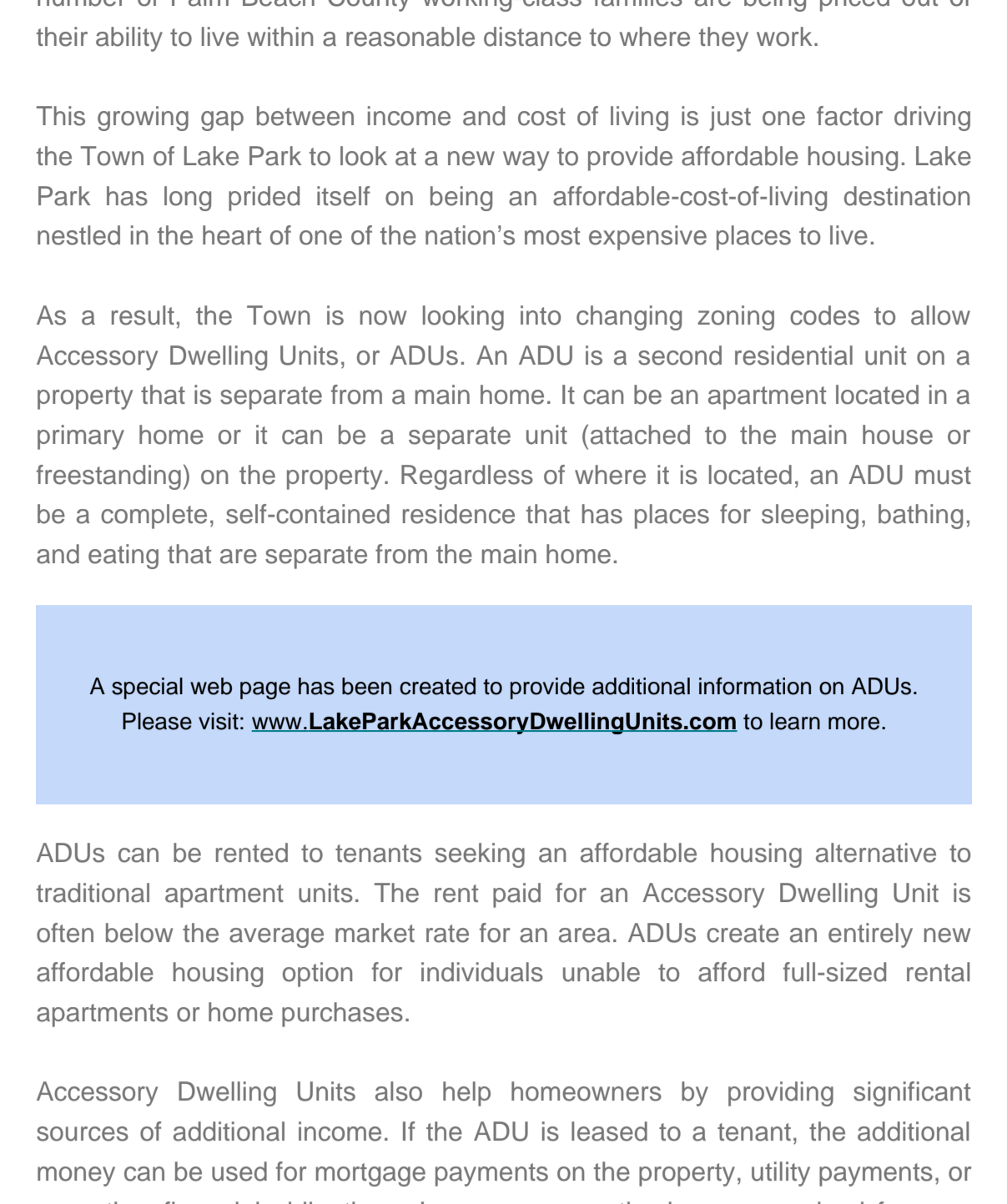


LAKE PARK INSIDER



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LAKE PARK CONSIDERING LATEST TREND IN AFFORDABLE HOUSING



As home values and apartment rents across South Florida rise, a growing number of Palm Beach County working-class families are being priced out of their ability to live within a reasonable distance to where they work.

This growing gap between income and cost of living is just one factor driving the Town of Lake Park to look at a new way to provide affordable housing. Lake Park has long prided itself on being an affordable-cost-of-living destination nestled in the heart of one of the nation's most expensive places to live.

As a result, the Town is now looking into changing zoning codes to allow Accessory Dwelling Units, or ADUs. An ADU is a second residential unit on a property that is separate from a main home. It can be an apartment located in a primary home or it can be a separate unit (attached to the main house or freestanding) on the property. Regardless of where it is located, an ADU must be a complete, self-contained residence that has places for sleeping, bathing, and eating that are separate from the main home.

A special web page has been created to provide additional information on ADUs. Please visit: www.LakeParkAccessoryDwellingUnits.com to learn more.

ADUs can be rented to tenants seeking an affordable housing alternative to traditional apartment units. The rent paid for an Accessory Dwelling Unit is often below the average market rate for an area. ADUs create an entirely new affordable housing option for individuals unable to afford full-sized rental apartments or home purchases.

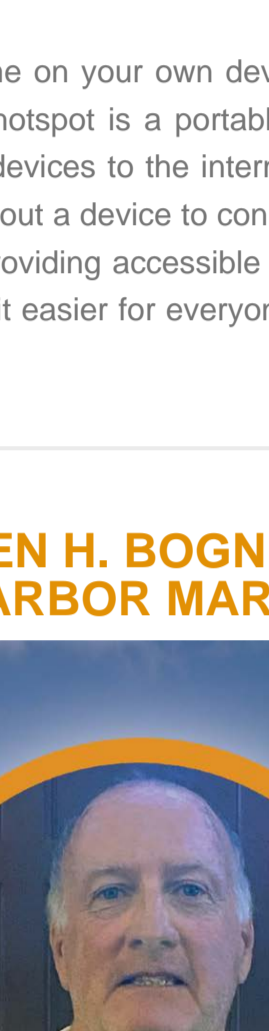
Accessory Dwelling Units also help homeowners by providing significant sources of additional income. If the ADU is leased to a tenant, the additional money can be used for mortgage payments on the property, utility payments, or any other financial obligations. In some cases, the income received from an ADU can be the difference between being able to afford to purchase the property or not being able to become a homeowner.

In addition, ADUs can be used to provide additional living space for extended family, enabling multiple generations to live together.

There are already approximately 55 ADUs in Lake Park, all of which were built before current zoning codes were written. ADUs have not been permitted in recent years, but now the Town is considering changes to allow new ADUs to be built.

On March 20, 2021 the Town will be holding resident workshops to provide more information on ADUs and asking for public feedback on the possibility of allowing them in Lake Park. There will be four 90-minute sessions throughout the day (at 9:00 AM, 11:00 AM, 2:00 PM and 4:00 PM). If you would like to attend, please call 561-881-3320 by March 10 to RSVP. The Town wants to hear your ideas and opinions.

LAKE PARK LIBRARY ENHANCEMENTS: CONNECTING THE COMMUNITY



The Lake Park Public Library will be adding features to help resident cardholders gain computer access inside the library building and internet access from home. Beginning this spring, you will be able to check out one of 18 laptops from library kiosks for use inside the library. All 18 laptops will be pre-loaded with Microsoft Office software, have Wi-Fi access and electronic database access. Cardholders will be able to conveniently access the internet, work on assignments or resumes with Microsoft Office tools, access library databases for research and be able to print directly from the laptop.

If you'd rather work from home on your own device, the library will be able to loan you a Wi-Fi hotspot! A hotspot is a portable device that can be used to connect a number of mobile devices to the internet. Adult cardholders in good standing will be able to check out a device to connect to the internet from home using the Wi-Fi hotspot. By providing accessible technology to the residents of Lake Park, we hope to make it easier for everyone to live, work and prosper in our community.

MEET STEPHEN H. BOGNER, THE NEW LAKE PARK HARBOR MARINA DIRECTOR



Stephen H. Bogner
Lake Park Harbor
Marina Director

The Town is pleased to welcome Stephen H. Bogner as the new Lake Park Harbor Marina Director!

Mr. Bogner comes to Lake Park with over 22 years' experience in the marina industry, having served as Marina Manager for the cities of Miami, FL, and Charleston, NC, and Waterfront Supervisor in the City of Berkeley, CA. Bogner has developed, implemented and overseen a variety of multi-million-dollar projects during his capacity as Marina Manager, and has performed managerial, operational, marketing and administrative duties. Bogner claims his love for the water started at age 9 with his first job at a marina near his childhood home. There he learned all about sailing, before later going on to teach the craft to others. He is excited to now join the Lake Park Harbor Marina in pursuit of his passion and looks forward to enhancing marina services and developing relationships with residents.

THE PBSO LAKE PARK DISTRICT BRINGS SAFETY TO YOUR DOORSTEP



PBSO's Lake Park District offers Residential and Commercial Security Surveys to residents and businesses throughout the Town of Lake Park. They will work with you to complete these surveys to help determine how secure your home or business is by checking locks, lighting, and more for home, and access control, loss prevention, commercial security and more for businesses.

In addition to their regular training, certain members of the PBSO receive special training through the Florida Crime Prevention Training Institute (FCPTI) to be able to provide this invaluable service. FCPTI was established in 1982 in the Office of the Attorney General to provide crime prevention training to Florida's law enforcement community. In 1984, the designation of Florida Crime Prevention Practitioner (FCPP) was made available to individuals who successfully completed a series of three comprehensive crime prevention courses offered through FCPTI. The designation provides officers with the skills necessary to deliver comprehensive crime prevention programs to Florida's residential population and commercial industry.

Residents and businesses interested in security surveys or further crime prevention information should contact the Lake Park PBSO District office at (561)881-3326 or via e-mail directly at PozsonyiA@pbso.org to schedule an appointment for a security survey.

PROPERTY OF THE MONTH

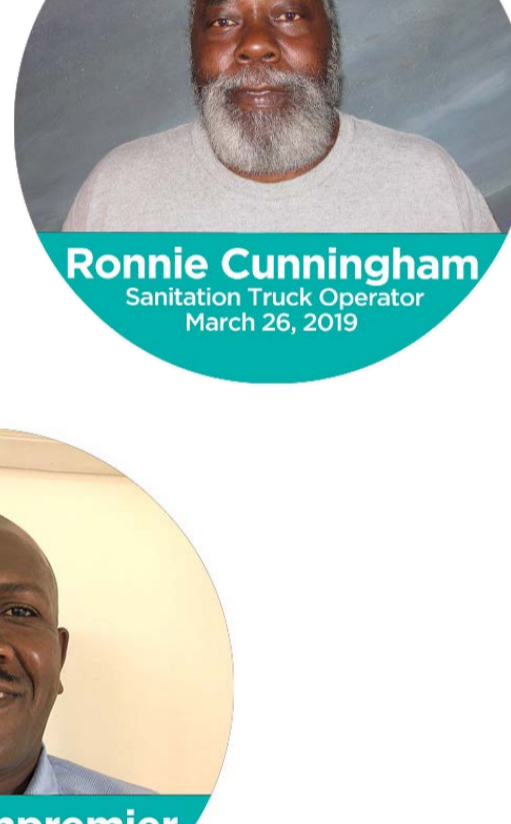


Congratulations to Colin and Sylvia Price of 526 Sabal Palm Drive.
Every month a new property is selected by the Town's Code Enforcement Officers. The selection is based on overall aesthetics and upkeep.

STAFF ANNIVERSARIES



Howard Butts
General Infrastructure Foreman
March 26, 1991



Vivian Mendez
Town Clerk
March 31, 2003



Judith Cooper
Acting Library Director
March 13, 2017



Ronnie Cunningham
Sanitation Truck Operator
March 26, 2019



Esrom Mompremier
Sanitation Truck Operator
March 30, 2020

St. Patrick's Day Leprechaun Hunt

How many St. Paddy's Day-related items can you find? Take a photo when you find each item as proof and send it along with your Leprechaun Hunt Card to specialevents@lakeparkflorida.gov. The participants with the top 3 total points will receive a free gift card. Winners will be announced on Wednesday, March 17...GOOD LUCK!

Leprechaun Hunt Card	
1 POINT	3 POINTS
___ Something Green	___ St. Paddy's Day Card
___ Black Shoes	___ Green Pen
___ Hat	___ Rainbow
___ Leprechaun Food	___ Something Cold
___ Coins	___ Green Cookies
5 POINTS	10 POINTS
___ Something Lucky	___ Four Leaf Clover
___ Irish Flag	___ Leprechaun Drink
___ Horseshoe	___ Something Irish
___ Striped Socks	___ Word "Shamrock"
___ Green Drink	___ Green Phone Case
TOTAL POINTS _____	



Tour de Lake Park Saturday, March 27

FUN RIDE WITH FAMILY & FRIENDS TO LEARN ABOUT THE HISTORY OF 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, water bottle & facial covering

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



TOWN OF LAKE PARK EASTER EGGSTRAVAGANZA DRIVE-UP EVENT

SATURDAY, APRIL 3
6:00 PM - 8:00 PM
LAKE PARK TOWN HALL
535 PARK AVENUE
LAKE PARK, FL 33403

Admission is free. Attendees must remain in their vehicles. Masks are required for everyone including driver and passengers. Please bring your Easter Basket to collect eggs, candy and treats! The first 50 vehicles will receive a special Easter surprise!

For more information on donations or becoming a volunteer please contact the Special Events Department at 561-840-0160 or specialevents@lakeparkflorida.gov.

THE GREAT AMERICAN CLEANUP

APRIL 17TH 2021
8:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
Lake Park Public Works Department
640 Old Dixie Highway, Lake Park, FL 33403

Make plans now to join thousands of volunteers of all ages across America who will be taking part in efforts to clean up and improve their local communities.

In celebration of the 50th anniversary of Earth Day, local activities of the Great American Cleanup include a massive removal of litter and illegal dumping from our public spaces - neighborhoods, roadways, waterways, parks, schools, etc. Additional community improvement activities may include tree plantings, recycling activities, painting over of graffiti or run-down buildings, etc.

Demonstrate your individual responsibility by taking part in this annual effort to make Palm Beach County neighborhoods and public spaces a safe, more enjoyable place to live, work and play!

For more information, please contact Lake Park Special Events Department specialevents@lakeparkflorida.gov or 561-840-0160

Visit our website for more Town of Lake Park news, events, and resources.
<https://www.lakeparkflorida.gov/>
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