

# WPB Green Initiative group looking for similar projects, more volunteers

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friends through Lee's already successful charity the Kayakathon, an annual fundraiser that raises money for local charities.

"They are great people and good kids," Clemente said of Emmanuel. "This is a cool effort and a totally worthy cause."

Lee said he hopes the West Palm Beach Green Initiative, funded with \$7,000 in grants from the Conrad N. Hilton Foundation, will help keep downtown West Palm Beach attractive during the downturn in the economy. For example, Lee said he would like to plant wild flowers on vacant lots now sitting overgrown and empty.

Chris Pruitt, an assistant scout master with Boy Scout Troop 141 in downtown West Palm Beach, said about a dozen boys showed up at the day care center Saturday, March 27 to assist with the work.

They raked the yard, planted shrubs, and got the grounds ready for colorful new playground equipment that was donated from a school in Boca Raton.

"This is our community and service is an important part of being a Boy Scout," Pruitt said. "We're always looking for a community project."

By Monday afternoon, Lee was erecting the playground with volunteers.

"It's a bear," he said of the task.

Things hadn't gone as easily or quickly as he planned, but things did get done. The playground now had shade trees, shrubs, a new fence and some added playground equipment.

An order of drought-resistant plants still hadn't arrived. But that's nothing.

"I know it was difficult, but we're still looking for more projects similar to this to do," Lee said.

For more information on the West Palm Beach Green Initiative, go online to [localgreenwpb.com](http://localgreenwpb.com). ■

# Green programs offered all month long

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5:30 p.m. to 10 p.m. at downtown's Centennial Square.

For the second year in a row, this event will bring student artists, film screenings, dance and much more to downtown for an evening of art and entertainment.

The free event will screen films by finalists of the Student Showcase of Films on a large LED screen in Centennial Square. Live bands will perform and student art work from all over

the county will be featured. Go online to [downtownartworks.com](http://downtownartworks.com) for updates.

On Saturday, April 17, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., the City of West Palm Beach will challenge everyone to Rethink Paradise at the Sustainability for a Green City Summit in the Kravis Center. This free event will discuss how you can become green and save green.

There's free parking, free lunch and the first 350 registrants will receive a Water and Energy conservation kit. Space is limited so go online to [wpb.org/e4](http://wpb.org/e4) or call 804-4994 to register. ■

# Residents must mail in census before May 1

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seats each state got in Congress. Today, its role is much greater. In addition to its use as the basis for distributing dollars, it's also used to determine where to build roads, schools and hospitals and where businesses should locate.

There are several sites considered "hard to count" areas where people can get assistance with forms. Residents can get forms in Spanish and Creole at the so-called Questionnaire Assistance Center sites, where representatives of the

Census Bureau will answer questions and assist with filling out the forms.

There are other sites the bureau calls "be counted" sites where residents can obtain a form, fill it out, and drop it in a box. The West Palm Beach Library at 411 Clematis St. is one such location.

Who might need a form?

"There may be multiple families living in one home who weren't counted on the original form," Malone said. "Also, the homeless wouldn't have received a form, but they need to be counted as well."

The deadline for mailing in forms is May 1. ■



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