

This newsletter is a reflection of the interests and events involving our residents of Fairway Oaks and Pasco County. We welcome all submissions of articles, photographs, shared recipes and/or data to the web site and newsletter. Email your news and photos to Cliff Gill at reportercliffgill@yahoo.com or call him at 727-860-4903, or Nancy Wade at nmw0151@gmail.com or call 727-857-7060.

Advertise on the Fairway Oaks FL Home Page and Web site!

Home owners, businesses and individuals can now promote their businesses, special events or hobbies on our new web page for a nominal fee. Special this year: since the web site is new, initial advertisers will get thirteen-months of advertising for the price of twelve months. Anyone advertising in 2016 will have their ad on the website through beginning of 2017.

Each ad will cost an initial set up fee of \$20 for a standard size ad $2\frac{1}{2}$ " by 3" or pixels of 450 x 258 with lines of text and graphic. Your own business card may be scanned and enlarged to fit this size and format easily. Advertising fees are set at \$25 per year for a Fairway Oaks homeowner and \$50 per year for a non-homeowner or business. This is a great way to get your company name and business known at a very affordable fee.

Visit our web site at http://fairwayoaksfl.com/. Advertising copy may be changed throughout the year for a \$20 fee.

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PASCO COUNTY FESTIVALS AND EVENTS

Fairway Oaks residents can beat the winter doldrums by attending some of the varied fun activities and festivals along the Nature Coast, hosted by Pasco, Hernando & Citrus Counties Tourism and local communities.

Enjoy food, music, car shows, history and more at events during the months of January and February. Read all the details of the Nature Coast festivals at this link, and on the next pages.

http://naturecoaster.com/festival-season-kicks-off-this-weekend/

Florida State Fair - Feb. 4-15th

The Florida State Fair is held annually at the Florida State Fairgrounds in Tampa. The official state fair of Florida, it includes indoor and outdoor exhibits, rides and shows. It is a chance for the state to showcase its agricultural industry. The Fair also offers competitions and food oddities such as chocolate covered bacon. The annual event usually lasts for 11 days.



Senior Days at Fair – Feb. 8, 9,10,11, and 12th located in Expo Hall.

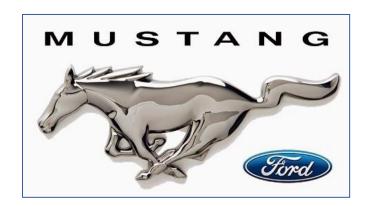
Admission price is \$9 for seniors on Senior Days only; or \$12 adult price.

Gates open 9:00am until 10:30pm; til 11:30pm on Midway rides.

Mustang Car Cruise In - February 14, 2015 @ 4:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Where: TJ's Deli Dade City

Come on out to our Monthly Saturday afternoon Ford Mustang Cruise-In, sponsored by TJ's Ice Cream and Deli and by Pasco Pony's Mustang Club, in Historic Downtown Dade City. Event hours are from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m. There is no fee for attending and no registration, just show up and enjoy yourself. Our Cruise In will give you the opportunity to show off your ride and check out a diverse collection of other Mustangs. All makes and models are welcome. Come out and meet up with some old friends or make some new ones. The Cruise in will be located at 37752 Meridian Ave. in Dade City.



Join in with fellow residents of Beacon Woods, the Reserves, the Estates and Fairway Oaks for local events and parties. The Links Clubhouse is the setting for your romantic **Valentine's Day Party** on **Friday, February 12**th. Doors open at 6:00pm with music provided by a DJ from 6:30-8:30pm. Dessert will be served, but it is BYOB. Tickets are \$10 per person, available at the Clubhouse.



Pasco Music Festival & Car Show

Saturday, February 20 at 12:00 PM to Sunday, February 21 at 9:30 PM

Located at The Concourse, 15325 Alric Pottberg Road, Spring Hill, Florida 34610

Help Raise Money for LOCAL Pasco County Charities!! All Day Music Festival and Car Show (503© Not for Profit Fundraiser) Adults - \$10.00 and Preferred Seating Package - \$50.00





Pasco County Fair - When: Mon, 02/15/16 - Sun, 02/21/16

Where: Pasco County Fairgrounds - 36722 State Road 52, Dade City

A long standing and spectacularly safe, family oriented event. The first documented Pasco County fair was January 20-24, 1948. Schedule of events can be found by going to the Pasco County Fair Association's Website. Free Parking; Admission price \$8 per adult



Senior Talent Show



Tickets are on sale at the local Hudson **CARES Rao Musunuru M.D. Enrichment Center** located at 12417 Clock Tower Parkway and also at the Elfers or New Port Richey CARES locations as well as the Bright House Networks in New Port Richey.

CARES Rao Musunuru M.D. Enrichment Center:

The CARES senior centers offer daily activities such as the "Silver Sneakers" exercise program, Yoga classes, line dancing, crafts and bridge. Each Friday at 6pm – 9pm the center hosts karaoke night with Roy. Cost is \$3 for karaoke night. Check the center's calendar for complete times and dates of their many diverse activities.

A bus day trip is being offered by the Hudson CARES to the **Seminole Hard Rock Hotel & Casino** at 5223 Orient Rd in Tampa on **Tue, March 1**st.

Bus transportation cost is \$15 per person and departs from the Kmart parking lot at 8:30am. Call the CARES center for ticket information and reserve seating.

Fashion Show & Luncheon

Saturday, Feb. 27th at 11:30am at the **St. Stephen's Episcopal Church**. Tickets are \$15 each for advance sales only. Fashions are from the church Thrift Shop Boutique. Call 727-849-4330 for information. St. Stephen's is located one block east of U.S. Rt. 19 off Gulf Drive at 5326 Charles Street in New Port Richey.



Calusa Wood Carvers Annual Show & Sale

Saturday, Feb. 27th 10am -4:00pm Sunday, Feb. 28th 10am - 3:00pm

Veteran's Memorial Park at 14330 Hicks Rd., Hudson

Come out to see hundreds of carvings, wood burnings, books, tools, wood & supplies and refreshments. Donation of \$3 requested.



Bingo Fund Raiser - District 21 VFW Auxiliary

Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary will host **Pampered Chef Bingo** Fund Raiser on Saturday, Feb. 27th 10:00am at VFW Post 4412, 9734 Dick St., Hudson.

Come play Bingo and win Pampered Chef products. Fun event includes two 50/50 drawings and a Wagon of Cheer. Ticket sales in advance or at door cost \$20 which includes 2 Bingo cards and snacks. Lunch available for purchase. Contact Judy Kennedy 727-376-2839.



<u>St. Patrick's Day Dinner -</u> March 12th 6:15 at the Link's Club House

Irish Corn beef and cabbage dinner and show for \$16 per person. Wear your Emerald Isle green and celebrate the luck of the Irish with great food and fun entertainment. BYOB – soda & ice will be provided.



Recipe of the Month:

MARYLAND CRAB CAKES - from FaceBook recipe



INGREDIENTS:

1 large egg

2½ tablespoons mayonnaise

1½ teaspoons Dijon mustard

1 teaspoon Worcestershire sauce

1 teaspoon Old Bay seasoning

¼ teaspoon salt

1/4 cup finely diced celery (you'll need one stalk)

2 tablespoons finely chopped fresh parsley

1 pound lump crab meat*

½ cup panko

Canola oil

DIRECTIONS:

- 1. Line a baking sheet with aluminum foil.
- 2. Combine the egg, mayonnaise, Dijon mustard, Worcestershire, Old Bay, salt, celery, and parsley in a large bowl and mix well. Add the crab meat (be sure to check the meat for any hard and sharp cartilage) and panko; gently fold mixture together until just combined, being careful not to shred the crab meat. Shape into 6 crab cakes (about ½ cup each) and place on prepared baking sheet. Cover and refrigerate for at least 1 hour.
- 3. Preheat a large nonstick pan to medium heat and coat with canola oil. When oil is hot, place crab cakes in pan and cook until golden brown, about 3-5 minutes per side. Be careful as oil may splatter. Serve immediately with tartar sauce or a squeeze of lemon.



COUNTY OFFERS UPDATE ON WEST PASCO RE-DEVELOPMENT PLAN

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Redevelopment of West Pasco could come off the drawing board soon with implementation of changes, particularly along the U.S. 19 corridor.

"So often we do a study and it becomes bookshelf art," County Administrator Michele Baker said. "That won't be the case with the Harbors West Market Redevelopment Plan," she insisted. Two community advocates led off the presentations by about 20 speakers at the update meeting on the redevelopment plan held Wednesday.

County officials lauded efforts of Kelly Miller in Holiday and Ron Arlotta in the Anclote area, but wish there were more community advocates like them in the 10 other subdistricts of the Harbors plan. "Revitalization is a passion of mine," Miller, president of the Colonial Hills Civic Association, said. The association represents some 1,700 homes spread among four Zip Codes near U.S. 19 and S.R. 54.

She and other leaders organized walking and bus tours of the area to spur ideas to fix numerous flaws, even before the flooding from some 12 days of rain in July and August. Community leaders convinced an owner of an abandoned commercial lot to clean up the site and block access to illegal dumpers.

Miller also chairs Pasco Rebuilds Together, which formed in October with its first mission to fix several hundred homes in West Pasco with lingering problems from the floods.

"A crying needs remains for more sidewalks and street lighting for safety," Ron Arlotta of the Anclote East District believes. "The Jan. 7th death of a pedestrian, Jennifer Diane Martin, 40, of Holiday, along U.S. 19 south of Mile Stretch Drive, accentuated the hazards in the area," he noted.

"They call me the sidewalk man," Arlotta said with a chuckle. But also on the radar will be community gardens, visits by mobile medical vans and code awareness sweeps.

New Port Richey City Manager Debbie Manns cited the reopening of Hacienda hotel within a few years could spur \$4.4 million of economic

development impact on the city. The historic structure that opened in 1927 is going through repairs and renovations now.

After more than a decade, the stalled Main Street Landing apartment project will be finished with some 95 units. The rebuilt Sims Park opened on Jan. 30, with two boardwalks and other improvements coming to the Orange Lake area soon.

In addition, a developer has proposed to build upscale apartments on the former Baptist church site, Councilman Bill Phillips added. The former Spoonbill's building will be torn down across from Sims Park to make room for a Been O' Brady's restaurant. A downtown parking structure is in the works. Redevelopment of the former Community Hospital campus could generate a lot of jobs. Vacant buildings there will be torn down soon.

Port Richey City Manager Tom O'Neill said "the two West Pasco cities are making the best initiatives he's seen during his 42 years in the area." O'Neill was formerly the city manager of New Port Richey and held other jobs with the city.

Funding from the BP oil spill settlement will help Port Richey dredge its waterfront, O'Neill said. A new boat ramp is in plans. Nicks Park will be converted for more parking spaces.

"It's a jewel that needs polishing," O'Neill said about the city's waterfront district.

"New housing projects will help the city supplement older homes. some that date back to the 1960s and 1970s."

"We're all in this together," said Chip Wichmanowski, president and CEO of West Pasco Chamber of Commerce. The chamber coordinates with the cities and groups such as the Bayou Business Association in Port Richey. In fact, the chamber hopes to expand its Cotee River Bike Fest to the Port Richey area this fall.

"U.S. 19 beautification will be a joint goal between the chamber and West Pasco Board of Realtors," Wichmanowski said. New Port Richey should finish its beautification project first among three medians along the state highway in city limits

"Rebranding efforts will include a contest to come up with a new name for U.S. 19 within Pasco County," Wichmanowski emphasized. That could help get the public excited. "The Harbors plan will help cultivate a "beautiful flower" along the West Pasco corridor," Wichmanowski said.