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## Ethics Complaint Filed Against Lantana Mayor

The Florida Commission on Ethics received a complaint from a Lantana resident in January.

After being notified of the complaint by the Ethics Commission, Stewart went to the home of Catherine Padilla the resident who filed the complaint.

According to police reports of the incident, Stewart claims Padilla locked the door and closed

her blinds and he then returned to his vehicle and left.

Padilla reported to police a similar claim, but said Stewart grabbed the door handle and tried to open it.

Padilla has claimed somewhere around 2014 or 2015 she was lobbying for speed bumps in her neighborhood and the Mayor asked for sexual favors for his vote.

Stewart has denied asking for sexual favors in order to guarantee his vote.

The Ethics Commission is investigating the complaint and doesn't have a time line for the completion of the investigation.

In late January, copies of the police reports of the incident at Padilla's home were anonymously mailed to various news media offices.

## PS Upgrades Utilities Information System

The Village of Palm Springs will be upgrading their Utilities Customer Information System this weekend. To make this happen the Utility Billing Office will be closed beginning at 1 PM Friday, Feb. 16 and reopening at 10 a.m. on

Tuesday, Feb. 20.

The online payment options for utility bills will not be available during this time as well.

Payments delivered to the drop box outside of the Utilities Office will be collected and applied on

Tuesday, Feb. 20. There will be no late fees accrued during this upgrade.

All Village offices will be closed Monday, Feb. 19 in observance of Presidents Day.

For additional information visit [www.vpsfl.org](http://www.vpsfl.org) or call 561-965-5770.

## NAPC Great Taste of LW

The Lake Worth Neighborhood Assoc. Presidents Council (NAPC) has announced this year's *Great Taste of Lake Worth* event to be held on Friday, Feb. 23. Lake and Lucerne Avenues will be wide open due to the *Street Painting Festival* weekend and everyone is invited to come and enjoy tasty bites from Lake Worth's finest restaurants, shops and service providers.

This year neighborhood

merchants from all over Lake Worth including the Beach and Casino complex, Dixie Highway and the west side have been invited to participate and share free samples of their own specialties in food, beverages, goods and services.

Tickets for the event are \$25 and will include a wristband and map of all participating restaurants. Advance tickets can be purchased at Studio 205 located at 600 Lake Avenue

and Paws on the Avenue at 525 Lake Avenue.

The NAPC will be located at Lake Ave. and L Street during the event with tickets, wrist bands and maps of the event.

Volunteers from the NAPC will be on hand at every participating location to assist merchants and ticket holders with information and free samples.

For more information visit the NAPC website or the NAPC on Facebook.

## Forgotten Soldiers Outreach Needs New Home

LAKE WORTH - Forgotten Soldiers Outreach, Inc. is seeking a new home as soon as possible. The current donated space is scheduled to be occupied by a new tenant no later than May 1. They are in search of an "Angel" to donate space to accommodate their mission of creating care packages and sending them to deployed men and women. Currently, Forgotten Soldiers Outreach operates in Lake Worth under 1,925 square feet that includes their office space and warehouse space. They are flexible in regards to a location in Palm Beach

County.

If they cannot obtain this space through the generosity of the community, then sadly they will have no choice but to close their doors after 15 years of supporting the troops.

Since their inception in October of 2003, Forgotten Soldiers Outreach has benefited over 400,000 of our deployed United States military service personnel, covering all world theaters and all branches of the military.

The encouragement to the troops that these care packages gives has been

priceless and truly makes a difference. They need your help to continue sending that encouragement. Currently Forgotten Soldiers Outreach has registered deployed service members requesting the support and they need your help to fulfill these requests.

If anyone is able to assist them with this request, or knows an organization that could assist contact Lynelle Zelnar at 561-369-2933.

For more information on Forgotten Soldiers Outreach, call 561-369-2933 or visit [www.forgottensoldiers.org](http://www.forgottensoldiers.org)

## Retired Firefighters Chili Cook-Off



There was plenty to do at Bryant Park during the Firefighter Chili Cook off. Here children play on Ladder 1, an antique fire truck. The event was hosted by the Retired Firefighters of Palm Beach County.



Greenacres Fire Rescue was among the many fire houses participating in the Chili Cook Off, teaming up for a fun day with family and friends.



Dave's Last Resort & Raw Bar in Lake Worth joined the competition with their chili in support of the Retired Firefighters of Palm Beach County.