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LAKE ALFRED BIZ

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Lake Alfred Christmas Parade December 9, 2023

It was a beautiful night for the Christmas Parade in Lake Alfred. The Parade started at Central Park at 6:30 and made its way down Cummings Street to Lake Shore Way. It ended at Gardner Park with a tree lighting ceremony. Along the parade route, there were a lot of people, sitting in chairs, sitting on the curb, or standing on both sides of the road.

The Jeep clubs were back this year. There were cars decorated for businesses or organizations. There were people walking along with them. There were a lot of bright and colorful lights.

Santa and Mrs Clause were at the back of parade following it to the Gardner House where they talked with the children. Cookies and hot chocolate were served. The Christmas Tree in the park was lit.

Winners of the float contest were Girl Scouts, United Refrigeration and the Lakeland Jeep Club. Congratulations to everyone.



These were some of the ladies that rode in the Citrus Festival on the Lake Alfred Chamber of Commerce float in the Winter Haven parade. Maybe next year there will be more? They are (l-r) Nancy Felder, Marie Arbutnot Bresett, Marilyn Gretencord Anderson, Irene Pagan Lucius, Brenda Vaughn Riggall, Muffin Lunsford Tindall and Janice Lunsford Richmond. The float was pulled by the Beautiful 1950 John Deer Tractor driven by John Lingenfelder.

City Commission Meetings

Monday, January 8 & 22, 2024
Monday, February 5 & 19, 2024
Monday, March 4 & 18, 2024
Monday April 1 & 15, 2024

All meetings held in the City Hall Chambers from 7 – 10 pm

Planning and Zoning Board Meetings

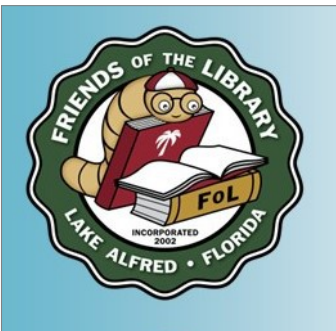
Thursday, February 8, 2024
Thursday, March 14, 2024
Thursday, April 11, 2024

All meetings are held in the City Hall Chambers from 6 – 9 pm

Parks and Recreation Meetings

Tuesday, January 2, 2024
Tuesday, March 5, 2024

All meetings are held in the City Hall Chambers from 6 - pm



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Tues & Thurs 3 pm – 5 pm
Saturday 9:30 – 12:30

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Santa Claus at the LA Chamber of Commerce December 12, 2023

We had a visit from Santa on Tuesday night. The reindeer had stayed home to get rested for their big trip on the 25th. The families that came had a good visit with Santa. Usually, only one family was here at a time. Without the crowd, the parent was able to hear what toys the child wanted. Some of the conversations were priceless. The child had their picture taken with Sant and at the end of the vsit there were pictures of Santa, the child and the parents together. That will be a special present for the parents. There were cookies and hot chocolate for the guests.



Santa at Hartridge Academy December 14, 2023

Santa was on his way before 8:30 am to Hartridge Academy with snacks for the children. With Friday being an early release day, it was decided to go early. The firetruck came to pick up Santa and Mrs. Clause. The children and the staff were very happy to see Santa and receive the snack bag. They also enjoyed the visit from Sparky, the fire department mascot.

By 9:15 am Santa & Mrs. Clause was at Lake Alfred Elementary with the bags of snacks for the students and tins of cookies for the staff. Sparky got more hugs but had to share with Santa.

Santa at Lake Alfred Elementary December 14, 2023

Santa arrived at Lake Alfred Elementary about 9 am and the students were ready. Once again, Sparky and Santa shared the hugs from the students, and Mrs. Clause received hugs this time. The students were happy and some of the teachers and staff came out to have their pictures taken with Santa.



Santa Visit to Karen Siegel Academy December 15, 2023

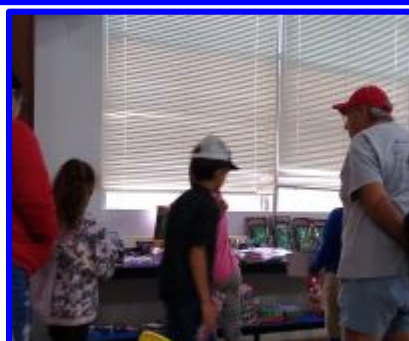
On Friday, Santa returned to Lake Alfred for a visit to Karen Siegel Academy. Many of the students and staff were able to come out to see Santa. There was a bag for every student and cookies for the instructors and staff. Unfortunately, Sparky and the firetruck were not available, but several of the Lake Alfred Lions members pitched in to help.

It was good to see the students reactions to Santa. Only a couple would not go up to see him. The smaller building on campus had some of the older students and they were very happy to have him visit. One student took a present from the bag and handed it to Santa, telling him Merry Christmas.



Fundamentals for Kids December 11, 2023

The Fundamentals For Kids Organization held their Christmas party for students in the cafeteria at Lake Alfred Elementary. There was a chance to see Santa, play some games for prizes and have pizza and snacks. The organization works thru the year to make arrangements to help families at Christmas with items for the children and a certificate for food from local store.



Bluegrass Bash Jan 13, 2024 Lions Park

Join us at Lions Park for our annual bluegrass bash from 11 am to 7 pm. There will be many local & traveling artists playing bluegrass music. Food trucks available, beer garden and lots of music. **Free to attend.**



March 9, 2024
Heritage Festival in Downtown Lake Alfred
Check the website for further details on upcoming events
Mylakealfred.com
Parks@Mylakealfred.com

Editor's Corner

I hope everyone had a good Christmas and I wish you a good New Year.

Just be careful on the roads this weekend and every other day of the year. More homes mean more traffic and more students on the road. Please remember to pull over for emergency traffic to let them past. An emergency vehicle or police on the side of the road, move over one lane to give them room. If you can't move over, slow down! When it's raining enough for your windshield wipers, you should have your lights turned on. You may not need your lights to see where you are going, but other traffic needs your lights so they can see you.

The Chamber of Commerce is still looking for members for their Board of Directors. Contact the chamber as soon as possible to let them know if you are interested. You must be a member to be on the Board. We have several positions to fill.

Yes, the Chamber is still looking for articles about your business and current members. Need to bring or send us new business cards.

Thank you for your support for our businesses.

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