



2024



Thursday November 14, 2024 Chamber Business Breakfast

Sponsored by: AdventHealth Dade City & Zephyrhills

At Golden Corral, 6855 Gall Boulevard, Zephyrhills



Chamber President/CEO Communique

As we bid October a fond farewell, we begin the holiday season!

I have a hard head sometime but many of you know I do have a soft heart when it comes to our local non-profits. These incredibly giving groups are the quiet support our community members reach out to when help is needed. It comes in many forms from helping to heal our souls to putting shoes on our soles.

One of the focus areas of your Chamber is to help make connections and help encourage collaboration amongst our membership, therefore we want to connect you.

Below is just a small list, in no particular order, of some of our local non-profit organizations that would love your engagement and assistance.

Please reach out to them as the giving spirit moves you. Some of their flyers are also included in this newsletter.

Academy of Spectrum Diversity (Gift Card Drive, Flyer attached)

Contact Chris Dester cdester@myasdacademy.org

Sunrise of Pasco (Gift Card Drive, Flyer attached)

Contact Leesa Fryer <u>Ifryer@sunrisepasco.orq</u>

Caterpillars to Butterflies Charitable Foundations, Inc. (providing gifts to foster children at a lunch with Santa.

Amazon Wish List link: https://www.amazon.com/registries/gl/owner-view/2GMXVNEJY9U97?share=false)

Contact Tracy Hanson tracy@caterflies.org

Pregnancy Care Center of Zephyrhills (Gift Card Drive, Flyer attached)

Contact Amy Yarborough amy@pcczhills.com

LILLY Education Foundation (toy drive and items to build a Little Free Library, Night of Light holiday concert, vendor fair, and art sale coming up on Giving Tuesday. As our 'Giving' initiative, we will be hosting a toy drive for children receiving treatments at a local hospital during the holiday season)

Contact Lexa Duno <u>lexa@lillyedu.orq</u>

Early Learning Coalition of Pasco & Hernando Counties, Inc. (We typically adopt families for the holidays and shop for the children for gifts based on the lists we receive from parents/grandparents. We usually adopt 3 families from each county and shop for the children based on the lists the families provide. We also give each family a \$50 GC for a meal.) *Contact Steve Knobl s.knobl@elcph.org*

Oasis Pregnancy Care Centers (Adopt A Family program and gift card donation drive)

Contact David Dorsey dave@oasispregnancycenter.org

St. Joseph Catholic Church (partnering with The Thomas Promise Foundation for a toy collection drive) Contact Beverly Burgess admin@stjosephzephyrhills.org

Dade City Police Foundation Contact dcpdfoundation@gmail.com

Violis Wiggins



THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 14TH, 7 A.M.

\$15 EVENT ENTRY AT GOLDEN CORRAL 6855 GALL BLVD, ZEPHYRHILLS, FL 33542

THANKS TO OUR GENEROUS SPONSOR:



Register for the next one on Nov 6, 2024



CHAMBER EMPOWERMENT EXCHANGE AND NETWORKING OPPORTUNITY

WEEKLY WEDNESDAY MEETING
12:00 PM - 1:00 PM
SONNY'S BBQ
6606 GALL BLVD, ZEPHYRHILLS, FL 33540



JOIN US FOR A UNIQUE OPPORTUNITY TO BUILD AND STRENGTHEN PROFESSIONAL RELATIONSHIPS



PARTICIPATE IN A ROUND-ROBIN TO INTRODUCE AND SHARE YOUR BUSINESS. THIS EVENT IS DESIGNED TO HELP YOU GROW YOUR NETWORK, FOSTER VALUABLE CONNECTIONS, COLLABORATE WITH OTHER BUSINESS OWNERS, AND EMPOWER EACH OTHER'S SUCCESS.

DON'T FORGET YOUR BUSINESS CARDS, AND ANY
SWAG FOR A FUN RAFFLE
WE CAN'T WAIT TO SEE YOU THERE!

EASTPASCOCHAMBER.ORG/EVENTS/

2024 ZEPHYRHILLS ECONOMIC SUMMIT

Brought to you by:



NEW DATE!

Wednesday December 11th

9AM - 12PM

Transportation 101

Featuring Presentations by:

City of Zephyrhills
Florida Department of Transportation
Pasco County Metropolitan Planning Organization
Pasco County Commissioner Ron Oakley
Pasco County Officials
ZEDC



Zephyrhills City Hall

5335 8th Street Zephyrhills, FL 33542 Lunch Provided by:





Zephyrhills

Advent Health
Zephyrhills

Registration: \$20.00

Sign up online at eastpascochamber.org

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Fun with Memory Care









Elevated Estates at The Edwinola More Fun with Memory Care









Looking for more information call 352-567-6500, visit www.elevatedestatesedwinola.org
or visit the facility 14235 Edwinola Way, Dade City

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Kendall Deford, Kendall Deford Handyman

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Board of Directors & Staff 2024-2025

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.

2. Apply using the FEMA app. <u>Download the free app</u> 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 <u>DisasterAssistance.gov</u>. 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



October New Members

REMINDER:

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

Distasio Law Firm

Ashley Bonham, Project Manager-Attorney Sync 3848 Flatiron Loop, Suite 101-6 Wesley Chapel, FL 33544 813-437-4424 Legal Services

Intuitive Business Consultants

Brittney Eads PO Box 1744 Zephyrhills, FL 33539 Finance & Insurance

Pride Homes USA, LLC Robert Dekker 5433 9th Street, Suite 108 Zephyrhills, FL 33542 Construction

Treasure Systems, LLC

Jeff Dickerson, Principal 34408 SR 54, Unit 218 Zephyrhills, FL 33543 206-687-3308 Finance









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October Renewing Members

2 Minutes **Bahr Plumbing** Brownsberger, Messineo & Nichols, LLC C21 Bill Nye Realty Dade City Center for the Arts Dade City Church of Christ DGPerry, CPAs + Advisors Efficient Computer Services, Inc. Florida Women Magazine First National Bank of Pasco-Gall Blvd. First National Bank of Pasco-Dade City First National Bank of Pasco-SR54 First Presbyterian Church Zephyrhills Friends of Hugh Embry Library GFWC-Woman's Club of Dade City HF Men's Wear Hodges Family Funeral Home-Zephyrhills Landing RV

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Don't miss out on great
Networking Opportunities
Just a small
part of your Chamber
Membership Benefits







(on 10/5/2024)



Have you scheduled your Grand Opening, Ribbon Cutting, or Anniversary Celebration?

If not, don't miss this special opportunity, call the Chamber Today!

We'd love to celebrate with you!



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One Life-Thiago Santos, Medicare and Life Insurance

(on 10/4/2024)

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Hang Art Studio

(on 10/25/2024)

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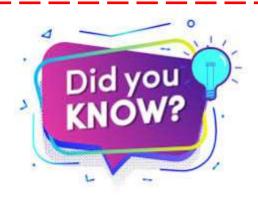




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- You can Sponsor a Chamber Breakfast and be able to introduce your business to the attendees?
- Advertisement is available in: Newsletter, Chamber Magazine & Website?
- The Referral Program can pay your renewal membership dues?
- You can be a Sponsor for the Annual Kumquat Festival, Pigz In Zhills, Incredi-Bowl, Golf?
- Attending Core Connections each month helps you learn more about your chamber benefits?



Sat, Jan 25, 2025



15th Annual Pigz in Zhills BBQ & Blues Festival

Sat, Feb 8, 2025

Sponsorship Opportunities Available!

(include a space to engage with the thousands of attendees and more)

For more information call

352-567-3769

or

813-782-1913

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
- Shea Moisture-Ethnic Hair Products
- Shampoo
- Conditioner
- Hairspray
- Loofas
- Wide tooth combs and Paddle brushes
- Body Wash

To schedule a drop-off, please call 352-521-3358 or email info@sunrisepasco.org

Counseling / Outreach East 352-567-1681
Solutions Thrift Store 352-521-3000

Free Confidential 24/ Crisis Hotline 352-521-3120

Counseling / Outreach West 727-264-8479

www.sunrisepasco.org

Call 911 if you are in danger



November 2024 Sheriff Letter

PSO Finds Truth Through Science

Amongst the many law enforcement personnel who walk through a crime scene is a specialized group of people who find truth through science: our forensic investigators. Assisting deputies on various calls, including burglaries, overdoses, shootings and homicides, those who work in the field of forensics provide valuable skills to help solve crimes and bring closure to families. Pasco Sheriff's Office is pleased to highlight our forensic services section and our agency's different forensic science entities.

PSO's Forensic Services Section consists of forensic investigators, latent print examiners and a Human Remains Detection K9. Each aspect of this section helps deputies identify subjects, solve crimes and bring closure to families. Forensic investigators assist deputies by using skills such as crime scene documentation and reconstruction, DNA collection and blood pattern analysis. Latent print examiners help find leads by processing, comparing and identifying collected prints through an extensive verification procedure. This specialized unit also includes K9 Diesel, a Human Remains Detection K9 and one of the only forensics-integrated K9s in the country.

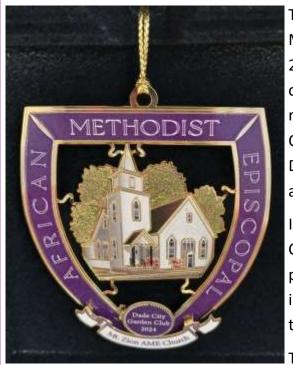
Florida's Forensic Institute for Research, Security and Tactics, or F1RST, is a world-class training and research facility that PSO established to drive innovative and proactive approaches to policing. F1RST researches various topics, one of which is forensic anthropology. The facilities at F1RST provide ideal environments for forensic investigators and other practitioners to develop new methods and strategies for critical steps in the investigative process. The knowledge and skills gained through F1RST are then applied to actual cases, increasing public safety and bringing closure to families. F1RST also includes an in-house forensic anthropologist, who often joins PSO investigators on cases to identify discovered human remains.

PSO forensic investigators proudly pass their knowledge to the next generation through the Explorer Post 916: Forensic Branch. This exciting program is for those aged 14-21 to explore how science-based initiatives help law enforcement and our community. Participants in the program learn from experienced PSO forensic investigators and earn some of the same certificates as our forensic investigators, providing Explorers with first-hand experience training like forensic investigators. To learn more, visit PascoExplorersPascoSheriff.com.

College students interested in advancing their education and gaining experience in the forensic field can apply for PSO's forensic internship and the F1RST internship. Our interns learn about the various methodologies forensic investigators use to analyze and document crime scenes and collect and examine valuable evidence. Students interested can learn more at JoinPSO.com.

Forensic science is an exceptional asset to protecting our citizens. The unique skills and expertise forensic investigators and anthropologists bring to a case help deputies solve crimes faster and provide much-needed answers to those affected by crime. PSO is grateful to our forensic members and proud to provide opportunities for others to learn more about this essential specialization.

Sheriff Chris Nocco



The Dade City Garden Club (DCGC) is honored to have the Mt. Zion African Methodist Episcopal (AME) Church as out 2024 Christmas Ornament. Each year, options are considered for the ornament and this year we wanted to return to highlighting historical buildings. The Mt. Zion AME Church is one of the first and most important buildings in Dade City. Construction started around 1894 – just 9 years after Dade City was incorporated!

In 1996, Mt. Zion was honored and recognized by the Pasco County Historical Preservation Committee with a historical plaque affixed to the church building. The church has been in existence and continues to service its membership and the community for over 129 years.

The DCGC ornament is a tangible reminder of the wonderful

history of Dade City and the role it has played in the community.

A quote from Dr. Henry L. Gates states "No pillar of the African American community has been more central to its history, identity, and social justice vision than the "Black Church." Preservation is saving places, preserving the past, allowing us to remember people who made the community prosperous. We must keep our history alive and never allow it to be erased. We want to save all history for future generations.

Ornaments are available at the East Pasco Chamber's Dade City Office located at 14112 8th Street. Cost is \$22.00, payment is Checks Only payable to Dade City Garden Club.

If you have any questions you can call 352-567-3769 ext 203 for Jo or ext 202 for Melody.





Two Hurricanes and a Flood

When it rains, it pours—or so the saying goes. But for us this past month, it has felt more like a flood. We've faced the loss of a dear friend, endured two hurricanes, been displaced from our home by flooding, and said goodbye to our beloved Australian Shepherd, Cooper. Some might wonder how, in the midst of all this, we could still feel grateful to God during the Thanksgiving season.

Yet through all these challenges, God's blessings have been undeniable. We've discovered friends we didn't even know we had, connected with neighbors whose names we hadn't known before, and experienced incredible acts of kindness. Strangers showed us compassion by opening their own home to us while they were away—an act of trust that humbled us. Friends, family, and coworkers from Pasco County and even other states reached out, and more importantly, they prayed for us.

I know God is real because I couldn't have navigated these storms without Him. I've seen His hand at work through the people He brought into our lives—truly, they have been God-sent. It reminds me of a time when I nearly drowned in the ocean. It was only when I stopped fighting against the waves that I was rescued. Back then, I didn't recognize God's hand in my saving, but today, I can see it clearly in our current struggles. His presence has been undeniable.

And here's the thing: God can rescue you too. We often believe we can manage life on our own, thinking we don't need anyone's help, not even God's. But one day, we realize we can't bear the weight of the world by ourselves. Christ offers to carry that weight for you, if you'll let Him. He will carry you through the hurts, the pain, the storms, and yes, even the floodwaters. When you feel alone, overwhelmed, and as though you can't take any more, He will be there. He is the one who will carry you through the storms of life.

Dade City Christian Church 11800 Windsorwood Boulevard 352-518-0072

Fall Family Festivities



Fall is ripe with fun activities. Here are a few you can do with the whole family:

- Camp out in the backyard: All you need is a patch of grass, a tent and sleeping bags.
- Attend a Fall Festival: Enjoy time with local festivals and try some delicious food.
- Make treats to eat or give away: Gall is a great time to try new recipes as a family or to give to a friend or neighbor.

Drive 4 UR School Presentation to Pasco High School and Zephyrhills High School at the football game.



Pasco High School vs Zephyrhills High School Varsity Football Game had a nice turn out to support both teams.

Both schools would like to also thank and express their appreciation to Jarrett Ford Dade City and Dade City Noon Rotary for their continued support and donations to both schools and community, as well as to the parents, staff and community members who participated in this year's Drive 4 UR School fundraiser successfully earnings the schools a total of \$6,000.



Did you know you can support the schools by attending their sports games? This is great way to show your support to the athletes, schools and your community.

You can go to GoFan.co, type in the school and you will see all of their athletic games and purchase your tickets.



We are happy to announce a new date for the Monarch Butterfly Festival!

We will be holding the Festival on Saturday, April 5, 2025. To add to the good news, this event will be held in conjunction with the Dade City Garden Club's NGC Small Standard Flower Show, "Blooms & Bees--The Buzz in the Garden," enlarging even more the potential audience for our special event. All other details including the location, time and the Jolley Trolley remain the same.

Thanks to all of you who wished us good luck as Hurricane Milton had other plans for Dade City and our event and offered your continued support. We are excited about the potential the event in the spring presents and will keep you up to date as plans progress.



A great
way to
Network
and Grow
Your
Business!





Looking good Ivan! Especially the hair!

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

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

Above is:

Professional Hair Labs and Academy of Spectrum Diversity

You never know where his smiling face will pop up at!

Did you know we have our very own "Waldo"?

Except he goes by "Ivan"!



Parent-Driven Education for Children on the Spectrum (Grades K-12)



Together we will Thrive

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

Above is:
San Antonio Citizens Federal Credit
Union

Right is: Chick-fil-A

You never know where his smiling face will pop up at!

Look the October Magazine has arrived!

Get yours before they are all gone!



Taking a much needed lunch break where you hear "My Pleasure" from everyone!

"Maximus" is a strong choice



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

Above is: Maximus Self Storage

Right is: Hodges Family Funeral Home

You never know where his smiling face will pop up at!

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

Where will he be next month?

Only "Ivan" knows!



"Ivan receiving a friendly reminder that "He's" Got it all Under Control"!



"Where you can find your very own "Chief Love Officer" to help you find the right "four wheels for you"

"Building a strong sense of community! "

Visit and enjoy familyfriendly service.



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

Above is: Subaru of Wesley Chapel

You never know where his smiling face will pop up at!



Rolo Rosado wants you to know "We put our customers first 7 days a week."

Stop by to say Hi!

"To be different from any healthcare experience you've had before. Perhaps even life-changing.

Dedicated to family chiropractic and spine health!



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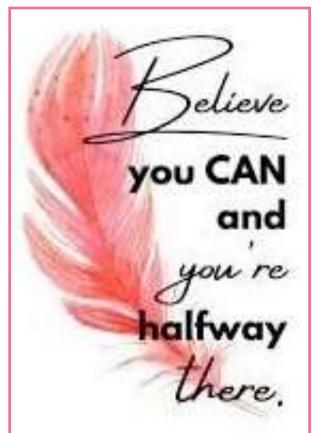
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Run for HopeAnd Your Life, Zombie 5K & 1K Fun Run held on Oct 26, 2024

A fun time was had by everyone! Zombies and "others" showed up to have a great day!

And everyone survived the Zombie Apocalypse!

A Big Thank You to all who came out to support us and Thank You to all of our Sponsors.

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THE EAST PASCO CHAMBER'S CITIZEN OF THE MONTH

10/30/2024 at Chick-fil-A for schools in Zephyrhills





THE EAST PASCO CHAMBER'S CITIZEN OF THE MONTH

10/30/2024 schools in Zephyrhills

October Citizens of the Month

Academy of Spectrum Diversity	*	Draven Akers
Chester W. Taylor Elementary	*	Prince Marshall
CES Academy (Elementary)	*	Leonardo Trescher
CES Academy (Secondary)	*	Aubrey Bill
Heritage Academy	*	Nadia Rosato
Raymond B. Stewart Middle	*	Celeste Pead
West Zephyrhills Elementary	*	Penelope McClendon
Woodland Elementary	*	Milana Manko
Zephyrhills Christian Academy	*	Angelo Evangelista
Zephyrhills High School	*	Heczeliel Rivalta



THE EAST PASCO CHAMBER'S CITIZEN OF THE MONTH

Thank you to our:

Venue & Breakfast Sponsor: Chick-fil-A

Medallion Sponsor: AdventHealth Zephyrhills

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East Pasco Chamber Foundation
Jarrett Ford Dade City
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Pasco Sheriff
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Chapel

Benedictine Sisters of Florida

S & S Ranch Wedding & Entertainment Venue

Beef O" Brady's Zephyrhills

Culver's

Kona Ice Zephyrhills

Pasco-Hernando State College

Pin Chasers East Pasco, Inc.

Trade Mark Sales, Inc.

Bahr's Propane Gas & A/C, Inc.

VITIS Realty

San Antonio Citizens Federal Credit Union

East Pasco Chamber Foundation

South Branch Ranch

Pasco Education Foundation

Thank you Parents, Teachers, and Schools.

This program happens because of YOU!

Want more information on how you can be a Sponsor and show your support to our Citizens each month and support the 7 Scholarships we award to our high school graduates email vicki@eastpascochamber.org.



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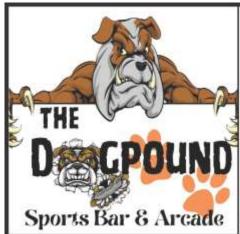


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Public Invited to Saint Leo University Christmas Celebrations, Concerts

- ► 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

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

Tree 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 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. A QR code will be available to make donations online.

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.

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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 were greeted by the university's cheer and dance teams.



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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NATIONAL ARTS IN EDUCATION WEEK

The Hugh Embry Library and the Dade City Center for the Arts held their 2nd Annual National Arts in Education Week on Monday, September 9th thru Saturday, September 14th. The Library offered many free and interesting classes during the week, and we had 24 exciting entries by local creative Artists whose Art was displayed throughout the Library to be admired by all. Programs were provided with a picture of the Artists and their artwork which also indicated the art pieces that were for sale. On Thursday, September 12th the Dade City Center for the Arts sponsored the Meet & Greet Reception for the Artists which a great turnout was received from the community. Commissioner Jim Shive provided opening remarks, and expressed the City's appreciation for the Arts in our charming Downtown Dade City. We enjoyed hearing from many of the Artists, and learned how they started their interest in Art. A nice variety of food was provided, and special thanks to Olga's Bakery & Deli and Farmhouse Market & Cafe for donating their delicious donuts and brownies. A Surprise Drawing was also held which was won by one of our Artists, Magda MacKenzie. Please make plans to join us and hopefully enter a piece of your artwork for our 3rd Annual National Arts in Education Week in 2025!



Why are there Rules for the Weeki Wachi River?



When I moved to Florida in 1990, we took a long trip from St. Petersburg to Weeki Wachee for a camping weekend. We stayed at the Weeki Wachee Christian Camp and jumped into the river, swam up and down the area, and floated out to Rogers Park in Hernando Beach as the final thrill!

There we were picked up and ferried back to the camp with our tubes to do it again – and again! There were power boats, kayaks, and jon boats along our way – and an occasional manatee sighting. Local teens were swinging out and jumping into "hospital hole" and a general feeling of freedom and escape from the mundane of life permeated every part of the experience.

Weeki Wachee was a "city" in Hernando County, with the land owned by the Southwest Water Management District (SWFWMD or the District) and a tourist attraction was running on the land at the headsprings of the **Weeki Wachee River**. The Christian Camp was still hosting annual camping weekends, as well as renting its cabins and offering a day pass for a small fee. Residential and vacation places lined areas of the river with boats and floats in front of the private places.

Traveling the river included areas of wilderness along what is now the Weekiwachee Preserve and the Springs Education Center. A trip down the Weeki Wachee river was a getaway from the daily grind and a chance to cool down with the 72-degree freshwater run.

Weeki Wachee Springs Becomes a State Park

In 2008, Weeki Wachee Springs attraction was handed over to the State of Florida, becoming a State Park. The City of Live Mermaids was still on the grounds, but its tiny cabins were its only residences, and they were occupied by those running the park.

The Attraction needed a LOT of investment in its infrastructure and the State, Hernando County, and the newly formed Friends of Weeki Wachee Springs State Park went to work.

About the Weeki Wachee River

The Weeki Wachee River is fed by a spring that is so deep that its bottom has never been discovered. The Weeki Wachee Spring is a first-magnitude spring that gushes 117 million gallons of clean, pure H2O daily. This provides a pristine environment for river otters, manatees, fish, and other freshwater creatures of all shapes and sizes, including mermaids!

Here is an overview and virtual tour of the Weeki Wachee River from the District

Over the years, more and more people "discovered" the beauty of the Weeki Wachee river and the serene experience of traversing its crystal-clear waters. As thousands of humans came to paddle and recreate along this piece of paradise, more trash was left along the banks and the banks eroded more quickly, harming the wildlife that called the river home and irritating the humans who lived, vacationed, or floated along its magical trek. At its peak, nearly 700 vessels used this regional treasure on one summer's day!

It became evident that there was a limit to how many people should use the Weeki Wachee River to maintain the river's health. The District, Hernando County, and the Florida Department of Environmental Protection had a survey done in 2018-19 to evaluate the Weeki Wachee river's condition. It was scientifically determined that the river's condition was degrading. The causes of its degeneration were sought. When the report came back, the agencies worked together to come up with a plan that would allow the river to heal from its overuse while allowing people to enjoy its beauty, as a Florida Outstanding Waterway.

Many locals have been frustrated that their freedom to use the river has been infringed on, but without the protection of the shoreline and seagrass to feed the river's fauna, the Weeki Wachee was moving toward becoming a very different river than itself.

Others have complained that power boats should not be allowed on the river, but there was no evidence that power boats specifically caused the problems – and what about those who live along the river?

Increased recreational activities have had negative environmental impacts on the river by damaging vegetation and increasing erosion, which harms the water's pristine quality.



A Plan to Improve the Ecological Health of the Weeki Wachee River

The primary issues facing the Weeki Wachee River district include nitrate enrichment, sedimentation, potential decreases in historical water flows, and decreases in desirable aquatic vegetation. Sedimentation alters the river channel structure and can smother beneficial submerged aquatic vegetation.

Because we can't do anything about how much rain falls, the District, the County, and the DEP went to work on what we can manage. This meant that human interaction with the river would need to change.

The launch from Weeki Wachee Springs was limited and reservations became required whether launching your own kayak or renting one from the outfitter.

Fixing What We Can to Restore the Weeki Wachee River's Health

The number of vessels allowed to launch from the river's eastern entrance was limited to 70 per hour, and in 2018 significant improvements were made to Roger's Park at the western entrance to the Weeki Wachee River.

Barbara Shelt, Environmental Scientist for the District explained, "Low Impact Development (LID) practices applied at Rogers Park include porous asphalt in the parking spaces, infiltration trenches and bioretention with wetland vegetation to reduce the amount of stormwater runoff to the river."

Disposable containers were prohibited on the Weeki Wachee river.

2023 Brings Rules to Boaters on the Weeki Wachee River

Most people would rather change their behavior a bit to preserve the Weeki Wachee River than to continue depleting its natural systems. They ask themselves, "What can I do to Protect Springs?"

In July of 2023, a Springs Protection Zone was established on 5.61 miles of the river. In this area, beaching, mooring, anchoring and grounding vessels are no longer allowed. Visitors to the river are still welcome to swim and boat. We just need to follow a few simple rules.

The ecological study of the Weeki Wachee River found direct links between recreational activities and environmental impacts. For example, visitors who leave their kayaks, canoes and boats may trample vegetation and erode riverbanks and sand point bars. Those who climb or jump/swing from trees can damage the trees.

From the Study, seven behavioral changes were found to be most likely to help the river heal itself while we continue to enjoy its magic.

How to Protect the Weeki Wachee River during Recreational Use:

- Follow state regulations where they apply on the river
- Stay in the vessel when possible.
- Don't trample vegetation or kick up silt.
- Avoid climbing on banks and walking on sand point bars.
- Don't climb trees or use rope swings.
- Don't throw out litter or leave anything behind.



This means that there are many recreational activities we can still enjoy along the Weeki Wachee River. Swimming and floating are welcome. We just want to avoid stepping on the banks of the river and convert to tying our vessels to a tree along the river's banks.

No more picnics on the shore, but instead we can have picnics at Rogers Park or in our vessels.

It is a sacrifice to give up our freedom to enjoy the Weeki Wachee River however we see fit, but the tradeoff of being able to enjoy such a beautiful place as it is seems worth it to me.

For more information about the Weeki Wachee River and Ways to Protect it, please visit https://www.swfwmd.state.fl.us/projects/springs/6-tips-enjoy-the-weeki-wachee-river-responsibly

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Robin Spires
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Category: Side Dish / Place: 2nd

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Mark Allen & Justin Stock
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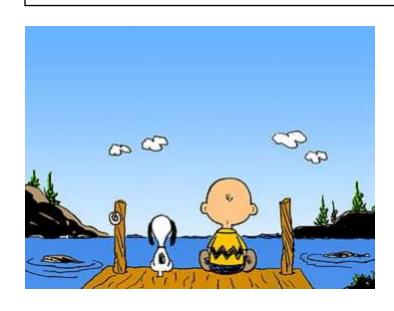
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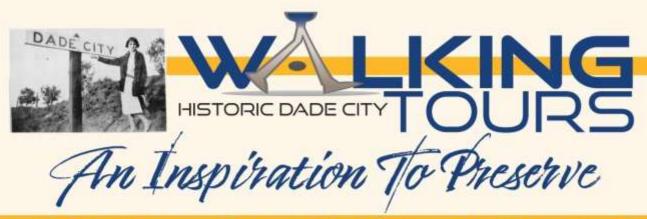
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Why Would You Want To Preserve The History & Culture Of A Community For The Future Generations?

By Madonna Jervis Wise | 813.469.8627 MadonnaJWise@gmail.com MadonnaWiseBooks.com

In 2023, our way of life is changing at a more rapid pace than in past years. Family histories are lost because of mobility. Family heirlooms appear in the windows of antique stores as their stories slipped away. Many seek the research sources such as ancestry.com to learn of their ancestors.

Historical myths can take hold quickly. For example, did you know that Benjamin Franklin did not discover electricity when he suspended his kite as electricity was already a known entity. The authentic history comes from primary sources or documented research.

In a world of conspiracy theories, local history is reassuring and provides a stalwart sense of identity for a community. Interviewing the Great Generation (remaining WW II veterans) and others, can provide many clues to times of the past and the examination of secondary sources often offer clarity to the history. Not to mention too, history can teach us about cause and effect, and can be cyclical in nature.

With that foundation, a unique historical tour began to emerge in April of 2022 for a historical Florida town, Dade City. The President of the Merchants Association, Margaret Angell and Mary Katherine Mason Alston contacted local historian/educator/author, Madonna Jervis Wise about writing a comprehensive historical tour of the town with QR codes to be posted on each documented site. The goal of Mary Katherine Mason Alston and Margaret Angell was to provide a model for historic preservation.

Eventually the committee was also composed of Stephanie Black, Director of the Pioneer Florida Museum & Village and multi-generational historical family member; Melody Floyd, Dade City Chamber of Commerce who developed the Dade City Historic House tour for historic Church Avenue; Wayne Sweat, long-term Pioneer Florida Volunteer and reenactor. Britton Janning, technology specialist; Judge Lynn Tepper, Refired Circuit Judge; Imani Asukile, founder of the African American Heritage Society of Pasco and Eric Baker.

The formatting of the digital tour which can be accessed on one's phone is designed to be chunked out in multiple visits. The committee worked diligently to tell the complete story with great diversity, human anecdotes, humor and real-life stories of hardship and growth. With 82 stops, Wise, the author of thirteen books, did comprehensive interviews such as the Dade City Police where they met with Chief Walters and a retired Chief and police historian to review the collection of materials.

The group is intensely proud of the endeavor and they tried very hard to be inclusive of the research that had already taken place by historians such as Eddie Herrmann, Scott Black, Bill Dayton, Jeff Miller as well as cauntless citizens. During the tour development, several extraordinary contributors/citizens: Sylvia Young, Jeff Miller, and Stanley Burnside passed away (Stanley informed Wise about the fheater that preceded "The Pasco" which was a silent theatre and more! Longtime Commissioner Sylvia



- Photo by Richard K. Riley

Front row: Margaret Angell, president of the Dade City Merchants, Madonna Wise, author/historian/retired educator; Wayne Sweat, Volunteer at Pioneer Florida Museum, Country Musician, Retired from Verizon; Middle Row: Melody Floyd, Greater Dade City Chamber of Commerce and originator of house tour; Stephanie Bracknell Black from Florida Pioneer Museum; back row: Britton Janning, Technology Director; Mary Katherine Mason Alston, originator of the concept of Lanky Lassies; and Imani Askuile, Founder, African American Heritage Society of East Pasco County, Inc.

Young was available to answer questions. Stop one has a video of Sylvia of which we purchased the rights from volunteer donations as her preservation of the Dade City Courthouse was priceless and it was a desire of the committee that Sylvia be on tape in the tour).

The comprehensive narration is done by reenactor, Wayne Sweat. Several have commented that Wayne has a style similar to Ken Burn's famous narrator, Peter Coyote, Wayne's mellow, country voice will transport you back in time to get a feeling of authenticity and cozy local history.

Access the tour at: https://dadecityhistory.org/

Judge Lynn Tepper did editing on a great deal of it. She was marvelous because she lived so much of the governmental history. She lived in a vintage home and did a lot of collecting too. Lynn is retired and living in Michigan and was one of the best editors I've ever worked with as a writer; she is at: 813.312.1008

HISTORIC DADE CITY WALKING TOURS



1926 Dade City Hall.



1912 James Ambrose, Sears & Roebuck kit house.



Site of the WWII Prisoner of War Camp.



Stanley Burnside checks the time inside the clock tower.



YELLOW FEVER OUTBREAK

Did you know in 1887 DADE CITY QUAR-ANTINED ITSELF AGAINST ALL OUTSID-ERS as yellow fever break-outs were huge in Tampa Bay? Guards were posted at entry points. They discovered a few years later, the culprit was the mosquito.



MARRIAGE LICENSE

Prior to 1887, if you were getting a marriage license, you would have traveled to the county seat in Brooksville! In 1887 Pasco County was created from the southern one-third of Hernando County and Dade City was designated the temporary county seat!



SEARS ROEBUCK & COMPANY

1912, James Ambrose "J.A." Peek ordered a SEARS ROEBUCK & COMPANY HOME kit from the Sears & Roebuck Catalog. Almost like Amazon in 2023, it arrived by freight train and was assembled at the SE corner of 5th Street & Church Avenue. Peek was Mayor of Dade City in 1918. (Sears sold 100,000 house kits from 1908 to 1940) You can see it as the Lighthouse Books ABAAI



WWII OBSERVATION TOWERS

World War II Observation towers in Dade City were manned around the clock by the observation corps, documenting planes in the air!



A REAL IRONY

A real irony that is unknown! As Dade City Mayor Frank Ashbrook was preparing for the 250 Nazi Prisoners of War who were being sent to Dade City during World War II, it was largely unknown that Ashbrook's own son, Corpora Frank Ashbrook, Jr., initially an MIA was placed by the Germans in Stalag Luft4, a Nazi Prison Camp in Poland. The Mayor's demeanor kept the community calm while he himself was dealing with real emotion!



"WALLS OF ISOLATIONS"

The opening of the National Highway (also known as Road 23) on November 23, 1923 brought 7,000 people to Dade City. Two invisible curtains dubbed the "Walls of Isolations" (constructed from the netting of the Sunnybrook Tobacco Company) were placed at the Hernando County Line and the Hillsborough County Line for the motorcades to christen. At the city yard on 10th Street, then the main park, Dade City hosted an enormous free barbecue for dignitaries and delegations from every neighboring county!



1961 Pioneer Florida Museum and Village.



1920's Band Stand, dedicated as 1948 WWII Memorial.



1953 Kiefer's Pharmacy.



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Meet Shari Deoki - our jeweler

I would like to take this opportunity to reintroduce myself to our Arts Community. Along with Ava Larkin, I'm part owner and VP of The Lark's Nest in Dade City. I'm also the resident jewelry teacher of this flourishing community center. I am originally from New York, but I have made my home here and I am honored to be a part of this neighborhood. Since being, here, the people I have been introduced to have enriched both my professional and my personal life.

Graduating from FIT, I went on to work for Guggenheim Partners for 15 years. I have had a fulfilling and accomplished career as a metalsmith; from international magazines to runway shows. I have traveled the world an my most recent class I attended was a Masters Jewelry stone setting in Florence, Italy.

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November in History: World & Pasco County

- * 900-1500: Native Americans known as the Tocabaga Indians live in small villages at northern end of Tampa Bay
- * 1502: Florida is mapped on the Cantino mao
- * 1528: Panifilo de Narvaez expedition lands on shores of Old Tampa Bay, marches northward through what is now Pasco County
- * 1538: The horse is introduced into Florida
- 1539: Hernando de Soto expedition names present Tampa Bay "La Bahia de Espiritu Santo"
- * 1603: Pedro Ibarra appointed Governor of Florida
- * 1757: Spanish expedition renames Tampa Bay "La Bahia de San Fernando", after the Spanish king; names entrance to Tampa Bay "La Punta de Pinal de Jimenez" (Point of Pines)
- * 1817-1818: First Seminole War
- * 1824: Florida's first true lighthouse built in St. Augustine
- * 1824: U.S. Army establishes Fort Brooke (later to become Tampa)
- * 1824: Tallahassee chosen as location of capital (half-way between previous capitals of East and West Florida)
- * 1825: Fort King Road is cleared. (It was completed in 1826, this military trail connected Fort Brooke (Tampa) to Fort King (Ocala.)
- * 1839: Fort Dade is abandoned
- * 1842: Jacob Wells arrives from Madison County and builds a home near Riggs Hammock on what originally was Handcart Road, now Prospect Road. A community developed there called Prospect.
- * 1849: The Army rebuilds Fort Dade west of the current location of Dade City
- * About 1850: Capt. John Townsend builds a log cabin about 14 miles northwest of what is now Dade City. (Townsend donated the home in 1856 for use as a Methodist Church.)
- * 1852: A man names Walter Lowe goes in the schooner Chestnut to Anclote Key and in several days secures a cargo of sponges. They brought such a profit that other men embarked in the business. This might be considered the birth of the sponge industry of Florida. (from an 1892 newspaper article)
- * About 1855: A bridge is constructed across the Withlacoochee River. According to a historical marker, it was constructed by the slaves of James Lanier
- * 1859: The Florida map accompanying the 1859 annual report of the Surveyor General shows Pittitochoscolee, where Port Richey is now located
- * 1859: A post office directory shows post offices at Cedar Tree, Fort Dade, and Fort Taylor
- * 1860's: During the Civil War, a salt works was in operation at the Salt Springs, just north of Port Richey
- About 1866: Peter Karr Baillie and wife leave Georgia for Florida, build a home at what is now called Bailey's
 Bluff. "Florida Cracker Days" gives the dates 1864 and 1867

- * 1872: Mount Zion Methodist Church is constructed in Fort Dade, according to a 1920 article in the "Dade City Banner"
- * 1874-1875: Two water mills used to grind meal are constructed by Levi Eiland. One was south of Chipco and the other was near the farm of J. W. Hudson (from A History of Hernando County 1840-1976)
- * 1875: The Oak Grove Baptist Church in Fort Dade is in operation
- * 1875: A grist mill built by Jack Howell and Levi Eiland goes into operation at Chipco
- 1878: The Enterprise Church is built. (It was moved to the Pioneer Florida Museum in 1977. A sign on the church lists the charter members as: Bishop D. D. Legget, P. E. W. (illegible) Jordan, Robert Sumner, Jane Sumner, David H Thrasher, J. Cary Sumner, Mary (illegible) Sumner, Willis Thrasher, James Shearer, Jane Shearer, F. S. Barnes, Mary Clement, Elizabeth Tucker, W. H. Parker (illegible).)
- * Nov 27, 2879: The "Decatur Daily Review" reports, "The sponge schooners have two places to clean their sponges when coast-sponging. One at Anclote Keys, the other at Rock Island."
- 1882: The "Fort Dade Messenger" is established
- * Nov 27, 2882: A post office is established at Sumner. (It was renamed San Antonio on Dec 19, 1882. The post office was renamed Lake Jovita on Nov 1, 1926; it was renames San Antonio on Aug 1, 1931.)
- * 1884: The "San Antonio Herald" is founded by Edmund Dunne, according to a history of San Antonio by Bill Dayton. (An early newspaper directory says it was founded in 1886. The Nov 4, 1897, issues says, "After a lapse of several years we have deemed it advisable to renew the publication of the San Antonio 'Herald' on the lines laid down by its former management..." and identifies the editor as Jno. B. Michel.)
- * About 1885: Dade City is incorporated. (A newspaper advertisement on Dec 5, 1885, called Dade City incorporated town and identified E. A. Hall as Mayor. A second incorporation occurred in 1889.)
- * Nov 4, 1885: A post office is established at Carmel
- * 1886: The spongers from Key West build a pavilion at Bailey's Bluff to store the sponges they had pulled from the Gulf
- 1886: The Dade City Hotel is built
- * Nov 9, 1886: A post office is established at Bee Tree
- * 1887: The Plant System Railroad comes to Pasco County. (It was later called the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad. A second railroad arrived in 1888, which later became part of the Seaboard Railroad. Some businesses abandoned the Fort Dade location and moved to the new depot along Meridian Avenue; the new location was named Dade City.)
- * 1887: A second newspaper in Dade City, the "Pasco County Democrat" is established by Capt. John B Johnston
- * About 1888: The "Lake View Highlands Hotel", located near Pasadena and Chesterfield roads, off Clinton Avenue, is built. (It was a luxury hotel where wealthy visitors from the north vacationed. A Dec 1892 advertisement indicated that Frederick L Small was manager. The freezes of 1894 and 1895 ended the prosperity of the community and the hotel, which burned Dec 31, 1901.)

- * 1889: A Methodist church is erected on College Street in Dade City by James E Lee
- 1890: The U. S. census for Pasco County shows "4249 persons (3872 whites, 376 negroes, and 1 Indian")
- * 1891: The county's first court house is constructed in Dade City. (County government had earlier been conducted in a temporary location.)
- * 1891: John King Cheyney (1858-1939) starts a commercial sponge venture called the Anclote and Rock Island Sponge Company on Bailey's Bluff. (On Mar 9, 1894, the "Tampa Tribune" reported on the Anclote & Rock Island sponge Co., John K Cheyney, manager. It reported that J. C. Bowyer has 13 vessels, 120 employees, \$400,000 annual income.)
- * Nov 14, 1891: College Street Baptist Church, later First Baptist Church, is organized by ten leading families of Oak Grove Baptist Church, according to an article in "East Pasco's Heritage".
- * 1892: An Episcopal church is contrasted at Lake Pasadena. (More information on St. Mary's Episcopal Church can be found at Fivay.org)
- * 1895: An 1895 atlas shows these places in Pasco County, with populations: Abbott; Argo; Big Cypress; Blanton; Chipco 13; Dade City 321; Drexel; Earnestville 72; Ehren; Ellerslie; Godwin; Hegman; Hudson 16; Jessamine; Keystone Park; Lacoochee; Lenard 101; Macon 133; Milliards; Odessa; Owensboro; Pasadena; Pedrick; Port Richey 27; Richland; San Antonio 252; St. Leo; St. Thomas 202; Twin Lakes 76. The atlas also shows Anclote (population 84), although it is in Hillsborough county.
- * 1897: Embry Tobacco Co. is established
- * 1900: The population of Pasco County is 6054
- * Nov 24, 1902: A post office is established in Kenney
- 1904: The sawmill operation begins in Fivay
- 1904: The "Dade City Star" is established
- * Nov 8, 1908: Ocala National Forest established
- 1909: A newspaper is established in Trilby, the "Pasco News". (It ceased publication in 1916)
- * Nov 27, 1909 Choctawhatchee National Forest established
- * 1912: The Atlantic Coast Line Railroad Station is erected in Dade City
- * 1913: The "Dade City Banner" is established
- * 1913: Railroad service to Elfers is established by the Tampa and Gulf Coast Railroad to accommodate shipment of citrus. (The track extended to New Port Richey in 1916. According to "Florida Cracker Days". Operation of the railroad assumed in 1927 by the Seaboard Air Line Railroad which closed the New Port Richey depot on Apr 25, 1943.)
- * Nov 17, 1914: The vote to incorporate Zephyrhills is held at the G. A. R. Hall. It passed 65 to 12
- * Nov 21, 1918: The "Port Richey Press" begins publication. (The publisher was Charles L Fox and son. The name was changed to the "New Port Richey Press" on Nov 4, 1920.)
- * 1920's: Florida land boom

- * 1920: The Pasco County population is 8802
- Nov 25, 1921: The "Dade City Banner" reports" "The turpentine business in the Darby section, known as the Amelia Still, suffered severely in the tropical storm of October 25, when the building was damaged and possibly a third of the timber blown down. This was followed on Tuesday night, November 15, by the destruction by fire of the commissary together with all tools and merchandise it contained, a loss of \$2.000 and without insurance. J. B, Sessoms, the manager; got a truck load of groceries in at once, and re-opened the commissary in a shanty. He has put in more goods since, and will run the store in its temporary quarters until a building can be erected for it."
- * 1922: The Cummer Sons Cypress Company sawmill is constructed at Lacoochee. (The last timber was milled on June 5, 1959.)
- * 1925: The 1925 census shows these populations: Dade City 1776, New Port Richey 862, Zephyrhills 861, San Antonio 326, St. Leo 128
- * Nov 6, 1934: In an election. Pasco County votes 1130 to 679 in favor of becoming "wet". Pasco was the 42nd of 67 counties to resume the selling of alcoholic beverages stronger than beer
- * 1977: The West Pasco Government Center is constructed in New Port Richey and a new identical building is constructed as a court house in Dade City
- * 1980: Gulf View Square Mall opens in New Port Richey
- * 1986: Voters approve a measure to fund new parks and libraries. (The Hudson Regional Library opened on Apr 22, 1990; it was followed by Regency Park on Oct 16, 1990, Centennial Park on May 1, 1991, Hugh Embry on Sep 8,1991, New River on Nov 15, 1991, Land O' Lakes on Dec 12, 1991, and South Holiday on Mar 24, 1992)
- 1990: The 1990 census shows these population figures: Pasco County, 281,131; New Port Richey 14,044;
 Port Richey, 2523
- * Early Jan 2010: A week-long cold spell affects Pasco County. (Sleet and freezing rain fell on Jan 9. The low temperature in New Port Richey on the morning of Jan 11 was 26 degrees.)
- * Nov 1, 2016: Democratic presidential nominee Hillary Clinton speaks at Pasco-Hernando State College in Dade City
- Nov 8, 2016: Amber Mariano, age 21, is elected to the Florida House of Representatives from District 36.

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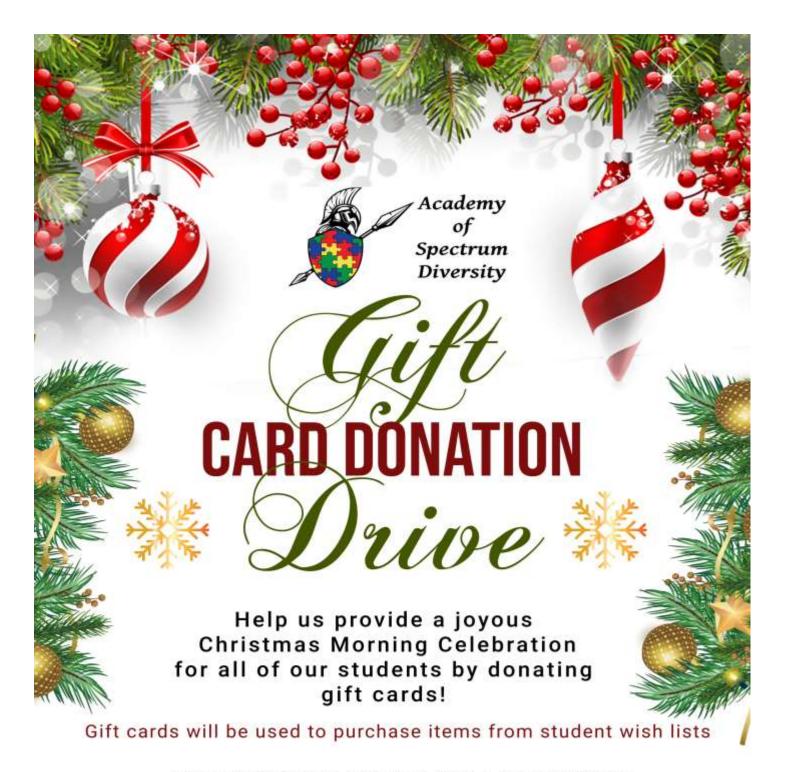
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November 2024

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Wed, Nov 6, 2024, 12 PM - 1 PM, How to Apply for a 501C



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Thurs, Nov 7, 2024, 6PM - 7PM, Secrets of Opening a Franchise



Business ownership through investment in a Franchise is more attainable than entrepreneurs realize. Join Jim Moeleney from Fran-Net of Greater Tampa Bay as he explains attributes of the Franchise Model, and why its so important to determine the right fit.

Wed, Nov 13, 2024, 12 PM - 2 PM, How to Obtain a Business Loan



Do You need to finance your existing business or are you starting a new business? This Webinar will explain the qualifying factors of personal credit, credit score, and collateral or equity requirements. We will review sources of financing, explain cash flow, and the importance of using a business plan. We will also review the basics of a financial statement. This Webinar will be presented by Ken Nadler, Pasco Hernando Score Volunteer.

Sat, Nov 16, 2024, 11 AM - 2 PM, Considerations when Buying or Seiling a Business



This educational Webinar will explain several key factors when a business changes hands. You will learn the importance of finding value and opportunities as well as some ways to anticipate legal and financial risks when you embark on buying or selling your business. The instructor will share some insights from experiences with business acquisitions in large companies. This Webinar will be presented by Jose Meigar a Pasco Hernando Score Volunteer.

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\$80/person \$140/pair

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- Exclusive banner with your logo and company name made for the event and placed at each partner school site during the program.
- Recognition as Champion Sponsor in event-related press releases and marketing materials.
- Eight complimentary tickets with preferred seating.

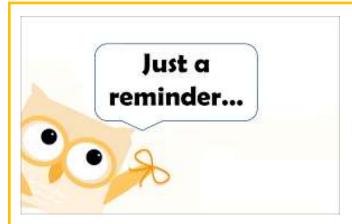
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- Logo (or name) placement on event website and SVB Tennis Foundation social media.
- Banner made with all Centre Court sponsors for the event and placed at each partner school site during the program.
- · Recognition as Centre Court Sponsor in event-related marketing materials.
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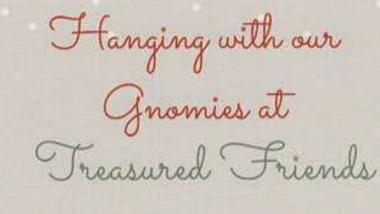
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Saturday, November 9th 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.



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Networking is one of the best methods to make your business Grow. Finding a Network Group that offers great Speakers with relevant Topics for the –Growth & Enhancement of your business is not always easy!!

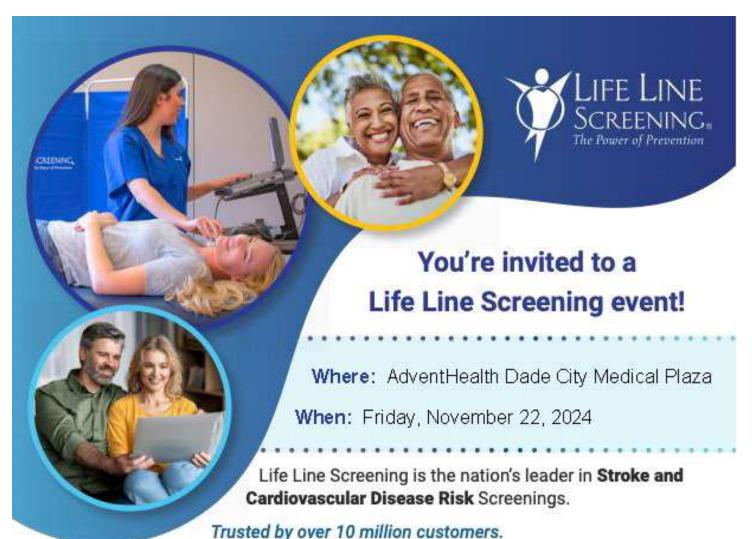
EPNG – East Pasco Networking Group is the one Networking Group to be a part of Again this is one exciting meeting you do not want to miss!

PLEASE NOTE, OUR STARTING TIME IS 7:30 AM 2024 Mixers: (Starting Time for the Mixers is 6 PM

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You can make a difference this Christmas by supporting the PCC with gifts for numerous families. Do you have family members, friends, or a small group who might be interested in helping to purchase gifts?

Please visit the PCC to pick up a gift tag.

Reach out to Amy at Amy@pcczhills.com or 813-780-6885.

All gifts, gift cards, or donations should be delivered to the PCC by

Monday, December 2nd.

Thank you for your generous spirit in providing gifts for these families!

The Pregnancy Care Center of Zephyrhills

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Reserve Your Seat!

Sunrise of Pasco's 20th annual

Peace Breakfast

Wednesday, December 4, 2024 7:00 am - 8:30 am



Wellness Center at Saint Leo University 12338 Priory Circle San Antonio, FL 33576



Our Peace Breakfast is a giving event.
We invite trustees, business partners, and
community leaders
to sponsor tables and invite friends to
enjoy a free breakfast while
hearing a survivor's story of
overcoming violence.

For more information and to register, please contact Leesa Fryer at lfryer@sunrisepasco.org or 352-521-3358

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PNG 2024 Christmas Mixer

"You're Invited"

What: EPNG 2024 Christmas Mixer

When: Thursday, December 5th

Time: Starting at 6 PM

Where: IHOP, 13100 US-301 Dade City, Florida 33525







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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-nilslenz@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





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 Ifryeresunrisepasco.org



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@ CHURCH STREET CHRISTMAS!

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

(Christian Life Center Building)

December 21st - 23rd 7-9pm

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for all the details!

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

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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 attenders.

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







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Why are we asking for your support?

The PTSA. (Parent, Teacher, Student Assocation) 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,

President, Pasco High School PTSA

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

LILLY Education Foundation 38056 Daughtery Road Zephyrhills, FL, 33540 813-212-5387 September 19, 2024

To Whom This May Concern,

We hope this letter finds you well. We are the students at LILLY Learning Center. We are a hybrid homeschool center, that is a fortress for learners, a refuge of for families and a home team for teachers, LILLY is a permissionless education led by heart. We are reaching out to seek your support for our upcoming project, the Little Free Library, which is aimed at bringing happiness and free book access to our community.

As a leading home improvement retailer, your store has long been known for its commitment to community service and philanthropy. We admire your company's dedication to making a positive impact and would be honored to partner with you on this important initiative.

Our project involves building our very own Little Free Library. This initiative is crucial because, it is a wonderful free access to both children and adults for books in their own small community. To bring this vision to life, we are seeking support from community-minded organizations like yours.

We are requesting a donation of wood, paint, weather proofing stain, plexiglass, hinges, pvc piping, and a doorknob to help us achieve our goals. Your generous contribution will directly support our project, community and our class.

We are happy to provide updates on the progress of the project and share its impact on the community.

Thank you for considering our request. We would be grateful for the opportunity to discuss this partnership further and explore how we can work together to make a difference. We look forward to the possibility of collaborating with you and appreciate your consideration of our request. Together, we can make a lasting impact on our community.

Sincerely,

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