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Chamber NEWS
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Mission Statement
“To promote economic growth and the quality of life in the greater Dade City area”

On behalf of the Greater Dade City Chamber of Commerce, our Board of Directors and staff, we would like to offer a heartfelt thanks to all the volunteers, sponsors (especially our Headlining Sponsor, AdventHealth Dade City), vendors and supporters of the 22nd Annual Kumquat Festival held on Saturday, January 26th in Historic Downtown Dade City.

Once again, our community pulled together and hosted a fabulous event. Tens of thousands of people came from all over the Tampa Bay region – residents, winter visitors and tourists joined in the fun. Over 400 vendors and sponsors sold and promoted their wares and services. Our entertainment stage at the Historic Courthouse featured free live performances from wonderful local talent all day. Many of the shops and restaurants in Dade City and the surrounding area enjoyed their busiest day of the year.

REMEMBER
Chamber Business Breakfast
February 19, 2019
Sponsor: McKeen-Chaff Music
(flyer enclosed)
From The Desk of the Director

Dear Chamber Members,

The Greater Dade City Chamber of Commerce has been very busy throughout the past few months, with both events and local development initiatives.

The 22nd Annual Kumquat Festival is “in the books”. Special thanks to all the volunteers, sponsors, vendors and partners for once again putting Dade City and Pasco County in the forefront of tourism and economic development in our region.

Festival Co-Chairs Bobby Van Allen and Jason Sasser, along and Rick and Joyce Dodd organized and kicked the day off with the Volunteer meeting at 5 am before everyone headed out to man their stations and start placing our vendors.

Others fantastic volunteers include Bonnie Burton— who placed the 450+ booths, Lucy Avila who coordinated all the entertainment for the day, the Fire College from PHSC and ROTCs from Saint Leo University and Pasco High School who helped in many ways. The coordination and support of the City of Dade City and the Dade City Police Department, was super – and a special thanks to Chief James Walters and their team. There are many others and too many to list, but a sincere thank you for all your support and leadership in making this “volunteer run, staff supported” event a success.

And finally, there wouldn't be a Kumquat Festival without our fantastic sponsors (Headlined by AdventHealth Zephyrhills and AdventHealth Dade City) and the City of Dade City for their continued support of this great event. Please THANK them when you see them.

Planning for next year’s 23rd Annual Kumquat Festival, which will be held on Saturday, January 25 2020, starts this February. If you would like to be a volunteer, sponsor or vendor please contact the Chamber and visit us at www.kumquatfestival.org.

Remember to utilize our Chamber referral program and bring in a new member this year! You will receive a credit towards your dues and, by bringing in a new member, will continue to strengthen and grow our organization.

Please don’t forget to take a look at the pictures of the festival and the enclosed list of Chamber events happening this month – and remember to support your local businesses!!

John Moors, Executive Director

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The Chamber publishes this newsletter for our members information. Much of this information is provided by our members. The articles and information submitted to the Chamber belong to their author and do not necessarily mirror the views and opinions of the Chamber.
SOCCER ACADEMY’S FIRST EXPORT TO UK

The first young player from a new Soccer development academy in the United States has trained and been assessed in the UK.

The Elite Soccer Skills Academy (ESSA) has been established in Florida by Adam Murry, former director of English Premier League club AFC Bournemouth.

He took over to the UK, 17-year-old Jason Nicolette for assessments with the Academy’s U18’s at the Premier League club AFC Bournemouth.

Murry said: "It was a fantastic experience for Jason. He really enjoyed it, and it highlighted the level of intensity and fitness that we are encouraging our players to adapt to in order for them to compete at this level.

"We aim to make him the first of many young players who will come over from the USA to enhance their development and understanding of the game. It’s a critical part of our Academy’s plan and the correct development of the players themselves”.

Midfielder Jason plays for FC Tampa Rangers in U-18 Division 1 in Florida State Premier League and has been in development training at ESSA for the last 12 months.

He said: "It was a pure dream for me to experience AFC Bournemouth, one of the top clubs in the English Premier League. My time there will help me enormously and re-confirms what the coaches at the ESSA Academy have been demonstrating in their philosophy.

Jason also had the opportunity to sit down and talk with AFC Bournemouth Manager Eddie Howe (English Premier League manager of the month Oct 18) and assistant Manager Jason Tindall, former Cherries players Steve Fletcher and Mark Molesley, both now on the staff at the club, as well as training with academy players.

Murry has recently moved ESSA to new, exciting and ambitious indoor and outdoor facilities in the city of Zephyrhills near Tampa.

The new facilities will offer a large indoor field, icon tech center, strength and conditioning area, treatment room, conference and analytical room, balcony viewing area, player locker facilities and outdoor fields.

"The academy will deliver the highest quality European coaching in a safe, professional environment and a premier setting,” said Murry.

"Providing the very best surroundings and facilities is paramount to the future success of our young players and to ensuring we can nurture and develop the very best talent.”

Open trials will start towards the end of January 2019 for the Academy’s Development Teams that will play against development academies in 2019 that share a similar philosophy as ESSA FC.

Players that are interested in attending the trials, can go to www.essafc.com to register.

For more information please contact Adam on 813 482-3698
adam@essafc.com

Or Andy Martin on +44 (0) 7809 419138
andypmartin911@aol.com
This month I would like to warn you about some common scams that our detectives have seen recently. Please review some of the common scams below outlined by the AARP so that you can be better prepared to spot them and keep your money.

Charity scams – You may receive an email or phone call from someone claiming to be from a charity that may tug on your heart strings, like for abused children, fallen officers, or injured veterans. Warning signs include:

Pressure to give right now. A legitimate charity will welcome your donation whenever you choose to make it.

A thank you for a donation you don’t recall making. Making you think you’ve already given to the cause is a common trick unscrupulous fundraisers use to lower your resistance.

Promises that 100 percent of a donation goes to whomever the charity claims to help. All charities have fundraising and administrative costs.

Debt collections scams – Debt collection agencies must follow certain guidelines when contacting you about possible debt that you owe. Warning signs:

A supposed debt collector threatens to have you arrested, something a legitimate collection agency should not do.

The caller demands immediate payment.

The caller wants you to pay via wire transfer or prepaid debit card. These are methods favored by scammers because they’re difficult to trace.

Grandparent scams – You receive a call from someone claiming to be a grandchild or other relative who has been arrested or is in some other type of legal trouble. Warning signs:

The person claiming to be your grandchild asks you to send money immediately and provides details on how, for example, via prepaid cards or to a particular Western Union office.

The call comes late at night. Scammers figure an older person may get confused more easily if they call then.

Home improvement scams – These scammers troll neighborhoods, often after a powerful storm. Warning signs:

Beware of contractors who say they stopped by because they just happen to be in your neighborhood. The good ones are usually too busy to roam around in search of work.

Be skeptical if a contractor says he can offer a lower price because he’ll be using surplus material. That could mean he overbilled a previous customer or didn’t finish the work.

Romance scams – With the advent of online dating, these type of scams have increased. Warning signs:

Your new romantic interest sends you a picture that looks more like a model from a fashion magazine than an ordinary snapshot.

The person quickly wants to leave the dating website and communicate with you through email or instant messaging.

He or she lavishes you with attention. Swindlers often inundate prospective marks with texts, emails and phone calls to draw them in.

He or she repeatedly promises to meet you in person but always seems to come up with an excuse to cancel.

The person wants you to send them nude photos. Beware as these can be used to blackmail you.

Nigerian scam – These emails are prolific online. They may take many forms, but they all offer money if you follow the directions. Warning signs:

You get an unsolicited email from someone claiming to be a foreign dignitary or executive.

The email promises you a share of a multimillion-dollar fortune in exchange for helping get the money out of the sender’s home country.
Healthcare is on a lot of people’s’ minds & the baby boomer generation, those born between 1946 and 1964, are finally starting to retire. This generation alone makes up nearly 20% of the American population. With the country getting older we’ll need more people to take care of them, and people to oversee these operations. The money proves it too – the healthcare industry accounted for 17.7% of American GDP in 2013, according to a study by Deloitte. **Now is the time for you to get certified or recertified & get into the healthcare industry.** Depending on what you do within the industry, you could expect a large cash bonus. In fact, 3 out of the top 10 jobs for highest average cash bonuses were in the healthcare field, according to a study by LinkedIn. The healthcare industry ranks 7th for highest average bonuses, with $5,500 a year. Energy and Mining ranked 1st, with an average of $10,000 a year. Even during times of large unemployment, the healthcare industry unemployment rate remained relatively low. It makes sense intuitively as people will always require medical attention.

**High Growth Rate**

The healthcare industry is the fastest growing sector of the economy, estimated to grow 19% between now and 2024. This is an estimated 2.3 million new jobs. Many employees in the healthcare industry actually enjoy their jobs quite a bit. CNN Money released an article that ranked the top 100 jobs in the United States, based on median salary, career satisfaction, and job growth. Healthcare positions held 15 spots on the list, including 3 in the top 10. Although healthcare may be stressful at times, many find the position very rewarding, and find the variety of tasks a good way to avoid the monotony of other potential careers.

(Source: [https://blog.transparentcareer.com/college-students/career-guides/5-facts-working-healthcare-industry/](https://blog.transparentcareer.com/college-students/career-guides/5-facts-working-healthcare-industry/))

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Red White Blue CPR recently became a certified supplier for the State of Florida Office of Supplier Diversity program! We are looking forward to meeting procurement professionals to begin the process of establishing a working relationship with state, local, & government entities & to network with other business owners. We are excited to participate in bid opportunities from local government entities and state universities. We are motivated to learn with MyFloridaMarketPlace (MFMP) which provides access to several in-person, webinar, and online trainings to use their online purchasing system.
The Mayor’s Communiqué

Thanks to a committee of dedicated individuals in our community, Dade City held a parade to honor the Reverend Martin Luther King Jr. This successful event was followed by a Unity Prayer Service on the steps of the historic Courthouse. An impressive banquet Saturday evening in the Lacoochee Boys and Girls Club, along with an inspirational commemorative program featuring guest speakers and performers, followed on MLK holiday itself. The MLK Committee is to be commended for their efforts in making the people’s holiday a special day for all in our communities. We look forward to working with our neighbors in Lacoochee while we continue to expand the festivities and make this a wonderful celebration for all in the coming years.

Another successful Kumquat Festival has also come and gone. Thank you to all the volunteers that worked with the Chamber to make this festival a huge success. Months of planning and preparation are involved in this one-day festival. A wonderful opportunity not only to highlight the little orange kumquat fruit, but equally important, an opportunity to showcase Dade City and the historic charming character that makes our city a very special place in Pasco County. Much time, effort and talent make this day an amazing event for our town, the merchants, the residents and all who visit for the day and hopefully return for additional visits throughout the year.

As February brings welcomed cooler, dryer weather, several events are on the calendar to entertain our residents and visitors this month. The regular scheduled Market Place at Hibiscus Park, First Fridays by our local merchants, the Pasco County Fair, and exhibitions at our Florida Pioneer Museum and so much more. As we welcome all to our city, be it for the very first time or return visits, it is an exciting time to be in East Pasco with all the festivities and projects in the area.

While festivities continue to attract residents and visitors, the City staff and Commissioners have been busy preparing for the upcoming legislative session. We continue to seek assistance to make Dade City the very best it can be for all. Members of the Commission will attend the 2019 Florida League of Cities Legislative (FLC) Action Days in Tallahassee. The FLC works with elected officials in the cities to strategize and prepare for this critical legislative session. Working together with our elected officials throughout the State assists in having a positive statewide impact on our daily municipal operations and governance. Dade City will continue to focus on transportation, wastewater, and stormwater initiatives needed in our community. Our top two priorities include the Dade Oaks Pond project and Morningside Drive Extension. We will keep the Meridian Avenue/21st St/St. Joe Road-Suwanee Way Intersection and Wastewater Treatment Plant Relocation on our priority list as well.

As always, it is an honor and privilege to serve the residents of Dade City. Your ideas, thoughts and concerns about our city are important to all to make Dade City the best place to live, work and play. Please share your feedback and ideas as we continue to transform out town. Feel free to contact me at chernandez@dadecityfl.com with your questions or comments as we move Dade City from better to best.

Camille, Mayor Dade City
Another Election Year is Upon Us!

Presidential elections may get all the attention, but if you think about it it's the smaller local elections that have the most direct effect on the quality of life in your community. Your local leadership makes decisions about land use, community development and zoning, the services you receive, and if your infrastructure is improved. This election season opens on April 9, 2019, with Municipal Elections for the cities of New Port Richey, Port Richey, Saint Leo, San Antonio and Zephyrhills.

Qualifying for municipal candidates begins February 12, 2019 at noon and ends February 19, 2019 at noon. Each municipality has its own charter which governs the requirements for becoming a candidate. Prospective candidates should consult with their respective city clerk well in advance of the qualifying dates to learn about those requirements. For more information and links to each city's website visit www.pascovotes.com.

The City Clerks are the statutorily appointed elections officials of municipal elections, and the Supervisor of Elections works closely with each city by providing ballot layout and preparation services, petition verification, vote-by-mail balloting, pollworker training and ballot tabulation.

Pasco has historically low turnout for Municipal Elections, with just over 13% turnout in 2018. That number interpreted another way means that 86.1% of registered voters waived their right to elect officials that make decisions for their community where they live, raise families, own property, work and worship. Judging by the 60.65% turnout in the November 2018 mid-terms elections, I think Pasco voters can do better than that! #BeVocalVoteLocal, and let's get out and have our voices heard in the 2019 Municipal Elections.

Supervisor of Elections To Accept Scholarship Applications

Supervisor of Elections Brian E. Corley is now accepting applications for the Florida State Association of Supervisors of Elections (FSASE) Scholarship. Applications for the scholarship can be accessed on-line at www.pascovotes.com, and are due in the supervisor's office by March 29, 2019. The Association will award three $1,200 scholarships statewide to a Political Science/Public or Business Administration or Journalism/Mass Communications Major.

Applicants must have finished two years of junior college or undergraduate work, be enrolled or accepted as a full-time student in a senior college or university in Florida, have been a resident of Florida for two years, and demonstrate a financial need. Two letters of recommendation, one from a college or university last attended or graduated from, and one from a personal reference should accompany the application. The applicant must be registered to vote.

Additional requirements, guidelines and eligibility information can be found at www.pascovotes.com by selecting the 2019 FSASE Scholarship Application under News on the homepage. Applicants will be personally interviewed by Supervisor Corley, who will then select one finalist from Pasco County for consideration by the FSASE Scholarship Committee.

Brian E. Corley, Supervisor of Elections Pasco County
Thrills, Squeals and Ferris Wheels

The Greater Dade City Chamber of Commerce held our February Business Breakfast at the Pasco County Fairgrounds, where members of the Pasco County Fair Board and staff outlined the exciting programs and entertainment that will be highlighting this year’s Fair. (February 18th to February 24th on State Road 52 in Dade City).

Matt’s Family Jam, from Nashville, thrilled the breakfast crowd with three fabulous numbers, including an original that is sure to make the charts!

The Chamber would like to thank the Pasco County Fair, Mary Beth Lumbra (from Heritage Park, who supplied the great food), Matt’s Family Jam and all our volunteers and supporters for a fabulous morning!

The Greater Dade City Chamber of Commerce Business Breakfests are held the 3rd Tuesday monthly at various locations.

To register go to www.dadecitychamber/events/breakfast.org or call the Chamber (352-567-3769) for more information.

Pictured are, back row: Richard "Dicky" Brown, President Pasco County Fair Association and John Moors, Chamber Director.

Front row: Matt’s Family Jam (l-r) Collin, Adrienne, Benny, Lisa, and Matt Rolf.

Photo by Richard Riley

Thomas and Son To Help Cheerleaders Compete

The Zephyrhills High School Cheer Team will hold a Car Wash fundraiser on the south lot of Thomas and Son, Inc. from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. June 19.

The goal of the car wash is to raise the final $2,000 needed for the Bulldog Cheerleaders to compete in the National High School Cheerleading Championships held at ESPN Wide World of Sports Complex in the Walt Disney World Resort in Orlando Feb. 8 to 10.

Thomas and Son, Inc. is donating space at the dealership to help the 14 girls to earn the remaining expenses for their trip. They will leave on Feb. 7 and compete on Feb. 9.

The team has been training for the competition since Oct. 15 when the competitive season began said Dionne Yargus, ZHS Cheerleading Coach. “This is the second year,” she said. “We compete in a medium varsity all-girl tumbeling competition which includes a cheer, tumbling, stunting, dancing, and a pyramid.” The team competed in December last year to earn spot in the championships.

Thomas and Son, Inc. helped the team to get to the competitions last year and has been a strong supporter of ZHS students and the athletics department in years past. For four years Thomas and Son, Inc. has funded the “Thomas and Son Touchdown” at home football games donating $100 to the Booster Club for every Bulldog touchdown made during seasonal play. The company also provides shoes for the basketball team yearly and is supportive in several other ways as well. Owner Wade Thomas is also the founder of The Thomas Promise Foundation that supplies weekend bags of lunches to food-insecure students in east Pasco Schools and beyond.

“Through Thomas and Son and Thomas Promise, Wade has been an absolutely tremendous support for the cheer program,” Yargus said. “It was a dream to even get to nationals last year and this year he is helping us to go again. I am very grateful. Wade is an angel.”

According to the ESPN Wide World of Sports Complex website, “NHSCC is the most prestigious cheerleading championship in the country and nationally televised on ESPN and ESPN2 to over 100 million homes and 32 countries nationwide each year.”
Dinner and Santa and Gifts! Oh Joy!

Christmas cheer was in abundance as The Thomas Promise Foundation held its annual Dinner With Santa Dec. 21, serving a turkey dinner with all the trimmings and provided hundreds of gifts for children and families registered with the organization in the Family Life Center of the Zephyrhills Assembly of God Church.

The foundation also arranged for the kids a chance to visit with Santa Claus. A line of excited children stretched on for two hours as the jolly, old elf heard their Christmas wishes and presented each of the kids with at least one gift.

“The kids were so happy to receive their gifts and the families had a good time.” said Joe Sim-mons, executive director of The Thomas Promise Foundation. “The dinner is fun and festive, but it can be sobering also. For some kids, these gifts may be all they will get under the tree.”

“We can’t forget to thank and acknowledge all the generous people and organizations who donated gifts and the volunteers who wrapped and transported the gifts, and those who served the meal at “Dinner With Santa,” Simmons continued. “It’s a big event and it takes a lot of work.”

“We also appreciate our sponsors, First National Bank of Pasco and Jim Browne Chevrolet, Buick GMC of Dade City,” Simmons added. “They have helped make this event possible. We’d also like to thank Kevin Bahr of Bahr’s Propane Gas and AC, Inc. for roasting 25 tur-keys being served as the main dish.

The Thomas Promise Foundation provides bags full of food complete with six meals and snacks for food-insecure Pasco County students over the weekend when they may otherwise go without. Twenty-seven Pasco schools and over 1,500 children benefit from this program each week.

Last year during the 2017-18 school year, The Thomas Promise Foundation delivered 12,805 bags to children or 76,830 meals for students in Pasco County, not including snacks, during the first 17 weeks of school.

This year over the same period, the foundation has delivered 22,389 bags to children, totaling 134,334 meals—not including snacks nearly doubling last year’s outgo.

“Previous years tell us that the totals jump an average of 32 percent after the first of the year,” Simmons said. Which means the bag count could be in the 2,000 range before the school year is over.

Simmons also wants to say thank you to everyone that donates their time, talent, and treasure to the foundation all year “Everything that you do helps us help these children and these families that are in need,” he said. “Everyone and everything counts in our mission to stamp out hunger in Pasco County.”

For more information call (813) 782-0000 or e-mail ttpf.org@gmail.com

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Special appreciation goes to TREASURED FRIENDS GIFT SHOP for their generous donations from a food drive that was held at their store during the holiday season. This is the third successful food drive sponsored by TREASURED FRIENDS GIFT SHOP that has benefited Love One Another. We are truly grateful for their compassion in helping those in need. May we encourage you to visit TREASURED FRIENDS GIFT SHOP, 12329 Highway 301, Dade City, FL (352)437-4866, and thank Diane, Sarah and Barbara for supporting our community.

Love One Another serves a hot meal to those in need every Sunday at the Pasco County Nutrition Center from 1:30 pm – 3 pm. We also receive other food donations, dog food, clothing, etc. If you would like to volunteer or donate to Love One Another, please contact Lucy Avila at 352-424-4972. We have been joyfully serving the Dade City community for ten (10) years, and we give God the Glory!

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Local morning club-Rotary Club of Dade City Sunrise announces their newest “Paul Harris Fellow” inductee - current President Barbara Mallory. Rotary District #6950 Foundation Vice Chair and Annual Fund Chair Jack Thies presented Barbara with her pin and certificate this morning at the Hampton Inn in Dade City.

The Paul Harris Fellow recognition acknowledges individuals who contribute, or who have contributions made in their name, of US$1,000 to The Rotary Foundation of Rotary International.
Full-Time Chief Medical Officer Joins
AdventHealth Dade City and AdventHealth Zephyrhills

Rodrigo Torres, MD, assumed the position of Chief Medical Officer for AdventHealth Dade City and AdventHealth Zephyrhills on Monday, January 7. This is a newly created full-time position for both hospitals.

Dr. Torres was employed as a Hospitalist with Pioneer Medical Group for nearly four years. He served as a Medical Director for AdventHealth Tampa and previously worked as a Hospitalist and Medical Director for AdventHealth Zephyrhills from 2015 through 2017. In his role as a Medical Director with Pioneer Medical Group, Dr. Torres was involved in and led initiatives to improve quality, clinical outcomes and patient experience, according to Amanda Maggard, President and CEO for AdventHealth Dade City and AdventHealth Zephyrhills.

“We are very excited to have Dr. Torres in this position,” Maggard said. “He is a graduate of the Adventist Health System’s Hospital Medicine Leadership Fellowship and has participated in our Hospital Medicine Leadership Conference. Dr. Torres is also the recipient of many distinguished awards including being named Physician of the Year for both AdventHealth Zephyrhills and Pioneer Medical Group,” she added.

Javier Rojas, MD, has served as AdventHealth Zephyrhills’ part-time Chief Medical Officer for the past two years. “In his tenure, Dr. Rojas has provided leadership to our medical and clinical leadership in addition to improving clinical outcomes. He has also played an important role in physician recruitment and done a superb job,” Maggard said.

Dr. Rojas will continue to serve as the Medical Director of Anesthesia for both AdventHealth Dade City and AdventHealth Zephyrhills, Maggard added.
Welcome New Chamber Partners!!

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Dade City, FL 33525
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San Antonio, FL 33576
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Real Estate Agent

REMINDER: Refer a New Member and receive $25.00 credit towards your membership renewal!
With February being Valentine’s Day month, we would love for you to bring your Valentine to THE MARKET PLACE at Hibiscus Park in Dade City on Saturday, February 2nd at 10 am - 3 pm. You will enjoy the outdoor vendor shopping experience, as well as listening to the music provided by Kevin Taggerty along with his display of horseshoe nail art.

We are very grateful to the Dade City Garden Club for offering a gift basket for a drawing which will benefit the Dade City Youth Council. Tickets are $1 each or 6 tickets for $5.00.

We look forward to the Wine Tasting at the Tropical Wine Shop booth who also has a local business in downtown Dade City. Representatives from Scentsy, Mary Kay and Pink Zebra will be offering their products and catalogs. You will learn much from Neil of Grandpa Stan’s All Natural with his honey products. Lorraine Boise of Dade City Soap Company has been a faithful vendor with her lovely soaps, bath salts and bubble bath bars, along with Homespun Goods and Alpaca Farms. There is just so much to see at THE MARKET PLACE!

Please contact Lucy Avila at lucyavila707@gmail.com or 352-424-4972 for additional information or interested vendors. Please visit our website at themarketplacefl.com and like us on Face Book.

THE MARKET PLACE is sponsored by the Dade City Youth Council. Special thanks to Frank Notarianni for handling our website: themarketplacefl.com!

Location: 7th Street & Bougainvillea Avenue (In front of the Dade City Garden Club)
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AdventHealth Dade City
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The Greater Dade City Chamber of Commerce recently assisted with a “Grand Re-opening” of our beautiful institution The Edwinola, an assisted living community in Downtown Dade City.

Pictured, along with members of the Chamber are community partners – Royal Oak Nursing Center, Kindred at Home, Home Health Connections, Sunrise of Pasco, Comfort Keepers and Mission Home Health.

Bottom left to right: Chef Anthony “Tony” David, Marketing Director Stephanie Davis, resident Lillian Merrill, Concierge Emily Siegrist

Second Row from bottom left to right: Wellness Director Chrissie Ryker, resident family member Richard Grignol

Third Row from bottom left to right: Concierge Betty Davis, Concierge Jessica Schiaro, Activities Director Kristen Serrato, resident Joe Green and guest

For more information about the Greater Dade City Chamber of Commerce, please contact us at 352 567 3769 or visit www.dadecitychamber.org

Photo by Richard Riley
Kelly served 18 months as Chamber President, and through her outstanding leadership, counsel and business savvy catapulted the Chamber to new levels of membership, community service and financial stability.

Photo by Richard Riley

Cruise In
Car Show

DJ Starvin’ Darvin

1st Saturday of Every Month

September - May

12-7pm

FREE
ANNOUNCING: Bill Cronin Named to Southern Economic Development Council’s Board of Directors

The Southern Economic Development Council (SEDC) is pleased to announce that Bill Cronin has been elected Florida Director of the association’s board of directors. Cronin is the President/CEO of Pasco Economic Development Council in Lutz, FL. The state director will serve a two-year term on SEDC’s board. Cronin took the seat on January 1, 2019.

Bill has years of experience in the field of economic development and brings a unique set of skills to the organization.

“I congratulate Bill on being elected to serve on SEDC’s Board of Directors for 2019. Representing over 900 economic development professionals across the American South is an honor and validates leadership and dedication to the profession. As Chairman of Board of Directors this year, I am confident that Bill will assist us in facilitating our 2019 program of work, in addition to helping us chart our course for future programming,” said SEDC 2019 Chairman Raul Peralta.

About SEDC
SEDC is the oldest and largest regional economic development association in North America. Founded in 1946, the Council is a nonprofit membership organization of 900+ active and influential economic development professionals representing: local, regional and state economic development agencies, chambers of commerce, business and industry, utilities, transportation, finance and education. Through conferences and meetings, research and publications, networking and educational opportunities, SEDC enables members to advance their common interest – the promotion and enhancement of the economic development profession. For more information visit www.sedc.org.

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December Chamber Business Breakfast
Hosted by The Edwinola

Recently, the Greater Dade City Chamber of Commerce held our monthly Business Breakfast at the beautiful Edwinola assisted living facility in downtown Dade City. A packed house enjoyed a super breakfast provided by the Edwinola, welcomed new Edwinola Executive Director Cathy Powell and listened with interest as Superintendent of Schools Kurt Browning outlined new developments and possible changes within the Pasco School District.

New Chamber members, Valerie Rochoon, CEO of Rocycle and Russ Taylor, owner of Out of Our Hands Art Gallery described their businesses and services through the Chamber’s new “Business Wins” segment of the breakfast.

Chamber Business Breakfasts are held the 3rd Tuesday of each month. Please call Jo Uber at 352 567 3769 to RSVP for upcoming breakfasts or to become involved with the Chamber.

Pictured, l-r – Stephanie Davis, Edwinola Marketing Director, Pasco County Supervisor of Schools Kurt Browning, Cathy Powell Edwinola Executive Director and John Moors, Chamber Director.

Photo by Richard Riley
Welcome Patty!

Patricia “Patty” Coram joined the City of Dade City as the new Human Resources Director in November, 2018. Patty most recently worked as the HR Administrator for the Fort Myers Beach Fire Control District, but relocated to Central Florida to live with her elderly parent. She previously held HR positions in local government with the Administrative Office of the Courts and Lee County Board of County Commissioners in Fort Myers. Patty also was employed by Sprint/United Telephone of Florida for 15 years.

Ms. Coram graduated from Rollins College with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Organizational Communication. Additionally, she is a Senior Certified Professional and National Member of the Society for Human Resource Management.

Patty advised, “Helping people has been my passion for as long as I can remember – from being a Girl Scout, volunteering at a children’s home and hospital ER, to working in human resources. Whether working independently or as a team member, I research alternatives to find solutions to issues raised by employees and/or management, while seeking to provide a positive, rewarding work environment.”

“We are glad that Patty is here to share her knowledge in growing our employees to increase their skills in providing excellent customer service to our City,” said Mayor Hernandez.
Americans love their fur babies—as well as their feathered friends, leathery lizards, and fascinating fish. A new survey by the Saint Leo University Polling Institute looked at pet ownership and the holidays.

The Saint Leo University Polling Institute (http://polls.saintleo.edu) survey was fielded nationally online among 1,167 adults from October 11 through October 17, 2018. When all 1,167 answered questions, the margin of error for results is plus or minus 3.0 percentage points.

The polling institute also sampled opinions of 698 residents in Florida, where Saint Leo University is based. The survey was conducted October 16 through October 22, 2018, using an online survey instrument. The Florida poll has a +/- 3.5 percent margin of error at a 95 percent confidence level (on a composite basis).

Three-fifths of Americans polled, 59.4 percent, say they have pets at home. In Florida, 60.9 percent of poll respondents say they own pets.

Poll respondents also were asked about their holiday spending on pets. The average amount pet owners anticipate spending or have spent on holiday gifts for their pets is $237.37, the Saint Leo poll shows. Among Florida respondents, the average is $233.34. These figures are much higher than when the Saint Leo University Polling Institute last posed the questions. In 2015, Americans said they would spend $98.97 and Florida respondents said they would spend $121.38 on holiday gifts for their pets.

Dr. Keith Jones, associate professor of marketing at Saint Leo University, said he has followed the pet industry for 10 years and frequently discusses it in the classroom.

"The spenders—they are called 'pet parents'—are individuals who treat their four-legged friends as if they are actually family members," Jones said. "As a result, people continue to spend on their pets at holidays in a similar manner as to how they spend on their actual family members. In fact in 2014, households reported that while they were going to cut back on spending for family members, they were not going to do so for their furry family members. Some even reported they were going to increase their spending. Industry officials are uncertain as to how long this trend will last."

Saint Leo's Dr. Rhondda Waddell agreed with Jones. "We as a nation are embracing more than ever our pets as family members," said Waddell, a professor of social work at Saint Leo University who teaches an interdisciplinary course about therapy and service animals. "Many people have substituted their animals for the choice to have children, and thus they lavish their pets as they normally would their own children."

The pet industry was not negatively affect by the recession in 2008, Jones noted, and has continued to grow.

"It is estimated that pet spending this year will easily top $86 billion," he said. "The top three categories in spending are food, veterinary services, and supplies [which includes toys and novelties]. The 45-to-54-year age group makes up about 26 percent of the pet store market followed by the 55-to-64-year group [22.8 percent, based on various pet industry reports]."

Whether pets are replacements for children for empty nesters or those who do not have children, or for those adding pets to families with children, "the most important message to note is that a growing number of households hold their animals in high esteem," Waddell said. 'My personal thought is 'love is love.' If you want to give to your pets and that makes you happy, more power to you!'"
Our Vision: “to be the best resource to support our members and attract new business”

Why Join?

Promotion of your business
~ Links on our website - the preferred conduit for business development and tourism in our area
~ Advertising Opportunities
~ Sponsorship Packages

Awareness of your brand
~ Multimedia program partnership
~ Event participation
~ FREE Ribbon Cuttings

Introduce your business to the community

Networking with your clients
~ Interaction with potential customers
~ Business Breakfasts
~ Chamber Ambassador Opportunities
~ Events and Committees

Receive a credit of $25.00 for each new member you refer!

Our Mission: “to promote economic growth and quality of life in the Greater Dade City area.”
Members of Leadership Saint Leo’s Class of 2018 recently graduated from the program, which is designed to develop and train leaders. The program began at Saint Leo University in 2005 to expand leadership capacity, build culture, and create a common leadership lexicon across the university, including its education centers and online offices.

Saint Leo’s program is conducted by CODA Partners Inc., a professional services firm based in Gulfport and Dade City. Its principal partners are Jim Sartain and Kathy Davanzo, who have collaborated to design and provide leadership development programs for more than 25 years.

The Leadership Saint Leo Class of 2018 includes: Charlene Cofield, associate director, Chesapeake (VA) Education Center; Elainne Feeney, director of Student Financial Aid; Jennifer Martell, assistant controller; Moneque Walker-Pickett, associate professor of criminal justice; Amanda Ross, payroll manager; Jessica Markham, director, Lake City (FL) Education Center; Colleen McIlroy, lead learning designer; Dawn Boltin, assistant athletic director; Kristen Nash, assistant director of Residence Life; Melinda Carver, interim director of program approval, College of Education and Social Services; Rafael Rosado-Ortiz, chair/assistant professor of health care management; Sharon Scruggs, human resources manager; Nancy (Laura) Cheek, Saint Leo WorldWide Career Services advisor; Lan Pham, associate director, Gwinnett (GA) Education Center; and Cyrus Brown, executive director of University Public Safety.

Photo caption/cutline Photo by Renee Gerstein, Saint Leo University
Front row: Elainne Feeney; Jennifer Martell; Moneque Walker-Pickett; Sharon Scruggs; Raphael Rosado-Ortiz; Jeffrey D. Senese, university president; Amanda Ross; Dawn Boltin; and Kristen Nash
Back row: Cyrus Brown; Colleen McIlroy; Jessica Markham; Charlene Cofield; Melinda Carver; Lan Pham; and Nancy (Laura) Cheek
Mark your calendars today – you won’t want to miss this event!
The Pasco Economic Development Council will be hosting its 17th Annual NetFest (networking festival) on Thursday, April 4th, 2019 at Epperson Lagoon, Wesley Chapel, from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. Caribbean Country Theme!

Join us for a fun evening of networking, food, drinks, and music. Wear your casual duds and relax under the tents. $40 for Pasco EDC investors & guests and $50 for all others (includes BBQ buffet and 2 drink tickets). Online reservations can be made at: http://www.pascoedc.com/events.
For more information, contact Suzanne at the Pasco EDC office at (813) 926-0827 or at Suzanne@pascoedc.com.

FMC Foundation of Caring awards 15G To Thomas Promise

The Florida Medical Clinic Foundation of Caring awarded a $15,000 grant to The Thomas Promise Foundation Jan 11 to support The Thomas Promise’s mission of providing meals to food-insecure students.
FMC Foundation of Caring Executive Director Angela Pottinger and Development Coordinator Ami Haberle stopped in at the Thomas Promise pantry to meet with a group of volunteers and present the grant check.
“We are grateful for the support of the Foundation of Caring,” said The Thomas Promise Foundation Executive Director Joe Simmons. Their help goes a long way. This grant alone will help us to provide more than 30,000 meals to the students we assist.”
The Thomas Promise Foundation provides bags full of food complete with six meals and snacks for food-insecure Pasco County students over the weekend when they might otherwise go without. Twenty-five Pasco schools and more than 1,400 children benefit from this program every week of the school year and when school is not in session. The foundation has not missed one weekend of deliveries since its founding six years ago.
“It is our sincere privilege to be able to partner with the Thomas Promise Foundation,” Pottinger said. “because we at Florida Medical Clinic Foundation of Caring believe that no child should go hungry.”
Florida Medical Clinic Foundation of Caring strives to support individuals, children and families in need and at risk in Hillsborough and Pasco Counties. Through volunteerism and funding the foundation leverages resources to enrich lives and create measurable, immediate and ongoing positive changes in local communities.
Both The Thomas Promise Foundation and Florida Medical Clinic Foundation of Caring are 501 (c)(3); charitable, non-profit organizations supported by the generous contributions of individuals, corporations, and foundations.
Saint Leo University Names New Vice President of Academic Affairs

Former Dean of College of Arts and Sciences Begins New Role

Dr. Jeffrey D. Senese, president of Saint Leo University, has announced the appointment of Dr. Mary T. Spoto as vice president of Academic Affairs, effective immediately. Spoto, dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, has served as the acting vice president of Academic Affairs since Senese was named president in July.

"Mary is a proven leader with strong support from our faculty and staff," Senese said. "Her leadership experience in academics will be of great value as we move boldly and confidently into an even more successful future at Saint Leo University."

A Tampa, FL, native, Spoto has served in several roles during her 25-year history with Saint Leo. Before serving as dean, she was the chair of the Department of English, Fine Arts, and Humanities, now referred to as the Department of Language Studies and the Arts. She also is a professor of English.

As dean, Spoto has been a leader in the development of the university’s general education program, University Explorations, designed with specially created courses to help students recognize the importance of the liberal arts to their larger learning.

Spoto expanded the fine arts programs at the university and leading the development of new academic programs such as the Bridge Program for second-language learners and the master’s programs in creative writing and psychology.

She earned her Bachelor of Arts, Master of Arts, and doctoral degree in English from the University of South Florida.

"One of the things I’ve admired the most about Saint Leo is its strong focus on teaching," Spoto said. "We are a university that truly exists to help students learn and gain the knowledge and skills that will help them in their careers and will guide them in life. In my new role, I plan to continue developing and strengthening this focus in partnership with our faculty and deans to create more innovative and distinctive programs, making academics a hallmark of the university for years to come."

Complimentary Screenings at AdventHealth Dade City by Appointment Only

**Cholesterol and Glucose Screenings:** Monday, February 4 or Monday, February 25 8a.m. - Noon

This is a fingerstick screening that provides you with your cholesterol and glucose reading in about five minutes. You do not need to fast.

**Blood Pressure Checks**

You can also stop by between 8 a.m. and noon on Monday, February 4 or Monday, February 25 for a complimentary blood pressure check.

Screenings at AdventHealth Dade City will take place in Classroom 108 of the hospital located at 13100 Fort King Road, Dade City. Follow directional signs upon entering campus for screenings. To schedule your screening at AdventHealth Zephyrhills, call 877-534-3108.

Complimentary Screenings at AdventHealth Zephyrhills by Appointment Only

**Cholesterol and Glucose Screening:** Tuesday, February 12 or Tuesday, February 19 8a.m. - Noon

This is a fingerstick screening that provides you with your cholesterol and glucose results in about five minutes. You do not need to fast.

**Blood Pressure Checks**

You can also stop by between 8 a.m. and noon on Tuesday, February 12 or Tuesday, February 19 for a complimentary blood pressure check.

**Leg and Vein Screenings - TWO DATES!** Tuesday, February 12 8:30a.m. – 12:30p.m.

Representatives from Premier Heart and Vascular Center will perform the screening.

Or Thursday, February 21 8:30a.m. - 12:30p.m.

Representatives from Pasco Cardiology Associates will perform the screening.

Screenings at AdventHealth Zephyrhills will take place in the Cardiac Rehab Department of the hospital located at 7050 Gall Blvd., Zephyrhills. Enter through the hospital’s main lobby and follow the signs for screenings. To schedule your screening at AdventHealth Zephyrhills, call 877-534-3108.
**Member Testimonials**

We have been a member of the Greater Dade City Chamber for many years. We believe that it is just good business to work alongside our community neighbors. The chamber represents the areas of Dade City and San Antonio, where two of our four offices are located and provide banking services. The chamber’s events have continually grown and become staples for our community. We try to be involved with as many as we can. They are a wealth of information, sharing new developments via email blasts and at the monthly business breakfasts. They do a great job of representing our community to others, we are proud of this local partnership.

**San Antonio Citizens Federal Credit Union**

When I was the director of several drug and alcohol rehab centers I wish I knew the powerful networking opportunities available within a Chamber of Commerce. Like in all businesses, marketing was costly and took up a large part of my time in order to keep our services visible in our community and in front of our referral sources such as health professionals, clinics, hospitals and employers, etc. I wish I knew then what I know now, that all those sources can be found in one place and that place is the Greater Dade City Chamber of Commerce.

Frank Notarianni, Dade City, Florida

John, I just wanted to thank you and the Dade City Chamber for the leadership displayed over the last couple of weeks. With the announcement that Dade City Main Street was shutting down, there was a lot of 'uneasiness' among the retail merchants. But you stepped up immediately to reassure us all that the Chamber was more than willing to help with any gaps that might exist after the shut down. As a member for the last 16 years I am not surprised that this show of leadership was swift and immediate. The Dade City Chamber of Commerce is the arm that reaches out for all the small businesses that are unable to do this alone. The business climate in Dade City today is strong and vibrant and I believe the major contributor for this success is the Dade City Chamber. Again, thanks for all you do.

Jim Hendry, A Matter of Taste

“The Greater Dade City Chamber of Commerce has been instrumental in the success of our business. John, Jo Mel and all the volunteers at the Chamber are always willing to help and guide my business. If they do not have an answer to your question, they will tirelessly to get an answer and a contact for you. Thank you to entire team, you are great!”

Deatrice Blossom, D & R Specialty Hot Dogs

San Antonio Antiques applauds the Dade City chamber of Commerce for its year-round promotion of local businesses and community events that have positive impact on small business owners like myself. I appreciate all the networking and marketing opportunities available to Chamber Members.

John Herrmann, Proprietor, San Antonio Antiques

Jarrett Ford has been a proud member of the Dade City Chamber of Commerce since we opened in February of 1978 which is over 40 years ago. The Chamber is an integral component in our community and touches so many people and businesses. If you want to succeed in a community you have to be part of the community and the Chamber is a great place to begin.

Cliff Martin, Jarrett Ford

I became employed in the Dade City area at Lake Jovita Golf & Country Club in Feb. of 2014. Moving here from Western Colorado I had no connection with the community or the surrounding area. In the spring of 2015 I joined the chamber’s golf committee for the Dade City Chamber’s annual Joe Kiefer Golf Tournament held at Lake Jovita. That opened the door for me to get involved and meet many of the local business leaders. Since that first year, my career has moved me from the Golf Pro Staff into the General Manager Position overseeing 100+ employees, maintaining 500+ acres, and a full service restaurant at Lake Jovita G&CC and the connect with the community and area businesses has been crucial to the success myself and Lake Jovita is experiencing. The Chamber was the gateway to those relationships and the business to business workings that help every aspect of Lake Jovita G&CC.

Michael Johnson, Lake Jovita Golf and Country Club
Brown & Brown Insurance of FL- Brooksville would like to thank the Greater Dade City Chamber of Commerce for welcoming us into the community with open arms. We have been in Brooksville for over 20 years and becoming a part of the neighboring community as well as getting to know the community has been enjoyable with the help of the team at the Greater Dade City Chamber. Even though we have only been a part of the Chamber for about 6 months we feel as if we have been with them for years. The team at the chamber is very welcoming and accommodating to our questions and needs. We look forward to working with the chamber and the local community in the future.

Brown & Brown of Florida, Inc.

John, thank you for working with us on the 2016 Annual Kumquat Festival! Trusted Senior Care’s “Westbrooke Manor” believes being part of the Annual Kumquat Festival® is critical to successfully doing business in East Pasco. You and your team are doing superior work!

Hunter Anstine, Chief Development Officer Trusted Senior Care, Inc.

We are so excited to welcome our new members The Greater Dade City Chamber of Commerce! At the Greater Dade City Chamber of Commerce their mission is to promote economic growth & quality of life in the Greater Dade City area. The Greater Dade City Chamber of Commerce has been operating as a successful trade association organization for over 50 years and now represents over 430 business, associations, non-profits and individuals throughout Pasco County. Greater Dade City Chamber of Commerce, we are so thankful for your support! For more information about this great organization please feel free to visit http://www.dadecitychamber.org/index.cfm.

The Thomas Promise

There are two words that I cannot say enough and those two words are “Thank You”. I hope the three of you truly know how much you helped me in “2016” AND “2017” has already started off with a bang! If it were not for your support and friendship I would not have been able to help make all the “Littles” dreams come true by helping find them a “Big Brother” or “Big Sister” in Pasco County – You never know who has made the decision to make a difference in someone’s life and by your mere act of kindness that you have shared with me time and time again by sharing our mission and event dates you definitely had a direct impact on the success of my efforts. Just think - What if every child reached their potential? What if every child stayed in school? What if every child gave back to the community? What if every child was sent on the right path? Our mission is to provide children facing adversity with strong and enduring, professionally supported 1-to-1 relationships that change their lives for the better, forever. Just a little bit of time can make a BIG difference. Once again, “Thank you” Jo, Mel & John for all you do to help make Pasco County such a special place to live and share our lives.

Deb Kristol-Irwin, Director of Partnership Development Big Brothers Big Sisters of Tampa Bay

“The East Pasco Democratic Club has utilized the services of several of our fellow Chamber members for items we needed - from t-shirts to a vinyl sign - and found the services great and the quality of the items ordered top-notch. We look at the directory first to see if we can find what we need from our fellow Chamber members. Our goal is to shop Dade City first! and to support the Greater Dade City Chamber.”

Beverly Ledbetter, East Pasco Democratic Club

“I have been very pleased with the effective communication and outreach efforts of the Greater Dade City Chamber. As the president of Galen College of Nursing for the Tampa Bay region, I find the meetings and events helpful as I navigate the business climate in our numerous surrounding counties that my college serves. Thanks for all you do!”

Rob Wolf, President Galen College of Nursing, Tampa Bay Region Saint Petersburg FL
“Thank you for hosting the Greater Dade City Chamber of Commerce Breakfast! I saw some people that needed to contact me later that day and some new folks that I will be collaborating with later this Fall. Thank you for providing this forum to allow such great networking opportunities!”  

**Ahmy S. Arca, Student Life & Leadership  Pasco-Hernando State College East Campus**

Thank you so much John, Mel and Jo for the many years you have worked with the Dade City Garden Club to market and sell our Historic Dade City Ornaments. In 1994 when we produced our first ornament, the Pasco County Courthouse, the Chamber was there to help us. You have continued over the years to sell our ornaments and you have many loyal customers that would only buy their annual ornament at the Chamber. It is the Garden Clubs main yearly fund raiser and your efforts are critical to our success. We are a non-profit organization and all the money is used to maintain our historic building and grounds. It is not an easy job for you and we appreciate your dedication and continued support all these years.  

**Members of the Dade City Garden Club**

"If you are serious about business, get serious about joining the Greater Dade City Chamber of Commerce. The place where serious business owners discuss serious business with other serious business owners. Time to get serious.”  **Steven D. Hickman, President & CEO First National Bank of Pasco**

Being 13 year member/supporter of our Greater Dade City Chamber of Commerce I have gained countless relationships with those in my community. Visibility is key in establishing community connections while promoting your business. The networking opportunities are endless through the Chamber, and there's no better way to promote your business because it’s “free marketing” and people do business with people they know. Our Greater Dade City Chamber offers many programs and events throughout the year as a way to give back to the community and business owners who supports the Chamber. Joining The Chamber is great. A business receives many benefits visibly and behind the scenes. However, joining only gets you so far. Participating is the true key to receiving the benefits of chamber membership. Being a member of the Chamber only works for you if you participate in what the Chamber has to offer to help you succeed in business and community connectivity. To sum it up, our Greater Dade City Chamber is the very “Best” when it comes to promoting, representing and supporting our community and its local businesses. **Bonnie Krummen, CenterState Bank VP/Branch Manager  - Dade City office**

Jarrett Ford has been a proud sponsor of the Greater Dade City Chamber of Commerce’s Annual Kumquat Festival since it’s inception 22 years ago in 1998. It fills our city’s streets with many visitors and many potential future patrons to our community. They see how unique we are here in east Pasco County with our eclectic community of restaurants and shops and friendly people. We're looking forward to another exciting year with another successful festival.  **Cliff Martin, Vice President / General Manager Jarrett Ford, Inc.**

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2019 Kumquat Festival “Kudos”

We went for the first time last year. It is a great festival, great vendors and drinks and food.

Laura Scheck Silvia

We have been coming to this event for several years and it is one of our favorites. We cycle up from Stuart and spend the night before the festival. It's wise to book a room 5 to 6 months ahead of time so that you may get accommodations that are close by. The evening before we really enjoy going to Steph's Soul Food Kitchen and have always had yummy meals there, as well there is a nice micro brewery in town for a night cap. If you are going to but only a few festivals a year this one shouldn’t be missed.

Leon Gonyo

We try to go every year, especially since my daughter is grown and there is no longer a need to do Gasparilla craziness. We try to get there by 9am to avoid parking stress and large crowds, which makes for an extra pleasant day. It starts getting crazy when we are about to leave. We loved the Mexican food booth with $1 chicken flauntas, pork tamales, and beef tacos, what a yummy deal! I understand there was a huge loss in kumquat production this year due to disease, and bags were $3 each when they used to be $1, but that’s not expensive anyway unless you are making preserves. I love the desert rose and plant booths, and the garden spikes made with spoons. Antique cars are always fun to look at, as well as reasonably priced beer. See you next year!

Lita Ree

Loved our first visit to the Kumquat Fest! We tried kumquat pie (2 different places), shortcake, soda, wine, and honey. Our very favorite was the Kumquat shortcake! Enjoyed taking a break sitting down and being entertained by Eli Mosley, a great country band, and watching the Kumquat Queens. The vintage cars made the day for my husband. The Rafi’s Rollin' Rican Food truck made best Cuban we've ever had! We bought penta's from Plants by George and orange vanilla from Mannix Family. We brought home kumquat wine, salad dressing and chutney as well as fresh kumquats! A great day in Dade City!

Jana Ross Hoefling

It was a great event. I was skeptical about the parking situation at first. We had to park at the fair grounds and take busses to the event. It was seamless. They had police along the route routing the buses through and there was no wait at all. At the event, there was great food, vendors, exhibitions, and live music. I will definitely keep going back

Brian Levinson

A small city potpourri of talent, creative wares, bright colors, the warm smell of scores of food vendors, and kumquat-specific treats, topped off with a major collection of vintage cars. It is the “Radiator Springs” answer to the Interstate hot spots of high-priced frolic and fantasy. I loved it!

Harold Cummings

I am a newbie to this festival and really enjoyed the diversity of vendors ranging from food trucks, fine crafts, jewelry, exotic plants, pastries and clothing. There was a car show and children’s activities including a bounce house. The committee is extremely organized and offer free shuttles to and from the festival. Lots of food, drink and booths to explore. Come early! I will be back next year.

Jen Rose

Great festival for family fun. This festival has a lot of fun for small kids to do. A lot of crafts with beautiful art. There were also a lot of food and food trucks. Wonderful experience

Susan Whitehead

Continued...
The Kumquat Festival is a unique one of a kind event that draws over 40,000 visitors each year despite the fact that it is on the same day as Gasparilla in Tampa. This year, it was mentioned nationally on CBS news as the place to go this Saturday. Over 10,000 slices of Kumquat pie are typically sold during the festival.

**Leonard Gude**

Always a great time always have this family feel when you go in there always a lot of things to do lot of vendors great time with my family yesterday

**Rico King**

Loved it!! Had a really nice time walking around and trying all the different foods, dips and desserts. Was a pleasant surprise that it was so large. Did not expect so many vendors and booths! Will definitely go again next year!!

**Tammy Salazar**

Love this festival, always look forward to it! Wide variety of merchandise, all the fair foods you can imagine and beautiful little town shoppes to venture through, if the street vendors aren’t enough!

**Jandianne Chamberlin**

I took the kids and we had a great time walking around, listening to great music, and sampling everything. I’ve gone for several years and this was the best year yet. Don’t change a thing!

**Shallyn Trevino**

A fantastic festival. So much to see and do. And the Kumquat pie is to die for.

**Love this festival and Dade City!!!**

**Larry Ball**

Had an enjoyable day. Next time (and there will be a next time) will go earlier in the day. SO MUCH TO SEE!! Planners should see about adding Sunday to the festival. Family friendly and pleasant entertainment.

**Delores Buddenbrock**

We had a wonderful time! We love the handcrafted items by local artists. The festival was very organized

**Steve LeClere**

Even with a bad year for Kumquats, this is a must see and do event....

**Tim Alan**

It was the highlight of our trip to the USA! The car show was a nice bonus

**Derek Hawkins**

Kumquat beer, Kumquat pie, local vendors, music, and classic cars. Always a great time.

**James Wagner**

This was our first time, we had a great experience, we will be back next year.

**Suresh Maharaj**

Outstanding open air festival. Family oriented, good variety of vendors, unique merchandise. Well done!!

**Joe Powell Sr**

So many people. Everyone is very friendly. The event is put together in just the right way. Everyone should come to the event.

**Rhonda Olson**

Look forward to participating in this wonderful Festival every year. Well organized, fun for vendors and attendees, great food and activities. Love Kumquat Festival!

**Jackie Bee**
Join Us for Great February Programs!

**Getting Down to the Bare Bones**

FEB 6

Have an orthopedic question? This is your chance to get it answered! Join us for an open forum with Trey Alexander, MD, Board Certified Orthopedic Surgeon. Bring what’s on your mind about aching or painful joints. The doctor is in the house!

*Wednesday, February 6, Noon - 1 p.m.*
AdventHealth Zephyrhills’ Wellness Center Education Room
38233 Daughtery Road, Zephyrhills

Reservations required. Call 877-534-3108.

Trey Alexander, MD, Board Certified Orthopedic Surgeon

**Heart Disease that Starts in the Liver**

FEB 11

Few know they have it, but over one third of Americans are affected by metabolic disorder. This non-alcoholic liver disease has an impact on your heart, liver and overall health. Tom Cormier, Exercise Physiologist and Fitness Manager for AdventHealth Zephyrhills’ Wellness Center, will discuss causes and prevention.

*Monday, February 11, 1 p.m. - 2 p.m.*
AdventHealth Zephyrhills’ Wellness Center Education Room
38233 Daughtery Road, Zephyrhills

Reservations required. Call 813-779-6476.

**Controlling Your Cholesterol**

FEB 7

In addition to being Board Certified in Internal Medicine, Jayapriya Raj, MD, is a Diplomate of the American Board of Clinical Lipidology. Less than 100 physicians in the United States have earned this distinction. Dr. Raj will talk about good cholesterol, bad cholesterol, and how best to control yours for good heart and overall health.

*Thursday, February 7, Noon - 1 p.m.*
AdventHealth Zephyrhills, Cypress Room
7050 Gall Blvd., Zephyrhills

Reservations required. Call 877-534-3108.

Jayapriya Raj, MD, Board Certified in Internal Medicine

**Bingo Bonanza**

FEB 14

Join us for a few games of Bingo for prizes while you enjoy dessert and a presentation on diabetes by Myriam Parham, RD, CDE, Education Coordinator for the Diabetes Department at AdventHealth Zephyrhills.

*Thursday, February 14, 2 p.m. - 3 p.m.*
AdventHealth Dade City, Classroom 108
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**Bariatric Seminar**
Imagine what a healthy future can look like. If you are approximately 100 pounds or more over your ideal body weight and struggle with health conditions as a result, we may be able to help with weight-loss surgery. Find the solution that works for you by attending our free seminar and meet Bariatric Surgeon, Naga Thatimatla, MD (Dr. Thati).

**Monday, February 18, 5:30 pm - 6:30 pm**
AdventHealth Dade City, Classroom 108
13100 Fort King Road, Dade City

Reservations required. Call (833) 300-2371.
Naga Thatimatla, MD, Board Certified General Surgeon Specializing in Bariatrics

**Wellness Wednesday**
We’re offering complimentary blood pressure checks from 11 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. followed by lunch. We’ll then enjoy an inspiring presentation on the CREATION® Health principles by Casio Jones, MHA, AdventHealth Zephyrhills’ Wellness Director.

**Wednesday, February 20, Noon - 1 p.m.**
AdventHealth Dade City, Classroom 108
13100 Fort King Road, Dade City

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Casio Jones, MHA, AdventHealth Zephyrhills’ Wellness Director

**Cataracts and My Cloudy Vision**
Cataracts are the leading cause of vision loss among adults age 60 and older. The good news is that there’s been an amazing evolution in cataract surgery resulting in better visual outcomes and faster recovery times. Jonathan Kaufman, MD, is a Board Certified Ophthalmologist who will share the latest surgical techniques and answer questions.

**Wednesday, February 27, Noon - 1 p.m.**
AdventHealth Zephyrhills, Cypress Room
7050 Gall Blvd., Zephyrhills

Reservations required. Call 877-534-3108.
Jonathan Kaufman, MD, Board Certified Ophthalmologist

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Feb. 4, 2019  5:30pm-7:30pm  Tax Implications for Small Businesses. This seminar discusses federal and Florida business entities and how to create them. We will also cover state and local licensing requirements. We’ll also review federal and state employment taxes, such as FICA, FUTA, withholding, and reemployment. This seminar will also cover federal and state income taxes. This seminar will be held at the Regency Park Branch Library, 9701 Little Rd., FL 34685

Feb. 5, 2019  5:30pm-7:30pm  How to Start a New Business Successfully. We will discuss the idea, testing the idea, and protecting the idea. We will then review key issues for starting a business: finding good people, structuring the business, understanding cash flow, finding the money, and the business plan. This seminar will be held at the Centennial Park Branch Library, 5740 Moog Rd., Holiday, FL 34690

Feb. 5, 2019  4:00pm-5:30pm  How to Apply for a 501C3. This interactive seminar will assist the participants in the completion of the IRS’s 501C3 application to become approved as a not-for-profit. You will learn key steps in the process as well as how to structure the organization. This seminar will be held at Spring Hill Branch Library, 9220 Spring Hill Dr., Spring Hill, FL 34608

Feb. 7, 2019  5:30pm-7:30pm  How to Apply for a Business Loan. This is a workshop, rather than a lecture. Focus is on the individual requirements of the participants including start-ups, mature businesses, and purchasing of existing businesses. Loan sources for amounts from $5,000 to $5,000,000 will be covered, as well as business plans to accompany loan applications. This workshop will be held at Hudson Regional Library, 8012 Library Rd., Hudson, FL 34608

Feb. 12, 2019  5:30pm-7:30pm  Branding and Credibility through Digital Marketing. Learn how to build your brand & credibility to fulfill your customers expectations. Five easy steps to put it all together and measure your success. This seminar will be held at the New Port Richey Library, 5939 Main St., New Port Richey, FL 34652

Feb. 13, 2019  5:30pm-7:30pm  Financing Opportunities with the Small Business Administration. Learn how to apply for an SBA Loan and various SBA Assistance Programs available. This seminar will be held at Hugh Embry Branch Library, 14215 4th St., Dade City, FL 34523

Feb. 13, 2019  5:30pm-7:30pm  Basic QuickBooks. This seminar is designed for persons planning to start a business, or who have recently started a business, but who have yet to set up an effective record keeping system. The seminar is a basic introduction to QuickBooks. Note: this is not for advanced users. This seminar will be held at South Holiday Library, 4649 Mile Stretch Rd., Holiday, FL 34690

Feb. 28, 2019  5:30pm-7:30pm  How to Apply for a Business Loan. This is a workshop, rather than a lecture. Focus is on the individual requirements of the participants including start-ups, mature businesses, and purchasing of existing businesses. Loan sources for amounts from $5,000 to $5,000,000 will be covered, as well as business plans to accompany loan applications. This workshop will be held at New River Branch Library, 34043 SR 54, Zephyrhills, FL 33543
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