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

Picture It... Who Rides With You?

The Tax Collector is taking its driver safety message to Twitter and Instagram. Drivers are invited to share photos of their favorite auto passenger for a chance to win an emergency roadside kit, cell phone charger and more. Whether it's your baby, briefcase or boogie board, the most creative pics win. The contest is part of the agency's plan to connect with residents and visitors about driver license and motor vehicle services, driver safety and tax obligations. To join the fun, visit www.pbctax.net/contest. Don't forget to post images on Twitter and Instagram with @TAXPBC #PBCDrive.

Upcoming Events—Save the Date

Evening on the Avenue

Friday, June 3 | 6pm – 10pm
Cultural Plaza | 414 Lake Avenue

Road Rascals Car Show

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

Lake Worth International Mango Festival

Presented by Lake Worth DCA
Saturday, June 11 | Cultural Plaza
414 Lake Avenue | Details Coming Soon

Food Truck Invasion

Monday, June 13 | 6pm – 10pm
Cultural Plaza | 414 Lake Avenue

Evening on the Avenue

Friday, June 17 | 6pm – 10pm
Cultural Plaza | 414 Lake Avenue | Free

Screen on the Green Movies

Presented by Lake Worth CRA
Goosebumps (PG) | **Friday, June 24** | 6pm – 10pm
Cultural Plaza | 414 Lake Avenue

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
Recipients of Dina Baker Fund for Mature Female Artists

Lake Worth Art League | 604 Lucerne Avenue

www.lwartleague.org | 561.586.8666
Tuesday – Saturday, 10am – 4pm
Art Perspective | Shows through June 5

Lake Worth Playhouse | 713 Lake Avenue

www.lakeworthplayhouse.org | 561.586.6410

SHOWS FOR YOUTH

Xanadu Jr. | **Thursday & Friday, June 23 & 24** at 11am & 2pm | **Saturday, June 25** at 2pm

SUMMER CAMP

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 | Showing Indie & Foreign Films Daily | General Admission \$9
Matinee Mondays \$7 Meeting Room

Captain's Corner

Greetings,

The City recently passed changes to Ordinance 5-4 – Hours of Sale (alcohol). This affects businesses with an off premise consumption alcohol license such as convenience stores, gas stations and grocery stores. These stores are no longer permitted to sell alcohol between 10 p.m. and 7 a.m. Previously, these businesses were able to sell until 2 a.m. PBSO and the City of Lake Worth are currently in the education / warning phase.

Once enforcement begins, violators selling alcohol during the prohibited hours can be prosecuted as a 2nd degree misdemeanor, punishable by up to 60 days in jail and/ or a fine of up to \$500.00. Much of our night time crime issues can be attributed to alcohol. This includes but is not limited to domestic violence, DUI's, robberies and batteries. This ordinance should greatly assist in reducing crime and making the city safer.

Yours in Service, Captain Todd Baer

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



Hurricane Season is Almost Here – Are You Prepared?

DID YOU KNOW THAT YOU ARE IN OR VERY NEAR A FLOOD HAZARD AREA?

When most Floridians think of Hurricane Season, they think about wind damage. Did you know that Flood Damage can be more devastating and costly than wind?

THE CITY OF LAKE WORTH PARTICIPATES IN THE NATIONAL FLOOD INSURANCE PROGRAM

FLOOD HAZARD: The properties lying along the Intracoastal Waterway or along Pierce Drive (C-51 Canal) lie in the Special Flood Hazard areas of the City of Lake Worth. During a Hurricane these areas may be subject to flooding due to storm surge and significant rainfall. Homeowners insurance excludes flood insurance.

FLOOD SAFETY: If you are instructed to evacuate these areas, you should turn off your electricity and gas and avoid any fast flowing water or unstable land areas.

FLOOD INSURANCE: As a property owner in the City, you should know that flooding is not covered by standard property insurance. A Special Flood Insurance policy is required for all flood zone properties and is available in our community. There is generally a 30 day waiting period before it becomes effective.

PROPERTY PROTECTION: Measures you can take to protect your property from flooding include— grading your yard, correcting local drainage problems, moving furniture and sandbagging.

FLOODPLAIN DEVELOPMENT PERMITS: All buildings constructed in the flood zones of the city require permits and special flood construction measures. Contact the Building Division for information at 561.586.1647

SUBSTANTIAL IMPROVEMENTS TO STRUCTURES IN THE FLOODPLAIN: All substantial improvements to existing structures in the floodplain that exceed 50% of the buildings market value requires the entire structure to meet the floodplain requirements for a new building.

DRAINAGE SYSTEM MAINTENANCE: The City strives to maintain its stormwater drainage system in working condition. It is illegal to dump into or divert these drains for other purposes.

MAPS OF LOCAL FLOOD HAZARDS: The City of Lake Worth has available maps that indicate the areas in the City that are subject to flood conditions. If you need to know if you are living in one of these special flood hazard areas, contact the Building Division at 561.586.1647 and we will provide you the information you need.

AVAILABILITY OF ELEVATION CERTIFICATES: The City may have Elevation Certificates on file. Elevation Certificates indicate the level at which buildings in the flood hazard areas have been constructed. To view or copy your Elevation Certificate, please contact the Building Division.

STEPS TO AVOID FLOOD DAMAGE

KNOW YOUR OWN FLOOD RISK: Call your local emergency management office, building department or floodplain management office for information about flooding. Ask to see a flood map of your area and find out what the projected flood elevation is for your location.

DO YOU HAVE ENOUGH FLOOD INSURANCE: Even if you have taken steps to protect your home from flooding, you still need flood insurance if you live in the floodplain. Homeowner's policies do not cover flood damage, so you will need to purchase a separate policy under the National Flood Insurance Program.

IS THE MAIN ELECTRIC SWITCHBOX LOCATED ABOVE POTENTIAL FLOOD WATERS: The main electric panel board (fuses or breakers) should be at least 12" above the projected flood elevation for your home.

ARE THE ELECTRIC OUTLETS LOCATED ABOVE POTENTIAL FLOOD WATERS: Consider elevating all electric outlets, switches, light sockets, baseboard heaters and wiring at least 12" above the projected flood elevation for your home. Licensed electrical contractor with building permit is required.

ARE THE WATER HEATER AND FURNACE/AIR HANDLER ABOVE POTENTIAL FLOOD WATERS: Your heating and water heating equipment should be at least 12" above the projected flood elevation for your area. In addition, outside A/C compressors need to be above the anticipated flood levels.

DOES YOUR SEWER SYSTEM HAVE A BACKFLOW VALVE: If flood waters enter the sewer system, sewage can back-up into your home. To prevent this, have a licensed plumber install an interior or exterior backflow valve. Do not open cleanouts, manholes or storm drains to relieve flooding, as this will overwhelm the sewage collection system.

ADDITIONAL SAFETY TIPS FOR FLOOD CONDITIONS

- Do not walk through flowing water or drive through a flooded area.
- Stay away from power lines and electrical wires: Electrocutation is the No. 2 flood killer.
- Be ready for the unexpected: Place important documents inside plastic bags or other waterproof containers.
- Look out for animals, especially snakes.
- Look before you step: After a flood the ground and floors are covered with debris.

BOIL WATER ORDERS

If a boil water order is issued, it will be reported by the media. In the event it is necessary, all water used for ice, cooking, brushing teeth, washing dishes, or consumption should be brought to a rolling boil for one minute, or disinfected with unscented bleach by adding 8 drops per gallon of water, or use bottled water.

HOME EVACUATION AND ELECTRIC BREAKERS

When evacuating your home, be sure to shut off the main electric breaker. This will protect your home in event there is a power outage and restoration. Additionally, flood waters when energizing a home may cause a fire and damage.

SPECIAL NEEDS SHELTER OR DISASTER TRANSPORTATION ASSISTANCE

If you plan to go to a Special Needs Shelter or if you need Disaster Transportation Assistance, you will need to pre-register with Palm Beach County. Links available on Lake Worth website.

www.lakeworth.org | www.pbcgov.com/dem
www.ready.gov/hurricanes | www.floridadisater.org

Firefighters to the Rescue

Firefighters from Station 91 in Lake Worth, led by Driver Engineer John Resch, have been able to raise enough money to send 63 students from North Grade Elementary to Epcot for their end of school trip. The firefighters found out that these 4th graders did not have the means to afford the annual trip, so fund raising efforts began. A check in the amount of \$5,500 was presented to school to pay for the students who wouldn't otherwise been able to attend. Here is a shout out for our firefighters from Station 91!