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Memorial Day A Time to Remember

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On Monday, May 29, the City of Lake Worth and the American Legion Post #47 will hold our City's annual Memorial Day Ceremony. The service will take place at Pinecrest Cemetery (12th Avenue South and "A" Street.) For those placing wreaths the time is 9:30 a.m.

The Boy Scouts, Troop 204 will have the honor of placing the American flags on each veteran's grave. No easy task and they do it so very well.

The Lake Worth Air Force Junior ROTC #824 will serve as the Color Guard. According to Lt. Col. Jose Martinez, "We have received several invitations for the Color Guard,

but for the Lake Worth AFJROTC, it is important that we support the Lake Worth community."

Richard Smith is the Program Coordinator for American Legion Post #47. He appreciates the continued support of the City's elected officials, Mayor Pam Triolo, the City Commissioners and the City employees.

Special thanks is given to such organizations as Lions, Rotary, Kiwanis, The Women's Club and the Lake Worth Daughters of the American Revolution. Each of these organizations has patriotism as part of their missions and service to the community.

When other similar events have been added, these organizations contin-

ue their support. Memorial Day reflects just how much our community honors those that gave their lives for our freedom.

As early as 1866, Memorial Day had its beginnings as Decoration Day. Memorial Day should not be confused with Veteran's Day. "Memorial Day is a day we remember the men and women who died serving our country." Veteran's Day celebrates the service of all U.S. military veterans.

On the first Memorial/ Decoration Day, 5,000 people took part in decorating 20,000 Union and Confederate graves. General James Garfield gave the speech at the Arlington Cemetery.

"Memorial Day was established to remember

the 662,000 who died in the Civil War (1861-1865). This war has been called the bloodiest conflict on U.S. soil."

In a world that is filled with hatred, terror, wars and rumors of war, it is important that we take the time to remember. Even today, blood is being shed for our freedom. Countries such as Afghanistan, Iraq and within our very walls of our country, they are claiming the lives of our future.'

Inspired in 1915 and first sold by the Veteran's of Foreign War in 1922, the poppy has become a reminder for us. There are fewer poppies today. There are fewer people who attend a Memorial ceremony, Yet, we have more...

"In Flanders Fields the poppies blow

Between the crosses, row on row..."

Those that 'sleep' below the poppies and at Pinecrest Cemetery did not break the faith with

us. They gave their lives. The blood they shed was the blood of patriots. "The patriot's blood is the seed of the Freedom's tree." (Thomas Campbell)

This is for you. On May 29, Memorial Day is a time to remember, we will remember as a community, as a family. We remember why.

Greenacres Launches Social Media

The City of Greenacres now has Facebook and Twitter accounts. After unveiling a newly updated website in early April, the City has received numerous requests by both residents and Council Members to add social media. City Manager Andrea McCue stated that the purpose will be to disseminate information to residents about events, meetings and emergencies. Social media will not be used engage in a back and forth dialogue on events and issues. Anyone can still communicate with the City via email,

telephone, or by visiting City Hall if they have questions or concerns.

The Facebook account is at www.facebook.com/Cityofgreenacres and the Twitter account is @CityGreenacres. Any questions about either one can be directed to Socialinfo@greenacresfl.gov.

Mayor Flores commented that he was pleased to see the City moving forward with social media. He hopes that residents become more involved in activities and are aware of what is happening within the City.

Lantana Council Updated on Legislative Session

The Lantana Town Council was next in line to hear a Legislative update from Representative Lori Berman and Senator Jeff Clemons.

Berman told the council the Legislative session was loaded with preemptive bills. More so than usual Berman explained. Among them, cities can no longer regulate Uber or Lyft, they can only be regulated at the state level. Cities can not create ordinances regulating drones, they can only enforce their laws pertaining to things like voyeurism according to Berman.

There was legislation on Franchise Signage, taking regulation away from local municipalities.

On construction projects where 50 percent or more is funded by the state, municipalities can not regulate where the workers come from. Berman said these were just some of the preemptive bills passed this session.

Clemons updated the Council on the Sober Home legislation and legislation passed to lessen Doctor shopping for prescription drugs.

Clemons also suggested

there is a movement to reduce the cap on municipal tax to below the existing 10 percent tax, and discussed the Homestead Exemption increase that will go before the voters. Clemons said if passed, the increased exemption will cut funding to cities, making it more difficult to provide the services now provided to the citizens.

Berman also informed the Council the House of Representatives has not delivered the budget to the Governor yet.

Mayor Dave Stewart congratulated Town Manager Debra Manzo for her selection to the Palm Beach County League of Cities Board.

A resident complained about the seaweed on Lantana Beach and asked if it could be cleaned up because it is unsightly and smells. Vice Mayor Lynn Moorhouse said he believed it was unlawful to rake or remove the seaweed. Mayor Stewart explained the Town would lose grant funding to replenish the beach if they removed the seaweed. Councilman Schropshire said the seaweed would come and go with the tide.

Greenacres Welcomes One of Its Own To Spread the Message "Do the Right Thing"



Greenacres youth with their new back packs, stocked with supplies for next school year.

The City of Greenacres welcomed back one of its own former residents, Wes Kain of the Vanilla Ice Project, and staff from the Season 7 film crew, to distribute backpacks to the youth in the Leisure Services after-school program before the start of summer vacation. Mr. Kain returned for the fourth time in recent months to donate his time and encourage the kids to make good choices over the summer and to stay out of trouble. The DiY network, and Departure Films assisted by donating \$500.00 worth of supplies to fill the backpacks Mr. Kain purchased for the kids. Mayor Joel Flores and City Council Member Vice Mayor Paula Bousquet were present, along with City staff.

Wes Kain visited the program last year and fulfilled the "wish list" during the holidays by donating a large screen TV, Xbox One with games, sporting equipment, movies, a projector, board games and much more. He also visited the kids and talked with them about bullying, being respectful and being grateful for their parents and guardians and encouraged them to dream big.

Kain, along with Mayor Flores, Vice Mayor Bousquet and High School students Gerardo Cano and Kamron Flar handed out 100 Elementary school packs, 30 Middle School and 20 High School backpacks that included paper, pens, ear buds for the older students, pencils, rulers, pencil sharpeners, crayons, colored pencils, and highlighters.

Kain added strong emphasis to his message to "do the right thing" telling the older students how close he came to not doing the right thing. He said if he had made the wrong choice, he would not be where he is today.



Mayor Joel Flores greets and thanks Wes Kain on his visit to the Greenacres Community Center to give backpacks loaded with supplies to elementary, middle and high school students.