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## Lake Wales' Economic Development to be Topic For Noted Economist

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Joe Minicozzi Will Host Public Webinar to Discuss Opportunities









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Courtesy Urban3

Economist Joe Minicozzi will discuss the opportunities to maximize values ahead of an expected wave of growth in Lake Wales. The webinar, another resource being introduced as part of the Lake Wales Envisioned process, is open to the public with a free pre-registration.

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Noted Economist Joe Minicozzi will introduce a variety of economic opportunities that are becoming available to residents, property and business owners, and city governments as a result of an approaching wave of growth in the area.

Minicozzi, a partner of the Urban3 planning firm, will share the "Dollars and Sense" of good planning as a part of the ongoing Lake Wales Envisioned planning effort.

Minicozzi is well-known for his economic insights into the drivers of property values and their impact on urban economies. He has hosted numerous presentations, as well as Ted Talks on the topic.

An opening "Best Practices
Symposium" on Monday drew a
packed house at Bok Tower
Garden's theatre to hear from
planners and developers who
shared ways to create maximum
value from growth while creating



highly-desirable, walkable neighborhoods. The planning process is being led by the firm of Dover Kohl & Partners, which created the award-winning Lake Wales Connected plan for the city's urban core. Construction was begun in early March for a project that will eventually transform more than twenty blocks of streets to create a leafy and attractive environment.

Minicozzi will present the webinar beginning at 6:00 pm on Wednesday, August 29. Preregistration is available by clicking here.

The Lake Wales Envisioned process may be the areas' best opportunity to direct growth patterns and housing types while addressing the needs for parks, conservation lands, and mobility planning before a wave of growth changes Lake Wales forever. Registration for the webinar is also available to all by clicking the photo above.