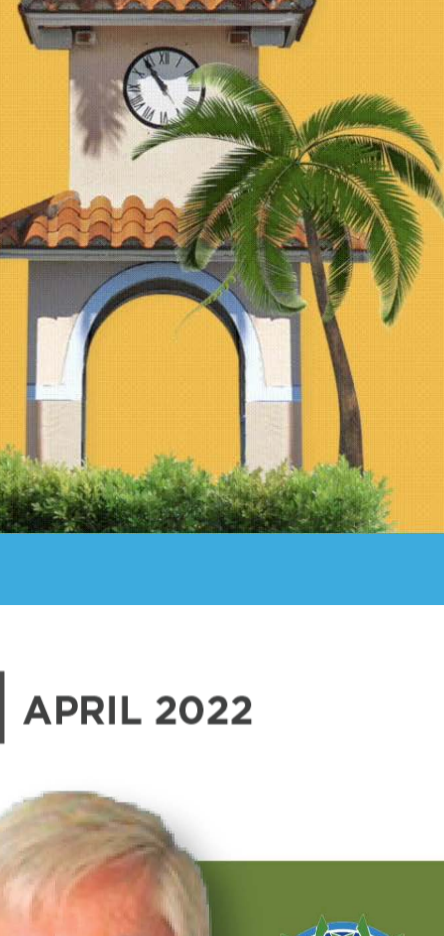


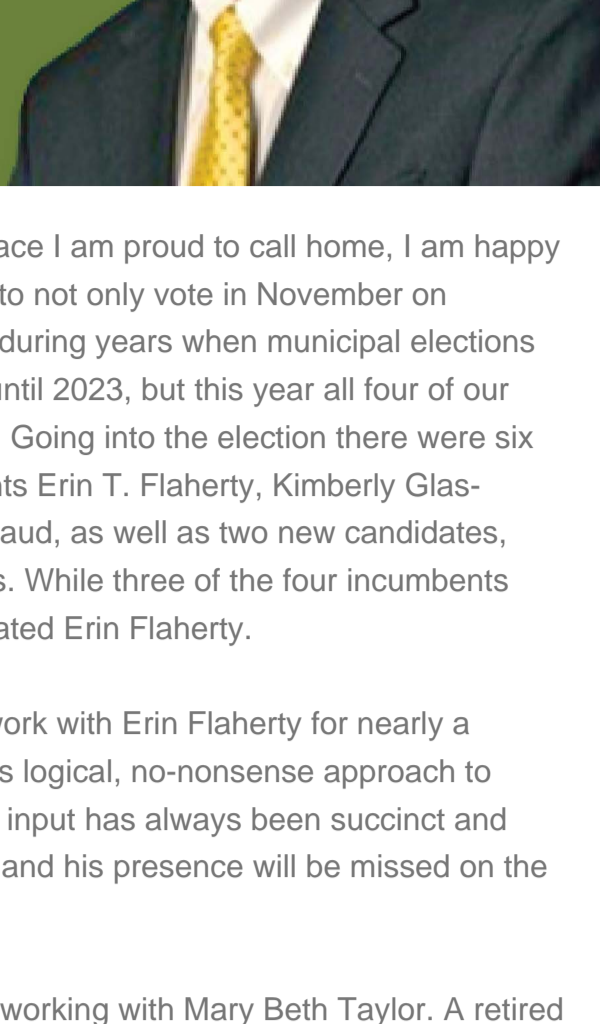
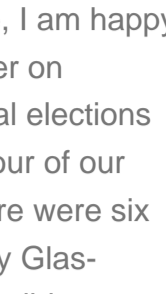
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MAYOR'S MESSAGE

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



As an elected official in Lake Park, a place I am proud to call home, I am happy that our residents have the opportunity to not only vote in November on Election Day, but to also vote in March during years when municipal elections are held. My three-year term is not up until 2023, but this year all four of our Commission seats were up for election. Going into the election there were six candidates for the four seats: incumbents Erin T. Flaherty, Kimberly Glas-Castro, John L. Linden and Roger Michaud, as well as two new candidates, Mary Beth Taylor and Judith E. Thomas. While three of the four incumbents were reelected, Mary Beth Taylor unseated Erin Flaherty.

I have enjoyed having the privilege to work with Erin Flaherty for nearly a decade, and have a deep respect for his logical, no-nonsense approach to addressing issues facing the Town. His input has always been succinct and straightforward – and always spot-on – and his presence will be missed on the dais.

I am also very much looking forward to working with Mary Beth Taylor. A retired teacher, she is not only a Lake Park resident, she also worked in our own Lake Park Elementary for 11 years of her career and will no doubt bring a unique perspective to the Commission.

Judith Thomas, former Lake Park Planning and Zoning Board Chair, ran an outstanding campaign and was only five votes behind Mary Beth Taylor when the votes were tallied. It is my sincerest hope that she will continue to share her gifts with the Town.

Lake Park offers residents so many opportunities to be heard. Whether you sit on one of our Boards (Tree Board, Planning and Zoning Board, Library Board, etc.) or run for a Commission seat, make a public comment during one of our Commission meetings, or if you simply get out and cast your vote in November and March, you are doing your part and making your voice heard. This is an important right and privilege, and I encourage you to exercise it in order to help Lake Park continue to be the outstanding place it is.

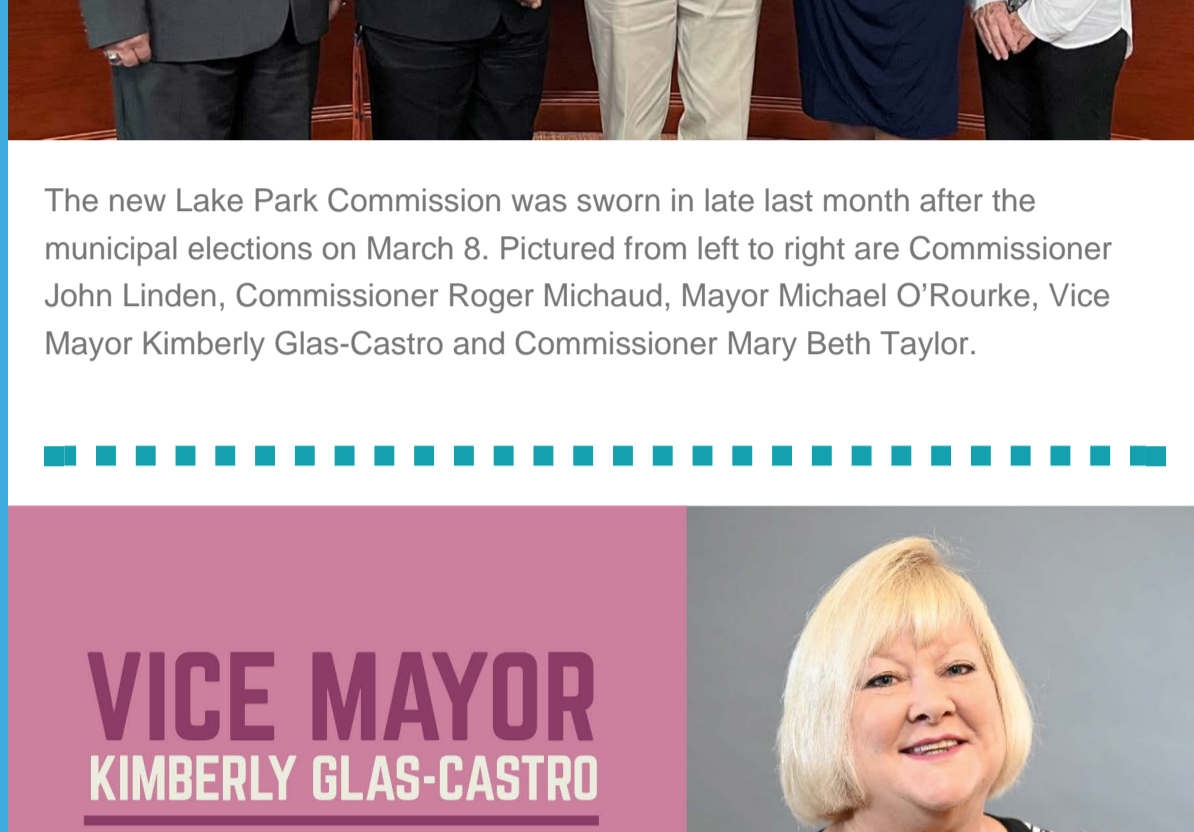
See you on April 29 at Sunset Celebration featuring the Big City Dogs!

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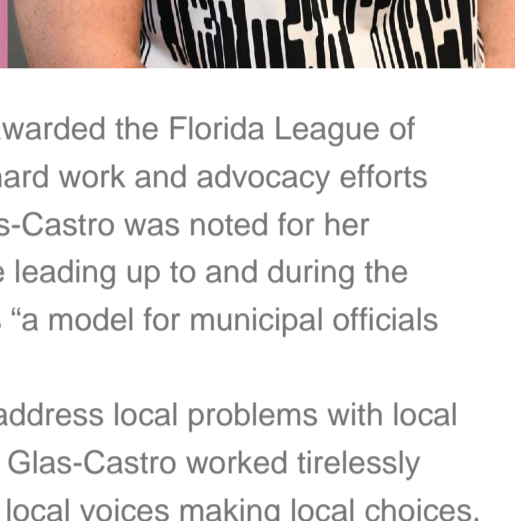
MAYOR

NEW TOWN COMMISSION SWORN IN



The new Lake Park Commission was sworn in late last month after the municipal elections on March 8. Pictured from left to right are Commissioner John Linden, Commissioner Roger Michaud, Mayor Michael O'Rourke, Vice Mayor Kimberly Glas-Castro and Commissioner Mary Beth Taylor.

VICE MAYOR KIMBERLY GLAS-CASTRO HONORED WITH HOME RULE HERO AWARD



Vice Mayor Kimberly Glas-Castro has been awarded the Florida League of Cities' 2022 Home Rule Hero Award for her hard work and advocacy efforts during the 2022 Legislative Session. Ms. Glas-Castro was noted for her "outspoken advocacy for municipal home rule leading up to and during the 2022 Legislative Session" and was lauded as "a model for municipal officials statewide."

Home Rule is the ability for a municipality to address local problems with local solutions with minimal state interference. Ms. Glas-Castro worked tirelessly throughout the legislative session to promote local voices making local choices.

Congratulations to Vice Mayor Glas-Castro on this prestigious award!

TOWN GRANT MAKING PROGRAM AWARDS ANNOUNCED

The Town of Lake Park offers an annual grantmaking program designed to assist individuals and groups that require financial support in order to execute a program or project that will directly benefit the citizens of Lake Park. With the exception of public entities, eligible applicants must be located within the municipal boundaries of the Town of Lake Park. Eligible applicants include legally established 501(c)3 non-profit tax-exempt organizations; for-profit businesses; or public entities; individuals are considered eligible applicants for the Small Grant Program only. This year, the Town is proud to award grant funding to JETSETV F.C. for its week-long summer soccer program and Bethlehem Community Empowerment Center in order to renovate its field that is used in our municipal programs. We are happy to support these outstanding initiatives.

LAKE PARK DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION COUNCIL WINS AWARD

The Lake Park Diversity and Inclusion Council was the recipient of the National League of Cities 2022 Cultural Diversity Award in the "under 50,000 population" category. The Council was called "a shining example of diversity and total community collaboration." Submissions for the awards program were evaluated for creativity, community impact and programmatic scope.

Congratulations to the Lake Park Diversity and Inclusion Council on this recognition!

FACILITY RENTALS RETURN TO LAKE PARK!



The Town is happy to announce that facility rentals are back! After a two-year hiatus due to the pandemic, all of the Town's rental facilities – ranging from the grand Mirror Ballroom to our outdoor gazebo – are once again available. With six different options located throughout the Town, we have the perfect spot for your next gathering. For more information, including details about each location, please visit www.lakeparkflorida.gov/government/departments/special-events-department/facility-rentals.

STAFF ANNIVERSARIES



Paul Mathis
Vehicle Maintenance Foreman
April 10, 1995



Aislet Rogers
Children's Library Assistant
April 26, 2021

EASTER EGGSTRAVAGANZA

SATURDAY, APRIL 16
10:00 AM - 12:00 PM
KELSEY PARK
601 FEDERAL HIGHWAY
LAKE PARK, FL 33403

ADMISSION AND PARKING ARE FREE
BRING YOUR EASTER BASKETS
EGG HUNTS FOR CHILDREN 3-10 YEARS OLD
FREE PHOTOS WITH THE EASTER BUNNY
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TOWN OF LAKE PARK ARBOR DAY CELEBRATION

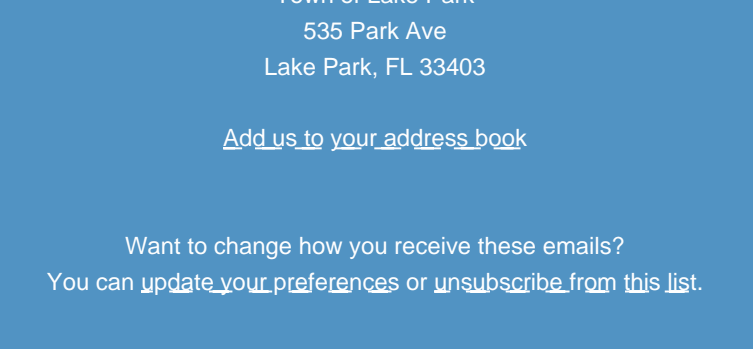
TREE PLANTING CEREMONY
FRIDAY, APRIL 29
10:00 AM - 11:00 AM
PBSO DISTRICT 10
SOUTH LAWN
700 6TH STREET
LAKE PARK, FL 33403



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SUNSET CELEBRATION

FREE MUSIC CONCERT
FEATURING



BIG CITY DOGS

LIVE MUSIC * FOOD VENDORS
CASH BAR * HAPPY HOUR

FRIDAY, APRIL 29
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
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