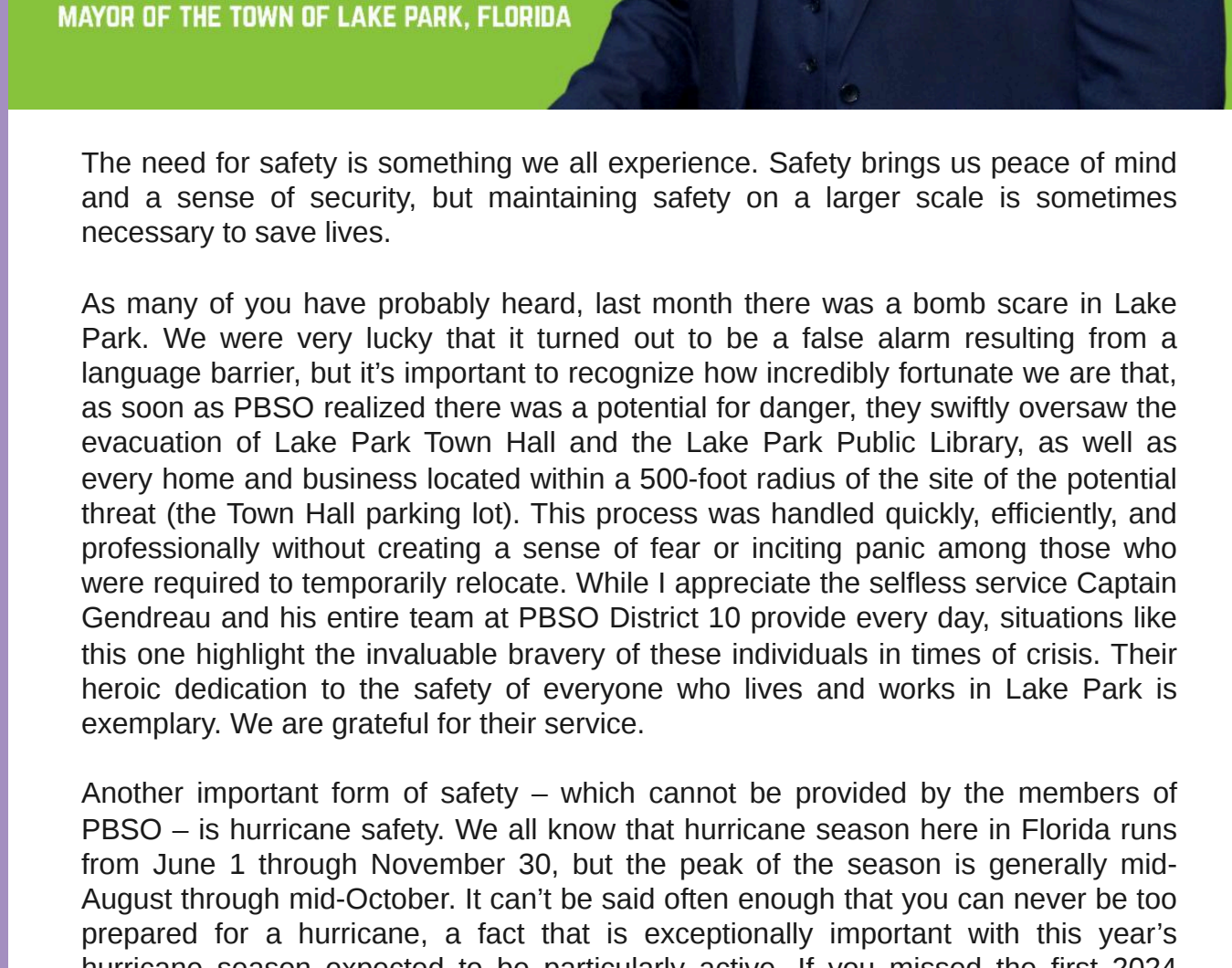


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MAYOR'S MESSAGE
ROGER MICHAUD
MAYOR OF THE TOWN OF LAKE PARK, FLORIDA

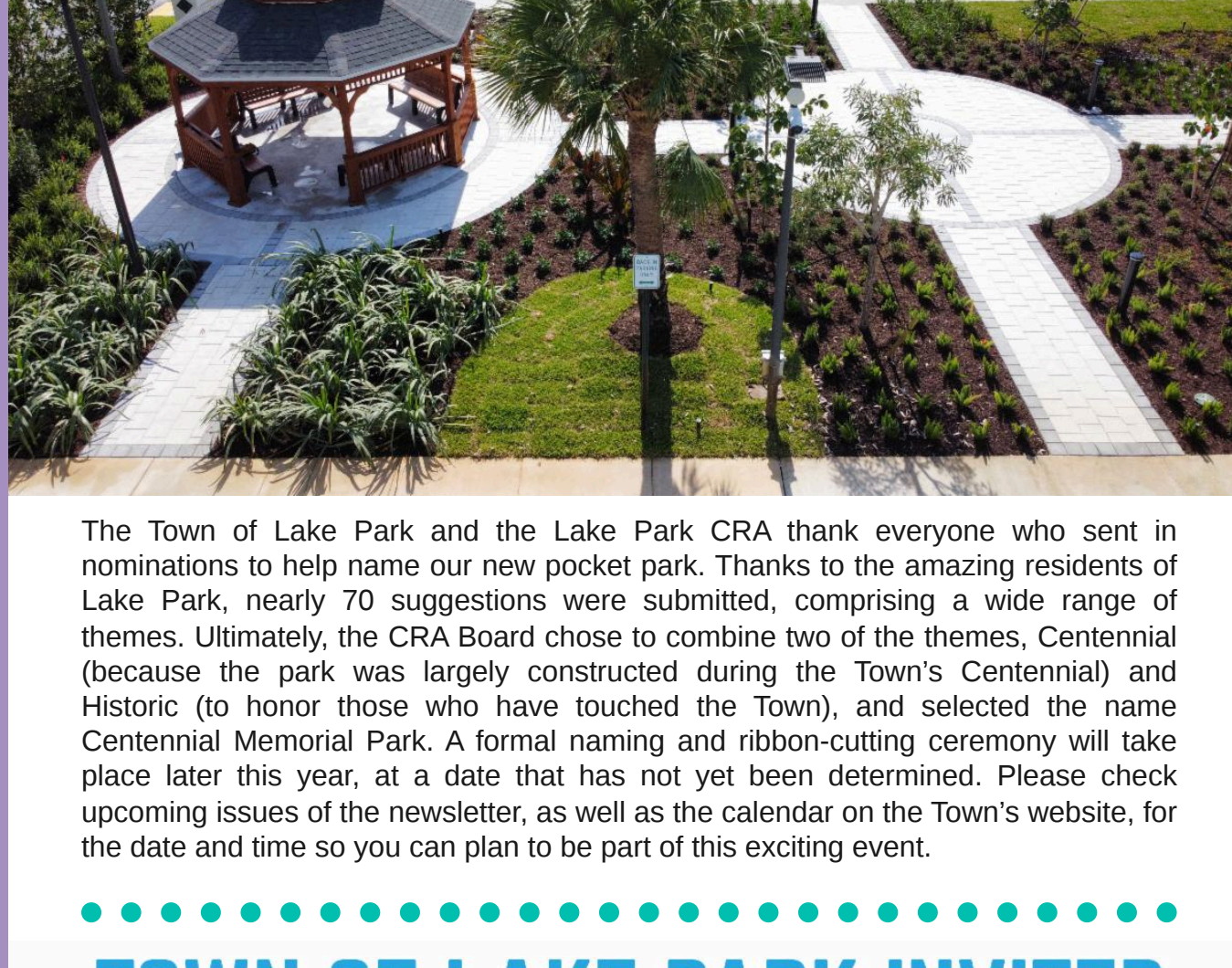
The need for safety is something we all experience. Safety brings us peace of mind and a sense of security, but maintaining safety on a larger scale is sometimes necessary to save lives.

As many of you have probably heard, last month there was a bomb scare in Lake Park. We were very lucky that it turned out to be a false alarm resulting from a language barrier, but it's important to recognize how incredibly fortunate we are that, as soon as PBSO realized there was a potential for danger, they swiftly oversaw the evacuation of Lake Park Town Hall and the Lake Park Public Library, as well as every home and business located within a 500-foot radius of the site of the potential threat (the Town Hall parking lot). This process was handled quickly, efficiently, and professionally without creating a sense of fear or inciting panic among those who were required to temporarily relocate. While I appreciate the selfless service Captain Gendreau and his entire team at PBSO District 10 provide every day, situations like this one highlight the invaluable bravery of these individuals in times of crisis. Their heroic dedication to the safety of everyone who lives and works in Lake Park is exemplary. We are grateful for their service.

Another important form of safety – which cannot be provided by the members of PBSO – is hurricane safety. We all know that hurricane season here in Florida runs from June 1 through November 30, but the peak of the season is generally mid-August through mid-October; it can't be said often enough that you can never be too prepared for a hurricane, a fact that is exceptionally important with this year's hurricane season expected to be particularly active. If you missed the first 2024 Florida Disaster Preparedness Sales Tax Holiday the first two weeks of June, you're still in luck – a second tax holiday will run from August 24 through September 6. For a list of the disaster-related items that are exempt from sales tax during this period, please click [here](#). For more hurricane season safety tips to help keep you and your home safe, please see below in this newsletter.

Wishing you a safe and healthy month, and for those who have children, a good start to the school year.

Roger Michaud
MAYOR



PBSO'S ADAM POSZONYI PROMOTED TO SERGEANT

The Commission and Staff of the Town of Lake Park would like to congratulate Adam Poszonyi on his promotion to Sergeant. Sergeant Poszonyi has been with District 10 in Lake Park since the beginning of his career in the Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office in June of 2014, and has remained here since. Unfortunately for all of us, as is the practice at PBSO, Sergeant Poszonyi will be transferred to another location later this month. We are incredibly proud of everything that Sergeant Poszonyi has accomplished during his 10 years in Lake Park and grateful for his service, dedication, knowledge, and professionalism. His presence will be missed.



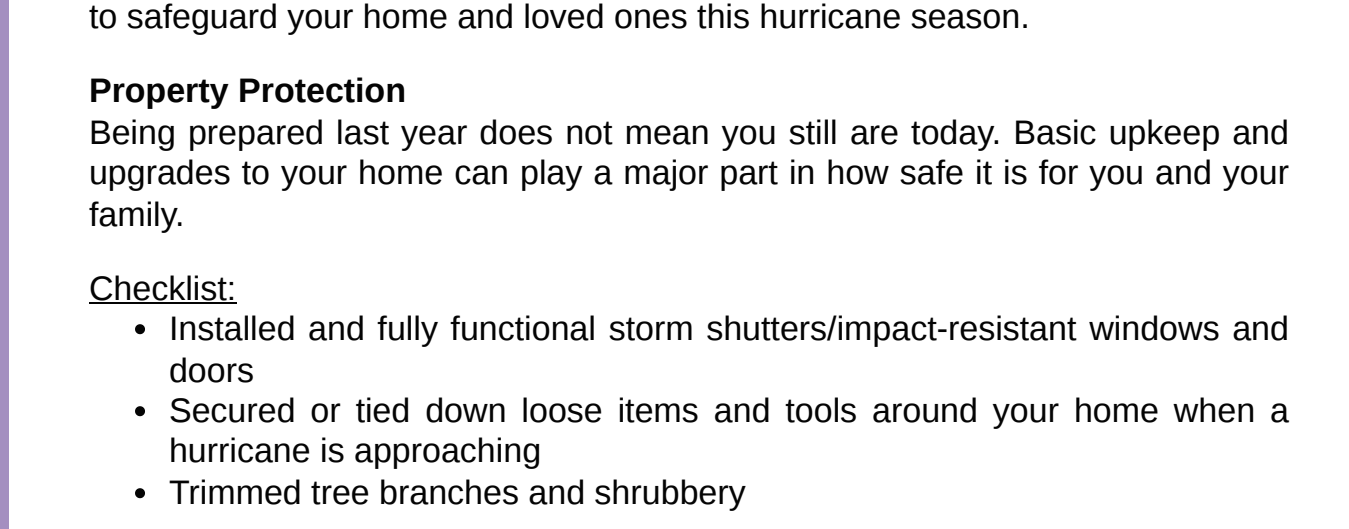
INTRODUCING... CENTENNIAL MEMORIAL PARK

The Town of Lake Park and the Lake Park CRA thank everyone who sent in nominations to help name our new pocket park. Thanks to the amazing residents of Lake Park, nearly 70 suggestions were submitted, comprising a wide range of themes. Ultimately, the CRA Board chose to combine two of the themes, Centennial (because the park was largely constructed during the Town's Centennial) and Historic (to honor those who have touched the Town), and selected the name Centennial Memorial Park. A formal naming and ribbon-cutting ceremony will take place later this year, at a date that has not yet been determined. Please check upcoming issues of the newsletter, as well as the calendar on the Town's website, for the date and time so you can plan to be part of this exciting event.



TOWN OF LAKE PARK INVITED TO PRESENT AT FLORIDA LEAGUE OF CITIES MEETING

The Town of Lake Park's Grant Writer/Chief Public Information Officer, Merrell Angstreich, was invited to speak at the July Palm Beach County League of Cities meeting to share how she has achieved such outstanding grant success for Lake Park and to offer advice to elected officials and staff members from across the county in order to help them create successful grant applications.



HURRICANE SEASON SAFETY CHECKLIST

No matter how long you've been here, or how many hurricanes you have lived through, one can never be too safe during the hurricane season. The forecast for 2024 shows a highly active season with the potential for several named storms and hurricanes. There is no need to worry, but there is always a need to remain prepared. Given that we'll soon enter the peak of hurricane season, September, it's important to evaluate your readiness. Check out and check off the Hurricane Safety Checklist below to confirm you have everything you need to safeguard your home and loved ones this hurricane season.

Property Protection
Being prepared last year does not mean you still are today. Basic upkeep and upgrades to your home can play a major part in how safe it is for you and your family.

- Checklist:**
- Installed and fully functional storm shutters/impact-resistant windows and doors
 - Secured or tied down loose items and tools around your home when a hurricane is approaching
 - Trimmed tree branches and shrubbery

Essential Supplies
Storm survival supplies are easy to find long in advance, but tend to sell out quickly in the event of an emergency. Make sure you can weather any storm by stocking up on important items now, including the ones below.

- Checklist:**
- Non-perishable and/or canned foods (at least a week's worth)
 - Manual can opener
 - Gas stove or range (with gas tank)
 - Gallons of drinkable water (one gallon per person, per day)
 - Charged batteries
 - Wireless light sources (flashlights, battery-powered lanterns or candles)
 - Matches and/or lighters
 - Charged cellphone (kept off until needed)

Evacuation Kit
Having a packed suitcase with crucial on-the-go items can be a lifesaver in a rushed or unexpected evacuation. If you already have one, be sure to restock your existing kit for you and anyone in your care.

- Checklist:**
- Personal hygiene items (soap, toilet paper, toothbrush/toothpaste, feminine hygiene items, etc.)
 - Change of clothes, towels, and linens
 - Gasoline
 - First aid kit
 - Photocopies of IDs and important information
 - Car repair tools (tire kits, pumps, flares)
 - Whistle
 - Cash and important valuables

In the event of an upcoming storm, the Town of Lake Park will issue hurricane information via CodeRed. You will receive these calls from the phone number 866-419-5000. If you are unsure if you are registered to receive CodeRed calls from the Town of Lake Park, please email your telephone number to publicinformation@lakeparkflorida.gov to ensure you are contacted. The Town also encourages everyone to register with AlertPBC to receive information about hurricanes that are of emergency. To register, please visit <https://fdiscover.pbpcgov.org/publicsafetyidem/pages/alert-pbc.aspx>. We wish everyone a safe hurricane season.

LIVE LOCAL ACT WORKSHOP

On Wednesday, August 7, the Town of Lake Park will host a workshop on proposed zoning regulations for Live Local Act (LLA) projects.

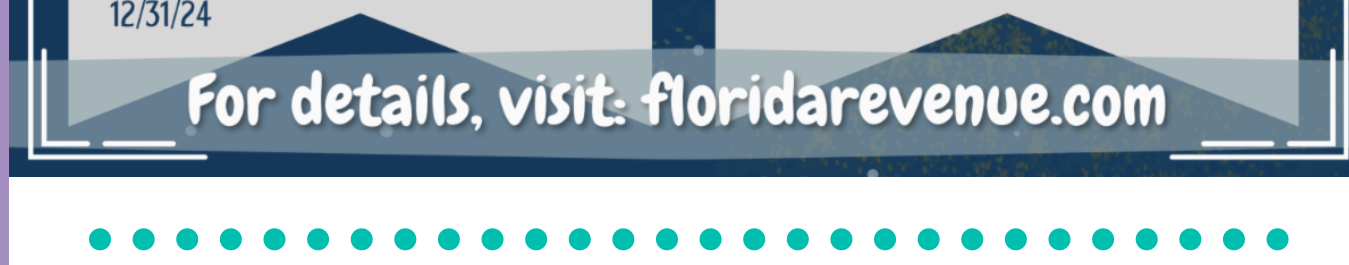
The LLA creates a program for the development of affordable rental housing to be located in zoning districts that allow commercial, industrial, or mixed-use uses (not residential districts). Due to concerns regarding the preemption of local zoning authority regarding height and density, approval process, and incompatibilities with commercial or industrial uses, the Town is proposing regulations any LLA project would be required to follow.

The workshop will also include discussion on the potential loss of affordable housing through redevelopment and a regulatory mechanism to offset the lost units.

Attendees are invited and welcome to share their input, however no formal action will be taken at this meeting.

Date: August 7, 2024
Time: 6:00 PM
Location: Lake Park Town Hall, Commission Chambers, 535 Park Avenue, Lake Park, FL 33403

For more information, please contact Karen Golonka at kgolonka@lakeparkflorida.gov



2024 - 2025 Florida Sales Tax Holidays

Disaster Preparedness Sales Tax Holiday
June 14-15, 2024
August 24-September 6, 2024

- Flashlights and lanterns \$40 or less
- Radios, batteries, and fuel tanks \$50 or less
- Coolers and portable power banks \$60 or less
- Smoke detectors, fire extinguishers and carbon monoxide detectors \$70 or less
- Tarps and ground anchors or tie-down kits \$100 or less
- Generators \$3,000 or less
- Various household pet needs

Back to School Sales Tax Holiday
July 29-August 11, 2024

- Clothing, footwear, and accessories like backpacks, handbags and diaper bags \$100 or less
- School supplies \$50 or less
- Learning aids \$30 or less
- Personal computers or computer-related accessories \$1,500 or less

Freedom Summer Sales Tax Holiday
July 1-31, 2024

- Certain boating, camping, fishing, general outdoor, and water activity equipment & supplies
- Admission to a variety of events: music, sporting, cultural events, fitness facilities, movies, museums, single admission or season tickets to theatre and dance performances
- State park admission and annual passes
- Tickets, memberships and passes purchased for use anytime from 7/1/24-12/31/24

Tool Time for Skilled Workers Sales Tax Holiday
September 1-7, 2024

- Hand and power tools
- Safety Equipment
- Work boots and work gloves
- Shop lights
- Toolboxes and belts
- Plumbing and electrical equipment

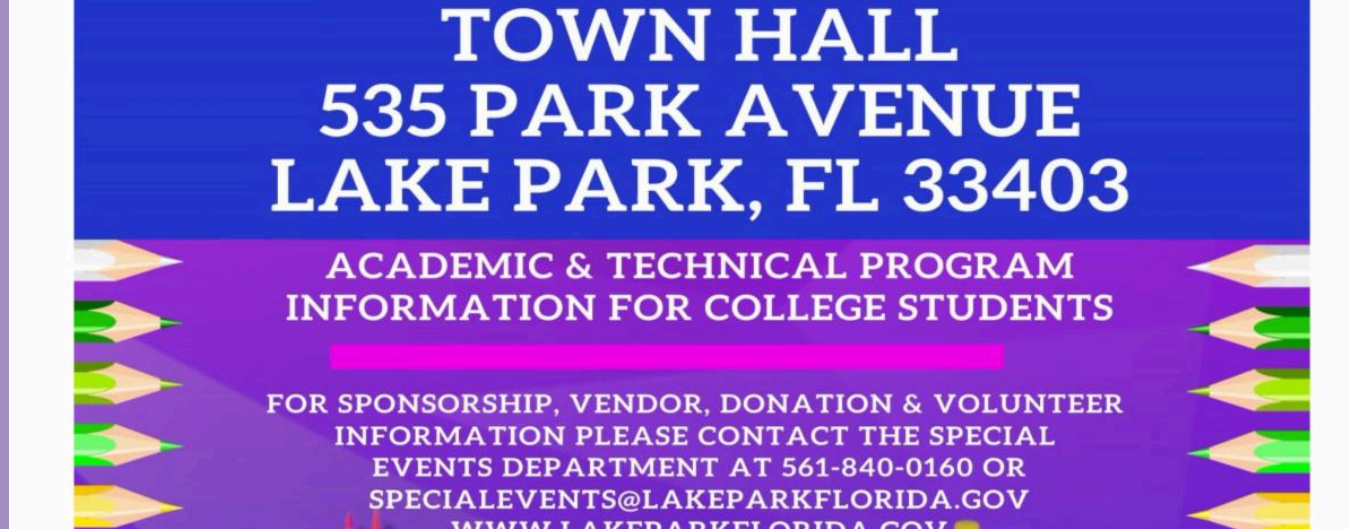
For details, visit: florida.revenue.com



PROPERTY OF THE MONTH

Congratulations to Septimus Dubois of 705 Evergreen Drive. His home has been selected as the Property of the Month for August. 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



UPCOMING EVENTS

TOWN OF LAKE PARK BACK 2 SCHOOL EXTRAVAGANZA
FREE BACKPACKS, SCHOOL SUPPLIES & RESOURCES FOR STUDENTS GRADES K-12
PARENT & STUDENT MUST BE PRESENT
SATURDAY, AUGUST 10
10:00 AM - 1:00 PM
TOWN HALL
535 PARK AVENUE
LAKE PARK, FL 33403
ACADEMIC & TECHNICAL PROGRAM INFORMATION FOR COLLEGE STUDENTS

FOR SPONSORSHIP, VENDOR, DONATION & VOLUNTEER INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT THE SPECIAL EVENTS DEPARTMENT AT 561-840-0160 OR SPECIALEVENTS@LAKEPARKFLORIDA.GOV
WWW.LAKEPARKFLORIDA.GOV

NAUTILUS 220
LUXE WATERFRONT RESIDENCES
BRIDGES DEVELOPMENT
FOREST DEVELOPMENT
CREDIT UNION
GLEN CREEK
CTA
SUNSHINE
WVFW

SUNSET CELEBRATION FREE MUSIC CONCERT
FEATURING
WHISKY SIX
FRIDAY, AUGUST 30
6:00 PM - 9:00 PM
KELSEY PARK
601 US HIGHWAY 1
LAKE PARK, FL 33403

FOOD VENDORS * CASH BAR * ART & CRAFT VENDORS * HAPPY HOUR
FREE ADMISSION & PARKING ** NO OUTSIDE FOOD OR DRINKS

FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL 561-840-0160 OR EMAIL SPECIALEVENTS@LAKEPARKFLORIDA.GOV



LITERACY DAY CARNIVAL

September 7, 2024 | Kelsey Park | 10am-1pm

- FREE ENTRY
- BOUNCE HOUSE
- FREE BOOKS!
- SNOW CONES
- PIZZA
- TRACKLESS TRAIN
- new worlds reading!



TOWN OF LAKE PARK MULTICULTURAL FESTIVAL

SHOWCASING CULTURE THROUGH ART, FOOD, MUSIC, DANCE & FASHION
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21
1:00 PM - 6:00 PM
KELSEY PARK
601 US HIGHWAY 1
LAKE PARK, FL 33403

LIVE MUSIC, CULTURAL PERFORMANCES
ART, CRAFT, FOOD & BEVERAGE VENDORS
KIDS ZONE, GAMES, ACTIVITIES
FREE ADMISSION & PARKING

FOR MORE INFORMATION AND TO BECOME A PERFORMER, SPONSOR, VENDOR OR VOLUNTEER CONTACT THE SPECIAL EVENTS DEPARTMENT AT 561-840-0160 OR EMAIL SPECIALEVENTS@LAKEPARKFLORIDA.GOV

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