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From Anne Gannon, Constitutional Tax Collector, Serving Palm Beach County

Property Tax Payment Plan

Did you know you can pay property taxes in smaller quarterly payments? April 30 is the deadline to enroll in our 2016 Installment Payment Plan. Participants make four payments with a discount of slightly under 4%. Installments are due by the last day in June, September, December, and March. Sign up at www.pbctax.com/installment-payment-plan.

Delinquent Taxes

Unpaid 2015 property taxes are now delinquent. Pay now to avoid the annual tax certificate sale on June 1, 2016. We only accept cash and certified funds including bank draft, money order, cashier's check, or wire transfer. Delinquent taxes cannot be paid online.

Upcoming Events—Save the Date

Evening on the Avenue

Friday, May 6 | 6pm – 10pm
Cultural Plaza | 414 Lake Avenue

J Street Block Party

Saturday, May 7 | 3pm – 9pm
J Street in Downtown Lake Worth

Women for Women 5K Run/Walk

Produced by Palm Beach Chamber of Commerce
Saturday, May 7 | Bryant Park

Food Truck Invasion

Monday, May 9 | 6pm – 10pm
Cultural Plaza | 414 Lake Avenue

Road Rascals Car Show

Thursday, May 12 | 6pm - 9pm
Lake Worth Beach Complex
10 South Ocean Boulevard

Hurricane Seminar

Wednesday, May 18 | 5pm - ?
Lake Worth Golf Club | One 7th Avenue North

Evening on the Avenue

Friday, May 20 | 6pm – 10pm
Cultural Plaza | 414 Lake Avenue | Free

Fiesta de Puerto Rico

Produced by Daisy Productions
Saturday, May 21 | 9am – 10pm | Bryant Park

Subscribe to City Updates to have the details on these events delivered to your email inbox at www.lakeworth.org

Art Community Together

Art Exhibits | Creative Arts | Theatre | Dance

Benzaiten Center for Creative Arts

1105 2nd Avenue South | www.benzaitencenter.org
561.508.7315 | Tuesday – Friday, 1pm – 4pm
Saturday, 10am – 5pm

Cultural Council of Palm Beach County

601 Lake Avenue | www.PalmBeachCulture.com
Tuesday – Saturday, 10am – 5pm

ART IN THE MAIN GALLERY

Something Out of Nothing | **March 25 – May 21**
Recipient of Dina Baker Fund for Mature Female Artists
May 7 – June 4

Lake Worth Art League

| 604 Lucerne Avenue
www.lwartleague.org | 561.586.8666
Tuesday – Saturday, 10am – 4pm
Art Perspective | Reception: **Sunday, May 15**
Shows through June 5

Lake Worth Playhouse

| 713 Lake Avenue
www.lakeworthplayhouse.org | 561.586.6410

Xanadu Jr. Summer Camp Registration

Camp runs June 6-25 | Ages 8-14 | \$600/child
Aftercare \$100/week/child

Peter Pan Jr. Summer Camp Registration

Camp runs July 11-30 | Ages 8-14 | \$600/child
Aftercare \$100/week/child

Stonzek Theatre

| 713 Lake Avenue
www.lakeworthplayhouse.org | 561.296.9382
Showing Indie & Foreign Films Daily | General Admission \$9 | Matinee Mondays \$7 Meeting Room

Captain's Corner

District 14 and the PBSO Narcotics Unit recently collaborated on an operation in the south end of the city involving narcotics and prostitution enforcement. This was conducted based on our observations and numerous complaints from citizens. The operation was called "Operation Street Sweeper II" and was extremely successful in reducing visible street crime. Forty two suspects were arrested on 56 + charges. Twenty prostitutes were arrested, many of which were felony charges. We are working closely with the State Attorney's Office to make sure these cases are prosecuted fully.

Hopefully you, the citizens, have noticed less blight and crime in the southern area of the city. In addition to this operation, we deployed traffic deputies, reserves and many other ancillary units in the city. This is in addition to our district staff. PBSO will continue to systematically focus our efforts on troubled areas in an effort to make Lake Worth a safer, more enjoyable place to live.

Yours in Service, Captain Todd Baer

District Commander | District 14 | City of Lake Worth | Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office



HISTORIC PRESERVATION MATTERS

MAY IS NATIONAL HISTORIC PRESERVATION MONTH

Share images of your favorite historic buildings in Lake Worth on social media using the #thisplacematters during the month of May to be featured on the National Trust for Historic Preservation's website.

DID YOU KNOW?

- Lake Worth has six historic districts. To find out if you are located in a district please check our website at <http://www.lakeworth.org/business/historic-preservation/>
- Historic Preservation is regulated through the Lake Worth Municipal Code, Section 23.5-4
- Historic resources have distinguishing characteristics that are integral to their architectural styles and construction methods.
- The Preservation Program is responsible for reviewing all Certificate of Appropriateness (COA) applications for exterior alterations to buildings within the Historic Districts.
- Exterior Alterations to historic buildings are reviewed based on the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation, set forth by the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966



ECONOMIC BENEFITS OF PRESERVATION

The architectural charm and eclectic character of Lake Worth would not exist in the same manner without the Historic Preservation Program. The design, character, and quality found in the historic districts provides a unique sense of place that benefits the economy. The historic preservation industry in Florida, including rehabilitation and heritage tourism, generates over \$6 billion dollars annually. Properties within a historic district are less likely to lose value, and tend to appreciate at a faster rate than comparable properties not in a historic district. Witness these benefits through the rehabilitation of the Historic Gulfstream Hotel, recently approved by the HRPB.

AD VALOREM TAX EXEMPTION

The ad valorem tax exemption program is available to contributing properties in a historic district or properties listed on the National Register of Historic Places. The program can exempt the applicant from the ad valorem portion of the increased property taxes, as a result of the approved historic rehabilitation of the property. The tax exemption is awarded for 10 years, and the program requires HRPB approval. For complete details please see Lake Worth Municipal Code, Section 23.5-5.

CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS (COA) APPLICATION

A COA is needed for all exterior alterations (repair or replacement) to historic properties including:

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| • Roofs | • Fences | • Additions | • Porch/Deck |
| • Exterior Doors | • Pavers | • Demolitions | • Awnings |
| • Windows | • Pools | • Shutters | • Signs |
| • Siding and Trim | • New Construction | • Sheds | |

Building permits are required for all interior and exterior alterations to a building. Exemptions to the Building Permit requirements are located here: <http://www.lakeworth.org/business/permits/>

QUESTIONS?

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