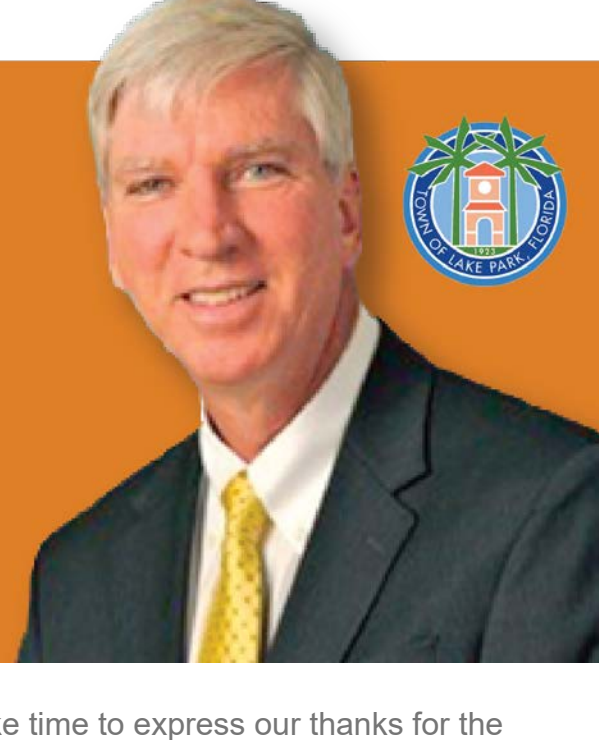




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MAYOR'S MESSAGE

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



This is the time of year when we all take time to express our thanks for the positives in our lives. For me, my gratitude is focused on the public servants who give so much of themselves every day.

John D'Agostino is not only the Town Manager of Lake Park, he has become a dear friend. We have accomplished many things during the time we have worked together, and although any municipality would be fortunate to have him at its helm, Lake Park is the lucky recipient of his gifts and talents. I am grateful to him and his entire staff for their dedication and service to this community.

During my tenure on the Commission I have worked alongside many thoughtful and giving individuals who were (and are) deeply invested in guiding the positive direction of Lake Park. I would like to thank the current and past Commission members for their input and insight that have helped create the Lake Park that we know and love today.

As elected officials, my fellow Commissioners and I are only able to serve because of the votes of our constituents. While our municipal elections do not take place until March, mid-term elections are next week, and I appreciate that we live in a country where we are able to become informed about candidates and issues and then cast our votes for who and what we believe in.

I would also like to share my gratitude for the people who serve us selflessly each day: police, firefighters, postal workers, nurses and teachers. Their commitment keeps each of us going in and helps communities grow and thrive.

And, finally, I am thankful for you, the residents of Lake Park, for the unwavering support you have shown me as a Commissioner, as Mayor, and as your neighbor.

This experience has been a blessing to me, and I could not be more appreciative.

Michael O'Rourke
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MAYOR

ELECTION DAY IS NOVEMBER 8



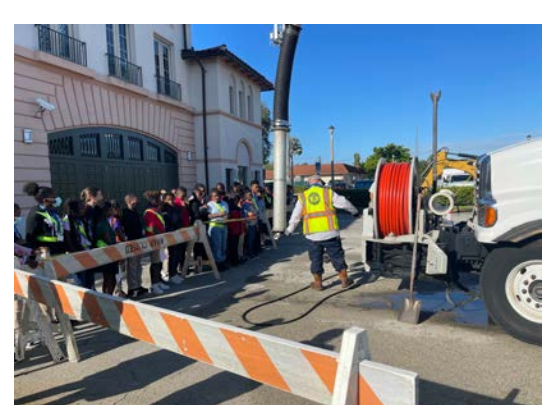
Election Day is November 8, and polling locations across Palm Beach County will be open from 7:00 AM to 7:00 PM. The deadline for early voting is 7:00 PM on November 6. If you have already requested and received a vote-by-mail ballot, you may complete it and return it by November 8 at 7:00 PM in order to be counted. The Town urges all registered voters to vote in the general election on November 8 and in the upcoming municipal election in March. If you are unsure of your polling location, please visit https://www.pbcelections.org/Voters/Precinct-Finder for more information.

THE LAKE PARK PUBLIC LIBRARY NOW OFFERS FREE TAKE-HOME WEEKEND MEALS FOR KIDS PROVIDED BY THE PALM BEACH COUNTY FOOD BANK



The Town of Lake Park has partnered with the Palm Beach County Food Bank to bring FREE weekend meals to kids and teens younger than 18 years of age. The Lake Park Public Library will have take-home bags filled with food every Thursday from 10:00 AM until 5:30 PM while supplies last. Parents must bring their child's student ID number with them to receive the bags of free healthy and nutritious meals. Please to call the library at 561-881-3330 for information about Thanksgiving week meals or with any questions.

THE TOWN OF LAKE PARK CELEBRATED FLORIDA CITY GOVERNMENT WEEK WITH A SPECIAL VISIT FROM LAKE PARK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL STUDENTS



On October 21, the Town of Lake Park recognized Florida City Government Week with a special event for 5th grade students from Lake Park Elementary School. Students had the opportunity to learn about different departments in the Town of Lake Park as well as the history of Town Hall, which was built in 1928. In addition to demonstrations of some of the equipment used by Public Works staff, students participated in skits that helped them learn about how the Town Commission, the Community Development Department and the Lake Park Public Library work, and they spent some time interacting with the Town Manager. They even had the chance to visit with PBSO to learn about the motorcycle and mounted (horse) units and pet the horses. And when their visit was over, the students were lucky enough to be walked back to school with a special escort by two PBSO deputies on horseback! It was a great time for everyone!

THE TOWN OF LAKE PARK READ FOR THE RECORD!



Once again this year, the Town of Lake Park was excited to participate in Jumpstart's Read for the Record, the world's largest shared reading experience to celebrate children's early language and social-emotional development.

The 2022 Read for the Record book was Nigel and the Moon, a story about a young boy who dreams big, but is too scared to share his dreams with the world. The book encourages children to celebrate where they come from, who they are, and who they want to be.

The Town of Lake Park's leadership supports early literacy and family literacy, and understands that developing a joy of reading helps create a foundation for success in life and promotes equity in society. This is reflected in where the Lake Park Public Library held its readings: there was a focus on reading at local preschools and Lake Park Elementary School, and we partnered with Bridges of Lake Park to read to that organization's participants. There was also a special visit from Town Commissioners who read to the families that attended the Town's annual Fall Fest. To help make the story available to all, Lake Park Library staff created a Storywalk in Kelsey Park, one of the largest and most popular parks in the Town. In order to help bridge language barriers, the library offered the book in both English and Spanish.

As a result of these incredible efforts, more than 800 children had the opportunity to participate in the 2022 Read for the Record.

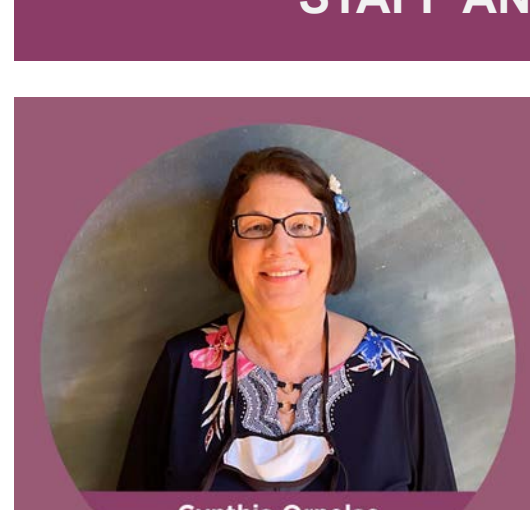
CONGRATULATIONS!



PROPERTY OF THE MONTH

Congrats to Bernard & Rhonda Arnette of 712 W. Jasmine Drive. Their home has been selected as the Property of the Month for November. 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



Cynthia Ornelas
Assistant, Facilities
November 14, 2012



Marrell Angstreich
Senior Assistant, IT
November 13, 2016

HOLIDAY CELEBRATION
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 2
6:00 PM - 8:00 PM
TOWN GREEN
CORNER OF PARK AVENUE AND 9TH STREET

JOIN US FOR LIVE PERFORMANCES, PHOTOS WITH SANTA, RAFFLE PRIZES AND THE OFFICIAL COUNTDOWN TO THE LIGHTING OF THE HOLIDAY TREE, MENORAH AND KINARA!

SANTA'S MAGICAL SLEIGH RIDE
DECEMBER 10

Please join Santa as he travels through the Town of Lake Park on his magical sleight this holiday season! Be on the lookout from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM to see if Santa is on your street. Santa's magical sleigh will not stop but will travel continuously throughout the town.

Town of Lake Park HOLIDAY DECORATING CONTEST
The Town of Lake Park invites you to show your holiday spirit by joining our annual Holiday Decorating Contest.
Registration begins on November 14 and is open through December 9.
All registered participants are asked to have their decorations up and lights on from 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM December 14 through December 18.
To register please contact the Special Events Department at 561-840-0160 or special.events@lakeparkflorida.gov.
Winners will be announced on Wednesday, December 21.

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