

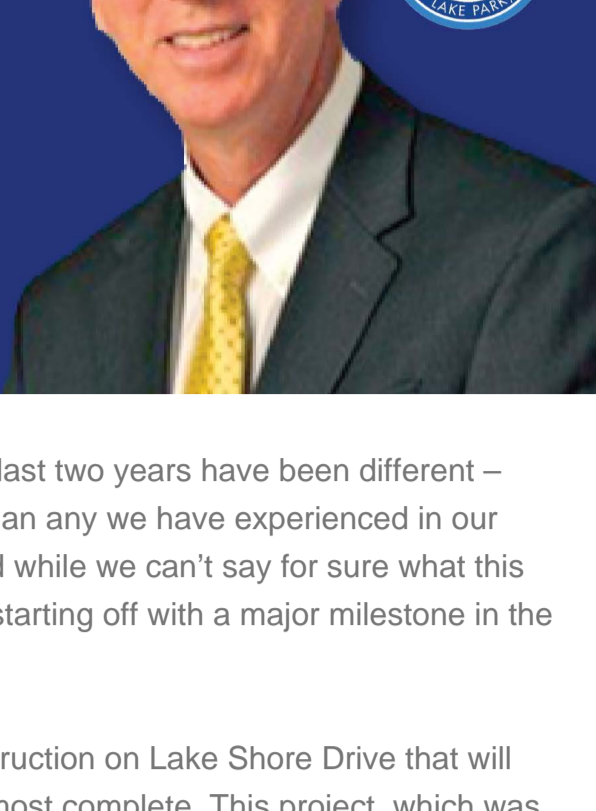
# INSIDE LAKE PARK



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## MAYOR'S MESSAGE

**MICHAEL O'ROURKE**  
MAYOR OF THE TOWN OF LAKE PARK, FLORIDA



Happy New Year! It's no secret that the last two years have been different – and more challenging in many ways – than any we have experienced in our lifetimes, but we've made it to 2022. And while we can't say for sure what this year will bring, we do know that we are starting off with a major milestone in the Town of Lake Park.

After a year of extensive work, the construction on Lake Shore Drive that will help alleviate the frequent flooding is almost complete. This project, which was possible thanks to grants and Town funding, will make a tremendous difference for residents, business owners and everyone who travels along Lake Shore Drive for business or pleasure. We will be celebrating with a ribbon-cutting in February, so please check our website, Facebook page, Nextdoor and the February issue of this newsletter for details about this event.

Wishing you all the best in 2022,

Michael O'Rourke

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MAYOR



### LEAD STORY

## VICE MAYOR GLAS-CASTRO RECEIVES LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

Lake Park Vice Mayor Kimberly Glas-Castro recently received the Lifetime Achievement Award from the Florida Chapter of the American Planning Association. The award was presented in recognition of Ms. Glas-Castro's more than three decades as a planner, her mentorship of others in her field, and her dedication to the advancement of planning. Truly dedicated to her chosen field, she has been an active member of the American Planning Association since 1989, as well as a member of the American Institute of Certified Planners since 1992. Ms. Glas-Castro was elected to the Lake Park Town Commission in 2013 and was immediately selected by her fellow Commissioners to serve as Vice Mayor.

Everyone at the Town congratulates Vice Mayor Glas-Castro on this well-deserved honor!

## SPECIAL ELECTIONS TO BE HELD TUESDAY, JANUARY 11

The Special General Election to fill the US House of Representatives District 20 seat that is available as a result of the passing of Alcee Hastings will take place on Tuesday, January 11. Early voting is available every day from 10:00 AM until 7:00 PM through Sunday, January 9, and the deadline to return your Vote By Mail ballot is 7:00 PM on Tuesday, January 11.

January 11 is also the date of the Democratic Special Primary Election for the office of State Representative, District 88, which was vacated by Omari Hardy. Early voting is available every day from 10:00 AM until 7:00 PM through Sunday, January 9, and the deadline to return your Vote By Mail ballot is 7:00 PM on Tuesday, January 11. The General Election for this seat will take place on Tuesday, March 8.

All voters registered on or before December 13, 2021, regardless of party affiliation, living within District 20 (which includes Lake Park), will be eligible to vote in the District 20 Special General Election. Voters registered with the Democratic Party on or before December 13, 2021, living within State Representative District 88 (which includes Lake Park), will be eligible to vote in the Special Primary Election for the Democratic nominee.

To determine if you are eligible to vote, and where your voting location is, please click [here](#).

For additional information, please visit [www.votePALMBEACH.gov](http://www.votePALMBEACH.gov).

## THE ANNUAL TOWN GRANTMAKING PROGRAM IS NOW OPEN

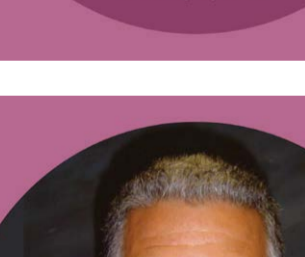
Do you have a project or program that will benefit Lake Park's residents? If so, you may be eligible for grant funding from the Town.

Under the **Small Grant Program**, individuals who reside in the Town may request up to a total of \$500. The **Large Grant Program**, which is available to groups, corporate entities, not-for-profit organizations, etc. that are based in the Town requires a 100% match by the applicant, which means applicants may request up to 50% of the total monetary cost of the project (up to \$20,000) and must provide the other 50% via allowable matches. Those applying under the Large Grant Program are strongly advised to attend a pre-application conference scheduled for January 19 at 2:00 PM.

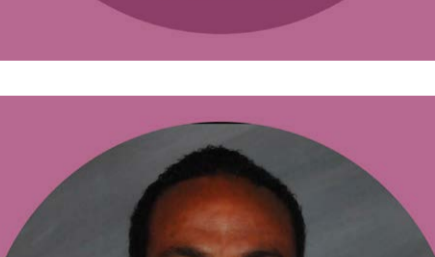
The deadline for all applications is 5:00 PM on Friday, February 4.

Click [here](#) to download the application and complete instructions.

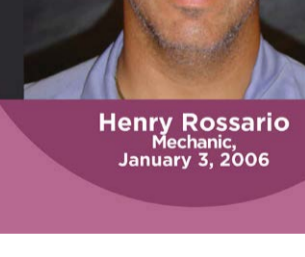
### STAFF ANNIVERSARIES



**Merry Ann Russell**  
Accounting Technician,  
January 9, 1976



**Verdree Patterson**  
Grounds Maintenance Foreman,  
January 6, 1982



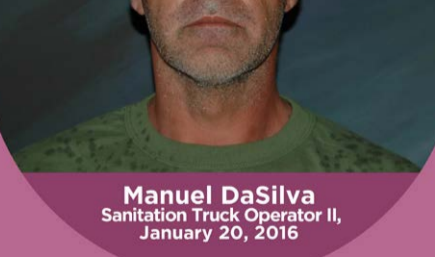
**Henry Rossario**  
Mechanic,  
January 3, 2006



**Peter Mikes**  
Stormwater Technician,  
January 24, 2014



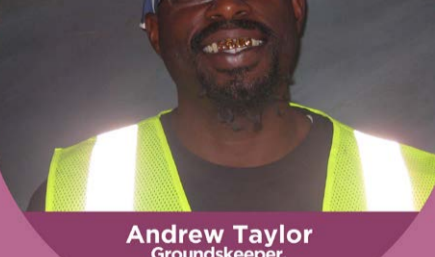
**Knikoa Mansion**  
Library Assistant,  
January 27, 2015



**Manuel DaSilva**  
Sanitation Truck Operator II,  
January 20, 2016



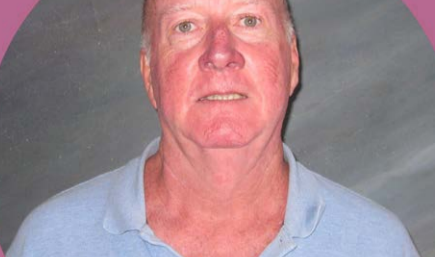
**Patricia Sanchez**  
Deck Attendant,  
January 9, 2018



**Andrew Taylor**  
Groundskeeper,  
January 15, 2019

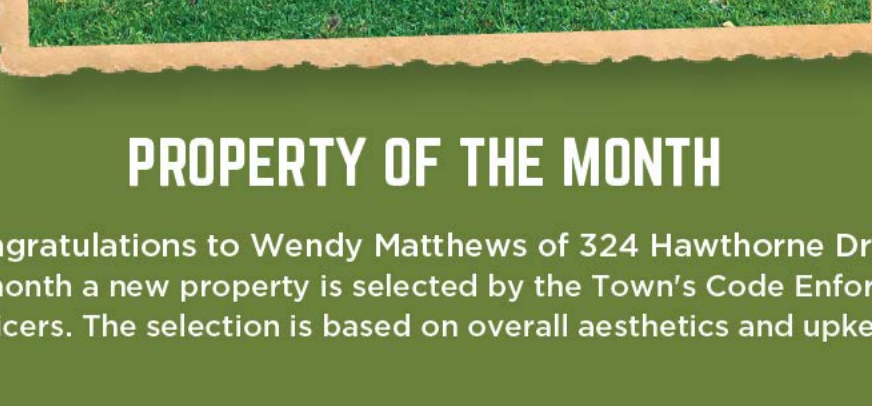


**Abe Aksal**  
Code Compliance Officer,  
January 3, 2020



**Stephen Bogner**  
Groundskeeper,  
January 19, 2021

## CONGRATULATIONS!



### PROPERTY OF THE MONTH

Congratulations to Wendy Matthews of 324 Hawthorne Drive. Every month a new property is selected by the Town's Code Enforcement Officers. The selection is based on overall aesthetics and upkeep.

Visit our website for more Town of Lake Park news, events, and resources.

<https://www.lakeparkflorida.gov/>

Connect with us on social media!

