



# Lake Park Insider

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## TOP STORY



### Lake Park PBSO Wants Your Online Shopping To Be Safe

If You Plan Online Shopping in 2019,  
You Need To Know How To Be Safe

Did you shop online this season? Will you do more in 2019? The Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office in Lake Park wants to make sure your shopping experience is a safe one.

Many people turn to sites like Craigslist to buy from fellow residents. Be smart about online purchases through these kinds of sites. If you are meeting someone, you can meet them in the lobby of the Lake Park PBSO District. If your seller is honest, they should have no problem with the location. Your entire transaction will also be on surveillance video.

Some other helpful tips to ensure your safety:

- Don't meet the person alone.
- Bring only the exact amount of cash that the item is worth.
- Don't use wire transfers such as Western Union / MoneyGram or personal checks for payments.
- Check cash payments to make sure the currency isn't counterfeit.
- Don't offer personal contact information. Communicate through the in-app messenger, which can be monitored.
- Check on the person's ratings in the app.
- If the buyer or seller follows the other after the transaction, contact the Sheriff's Office.

## Other Town News

### When is a Parade More Than Just a Parade?



As the Town of Lake Park continues its focus on economic development, a major part of the effort is providing quality of life events to attract new residents. The recent first annual Veterans Day parade was the latest example.

What's the connection?

A recent study by Purdue University looked at the link between community events and quality of life. According to the study, "festivals and local events" were found to be "a crucial variable to improve residents' quality of life."

The Town of Lake Park hosted its inaugural Veterans Day Parade in November. It was more than just a parade. It was an opportunity to interact with neighbors and strengthen community bonds that are such an important foundation upon which we are building a better town.



## New rules for debris during an emergency

If you've waited until the storm is almost here before clearing your property, you've waited too long, and now it will cost you!

That's now the law in the Town of Lake Park.

"One of the most challenging aspects of hurricane preparation is dealing with individuals who put out trash or debris or vegetation two days before a storm event," said Town of Lake Park Town Manager John D'Agostino.

A new law passed by the Town Commission will prohibit residents from putting out large piles of debris once a state of emergency has been declared. If you wait until a state of emergency is declared before putting out piles of pre-storm debris, the Town will charge you a \$250 fee plus the actual cost of removal. You also run the risk that the piles may not get picked up in time. The lesson is simple: Don't wait for a storm before getting your property ready for a storm.

## Commission OK's contract for new Bert Bostrom playground

As quickly as a child can slip down the slide, keep an eye out for a brand new playground in Bert Bostrom park.

The contract was approved by the Town Commission, and staff say the new equipment will be installed within 120 days. Apparently, it might not be just kids trying out the new playground. At least one member of the Town Commission joked if it would be OK for them to "test" it out themselves. I guess you can't take the kid out of the commissioner!



## Beginning in January, the Lake Park Insider will begin a new feature:

Each month, we will take you inside Town Hall to learn about the people and departments that work every day to make Lake Park the great place that it is.

First featured department: Human Resources



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