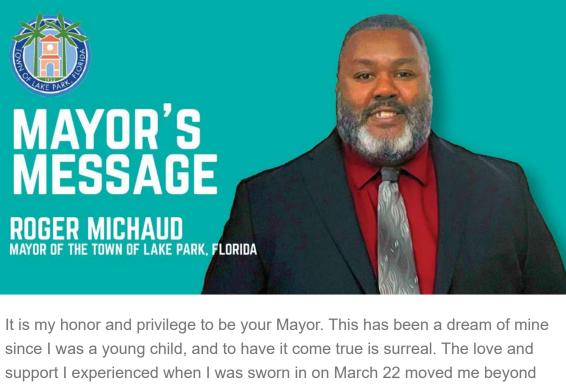
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words, and I intend to do everything in my power to always be worthy of it.

As I embark upon this journey, I want to let you know that I intend to be a Mayor who comes out to talk to you and wants to hear what you have to say, whether

of our lovely Town. Everything you say is important, and it is my job, along with the Commission, to help Lake Park become the best it can be in every regard.

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome Judith Thomas, our newest Commissioner, to the dais. She made history as the first woman of color to serve as a Lake Park Commissioner, and did so not only during Lake Park's

it is about concerns you have about existing situations or wishes for the future

recognize women. Judith is a go-getter who has lived and served in this community for a very long time, including on the Town's Planning & Zoning Board, and she is a strong addition to the Commission.

I would also like to recognize Vice Mayor Kim Glas-Castro, who served as Acting Mayor for the last three months. Her contributions to our Town are invaluable, and she has helped me grow and mature in my role through her support and words of wisdom.

centennial anniversary year, but during March, the month designated to

support and words of wisdom.

While I know that becoming the first Black Mayor of Lake Park is a history-making achievement, I also know that, most importantly, I am here for YOU, the residents and business-owners of Lake Park. My goal is to always serve you to

for as long as you, the voters, allow me to serve.

MAYOR

the best of my ability, and I promise that will guide me in my actions as Mayor

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LAKE PARK CELEBRATES
HISTORIC ELECTION RESULTS AND
LOOKS FORWARD TO THE FUTURE

## Lake Park is celebrating much more than just our Centennial this year! Last month, Roger Michaud was sworn in as the first Black Mayor of the Town and Judith Thomas was sworn in as the Town's first female Black Commissioner, making the Commission more representative of the community it serves.

A resident of Lake Park since 1985 (except for a brief four-year gap), Mayor Michaud grew up in Lake Park from the age of 10, attending Lake Park Elementary School. Staying true to his roots, he now lives with his wife and two children in his childhood home, and his mother, a native of Haiti, lives next door. As an adult, Mayor Michaud has been a dedicated community volunteer,

serving as a member of the Lake Park Kiwanis Club, Lake Park Public Library Advisory Board, and Lake Park Planning & Zoning Board; he still serves as a member of the Friends of the Lake Park Public Library, Bethlehem Community Empowerment Center and the Lake Park Centennial Committee. A member of

the Lake Park Town Commission since 2017, he has voted for many of the forward-thinking projects undertaken by the Town, including the installation of

technology that has helped to enhance security and reduce crime and the implementation of low-impact green infrastructure stormwater solutions, and has been a strong supporter of the redevelopment taking place in the Town.

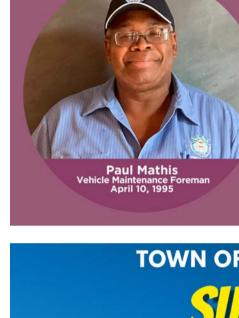
Commissioner Judith Thomas is the first woman of color in the Town's century-long history to hold a Lake Park Commission seat. Born in Jamaica,
Commissioner Thomas moved to Florida as a child and has lived in Lake Park for more than two decades. Like Mayor Michaud, she has volunteered her time for the Town of Lake Park, serving on the Planning and Zoning Board for 12 years, including six as its chair. During her inauguration, Commissioner Thomas spoke of her love for Lake Park, her appreciation for the growth she has witnessed since calling it home, and her desire to use her new role to help that development continue.

While this historic election ensures that Lake Park residents will see themselves reflected in their Town leaders, the civic dedication exhibited by Mayor Michaud and Commissioner Thomas transcends race, ethnicity and

John Linden and Mary Beth Taylor, they are poised to guide Lake Park toward continued success in its second century.

STAFF ANNIVERSARIES

gender. In conjunction with Vice Mayor Kim Glas-Castro and Commissioners











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