Mission Statement

“To promote economic growth and the quality of life in the greater Dade City area”
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 – the front page – for links to various agencies.

Although the Chamber has had to postpone our spring and summer events, we are hopeful that we will back in business come fall, with our Golf Tournament, Access East Pasco elected officials forum, Business Connects – a celebration of Chamber partnership and Community Awards, our Citizen of the Month programs and of course our ever popular Chamber Business Breakfasts.

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!

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 a 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.

Please remember the Chamber Membership is our life blood. Please refer a member, retain a member and let the staff know about prospective members. THANK YOU for your continued partnership!!

*John Moors, Executive Director and 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.
COVID19 Updates and Reminders

With COVID-19 at the top of everyone’s mind, the Pasco Sheriff’s Office wants to ensure citizens have resources with up-to-date information, as well as some ways citizens can protect themselves and others. We want to again remind citizens of the below information and ask that you share it with your friends, family, and neighbors. Please be advised, as this information changes frequently, please visit the Pasco Sheriff’s Office Facebook page for the most up to date information:

For the latest information about COVID-19, please visit the U.S. Center for Disease Control’s website at CDC.gov. If you suspect you have contracted COVID-19, call your doctor before visiting an office or testing site. They will provide you with details on testing information and will help mitigate your risk of spreading the virus.

Even if you do not have symptoms of COVID-19, others may still be at risk. Practicing social distancing by staying at least six feet away from others is a good way to lower the risk of spreading or contracting COVID-19. Washing your hands frequently with soap and water or using hand sanitizer consisting of at least 60% alcohol, as well as disinfecting surfaces frequently, are also great ways to reduce the risk to yourself and others.

Unfortunately, there are some criminals who will try to take advantage of those seeking information about COVID-19. Cybercriminals are using citizen concerns to prey on vulnerable citizens by launching phishing attacks or producing false ads. The best way to combat against these scams and get the most accurate information on the coronavirus is to visit credible websites, such as the U.S. Center for Disease Control (CDC.gov) and the World Health Organization. These sites will never request an email address to access information.

Scammers are also attempting to access citizen’s information through phone calls. As always, be aware of unsolicited phone calls and emails offering unprompted information for your private information in return. If you are unfamiliar with the source, don’t click on any links or attachments sent through emails. Additionally, be cautious when clicking on social media ads. Scammers create ads with false information on coronavirus cures and conspiracies.

Additionally, the Pasco Sheriff’s Charities is now accepting monetary donations for two of Pasco County’s most at-risk populations: children and the elderly. While schools are closed, students that rely on free or reduced meals may be left without an alternate source of food. Many seniors in our community also need the assistance of others for meals and medical expenses. We're doing our part to help our community members. If you’d like to help, visit PascoSheriffCharities.org/donation. Together, we will get through this pandemic by listening to accurate information, safeguarding ourselves from those looking to take advantage of others and helping out the greater community. Thank you for your continued support of the Sheriff’s Office during this time!
The Tampa Bay Times is publishing a list of businesses that are open for business. Contact Mary Jane Weeks at 727-992-7706 or email her at mweeks@tampabay.com for more information.
Youth Month Contest Winners

In Celebration of National Credit Union Youth Month in April, San Antonio Citizens Federal Credit Union held a Coloring Contest for its Youth members. The coloring sheets were available on their website and at their drive-thru. All entries received a free mini blue piggy bank when they submitted it through the drive-thru or by mail. A winner was selected in each of 3 age groups and $65 (celebrating their 65th Anniversary) was deposited in their accounts. Congratulations to (L-R) Ensley, Samuel and Dana!

Denim Day for Sunrise

Employees at San Antonio Citizens Federal Credit Union were proud to wear jeans in support of Sunrise’s Denim Day on Wednesday, April 29th. Employees donated $5 each raising $200!

Facebook 65 Years Weekly Riddle Contest

To Celebrate their 65th year serving our community, San Antonio Citizens Federal Credit Union is holding a weekly riddle contest on Facebook for a chance to win $65! This began on Monday, May 4th and will continue for 65 days. Each Monday a riddle is posted, simply comment the correct answer by Tuesday and your name goes into a drawing to win $65 on Wednesday. Good Luck! For more info visit our facebook page at facebook.com/SanAntonioCitizensFCU/
SUNRISE OF PASCO’S SOLUTIONS THRIFT STORE RE-OPENING

We are very excited to announce that Solutions Thrift Store will be reopening on Tuesday, May 19th from 11am-4pm. We will be following the Florida Governor’s executive orders for phase 1 of the re-opening plan. This includes keeping the customer capacity in the store below 25% of maximum, social distancing, practicing recommended hygiene and sanitation guidelines and more. We are unable to accept donations at this time, but hope to resume that process soon.

Days and hours of operation are subject to change based on possible modifications to the recovery plan. Visit Solutions Facebook page for updates.

We hope that you will stop in and see all of the changes we have made in the last several weeks. 100% of the proceeds from Solutions supports Sunrise of Pasco services. Solutions Thrift Store is located at: 35535 State Rd 52, in Dade City.

LVIB Update: Lighting the Way in Pasco, Hernando & Citrus

Imagine trying to shop for essentials while having a vision impairment during the time of COVID-19. If you can’t, here’s Janet’s experience in a nutshell...

“Getting ready... cane- check, sunglasses- check, reading glasses- check, face mask- check, wallet- check. So off we go (on foot, no driving)—look out food store! Whoa.... it’s busy, bad news on a good day! Wait- what? One way sign? Where? Oh sorry (waving cane)- didn’t see it! Glasses fogging up due to mask... where is it? Where? Sorry- didn’t see it, no, I can’t go faster! Look up, look down, look for items that are missing... good luck finding TP and disinfectant wipes... Such a headache- going home where it is safe in more ways than one! Now trying to get purchases home with 2 hands- really need 3... or 4... It really is a nightmare out there!”

The photo is of Janet smiling in the outdoors. She is one of our instructors who teach the Independent Living Skills Programs at LVIB. She imparts positivity and hope, while teaching invaluable adapted daily living skills to her clients. She is also visually impaired which helps clients adjust to their vision loss.

During COVID-19, Lighthouse remains committed to supporting our clients and others who are visually impaired and blind in our community. After much thought, and with much regret, we have temporarily closed our facility doors to the public but we are still open for business. Many of our classes, services, and groups have been modified so we can continue to provide services by phone and online.

We encourage anyone in need of LVIB training & services to call us to find out how we can help. Learn more about the Lighthouse: (727) 815-0303, (352) 754-1132, lvib.org.
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Mental Health Awareness Month

May was Mental Health Awareness Month but the Pasco Sheriff’s Office responds to calls relating to mental health or substance abuse each day. In 2019, PSO announced the formation of the Behavioral Health Intervention Team to help mitigate these calls and help citizens take steps in recovery or treatment.

Originally setting out to work with citizens in Pasco with multiple calls for service relating to mental health, such as Baker Acts, the goal for BHIT is to build meaningful relationships with their clients and ultimately help those clients change their lives for the better. BHIT detectives find that some people have lost faith in the systems that can help them, or simply don’t know where to turn. Building those relationships over time can help amend some of those issues.

The team, which is comprised of a captain, two sergeants, 12 detectives, two Animal Assisted Therapy K9s and an analyst, has expanded its purview since its inception. They now cover additional types of work, such as reaching out to homeless citizens to connect them with services, such as work placement or housing services. Furthermore, BHIT detectives meet with those who recently overdosed. Detectives want to use that momentous event in a person’s life as a turning point, and link them with programs that may help them work through their addictions.

One in five Americans experience a mental illness and nearly one in 25 adults live with a severe mental illness. With COVID-19 at top of mind, mental health-related calls for service have been on the rise in Pasco. It’s imperative to find ways to cope with stress. BHIT detectives have gathered a list of coping strategies to employ during this arduous time.

- Limit your time watching the news or reading about the pandemic. Take in small doses to stay informed, but not overwhelm yourself with news.
- Take care of your body: take deep breaths, stretch, meditate, eat healthy and well-balanced meals, exercise, avoid excessive alcohol consumption and never take drugs.
- Make time to unwind: find something you enjoy such as a craft, reading or spending time with pets.
- Get outside and enjoy fresh air, while maintaining your physical distance.
- Stay in touch with friends and loved ones. Calling, texting or video chatting are all helpful tools to stay connected.

For additional mental health resources, visit the National Alliance on Mental Illness at nami.org. If you, a friend, or a loved one is struggling with substance abuse or suicidal thoughts, please contact these resources:

  - Substance Abuse: 1-800-662-HELP
  - Suicide Prevention Lifeline: 1-800-273-TALK (8255)
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COVID-19 tests Clerk & Comptroller resources, but not its resolve

This is not the update we hoped to be providing. But the coronavirus pandemic continues to change everything almost every day.

In normal – indeed, better – times, our Office spends each May celebrating the vital contribution of jurors to the American justice system. By English common law tradition, statute, and constitutional provision, trial by jury is essential to making certain the playing field is level for accusers and the accused.

However, partly because two things are incompatible – juror participation in trials and social distancing – Florida Supreme Court Justice Charles Canady has suspended all jury summonses (including those for grand juries) through the end of May.

This does not mean the Office of Pasco County Clerk & Comptroller is any less grateful for citizens’ contributions to fair and balanced jurisprudence. Clerk & Comptroller Nikki Alvarez-Sowles wants you to know we remain steadfast in our appreciation. But the acknowledgment will have to wait for the return of regular order.

Instead, we’re keeping our distance. We’re mixing familiar acronyms (CDC, SBA, FMLA) with an entirely new shorthand: COVID-19. PPE. FFCRA. CARES. PPP. EIP. PEUC. PUA. STC. TEFAP. EIDL. EBL. We could go on. (Google “Coronavirus FAQ” for details.)

And, as this is written, under Clerk Nikki’s steady leadership, we’re keeping our doors open. Customers may still file all the legal actions they could before COVID-19 hit, still may get marriage licenses, still may apply for passports (although those applications may sit for a while at the Miami passport office).

Our Information Technology team, always agile and anticipatory, has been especially resourceful about helping deputy clerks continue to deliver exceptional services even as many of them – slightly more than half on any given business day – work from remote locations.

IT Director Tim Jamison has maxed out available Go To My PC licenses at Scrooge-like bargains, and has many other teammates accessing their work computers through free (though less versatile) web portals.

Our Executive Team and individual departments and divisions meet regularly via online video networks. Our desk telephones are forwarded to our phones at home, or our mobiles. To limit exposure, managers work in rotating shifts in the office – one day in, the next day out – in masks and gloves, with disinfectant and sanitizer at the ready.

Whether we’re on location or operating remotely, we’re open for business because the duties of each Florida county’s Clerk & Comptroller have been (correctly) identified as essential: Paying bills authorized by the Board of County Commissioners, auditing contracts and budgets, issuing writs and subpoenas, safekeeping evidence, maintaining and providing public records, clerking meetings and court events – all of this and much, much more flows through our Office.

But we are nimble and proactive. Many of the activities and services we facilitate can be accomplished online on our website (www.pascoclerk.com) or by telephone. Our “contact us” link provides abundant opportunities to speak with a knowledgeable deputy clerk.

We look forward to the post-COVID-19 future that awaits Pasco County, our state, our nation, and the world beyond. In the meantime, we remain at our posts – wherever those posts may be – committed as always to providing exceptional services that make for a better community.

Whatever it takes, we are here to serve and connect.
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In case of a life-threatening emergency, call 911.
The City of Dade City’s Utilities Field Operations is headed up by Adam Ray. This group is responsible for the installation, maintenance and repairs of the utility infrastructure systems, water mains, wastewater mains, wastewater lift stations, installing and connecting water meters, making wastewater connections, and maintaining fire hydrants. Mr. Ray began working for the City as a Grounds Keeper I in October, 2007 and was promoted to a Grounds Keeper II in April, 2009. In February, 2013, Adam transferred into the Utilities section, obtained his Class 3 Water Distribution License and was promoted to Assistant Crew Leader in December, 2014. He earned the promotion to Utilities Field Supervisor in October, 2019 and has a five-man crew under his supervision.

Ahmadd Norton began employment with the City as a Utility Service Worker I in 2001, left briefly in 2014, and returned to work in Utilities in 2015. Mr. Norton holds a Class 3 Water Distribution License, and was promoted to Utility Service Worker II in June, 2019. Mr. Norton has since been promoted again to Assistant Crew Leader in November, 2019. Ahmadd is a graduate of Pasco High School.

Brandum Bethel started working for the City in July, 2015 as a Utility Service Worker I, obtained his Class 3 Water Distribution License, and was promoted to Utility Service Worker II in October, 2019. Mr. Bethel graduated from South Sumter High School in Bushnell. He also attended Withlacoochee Technical Institute, where he received certification in auto body and repair.

Cody Van Dyke began employment with the City in April, 2018 as a Utility Service Worker I, obtained his Class 3 Water Distribution License, and was promoted to Utility Service Worker II in June, 2019. Mr. Van Dyke graduated from Pasco High School.

Justin Dorman started working for the City as a Grounds Keeper/Meter Reader in March, 2019. He transferred to the Utilities section in February, 2020 as a Utility Service Worker I. Mr. Dorman graduated from Pasco High School in 2005.

Michael Dewey began working for the City as a Utility Service Worker I in May, 2019. Mike previously worked for the Florida Department of Transportation as a Plans/Permit Reviewer and retired after 30 years.
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.”
Dade City Re-Opening
Support Our Local Restaurants and Merchants!

Out of Our Hands Gallery
Green Door on 8th

Southern Style BBQ
Treasured Friends
A Matter of Taste

Flint Creek Outfitters

Magnolia House

Quilts on Plum Lane

Lori Anne’s

Dog Mania & Cats, By Design too

AND MANY MORE!!!!
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

“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
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.

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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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Want more information, please call Melody Floyd at 352-567-3769
When Hurricane Irma hit two years ago, Alfredo Carrillo and his family were staying with Bobby Van Allen and his family. The catastrophe that ensued from Irma’s wrath led to a conversation between the two friends that became an idea for a new business venture.

“One thing led to another, I broke out a napkin and it all came together,” said Van Allen.

That idea was Central Florida Tree & Debris.

Based in Dade City, Central Florida Tree & Debris provides topnotch services for all tree care needs. The company offers a diverse range of services, including removal, felling, topping, trimming, pruning, shaping, surgery, wood chipping, stump removal, land clearing and weed control.

Central Florida Tree & Debris has highly skilled, fully qualified arborists who safely remove trees of any size. Arborists also provide proper care and maintenance of tress, to insure that your trees continue to be an asset to you and your property for years to come.

In addition to working with home owners, the company also provides services for commercial property owners. Central Florida Tree & Debris also works for major developers such as Florida Power & Light and Duke Energy to perform hazardous tree removals. In order to perform this specialized line of work, Central Florida Tree & Debris has the most updated technology and all their employees are fully trained and certified in areas such as CPR, First Aid, etc. Central Florida Tree and Debris takes pride in being fully equipped to tackle any service required of them.

With competitive prices and great customer service, Central Florida Tree & Debris strives to provide 100% customer satisfaction.

“It’s a great feeling... it’s great to give back to the community I grew up in and to make it,” said Van Allen.

Chelsey Carmody, administrative director for Central Florida Tree & Debris, prides her company on its great customer service.

“We make those personal connections that matter to our customers,” said Carmody, who adds that Central Florida Tree & Debris is a company full of like-minded people who share the same values: growth, integrity, persistence and trustworthiness.

If you’re thinking of doing the job yourself, Van Allen stresses the dangers that come with tree removal. “It pays to call in an expert for your own personal safety and the safety of your property,” said Van Allen.

With hurricane season beginning in just a few months, it’s important to note that Central Florida Tree & Debris specializes in disaster recovery, offering a 24-hour rapid response to storms and other natural disasters.