

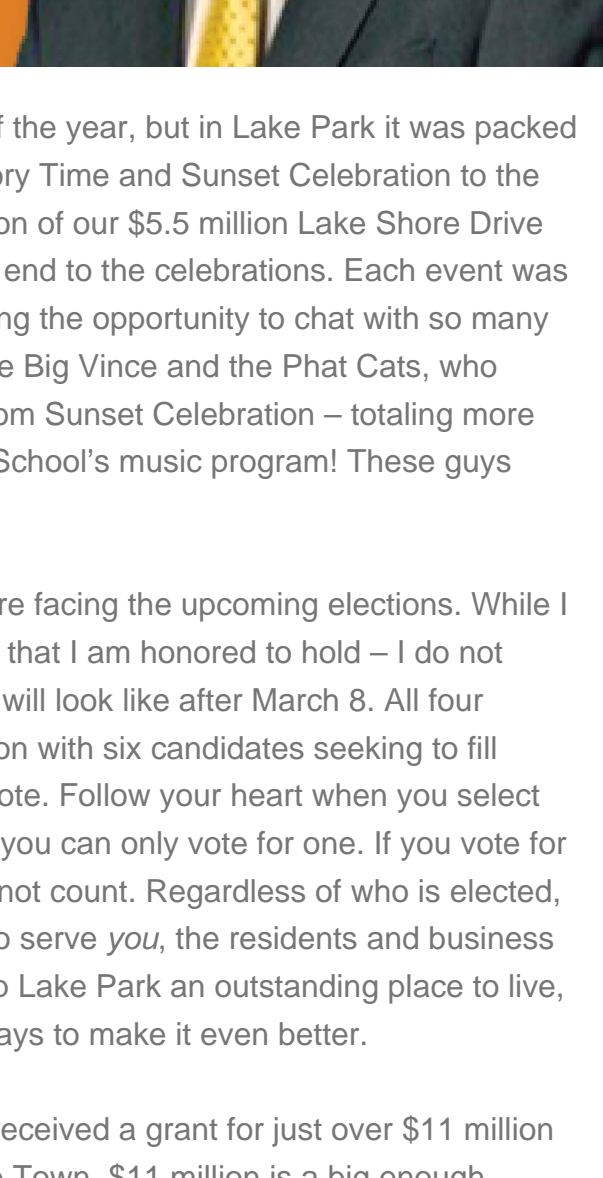
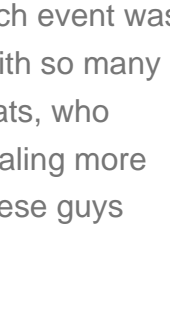
# INSIDE LAKE PARK



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## MAYORS MESSAGE

MAYOR MICHAEL O'ROURKE  
TOWN OF LAKEPARK



February may be the shortest month of the year, but in Lake Park it was packed with excitement! From the return of Story Time and Sunset Celebration to the ribbon-cutting celebrating the completion of our \$5.5 million Lake Shore Drive Drainage Project, there was almost no end to the celebrations. Each event was well attended and I really enjoyed having the opportunity to chat with so many of you. I would also like to acknowledge Big Vince and the Phat Cats, who generously donated the entire tip jar from Sunset Celebration – totaling more than \$500 – to Lake Park Elementary School's music program! These guys really do rock!

As we begin the month of March, we are facing the upcoming elections. While I will continue on as your Mayor – a role that I am honored to hold – I do not know what the rest of the Commission will look like after March 8. All four Commission positions are up for election with six candidates seeking to fill those roles. I encourage everyone to vote. Follow your heart when you select your chosen candidate, but remember you can only vote for one. If you vote for two or more candidates, your vote will not count. Regardless of who is elected, our combined purpose will always be to serve you, the residents and business owners of Lake Park. We strive to keep Lake Park an outstanding place to live, work and recreate, and always seek ways to make it even better.

Lake Park's other big news is that we received a grant for just over \$11 million to improve the drainage throughout the Town. \$11 million is a big enough number on its own, so when you consider the fact that the Town's annual operating budget is approximately \$8 million, it highlights the magnitude of this award. Plus, we received the full amount we applied for, meaning the Town can complete this immense project without any financial impact to our residents, which is always important to us.

March is Florida Bike Month, and after the success of last year's event, Vice Mayor Glas-Castro and Commissioner Michaud are once again hosting a Town-wide bike tour. The projects that we've been working on this year will be highlighted as stops along the route, so if you're interested in learning more about them – while getting some healthy exercise – this is a great way to do it! Check out the flyer in this newsletter for more information.

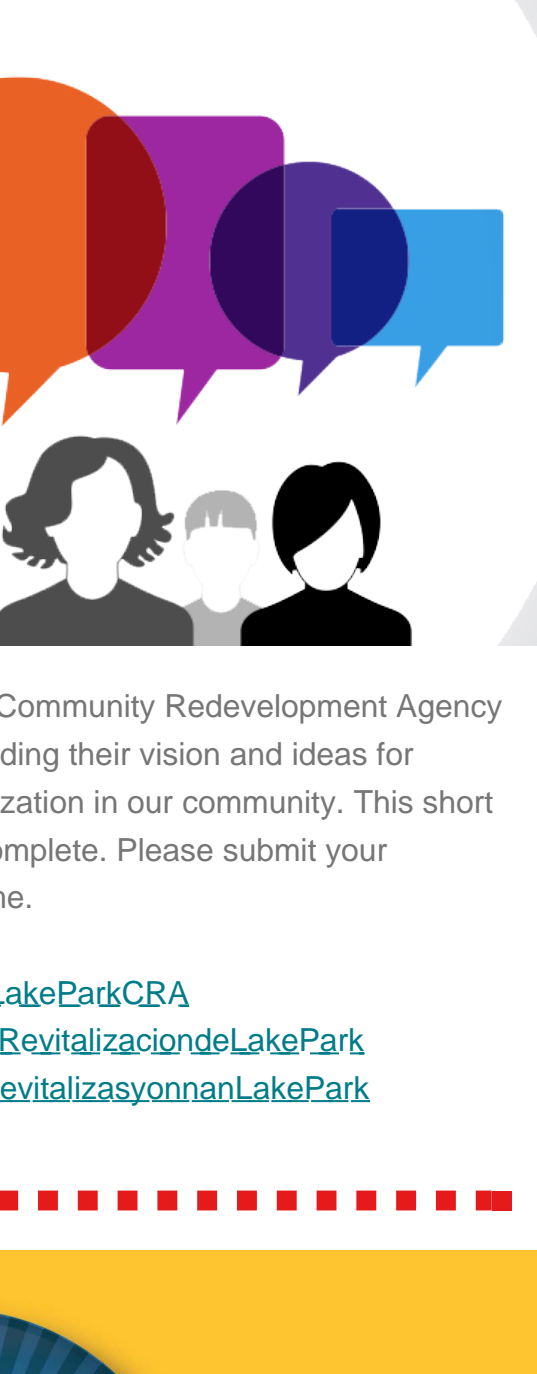
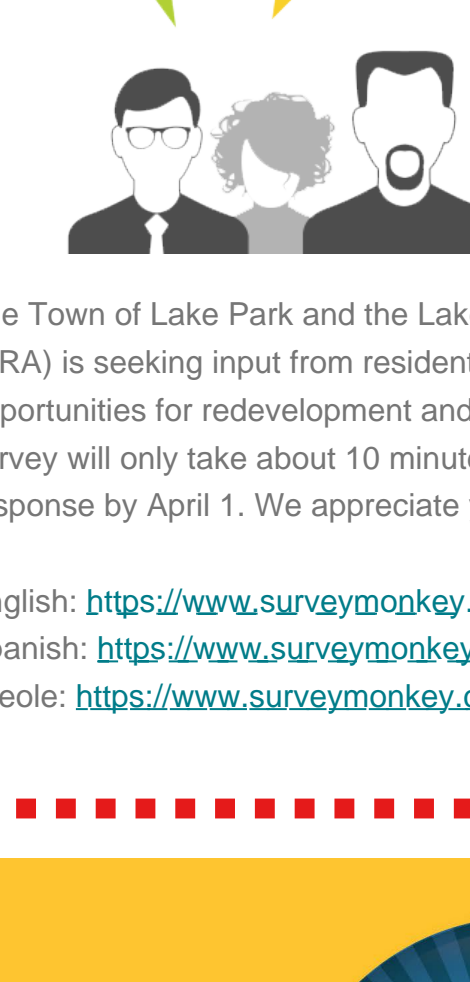
Wishing you a great month!

Michael O'Rourke  
*Michael O'Rourke*  
MAYOR

## LAKE PARK RECEIVES \$11 MILLION GRANT TO HELP ALLEVIATE FLOODING THROUGHOUT THE TOWN

The Town of Lake Park has been awarded a grant of more than \$11 million to retrofit the Town's aging drainage system using low-impact green infrastructure. Once completed, the project will immediately help to solve flooding issues, and will also create long-term solutions to flooding that results from the current system's lack of capacity as well as climate change-based flash floods resulting from sea level rise. The project will also filter the water that is collected prior to discharging it to the Lake Worth Lagoon, thereby enhancing the water quality of the Lagoon. This project will also make Lake Park the first community in South Florida to utilize underground storage filtration chambers. As a result of this grant, which is the largest the Town has ever received, major drainage infrastructure improvements will be made without any financial impact to residents.

## BAMBI MCKIBBON-TURNER HONORED FOR 20 YEARS OF SERVICE



Bambi McKibbon-Turner, the Town's Assistant Town Manager/Human Resources Director, was recognized for her 20 years of service to the International County Manager's Association (ICMA) during a ceremony at the Town Commission meeting on February 2. Ms. McKibbon-Turner has been an indispensable part of the Town of Lake Park since 2001, when she joined the Town as Executive Assistant to the Town Manager. She has since received a number of well-deserved promotions culminating in her achieving the status of Assistant Town Manager/Human Resources Director in 2017. We are grateful for her service and honored to have her as part of the Lake Park family.

## LAKE PARK REVITALIZATION SURVEY



The Town of Lake Park and the Lake Park Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) is seeking input from residents regarding their vision and ideas for opportunities for redevelopment and revitalization in our community. This short survey will only take about 10 minutes to complete. Please submit your response by April 1. We appreciate your time.

English: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/LakeParkCRA>  
Spanish: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/RevitalizaciondeLakePark>  
Creole: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/RevitalizasyonnanLakePark>



Municipal elections are on March 8, so don't forget to get out and vote.

The Town of Lake Park has four Commission seats up for election. The candidates are:

- Erin T. Flaherty (Incumbent)
- Kimberly Glas-Castro (Incumbent)
- John L. Linden (Incumbent)
- Roger Michaud (Incumbent)
- Mary Beth Taylor (Candidate)
- Judith E. Thomas (Candidate)

For more information, including a sample ballot, please click [here](#).

## SUNSET CELEBRATION RETURNS AFTER TWO YEARS WITH AN AMAZING PARTY!



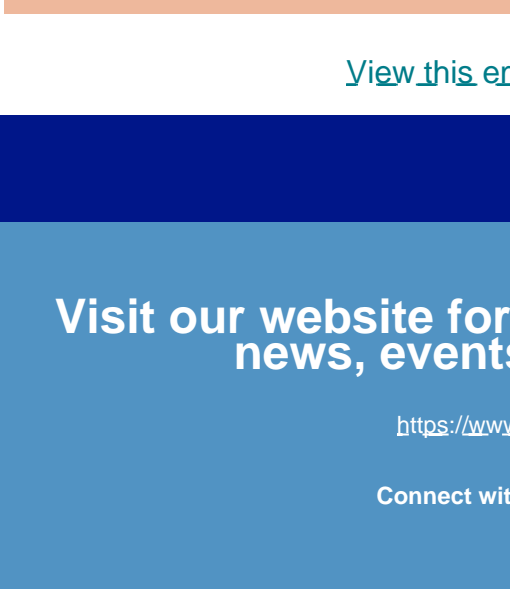
On February 25, the Lake Park Harbor Marina was once again the site of hundreds of revelers dancing and singing along to live music as the Town's favorite event, Sunset Celebration, returned after a two-year hiatus. Big Vince and the Phat Cats had a huge crowd on the dance floor, and those who weren't dancing were eagerly catching up with friends and neighbors or enjoying dinner and sweet treats from the wide variety of food trucks and stands on hand. For those who were in the mood, there was even the opportunity to do a little shopping during the party. The weather was perfect for an outdoor event and attendees of all ages had a fantastic time!

If you didn't have the opportunity to join the party in February, don't worry – there's more fun just around the corner. Get your dancing shoes ready because Motown Magic will be playing the classics at the next Sunset Celebration on Friday March 25.

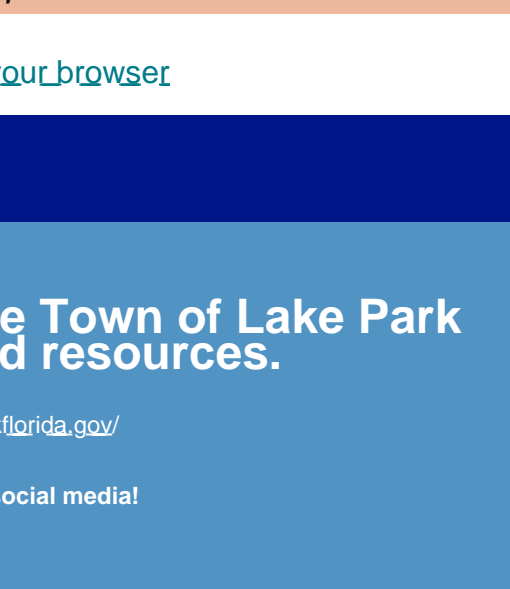
## NOTICE OF PROPERTY SALE

1100 2nd Court is a property located within the Town's single-family district. The property experienced several code violations over the years that resulted in the Town having to spend money to maintain it. The Town eventually foreclosed on the property and retained ownership. In an effort to recover the taxpayer dollars spent on this property and to provide for its redevelopment so as to re-integrate it into the community, the Town is seeking a partner (i.e., a buyer). Please visit <https://www.lakeparkflorida.gov/residents/community> for details and contact information.

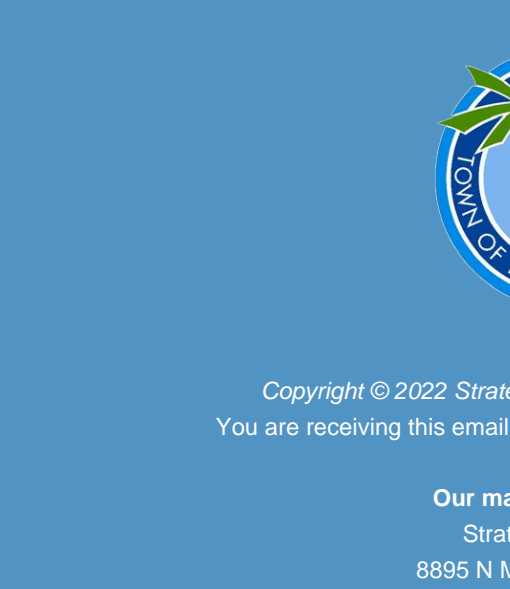
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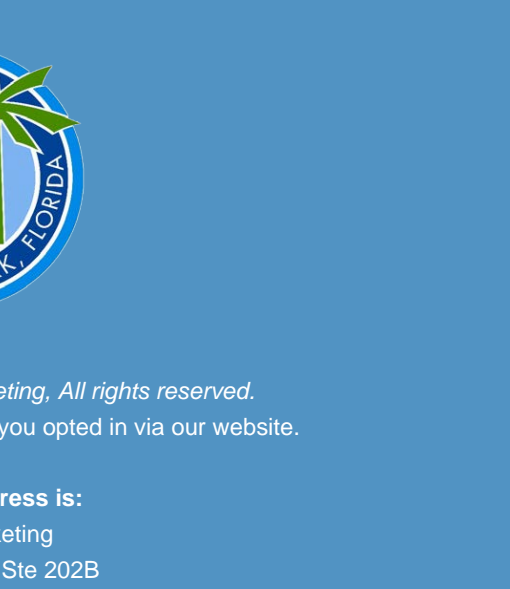
**Howard Butts**  
General Infrastructure Foreman  
March 26, 1991



**Vivian Mandez**  
Town Clerk  
March 31, 2003

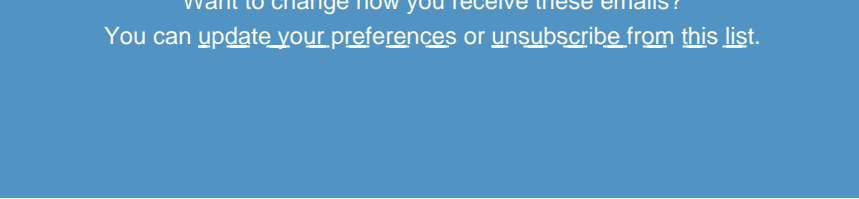


**Judith Cooper**  
Library Director  
March 13, 2017



**Ronnie Cunningham**  
Sanitation Truck Operator I  
March 26, 2019

## CONGRATULATIONS!



## PROPERTY OF THE MONTH

Congratulations to Lauren Haynes and John Mirabile of 315 Greenbriar Drive. Their home has been selected as the Property of the Month for March. Every month a new property is selected by the Town's Code Enforcement Officers. The selection is based on overall aesthetics and upkeep.

## SUNSET CELEBRATION FREE MUSIC CONCERT

FEATURING



**MOTOWN MAGIC**  
The Ultimate Tribute



**LIVE MUSIC \* FOOD VENDORS  
CASH BAR \* HAPPY HOUR**

**FRIDAY, MARCH 25  
6:00 PM - 9:00 PM**

**LAKE PARK HARBOR MARINA  
105 LAKE SHORE DRIVE  
LAKE PARK, FL 33403**

**EVENT WILL FOLLOW  
CURRENT CDC GUIDELINES  
NO OUTSIDE FOOD OR DRINKS**

**FOR MORE INFORMATION  
CALL 561-840-0180 OR EMAIL  
SPECIALEVENTS@LAKEPARKFLORIDA.GOV.**



## Tour de Lake Park Saturday, March 26



**FUN RIDE WITH FAMILY & FRIENDS  
TO LEARN ABOUT HISTORIC LAKE PARK  
IN HONOR OF FLORIDA BICYCLE MONTH**

Meet at Town Hall (535 Park Avenue) at 1:40 PM  
Pedals Up at 2:00 PM  
Participants must be ages 12 and up  
Bring your bike, helmet and water bottle

For more information contact  
Commissioner Roger Michaud at 561-921-5253



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