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8AM TO 9AM*

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*Thursday December 12 , 2024
Chamber Business Breakfast*

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LOCATION**



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BUSINESS BREAKFAST

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 12TH, 7 A.M.

**\$15
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NEW DATE!

**Wednesday
December 11th
9AM - 12PM**

Transportation 101 Featuring Presentations by:

*City of Zephyrhills
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Pasco County Commissioner Ron Oakley
Pasco County Officials
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Registration: \$20.00

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December City Manager's Update

Happy Holidays Dade City residents and business owners! I am excited to share this monthly update with you all as the Acting City Manager.

First, I want to thank you all for your open communication and support as I have taken on this role in a temporary capacity. Change and transition is never easy, but our staff and community have welcomed me to this role in such a positive way. It's both an honor and a privilege for me to serve our community in this role, something I don't take lightly but something I am incredibly honored to be able to do.

I would like to thank our city staff for their hard work through the hurricane and aftermath – each department has played an integral role in getting our community back to the beautiful and vibrant place we all love.

Sunshades are currently being installed at Watson Park and the community park next to the splashpad. We can't wait for our residents and guests to enjoy the playgrounds in the shade.

We were awarded an AARP Livable Community Grant which has allowed for the installation of ADA accessible picnic tables throughout our community. Our public works team is working hard to get the ten tables installed for use – check them out and if you take a picture, tag Dade City and AARP in the photo!

Our Dade City Youth Council hosts the monthly Marketplace event the first Saturday of each month at the Community Park! Make sure you stop by to support the Youth Council and check out all of the vendors. If you are interested in being a vendor, please email Marieke at: mvanerven@dadecityfl.com

We hope you are as excited as we are for the Tree Lighting on November 30th and the Christmas Stroll on Saturday December 14th. Checkout the City's Facebook and Instagram pages for more details on times and all of the happenings for each event.

Do you know of or are a business owner in the CRA District who has some exterior building updates to make or need to repave your parking lot? Make sure you check out and utilize our CRA grants. The information can be found online at: https://www.dadecityfl.com/our_government/departments/community_economic_development/community_redevelopment_agency_area/index.php#outer-33

I hope everyone has a safe and happy holiday season filled with loved ones and time spent creating great memories.

My door is open, and I look forward to speaking with our community members. Don't hesitate to reach out to me!

Best regards,

Marieke K. vanErven



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Applying for FEMA Disaster Assistance

Don't know where to begin?

FEMA Application: There are four ways you can apply for FEMA disaster assistance.

1. Fill out an application online at [DisasterAssistance.gov](https://www.disasterassistance.gov).
2. Apply using the FEMA app. [Download the free app](#) from your smartphone's app store.
3. Apply by phone at 1-800-621-3362.
4. Apply in person at a Disaster Recovery Center (DRC). [Find a DRC near you here](#).

FEMA Appeals: If you receive a letter from FEMA and you disagree with FEMA's decision about your eligibility, you can appeal the decision. FEMA might need more information to continue processing your application.

You have 60 days to appeal the decision from the date on your notification letter. If you have questions regarding the letter or how to appeal, you may visit a Disaster Recovery Center or call the FEMA Helpline at 800-621-3362. You can locate a FEMA DRC near you [here](#) or by texting 'DRC zip-code' to 43362.

You can submit your appeal online, in person, or by mail or fax.

Online: At [DisasterAssistance.gov](https://www.disasterassistance.gov). Log into your account and upload supporting documents via the Correspondence Upload Center.

In-person: At a [Disaster Recovery Center](#).

By mail: Send to FEMA Individuals & Households Program, National Processing Center - P.O. Box 10055 Hyattsville, MD 20782-8055

By fax: (800) 827-8112, Attention: FEMA –Individuals & Households Program

More information:

on [FEMA](#) website

On [Pasco County's](#) website



November New Members

REMINDER:

Refer a New Member and receive \$25.00 credit towards your membership renewal!

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Zephyrhills, FL 33542
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Restaurants, Food & Beverages

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7010 16th Street
Zephyrhills, FL 33540
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Say It with Your Eyes

Jessica Velazquez, Owner
36122 Lake Chase Boulevard, Unit 101 Building 11
Zephyrhills, FL 33542
(813) 665-8351
Personal Services & Care

Timmy Jon's BBQ

Erin McGee, Owner/Cook
3138 Sun Watch Drive
Wesley Chapel, FL 33544
(281) 236-0767
Restaurants, Food & Beverages

Trinity Tree Trimming

Dustin Greeley, Owner
19122 US Hwy 301
Dade City, FL 33523
(352) 769-9615
Home & Garden

WDR Management Group, LLC

James Womack, Owner
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November Renewing Members

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 BankFlorida-Dade City
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 Career Source Pasco Hernando-Dade City
 Citizen's Bank & Trust
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 Dade City Christian Church
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Better Business Bureau along with Tampa Electric, Peoples Gas and Duke Energy Raise Awareness to Utility Scams

Better Business Bureau serving West Florida (BBB) is excited to announce a renewed partnership with leading utility providers Tampa Electric, Duke Energy Florida, and Peoples Gas in a collective effort to combat the rising threat of utility scams. This initiative coincides with Utility Scam Awareness Day on Wednesday November 20th, aimed at educating consumers and businesses about the tactics employed by scammers and empowering them to protect themselves.

Utility scams have increasingly targeted individuals and businesses, with fraudsters using a variety of methods to exploit unsuspecting victims. This collaboration between the BBB and local utility companies seeks to provide consumers with vital knowledge and resources to help them recognize and avoid falling prey to these deceptive practices.

To amplify awareness, the organizations will launch a targeted social media campaign under the hashtag #UtilityScamAware. By sharing real stories, practical tips, and informative updates, the campaign aims to engage a wide audience and foster a community-focused approach in the fight against utility fraud.

Scammers often impersonate utility representatives through emails, phone calls, and in person visits, using aggressive tactics to steal money from families and businesses.

"Utility scams pose a significant threat to both consumers and businesses," said Karen Nalven, President of the Better Business Bureau serving West Florida. "By collaborating with Duke Energy, Tampa Electric, and Peoples Gas, we are proactively empowering our community with the knowledge and resources needed to combat these deceptive practices."

According to the [2023 BBB Scam Tracker Risk Report](#), victims of utility scams reported a median loss of \$463. This report analyzes consumer data to reveal how scams are perpetrated, who is targeted, and which scams have the most impact. The BBB Risk Index evaluates exposure, susceptibility, and monetary loss, providing critical insights for those engaged in the fight against marketplace fraud.

In 2024 alone, nearly 800 Tampa Electric and Peoples Gas customers in Florida reported scam attempts, with more than 300 of those customers losing a total of \$112,000.

As this initiative launches, consumers are urged to remain vigilant, verify the identities of anyone claiming to represent a utility company, and report suspicious activities to your local utility company and BBB Scam Tracker at [BBB.org/scamtracker](https://www.bbb.org/scamtracker). Utility customers can also access [BBB's Scam Prevention Guide](#) to help identify the warning signs of scams and fraud.

For those consumers who have fallen victim to a scam [BBB's Scam Survival Toolkit](#) can guide you through every step of creating a personalized recovery plan.

Common Scam Tactics Include:

Threats of Disconnection: Scammers may aggressively claim that a customer's utility bill is overdue and that service will be disconnected unless immediate payment is made.

Immediate Payment Requests: Victims might be instructed to purchase prepaid cards or use cryptocurrency to settle alleged debts.

Prepaid Card Scams: Scammers often ask for the numbers of prepaid debit cards, which allows them instant access to funds. Utilities will never request payments via prepaid cards or payment apps.

Caller ID Spoofing: Fraudsters may manipulate caller ID to make it appear as though they are calling from a legitimate utility provider, even mimicking the company's voice response system.

Protect Yourself:

If you suspect a scam, hang up and immediately contact your utility company using the phone number on your bill or their official website. Report the incident to local law enforcement and the [BBB Scam Tracker](#).

Do not make payments over the phone if pressured to avoid disconnection. Utilities provide advance disconnection notifications for delinquent accounts—not last-minute threats.

Legitimate utility representatives will always carry company-issued identification. If in doubt, verify their identity by contacting your utility directly.

Stay informed and vigilant to protect yourself and your community from utility scams. For more information, visit utilitiesunited.org.

Andy Taylor

Regional Affairs Manager, Pasco County and Plant City

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The advertisement features a portrait of a woman, Rosie, on the left. The text is on a dark background with a teal border at the bottom.



Congratulations!

Congratulations to Bridgett Weekend Dining Room Supervisor at American House Zephyrhills for being recognized by her peers for her dedication to the residents and being nominated as American House Zephyrhills' first RITE ON Champion!

Happy 99th Birthday to Fred who is enjoying the active lifestyle at American House Zephyrhills!

Wishing you many more Happy Birthday's to come!



Did you know?



- Solutions Thrift Store is owned and operated by Sunrise of Pasco
- 100% of the net proceeds generated by sales at Solutions Thrift Store are used to support all programs and services
- Has started the construction of the new Pet Retreat so that no survivor has to choose between their safety and their pet's well-being
- All services are free of charge and include: Average 6 week shelter stay, Case Management and Counseling Services, Support Groups for Women and Children, Limited Transportation

Other Ways to support survivors:

- Legacy Giving: Give a bequest or a planned gift
- Community Partners: Businesses can support residents of Pasco County experiencing domestic or sexual violence
- In-Kind Donations: Support Survivors by donating goods or services

Shelter Needs:

- Large Freezer Bins
- Extra Large Water Purifier Jug and Filters
- Coffee Filters
- Large Plastic Containers
- Lysol Multi purpose Cleaner
- Mr. Clean Multipurpose Cleaner
- Liquid Laundry Detergent (large containers)
- Fabuloso (Green or Yellow)
- Disinfectant Spray
- Wash Cloths
- Twin Sized Comforters
- Bath Towels
- Standard size bed pillows
- Flip Flops (adult)
- Pajamas (adult)
- Elastic-waist comfy bottoms sizes S-2X (adult unisex)
- T-Shirts (adult unisex sizing)
- Children/Infant Clothing (all sizes)
- Children/Infant Pajamas
- Children/Infant T-Shirts
- Children/Infant Bottoms
- Women's Deodorant
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- Body Wash

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Counseling / Outreach East 352-567-1681

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Counseling / Outreach West 727-264-8479

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Call 911 if you are in danger



Sheriff Letter

Become A "Safe Shopper" With Tips From PSO

As the holiday season quickly approaches and shopping picks up, the Pasco Sheriff's Office is preparing shoppers for the crimes, scams and gimmicks that often occur this time of year. In the rush of the busy season, it's essential to remain vigilant and learn how to stay safe, whether you're planning to complete your holiday shopping in person or online. Before you shop-til-you-drop, PSO encourages reading the safety tips below.

While you dash from store to store, it's easy to become distracted and overlook potential criminals who might be doing some "shopping" of their own. Stay vigilant when you arrive at your destination, including time spent walking and driving through the parking lot. Park in a well-lit and visible area. When exiting your car, take your belongings and hide any large packages out of sight. Ensure your car windows are closed and the doors are locked before heading inside. Once inside the store, remain aware of your surroundings, and be cautious with your purse and wallet. It's safer to shop with someone you trust, as thieves are less likely to target people in groups. If you're shopping with children, designate a specific meeting spot in case you get separated. Consider taking large purchases home immediately before continuing your shopping.

Online stores may seem safer than traditional brick-and-mortar stores, but there are just as many dangers online as in person. Start shopping safely online by using a secure Wi-Fi network instead of public Wi-Fi. PSO also recommends checking that the site is legitimate by looking for <http://> at the start of the URL. Be cautious of phishing attacks through emails, phone calls and texts, and avoid clicking on links or pop-ups. When possible, use credit cards instead of debit cards - they generally offer better fraud protection.

After shopping online, the next step is being aware of "porch pirates." Package theft is a crime of opportunity and often increases during the busy holiday season. Request a specific delivery day/ time when you'll be home. Have packages delivered to a community office or a trusted neighbor that's home if you know you won't be present for the delivery. If you still would like the package delivered directly to your home while you are away, leave specific instructions for delivery that include a location out of sight from the road. An additional option is to have shippers hold the package at a pick-up facility.

Giving to charities can make the season bright for those needing holiday cheer; however, potential criminals may take advantage of people's generous spirits to line their pockets. By posing as charitable organizations, scammers exploit those trying to make a difference. PSO encourages researching and reading reviews for charities you are interested in supporting. If the charity contacts you directly, verify the contact information on their website. If you donate, don't pay in cash, by gift card or wiring money. Ensure you're not signed up for recurring donations.

As you look for great deals, remember this information to be the ultimate safe shopper. And don't forget to share these tips with your loved ones to prevent them from becoming victims.

Sheriff Chris Nocco

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“Where’s Ivan?”



Do you know which of your fellow Chamber Members he has visited?

Above is:

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**YOU NEVER KNOW WHERE HIS SMILING
FACE WILL POP UP AT OR HE WILL MEET!**

SO BEWARE!

Did you know we have our very own “Waldo”?

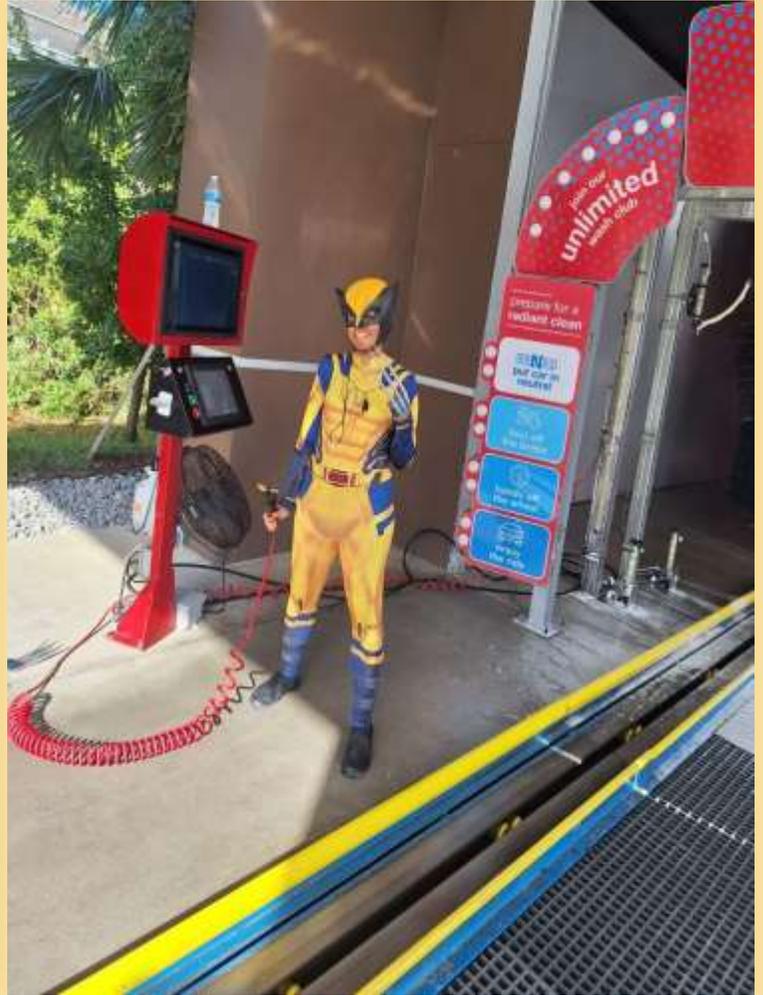
Except he goes by “Ivan”!

Have you seen “Ivan” out and about visiting our Chamber Members?

If you have seen him help us track his adventures by snapping a photo and email it to melody@eastpascochamber.org so she can share your photos and we can keep track of him!



“Where’s Ivan?”



Do you know which of your fellow Chamber Members he has visited?

The “Characters” showed up at Radiant Express Car Wash

Looks like Ivan was scared of having his picture taken with these “Characters”



“Where’s Ivan?”



“Ivan” was out and about all over this month visiting our Chamber Members!

Where will he be next month?

Only “Ivan” knows!

Do you know which of your fellow Chamber Members he has visited?

WOW

Radiant Express Car Wash really got overrun with some interesting Characters!

They even were able to scare off Ivan from being in the photos.

You never know where his smiling face will pop up at in photos or not!



“Where’s Ivan?”



Do you know which of your fellow Chamber Members he has visited?

Radiant Express Car Wash and all of their “Characters” wanted to make sure everyone had a safe and fun Halloween!

Mark your calendars for next year to come out to visit this bunch of “Characters” to have a fun Halloween Day and receive a great car wash!

Maybe Next Year we can encourage Ivan to “join these characters”

“Where’s Ivan?”



Do you know which of your fellow Chamber Members he has visited?
Pasco-Hernando State College’s new Fire Tower Ribbon Cutting

“Where’s Ivan?”



Do you know which of your fellow Chamber Members he has visited?

Above: Pasco-Hernando State College’s new Fire Tower Ribbon Cutting

Below: Chamber Breakfast on 11/14/2024 with Sponsor AdventHealth

If you see Ivan out and about take his photo, email me (melody@eastpascochamber.org) and we will add it and see if your fellow chamber members can find “Where’s Ivan?”



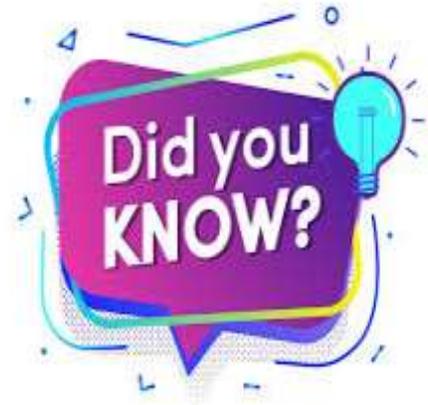
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- ◆ You can be a Sponsor for the Annual Kumquat Festival, Pigz In Zhills, Incredi-Bowl, Golf?
- ◆ Attending Core Connections each month helps you learn more about your chamber benefits?





**THE EAST PASCO CHAMBER'S
CITIZEN OF THE MONTH**

11/20/2024 at AdventHealth Dade City for schools in Dade City





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11/20/2024 schools in Dade City

Academy at the Farm	★	Kingsley Sommers
Saint Anthony Catholic School	★	Matthew Borowski
Centennial Elementary School	★	Marley LaClair
Lacoochee Elementary School	★	Jaxon Denney
Pasco Elementary School	★	Maybreigh Mendez
Rodney B. Cox Elementary School	★	Amelia Gaxiola-Alva
San Antonio Elementary School	★	Alejandra Perez
Centennial STEM Magnet Middle School	★	Keeley Sutton
East Pasco Education Academy (James Irvin Campus)	★	Laqavion Everett
Pasco High School	★	Emmaleigh Smith



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11/20/2024 at Chick-fil-A for schools in Zephyrhills





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11/20/2024 schools in Zephyrhills

Academy of Spectrum Diversity	«	Connor Miller
Chester W. Taylor Elementary	«	Kierslyn Copeland
CES Academy (Elementary)	«	Lukas Coxon
CES Academy (Secondary)	«	Clarissa Ortiz-Moran
Heritage Academy	«	Addie Watson
Raymond B. Stewart Middle	«	Sydney Flowers
West Zephyrhills Elementary	«	Madison Cutler
Woodland Elementary	«	Christopher Rojas-Cuesta
Zephyrhills Christian Academy	«	Meagan Calton
Zephyrhills High School	«	Kekoa Castro



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Green Industry Best Management Practices Training *~~Pre-registration required for December 13 class~~*

DADE CITY, FL ---- A great learning opportunity for landscaping professionals! The [UF/IFAS Pasco County Cooperative Extension Service](#) is offering Green Industry Best Management Practices Training **Friday, December 13, 2024**, at the **Land O' Lakes Library** in Land O' Lakes.

This program is designed for landscape professionals who apply fertilizers commercially.

- WHAT:** **Green Industry Best Management Practices Training**
- WHEN:** **Friday, December 13, 2024**
8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
- WHERE:** **Land O' Lakes Library**
[2818 Collier Parkway](#)
Land O' Lakes, FL

Pre-registration and pre-payment are required by **Wednesday, December 11, 2024**, by visiting here: mypas.co/GIBMPDec24. The cost for training is \$30 for Green Industry Professionals. The cost for Pasco County School Board, Pasco County Government and other municipal employees is \$20.

All participants must have a photo ID and a pre-paid ticket for admission. Sorry, no refunds once tickets are purchased. Lunch is not provided.

The Pasco County Cooperative Extension Service assists Pasco County residents by developing and delivering practical, educational programs in environmental horticulture; sustainable agriculture; 4-H and youth development; and family and consumer sciences. For more information, including volunteer opportunities, visit our website: mypasco.net or call us at 352.518.0156.

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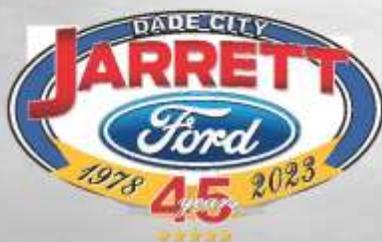


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Y2K Quilt Project (25th Anniversary 2025)

In 1999, while the rest of the world was worrying about the possible Y2K computer crashes, quilters around the world were celebrating their love of quilting with other like-minded individuals. A group of quilters decided it would be fun and exciting to create Y2K quilts. Each quilt would commemorate the change in Millennium by incorporating 2000 squares. So in the summer of 1999, a message was posted online instructing interested quilters to exchange 25 - 2 1/2" fabric squares with one another. The quilters were to include a "siggie" block which included their name and hometown. They were also encouraged to send a short biography with the blocks.

Kathleen Sullivan, a Tampa Bay police officer, decided to join the challenge. She sent countless packets of 25 blocks and received approximately 250 packets from around the world. Unfortunately, Kathleen never completed her quilt. She passed in 2022. After her passing, her family donated her collection of blocks to the East Pasco Quilt Guild located in Dade City, Florida. The guild decided to honor Kathleen's memory by completing the challenge and documenting its journey.

While this was going on, a list was compiled of all the quilters that would be represented in the quilts. (With over 250 packs, the guild felt that at least 3 quilts could be made. Ultimately, 11 quilts were made). Three were given to family members.

Quilters were represented by the following countries:

Australia, Austria, Belgium, British Columbia, Canada, Denmark, Egypt, Finland, France, Germany, Holland, Iceland, Italy, Japan, Mexico, Northern Ireland, New Zealand, Norway, Philippines, SAR China, Scotland, Slovakia, South Africa, Spain, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom, and USA

The letters and biographies, as well as many of the stamps, were compiled into a journal to document the event.

Some of 1999 Highlights include:

The Y2K scare; computers would fail and the economy would be upended.

Who Wants to be a Millionaire Debuted

PayPal debuted and was voted the worst idea of the year

Euro was introduced

Movie tickets were \$9.50

Pokémon Cards were the big fad

George Bush announced his candidacy for president

Bill Clinton was president

Cost of stamp - \$.33

Cost of gallon of Gas - \$1.17

Dozen Eggs - \$1.08



In August of 2022, the women of the Guild got to look at all the envelopes and were amazed at all the countries in the bin. They sorted the bin of letters by countries- USA, Europe, Asia. Many of the envelopes weren't even opened. Each envelope contained a baggie of 24 fabric 2.5" square and a signature 2.5" square. Some envelopes had a personal letter about the sender..

Guild Secretary, Judy Croucher, documented the envelopes by creating a spreadsheet to record the sender's name, address, state, Country and letter/stamp. She also created a beautiful 3 ring binder notebook showing a picture of each quilt, the names of each lady and her country of origin. She used page protectors to hold each letter, and the stamps from the envelopes.

The guild members took it upon themselves to take a group of baggies and machine stitch the group of 25 fabric squares into a quilt block (5 blocks by 5 blocks) with the signature block in the center. They stitched 250 blocks.

The guild created 3 lap quilts to give to the families of Kathleen Sullivan. Each of those lap quilts has Kathleen's name in the center of it.

Several guild members spent months assembling the finished quilt blocks into 8 more quilts ranging from twin size to queen size, using white on white sashing to surround each block. Not one quilt looks like the other. Quilt Guild members, also, long armed quilted the quilts. Other members, choose to bind or label the quilts.

The East Pasco Quilt Guild felt the world should see the treasures we found in the bin!

The collection of Y2K quilts will be shown at the following locations:

November/December, dates TBD, at the Bike Spoke, home of the temporary location of the Dade City Heritage Museum across the street from the Dade City Chamber office. 14112 8th St., Dade City, FL 33525. Check the FB page of the East Pasco Quilt Guild for events of this location.

Church Street Christmas at the American Legion Hall on 37745 Church Ave, Dade City, FL 33525
12/21-23/2024 6pm-9pm

Kumquat Festival, January 25, 2025 at the Historic Pasco County Courthouse Steps around the fountain. 37918 Meridian Ave, Dade City, FL 33525

Pioneer Quilt Show and Farm Fest, February 1, 2025, 15602 Pioneer Museum Rd., Dade City, FL 33523 9am-4pm

Pasco County Fair, 36722 County Road 52, Dade City, FL, **February 17-23, 2025**

West Pasco Quilt Show at the New Port Richey Recreation & Aquatic Center, 6630 Van Burn St., New Port Richey, FL 34653 **February 2026**

For any questions about the Y2K Quilt Collection or your would like to showcase this collection at your event, please call

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Pasco Must Follow Flood Zone Rules When Rebuilding

--Regulatory process benefits community, taxpayers & flood insurance coverage--

If the recent hurricanes caused major damage to your home and you live in a flood zone, there's a chance you'll have to rebuild to new flood safety standards. Figuring out *how* to do this and understanding *why*, can seem overwhelming, and Pasco County [Building Construction Services](#) (BCS) is here to help.

Pasco is responsible for determining if homes in flood zones are [substantially damaged](#). You can learn more about how we make that determination [HERE](#), and our BCS team will send you a letter letting you know. If your letter says your home is substantially damaged, you have 90 days to decide whether to rebuild, demolish or appeal the decision. We've broken down the steps into a [FLOW CHART](#) to help you navigate the process: mypas.co/DamageFlowChart.

All homes with substantial damage **MUST** be elevated, rebuilt to new flood safety standards or demolished for our community to be able to keep [National Flood Insurance Program](#) (NFIP) coverage and maintain other federal benefits.

NFIP rules are designed to reduce repetitive flood losses covered by taxpayer dollars while helping communities be more resilient. The [Federal Emergency Management Agency](#) performs audits to ensure compliance. If we don't follow the process, Pasco risks:

- Probation or suspension from the NFIP
- Loss of access to federally regulated mortgages
- Ineligibility for federal grants, funding and recovery assistance programs

In addition to complying with flood zone rebuilding rules, you must have the proper permits and should hire a licensed contractor before beginning repairs. Our permitting techs are ready to help you navigate the recovery process. Visit mypas.co/BuildingConstruction to find an office near you.

For more information about rebuilding in a flood zone, visit our [Substantial Improvement and Damage](#) webpage: mypas.co/47Rq9bY

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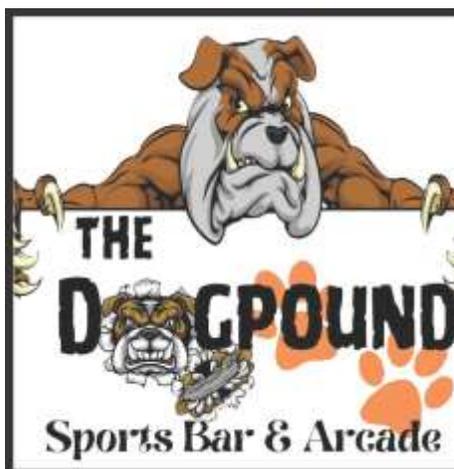


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Public Invited to Saint Leo University Christmas Celebrations, Concerts

- ▶ *Campus will Host Christmas Village, Campus Lighting, Blessing of Manger, and More on Thursday, December 5*
- ▶ *'A Saint Leo Christmas' Concerts to be at Holy Name Monastery, Abbey Church*

Abbey Church

Saint Leo University invites the local community to celebrate the Christmas season at its campus! All events are free and open to all ages. Saint Leo will kick off the holidays on Thursday, December 5, with its Christmas Celebration and its *A Saint Leo Christmas* concerts (4 p.m. and 7 p.m. at two locations).

The schedule is as follows:

A Saint Leo Christmas – holiday concert

4 p.m., Benedictine Sisters of Florida's Holy Name Monastery, 12138 Wichers Road, St. Leo, FL 33574 (across the County Road 52 from the university).

Christmas Village

5 – 7 p.m., Saint Leo University Student Activities Building loggias and clock tower courtyard

The holiday "village" is co-sponsored by the town of St. Leo and will feature local vendors, food, activities, special guests from the North Pole, and Christmas decorations

Campus Lighting and Manger Blessing

5:45 p.m., Saint Leo University walkway by Leo the Lion sculpture

This is the annual blessing of the university's Nativity scene and throwing the switch to light Saint Leo's campus.

Christmas Carols

6:45 p.m., meet at Saint Leo University lion statue walkway

Walk to the Saint Leo Abbey Church by candlelight and sing along to popular Christmas carols

A Saint Leo Christmas – holiday concert and sing-along

7 p.m., Saint Leo Abbey Church

Concert Information

With *A Saint Leo Christmas* concerts being held in the beautiful spaces of Holy Name Monastery and Saint Leo Abbey Church, Dr. Cynthia Selph, director of the university's music program, is making selections "that will fill those hallowed spaces with gorgeous music that celebrates both the sacred and cultural meaning of Christmas," she said. Highlights will be choral music including *O Magnum Mysterium* by Morten Lauridson, *What Sweeter Music* by John Rutter, and *Ave Maria* by David MacIntyre, in addition to familiar Christmas carols in a sing-along with the audience.

The Saint Leo Rhythm Machine will feature some jazz arrangements of familiar Christmas tunes such as *God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen*. The string ensemble also will be featured in the concert, and Dr. Kyle Cherwinski will share some Christmas music on the marimba.

There is no charge for the concerts, but donations are welcome to help send some Saint Leo students to perform at Carnegie Hall in March. Donations may be made [online \(https://onthestage.tickets/saint-leo-university/campaigns/support-your-arts-pride-at-saint-leo-university-4190\)](https://onthestage.tickets/saint-leo-university/campaigns/support-your-arts-pride-at-saint-leo-university-4190). A QR code for donations will be available at the concerts.

Seating is first come, first served with the Holy Name Monastery being a smaller space for the 4 p.m. concert. For more information about the concerts, email chantelle.macphee@saintleo.edu.

Christmas Celebration Information

Saint Leo University is at 33701 County Road 52, St. Leo, FL 33574. Free parking is available in surface lots and in the campus garage.

Those with questions or who need more information may email heidi.dambrosio02@saintleo.edu.



Photo cutlines/captions:

A Saint Leo Christmas in 2023 featured students singing Christmas classics.

In 2023, Saint Leo University lit up the campus and hosted its Christmas Village. Guests gathered for the lighting ceremony and enjoyed local vendors.



About Saint Leo University

Saint Leo University is a Catholic Benedictine university dedicated to helping learners of all backgrounds and ages gain the competence and courage to be more. Offering more than 60 degree programs to more than 14,190 students each year, the nonprofit university is known for providing a values-based education in the liberal arts tradition and a community of belonging for those who seek a greater purpose in life. Saint Leo is regionally accredited and offers a campus in the Tampa Bay area of Florida, regional education centers, and several online programs. The university is home to more than 106,000 alumni. Learn more at saintleo.edu.

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Keep Pasco Beautiful Cleanup Event Another Success

--Annual countywide event prevents debris from entering waters--

Our community pulled together once again, showing its commitment to protecting Pasco County's environment! More than 1,360 volunteers took part in the annual [Keep Pasco Beautiful](#) cleanup event in September, collecting over **31 tons** of trash along roadways, public spaces, and waterways.

By the numbers:

62,000 lbs. of trash collected

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1,363 volunteers

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"It's estimated that 80 percent of the trash in our waters originates from land," says Keep Pasco Beautiful coordinator Ligia Buchala. "Thirty-one tons is the most we've ever collected, and by doing this we're stopping trash from moving through rivers and stormwater systems into the Gulf of Mexico – which is truly impactful!"

The event is part of the [International Coastal Cleanup](#) coordinated by [Ocean Conservancy](#). Since 1986, this worldwide event has collected more than 380 million pounds of trash with the help of around 18 million volunteers.

For more information about Keep Pasco Beautiful, visit: keppascobeautiful.org.

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The Committee consists of up to nine members, appointed by the [Board of County Commissioners \(BCC\)](#).

Members represent diverse knowledge and expertise from the following areas:

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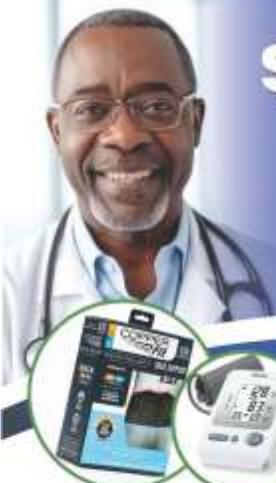
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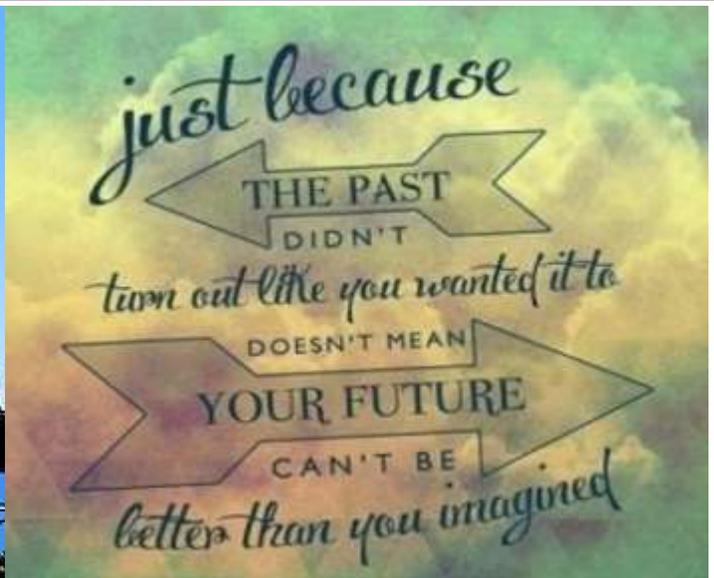
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Funding Options for Real Estate Investors and Developers

Introduction

Securing funding is essential for real estate investors, developers, builders, and rehabbers. The new year brings unique challenges, and having sufficient financial resources can be the difference between completing projects smoothly or facing costly delays. Real estate professionals often experience increased financial strain due to both planned and unexpected expenses.

Year-end is when many financial obligations come due, such as property taxes, construction milestones, and payroll. The cold weather can also lead to higher maintenance costs to keep properties in good condition. These expenses can quickly add up, putting a strain on cash flow. Without proper funding, it's easy for projects to fall behind schedule, causing headaches and lost revenue.

Understanding the various funding options available can help real estate investors manage these challenges more effectively. By securing the right type of financial support, they can maintain project momentum, meet all financial obligations, and continue to grow their investments.

So, let's explore the importance of year-end funding, common expenses, top funding options, and strategies for optimizing financial management.

Key Points:

- Essential reasons for securing end-of-year funding for real estate projects.
- Identification of common year-end expenses and how they impact cash flow.
- Overview of available funding options for real estate investors.
- Practical tips for efficient year-end financial management.

Why Real Estate Investors Need Funding

As the year draws to a close, financial needs often increase significantly. Developers and builders also have to deal with the pressure of meeting tight project timelines. Delays can lead to increased costs and the risk of missing project deadlines. Unexpected expenses related to weather conditions can further strain budgets.

Investors face the challenge of ensuring their properties are market-ready. This might involve last-minute improvements or repairs to maximize property value before the new year. All these factors compound to create a high-demand period for cash flow. Securing the right funding helps investors navigate challenges, ensuring projects stay on track and financial stability is maintained.

Top Funding Options Available for Real Estate Investors

Real estate investors have several funding options to help manage expenses and keep projects on track. Each option has its benefits, depending on the investor's specific needs.

- 1. Bridge Loans:** Bridge loans are short-term loans designed to provide quick cash flow between the purchase of one property and the sale of another. They are ideal for covering temporary gaps in funding, ensuring projects continue without interruption.
- 2. Hard Money Loans:** These loans are secured by real property and are a popular choice for fix-and-flip projects. Hard money loans are easier to get than traditional bank loans and provide immediate funding, though they usually come with higher interest rates.
- 3. Lines of Credit:** A line of credit gives investors flexible access to funds as needed. Interest is only paid on the amount borrowed, making this option useful for managing unpredictable expenses and cash flow.

4. **Construction Loans:** Specifically designed for funding construction projects, these loans cover the cost of building or renovating properties. Payments are made in stages as construction milestones are met, helping to manage expenses throughout the project.

5. **Merchant Cash Advances:** This option provides a lump sum of cash upfront, repaid through a percentage of future sales. It's useful for investors with fluctuating income streams, offering quick access to funds with flexible repayment terms.

Choosing the right funding option is crucial for maintaining project momentum and financial stability. Researching each option's terms and conditions can help investors make informed decisions.

Strategies to Optimize Financial Management

Effective financial management is key to avoiding bottlenecks and ensuring projects stay on course. Here are some practical tips to optimize your finances:

1. **Create a Detailed Budget:** Outline all expected costs, including known and potential expenses. A comprehensive budget can help you identify funding needs in advance, reducing the risk of financial shortfalls.

2. **Negotiate with Contractors:** Reach out to your contractors and negotiate better payment terms or discounts for bulk services. Strong relationships with suppliers can lead to cost savings and more favorable terms.

3. **Manage Cash Flow:** Monitor your cash flow closely to ensure you have enough funds to cover all obligations. Use cash flow management tools or software to track incoming and outgoing payments efficiently.

4. **Prioritize Expenses:** When funds are tight, prioritize essential expenses like payroll, property taxes, and critical maintenance. Deferring less urgent costs can help free up cash for immediate needs.

5. **Stay Ahead of Tax Obligations:** Prepare for tax season by organizing receipts and financial documents. Consulting with a tax advisor can ensure you're taking advantage of all available deductions, reducing your overall tax burden.

6. **Build a Contingency Fund:** Setting aside a portion of your budget for unexpected expenses can provide a financial safety net, allowing you to address issues without derailing your project timeline.

By implementing these strategies, real estate investors can better manage their end-of-year financial responsibilities, ensuring their projects are completed on time and within budget.

Takeaways

Securing funding is vital for real estate investors, developers, builders, and rehabbers. Common expenses such as taxes, construction costs, and payroll can strain cash flow. Understanding the available funding options can help maintain financial stability. Employing effective financial management strategies ensures projects remain on track and within budget.

By taking proactive steps to secure funding and manage finances, real estate investors can end the year on a strong note, ready to tackle new opportunities in the coming year. Contact Want Capital Now to explore tailored [commercial property financing options](#) that can help you and ensure your projects' success!



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Saint Leo University Honored as a 2024 *Military Times* Best for Vets: Colleges

With a long history of educating the country's military personnel, veterans, and their families, Saint Leo University is being honored by in the 2024 *Military Times Best for Vets: Colleges*.

Today (November 4), *Military Times* released its list of the top colleges and universities for military servicemembers and veterans, and Saint Leo earned rankings of No. 120 among all schools in the United States, No. 34 among schools offering both in-person and online degrees; No. 27 among all private, nonprofit schools in the United States, No. 32 among schools in the Southeast, and No. 9 in Florida.

More than 900 of Saint Leo's student population is affiliated with the military, and this includes members of the U.S. Air Force, Army, Navy, Marines, and Coast Guard, National Guard members, retired military officers and enlisted veterans, military spouses, dependents, and others.

Each year, *Military Times* surveys colleges and universities nationwide to evaluate their veteran-focused programs. These survey responses, along with public data from the Department of Education and Department of Veterans Affairs, undergo a rigorous analysis by the *Military Times* data team to produce a trusted, unbiased ranking.

"Saint Leo University recognizes the special needs of our veterans, those serving in the military, and their families, and strives to provide the best educational opportunities for them," said Dr. Ed Dadez, university president. "It is an honor to be recognized by *Military Times* for the work we are doing to support the success of our student-veterans, helping them transition into civilian life and continue their education. Saint Leo advocates for its military-affiliated students and student-veterans whether they study at University Campus, online, or at one of our education centers."

In addition to its residential campus in St. Leo, FL, north of Tampa, students are educated at teaching locations in Florida and Georgia, including at Naval Air Station Key West and MacDill Air Force Base, as well as through the university's online program throughout the world.

"Saint Leo University stands as a beacon of support for our military community, fostering an environment where service members and their families thrive both academically and personally," said Dr. Anthony DeSantis, associate vice president of Student Affairs and director of the Office of Military Affairs & Services. "As a son of a deceased U.S. Navy Vietnam veteran, I am grateful to be part of a university that provides a welcoming and supportive environment that values our military-affiliated students' service and fosters their success."

Programs for Students

Part of that support includes special programming for student-veterans and military-affiliated students. Saint Leo University hosts several signature events for these students and the community including *Conversations About Success Beyond Service*. This online monthly webinar provides features speakers who share their personal journeys or discuss opportunities to find resources. The webinars offer students a chance to make connections and discuss topics that are important to their personal and professional development.

Other programming includes the 22 Push-Up Challenge for Veteran Suicide Prevention; Welcome Back "We've Got Your Six" events; and Veterans Appreciation Month events which include virtual 1-mile, 5K and 10K races to support the university's Military Excellence Fund; a chili cookoff, a Quilts of Valor ceremony, and the annual Veterans Appreciation Month ceremony on campus.

Student-veterans also are supported through a Military Resource Center on campus, a Veterans Affairs work-study program, a Student Veterans of America chapter, a Military Excellence Fund, and several veteran and military-affiliated endowed scholarships.

Veteran Studies Degree

In 2021, Saint Leo created the first undergraduate degree in the United States devoted to veteran studies, and in 2024, Devon Wilson of Riverview, FL, became the first Bachelor of Arts in Veteran Studies Degree graduate. In the fall, the university expanded the program, and the degree now is offered online, in addition to being taught on campus. A veteran studies minor also is available in this emerging field.

Students in the program study the distinctive lives and cultures formed by military service and by retirement from service — a part of American culture that is often not understood. The degree program is open to all students, not only those who have a military background.

More information about the 2024 rankings can be found on *Military Times*' Best for Vets [website](#).



Photo Cutlines:

Saint Leo University's For Those Who Serve sculpture was unveiled at the university's residential campus on Veterans Day in 2010 and honors the branches of the military as well as students and staff.

Student-veteran Josh Thornsberry receives a Quilt of Valor in 2022. Thornsberry earned a bachelor's in psychology in 2023 and is in Saint Leo's psychology graduate degree program.



About Saint Leo University

Saint Leo University is a Catholic Benedictine university dedicated to helping learners of all backgrounds and ages gain the competence and courage to be more. Offering more than 55 degree programs to more than 13,000 students each year, the nonprofit university is known for providing a values-based education in the liberal arts tradition and a community of belonging for those who seek a greater purpose in life. Saint Leo is regionally accredited and offers a campus in the Tampa Bay area of Florida, regional education centers, and several online programs. The university is home to more than 106,000 alumni. Learn more at saintleo.edu.

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The Dade city FFA participated in the trunk or treat at Rural King. Then they joined UF with their peanut butter challenge collecting 32 jars that were taken to a local food bank. And while at the FFA National convention in Indianapolis they assisted in building a playground for the local Boys and Girls Club as well as built props for a haunted house fundraiser. Those funds assist local residence and paying their bills.



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A holiday event close to home for families to get in the holiday spirit!

The Dade City Garden Club is inviting the community to experience a little holiday magic this Christmas season and is bringing back their popular event in 2024. Planned as a thank you for the support shown the garden club, all are invited to visit on Sunday, December 8, 2024, to stroll through the festively decorated gardens, visit Santa and Mrs. Claus, and take part in the FREE family-oriented activities that have been planned by garden club members.

Santa and Mrs. Claus will be the guests of honor and will be in the clubhouse all afternoon meeting, greeting, and spreading holiday cheer. Children can visit with Santa, and families are welcome to either take their own photos or Santa's helpers will gladly snap a family pic with Santa if you would like.

Holiday themed activity stations will be set up throughout the gardens, each offering the garden club's guests unique opportunities for holiday fun. There will be **Santa's Workshop**, where kids of all ages can create a custom ornament or other fun holiday crafts to take home; **Reindeer Crossing**, where families will be educated on how to blend the perfect mix of environmentally friendly Reindeer Dust to take home to feed Rudolf and his gang on Christmas Eve; **Santa's Mailbox**, where kids can write and send a letter to Santa; and **Santa's Treats**, where there homemade Christmas cookies will be available to taste or for a donation to the garden club's scholarship program, to take home and enjoy.

The Dade City Garden Club was established in 1947 and is dedicated to the education of its members and the public in the fields of gardening, horticulture, landscape design, floral design, and environmental awareness. The Holiday Magic in the Gardens is a free event open to the public and will be held at The Dade City Garden Club at 13630 5th Street; Dade City, FL from 1 pm to 4 pm on December 8, 2024.



For more information about The Dade City Garden Club or the December 8th event, contact Becky Maxwell at bckmaxwell14@gmail.com or visit www.dadecitygardenclub.com.





Pasco Board Confirms Ryan Guynn as New Pasco Fire Chief

~~Chief Guynn takes command November 12, 2024~~

The [Pasco Board of County Commissioners](#) is pleased to announce the confirmation of Ryan Guynn as the new Fire Chief of Pasco County Fire Rescue.

Chief Guynn officially took command of [Pasco County Fire Rescue \(PCFR\)](#) following a confirmation ceremony at the November 12, 2024, Board of County Commissioners meeting.

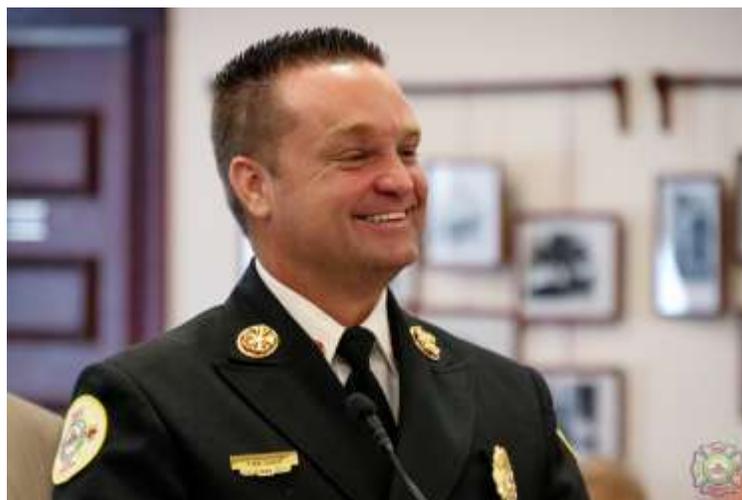
Chief Guynn brings more than 25 years of experience in public safety, most recently serving as the Assistant Chief and Interim Fire Chief of PCFR. Guynn says he's honored to continue serving the community and lead PCFR as Fire Chief.

"Chief Guynn's step up from Assistant Chief highlights our commitment to cultivating talent from within," says County Administrator Mike Carballa. "His dedication to the community, combined with his leadership experience, make him an outstanding fit to guide Pasco County Fire Rescue forward. His vision for a strong foundation and team unity aligns with our mission to prioritize people, purpose and performance."

Chief Guynn began his career at PCFR in 2003 and has risen through the ranks from firefighter, driver engineer, captain, division chief, deputy chief and assistant chief.

"Over the past two years, I've personally watched Chief Guynn grow professionally in his role as the Assistant Fire Chief," says Assistant County Administrator J.J. Murphy. "I have zero doubts that Chief Guynn is ready to take the helm of the agency and move Pasco County Fire Rescue into its next chapter."

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As usual at our mixers, we will be emphasizing that it is especially important to spend time with your family, that family is much more important than business. If any of your family is available, please bring them with you. This will be Dutch Treat, and it is important that each one does order something because we get the room for free. Our keynote speakers will be Pastor Ted Marshall of Veterans Radio Ministry and Pastor Scott Lindner, Pastor of Atonement Lutheran Church, ELCA in Wesley Chapel.

We will have door prizes and a 50-50 from the previous meetings since the last mixer! The 50-50 will benefit Veterans Radio Ministry. Door prizes are requested please! All our EPNG Standing Ovation Award Winners along with our best speakers from the last two years will be invited plus lots of surprises! There will not be any business commercials just bragging about family. Please RSVP to the group chair, Nils Lenz at 813-782-9491, 813-997-3903, nilslenz@gmail.com, the Vice Chair, Amy Yarbough, , cellphone: 813--312-4784 or her e-mail amyzingdestination@gmail.com, or any of our board member, or on the Facebook Event Page.

Holiday Songs & Family Fun with Gigi and Friends and Mr. Tommy



Pioneer Christmas & Vintage Market

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2024
10 AM - 4 PM**

**FIND THAT PERFECT GIFT WITH
OUR GREAT VENDORS:**

Vintage, Antiques, Crafts, and Food.
Live entertainment, model trains,
blacksmith demonstrations, free family
photos with Santa.

**MUSEUM BUILDINGS WILL BE
OPEN AND DECORATED. MOST
WITH DOCENTS IN PERIOD ATTIRE.**

MANY CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES:

Reindeer Games with prizes, Arts and Crafts
area (make an ornament and more),
Gnome Scavenger Hunt, Petting Zoo,
and special interactive performances.

- Free Parking
- No Coolers, outside food or beverages allowed
- Lawn Chairs Permitted
- No Pets, service dogs only



Admission
\$10 adults
\$5 students

Children under 5 FREE
Accepting canned goods during this event to help feed the hungry.

15602 Pioneer Museum Road • Dade City, FL 33523 off US Hwy 301
www.pioneerfloridamuseum.org • 352.567.0262



Advent Health

PRESENTS

2024 THEME: GINGERBREAD CHRISTMAS

FESTIVAL

of Lights & Christmas Parade

DECEMBER 7, 2024

4PM-9PM • Downtown Zephyrhills

Celebrate the season

FOOD TRUCKS | LIVE MUSIC

CRAFT VENDORS | PARADE STARTS 7PM



Contact Main Street Zephyrhills at: director@mainstreetzephyrhills.org
or call 813-780-1414 or visit www.mainstreetzephyrhills.org for more
information to participate in parade, be a vendor or sponsor this event.



WCTG

Wesley Chapel Theater Group

Its A Wonderful Life

A LIVE RADIO PLAY

Adapted by Joe Landry



Saturday, Dec. 7th @ 7pm

Sunday, Dec. 8th @ 2pm

Tickets: \$15.00

**Location: Zephyrhills Lions Club
5827 Dean Dairy Rd, Zephyrhills, FL 33541**



Scan above to buy tickets

Holiday Magic in the Gardens

A warm invitation to the community to celebrate a joyful Christmas in Dade City, close to home and stress-free!



VISIT WITH
SANTA & MRS. CLAUS
SANTA'S WORKSHOP CRAFTS
LETTERS TO SANTA
SANTA'S TREATS
STORY TIME WITH SANTA
FAMILY PHOTO OPPORTUNITIES



Sunday, December 8th 2024
1 pm to 4 pm



Dade City Garden Club

13630 5th Street | Dade City, FL

JOIN US FOR A FESTIVE AFTERNOON STROLL THROUGH OUR BEAUTIFULLY DECORATED GARDENS! THIS FREE EVENT IS OPEN TO THE COMMUNITY—EVERYONE IS WELCOME!





Dade City Looks Good on You!

The Dade City Center for the Arts proudly presents "Movable Art," a community art initiative featuring banners painted by local artists and displayed in welcoming spots around our town. Our first installment, painted by artist Alissa Ross, was on display at the new location of the Book Shack located on Pasco Avenue and now can be seen at The Green Door restaurant on 8th Street.



We're excited to announce that more "Movable Art" exhibits are on the way! Keep an eye out for future locations and stay updated on where to find these inspiring works by visiting our website, under the "What's Happening" header at dadecityarts.com.

Bringing Art to Our Community, One Location at a Time!



GFWC
WOMAN'S
CLUB OF
ZEPHYRHILLS

Jingle Bell

BOUTIQUE

&

BAKE SALE

Proceeds benefit programs & projects
of the GFWC Woman's Club of Zephyrhills

DURING
FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7TH
4PM - 9PM
38545 5TH AVE
DOWNTOWN ZEPHYRHILLS

SPACE AVAILABLE FOR
BOUTIQUE VENDORS

For more info visit
www.GFWCZephyrhills.org
or call/text (813) 838-0623



GFWC WOMAN'S CLUB OF ZEPHYRHILLS

Jingle Bell BOUTIQUE

VENDOR APPLICATION

Saturday, December 7, 2024, from 4 PM – 9 PM

Please complete in full and return with the applicable fee by December 4, 2024. **All fees must be paid in advance.** Make checks payable to GFWC Woman's Club of Zephyrhills, Inc. Cash payments can be made in person at our clubhouse any Wednesday from 5:30PM - 6:15PM prior to the event (address below) but bring exact change. No refunds will be given unless your application is not accepted. The Woman's Club of Zephyrhills is providing a table with two chairs. We **DO NOT** provide table cloth(s), signage, change, staff for your booth, or tent/canopy (for outside spaces), etc.

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY:

Name of Business or Organization (if applicable): _____

Contact Person: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Your Best Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

Each space consists of a 5' round table or 8' wide rectangular table. You may purchase multiple spaces.

Inside: GFWC Member: **\$15** or Non-Member: **\$25** per table x _____ (number of tables) = \$ _____

Outside: GFWC Member: **\$15** or Non-Member: **\$25** per table x _____ (number of tables) = \$ _____

Table Preference: 5' Round x _____ (number of tables) 8' Rectangle x _____ (number of tables)

***Note:** We will limit MLM/network marketing vendors to 1 per company on a first-come, first-served basis.

Provide a brief description of merchandise to be sold and/or passed out for free:

Any special requests? We'll do our best to accommodate.

Please read the following carefully for your signature is required.

RELEASE: I hereby release and forever discharge GFWC Woman's Club of Zephyrhills, Inc. and/or any of its board members, members, volunteers, and participating or sponsoring organizations from any responsibility, personal liability loss or damage of any type to person(s) or property during my participation in said event, regardless of how caused. By signing this application, I acknowledge that I understand this disclaimer and have also received and understand the Jingle Bell Boutique Rules & Regulations.

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

In-Person Payments: Any Wednesday from 5:30PM-6:15PM
GFWC Woman's Club of Zephyrhills Club House
38545 5th Ave
Zephyrhills, FL 33542

Mailed Applications & Payments
GFWC Woman's Club of Zephyrhills
PO Box 735
Zephyrhills, FL 33539-0735

GFWC Woman's Club of Zephyrhills Jingle Bell Boutique Rules & Regulations

1. This event takes place during the Main Street Zephyrhills Festival of Lights event.
2. Space for flea market or yard sale type items is not available at this event.
3. Vendors must provide their own tablecloth for table(s) requested on the application and any decorations desired. An attractive display will help draw potential customers to your table.
4. If selecting an outdoor space, you are not required to have a tent or canopy but if you would like one, it is your responsibility to bring one and to make sure it is secured/weighted so as to prevent it from blowing away if any small gusts of wind occur.
5. The Jingle Bell Boutique event takes place inside our clubhouse on 5th Avenue and on the grounds immediately surrounding it. Set-up begins at 2 PM and must be completed by 4 PM with all storage containers either placed underneath your covered table(s) or returned to your vehicle.
6. The event ends at 9 PM and you will not be permitted to break down your booth space until that time. You must be completely cleared of your booth space by 10 PM.
7. You must leave your space and tables clean (trash cans and recycle bins provided) or you will not be invited back to events hosted by GFWC Woman's Club of Zephyrhills.
8. GFWC Woman's Club of Zephyrhills events are family oriented. We do not permit vendors to sell items that are vulgar, offensive, or obscene. All merchandise must be acceptable for children under the age of 18 to view. Any vendor and/or their employees using obscene language or wearing articles of clothing with vulgar pictures or wording will be asked to leave and the vendor will not be allowed to return for future events.
9. Submission of application and payment does not guarantee approval or eligibility. All vendors must be approved by GFWC Woman's Club of Zephyrhills. We will limit MLM/network marketing vendors (Tupperware, MaryKay, Origami Owl, etc.) to 1 per company on a first-come, first-served basis. If your application is not accepted, your payment will be returned.
10. The GFWC Woman's Club of Zephyrhills' clubhouse is a non-smoking facility.
11. If your business activity or products are subject to Florida sales tax, you are responsible for collecting any sales tax and remitting it to the Florida Department of Revenue.
12. Although not a requirement, offering potential customers a sample (if applicable to your product) or having a drawing for product giveaway(s) or a gift certificate is a good way to generate interest in your table and grow your email list.
13. We appreciate your help in generating "buzz" about this event and request that if you are on Facebook with a personal and/or business profile, that you "join" the official Jingle Bell Boutique Facebook event found on our Facebook page www.facebook.com/GFWCzephyrhills and share it, plus invite your contacts to the event. We also encourage you to post and share pictures in the Facebook event with details about what you will be selling and any unique items or specials you might be offering at the Jingle Bell Boutique.
14. You are not required to give a portion of your sales to GFWC Woman's Club of Zephyrhills but the vendor fee you pay is a fundraiser for us and will be used to further programs and projects that are near and dear to our heart so we thank you so much for your support.

Your signature on the event application acknowledges that you have received, read and understand the "Rules and Regulations" set forth for this event and agree to comply as described herein.

****KEEP THIS PAGE FOR YOUR REFERENCE****

Event Address on Saturday, December 7, 2024
GFWC Woman's Club of Zephyrhills Club House
38545 5th Ave
Zephyrhills, FL 33542

Mailing Address
GFWC Woman's Club of Zephyrhills
PO Box 735
Zephyrhills, FL 33539-0735



'Tis the Season!

Celebrate the joy of the season at our holiday event!

Enjoy festive treats, music, and holiday cheer with your community. Discover how VIPcare's primary care services can help keep you healthy and happy throughout the holidays and beyond.

Where:

37814 Medical Arts Ct,
Zephyrhills, FL 33541

Date:

Thursday, December 12

Time:

1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

RSVP Today! (813) 955-0492



You are invited to

*East Pasco
Chamber
Christmas Mixer*

Thursday, December 12, 2024
6-8pm

SouthState Bank, 6930 Gall Blvd, Zephyrhills

Join us for an evening of mingling, finger foods,
games, prizes, Santa, and more.

Please bring an unwrapped toy for donation!



AMERICAN PICKERS



AMERICAN PICKERS ARE LOOKING FOR LARGE, RARE COLLECTIONS & THINGS THEY'VE NEVER SEEN BEFORE. TELL US THE INTERESTING STORY BEHIND YOUR STUFF!

TO BE CONSIDERED, PLEASE CONTACT US AT:

AMERICANPICKERS@CINEFLIX.COM

or leave a voicemail at (646) 493-2184

or on facebook: @GotAPick

PLEASE LET US KNOW:

- YOUR NAME, TOWN & STATE**
- PHONE NUMBER**
- WHERE YOUR COLLECTION IS LOCATED**
- A DESCRIPTION OF YOUR ITEMS**

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40th ANNUAL
COUNTRY

Christmas

STROLL



SATURDAY, DEC 14TH | 5-9 pm
In Beautiful Historic Downtown Dade City

Visit Facebook for a
complete list of activities

HOLIDAY ENTERTAINMENT - SANTA CLAUS - CARRIAGE RIDES - TASTY TREATS - SHOPPING AND DINING

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As this new month opens a new leaf,
may the doors of success in your life
begin to open one after the other.

Happy new month.



Lake Jovita 18th Annual 5K

REINDEER RUN

Saturday, December 14, 2024

7:00am - Registration * 8:00am - Run/Walk

All proceeds benefit Sunrise of Pasco Domestic & Sexual Violence Center

Sponsor Opportunities Available

Register by Nov. 28th
to receive an event shirt!



Costume Contest

Raffle & Prizes



Register online: <https://bit.ly/47rzFC9>
or
Register in the Lake Jovita Fitness Center



CALLING ALL VENDORS

JOIN US FOR A

Christmas MARKET

DECEMBER 14 & 15

MARKET HOURS:

9:00AM - 6:00PM

GIFTS ★ CRAFTS ★ FOOD

OUTDOOR
HOLIDAY
EVENT

The Larks Nest is looking for unique family-friendly vendors for our Christmas market. All vendors must pre-register by November 30th, 2024. Vendors must supply their own table and canopy. \$45 fee per 8ftx4ft vendor space. Come join us in the heart of Dade City, one block from the courthouse.

Contact Shari Deoki at sharid@thelarksnest.org

THELARKSNEST.ORG

 14118 7TH STREET, DADE CITY FL33525



New Date!

**Thursday,
December 19th**

Sunrise of Pasco County, Inc. Presents

12th annual

HOLES FOR HOPE

Golf tournament

Lake Jovita Golf & Country Club

Breakfast & Registration: 7:45am

Shotgun start: 8:45am

All proceeds benefit Sunrise
of Pasco survivors

For more info contact Leesa Fryer at

352-521-3358 or email at

lfryer@sunrisepasco.org



www.sunrisepasco.org

DADE CITY
DC
CA
CENTER FOR
THE ARTS
PRESENTS:

8th Annual
GINGERBREAD
HOUSE
Contest



@ CHURCH STREET CHRISTMAS!

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
(Christian Life Center Building)

December 21st - 23rd | 7-9pm

make sure to visit

DadeCityArts.com

for all the details!

(or contact Lucy @ 352-424-4972 for entry
questions or sponsorship opportunities)

FOUNDING SPONSOR:

VITIS
REALTY

2024 DCCA Presents Dade City's Gingerbread World | SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Gumdrop Partnership \$100.00

This is our first tier sponsorship level and it's full of benefits for your business or organization! Here's what you receive from our \$100.00 Gumdrop Sponsorship Level:

- **Business Logo and link to website on the Gingerbread Section of DCCA site**
- **Business Logo on display at the front of the Gingerbread Exhibit and in front of your creation if you create an entry**
- **Business Logo and recognition on all Gingerbread postings on DCCA Facebook**
Our reach on some of our more 'shareable' events is in the 10's of thousands. That's a lot of people with your business in their Facebook feed.
- **Construct and build a gingerbread version of your business on a 12" x 12" base (if you so choose)**
How exciting will it be to have your business, represented in Gingerbread with your logo right beside it, in front of hundreds of people that will be walking through the exhibit over the three nights of Church Street Christmas!

Peppermint Partnership \$200.00

This tier of sponsorship contains all the stuff from the Gumdrop level, but a few great differences. Here's what you'll receive from our \$200.00 Peppermint Sponsorship Level:

- **Business Logo and link to website on the Gingerbread Section of DCCA site**
- **Business Logo on display at the front of the Gingerbread Exhibit and in front of your creation if you create an entry**
- **Business Logo and recognition on all Gingerbread postings on DCCA Facebook**
Our reach on some of our more 'shareable' events is in the 10's of thousands. That's a lot of people with your business in their Facebook feed.
- **Construct and build a gingerbread version of your business on an 18" x 18" base (if you so choose)**
Ooh, some extra room! Go big or go home, right?? How exciting will it be to have your business, represented in Gingerbread with your logo right beside it, in front of hundreds of people that will be walking through the exhibit over the three nights of Church Street Christmas!
- **A SPECIAL thank you gift will be given as a thank you for sponsoring!**

Royal Icing Partnership \$300.00 (or more...)

If you're part of this sponsorship level, and want to create something, you really don't have any size restrictions on a base! AND you'll receive all these benefits too:

- **Business Logo and link to website on the Gingerbread Section of DCCA site**
- **Business Logo on display at the front of the Gingerbread Exhibit and in front of your creation if you create an entry**
- **Business Logo and recognition on all Gingerbread postings on DCCA Facebook**
Our reach on some of our more 'shareable' events is in the 10's of thousands. That's a lot of people with your business in their Facebook feed.
- **Construct a gingerbread creation on ANY SIZE base!**
To build, or not to build, that is the question! If you want to sponsor and participate, but not build anything, here's the level of sponsorship where that's an option. BUT should you want to build, you have NO RESTRICTIONS on a base. Want to build some ginormous structure? Have at it!
- **A SPECIAL thank you gift will be given as a thank you for sponsoring!**
- **BANNER SPONSORSHIP LEVEL**

In addition to all the digital places you'd be advertised, your business logo will be featured on the banner to be placed on Church Ave, in front of the First United Methodist Church leading up to the event and during all three nights, in front of 1000's of Church Street Christmas attendees.*

***Deadlines apply for the Banner Sponsorship participation, so let's talk soon!**



**SCAN THE QR CODE TO
FILL OUT THE FORM!**



YOU ARE INVITED TO

CHRISTMAS

EVE DINNER

TUESDAY
DECEMBER | 24 | 2PM - 4PM

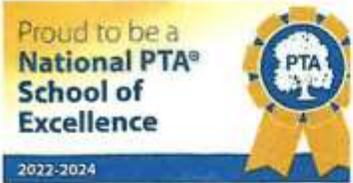
Come as you are. First come, first served.

ALICE HALL
38116 5TH AVE
ZEPHYRHILLS FL 33542

HOSTED BY:



FFFZHILLS@GMAIL.COM



2024-2025 Community & Business



SPONSORSHIP 6 WAYS TO HELP

- PTSA Pirate Business Sponsor, 2024-2025, display your business on our fence facing HWY 52 along with our website, newsletter & social media pages for 1 full year \$500 (signs are 48x40 metal & weather durable) *
- Renew your business signage on our fence facing HWY 52 along with our website, newsletter & social media pages for 1 full year \$350 *
- Teacher Appreciation Week Sponsor, 3 ways to help
 - 1) donate \$400 to help with breakfasts/lunches and small tokens of appreciation.
 - 2) Sponsor a day or meal for \$1500 (we will take care of the ordering and arrangements)
 - 3) Sponsor a meal or event on your own. You can use that time to promote your business and speak to our staff. (business recognition will be given during the week of May 6th-10th) please note, we have 150 staff members
- Support Sponsor 2024-25, your name or business will be featured on our school website, newsletter & social media pages, \$100
- Sponsor a Pirate Staff Member, _____ x\$50, Parent's Night Out, TBD. Your donation will help a staff member enjoy this annual event.
- Supply a raffle basket/item for events or gift card to be used throughout the year for rewards or incentives

(Please list name as it should appear in printed materials)

Name/Company: _____

***Are you a current
PTSA Member?
Discount may apply**

Contact: _____ Phone # _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Email: _____ Business Phone: _____

Website: _____

Check payable to
Pasco High School PTSA
Ck # _____ \$ _____

**Thank you for your
continued support,
Together we can make a
difference**

Please submit a digital
version of your signage copy
to:
doug@tamptypeprint.com
and denright@pasco.k12.fl.us

For more Information or to pay by credit card,
contact, Dawn Enright @ 813-997-5154 or at denright@pasco.k12.fl.us

Dear Community Partner and Friends,

Why are we asking for your support?

The PTSA, (Parent, Teacher, Student Association) supports many programs within our school, including but are not limited to;

- The Privateer Krewe program (an experienced group of men and women volunteers who act as additional support on our school campus, making our school a safer environment for both students and staff). Volunteers for this program are still needed
- The PBIS Store, (a reward program encouraging students to do the right thing),
- Welcome Back week, (we host breakfast/lunches, giveaways, and events during the 1st week of school for both teachers and students),
- The Red-Letter Program, (this is a letter campaign that ensures every graduating senior receives at least 3 handwritten cards or letters of encouragement as they move to the next chapter of their lives),
- Socks for Seniors, (socks are collected for VA Clinics, nursing facilities and children's homes and/or clinics),
- Fully sponsor and pay for the volunteer appreciation dinner held each spring,
- School Beautification, (we choose 1 décor upgrade per year for our school as requested from our administration)
- Tutoring (we provide support to teachers who use their personal time to tutor after school),
- Teacher Appreciation week, (A week-long program thanking our dedicated teacher and staff),
- We support other clubs needs by request up to \$1000
- We help run and fund concessions for Basketball, Softball and other sports when needed
- Lastly, we give up to \$3,000 in Scholarships for eligible PTSA Seniors.

The mission of Pasco High School is to prepare all students for challenging opportunities. We want every student to discover their potential and reach for the stars! Unfortunately, the standard sources of funding for our school does not fully cover the expenses that are necessary to provide the level of resources and support we provide to our student body and staff.

We invite you to join the mission of Pasco High School by becoming a sponsor and/or support our upcoming events. Our fundraising goal this year is to raise \$20,000 for our programs. Your financial sponsorship and/or attendance sends the message that you are a member of our community who supports PHS Pirate Nation and our future leaders. You will also benefit from professional visibility to the PHS families, alumni and potential customers in our local community.

Please fill out the form located on the other side and return it to our school anytime throughout the 2024-2025 school year. For further questions, please email me at denright@pasco.k12.fl.us or by calling 813-997-5154.

On behalf of the entire PHS Pirate Nation, I would like to thank you for your consideration and continued support.

Sincerely,



Dawn Enright,
President, Pasco High School PTSA

Pasco High School PTSA * 36850 County Road 52 * Dade City, FL 33525

For questions, e-mail Dawn Enright at denright@pasco.k12.fl.us or by calling 813-997-5154
For information about our school and ongoing programs, please visit our website at phs.pasco.k12.fl.us
Please make checks payable to PHS PTSA

2ND ANNUAL HEARTS FOR CHANGE GALA



Saturday, January 18th 2024
5:00 pm tp 9:00 pm
At The Pioneer Florida Museum
15602 Pioneer museum Rd. Dade City, Fl. 33523

COME ENJOY

Great Music
Testimonies
Prizes
Dinner and Dessert



For a great cause...

All procedes will go towards helping Chain Breakin Recovery open a Community Center to host meetings and help the community.

Sponsorship opportunities

Ask about the many different ways you can sponsor this event. We would love to advertise you as well.



Silent Auction

If you are able to donate an item to go in our silent auction, we would greatly appreciate it.

**For More Information Contact
Daniele with Sister Events**
863-333-1638

Or you can email us at
chainbreakingrecovery@gmail.com





CHAIN BREAKIN' RECOVERY

PRESENTS:
2ND ANNUAL
HEARTS FOR CHANGE GALA
SATURDAY JANUARY 18TH 5:00 PM - 9:00 PM

SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES:

BRONZE SPONSOR \$500

- LOGO ON SIGN
- SOCIAL MEDIA PROMO
- INCLUDES 2 DINNERS

SILVER SPONSOR \$750

- LOGO ON SIGN AND EVENT PROGRAM
- SOCIAL MEDIA PROMO
- INCLUDES 2 DINNERS
- SPONSOR MENTION DURING DINNER

GOLD SPONSOR \$1000

- LOGO ON SIGN AND EVENT PROGRAM
- SOCIAL MEDIA PROMO
- TABLE AT DINNER
- SPONSOR SPOTLIGHT

BE A SPECIFIC PART OF THE EVENT:

- SPONSOR THE VENUE: \$950
- SPONSOR THE DINNER: \$1500
- SPONSOR THE DESSERTS: \$400
- SPONSOR THE DETAILS: \$300

NOTE: ONE OF THESE OPTIONS WILL GET YOU ADVERTISED AS THE SPONSOR OF THAT OPTION, MENTIONED IN THE PROGRAM AND ON SOCIAL MEDIA.

JUST GIVE:

YOU CAN BE A PART OF THE EVENT
NO MATTER HOW MUCH YOU GIVE.
YOU CAN DONATE AND SPECIFY
WHICH PART OF THE EVENT YOU
WOULD LIKE TO GIVE TOWARDS.

PLEASE INDICATE YOUR CHOICE OF SPONSORSHIP AND/OR DONATION AMOUNT AND EMAIL THIS FORM TO CHAINBREAKINGRECOVERY@GMAIL.COM. CONTACT ASHLEY AT 352-807-1719 OR DANIELE AT 863-333-1638 FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION.

VENUE DINNER DESSERTS. DETAILS

BRONZE SILVER GOLD

COMPANY _____ ATTENDING: YES/NO

CONTACT _____ PHONE _____

EMAIL _____

DONATION AMOUNT _____ GOING TOWARDS _____

SOCIAL MEDIA HEADLINES:

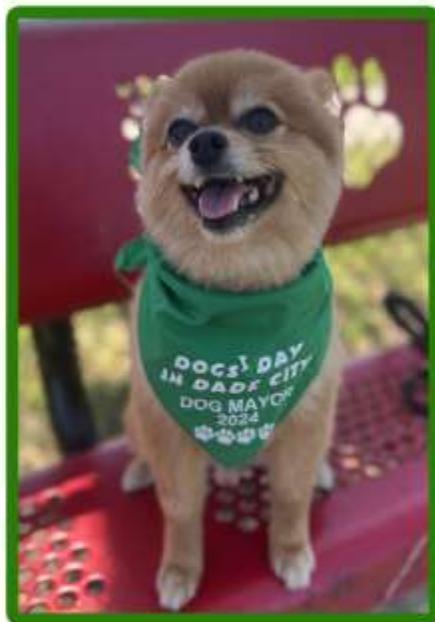
Deliver. Disciple, Deploy.

DOGS' DAY IN DADE CITY

**DO YOU WANT YOUR DOG TO BE THE NEXT
DOGS' DAY IN DADE CITY DOG MAYOR?**

**IF SO, PLEASE CHECK OUT OUR FACEBOOK PAGE WHERE
YOU WILL FIND THE APPLICATION, RULES, BENEFITS FOR
DOG MAYOR AND PROCEEDS OF THE EVENT.**

**FUND
RAISER**



**FUND
RAISER**

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT LUCY AVILA AT 352-424-4972 OR EMAIL LUCYAVILA707@GMAIL.COM. YOU CAN ALSO VISIT DOG-MANIA & CATS AT 37846 MERIDIAN AVE, DADE CITY.

**SAVE THE DATE: DOGS' DAY IN DADE CITY
Saturday, March 15, 2025 - Agnes Lamb Park**

- SPONSORS -

**THE NEW BARKER, Amy's Veterinary Services, Dade City Animal Clinic,
Dade City Youth Council, Dog-Mania & Cats, Green Door on 8th, Kafe Kokopelli**

DOGS' DAY IN DADE CITY

DOG MAYOR 2025 FUNDRAISER

We are excited to hold our Dogs' Day in Dade City Dog Mayor 2025 Fundraiser which starts Friday, November 1st through Friday, February 28, 2025. If you are interested in participating, attached please find the Application Form and the Rules and Benefits for your review. Please carefully read through the rules as the number one consideration is the dog owner and dog must live in the same home within the Dade City limits (if you pay City and County taxes, you live in the Dade City limits). Also, please note the ways in which the fundraiser will benefit our Dade City community. The winner of the 2025 Dogs' Day in Dade City Dog Mayor will be announced at the Dogs' Day in Dade City event on Saturday, March 15, 2025!

If you are reading this information even if you do not have a dog or live within the Dade City limits but would like to contribute to our Fundraiser, please feel free to make your check payable to the City of Dade City and mail it to Lucy Avila, 37623 Robinson Avenue, Dade City, FL 33523.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions. Thank you in advance for your support!

Lucy Avila
Dogs' Day in Dade City
352-424-4972

DOGS' DAY IN DADE CITY

“2025 DOG MAYOR FUNDRAISER” APPLICATION

Please print legibly

Return Application to: Lucy Avila,
37623 Robinson Avenue, Dade City, FL 33523
Dade City, FL 33523
352-424-4972 or lucyavila707@gmail.com

Owner's Name: _____

Dog's Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

Dog Breed: _____ Dog Age: _____

Special Dog Traits: _____

Dog Owner's Signature: _____

Dog Owner's Printed Name: _____

RULES

- . Dog and dog owner must live in the same home within the Dade City limits. Copy of driver's license, water bill or electric bill required to verify address. Submit completed application as soon as you decide to participate. If you are not sure if your address qualifies, please contact Lucy Avila at 352-424-4972 or lucyavila707@gmail.com.
- . Participation starts November 1, 2024 and ends February 28, 2025 (application & funds must be received by this date).
- . Checks or money orders are payable to the City of Dade City; cash accepted.
- . Whoever raises the most money by February 28th will become the winner which is announced at the March 15, 2025 Dogs' Day in Dade City event at Agnes Lamb Park. Only one dog in the household will be eligible for the Dogs' Day in Dade City Dog Mayor.

BENEFITS FOR DOG MAYOR

- . Green bandana with Dogs' Day in Dade City, Dog Mayor, 2025 printed on it.
- . Receive one Dog Grooming service not to exceed \$50 (including tip) at a business located in the City limits of Dade City
- . Receive one bag of Dog Food not to exceed \$50 (including tax) at a business located in the City limits of Dade City
- . Picture of Dog on the Dog Mayor flyer posted in the Downtown Dade City kiosks
- . Picture submitted to THE LAKER NEWS
- . Dog Mayor appears at appropriate City events with City Mayor

PROCEEDS

Proceeds of the Dogs' Day in Dade City Dog Mayor Fundraiser will be used to either enhance the current Dog Park (located at Price Park), support a local rescue group and/or provide additional dog stations throughout the City limits of Dade City.



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