



Lake Park Insider

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TOP STORY



Town Commission Promises No Property Tax Rate Increase

So how much does it cost to run a town the size of Lake park? This year's budget talks are providing a clue. As town leaders begin the process of reviewing and approving the budget for next year, they are setting priorities as well as setting possible tax rates.

At the July budget hearing, the Commission set the "not to exceed" rate for the upcoming year. The agreed upon rate was 5.3474, which is the same rate it was this past year. This means the Commission has committed to no rate increase, although they do have the ability to lower it when a final budget is voted on.

The next budget discussion will be on September 6th at 6:30 p.m. And if you're looking for the answer to the question how much does it take to run Lake Park, the answer is about \$8.3 million dollars. That's the proposed general fund budget for next year.

Other Town News

Do your part to keep our waterways clean.



After a heavy rain, do you ever wonder what happens to all the storm water that flows down the drain? It flows directly into our waterways. There's no treatment. There's no filtering. Whatever the water picks up along the way is washed right into our lakes, canals, or intracoastal.

That means oils, hazardous chemicals, fertilizers, trash, pet waste, or anything else is taken straight into our waterways.

Even worse is the fact that excess fertilizer that's washed down the drain is exactly what algae blooms need to grow!

You can do your part by making sure you pick up or relocate any materials that shouldn't be washed away. You can also plant native landscaping that doesn't need fertilizer. Finally, if you do need fertilizer, don't over due it and make sure any excess is picked up before it washes away.



The Property of the Month is 453 Park Avenue!

Every month a new property is selected by the Town's Code Compliance Officers. The selection is based on overall aesthetics and upkeep. The property is honored with a "Property of the Month" sign in their front yard to display for the duration of the month.



Town getting new code enforcement officer

Lake Park is getting a new code enforcement officer. At the last Town Commission meeting, officials approved the move to add a third officer to the town.

The salary and other costs for the new officer are being split between the town and Palm Beach County. The county funds are part of the Community Development Block Grant program.

Town announces Tallahassee priorities

Each year, cities and towns decide what they want at the top of their "wish list" for state dollars. There is never a guarantee that the items are funded, but the list represents projects for which a town might fight hardest. Here are this year's Lake Park legislative priorities. They represent what town leaders believe are the most important items to push for in Tallahassee.



Improve drainage along Lakeshore Drive

Build a new downtown parking lot

Tenth street resurfacing and improvements

Add sewers to industrial areas

Add fiber optics to the industrial parks

Funds for creating a Marina Village

Create linear paths connecting town parks

Complete Park Avenue Extension

New street lights in higher crime areas.

Road striping across the town

Town Hall repair and roof replacement

Don't forget to vote



This month there is a primary election. There are several races on the ballot.

Early voting ends August 26th. Election day is August 28th. Visit www.pbcelections.org for information on poll locations.

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Town Manager's Corner

Between now and the end of September you have an opportunity to really see what local government is all about.

During the annual budget season, our leaders go through the process of examining how your tax dollars are spent and what priorities they believe should be moved to the top of the list. The first public hearing on the Town's Fiscal Year 2019 budget will take place on September 6, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. in the Town Commission Chamber. At this meeting, the Town Commission will adopt a tentative millage rate and proposed operating budget for Fiscal Year 2019 which begins on October 1st of this year. The second and final public hearing on the budget will take place on September 20, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. in the Town Commission Chamber, at which the Town Commission will adopt the millage rate and budget for Fiscal Year 2019.

I invite you to participate in the process. Come out to our budget hearings and let us know your opinion. After all, it's your money at work!