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Little Piggies Approved In Lantana

The Lantana Town Council passed on second and final reading with a 3-2 vote to allow the keeping of miniature pigs, micro pigs or teacup pigs within the Town. The pigs can weigh no more than 35 lbs. And must be house pets under the same rules as dogs. This was an amendment to the town's code pertaining to the keeping of animals and the rest of the code remains unchanged. Vice Mayor Shropshire and Council-

member Moorhouse dissented.

The first reading of an ordinance amendment requiring site drainage features and underground installation of utilities for all new construction in the R1A Zoning District passed 5-0.

The council also passed 5-0 a resolution approving and adopting the Statewide Mutual Aid Agreement through the Florida Division of Emergency Man-

agement. This agreement, Emergency Management Act, Chapter 252, provides local government with the state authority to develop and enter into mutual aid agreements within the State for reciprocal emergency aid and assistance in case of emergencies too extensive to be dealt with unassisted, and through the agreements, insure the timely reimbursement of costs for rendering such assistance.

Palm Springs Approves Sign Code Changes

Village Council approved on first reading amendments to the Land Development Regulations to ensure uniform interpretation of the sign codes and fair consistent enforcement of allowances among all Village Businesses.

Fenestration (windows, doors and other openings in a building) is an aesthetic component of a building's architecture and attracts visual attention to a business, affects how welcoming a building is and whether it participates with other buildings in

creating a visually harmonized environment, and provides relief to blank walls.

Window signs and window coverings can defeat the benefits of fenestration through a proliferation of advertisements and visual clutter.

Opaque window coverings present security issues when views into storefronts are blocked, but also affect the visual appearance of the building and detract from its architectural integrity.

The amendment pro-

vides for a one time Village-initiated variance for

businesses' window coverings that do not comply with the proposed regulations. Existing business' window coverings cannot be grandfathered because they are not permitted by current Code.

The fee for this variance would be waived and the property owner

and the tenant will both receive notification of this option at least 45 days

prior to the expiration/deadline to receive the variance request.



Lantana Mayor Dave Stewart and Councilman Phil Aridas joined Town Staff at Lyman Kayak Park to plant a Silver Buttonwood in honor of Arbor Day.

Streaming of LW Meeting Halted to Avoid Lawsuits

Lake Worth Commissioners were asked by some residents why the streaming of the Commission Meetings had been discontinued.

City Manager Michael Bornstein took the floor to explain. Bornstein said, "Unscrupulous ADA Lawyers are suing municipalities for their websites not being ADA compliant and for streaming meetings without closed captioning for the hearing impaired."

Lake Worth had stopped streaming months ago but made the meetings available on youtube but the City wasn't comfortable this would be enough to keep the

wolves away from the door.

This activity by some unscrupulous lawyers is not unlike the rash of lawsuits filed against restaurants for not being 100% compliant, having to spend thousands to come into compliance and then pay the lawyers thousands to drop or settle the suit.

Now these same types of lawyers are suing municipalities throughout the state forcing large settlements made with taxpayer's money.

Commissioners and Bornstein said the League of Cities is advising it's members to be extremely careful with their websites and streaming of meetings.

Two LWHHS Educators Nominated for GRAMMY Awards

Across the United States, 2800 music educators were nominated for the 2019 GRAMMY Music Educator Award. Presented by the Recording Academy and the GRAMMY

Museum, the Music Educator Award was established to recognize current educators (kindergarten through college, public and private schools) who have made a significant and lasting contribution to the field of music education and who demonstrate a commitment to the broader cause of maintaining music education in the schools.

Out of the 2800 nominees, 188 have been chosen as quarterfinalists. Five of the 188 are from Palm Beach County and two are right here in Lake Worth! Even more amazing is they are both from the same school! Mr. John Weatherspoon and Ms. Tiffany Cox are the chorus and band directors at Lake Worth Community High School.

Mr. Weatherspoon, the chorus director, just completed his 26th year at Lake Worth High School. He was hired in 1992 by Mr. Dave Cantley, principal. Weatherspoon has created a legacy of excellence in choral music education at Lake Worth High. This year, his chorus received a superior rating at their music performance assessment and even brought home a first place trophy from the southern star music festival in Atlanta Georgia.

"It is an incredible honor to have been chosen to represent Palm Beach County through this nomination. Being a quarterfinalist is a unique and special recognition. But being able to share this honor with Ms. Cox is truly a blessing. We have been an incredible team from the very first day we met. We have the same goals, the same intensity, and the same determination to see our students succeed. We believe in the students of Lake Worth High School and we're teaching them to believe in

themselves," stated Weatherspoon.

Ms. Tiffany Cox is the band director at Lake Worth high school and just completed her seventh year of teaching though this is her first at Lake Worth High. She has been passionately devoted to rebuilding the band program at Lake Worth high school and returning it to its former glory. Her hard work has not gone unnoticed by our community and apparently by the Grammy music education foundation as well.

Cox said, "We want to use this nomination as an opportunity to showcase the amazing things that are happening in Lake Worth. Our students are incredible - they go above and beyond the call of duty. I couldn't be more proud to be their director. Without the support of our community, we wouldn't have gotten this far. It is through passion, support, and mutual collaboration that we are able to be successful. We are creating a culture of engagement in the arts at Lake Worth High. Our music programs are showing the community just how incredible our students are. They are talented, dedicated, and determined. They persevere through adversity and create beautiful music for the world to enjoy. They make it fun to come to work every day. This job isn't easy - it's full of challenges - but it is by far, the most fulfilling work that I have ever done."

Both Cox and Weatherspoon have submitted their applications to become semi-finalist. Out of the 188 quarterfinalists, 25 semifinalist will be selected in September. After the semifinalist round, 10 finalists will be selected and one educator will receive the GRAMMY Music Educator Award. The winner will have the privilege of flying to Los Angeles to attend the GRAMMY Awards and a range of week long events plus pick up a \$10,000 personal honorarium. The nine additional finalists will receive a \$1,000 honorarium, and the schools of all 10 finalists will receive matching grants. Fifteen semifinalists will receive a \$500 honorarium with matching school grants.

Best of luck to Ms. Cox and Mr. Weatherspoon! Lake Worth is rooting for you!



John Weatherspoon and Tiffany Cox