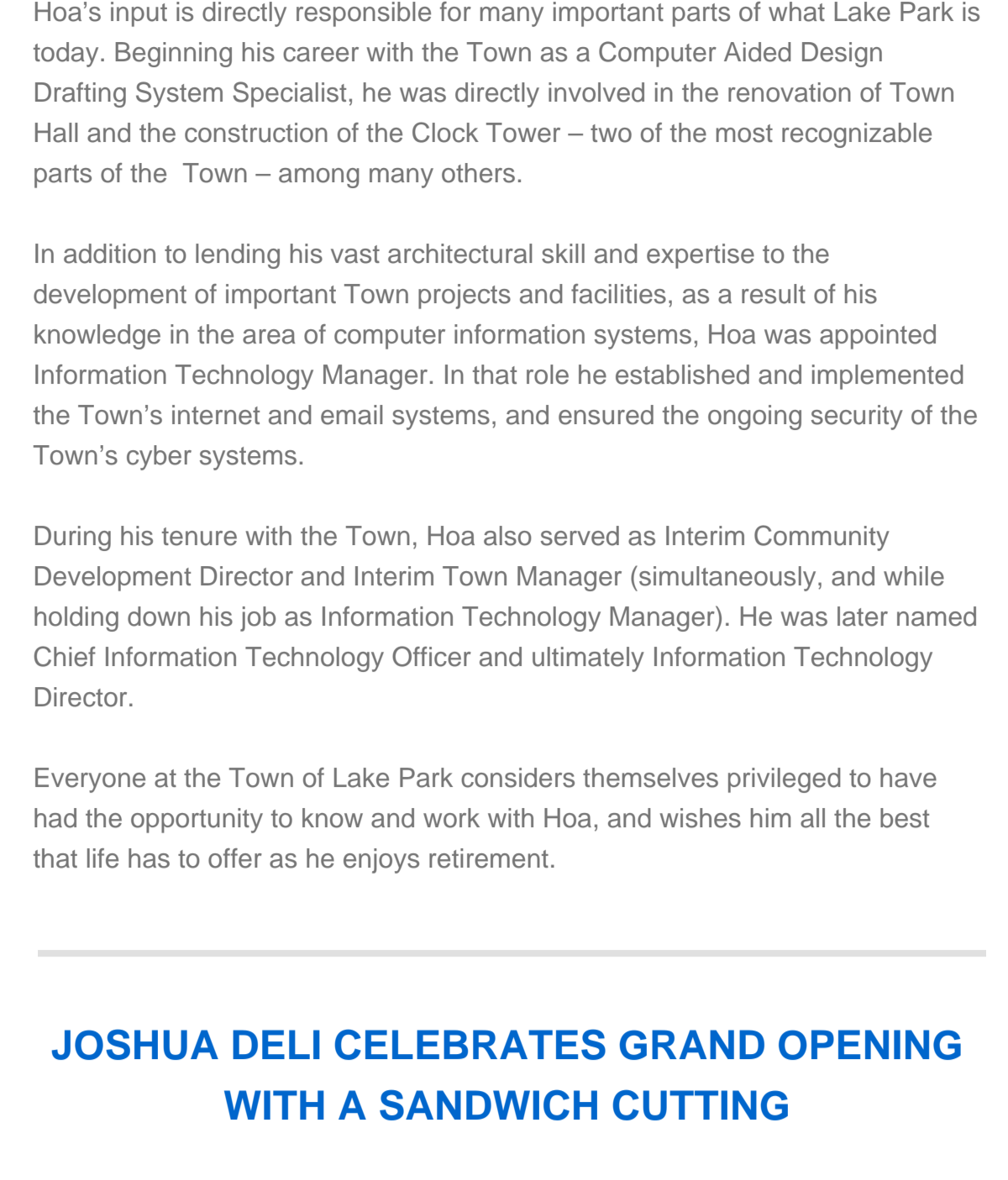




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## HOA HOANG, LONG-TIME TOWN EMPLOYEE, RETIRES



Hoa Hoang, Information Technology Director, has retired from the Town of Lake Park after nearly 24 years.

Hoa's input is directly responsible for many important parts of what Lake Park is today. Beginning his career with the Town as a Computer Aided Design Drafting System Specialist, he was directly involved in the renovation of Town Hall and the construction of the Clock Tower – two of the most recognizable parts of the Town – among many others.

In addition to lending his vast architectural skill and expertise to the development of important Town projects and facilities, as a result of his knowledge in the area of computer information systems, Hoa was appointed Information Technology Manager. In that role he established and implemented the Town's internet and email systems, and ensured the ongoing security of the Town's cyber systems.

During his tenure with the Town, Hoa also served as Interim Community Development Director and Interim Town Manager (simultaneously, and while holding down his job as Information Technology Manager). He was later named Chief Information Technology Officer and ultimately Information Technology Director.

Everyone at the Town of Lake Park considers themselves privileged to have had the opportunity to know and work with Hoa, and wishes him all the best that life has to offer as he enjoys retirement.

## JOSHUA DELI CELEBRATES GRAND OPENING WITH A SANDWICH CUTTING



The Town of Lake Park is excited to welcome Joshua Deli, part of the Joshua Catering social enterprise arm of The Lord's Place. Joshua Deli celebrated its grand opening on October 19th with a sandwich cutting (which is MUCH tastier than a ribbon-cutting) and is now open Monday through Friday from 10:30 AM to 2:00 PM at 933 Park Avenue.

The Joshua Deli location supports The Lord's Place programs and services to break the cycle of homelessness in Palm Beach County. The Joshua Deli staff will prepare and deliver food to Café Joshua, which serves lunches and provides table companions for the hundreds of people who are homeless who come to The Lord's Place weekly for a hot meal. The deli also provides an opportunity for formerly homeless clients to complete culinary work experience training in a professional culinary setting.

## LAKE PARK EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR: PAULA LEBLANC

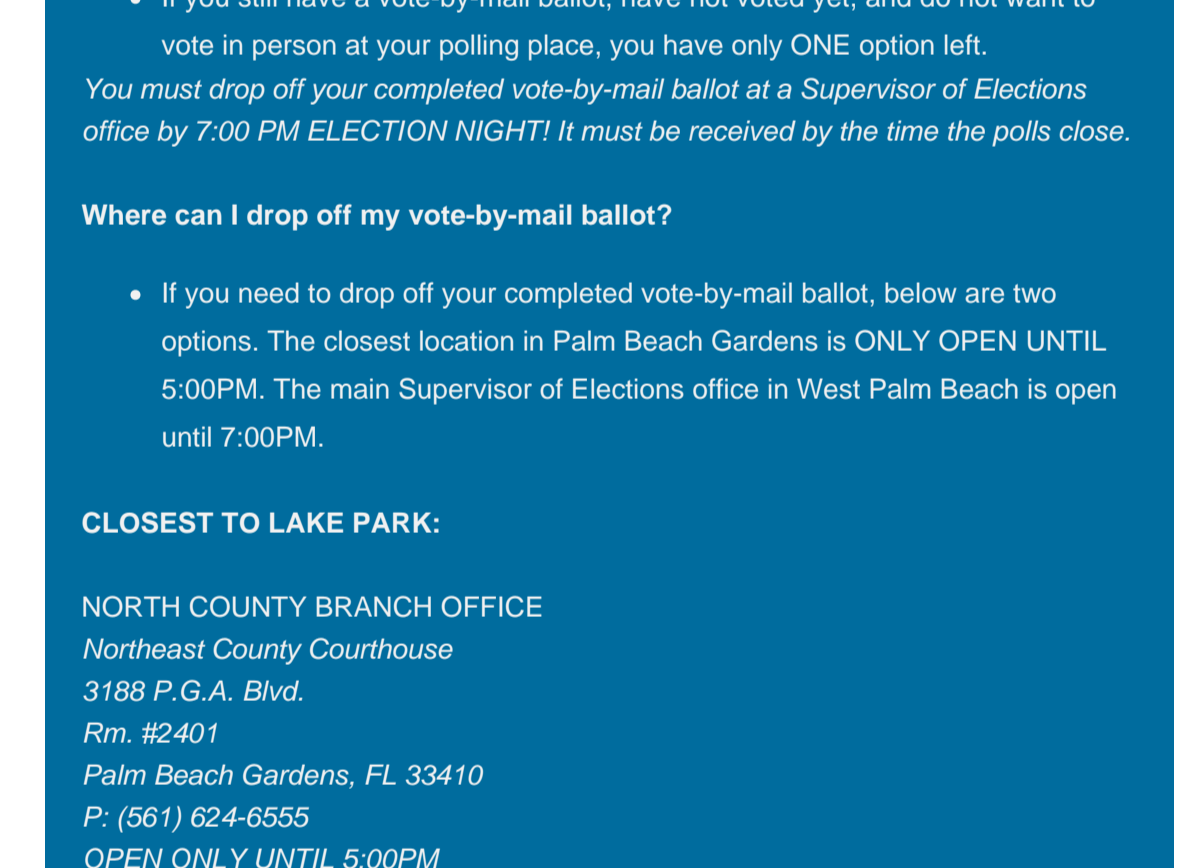


Congratulations to Paula LeBlanc, Administrative Assistant in the Public Works Department, who was voted EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR by her colleagues!

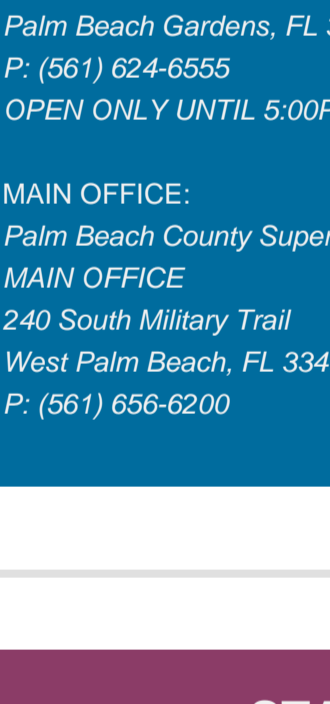
Paula began her tenure with the Town in July of 2018 and immediately demonstrated her exceptional capability and value as an important member of the Public Works Department. She has regularly assisted the Operations Manager with a multitude of essential tasks, including taking on a crucial role in the annual Town budget process. Highly respected by Town management and staff because of her knowledge of the public works profession and her commitment to providing the highest degree of customer service to the public and to her colleagues, Paula was the clear choice for this award.

Congratulations, Paula, and thank you for all you do for the Town of Lake Park!

## LAKE PARK PAINTS THE TOWN!



The Town of Lake Park has added some local color to our downtown area! As you stroll down Park Avenue enjoying the beautiful Fall weather, be sure to take in the banners created from artwork by talented Palm Beach County artists Steven Brouse, Kenneth Hays, Melissa Mastrangelo and Becky Osborne. And why not stop in to some of the unique local shops or wonderful restaurants to make your visit complete.



This month we are introducing a new feature to our newsletter, Chef's Corner. Each month we will feature a chef-created recipe that you can make at home for your family. Our first recipe comes from Chef Robert Coleman, Director of Food Services for the Lord's Place, which recently opened Joshua Deli in Lake Park. Chef Coleman is also the Second Vice President for the Palm Beach Chapter of the American Culinary Foundation. Just in time for Thanksgiving, Chef Coleman brings us a recipe for Turnip And Sweet Potato Gratin.

From the Chef: *November is a month full of pumpkin spice and turkey. But there is a lot more in season this time of year. Think butternut squash, pears, Brussels sprouts, figs, and even one of my favorites, turnips. When I was a boy my grandfather would grow turnips in his garden and I remember fondly him pulling a turnip out of the ground, brushing the dirt off and slicing it into pieces with his pocket knife and we would snack on it while we walked the rows of the garden.*

**Turnip And Sweet Potato Gratin**  
 Ingredients  
 2 sweet potatoes, peeled and sliced (use a mandolin for best results)  
 3 medium turnips, peeled and sliced (use a mandolin for best results)  
 2 shallots, sliced  
 1 ½ cups chicken stock  
 1 cup heavy cream  
 1/4 cup all-purpose flour  
 Kosher salt  
 Black pepper  
 Nutmeg  
 2/3 cup panko (Japanese) breadcrumbs  
 2 tablespoons olive oil  
 4 ounces bleu or gorgonzola cheese, crumbled  
 3/4 cup finely chopped nuts  
 1 tablespoon chopped rosemary

**Directions**  
 Preheat oven to 400 degrees F.  
 Layer sweet potato, turnips, and shallots in 9x13 baking dish, make as many layers as you like  
 Whisk together stock, cream, and flour. Season with salt, pepper, and nutmeg.  
 Pour cream mixture over vegetables.  
 Bake, covered with foil, on a baking sheet, until vegetables are just tender, 45 to 55 minutes.  
 Meanwhile, combine breadcrumbs, oil, cheese, nuts, and rosemary.  
 Remove foil and top gratin with breadcrumb mixture.  
 Bake until golden, 12 to 15 minutes.

**If you are a chef or proprietor from a local restaurant, The Insider would love to receive a recipe from you. Please email us at [publicinformation@lakeparkflorida.gov](mailto:publicinformation@lakeparkflorida.gov) and we will feature your recipe in an upcoming issue!**



**Have you voted yet?**  
 Tomorrow is election day.

**Do you know where to vote tomorrow?**

- When voting in person tomorrow, you must vote at your designated polling place.
- To find your polling place, click below and enter your address.

**Where Do I Vote? →**

**Make sure your vote-by-mail ballot is counted**

- Did you send in or drop off a vote-by-mail ballot? Make sure it was received and will be counted.
- You can check on the status of your mail-in ballot by clicking the link below. If your ballot status shows "Received" in blue, your ballot will be counted when the polls close. (It will not register as counted until the polls close). If it shows an alert in red, you should check with the Supervisor of Elections immediately.

**Check on my vote-by-mail ballot status →**  
**More information on understanding my ballot status →**

**DO NOT MAIL IN YOUR BALLOT!**

- If you still have a vote-by-mail ballot, have not voted yet, and do not want to vote in person at your polling place, you have only ONE option left. You must drop off your completed vote-by-mail ballot at a Supervisor of Elections office by 7:00 PM ELECTION NIGHT! It must be received by the time the polls close.

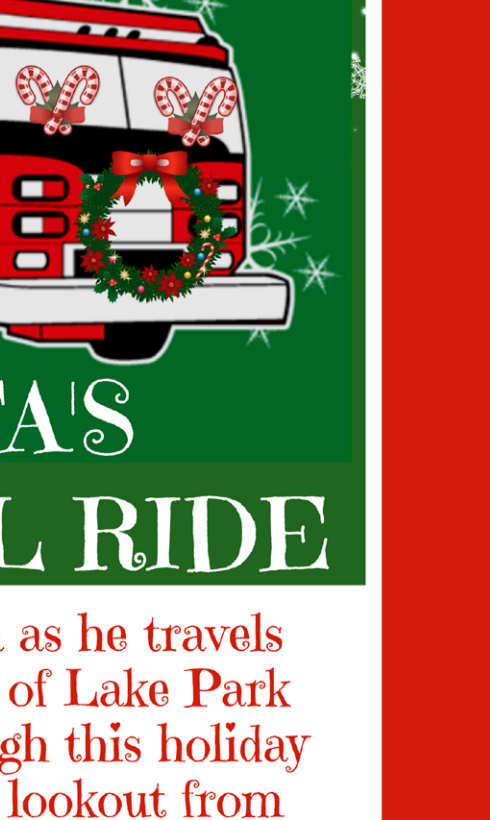
**Where can I drop off my vote-by-mail ballot?**

- If you need to drop off your completed vote-by-mail ballot, below are two options. The closest location in Palm Beach Gardens is ONLY OPEN UNTIL 5:00PM. The main Supervisor of Elections office in West Palm Beach is open until 7:00PM.

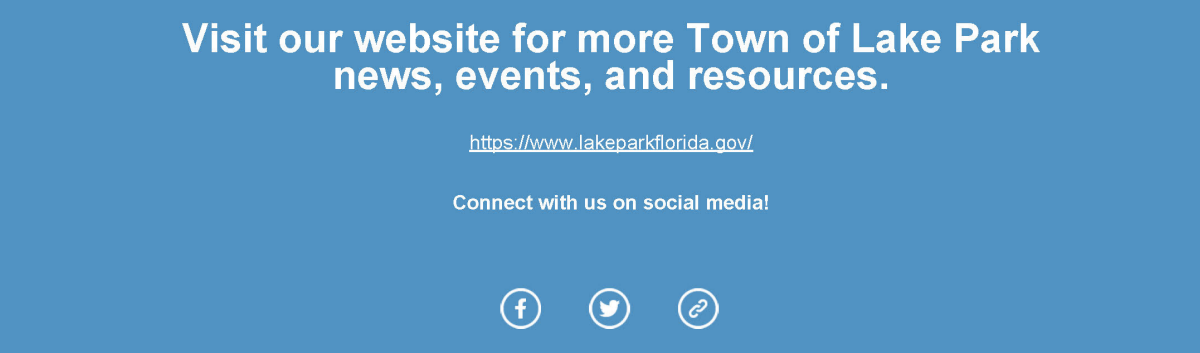
**CLOSEST TO LAKE PARK:**  
 NORTH COUNTY BRANCH OFFICE  
 Northeast County Courthouse  
 3188 P.G.A. Blvd.  
 Rm. #2401  
 Palm Beach Gardens, FL 33410  
 P: (561) 624-6555  
 OPEN ONLY UNTIL 5:00PM

**MAIN OFFICE:**  
 Palm Beach County Supervisor of Elections  
 MAIN OFFICE  
 240 South Military Trail  
 West Palm Beach, FL 33415  
 P: (561) 656-6200

## STAFF ANNIVERSARIES



## PROPERTY OF THE MONTH



Congratulations to Orlando Gonzalez of 216 Date 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.

## COME JOIN US & PROVIDE YOUR INPUT!



**WHAT PUBLIC WORKSHOP**  
 The Town of Lake Park is interested in implementing a Lane Reduction Initiative (Road Diet) on Park Avenue. This will reduce the number of lanes between US Highway 1 and 6th Street. We would like to obtain input from the general public and other stakeholders regarding the design options.

**WHERE TOWN HALL**  
 Commission Chambers  
 535 Park Avenue  
 Lake Park, FL 33403

**WHEN MONDAY**  
 November 8, 2021  
 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM

For more information please contact the Public Works Department at 561-881-3345 or [publicworks@lakeparkflorida.gov](mailto:publicworks@lakeparkflorida.gov)

## HOLIDAY DECORATING CONTEST

SHOW YOUR HOLIDAY SPIRIT BY DECORATING YOUR HOME OR BUSINESS IN CELEBRATION OF THE HOLIDAY SEASON

TO REGISTER PLEASE CONTACT THE SPECIAL EVENTS DEPARTMENT BY DECEMBER 3 AT 561-840-0160 OR [SPECIALEVENTS@LAKEPARKFLORIDA.GOV](mailto:SPECIALEVENTS@LAKEPARKFLORIDA.GOV)

ENTRIES WILL BE JUDGED FOR BEING MOST CREATIVE  
 1ST PLACE - \$100.00 GIFT CARD  
 2ND PLACE - \$50.00 GIFT CARD  
 3RD PLACE - \$25.00 GIFT CARD

## HOLIDAY CELEBRATION

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 3  
 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM  
 TOWN GREEN  
 CORNER OF PARK AVENUE AND 9TH STREET

COUNTDOWN TO THE LIGHTING OF THE HOLIDAY TREE, MENORAH AND KINARA



## SANTA'S MAGICAL RIDE

Please join Santa as he travels through the Town of Lake Park on his magical sleigh this holiday season! Be on the lookout from 6:00 PM to 7:30 PM to see if Santa is on your street. Santa's magical sleigh will not stop but will travel continuously throughout the town.

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

Connect with us on social media!

