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

Online Payment Perks

Can you believe that most property owners still pay property taxes by mail? During peak months, it takes 10 to 12 business days to process a paper check. Add in time for mail delivery, and it takes three weeks or longer for payments to post. If there is an error with your paper check, the return time is six to eight weeks.

This tax season, pay online at www.pbctax.com.

There is no fee for eCheck payments, and online payments post in one to three business days. The payment site is designed to minimize your risk of errors. It's also secure.

Hurricane Matthew Relief

The City of Lake Worth is collecting specific items for Hurricane Matthew Relief Efforts in the Bahamas and Haiti. For more information, please visit www.lakeworth.org.

Upcoming Events—Save the Date

Holiday Tree Lighting

Friday, December 2 | 6pm - 10pm
Cultural Plaza | 414 Lake Avenue

Road Rascals Car Show

Thursday, December 8 | 6pm - 9pm
Lake Worth Beach Complex
10 South Ocean Boulevard

Bonfire on the Beach

Friday, December 9 | 6pm - 9pm
Lake Worth Beach | 10 South Ocean Boulevard

Art Al Fresco

Presented by Lake Worth Art League
Saturday, December 10 | 11am - 7pm
Lake Worth Beach
10 South Ocean Boulevard

Food Truck Invasion

Monday, December 12 | 6pm - 10pm
Cultural Plaza | 414 Lake Avenue

Holiday Parade & Santa's Workshop

Saturday, December 17
Cultural Plaza | 414 Lake Avenue

Bonfire on the Beach

Friday, December 23 | 6pm - 9pm
Lake Worth Beach | 10 South Ocean Boulevard

Art Al Fresco

Presented by Lake Worth Art League
Saturday, December 24 | 11am - 7pm
Lake Worth Beach | 10 South Ocean Boulevard

Evening on the Avenue

Fridays | 6pm - 10pm
Cultural Plaza | 414 Lake Avenue

Farmer's Market Waterside

Saturdays | 9am - 1pm | Old Bridge Park
A1A & Lake Avenue

Captain's Corner

Just a friendly reminder again, the holiday season is right around the corner. When shopping and preparing, remember the following tips to avoid being a victim:

- Do not leave packages in view inside your vehicle. Secure them in the trunk or stop home between trips.
- Be aware of your surroundings when shopping, particularly in parking lots and at night.
- Do not leave purses unattended. Wear them on your shoulder and keep them secured.
- Try not to shop alone. Many venues have security or off duty detail officers who can walk you to your vehicle if requested.
- Try to arrange for deliveries when someone is at home or require a signature. Thieves are known to follow the delivery trucks.
- Cut up boxes or remove the pictures on the side of them. If not, it lets thieves know that you have new electronics or other valuables inside your home.

We plan on increasing patrols in our downtown and business districts for the holidays but we need your help.

Yours in Service, Captain Todd Baer

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

City of Lake Worth to Alter Water Chlorination Process

To maintain high water quality in the City of Lake Worth water distribution system, the City of Lake Worth Water Treatment Plant will temporarily change the water chlorination methods for two weeks from **November 30, 2016 through December 18, 2016**. The City of Lake Worth will also increase hydrant flushing during this time. This is a preventive maintenance process. Visit the City's website to learn more.



Art Community Together

Art Exhibits | Creative Arts | Theatre | Dance

Lake Worth Armory Arts Annex | 1121 Lucerne Avenue

Wednesday – Saturday | 11am – 6pm

Light + Movement | Current & future artists of Urban Arts

Lofts bring an array of large & scaled tangible works.

Opening Reception: **Wednesday, December 7** | 6pm – 8pm

Arts at St. Andrew's | St. Andrew's Episcopal Church

100 North Palmway | 561.582.6609

Lessons & Carols | **Sunday, December 11** | 4pm

Benzaiten Center for Creative Arts | 1105 2nd Avenue South

www.benzaitencenter.org | 561.508.7315

Wearable Art Luncheon & Fashion Show Fundraiser

Friday, December 9 | 11am – 1:30pm | \$150

Festivities start at 11am giving attendees plenty of time to peruse the wearable art displays as well as enjoy flame working & glass blowing demonstrations. Displays will be set up throughout the center's large studio space with lunch being served in the center's elegant gallery. Models will don wearable art ensembles and glide around the lunch tables for a unique close-up fashion experience.

Benzaiten is a private nonprofit. Money raised through this fundraiser will benefit their children's programs.

Compass Community Center | 201 North Dixie Highway

World AIDS Day Commemoration

Thursday, December 1 | 6pm – 8pm

The Names Project AIDS Memorial Quilt on Display

December 1 - 10

Cultural Council of Palm Beach County | 601 Lake Avenue

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

Exhibits Free & Open to the Public Unless Denoted

Art in the Main Gallery | 15 Surfboards by 15 Shapers

December 2 – January 21

Solo Exhibition Artists | Tina Kraft & Renee Plevy

November 12 – December 10

Solo Exhibition Artists | Fredi Cohen & Moneta

December 17 – January 14

Evenings at the Council | Open Mic Night

Friday, December 16 | 6pm – 8:30pm

Duncan Theatre | 4200 Congress Avenue

www.duncantheatre.org

The Skivvies | **Friday, December 2** | 8:30pm | All seats \$25

Lightwire Theater's A Very Electric Christmas

Saturday, December 10 | 11AM | All seats \$15

Lake Worth Art League | 604 Lucerne Avenue

www.lwartleague.org | 561.586.8666

Tuesday – Saturday, 10am – 4pm

Lake Worth Playhouse | 713 Lake Avenue

www.lakeworthplayhouse.org | 561.586.6410

Death By Design | **November 17 – December 4** | \$23-\$38

Divas Holiday Party | December 9 | \$15

A Christmas Carol Radio Play | **December 10-11** | \$25

Kids 12 and under \$15

Downtown Dance | **December 18**

Ballet Atlantica | **December 20**

Jimmy Mazzo New Year's Eve | **December 31** | \$40

Stonzek Theatre

713 Lake Avenue | www.lakeworthplayhouse.org | 561.296.9382

Showing Indie & Foreign | Films Daily | General Admission \$9

Matinee Mondays \$7 Meeting Room

Hurricane Matthew's "Wobble" Spares Lake Worth

While many communities are still recovering, thanks a slight "wobble" of Hurricane Matthew, Lake Worth was spared what could have been a catastrophic storm. Matthew passed the city as a Category 4 hurricane 55 miles due east of Lake Worth late Thursday night, October 6, and early the following Friday morning. Through the night, Lake Worth had sustained winds at 45mph with gusts into the hurricane force range.

Behind the scenes, staff were manning the City's Emergency Operation Centers (EOC) at two locations. One at the City's Water Treatment Facility and one at the Electric Plant. Over the course of the hurricane event, staff handled 1,280 telephone calls. Interestingly, 11,260 residents utilized the Lake Worth Power Tracker created by our own Electric Utilities Department. Additionally, the Electric EOC generated 541 service tickets. Strong winds resulted in 8 broken power poles and 2 broken cross arms needing repair. Out of 26,143 Lake Worth Electric customers, approximately 750 clients lost power during the storm. The longest period of time any of these customers were without power was 5 hours during the night of the storm itself when crews were not able to address the problem because of the dangerous conditions.

Good luck and preparation work hand-in-hand. Special thanks goes to our Refuse Department who made extra rounds throughout the City picking up trash and debris prior to the storm. Debris flying into the electric lines could have caused more power outages. While it may have looked like the Lake Worth Pier had giant holes in it - these were special panels that were removed by Public Works crews to prevent damage from high surf. Employees from the Community Sustainability Department went to every construction site to ensure that they were "buttoned down". It takes a team committed to public service. Before, during, and after the storm.

Comments from Our Residents

Date: October 8, 2016 at 4:11:08 PM EDT

To: <Customer_service@lakeworth.org>

Subject: To Lake Worth Electric

To Everybody who is responsible for our Electric, After living and working here in Lake Worth for more than 10 years, and putting up with consist outages, it was so nice to have Lake Worth electric staying on throughout this recent hurricane. I see you all working daily to better the system. The hard work that you all have been doing paid off bigtime. My wife and I want to Thank You so much for what you have done, and are doing. Congratulations to all.

Sent: Friday, October 07, 2016 4:54 PM

To: John Borsch; Walter Gill; Michael Jenkins

Subject: Kick tail electric team

Awesome effort for this storm and you all did a killer job knocking out any issues. No outages at my house up in college park. Great job guys!

Julie Parham Named President



*Far Left, President Brent Whitfield, PE
Far Right, Incoming President, Julie Parham, PE*

Julie Parham, Assistant Director of Water Utilities for the City of Lake Worth, has been named president of the Palm Beach Branch of the American Society of Civil Engineers. "As we head into the fall, it is time to look at a new year for the Branch and I am very excited for the direction we are heading," said Brent Whitfield, PE, President. "Our incoming President Julie Parham, P.E. is a past Young Engineer of the Year at the Branch level and has served on our executive board for the past 3 years. I have no doubt that her term as President will bring our Branch to new heights." The Branch represents over 700 professionals in Palm Beach.