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MAYOR'S MESSAGE

ROGER MICHAUD
MAYOR OF THE TOWN OF LAKE PARK, FLORIDA

It's July in South Florida, which means we're entering the peak months of our rainy season. Thankfully the replacement of the 24-year-old roof on Town Hall, as well as the waterproofing and painting of the building, have been completed just in time. Town Hall has experienced some weather-related issues in recent years, and I'm glad we don't need to worry about that anymore.

Speaking of Town Hall, it was recently the site of our first Community Forum. I'm proud to say that this forum was extremely productive, and we will be holding them quarterly, with each focusing on a different department. This session focused on the Code Enforcement division of our Community Development department and nearly every seat in the Commission Chamber was filled with interested residents. After a comprehensive and informative introduction by Community Development Director Nadia DiTommaso and Code Compliance Officers Abe Aksal, Gianfranco Pinto, and Glen Talmadge, residents had the opportunity to ask questions of the staff members, who provided answers when they could, and promises to follow up if the answers were not readily available. One of the key pieces of information they touched upon was the Community Beautification Improvement Fund, which is available to assist residents who have code violations on their properties, even if a notification of the violation has not yet been issued. If you feel this may apply to you, please reach out to the Community Development Department at communitydevelopment@lakeparkflorida.gov.

In a big development that has been in the works for a long time, last month, Palm Beach County approved the expansion of the CRA, which is very important for the continued success of the Town. The main goal of the expansion is to use current Town of Lake Park tax increment revenues within the original CRA to spur development within the expansion areas, which are blighted and need to be added to the CRA in order to alleviate the blighted conditions. You can see a map of the newly designated CRA at <https://www.lakeparkflorida.gov/government/departments/community-redevelopment-agency/cra-location-map>.

I'm very excited about the new Pocket Park on 7th Street. We've received dozens of entries in the "Name The Pocket Park" contest. Our next step is for staff to narrow down the field in order to present choices to the CRA Board for selection. I can't wait to see what our residents have suggested, and I'm sure you can't, either!

MAYOR

TOUR DE LAKE PARK



On Saturday, June 22, Lake Park community members joined Mayor Roger Michaud and Vice Mayor Kim Glas-Castro for the Tour de Lake Park. Gathering at Town Hall with bicycles and helmets, participants enjoyed a guided group bike ride through the Town, while learning about its rich history. This event was made possible by the generous support of Lake Park Bicycles, the Palm Beach Transportation Planning Agency, and Safe Kids Palm Beach County.



RECYCLING MADE EASY

Recycling has many benefits for the environment and our Town. It helps reduce waste in landfills and saves natural resources. Recycling also cuts down on pollution and greenhouse gases, making our air cleaner. By recycling, we protect the environment for the future, create local jobs, and help to keep our Town clean. Here's how to do your part to help our Department of Public Works staff maintain the Town.

PLACE IN THE BLUE BIN OR CART:	PLACE IN THE YELLOW BIN OR CART:	DON'T PLACE IN RECYCLING BIN OR CART:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Plastic bottles and containers Lids on, 2 gallons or less Food and beverage cans Glass bottles and jars Lids off Milk and juice cartons Lids on Drink boxes No pouches No straws 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cardboard Flattened Remove packing material Newspaper and inserts No plastic bags Dry food and pizza boxes No food stains Office and school paper Cardboard paper rolls Mail Magazines Paper bags 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Plastic bags Foam products Aluminum foil or pans Shredded paper Plastic eating utensils or straws Paper plates Paper towels or napkins Coat hangers Light bulbs
When in doubt, throw it out!		



FIREWORKS SAFETY

The Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office is urging Palm Beach County residents and visitors to think about safety as they make plans to celebrate Independence Day.

Every year thousands of people are seriously injured or even killed by fireworks, and many of those are children. Unsafe handling of fireworks can result in severe burns, scars and disfigurement that can last a lifetime. For that reason, with limited exception, FIREWORKS ARE ILLEGAL TO USE WITHOUT A PERMIT. Note - Currently, Per Florida State Statute 791.08, the only days fireworks are allowed to be used without a permit are New Year's Eve, New Year's Day, and Independence Day.

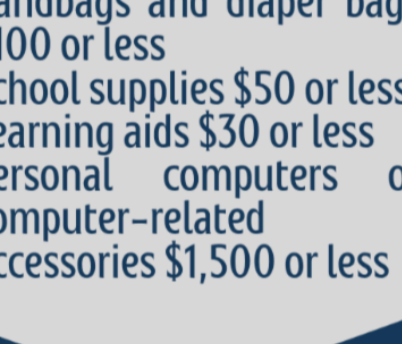
- Some examples of restricted fireworks:**
- Bottle Rockets, Roman Candles
 - Expanding Fireworks
 - Firecrackers, Cherry Bombs or M-80's
 - Aerial Rockets with Stands
- (The above listed items are only a few common samples that are prohibited for use most of the year.)*

- WARNING -

SIGNING A "Waiver" to purchase fireworks will not clear you of responsibility or possible liability should you be caught using fireworks illegally. The Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office will be enforcing the use of illegal fireworks throughout the year. Using fireworks illegally is a first degree misdemeanor punishable by up to one year in jail and a \$1,000 fine.

If you are using fireworks on one of the days exempted by law, or using "legal" sparklers, novelties and trick nosemakers there is still a risk of injury. When lit, fireworks, including sparklers can reach temperatures between 1500 - 2000 degrees Fahrenheit.

- Follow these precautions to celebrate safely:**
- Use fireworks and other novelties in an open area on a flat, hard surface.
 - Be aware of the area where your fireworks are being launched towards, and any hazards present there, such as people or flammable materials.
 - Keep children and pets away and keep in mind that livestock such as horses, cows, etc. can also be frightened by fireworks.
 - Light only one item at a time and never attempt to re-light a dud.
 - Do not purchase or use "homemade" devices or fireworks that have been tampered with or altered.
 - Keep a fire extinguisher, water hose or bucket of water on hand for emergencies.



The Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office wishes you a happy and safe holiday.

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Disaster Preparedness Sales Tax Holiday

June 1-14, 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

2024 - 2025

Florida Sales Tax Holidays

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

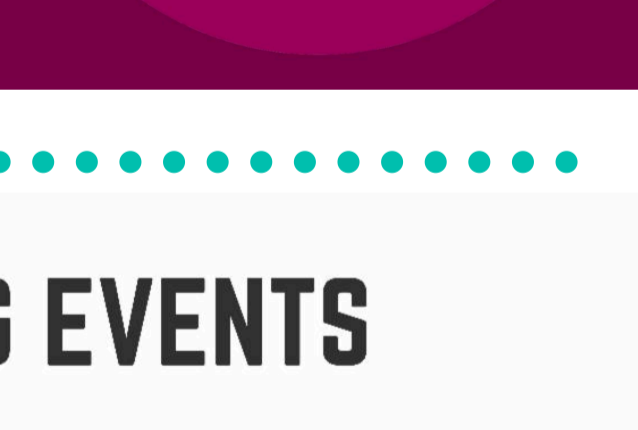
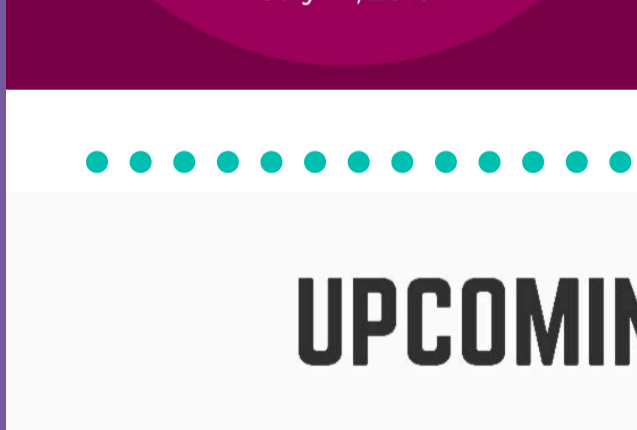
"Tool Time" for Skilled Workers Sales Tax Holiday

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: floridarevenue.com

STAFF ANNIVERSARIES



UPCOMING EVENTS

SUNSET CELEBRATION

FREE MUSIC CONCERT

FEATURING

THE SAMANTHA RUSSELL BAND

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

FRIDAY, JULY 26
6:00 PM - 9:00 PM
KELSEY PARK
601 US HIGHWAY 1
LAKE PARK, FL 33403

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

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

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www.lakeparkflorida.gov

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