



# Shore Lines

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## HOLIDAY EVENTS HAPPENING IN LAKE CLARKE SHORES

**SATURDAY ~ December 7th - 11:00 AM**  
**15th Annual "Holidays in Paradise" Parade**  
*[\(click here for all of the event details\)](#)*

**SATURDAY ~ December 7th - 5:00 PM**  
**"Jim & Judy Tackett Memorial Christmas  
Tree Decorating & Lighting"**  
*[\(click here for all of the event details\)](#)*

**TUESDAY ~ December 17th - 6:00 PM**  
**Home Holiday Decoration Contest**  
*[\(click here for all of the event details\)](#)*

**TOWN HALL IS THE OFFICIAL DROP OFF LOCATION  
FOR UNWRAPPED GIFTS FOR**



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**YOU CAN ALSO DROP OFF GIFTS AT THE REGISTRATION TABLE AT THE  
PARADE OR THE JIM & JUDY TACKETT MEMORIAL CHRISTMAS  
TREE DECORATING & LIGHTING EVENT**

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## HOLIDAY SAFETY TIPS

This holiday season, don't let the spirit of giving lull you into giving burglars, muggers or pick-pockets a chance to do their dirty work. Keep these tips in mind for a safe and happy holiday season!

- Lock all the doors and windows while you're out, even if you'll be gone for just a few minutes.
- Don't place packages or gifts near windows or in other high-visibility sites.
- Don't leave your holiday lights on unattended.
- Check your smoke alarms to make sure they are working properly.
- If traveling, make sure to complete a "House Watch" with the LCS Police Department. Also, have a trusted neighbor watch your home, pick up the newspaper, and collect the mail.
- When out and about, stay alert and be aware of your surroundings.
- Don't overburden yourself with packages.
- Take extra care with purses and wallets. Carry your purse close to your body.
- Keep your wallet in an inside coat pocket, front pants pocket or zippered pocket.
- Don't leave your purse or wallet in your vehicle.
- Never leave your purse unattended in a shopping cart or on a counter top.
- Don't carry large amounts of cash. Bring just one debit or credit card and avoid leaving it out where others can read it.
- Park as close as possible to your destination. Place your packages out of sight in your locked trunk.
- If shopping with small children, make sure they know what to do if they become separated from you inside a store or mall.
- When shopping online, conduct transactions on a secure server.
- Use only one credit card when placing online orders. If your credit card is compromised, you have better resources than if you use a debit card.

# HOLIDAY SPENDING SURVIVAL GUIDE!

Are you crazy for the holidays, spending thousands of dollars on holiday gifts, lights, entertaining, food and decorations each year? If so, you are not alone. Many Americans feel the sting of holiday spending well into the new year. If you love to celebrate the holidays but don't love the financial pinch you experience afterward, there are several great tricks for giving and celebrating, without breaking the bank.

When you are out battling the holiday crowds and heading to social commitments with family and friends, consider your wallet and protect your budget with these simple tips:

**KNOW YOUR LIMIT:** Sit down and plan your holiday budget before you head to the malls this year. Gifts, large or small, can really add up, leaving you with a hefty bill at the end of the season.

**PLAN AHEAD:** You've done your budget and you are ready to tackle the crowds. Here are a few ways to save on shopping, whether online or in the stores:

- Look for special "savings days" at your favorite retail stores.
- Use coupons from your newspaper, online, or in-store.
- Take advantage of free shipping with online purchases.
- Buy gifts throughout the year, not just during the peak season.

**TRIM YOUR LIST:** Do you really need to exchange gifts with everyone in your family? Consider cutting your list back this year or suggest giving a group gift to certain members of your family rather than individual gifts. Just because you had a long gift list last year doesn't mean you need to repeat it this year. You may find that other members of your family love the idea.

**REDUCE YOUR STRESS:** The holiday season is stressful enough with demands from family and friends, not to mention social commitments for work or other groups. Try to plan ahead as much as possible, avoiding last-minute buys will impact your budget. Also remember to maintain your daily routines to keep stress levels low. If you usually take a walk or go to the gym every day, take the time to continue the habit during the hectic holiday months.

**ENJOY THE SEASON:** In the end, the holidays are all about enjoying friends and family. Staying focused on time with loved ones and other joys of the season can help you to keep stress in perspective. Rather than feeling obligated to host an event every year, suggest a rotation for who will host holiday gatherings. And remember that it's much better to keep spending down and stick to your budget. It's a great feeling to start off the new year on the right financial foot.

For more holiday budgeting tips, [please click here](#) to check out Florida's Chief Financial Officer's Holiday Budgeting page. You will find resources such as a Holiday Budget Calculator, Holiday Travel Planner, Holiday Entertainment Planner, as well as additional creative and budget-friendly websites!

## COUNCIL ACTIONS

At the November 12, 2013  
Town Council Meeting  
The Following Action Was Taken:

Approved the Minutes of the October 15,  
2013 Town Council Meeting.

Approved Resolution #13-39 – Authorizing  
the Town to execute the agreement  
between the Palm Beach County  
Supervisor of Elections and the Town of  
Lake Clarke Shores for vote processing  
equipment use and election services for  
the Town’s March 2014 municipal election.

Approved of Resolution #13- 40 –  
Appointing the Town Clerk or her  
designee, the Supervisor of Elections or  
her designee, and one of the members of  
the Town Council that holds an office in a  
group that is not scheduled for the 2014  
municipal election, as members of the  
Town of Lake Clarke Shores Municipal  
Election Canvassing Board for the Town’s  
March 2014 municipal election.

Approved Chuck Shaw, Chairman of the  
Board for the School District of Palm  
Beach County, as Grand Marshal of the  
December 7, 2013 “Holidays in Paradise”  
Parade.

Approved First Reading of Ordinance  
#13-04 ~ An Ordinance of the Town  
Council of the Town of Lake Clarke  
Shores, Florida, Updating the Five-Year  
Schedule of Capital Improvements for the  
Capital Improvements Element of the  
Town of Lake Clarke Shores Comprehen-  
sive Plan Pursuant to State Statute;  
Providing for Conflicts; Providing for  
Severability; and Providing for an Effective  
Date.

## TOWN COUNCIL MEETING DATES

<b>Tuesday</b>	December 10th	6:30 PM
<b>Tuesday</b>	January 14th	6:30 PM
<b>Tuesday</b>	February 11th	6:30 PM
<b>Tuesday</b>	March 4th	6:30 PM
<b>Tuesday</b>	April 8th	6:30 PM
<b>Tuesday</b>	May 13th	6:30 PM

## CODE ENFORCEMENT MEETING DATES

<b>Wednesday</b>	December 4th	6:30 PM
<b>Wednesday</b>	January 22nd	6:30 PM
<b>Wednesday</b>	February 26th	6:30 PM
<b>Wednesday</b>	March 26th	6:30 PM
<b>Wednesday</b>	April 23rd	6:30 PM
<b>Wednesday</b>	May 28th	6:30 PM

## ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENTS MEETING DATES

<b>Thursday</b>	January 9th	6:30 PM
<b>Thursday</b>	March 13th	6:30 PM
<b>Thursday</b>	May 8th	6:30 PM

## BOARD VACANCIES

*Code Enforcement Board*      1 Alternate Member

*Zoning Board*                      1 Alternate Member

If you are interested in serving on a Board, please  
contact Mary Pinkerman, Town Clerk, at 964-1515,  
ext. 10.

# UPCOMING EVENTS

Saturday, December 7th  
**15th Annual "Holidays in Paradise"  
 Parade**

Saturday, December 7th  
**The "Jim and Judy Tackett Memorial  
 Christmas Tree Decorating & Lighting"**

Tuesday, December 17th  
**Holiday Home Decoration**



## BOOKMOBILE SCHEDULE

### NEW SCHEDULE!

**Wednesdays 3:00 –3:30 PM  
 Town Hall Complex**

*December 11th*

*January 8th and 22nd*

*February 5th and 19th*

### NOTICE

*Town Hall will be closed on the following  
 days in observance of the Christmas  
 Holiday and the New Year:*

*December 24th and 25th, 2013  
 January 1, 2014*

### NPDES

Throwing trash, litter and other refuse from boats or other types of vessels into the waterways is prohibited. It is also against Town codes to discard debris, vegetation and other items into the waterways from docks, bridges or shorelines.

Report illegal dumping to the Lake Clarke Shores Police Department by calling the non-emergency dispatch center at 964-1114. *Please do your part to help keep our waterways clean.*

### Important Contact Information

Emergency.....911  
 Police Dispatch.....964-1114  
 Town Hall/Police Office.....964-1515  
 Police Department Fax.....439-6778  
 Code Enforcement.....964-1515 ext. 23  
 Town Hall Fax.....964-0685  
 LCS Water Department.....642-7870  
 Police After 4:00 PM & Weekends.....964-1114

### After Hours Phone Numbers

If you need to speak with an Officer after hours, please call 964-1114. This number is a recorded line with time and date, answered by dispatch. An Officer will call you back or be dispatched to you.

**ALL EMERGENCIES DIAL 911**

### TOWN OFFICIALS

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 President Pro Tem  
 Council Member  
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 Town Administrator  
 Town Clerk  
 Chief of Police