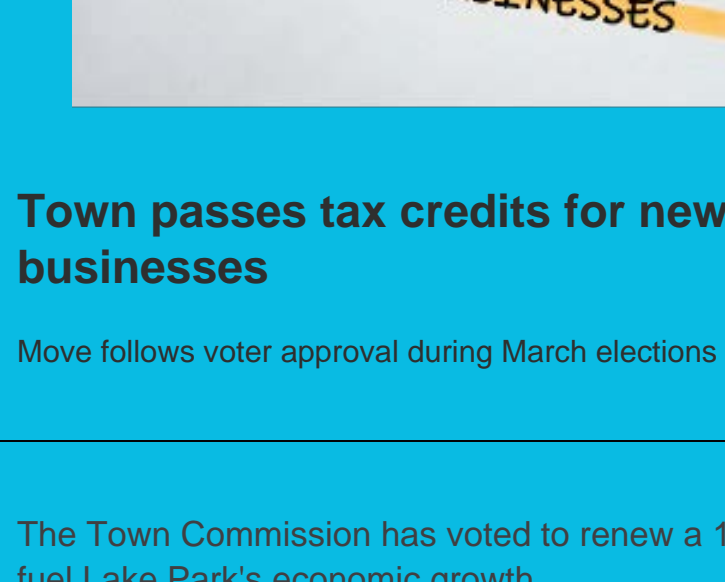
Support your local Lake Park businesses as they reopen and recover

We want to encourage you to help your local businesses recover from the pandemic shutdown. As we all resume shopping and going out, please remember that the health of our Town relies on a vibrant and successful economy.

So please do what you can to help our local businesses regain their footing after what has been a difficult few months!

Still time to stock up and save some money

Annual sales tax holiday on hurricane supplies runs until June 4



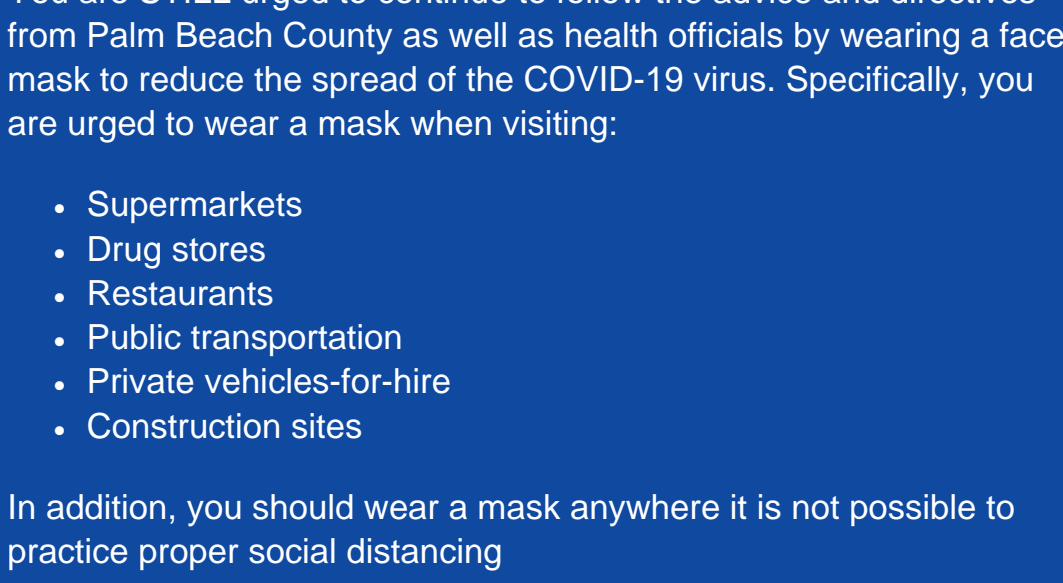
This is the best time to stock up on some hurricane supplies. From now until June 4 you will not pay sales tax on many of the items you need for your hurricane kit thanks to the state's annual Disaster Preparedness Sales Tax Holiday.

Some of the items that qualify for the sales tax exemption:

- Reusable ice packs
- Flashlights
- Lanterns
- Batteries (AA-cell, AAA-cell, C-cell, D-cell, 6-volt, and 9-volt)
- Coolers and ice chests
- Battery powered radios
- Tarps
- Plastic drop cloths
- Gas containers
- Generators (under \$750)

Even though the peak of hurricane season is not for several months, we've already seen this year's 'A' and 'B' named storms. So the next time you go shopping, pick up a few extra supplies to throw in the hurricane kit. It doesn't hurt to plan ahead!

[Check out the Palm Beach County Hurricane Guide](#) →



Town passes tax credits for new or expanding businesses

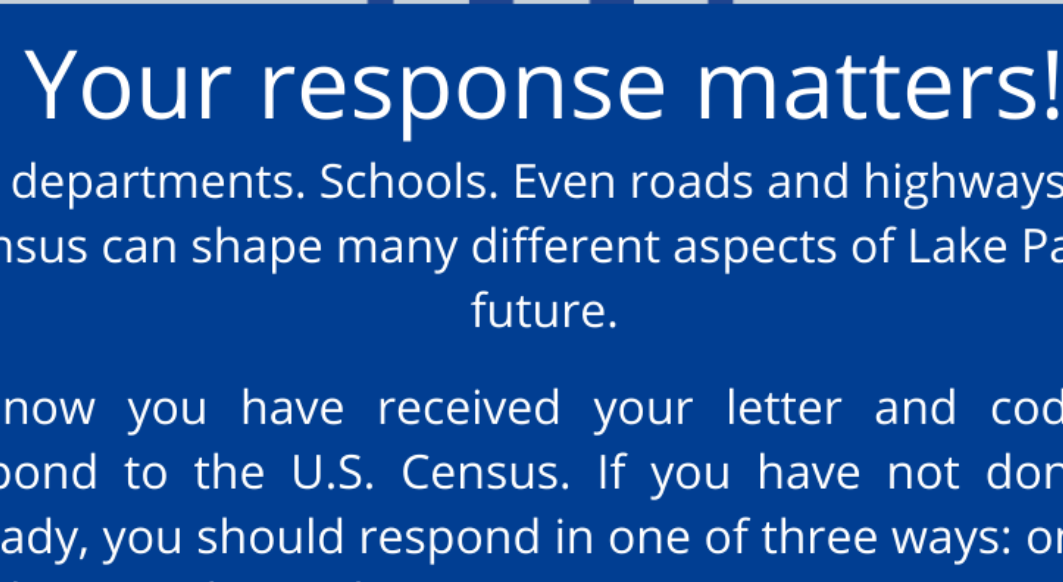
Move follows voter approval during March elections

The Town Commission has voted to renew a 10-year program designed to fuel Lake Park's economic growth.

In March, voters approved permission to continue a tax abatement program that offers reductions in property taxes to businesses that move to the Town, add to the local economy, or create new local jobs. Before any tax break is granted, a business needs to meet a specific set of qualifications and criteria.

Voters must grant permission every 10 years for the Town to be able to offer such tax incentives.

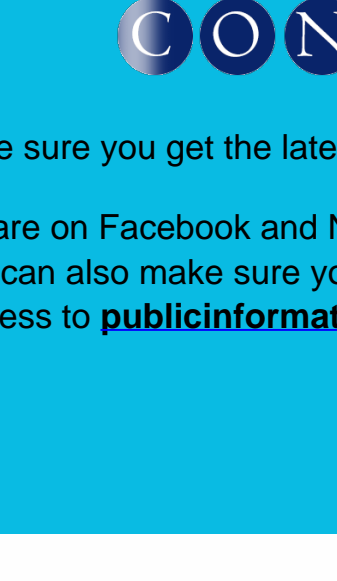
REMEMBER: Wear Your Masks



You are STILL urged to continue to follow the advice and directives from Palm Beach County as well as health officials by wearing a face mask to reduce the spread of the COVID-19 virus. Specifically, you are urged to wear a mask when visiting:

- Supermarkets
- Drug stores
- Restaurants
- Public transportation
- Private vehicles-for-hire
- Construction sites

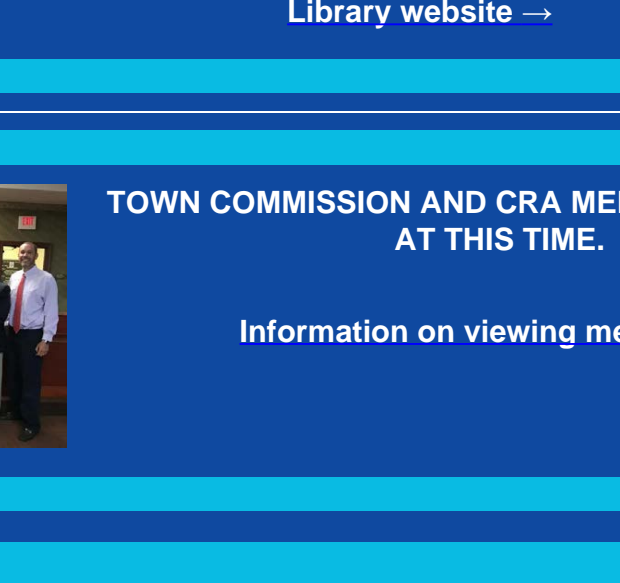
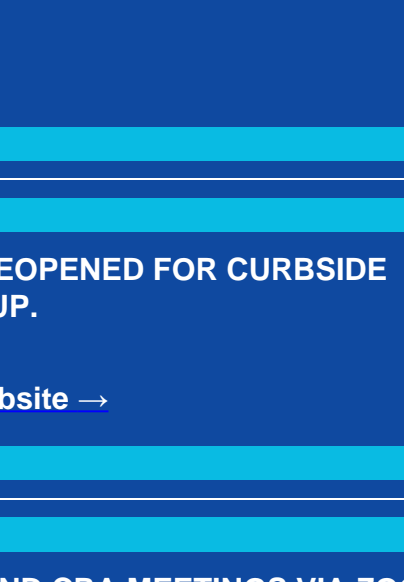
In addition, you should wear a mask anywhere it is not possible to practice proper social distancing



You may notice more PBSO in Town

You may see more than the usual number of PBSO deputies around Lake Park. This is due to recent events in Palm Beach County and across the nation. It is being done as a precaution to further ensure the safety of the community.

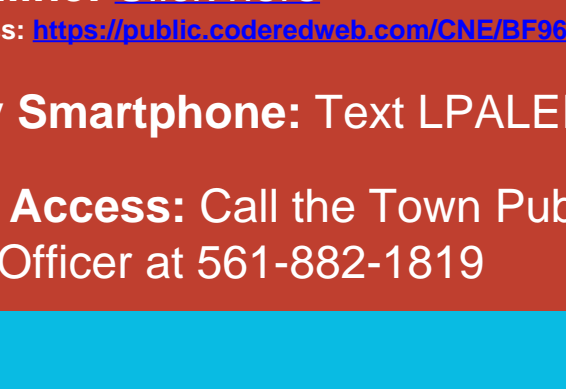
EVERYONE COUNTS! IN LAKE PARK CENSUS 2020



Your response matters!

Fire departments. Schools. Even roads and highways. The census can shape many different aspects of Lake Park's future.

By now you have received your letter and code to respond to the U.S. Census. If you have not done so already, you should respond in one of three ways: online, by phone, or by mail.



Start Your Census

Keep in Touch

Here's how to stay up-to-date on Town news

STAY CONNECTED

Make sure you get the latest Town news and information.

We are on Facebook and Nextdoor. You can always check our website. You can also make sure you are on our email list by sending your email address to publicinformation@lakeparkflorida.gov.

[Town website](#) →

[CLICK HERE FOR ALL TOWN OF LAKE PARK CORONAVIRUS UPDATES](#)

[LAKE PARK LIBRARY HAS REOPENED FOR CURBSIDE PICKUP.](#)

[Library website](#) →

[TOWN COMMISSION AND CRA MEETINGS VIA ZOOM AT THIS TIME.](#)

[Information on viewing meetings](#) →

Sign up for Alerts

New Citizen Alert Service Coming to Lake Park

Register online, by text, or call Town Hall.

The Town of Lake Park is pleased to announce that we will soon begin using a mass-notification system called CodeRED to provide Lake Park residents and business owners with timely information regarding emergencies, office closings, service changes, and more.

CodeRED provides notifications via text or voice messages. In order to be included, the system must have your cell phone number.

The Town will only use your information for the purposes of public notifications, emergency information, or other government-related purposes.

Please follow the steps below to enroll, or feel free to reach out to our Public Information Officer at 561-882-1819 if you have any questions.

Register online: [Click here](#)

or copy this address: <http://public.coderedweb.com/GNE/BF39B04164C>

Register by Smartphone: Text LPALERT to 99411

No Internet Access: Call the Town Public Information Officer at 561-882-1819