In a crazy time like this, a little kindness toward, and appreciation of, those in our community goes a long way.

Thank you to our chamber partners for your continued support; our local educators, who scramble to figure out a new way to deliver an education to children; our grocery clerks, and everyone else behind the scenes that keep our food supply stable; our medical support teams, from our local doctors and nurses, to all of the others that support them (lab workers, assistants, receptionists, and especially the housekeeping staff that are doing their best to keep everything disinfected).

Thank you to our first responders, who are always ready to help us whenever we need it. We don’t say thank you nearly enough. And finally, a thank you to our community leaders, who are bravely trying to lead us through these uncharted waters. We know you are doing your very best for all of us, and the personal sacrifices you make in order to help all of us are deeply appreciated.

Together, as a community, we will make it through this ... but only if we work together. Be kind, and remember to thank people as often as you can.
Dear Chamber Members,

To our valued members – THANKS for your ongoing support of the Chamber during this very difficult time. Please check our website at [www.dadecitychamber.org](http://www.dadecitychamber.org) – the front page – for links to various agencies.

The Chamber has had to adjust a number of upcoming events. A quick synopsis of what is coming soon follows below:

- Friday September 11th – Annual Joe Kiefer Golf Tournament at Lake Jovita Golf & County Club, 8:30 am Shotgun Start
- Tuesday September 15th – Chamber Business Breakfast at Scotland Yards Golf & County Club, Sponsored by First National Bank of Pasco. Ian Anderson, Tampa Bay Business Journal will be the Guest Speaker – 7:00 am
- Tuesday, October 20th – Chamber Business Breakfast at Scotland Yards Golf & Country Club, Sponsored by Spivey Karate 7:00 am
- Thursday November 5th – Business Connects – A Celebration of Chamber Partnership & Annual Community Awards will be held at the Dade City Women’s Club. Sponsored by Lynch, Cotton & Associates and Savory Roots Catering. 6:00 pm
- Tuesday November 17th – Chamber Business Breakfast at Advent Health Dade City Sponsor & Speaker will be Advent Health Dade City. 7:00 am
- Friday December 4th – Dade City Christmas Parade in Downtown Historic Dade City – 7:00 pm
- Tuesday December 15th – Chamber Business Breakfast sponsored and hosted by The Edwinola. Kurt Browning, Superintendent of Schools will be the Guest Speaker – 7:00 am

Stay tuned for date and information regarding all these happenings.

As well, in order to support our members during these difficult times, please feel free to submit your specials, offerings, news and articles for us to share with other members and the community – at no charge through the end of June.

We appreciate your partnership and support and best of luck with reopening and returning to business!

John & Team

*The Greater Dade City Chamber of Commerce does take pictures and videos at Chamber events in order to promote our Chamber members and the organization. These images/videos may be used by the Greater Dade City Chamber of Commerce in their printed and online publicity, on social media, in newspapers and magazines, or in any other ways that further the aims of the Greater Dade City Chamber of Commerce, whose mission is “to promote economic development and quality of life in the area”*

*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.*
Highlights of Services

The mission of the Greater Dade City Chamber of Commerce is “to promote economic growth and 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, we now represent over 450 businesses, associations, non-profits and individuals throughout Pasco County.

Businesses and organizations find the Chamber an effective and affordable method of connecting with the community, potential customers and possible business associates – regardless of geographical distance – we are all interconnected today.

Some of the initiatives of the Chamber include;

- **Economic Development** functions including downtown economic and vision studies, partnership with the Pasco Economic Development Council, cooperative actions with the Merchants Association, the City, the Dade City Business Center, SMARTstart Business Incubator, the higher education institutions, realtors and developers – all focusing on the future of our community.

- **Discover Dade City** is a series of events including a bus tour through our area for Central Pasco Relators, a development forum featuring numerous developers, business leaders and property owners, and in 2020 an Economic Development luncheon with an elected officials panel answering questions about area growth. (Fall 2020)

- **Business Development** support for the City of Dade City through promotion of the destination, hosting business development website, managing the Community Calendar and coordinating with other local venues and organizations to increase awareness and promote an “open for business” feel in our community on a daily basis.

- **Event Management** including hosting, promoting and assisting in events that feature our community and offer business promotion and potential return sales to our contributors. Most prevalent is the Annual Kumquat Festival® which draws upwards of 40,000 visitors and provides a $100,000 cooperative marketing campaign to our sponsors.

- **Candidate Forums** production, administration and promotion in order for our members and the public to become familiar with the candidates and their positions at all levels of government.

- **Educational Scholarship Program**, which funds and administers the process which supports local high school graduates and we host the Citizen of the Month program for deserving local students

- **Tourism** support for our area through partnerships with Pasco County and Visit Florida.

- **Annual Community Awards** selection, production and administration.

- **Giving Back** – purchased a mobile command center for the Police Department, Picnic Tables for city use, event equipment, contributed financially to 6 nonprofits annually.
PASCO SHERIFF’S OFFICE

The Pasco Sheriff’s Office is honored to serve the more than 500,000 residents of Pasco County. With more than 1,300 employees, the Sheriff’s Office has several bureaus within the organization:

- Field Operations, which includes patrol deputies and property crimes detectives, that answer more than 250,000 calls for service per year.
- Court Services, which includes detention deputies responsible for the daily operations of the Land O’ Lakes Detention Center, as well as other vital services including the Civil Process Unit and bailiffs at courthouses in Pasco County.
- Investigations and Criminal Intelligence, which includes four specialized divisions focusing on Special Investigations, Major Crimes, Juvenile Investigations/School Resource Officers and Child Protective Investigations.
- Joint Operations, which includes several tactical units including the Aviation, K9, SWAT, Highway Interdiction and Environmental Crimes units, which includes Agricultural and Maritime Operations.
- Management Services, which includes legal, finance and human resources.
- Operational Logistics, which includes fleet, information technology and purchasing.

We are proud to serve Pasco’s citizens every single day and are committed to keeping Pasco County a great place to live, work and play.

For emergencies, please dial 911 and for non-emergencies, please contact the Pasco County Communications Center non-emergency line at 727-847-8102, option 7.

PHSC TRUSTEES TO REVIEW PROPOSED COURSE-RELATED FEE ADJUSTMENTS

Pasco-Hernando State College’s District Board of Trustees (DBOT) will consider approving proposed adjusted course-related fees at its June 16 board meeting, to be held at 6 p.m. at the North Campus in Brooksville.

Fee adjustment proposals are reviewed and approved for DBOT consideration by PHSC’s Council of Academic Affairs, a committee that includes representation by administrators, deans, academic department chairs, program directors, faculty and staff.

For details regarding proposed fees adjustments, justification for the fees and fee implementation details, visit https://policies.phsc.edu/policies-and-procedures/public-disclosure. Questions or concerns about the proposed fees should be directed to the appropriate dean listed on the web page.

Many fee adjustments relate to vendor increases for workforce courses, laboratories, and program testing. Some fees may be covered by financial aid, scholarships and grants. All fees charged by vendors are negotiated by the college, with additional fee increases and decreases expected in the coming academic year.

Considered among the most cost-effective public colleges in the nation, PHSC has not raised tuition since the 2012-13 academic year.

Pasco-Hernando State College (PHSC) serves the educational needs and interests of its community by awarding certificates, diplomas, associate, and baccalaureate degrees. As a comprehensive, multicampus learning-centered institution, PHSC utilizes various instructional modalities and support services. PHSC provides an accessible, diverse teaching and learning environment rich with opportunities for students to achieve academic success and cultural growth in a global society.
5 Compelling Reasons a Business Needs a Professional Website Today

Whether a business is local, national, or global, much of its success can be attributed to communication efforts with the consumer. In this fast-paced digital market we live in today, consumers are taking to the internet to research their buying decisions. There is no question that now more than ever, your business’ communication needs to start online. Here are Red Water Media’s 5 compelling reasons a business needs a professional website today:

1. **Credibility.** First impressions are everything. Now more than ever, consumers are taking to the internet to do research prior to making purchases and doing business with you. Does your business have a website yet? What does your website look like and how does it stack up against the competition? Now is the time to revise your website or consider having a professional website built for you. Keep a contemporary design and be sure all information and content is current. Also, remember multi device functionality and performance is a must in today’s mobile age. Ensure that your business is putting its best online foot forward as a reputable company to do business with.

2. **A website allows you to be open 24/7.** This frees up your valuable time to do what you are good at and less time spent on redundant questions about business hours, services, products, etc. The questions that a website answers for your company, is much like a matchmaking service between you and your prospective buyers. A website is your 24hr representative. Be sure to invest in it and assure that it is doing a good job. Once a customer decides to move from your website to getting on the phone with you and doing business, chances are good that they are ready to buy.

3. **A company website allows you to speak ‘search engine’ language.** Again, consumers are taking to the internet to do proximity research prior to making buying decisions about your company. Even without a website you can still be found in searches and social media. Adding or fine tuning a website can create a “home base” of information, news, and relevant content for your customers. Having this captive audience is extremely valuable to any company that needs sales.

4. **Connect with your customer’s social media.** Let’s face it, your customers may not be on your website all day, however they will be on platforms such as Facebook all day. Making your company available on all meaningful social platforms, ensures that your company will be on their phone in their pocket all day long, as well. If your company already has a social media presence, improve upon what is working well and boost brand identity by linking social media platforms with each other and your website. This also maintains a captive consumer base to ensure that your brand is seen in every phase of your customers daily digital routine.

5. **Your competition has a professional website.** There is always one (or more) advantage that your competition has above you. Whether it’s facility capacity, experience, “years in business”, or maybe theirs is just a better website than yours. Having a professional website is like a fast pass to place you among the best in your market. Let’s face it, in today’s day and age, customers are demanding nothing but the best. This includes your website’s look and feel, performance, functionality, and it’s valuable and relevant information. Don’t get passed by because your company doesn’t have a digital footprint on the internet’s main street.

We encourage you to level up your online presence with a professional website. There are many resources out there from free and monthly, to professional design services. If any of these 5 compelling reasons present opportunities for improvement in your business, set up a call with Red Water Media. We would love to talk more about how we can help you move your business forward in today’s digital world.

Abel Tapia (813) 586-3498
We hope all of you have remained safe and healthy throughout the statewide shutdown. Even though we have been on intermission over the past few weeks, we have taken the opportunity to refurbish much of our equipment and train our staff with safety guidelines for the next show. We have safely opened our doors for many of you that want a chance to get out of the house while remaining in your car. We carefully follow all guidelines that remain in place on a state and national level.

World War II
D-Day Invasion

Date When Celebrated: This day is observed on June 6

On this historic day in 1944, Allied troops invaded the beaches of Normandy, France. It is the largest amphibious assault in world history. This massive, bloody battle was the turning point of the war in the European theater.

On this day, 156,000 troops from the United States, Great Britain and Canada stormed five beaches. American troops landed on Omaha and Utah beach. At the same time, British troops landed on Gold and Sword beach. And, Canadian forces landed on Juno Beach. 4,000 Allied troops died on these beaches on D-Day, 2,000 of them were American.

Please take a moment of silence today, and thank the many soldiers who fought and died for our country on D-Day.
From the Desk of Leslie Porter, City Manager

We’ve been bold about it since COVID-19 hit our community – Dade City maintains its position to ensure our vibrancy and economic growth despite our unfamiliar circumstances. As local and state governments assemble the necessary pieces to re-open commerce and other non-essential businesses, it is important that we, as a City, keep business leaders and our residents in the know. You can find information, including virtual City Commission meetings, permitting and utility information, and business and employee resources on our website at http://www.dadecityfl.com/newslist.php. What has the City been doing lately? Here’s just a small sample of how we are in this together.

The City, in support of our downtown businesses, mailed out over 7,000 post cards to residents encouraging them to support our merchants who remained open, even if partially, and provided tips on how to continue to support local businesses and events as we all sheltered in place.

The City was the first in Pasco County to encourage outdoor seating at our dining establishments using privately owned lots or parking lots, and by using City sidewalks and some select sections of the City’s streets to install parklets, dining decks, and street seats. We would like to see our restaurateurs take advantage of this offer so we can pilot the program and make a permanent change if it is successful.

Partnering with the Florida Sports Coast, City staff made a mad dash to connect our unique businesses with our tourism bureau to have some free video advertising opportunities made available to them. The first video “Together we are #SportsCoastStrong” can be viewed at our Facebook page (https://www.facebook.com/cityofdadecity/) and additional footage will be used by the Florida Sports Coast throughout their upcoming campaigns to attract more visitors to our area.

The City has begun an intense cleaning of the downtown area, including our public parking lot areas, mulching, weeding, and tree trimming, and is busy gathering costs for installation of additional cross-walk markings on 7th Street and Meridian Avenue.

City Public Works crews were busy making space for a new concession stand and public bathrooms at Micken’s Field by demolishing the existing building. Cleanup and site prep are next on the to-do list. Bids were received to build this new building, which is anticipated to be completed by the end of October.

Lastly, don’t forget to get out and vote! Municipal Elections have been rescheduled for June 30, 2020. If you prefer to mail in your ballot, please contact the Supervisor of Elections office at 352-521-4302 or visit http://pascovotes.com.
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How do I sign up to vote by mail?

- Online at www.PascoVotes.gov By phone at 1-800-851-8754 or By written request mailed to PO Box 300, Dade City FL 33526. Be sure to include your name, date of birth or voter information # and your signature.

May I request ballots for my family and/or neighbors?

- You may request a vote-by-mail ballot for anyone in your immediate family or anyone for whom you are a legal guardian by calling 1-800-851-8754. You will be asked the voter’s name, date of birth and address, as well as your name, address, driver license number (if available), and your relationship to the voter.

When will I receive my ballot?

- Ballots are mailed approximately 40 days prior to an election. If your vote-by-mail request has been made in advance of an election, you will automatically receive your ballot about 40 days before the election date. If you make your request today, and it is within the 40-day timeframe prior to an election, your request will be processed within 24 hours. You should receive the ballot within days of your request.

Does your office really look at every signature on every ballot?

- Yes! We receive voted vote-by-mail ballots daily through the USPS. Every single ballot is matched up to the voter’s record and their signature is compared to what is on file.

Should I worry about my ballot being rejected because of an issue with my signature?

- If we receive your ballot and it is not signed, we will notify you. You will be required to complete a form called an Omitted Signature Affidavit for Vote-by-Mail Ballot. The form will be due back in our office no later than 5:00 p.m. on the second day after an election, and your ballot will be tabulated. If we verify your signature on your ballot, and we feel there is a significant difference in that signature and the one on file with our office, we will notify you. You will be required to complete a Signature Cure Affidavit for Vote-by-Mail Ballot. The form will be due back in our office no later than 5:00 p.m. on the second day after an election, and your ballot will be tabulated.

Why am I asked to supply personal contact information on the outside of my vote-by-mail envelope? I am not comfortable with my personal information going through the mail.

- We are required by Florida Law to request this information. The purpose is so that we can easily and readily contact you in case there is an issue verifying your signature or you forgot to sign your ballot. See previous FAQ. Supplying this information is optional and we understand your hesitancy; however, our ability to contact you can sometimes be the difference between your ballot being tabulated or not.

What happens to my ballot after my signature is verified and accepted?

- Your ballot will remain sealed and will be filed alphabetically by precinct. It will then be stored in a locked vault where it will remain until the first day of canvassing which happens the week prior to an election.

What methods are in place to ensure a stranger is not requesting a ballot using my name?

- For any vote-by-mail ballot request, you are required to supply your date of birth and to verify your address of record. While it is true someone other than yourself could supply that information to the elections’ office, the odds are that a stranger would NOT be able to duplicate your signature and pass the verification process. If there is ever a question, we have the capability to “retrieve” the sealed ballot before tabulation and investigate.

How does the elections office keep track of who was mailed a ballot, and what keeps people from requesting more than one ballot?

Your request is entered into your voter registration record when it is processed. If a second request is made, the software automatically alerts the processor that a ballot has already been mailed.

How will I know if my ballot has reached your office in time to be counted?

You can track your ballot from our website, with the option to receive text or e-mail notifications. https://www.pascovotes.com/TrackYourBallot. You can call our office 1-800-851-8754 for a status update.

What if I will be out of state during the time preceding the election?

- Vote-by-mail ballots are not forwardable by the USPS, so you will have to notify the elections office if you need the ballot mailed to a different address. Florida law (F.S. 101.62) requires this request to be in writing and must be signed. The signature on your written request will be compared to your signature on your voter registration record. If your signature matches, we will send your vote-by-mail ballot to the address you include in your written request. Written requests should be mailed to PO Box 300, Dade City FL 33526.

What does it mean to “canvas” my ballot?

- It is a formal process which is overseen by the county canvassing board which is composed of the supervisor of elections, a county court judge, and a county commissioner. It is when your ballot is removed from the sealed certificate envelope and put through the ballot tabulators to count your vote. Volunteers of opposing parties work in pairs to do the actual work of removing the ballots from the sealed envelopes. It is a completely transparent process and is open for public observation.

What else should I know about returning my ballot so that it counts?

- Your ballot is due in the elections’ office by 7:00 p.m. election day. If you are returning your ballot by mail don’t wait until the last minute. It will take several days for the post office to deliver it to the elections’ office. It must be received in the mail on election day, not just postmarked. Instead of mailing your ballot back, you can drop it off at an early voting site or one of the three elections’ office locations, but you may NOT turn it in at the polls on election day.
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Fettuccine Alfredo (+$7 chicken)
Eggplant Parmigiana
Chicken Parmigiana w/Spaghetti
Chicken Piccata w/Spaghetti
Pasco County Parks Plans for Modified 2020 Summer Day Camp
~~Online camp registration begins May 30, contingent upon Florida’s Phase II reopening~~

Pasco County Parks, Recreation and Natural Resources (PRNR) is planning to host a modified 2020 Summer Day Camp program due to the COVID-19 pandemic. **Online registration begins Saturday, May 30, 2020, at 10:00 a.m. (You must register for all six weeks to participate.)** Summer Day Camp plans are contingent upon entering Phase II of Governor DeSantis’ plan to reopen Florida, and wellness indicators while camp is in session.

**WHAT:** Pasco Parks Summer Day Camp 2020

**WHEN:** Monday – Friday; June 15 through July 24; 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.*

**WHO:** Limited to Pasco County residents ages 7 through 11

**HOW:** Register online, space is limited: bit.ly/PascoCreateAccount

Expect to see these best practices to protect our campers and team members:

- Children’s temperature taken daily before being accepted into camp
- No field trips, to ensure a controlled environment throughout the day
- Sign in/check out at your vehicle
- Reduced camper-to-staff ratios/group intermingling to promote social distancing
- Increased sanitizing of facilities and equipment
- Staff will be required to wear face coverings

For seamless enrollment, be sure to create or update your online account ahead of registration by visiting: bit.ly/PascoCreateAccount.

For more information, including a list of locations, camp capacities and costs, please visit bit.ly/PascoSummerCamp or call (813) 929-1229.

*Please note camp is subject to cancellation* based on renewed restrictions from the state or in the event of a positive COVID-19 test within the camp. Refunds will be available for any PRNR-initiated cancellations. The six-week registration requirement prioritizes families with the greatest need for summer childcare and reduces potential exposure to respiratory illness.

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Dade City begins negotiations over new visitor center they hope will attract bicyclists

City commissioners agree to start negotiations over design and construction of the facility

City Commissioners are looking forward to opening a welcoming destination for visitors to downtown Dade City next summer — particularly bicyclists who come to ride the area’s trails.

This week commissioners agreed to begin negotiations with Borregard Construction, Inc. as the possible designer and builder of a new visitor information center.

Slated for land the city purchased last year, the visitor center would be approximately 1,500 square feet. It would house displays of local points of interest including art galleries, museums and recreational areas as well as parking, facilities for minor repairs and resting areas for those riding their bicycles into town. It will also feature private vendors and restroom facilities.

"The City of Dade City, within close proximity to this parcel, values its historical integrity and architecture. Church Avenue, which this building will front on, is listed on the National Registry for Historical Districts,“ the city’s request for proposals said. "This building will also be located near the Hardy Trail multi-use path trail head, and connects to the State of Florida’s trail systems."

Construction must begin by July 15 with completion by June 1, 2021. City officials agreed to expedite permitting to help accomplish the project.

The city purchased the 2.23 acres at 37732 Church Street for $800,000 from Weitzenkorn Family Partnership, Ltd. to provide amenities to support and promote the central business district. When the city first looked at the site in 2018, the appraisal was nearly $1.2 million.
“InQuickER was a savior that day.”

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Head on over to Pin Chasers....Start a new hobby, make it a date night, or a family fun afternoon.....

Keeping safety in mind, we will now move to the state’s limit of 50% occupancy so more of you can enjoy FUN on the lanes!

Dade City Heritage and Cultural Museum

We have been busy with restoration this month! Take a look at the before and after photos of our Sealtest Ice Cream stand:

#Restoration #IceCream #DadeCityLife #TheCityofDadeCity

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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.”
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 known 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

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
Member Testimonials Continued...

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!”

Galen College of Nursing, Tampa Bay Region Saint Petersburg FL
Member Testimonials Continued.

“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 its 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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We appreciate your testimonials and kind words, thank you! 
If you would like to submit a testimonial please email to:  
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