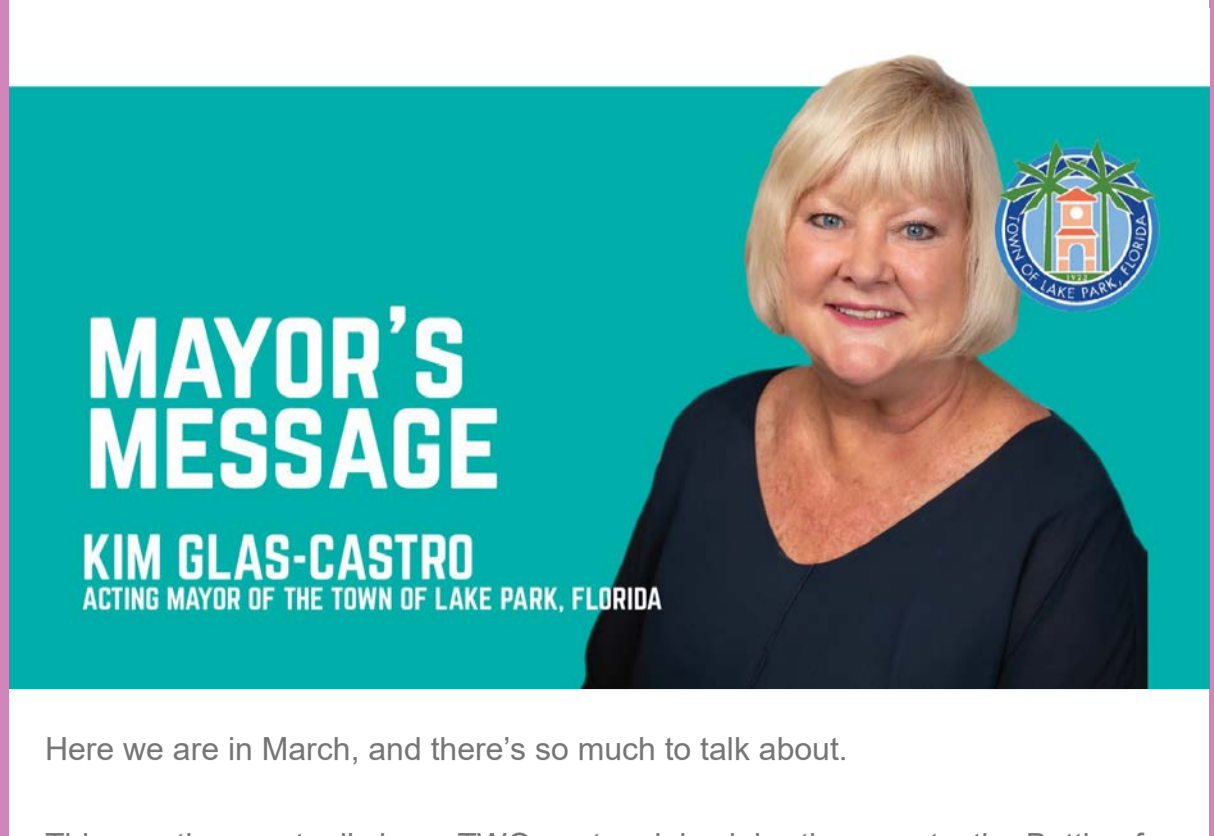


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Here we are in March, and there's so much to talk about. This month we actually have TWO centennial celebration events, the Battle of the Badges (featuring games and a community barbecue) on March 4 and the Historical Home Tour and Harry Kelsey Birthday Celebration on March 26. Both events are completely free, but advance registration is required for the March 26 event. Please visit the Centennial Celebration page of our website at LAKE PARK CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION to learn more and to purchase any keepsakes you would like before we sell out.

March is also an incredibly important month for our Town Commission. On March 22, we will see Mayor-Elect Roger Michaud inducted as Mayor of Lake Park. On that date he will become the first person of color to serve as this Town's Mayor, which is an important and well-deserved honor, and I know he will lead Lake Park with his head and his heart, just as he always has in his role as Commissioner. We will also be inducting our newest Commissioner on March 22, but we will not know who that is until the evening of March 14, after all the votes have been counted. I encourage everyone to get out and vote for their favorite candidate. Voting information is available later in this newsletter for your convenience.

I have enjoyed serving as Acting Mayor since the beginning of the year, just as I will enjoy returning to my role as Vice Mayor on March 23. There is currently one other woman who was elected to a Commission seat, and after the election there may be another (two of the three candidates are female). During March, which is Women's History Month, it is important to me to recognize the success of the strong, intelligent women in Lake Park. More than half of the department directors on the Town staff, including Bambi McKibbin-Turner, our Assistant Town Manager/Human Resources Director, are women. I am proud to work with them and applaud the success and growth they have created for Lake Park, which happens to be the home to many businesses that are owned by women. This is a good time to remind our daughters, sisters and friends that they can be who and what they want and there is always a seat for them at the table.

Kim Glas-Castro
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ACTING MAYOR

REMINDER: LAKE PARK MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS ARE ALMOST HERE

March 14 - Municipal Election Day in Lake Park - is only days away! The three candidates on the ballot for the open Commission seat are Patricia Leduc, Rafael Masocco and Judith Thomas, and it's up to you to decide who wins. Polls will be open from 7:00 AM until 7:00 PM. If you are unsure of your polling location, please visit https://www.voteinlakespark.com/Voters/Precinct-Finder. If you prefer to vote by mail, visit https://www.voteinlakespark.com/Voters/Vote-By-Mail for more information. Your application must be submitted no later than 5:00 PM 10 days prior to the election or you can visit a Palm Beach County Elections office and they will print a mail ballot for you up until 5:00 PM the day before election day).

Voting is your opportunity to make a difference in Lake Park. Please visit our website at https://www.lakesparkflorida.gov/government/departments/town-clerk/elections or reach out to our Town Clerk directly at 561-881-3311 or via email at townclerk@lakesparkflorida.gov with any questions you may have about the upcoming election.

CELEBRATING THE WOMEN OF LAKE PARK

March is International Women's Month, a month devoted to honoring the social, economic, cultural, and political contributions made by women. Although our Town is small, Lake Park is filled with women who have made a difference in the world around them, including two who have had a significant impact on the Town's growth and success.

Vice Mayor Kim Glas-Castro is celebrating a decade of service on the Town Commission, during which time she has helped lead the Town on its current path of positive development. Her more than three decades as a planner have been a key element in her guidance for Lake Park, and even more significantly in her role at the Village of Palm Springs, where she currently serves as Assistant Village Manager (after being promoted from her role as Planning, Zoning & Building Director, a role she held from 2014 through 2020). Ms. Glas-Castro has been recognized for her contributions to her field by being elected as the president of the Palm Beach League of Cities, has won the Florida League of Cities Home Rule Hero award, and is the 2022 recipient of the Lifetime Achievement Award from the Florida Chapter of the American Planning Association.

Although more than half of the department heads working for the Town of Lake Park are women, none have served the Town longer or with more distinction than Bambi McKibbin-Turner, our Assistant Town Manager and Human Resources Director. Ms. Turner joined the staff in 2001 as Executive Assistant Town Manager, receiving several promotions throughout her tenure, culminating with her most recent one in 2017. Her commitment to her role and to the entire staff of the Town of Lake Park is evident in everything she does. Her dedication is also acknowledged outside of Town boundaries, as she was recognized last year for her 20 years of service to the International County Manager's Association.

In addition to these outstanding women, as well as the many other talented and hardworking women on our Commission and Staff, Lake Park is home to many women-owned businesses of all types, making a positive difference in our community and for themselves. We salute each of them.

CONGRATULATIONS! PROPERTY OF THE MONTH

Congratulations to Choubert and Rosena Genestant of 860 Laurel 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.

STAFF ANNIVERSARIES

Staff anniversary portraits: Howard Butts (March 28, 1995), Vivian Mendez (March 31, 2013), Judith Cooper (March 15, 2017), Ronnie Cunningham (March 26, 2011).

TOWN OF LAKE PARK CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION EVENTS 2023. List of events including Centennial Kickoff Concert, Battle of the Badges, Historical Home Tour, Easter Eggstravaganza, Arbor Day Ceremony, Exhibit Ribbon-Cutting Ceremony, Chili Cook-off, Art & Music Festival, Celebration Gala, and Celebration Time Capsule Ceremony.

TOWN OF LAKE PARK CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION COMMUNITY BBQ AND GAMES. BATTLE OF THE BADGES. Saturday, March 4. Bert Bostrom Park. 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM. Free Food / Music / Bounce House.

Centennial Historical Homes Tour Sunday, March 26. 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM. Join the Centennial Celebration Committee and the Lake Park Historical Society as we celebrate Lake Park's 100th anniversary by hosting a tour of historical homes in our amazing town.

THE CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION COMMITTEE & LAKE PARK HISTORICAL SOCIETY PROUDLY PRESENT A Birthday Celebration IN HONOR OF Harry S. Kelsey. SUNDAY | MARCH 26. 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM. KELSEY PARK, 601 US HIGHWAY 1, LAKE PARK, FL 33403.

SUNSET CELEBRATION FREE MUSIC CONCERT. FEATURING NEVERGLADES. FRIDAY, MARCH 31. 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM. LAKE PARK HARBOR MARINA, 105 LAKE SHORE DRIVE, LAKE PARK, FL 33403.

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

