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## **LCS NEWS BRIEFS**

### Crime Down (again) in LCS



The latest numbers show once again how safe it is to live in Lake Clarke Shores.

Did you know...

The Lake Clarke Shores' overall crime rate is 48% lower than the national average.

The violent crime rate is 71% lower than the national average. Lake Clarke Shores is safer than nearly 70% of the cities in the United States. Finally, year to year, the latest numbers show crime down 15% overall.

### What's on...What's off

Looking for details on Town events? Check out page nine.

### Meetings

The people's business goes on under the socalled "new normal."

Town meetings are being held in person with limited seating and online. Everyone is welcome to join online.

Check the Town's website to register to attend the meeting virtually. You must register each time you want to attend.

- -First Budget Hearing 2021/2022 Town Budget on Monday, September 13th at 6:30 pm
- -Second Budget Hearing 2021/2022 Town Budget on Tuesday, September 28th at 6:30pm



## LCS OFFICIALS TAKE THE LEAD

OUR OWN TAKE THE LEAD STATEWIDE









Four members of the Lake Clarke Shores team have been picked to serve in key leadership roles.

Lake Clarke Shores Mayor Paul Shalhoub, Vice Mayor Bob Shalhoub, President Pro Tem Gregory Freebold, and Town Manager Dan Clark will each serve on one of the Florida League of Cities (FLC) Legislative Policy Committees.

Lake Clarke Shores Mayor Paul Shalhoub has been picked to serve on the Florida League of Cities (FLC) Finance, Taxation & Personnel Committee.

Lake Clarke Shores Vice Mayor Bob Shalhoub will serve on the FLC Municipal Administration Committee.

Lake Clarke Shores President Pro Tem Gregory Freebold has been picked for the FLC Environmental Committee.

Lake Clarke Shores Town Manager Dan Clark will serve on the FLC Land Use and Economic Development Committee.

We may be small, but we play a big role when it comes to leading on Florida's critical issues.



### LCS PD LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS

Lake Clarke Shores police are looking for new volunteers for its Citizen Observer Patrol program.

Much of the Police Department's success in reducing crime is due to the awareness and involvement of Lake Clarke Shores residents.

more information.

By complimenting the force, the C.O.P. volunteers donate 1.000

If you are at least 18 years old hours each year. During the holidays and want to help keep our town C.O.P. members dedicate over 200 safe, call Lake Clarke Shores PD hours of patrol time. Additionally, at 964-1515 ext. 1125 for C.O.P. members donate over 200 volunteer hours to assist the department's administrative staff.





HOTTEST SPORT IN NATION COMING TO LAKE CLARKE SHORES Two years ago, pickleball was called the "fastest growing sport you've never heard of." Today, it's probably the fastest growing sport everyone has heard of.

According to a 2021 report by the Sports & Fitness Industry Association, the number of pickleball players in the U.S. has grown over 20% since 2019.

The same report found the average age of pickleball players to be 38 years old, which debunks the perception that the game is dominated by seniors.

In response to the exploding demand for the sport, the Town of Lake Clarke Shores is moving forward with plans for two courts in Community Park on Carandis Road.

Community Park was picked for the location because of the large amount of space. It also already has parking, water fountains and restrooms.

Even with the addition of two pickleball courts, the vast majority of park space remains open for other sports and activities.

Current plans are to build two courts while leaving space for a third court in the future.



The proposed budget for the project is \$150,000. However, an anticipated grant is expected to cover 75% of the cost. In the end, the total amount paid by the Town is expected to only be \$37,5000.

The courts will also be lighted by energy efficient LED lights. The lights will be on timers to not only guarantee they will operate during game play, but also to ensure they do not remain on long after play has concluded.

The project is expected to take two years to complete. The construction can not begin until the grant is approved.







### BRIDGE REPLACEMENT SCHEDULED FOR SUMMER 2022

The repair of the Pine Tree Bridge is expected to begin summer of 2022. As with so many other capital improvement projects across the country, COVID-related supply shortages and other issues have pushed project times back.

The bridge repair is expected to last about 6 months. During the repair, the town plans on keeping its promise to never completely close the bridge to traffic, ensuring access to Forest Hill Boulevard from the neighborhood, and preventing timely delays when returning home.

### TIME TO RENEW...

Please contact Town Hall at 964-1515 ext. 1114 if you have not received your renewal notice by early September or if you have any questions. Please note that payments will not be processed and may be returned if the required paperwork is not submitted.

### ALARM & BOAT RAMP DECALS

Alarm decals and boat ramp decals expire on September 30, 2021. Residents who have a 2020/2021 decal have been sent a renewal notice explaining how to renew. You must return the items as noted on the bottom of your renewal notice with your payment.



### **TENNIS CARDS**

Tennis cards expire on October 1, 2021. Renewal notices for tennis cards have been mailed out. Residents please note that your existing tennis card will be reactivated once payment has been made. Payment can be made over the phone or by sending in a check with your Tennis card renewal notice.

## RENEW YOUR BUSINESS TAX RECEIPT

Business Tax Receipts expire on September 30. On October 1, business tax receipts that have not been renewed have a 10% late penalty added to the original amount due.

Remember to send a copy of your 2021/2022 Palm Beach County Business Tax Receipt with your renewal payment. If you are no longer in business, please let us know so that we can discontinue unnecessary correspondence.

# QUALIFYING FOR MARCH 2022 TOWN ELECTION

## ELECTION AND QUALIFYING INFORMATION FOR THE TOWN'S MARCH 2022 ELECTION

A Municipal General Election will be held, only if necessary, on Tuesday, March 8, 2022. The following expiring seats are open for those who wish to qualify for the Town Council of the Town of Lake Clarke Shores:

Group 3 Robert M. W. Shalhoub Group 4 Albert Pavon Group 5 Valentin Rodriguez, Jr.

Qualifying for election of Council Members begins at noon, Tuesday, November 2, 2021 and closes at noon, November 16, 2021.

Voter information: Prior to the election, residents should ascertain that their voters registration cards reflect their current address. Voters must be registered to vote and listed in the registration books at their correct polling place. At the polls on Election Day, all registered voters must provide a photo ID to the Election Clerk and/or Inspector.

Residents may request absentee ballots for themselves or immediate family members from either the office of the Supervisor of Elections at 240 South Military Trail, WPB, telephone (561) 656-6200, by fax (561) 656-6220, or from their website: www.VotePalmBeach.gov.

The Town Clerk will be happy to answer any of your questions concerning the Municipal General Election process. She can be reached at 964-1515 ext. 1110.





## ELECCIÓN E INFORMACIÓN DE CALIFICACIÓN PARA LA ELECCIÓN DEL PUEBLO EN MARZO 2022

Elecciónes General Municipal se llevara a cabo solamente, si es necesaria, el martes, 8 de marzo, 2022. Los siguientes grupos están disponibles para aquellos que deseen calificar para el Consejo del Pueblo en el Pueblo de Lake Clarke Shores:

Grupo 3 Robert M. W. Shalhoub Grupo 4 Albert Pavon Grupo 5 Valentin Rodriguez, Jr.

La calificación para la elecciónes de Miembros de Consejo empezara al mediodía, el martes 2 de noviembre, 2021 y cerrara al mediodía, el 16 de noviembre, 2021.

Información de Votante: Antes de la elección, los residentes deberán asegurarse que sus tarjetas de votantes registrados tengan su dirección actualizada. Los votantes deberán estar registrados para votar en los libros de registracion en su urna designadas. En el momento de la Elección, todos los votantes registrados deberán proveer una identificación con foto al Secretario de la Elección y/o Inspector en la urna de votación asignada.

Los residentes pueden adquirir balotas de voto ausente para ellos mismos o para miembros de familia en la oficina del Supervisor de Elecciones en 240 South Military Trail, WPB, por teléfono al (561) 656-6200, por fax al (561) 656-6220, o en la página de Internet: www.VotePalmBeach.gov.

La Secretaria del Pueblo estará feliz de responde<mark>r cualqu</mark>ier pregunta que tenga relación con el proceso de la Elecciónes General Municipal. Puede ser contactad al 964-1515 ext. 1110.

# YOU HAVE A ROLE IN PREVENTING STREET FLOODING

### RESIDENTS MUST HELP KEEP STORM DRAINS CLEAR



The Town of Lake Clarke Shores Utility Department employees inspect the Town's drainage system, which includes storm drains, easements and canals for obstructions caused by debris such as fallen trees and vegetation, trash, and other items. They remove debris in the storm drains that impede the flow of water. Proper maintenance to the drainage system helps reduce the risk of flooding.

Storm drains prevent flooding by directing excessive rain water into the Town's lakes and canals. Trash, grass cuttings, vegetation and debris should not be placed in storm drains. Having vegetation or debris on top of a storm drain when it rains prevents the water from going into the storm drain.

This causes flooding to the street and surrounding areas. The vegetation and debris also falls into the storm drain. This can cause blockage in the underground drainpipes and impede the flow of water which damages the drainage system.

All residents should be doing preventive maintenance to their swales and keeping the storm drains clear from vegetation and debris. Dumping trash, vegetation, or debris of any kind into the storm drains, canals or lakes is also illegal.

Contact the Town's Police Department nonemergency dispatch center at 964-1114 to report illegal dumping or if you see debris on storm drains.

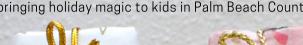
## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

### Holidays in Paradise Parade

The Town of Lake Clarke Shores kicks off the season with our Holidays in Paradise Parade. Saturday, December 4 at 11 a.m. The parade heads down Barbados Rd., south to West Lake Dr., over the Mediterranean bridge and ends at Pine Tree Park. Enjoy the parade from your front lawn. Invite friends and family to enjoy the holiday spirit. We will pick up toys during the parade, street side. All toy donations go to Little Smiles, a local group bringing holiday magic to kids in Palm Beach County.

Register your parade entry at Town Hall. We do not charge an entry fee, but we ask for one unwrapped toy. Decorate your car, truck, pulled boat, float, golf cart, motorcycle, or bike and join the fun! Absolutely no walking in the parade. This is also a great opportunity for local businesses to

promote themselves for free. Have questions? Please call Town Hall at 964-1515.











### It's Back LIVE! Holiday Tree Lighting

Last year, the Annual Holiday Tree Lighting took on a slightly different look as COVIDimposed restrictions forced the event to be a pre-recorded virtual celebration. This year, it's back! Our Annual Holiday Tree Lighting will be hosted at Memorial Park. It begins at 5 p.m. on Saturday, December 4. There will be food, live choral music, crafts, and pictures with Santa. Bring a donated toy for Little Smiles. Park at Elite Primary Care on West Lake Dr. and Forest Hill Blvd. Golf carts park at Memorial Park. Come see our 22-foot holiday tree light up the night. There will also be a nine-foot menorah.

Please note: Due to the unpredictable nature of the COVID-19 pandemic. details may change necessary. The Town of Lake Clarke Shores will continue to monitor the COVID-19 situation as events approach and make decisions based on the current public health guidelines.



### Need to reach us?

mergency	9-1-1

964-1114 Police Dispatch

964-1515 Town Hall

Code Enforcement 331-4257

642-7870 LCS Water Dept.

If you need to speak with a police officer, please call police dispatch

### Please note Town Hall will be closed on...

September 6

November 11

November 25-26

December 24 & 27

December 31st

January 17

February 21

Labor Day

**Veterans Day** 

Thanksgiving Holiday

Christmas Holiday

New Year's Eve

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

President's Day



## PROTECT YOURSELF & YOUR PROPERTY

Flooding is among the most dangerous and destructive disasters. Make sure you are informed and protected.

#### **FLOOD INSURANCE**

Everyone has some risk of flooding no matter where your property is located. There is a 26% chance of experiencing a flood during the life of a 30-year mortgage. Flood insurance is needed to protect your property and belongings. You can purchase flood insurance to cover the contents of your home, even if you are renting the home.

The Town of Lake Clarke Shores participates in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) administers this program. The NFIP's Community Rating System (CRS) recognizes community efforts beyond those minimum standards by reducing flood insurance premiums to residents of that community. The CRS assigns credit points based on additional flood protection activities that communities provide to help save lives and property in the event of a flood. Lake Clarke Shores currently has a rating of 8, which means that town residents owning property located in a special flood hazard area can save 10% on their flood insurance.

Contact your insurance carrier to obtain more information on protecting your property with flood insurance. NOTE: It takes 30 days for a flood insurance policy to go into effect. For more information regarding flood insurance costs and coverage, go to the FEMA website: https://www.fema.gov/national-flood-insurance-program.

#### FLOOD WARNING SYSTEM

Palm Beach County Emergency Management maintains direct contact with the National Weather Service (NWS) during flood or other weather related emergencies.

In the event of an emergency, the residents of Lake Clarke Shores should stay tuned to local TV or radio stations known to have an active news bureau or to a NOAA weather radio for weather information (see below for a partial list of local TV and radio stations). Evacuation routes will be announced if an evacuation order is issued. Main evacuation routes for Lake Clarke Shores include Forest Hill Blvd and I-95. If an incident were to occur, the Lake Clarke Shores Police Department would also use loudspeakers to provide residents with evacuation information. Make plans ahead of time, so that family members know where you will be if you need to evacuate the area.

Lake Clarke Shores also uses CodeRED Community Notification Service to notify residents by phone, email and/or text of emergency situations. Sign up for CodeRED by visiting the Town website. If you are unable to register online, call Town Hall for a registration form.

TV Stations: 5, 12, 25, 29. Radio Stations: WIRK, WJNO, WRMF

### FLOODPLAIN DEVELOPMENT PERMIT REQUIREMENTS

Any development in the floodplain requires a permit. Contact Community Development Services at 964-1515 ext. 1114, before starting construction or altering the natural elevation of your property in anyway.

Report any illegal floodplain development to the Community Development Services at the number above, Code Enforcement at 964-1515 ext. 1123 or the Police non-emergency dispatch center at 964-1114.

### SUBSTANTIAL IMPROVEMENTS / DAMAGE REQUIREMENTS

The National Flood Insurance Program requires an existing building to meet the same construction standards as a new building if the cost for each new addition, and/or substantial renovation to a residential property during a 5-year period equals or exceeds 50% of the building market value. Signed and sealed elevation certificates and surveys are required for all new and substantially improved buildings before a Certificate of Occupancy can be issued. These certificates are necessary to be in compliance with floodplain management ordinances and to determine proper insurance premium rates by FEMA.

Elevation Certificates must be signed and sealed by a land surveyor, engineer or architect that is authorized by law to certify such a document. Copies of elevation certificates that have been submitted to the Town since 1994 are available from the Building Department at Town Hall.

Note: Only FEMA Form 086-0-33 (revised 12/2019) elevation certificates can be used. For information on flood plain development in the town, see Chapter 105 of the Town's Code of Ordinances which specifies development procedures and flood reduction standards for new construction and substantial improvements within the Town. For additional information, go to www.fema.gov

#### PROPERTY PROTECTION MEASURES

There are many ways to reduce potential property damage from flooding. Some things to consider include:

- Maintain the swale areas. Grass should be kept low and only sod should be planted in the swales. This helps to keep the access water flowing into the storm drains.
- Keep storm drains clear of debris so that water can flow without obstruction.
- Electric panel boxes, water heaters, washer/dryers and other types of electrical equipment or appliances should be above floor level.

Different measures are appropriate for different flood hazards, building types and building conditions. Contact the Town's Building Official to obtain additional information on how to protect your property from floods. We can also visit your property to offer individual advice on how to protect your property. While we cannot give you detailed construction specifications, we can provide recommendations that can help you protect your property before a flood occurs. For more information go to: www.fema.gov/protecting-homes.

### **LOCAL FLOOD HAZARDS & FIRM MAPS**

The Town has, in the past, experienced localized flooding on roadways and in swales during periods of heavy or extended rainfall. The following canals pass through or border our town: Lake Worth Drainage District L-7, L-8, L-9, L-10 and E-4 canals, South Florida Water Management District C-51 Canal, and the Town of Lake Clarke Shores WL, WS, F, 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5 canals. Lake Clarke and Mango Lake are also within the Town limits.

Official Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRM) are available on line at http://maps.co.palmbeach.fl.us/cwgis/?app=floodzones. These maps show the flood zone areas located by typing in your address into the system.

Town staff is available to help answer your questions concerning flood zones, special flood hazard areas, historical flooding events and other flood information. Various flood protection pamphlets are also available at Town Hall.

For more information on Flood Insurance Rate Maps go to: www.fema.gov.





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