



Minutes
Town of Lake Park, Florida
Regular Commission Meeting
Wednesday, April 20, 2016, 6:30 PM
Town Commission Chamber, 535 Park Avenue

The Town Commission met for the purpose of a Regular Commission Meeting on Wednesday, April 20, 2016 at 6:30 p.m. Present were Mayor James DuBois, Vice-Mayor Kimberly Glas-Castro, Commissioners Erin Flaherty, Anne Lynch and Michael O'Rourke, Town Manager John O. D'Agostino, Attorney Thomas Baird, and Town Clerk Vivian Mendez.

Town Clerk Mendez performed the roll call and Mayor DuBois led the pledge of allegiance.

Mayor DuBois announced that Senator Clemens and House Representative Powell would arrive shortly. He stated that Deputy Greg Newborn would give the quarterly update report for the Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office Citizens on Patrol.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS/REPORTS

1. Palm Beach County Sherriff's Office Citizens On Patrol Quarterly Update Report.

Deputy Greg Newborn gave the Citizens on Patrol update report. He explained that in January there were a total of 93 hours patrolled in Lake Park; in February, there were a total of 105 hours; and in March, there were a total of 139 hours. He updated the Commission on the recruitment efforts that were conducted at the Easter Egg Hunt. He announced that on April 27, 2016 they would be conducting a recruitment presentation at the Lake Park Library.

Vice-Mayor Glas-Castro asked how the event was advertised. Deputy Newborn stated that the information was sent to the Town Manager for uploading to the Town's Twitter and Facebook accounts. He stated that there are poster board in Town Hall and the Library announcing the recruitment efforts. Town Manager D'Agostino explained that he sent an email to the Commission asking that they place the recruitment information on their Twitter and Facebook accounts.

Commissioner Lynch explained that she spoke with Colonel Fennel regarding reaching out to the Haitian community.

Deputy Newborn asked the Commission if there were any events taking place in Town that they could participate. Town Manager D'Agostino stated that the Sunset Celebration would be held on Friday, April 29, 2016 from 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. at the Marina. Mayor DuBois stated that the Chili Cook-Off would be held on Saturday, April 30, 2016 from 11:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. at Kelsey Park. Deputy Newborn asked that the specifics regarding each event be emailed to him.

Commissioner Flaherty asked that the information be posted on the message board outside of Town Hall. Town Manager D'Agostino agreed. Commissioner Flaherty asked if the information could be posted on Channel 18. Town Manager D'Agostino agreed.

Lt. Vassalotti reminded the Commission that if the Town had 15 volunteers then the Town would have its own Rover Unit. Deputy Newborn stated that Lake Park has three (3) volunteers. Commissioner Lynch asked what the youngest age limit was to be a volunteer. Deputy Newborn stated 21 years old.

2. Legislative Update Senator Clemens and House Representative Powell

Senator Jeff Clemens introduced himself and House Representative Bobby Powell. He thanked the Commission for the invitation to the meeting. He explained that the Legislative Session was the most bipartisan session they had. He explained that the budget passed. He explained some of the legislation that did not pass, such as local governments cannot band the sale of Styrofoam; when local elections would be held; and fracking. He stated that the Governor did not approve water funding for the Town. He explained that the most water funding that was granted was less than a few million per project. He apologized for not being able to get the request in the Legislative budget this year. He suggested phasing the project, seeking funding from multiple sources, and requesting smaller amounts.

House Representative Powell thanked the Commission for their continued efforts. He explained that the Legislature passed an \$82.7 million budget. He explained that there were items on the tax cut that were eliminated, such as a tax-free holiday on ammunition, a back to school tax-free holiday was cut from 10 days to three (3). He explained that bad legislation was not approved due to the assistance on the Senate side. He explained that some items moved through the House side, but not on the Senate side (such as guns on campus, open carry, and stand your ground). He explained that education funding has not reached where it was in 2008 and 2009, but they continue to improve funding. He explained that the expansion of healthcare continues to struggle. He stated that overall they had a good session.

Commissioner O'Rourke asked if the water funding initiatives were driven by the Governors election. Senator Clemens stated that this was an election year and explained that the Fair Districts Amendment also contributed. He explained how the District boundaries throughout the State were drawn. He announced that as a result of the redistricting he would not be representing the Town of Lake Park. He stated that a new Senate seat would run from south on Southern Blvd to Jupiter and House Representative Powell would be running for that seat. Commissioner O'Rourke thanked and appreciated Senator Clemens for his service to the Town of Lake Park.

Vice-Mayor Glas-Castro recapped that Senator Clemens stated that the Town should start early in speaking to representatives and asked if there were key members that the Commission should be speaking with during the next session. House Representative Powell stated that it would be a challenge to start meeting with representatives now because Committees had not been formed yet, or who would be elected. He suggested preparing early for the session by deciding which portions of the water project could be

done and getting additional funding sources. He offered to provide the list of the water funded projects. Senator Clemens explained that water projects typically are not funded in large amounts.

Town Manager D'Agostino thanked the Senator and House Representative for their efforts. He explained that staff would be working with a Federal representative to review funding options at the Federal level. He explained that if the Town could get Federal funding, then the Town could go to the Legislature to request the match for the funding. Senator Clemens agreed with following that path.

Senator Clemens explained that when they realized that the Sober House legislation was not being approved, they were instrumental in placing \$275,000 in the budget for State Attorney Ehrenberg to form a working group to recommend changes and to do test prosecution. He encouraged the Town to contact State Attorney Ehrenberg if the Town has any Sober Homes that may be right for such a thing.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

1) **Joseph Soroto**, owner of 940 Park Avenue explained the dumpster collection issues and fines associated with the issues on his property. He asked the Commission for an adjustment on the fines owed on the property. Mayor DuBois explained that the Commission could not make that determination; the Special Magistrate would hold a hearing to determine the fine adjustment. Town Attorney Baird explained that the Town has a pending foreclosure against the property. He explained that there was a meeting scheduled for tomorrow to discuss what it would take the property to come into compliance. Mayor DuBois stated that the Commission would not interfere with the process. He suggested that the full amount owed be paid to the Town.

2) **Derrick Dursett**, introduced his new business at 1400 10th Street called Kangaroo House Subs & More. He explained that they are a non-profit organization called Gods Loving Hands Feeding the Homeless, which he co-owns with a family member. He explained how the non-profit works out of the Kangaroo shop and how the proceeds go back to the community. He explained that their program would expand to include breakfast on Saturday mornings.

CONSENT AGENDA:

- 3. **Regular Commission meeting minutes of April 6, 2016.**
- 4. **Proclamation Recognizing April 29, 2016 a National Arbor Day**
- 5. **Proclamation for Water Conservation and Water Reuse**

Motion: Commissioner O'Rourke moved to approve the consent agenda; Commissioner Flaherty seconded the motion.

Vote on Motion:

Commission Member	Aye	Nay	Other
Commissioner Flaherty	X		
Commissioner Lynch	X		
Commissioner O'Rourke	X		

Vice-Mayor Glas-Castro	X		
Mayor DuBois	X		

Motion passed 5-0.

OLD BUSINESS:

6. Next Visioning Session

Town Manager D’Agostino explained the history of the Visioning sessions. The Commission came to consensus to hold the next Visioning session on Wednesday, June 15, 2016 at 6:00 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS:

7. Resolution No. 18-04-16 to Amend the Town of Lake Park Uniform Classification System to Create the Job Description For the Position of Special Events Director; to Revise the Job Descriptions For the Positions of Recreation Supervisor and Special Events Coordinator; and, to Change the Name of the Parks and Recreation Department to the Special Events Department.

Town Manager D’Agostino explained the item (see Exhibit “A”). Commissioner O’Rourke asked if the facility rentals function would be included. Town Manager D’Agostino agreed. Commission O’Rourke asked if the responsibilities would include working with outside event organizers to hold events in the Town. Town Manager D’Agostino agreed and gave an example of how a Special Events Director would work with event organizers. Commissioner O’Rourke asked if the responsibilities would include summer programs. Town Manager D’Agostino explained that the Recreation Supervisor would report to the Special Events Director and would have the opportunity to work closely with promoting programs. Commissioner O’Rourke asked if the Director responsibilities would include working with other entities. Town Manager D’Agostino explained that the Town would be presenting an Interlocal Agreement with the Village of North Palm so that Lake Park children could attend the Village’s summer camp program. He stated that depending on how that partnership turns out, staff would then determine how to move forward. Commissioner O’Rourke pointed out that the Town would still have the opportunity to continue programs.

Motion: Commissioner Lynch moved to approve Resolution 18-04-16; Vice-Mayor Glas-Castro seconded the motion.

Commissioner Flaherty was in favor of the Special Events Director and expressed concern moving away from a Recreation Director. Town Manager D’Agostino suggested trying the new position of a Special Events Director for one year and reevaluating programs in the future.

Vice-Mayor Glas-Castro gave an example of how the Village of Palm Springs has a Leisure Services Department, which has a Special Events Coordinator and a Recreation Supervisor. She explained that they work together so much that you do not notice that the responsibilities are different because the activities were intertwined. She understands how difficult it has been for the Town to solicit volunteers for program to be successful. She agreed with focusing on Special Events for the upcoming year.

Commissioner O'Rourke agreed with the Special Events Director position and work towards a recreation program in the future. He stated that the Special Events Director could utilize Town facilities rentals and generate revenue for programs.

Commissioner Lynch commented on what the Special Events Director in the short term could do for the Town.

Mayor DuBois agreed with viewing the position differently through Special Events, which could improve programs for the Town. He agreed with trying a Special Events Director.

Commissioner Lynch stated that programs are needed for the elderly as well.

Vote on Motion:

Commission Member	Aye	Nay	Other
Commissioner Flaherty	X		
Commissioner Lynch	X		
Commissioner O'Rourke	X		
Vice-Mayor Glas-Castro	X		
Mayor DuBois	X		

Motion passed 5-0.

8. Selection of Date, Time, Location, Type of Event and Invitees for the Volunteer Recognition Reception.

Town Manager D'Agostino explained the item (see Exhibit "B"). Mayor DuBois suggested removing the Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council from the organization invitee list. Mayor DuBois suggested that the Diversity Council be included in the invitee list. The Commission came to consensus to have a reception at the Art on Park Gallery on Friday, June 17, 2016 at 6:00 p.m.

Motion: Commissioner Flaherty moved to host the Volunteer Recognition Reception on Friday, June 17, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. at the Art on Park Gallery; Commissioner O'Rourke seconded the motion.

Vote on Motion:

Commission Member	Aye	Nay	Other
Commissioner Flaherty	X		
Commissioner Lynch	X		
Commissioner O'Rourke	X		
Vice-Mayor Glas-Castro	X		
Mayor DuBois	X		

Motion passed 5-0.

Public Comment:

Town of Haverhill Vice-Mayor Lawrence Gordon introduced himself as a candidate for the Palm Beach County Board of County Commissioner representing District 7. The Commission thanked Vice-Mayor Gordon for coming to visit the Town.

TOWN ATTORNEY, TOWN MANAGER, COMMISSIONER COMMENTS:

Town Attorney Baird would appreciate the Commission’s support in becoming a part of State Attorney Ehrenberg’s working group on the Sober Home issue. He explained that he originated the draft legislation regarding Sober Homes. He felt he could contribute to the working group. He suggested drafting a letter for the Mayor’s signature to be considered for the working group.

Motion: Vice-Mayor Glas-Castro moved to have the Mayor prepare the letter; Commissioner O’Rourke seconded the motion.

Vote on Motion:

Commission Member	Aye	Nay	Other
Commissioner Flaherty	X		
Commissioner Lynch	X		
Commissioner O’Rourke	X		
Vice-Mayor Glas-Castro	X		
Mayor DuBois	X		

Motion passed 5-0.

Town Attorney Baird explained that the Town filed a foreclosure action on the Sorota property at 940 Park Avenue. He stated that an amendment was created, which would be filed next week. He explained that Mr. Joseph Sorota’s son (Mr. Sorota) was representing Mr. Joseph Sorota and that the liens on the property are approximately \$800,000, with the Palm Beach County Property Appraiser listing the property at \$600,000. He explained that Mr. Joseph Sorota and Mr. Sorota (the son) have requested a meeting with the Community Development Director, the Building Official, and himself to review the violation on the property from as far back as 2009, which are still accruing fines. He explained that the repairs necessary to bring that property into compliance are extensive for either the property owner or the Town, depending on the outcome of the foreclosure case. He asked the Commission how diligently they wanted him to peruse a settlement. He suggested that the Town explore the settlement option, establish tight timeframes for compliance, and require that contractors be prepared to move forward with the project. He would update the Commission at the next meeting.

Commissioner Lynch asked what name was on the property. Attorney Baird explained that the property was under Joseph Sorota Trustee and the amendment that would be filed next week would include the word Trustee.

Town Manager D’Agostino referred to a letter from Palm Beach County Board of County Commissioner Paulette Burdick (see Exhibit “C”). Mayor DuBois does not agree with the letter. Vice-Mayor Glas-Castro provided additional information such as that Commissioner Burdick was the lone dissenting vote on these Comprehensive Plan Amendments. She explained that additional information was not included in the letter. She was hesitant with putting the Town in the middle of the situation considering the land was not near the Town. Commissioner O’Rourke pointed out that the issue was regarding Palm Beach County lands and did not want to get involved. Mayor DuBois corrected that

it was private property. He felt that Palm Beach County staff were conscious of what agriculture mean to the County and this particular part of the County was very valuable to agriculture means and did not feel that staff would whole-heartily would hold off the agricultural value of these properties for commercial uses. He would put some faith in Palm Beach County with this regard. The Commission did not support it.

Town Manager D'Agostino announced that the Art on Park Gallery would be holding an exhibit called "Images of the Heavens" from May 16, 2016 until June 30, 2016. The open reception would be held on Friday, May 20, 2016 from 5:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. Submission deadline was Wednesday, April 27, 2016 with a reception afterwards at the Brew House Gallery beginning at 8:00 p.m. He announced that Greg Jackson and the Bossa Groove Band would perform at the Sunset Celebration on Friday, April 29, 2016 from 6:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. at the Lake Park Harbor Marina. He announced that Palm Beach County had denied the Community Development Block Grant to be used for the message board outside of Town Hall. He stated that the Town would resubmit the grant for additional park benches instead. He announced that Lt. Vassalotti would be retiring at the end of May. The new Lieutenant would be training with Lt. Vassalotti over the next few weeks. He introduced and welcomed Shaquita Edwards, Administrative Assistant in the Town Clerk's Office. He stated that Ms. Edwards has been a wonderful addition to the Town Hall family and staff.

Commissioner Lynch had no comments.

Commissioner Flaherty congratulated and welcomed Shaquita Edwards on-board. He congratulated Lt. Vassalotti on his retirement and thanked him for all he has done for the Town.

Commissioner O'Rourke recognized that the tile in Town Hall looked wonderful and thanked the Public Works staff for following through.

He stated that Lake Park Elementary School were interested in starting a Pre-K program and would need a portable. He directed them to speak with the Town Manager.

He asked for an update regarding the Tennis Center. Town Manager D'Agostino explained that staff has been working on a Request for Proposal (RFP), but he had to give notice to Mr. Fornatora's family because under the contract the family had the right to fill the position. He wants to be very sensitive to this situation. Mayor DuBois asked if the contract could end for non-fulfillment. Attorney Baird stated that if they wanted to be harsh it could be a breach of contract. Town Manager D'Agostino stated that it has been a difficult time for the family and wanted to proceed respectively. He stated that they would be going through the RFP process and getting someone hired by the middle of May.

Commissioner O'Rourke asked if there was any status on the murder on Silver Beach Road. Town Manager D'Agostino stated that there was an on-going investigation and as a result of the incident additional resources have been dedicated to deal with gang, drug, and violence issues across three (3) jurisdictions.

Commissioner O'Rourke asked if the Town had any Ordinances regarding massage parlors during late hours. Town Manager D'Agostino stated that he would get back to the Commission with that information.

Commissioner O'Rourke suggested hosting monthly coffee meet & greets and speaking with residents. Town Manager D'Agostino would like to participate with staff. He stated that he has done meet & greets at his former municipalities. He asked how would the information be shared with residents, and where would they meet. Vice-Mayor Glas-Castro explained that when the Town was trying to sell the Bond Referendum, they would bring a pop-up tent and place it near a corner of a property, they advertised it, and people that saw the tent would just stop by to find out what was going on. Town Manager D'Agostino asked if they would want to host the events on a Saturday morning. The Commission agreed and would have staff work on a process to inform residents.

Commissioner O'Rourke announced that the Chili Cook-Off would be held on Saturday, April 30, 2016.

Vice-Mayor Glas-Castro reminded everyone that the Palm Beach County League of Cities meeting would be held next Wednesday, April 27, 2016 hosted by the City of Riviera Beach at their new Marina facility. She stated that after the meeting they would hold the Elected Officials Workshop. She asked for the Arbor Day information. Town Manager D'Agostino stated that the Arbor Day celebration would be held on Friday, April 29, 2016 at 10:30 a.m. at Latte Mae Park on 2nd Street and Date Palm Drive. Public Works has purchased a tree and the elementary school children had been invited.

Vice-Mayor Glas-Castro announced that she would be attending the Business Development Board (BDB) Economic Development Forum. She announced that the Palm Beach County League of Cities Gala would be held on May 18, 2016 and encouraged everyone to attend. She announced that Earl Stewart Toyota would be entering into their next expansion phase and wanted to let staff know that she continues to receive emails complaints regarding trucks parking on Lake Shore Drive. She reminded everyone to come out and vote for her chili during the Chili Cook-Off on Saturday, April 30, 2016.

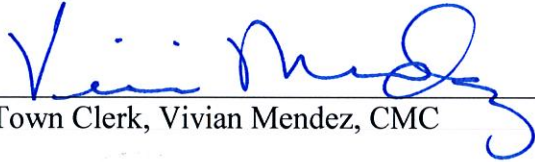
Mayor DuBois thanked Public Works Director Dave Hunt and the "Stormwater Raiders" for taking care of issues for some of his neighbors. He announced that on Tuesday, April 26, 2016 at 9:00 a.m. at the Florida Atlantic Jupiter Campus the Northern Palm Beach Chamber of Commerce would be unveiling the branding efforts that they have been working on for the past few years. He stated the Town has been invited to attend the debut. He encouraged everyone to attend. The new slogan was "Palm Beach North". He announced that the Chili Cook-Off would be held on Saturday, April 30, 2016; Arbor Day celebration was at 10:30 a.m. on Friday, April 29, 2016 at Latte Mae Park.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Commission and after a motion to adjourn by Commissioner Flaherty and seconded by Commissioner Lynch, and by unanimous vote, the meeting adjourned at 8:46 p.m.



Mayor James DuBois



Town Clerk, Vivian Mendez, CMC



Approved on this 4 of May, 2016



Exhibit "A"

Town of Lake Park Town Commission

Agenda Request Form

Meeting Date: April 20, 2016

Agenda Item No. Tab 7

Agenda Title: Resolution to Amend the Town of Lake Park Uniform Classification System to Create the Job Description for the Position of Special Events Director; to Revise the Job Descriptions for the Positions of Recreation Supervisor and Special Events Coordinator; and, to Change the Name of the Parks and Recreation Department to the Special Events Department

- SPECIAL PRESENTATION/REPORTS
- BOARD APPOINTMENT
- PUBLIC HEARING ORDINANCE ON _____ READING
- NEW BUSINESS**
- OTHER: _____

- CONSENT AGENDA
- OLD BUSINESS

Approved by Town Manager *[Signature]* Date: 4-5-16

Name/Title HUMAN RESOURCES DIRECTOR

<p>Originating Department: Human Resources</p>	<p>Costs: \$ -0- Funding Source: Acct. # <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Finance <u><i>BKR</i></u></p>	<p>Attachments: Resolution; Copy of New Special Events Director Job Description; Copy of New Job Description for Recreation Supervisor; Copy of Current Job Description for Recreation Supervisor; and Copy of Revised Job Description for Special Events Coordinator in Redline Format</p>
<p>Advertised: Date: _____ Paper: _____ <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not Required</p>	<p>All parties that have an interest in this agenda item must be notified of meeting date and time. The following box must be filled out to be on agenda.</p>	<p>Yes I have notified everyone _____ or Not applicable in this case BMT Please initial one.</p>

Summary Explanation/Background:

Creation of the Special Events Director Job Description:

Currently, a job description exists in the Town's Uniform Classification System entitled Recreation Director and among the essential functions of this position is the coordination and management of all aspects of events including the planning and development of event site plans, recruitment of all vendors and entertainment, and the management of all event logistics. Such responsibilities include the coordination of the Town's recreation program with outside recreation organizations, schools and various community-based organizations. Inasmuch as the current focus of the Town's recreation program is on the development and marketing of community events, the purpose of this agenda item is to create the new job description of Special Events Director and to change the name of the Parks and Recreation Department to Special Events Department. The job description of Recreation Director will remain in the Town's Uniform Classification System; however, it will remain unfilled.

There will be no additional financial burden placed on the budget of the Town of Lake Park as a result of this action as the annual salary range for this position will remain the same as it is for the Recreation Director position, which is \$52,915.20 to \$82,118.40.

Revision of the Recreation Supervisor Job Description:

A job description exists in the Town's Uniform Classification System entitled Recreation Supervisor. The purpose of this action is to revise this job description to reflect that this position will assist the Special Events Director in overseeing the activities of the Special Events Department, and will also plan, organize and schedule recreational activities including the Town's summer camp program.

The annual salary range for this position will be \$36,025.60 to \$56,867.20 which will be budgeted for in the Fiscal Year 2017 budget.

A redline version of this revised job description could not be provided as the current job description does not exist in electronic format. A clean copy of the current job description is attached and the new job description are attached.

Revision of the Special Events Coordinator Job Description:

There also exists a job description in the Town's Uniform Classification System entitled Special Events Coordinator. The purpose of action is to revise this job

There will be no additional financial burden placed on the budget of the Town of Lake Park as a result of this action as the hourly rate for this position will remain the same, which is \$15.00 per hour.

Recommended Motion: I move to approve Resolution 18-04-2016.



Exhibit "B"

Town of Lake Park Town Commission

Agenda Request Form

Meeting Date: April 20, 2016

Agenda Item No. Tab 8

Agenda Title: Selecting a Date, Location, Type and Invitees for the Volunteer Recognition Reception.

- Special Presentation/Reports, Board Appointment, Public Hearing Ordinance on First Reading, New Business, Other, Consent Agenda, Old Business.

Approved by Town Manager [Signature] Date: 4-5-16

Vivian Mendez - Town Clerk Name/Title

Table with 3 columns: Originating Department (Town Clerk), Costs (\$2,000.00), Attachments (Invitee list), Advertised (Not Required), and notification details.

Summary Explanation/Background: Each year the Commission honors its volunteers with a Volunteer Appreciation Reception or dinner.

The purpose of this agenda item is for the Commission to discuss the date & time, location, type of event, and invitee list of the event.

Date of the event: Staff is proposing to host the event on Friday, June 3, Friday, June 10 or 17 beginning at 6:00 p.m.

Location: The Commission has several locations available for the event, the Mirror Ballroom, the Lake Shore Park Indoor Pavilion, Marina meeting room, or the Art on Park Gallery.

Type of Event: Would the Commission wish to have a meet & greet type of event such as last year at the Art on Park Gallery?

Would the Commission wish to have a picnic at Lake Shore Park or the Marina, where guest are invited to enjoy the inter-coastal?

Would the Commission wish to have a sit down dinner, where guest can gather for food, drinks, and light music in the background?

Invitee list: Attached is the most current Town organizational list maintained by the Town Manager's office.

Recommended Motion: I move to:

- Select the date and time of the Volunteer Recognition Reception as _____.
- Select the location _____.
- Select the type of event _____.
- Select the invitees for the event _____.

**TOWN OF LAKE PARK
COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS**

ORGANIZATION	CONTACT	E-MAIL	WEBISTE	NOTES
A.E.M. FOR THE HEART, INC. Angela English, President 1 114 N. Federal Highway Lake Park, FL 33403	561-881-8581 561-644-6888 Cell 561-881-8581 Fax	aemfortheheart@gmail.com	www.aemfortheheart.org/home.html	Free camps and music lessons for Autistic and Haitian children in the Lake Park community.
ARTISTS OF PALM BEACH COUNTY Joseph Freidman, President Art on Park Gallery 2 800 Park Avenue, Lake Park, FL 33403	561-345-2842 561-345-2842(Fax)	artistsopbc@gmail.com	www.artistsofpalmbeachcounty.com	Open Monday-Saturday, 12-6 p.m.
BETHLEHEM HAITIAN BAPTIST CHURCH Vilnet Vilse, Pastor 3 425 Crescent Drive, Lake Park, FL 33403	561-845-2333 561-324-4175	vvilse45@gmail.com	n/a	Bethlehem Community Empowerment Center
BRIDGES AT LAKE PARK Ricky Petty, Director 4 1411 10th Street, Lake Park, FL 33403	561-881-5060 (Office) 561-635-8785 (Cell) 561-840-5065 (Fax)	ricky.petty@chsfl.org	www.chsfl.org	Monthly Staff Meetings held second Wednesday of every month, 2 p.m. at Bridges at Lake Park.
BRIGHT FUTURES ACADEMY CHARTER SCHOOL Kendall Artusi, CEO Bright Futures Academy Network 5 10350 Riverside Drive, Palm Beach Gardens, FL 33408	561-253-7504 (Office) 561-254-2997 (Cell)	kendall.arutusi@brightfuturesacademy.com	www.brightfuturesacademy.com	Quarterly Board Meetings
CLUB 100 CHARITIES, INC. Harry Drier, Director (Lake Park Community Outreach Center) 6 5380 Ocean Drive, 6D, Riviera Beach, FL 33404	561-842-4335 (Office) 561-601-8211 (Cell)	drierh@aol.com	www.club100usa.org/lake-park-community-center/	Quarterly Member and Board Meetings- not on a scheduled basis. Director of Lake Park Community Outreach Center on the campus of the Bethlehem Baptist Haitian Church.
FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF LAKE PARK John Thompson, Senior Pastor 7 625 Park Avenue, Lake Park, FL 33403	561-844-1609 561-848-8310 (Fax)	john@fbclakepark.com	www.lakeparkbaptist.org/church	Office Hours: Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
FRIENDS OF THE LAKE PARK PUBLIC LIBRARY Sue Duchene, Treasurer (Contact) Lake Park Public Library 8 529 Park Avenue, Lake Park, FL 33403	561-881-7207 561-801-2007 (Sue Cell)	s.duchene@att.net	www.lakepark-fl.gov/friends-library	Meetings: First Tuesday monthly unless otherwise scheduled. Marie Michaud, President, Anne Lynch, Vice-President, Sue Duchene, Treasurer, Dianne Sophinos, Secretary.

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ORGANIZATION	CONTACT	E-MAIL	WEBISTE	NOTES
HOLY GROUND SHELTER FOR HOMELESS, INC. Janet Kranich, President 9 200 W. 20th Street, Riviera Beach, FL 33404	561-355-5040 (Office) 561-512-2650 (Cell)	holygroundshelter@msn.com	www.holygroundpbc.org/	Meetings: Third Saturday at 10 a.m., 200 W. 20th Street, Riviera Beach. Note: Organization does not have an official office in Lake Park. Operates out of Riviera Beach but rents apartments in Lake Park for families in their program.
KIWANIS OF LAKE PARK Roger Michaud, President 10 355 E. Ilex Drive, Lake Park, FL 33403	561-863-5356 (Office) 561-512-3914 (Cell)	michaud_r@bellsouth.net	www.floridakiwanis.com	Meetings: Every week Thursday Noon for lunch at Tall Trails Restaurant. Programs for children. Works with elementary schools in Lake Park. Facebook Page: https://www.facebook.com/pages/Kiwanis-Club-of-Lake-Park/153905924642974
LAKE PARK CITIZENS ON PATROL (COP) Dan Martin, Volunteer Lieutenant 11 193 Lone Pine Drive, Palm Beach Gardens, 33410	561-568-1827 (cell)	dkmartinn@comcast.net	www.pbso.org/index.cfm?fa=COP	Lake Park Unit #68 Delta Car Meetings: Second Thursday of each month at 7 p.m., PBSO District 10, 700 6th Street, Lake Park.
LAKE PARK COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION - SEEDS OF HOPE COMMUNITY GARDEN Erin T. Flaherty, Director 12 639 Evergreen Drive, Lake Park, FL 33403	561-252-7179	erintflaherty@gmail.com OR seedsofhopecommunitygarden@gmail.com OR Lakeparkcdc@gmail.com	www.lakeparkcdc.com	Meetings: Every 3rd Thursday, 6:30 p.m., Lake Park Public Library or the Community Garden, 725 Foresteria Drive, Lake Park.
LAKE PARK COMMUNITY WATCH Lynn Dutaud, Chair/Director/Registered Agent 13 430 Evergreen Drive, Lake Park, FL 33403	561-543-4123 Evergreen House:	dutaud@bellsouth.net	n/a	Meetings: The second Wednesday of every second month (Even Months) at 6:30 p.m. at Lake Park Public Library
LAKE PARK HISTORICAL SOCIETY L.J. Parker, President, Archivist, Publisher 3661 Bahama Road, Palm Beach Gardens, FL 33410-2368	561-840-4870 (Leave Message) L.J. Parker: 561-622-0383 (Home)	oleli@yahoo.com OR LPHS_1@yahoo.com	n/a	Archive Work: Tuesday's 10 a.m.-1 p.m. (Usually 5:30 a.m.) Meetings: Fourth Monday of Each Month, 7 p.m. (except December) at Evergreen House, 601 Federal Highway, Lake Park, FL.

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COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS**

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15	LAKE PARK VFW - Donald Ross Post 9610 Jack McDermott, Quarter Master Robert McQuaid, Commander 354 10th Street, Lake Park, FL 33403	561-842-9110	vfw9610@att.net	www.vfw.org	Meetings: Third Thursday of Each Month, 7:30 p.m. VFW Hours: Monday-Sunday 11 a.m.-10 p.m. Facebook: www.facebook.com/VFW-Post-9610-Lake-Park-Florida-200858263302019/
16	OPERATION HOPE, INC. Ken Bowers, Executive Director 1253 10th Street, Lake Park, FL 33403	561-249-1552 (Office) 561-396-7969 (Cell)	operationhopeinc@yahoo.com	www.operationhope.org	Meetings: Board meetings every other Tuesday, 10 a.m.
17	ST. JOHN'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH Gary Leopard, Pastor 241 Cypress Drive, Lake Park, FL 33403	561-848-3142	stjohnschurch561@gmail.com	www.st-johns-church.com	
18	<i>Remove from list</i> TREASURE COAST REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL Michael J. Busha, Executive Director 421 SW Camden Avenue, Stuart, FL 34994	772-221-4060 772-221-4067 (Fax)	mbusha@tcrpc.org Kim DeLaney: kdelaney@tcrpc.org Dana Little: dlittle@tcrpc.org	www.tcrpc.org	Council Meetings: Third Friday of each month, 9:30 a.m. Wolf High Technology Center Indian River State College Chastain Campus, 400 SE Salerno Road, Stuart, FL 34997 Working Contacts: Kim Delaney, Director of Strategic Development and Policy Dana Little, Urban Design Director

Greetings,

On Thursday, April 27th the Board of County Commissioners will consider a number of amendments, which will result in highly productive agricultural land being converted to residential property.

All residents of Palm Beach County should be concerned with preserving this invaluable agricultural land. This is not an ordinary stretch of rural space, however enticingly it may be to a developer's eye. It is the No. 1 winter vegetable area east of the Mississippi River. It has produced more than 80 varieties of vegetables and a dozen types of fruit. Houses can go just about anywhere, but frost-free farmland, capable of reliably offering up bushels of locally grown produce in a world that should be increasingly concerned about food security, makes our limited agricultural land a unique and invaluable resource that must be protected.

The uniqueness of this land has been recognized for many years. The Ag Reserve master plan is one of the most successful undertakings of our county, preserving the land and promoting agriculture. In 1998, the county commission adopted an Ag Reserve Master Plan. In March 1999, Palm Beach County **overwhelmingly approved** a \$150 million bond issue - \$50 million for the acquisition of conservation lands, water resource lands, and lands for open space, and **\$100 million for acquisition of agricultural lands to preserve and protect farming in the Ag Reserve**. The citizens of PBC voted to **limit the land use with the express goal of preventing over development, safeguarding our water supply and guaranteeing a source of fresh vegetables**.

Now, however, the vision of the original Ag Reserve Master Plan and the bond issue are under attack. Once lost, the agricultural land will never be recovered and a historical treasure will be lost forever negatively impacting our residents and future generations.

As the population of PBC increases so does the demand for food. Worldwide, it has taken 12,000 years for world population to reach 7 billion, but in the next 25 years the population is expected to increase by 2 billion more. This will result in higher prices for fresh fruit and vegetables, which will have the greatest impact on our lower income residents.

PBC is a "Tale of Two Cities" - we have the wealthiest and the poorest residents in the nation. Nearly 100,000 (57%) children in our schools qualify for a free and reduced lunch and our ALICE residents (Asset Limited Individuals). All too many of our households are living from paycheck to paycheck.

27% of our residents earn less than \$25,000 a year; our low-income elderly are the hidden face of hunger. This is a significant problem because 200,000 residents in PBC are on social security. The average monthly Social Security check is only \$1,200 and they, therefore, must live on less than \$15,000 per year. They must make hard choices. Do they pay their rent or do they visit their doctor? Do they purchase medication or buy food? Fire rescue personnel are dismayed when they respond to a call and look into a person's refrigerator to find it empty.

Our local growers meet the demand for high quality produce for hotels, restaurants and Green Markets and also assist with food security at reasonable prices for all our residents. They add to the quality of life for our residents and visitors adding to better nutrition and health.

Today, I am requesting that you add your voice and support by writing to the PBC Board of County Commissioners or E-mail them BCC-AllCommissioners@pbcgov.org as a city leader or an individual to keep to the promise to Preserve Our Agricultural Reserve.

Thank you for your consideration of this important issue.

Paulette Burdick