EAST PASCO CHAMBER

AUGUST 2024

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Date: Tue., Sep. 24, 2024

Location: Saint Leo Wellness Center

Time: Morning event time to be determined

More information coming

2024 August Chamber Business Breakfasts

Thursday August 8th

Sponsored by: **Jarrett Ford Dade City** at Golden Corral

Tuesday August 20th

Sponsored by: **Premium Title** Speaker Chief Jame Walters at Florida Cracker Lunch on Limoges



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With the banquet happening tonight, I wanted to remind folks as to:

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We work hard at the office to make sure that our members have plenty of opportunity to network, connect, communicate, and collaborate with other members of our community. It makes our day when we see those connections made since it helps you and your business.

If you have not had that experience yet, please come by and see us! We will fix that! And check out the list of all the happenings just in the next few weeks. There are lots of ways for you to meet potential new customers or clients.

We look forward to celebrating with you tonight to honor those who have made an impact community wide and if not tonight, at one of the upcoming events!

Vicki Wiggins

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EAST PASCO CHAMBER

Board of Directors & Staff 2024-2025

August 2024

1 **Annual Celebration, 6-9pm, Dan Cannon Auditorium, Dade City**

2 **Ribbon Cutting, 3pm, Quench Hydration, 38113 5th Avenue, Zephyrhills**

3 **Ribbon Cutting, 4pm, The Libertine Key, 8744 Gall Blvd, Zephyrhills**

8 ZH Business Breakfast; 7-8:30am, sponsored by Jarrett Ford, Golden Corral, 6855 Gall Blvd., Zephyrhills

12 ZH City Council; 6pm, 5335 8th St., Zephyrhills

13 DC CRA and City Commission; 5:30 pm, 38020 Meridian Avenue, Dade City

14 ZEDC Stakeholders Committee, 8:00 am, City Hall Council Chambers

14 Ambassador Meeting, 12pm, Chick-fil-A, Zephyrhills

15 Core Connections, 8 am, Zephyrhills Chamber office

15 **Ribbon Cutting, 12:30 pm, BH Media, Zephyrhills Chamber office**

20 DC Business Breakfast, 7 am, sponsored by Premium Title, Florida Cracker, 14139 7th St, Dade City

26 **Ribbon Cutting, 9:30am, Oasis Pregnancy Center, 36739 CR 52, Ste 108, Dade City**

26 ZH CRA Meeting, 5 pm, followed by City Council, 6 pm, 5335 8th St., Zephyrhills

27 DC City Commission; 5:30 pm, 38020 Meridian Avenue, Dade City

REGULARLY SCHEDULED MONTHLY GATHERINGS AND MEETINGS:

Second Wednesday:	Chamber of Commerce Ambassadors Luncheon & Community Committee Meeting, 12PM-1:00PM, Location TBD
Second Wednesday:	ZEDC Stakeholders Advisory Board, 8AM-9:30AM, Zephyrhills City Hall (Every other month, even months) ZEDC Steering Committee, 8:30AM-9:30AM; Chamber Office, (Every other month, odd months)
Third Wednesday:	ZH Citizen of the Month Breakfast, 8AM-9AM; Chick-fil-A Zephyrhills (September through April)
Fourth Wednesday:	DC Citizen of the Month Breakfast, 8AM-9AM; AdventHealth Dade City (September through April)
Second Thursday:	Chamber Business Breakfast, 7A-8:30A; Golden Corral 6855 Gall Blvd, Zephyrhills
Third Thursday:	Core Connections, 8AM-9AM; rotating between Chamber offices

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BUSINESS BREAKFAST

Thursday, August 8th, 7 A.M.

$15 EVENT ENTRY

at Golden Corral

6855 Gall Blvd, Zephyrhills

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Informational Session
August 12, 2024
5:00pm
38020 Meridian Ave, Dade City, FL 33525

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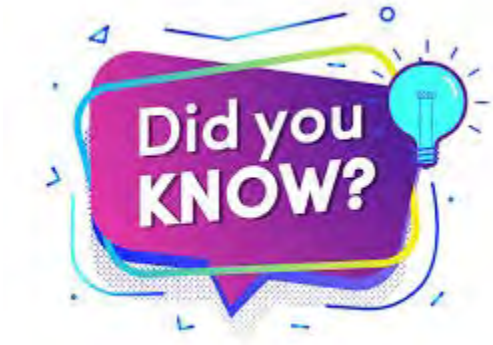
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August 2024 Sheriff Letter

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Starting a new school year can be incredibly exciting, between beginning new classes and reuniting with old friends; however, it's essential to remember safety when caught up in all the fun! Incorporating safety into your back-to-school planning is necessary and can be easy with information from the Pasco Sheriff's Office.

As we start a new school year, more traffic will be on the roads and sidewalks. PSO reminds all drivers, pedestrians and cyclists to avoid distractions such as cellphones while traveling. Please reduce your speed when driving through school zones and follow all traffic laws. If you're walking to school, use crosswalks and look in all directions for traffic before crossing. If you ride a bicycle, skateboard, or scooter, remember to wear a helmet and always walk instead of riding across the street. It's important to be familiar with Florida's school bus laws. When a school bus's lights and signals are on, never pass it.

Maintaining a safe learning environment is a collective responsibility. Parents and guardians, PSO urges you to talk with your children about the serious consequences of making any fake threat, including those made as a joke. Students can help by reporting any unsafe behavior or suspicious incidents. PSO thoroughly investigates all reported threats. If you know a potential danger, please refrain from sharing it on social media. Instead, report any tips regarding threats by calling the Pasco Sheriff's Crime Tips Line at 1-800-706-2488 or online at PascoSheriff.com/Tips. Additionally, students can report suspicious activity or threats to a School Resource Officer or school official.

Returning to school is the perfect time to talk about safe, appropriate online behavior with your kids. It's crucial to monitor who your kids talk to online and know the apps they use. Consider downloading the same apps to understand how they work and explore parental controls. It's important for kids to be cautious about who they talk to online because not everyone is trustworthy. Open conversations about online dangers will give kids the information they need to stay safe.

PSO school-based members, such as School Resource Officers, School Crossing Guards, and Traffic Control Officers, are excited to welcome students back to school. Their dedication to ensuring the safety of our students and school staff goes beyond providing campus security. SROs also serve as mentors, coaches, and teachers, providing support to students and their communities. SCGs and TCOs guide students and families across busy streets in school zones and regulate traffic to prevent incidents. SCGs and TCOs are part-time positions, and openings are available throughout Pasco County. Visit JoinPSO.com for more information or to apply.

School safety is always a priority for PSO, but protecting students, families, and schools is a shared responsibility. By following these essential safety tips, we can all contribute to keeping our community safe. Wishing all students, school staff, and families a safe and great school year ahead!

Sheriff Chris Nocco

August City Manager's Update



Happy August, Dade City! We hope you've had a great summer and are ready to gear back up for school.

We are so glad everyone is enjoying the splashpad! Please ensure you are following the posted rules to keep you and your loved ones safe and help keep our splashpad clean. If you haven't had a chance to check it out and get some splash time in, head over to Church Ave and 10th Street.

The City was awarded an AARP Livable Communities Grant, you will see the installation of some new ADA accessible picnic tables around town thanks to this grant funding. We are excited to add this feature for you and your loved ones to get out into the community and enjoy all Dade City has to offer.

Budget season is in full swing. Attend our budget workshops to hear the City's upcoming priorities first hand and to make your voice known.

Dade City is currently updating its comprehensive plan. Be on the lookout for public workshops and meetings. On-line surveys will also be available for you to provide input.

Are you or someone you know interested on serving the City of Dade City through volunteering on a City Board? Check out our different boards and find our application online at: https://www.dadecityfl.com/your_community/about_our_city/volunteering.php

We know the detours from the 98 Bypass Construction can be frustrating – we are grateful to have a community that supports improvement and necessary upgrades. Staff is working closely with FDOT to continually adjust detours, and provide additional options to ensure traffic flows as smoothly as possible. We hear your concerns and are working to make sure we address any potential issues that may arise. For more information on the closures and project, please feel free to visit: https://www.fdottampabay.com/project/939/256423-3-52-01

Upcoming City Commission and Board Meetings:

- Tuesday August 6 – Budget Workshop
- Monday August 12 – ABT Informational Meeting
- Tuesday August 13 – Budget Workshop, CRA Meeting, Commission Meeting
- Thursday August 15 – Residential Advisory Committee
- Tuesday August 20 – Budget Workshop
- Tuesday August 27 – Budget Workshop and Commission Meeting

Leslie Porter, City Manager

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* Aug 2, 1776 Most of the Continental Congress signed the Declaration of Independence in Philadelphia
* Aug 3, 1492 Christopher Columbus set sail
* Aug 6, 1881 Sir Alexander Fleming, the Scottish discover of penicillin, is born
* Aug 15, 1965 The Beatles played at Shea Stadium in New York City to almost 60,000 fans, which marked the beginning of stadium rock
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Saint Leo University Welcomes Students in Doctor of Theology in Applied Theology During Residency Program July 10-13

Coming from all walks of life, doctoral students share mission of serving others

Data scientist, attorney, pulmonary physician, director of religious education, priest. Saint Leo University welcomed students from many career fields as it hosted the first two cohorts in its Doctor of Theology in Applied Theology Program. Held on campus July 10-13, this was the first residency experience for the online Doctor of Theology (ThD) degree, which launched in August 2023 with its first cohort. A second cohort began classes July 1.



Dr. George Torres

The 22 doctoral students come from all walks of life, but they share a mission of using theology to serve others.

Pulmonologist George Torres earned his master's degree in theology from Saint Leo in 2023 as part of the diaconate program for the Diocese of Orlando, FL. In June, he became a permanent deacon and is ministering to his parish of St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church in Apopka, FL. A member of the first cohort, he started the ThD program in Fall 2023 and will use the degree to not only serve his parish, but also his patients.

"The doctoral degree in applied theology will help me in being a healer for souls and bodies," Torres said.



Dr. Stephen Okey

Saint Leo's Doctor of Theology degree focuses on applied theology, "so not only does it include academic research, but it also offers practical knowledge and skills for those who serve in various ministries and organizations within the Church and the wider community," said Dr. Stephen Okey, associate professor and director of the program. "It builds on our successful Master of Arts in theology program."

The doctoral degree is offered online, and most students attend the summer residency in person at the university's campus in St. Leo, Florida, in the Tampa Bay area.

"Our residency is embedded within a course while they're here [on campus]," Okey said. "In addition to meeting each other in person for the first time and building community, they're going to the library, meeting faculty, and working on substantive content of a course that is harder to do online —even in their weekly live sessions."

The summer residency featured Dr. Michael Tkacik, associate professor of theology and religion, teaching a course on the Second Vatican Council for the first cohort while Okey taught the second cohort theological research and writing.

The First Students

About one-third of the doctoral students have a prior connection to the university, mostly alumni of the Master of Arts in Theology Program, Okey said. Saint Leo University's doctoral program is the only accredited online

doctorate in applied theology offered by a Catholic university. One-third of the students are from Florida, while others are from throughout the United States, including three from California. The majority of the students are Catholic; however they are across the ideological spectrum theologically, and they range in age from the 20s through 60s. The cohort members include priests, permanent Catholic deacons and people in diaconate formation, armed forces veterans, attorneys, music ministers, financial planners, and more.



Dr. Michael Tbacik

The Doctor of Theology in applied theology is designed for those "who work or volunteer in churches, parishes, dioceses, schools, ministries, nonprofit organizations, who want a good, rigorous grounding in theology that they can use in their respective communities," Okey said. And some students are enrolled because of a personal interest in learning more.

"The first cohort seems to have a strong bond among themselves," he said. "They are encouraging and supportive, but also critical and challenging — what you should be in a doctoral cohort."

Call to Serve

Father Carlos Rojas, pastor of St. Rita Catholic Church in Dade City, FL, said he enrolled in the doctoral program, "so I can be a better priest."

For him, the understanding of applied theology will help refresh his homilies and prepare him to assist his parishioners. "It will help me be responsive to the latest needs and issues such as gender identity, issues of technology, abuse, and the concerns of the smartphone generation," Rojas said. "What I like is that it will teach me how to use applied theology to discuss these issues."



Father Carlos Rojas

Divine providence brought him to the Saint Leo program, he said, when he was assigned as pastor of St. Rita, which is near Saint Leo. While the degree is offered online, the proximity to the university also appealed to him.

"I also hope to share this pathway with my brother priests," Rojas said, encouraging them to pursue their degrees through Saint Leo.

Jean Hawley of Chesapeake, VA, earned her Master of Arts in theology in 2023 from the university. "But I felt like I wasn't done," she said. She wanted to learn more and do more for those she works with as the director of religious education for Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Hampton, VA. Earning a higher degree also "spoke to my learning heart," she said.

Hawley also hopes to use the applied theology degree to help children grow in faith with her work with the 4th-Soil Parenting initiative by Vibrant Faith and a grant from the Lilly Endowment.

"The metaphor at the core of our 4th-Soil Parenting project references Jesus' Parable of the Soils: 'Still other seeds fell on fertile soil, and they produced a crop that was thirty, sixty, and even a hundred times as much as had been planted! Anyone with ears to hear should listen and understand (Matthew 13:3-9),': the project's website states.

“We can give parents, grandparents, and guardians the tools to grow and nourish children’s spiritual lives,” Hawley said.

For Kirk Collins, who took classes from Saint Leo in the diaconate formation program in Richmond, VA, deepening his faith is one part of why he enrolled in the university’s Doctor of Theology program.

Not only is the program helping him feel closer to and serve God, he said, but also, “I can serve my parish better.” He is a deacon at Saint Mary Catholic Church in the Diocese of Richmond.

As for his dissertation, the data engineer hopes to explore criminal justice reform, “It’s really applying Catholic social justice teaching,” he said.



Doctoral Students

Find Out More

For information about the degree program, contact Dr. Stephen Okey, director, at stephen.okey@saintleo.edu.

Information about admissions to the program is available by emailing admissions.grad@saintleo.edu or calling (888) 875-8265.

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Doctoral students in Saint Leo's ThD program summer residency.

Dr. George Torres, an Orlando pulmonologist, discusses his experience in Saint Leo University’s Doctor of Theology program during the program’s first residency.

Dr. Stephen Okey discusses research during summer ThD residency.

Father Carlos Rojas, pastor of St. Rita Catholic Church in Dade City, FL, is in the second cohort for Saint Leo University’s Doctor of Theology Program.

Dr. Michael Tkacik, associate professor, teaching course on Second Vatican Council

About Saint Leo University

Saint Leo University is a Catholic Benedictine university dedicated to helping learners of all backgrounds and ages gain the competence and courage to be more. Offering more than 60 degree programs to more than 14,190 students each year, the nonprofit university is known for providing a values-based education in the liberal arts tradition and a community of belonging for those who seek a greater purpose in life. Saint Leo is regionally accredited and offers a campus in the Tampa Bay area of Florida, regional education centers, and several online programs. The university is home to more than 104,000 alumni. Learn more at saintleo.edu.

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2024 'Two Good Soles Shoes & Socks Drive' Underway

~~Pasco Government and Constitutional Offices' annual drive helps local students~~

PASCO COUNTY, FL ---- Slash away stumbling blocks preventing student success! The 9th annual **Two Good Soles Shoes and Socks Drive** is underway with Pasco County Government and Constitutional offices working together to collect footwear for kids in Pasco County Schools through October 23, 2024.

You can donate new shoes and socks in collection boxes at Pasco County Government locations and the Pasco County Clerk & Comptroller, Property Appraiser and Tax Collector offices.



"A simple pair of shoes and socks can make a world of difference for a child in need – and go a long way," says Board of County Commissioners Chair Ron Oakley. "We're committed to supporting our students and giving them the resources they need to thrive both in and out of the classroom."

In 2023, we collected more than 3,000 pairs of shoes and nearly 6,000 pairs of socks! Since 2016, the event has collected 18,340 pairs of shoes and 45,685 pairs of socks. Social workers distribute the items to Pasco students.

Types of new shoes and socks to consider donating include:

* Children's shoes / sizes 9 and up
* Adult shoes in all sizes
* Socks in all sizes / neutral colors
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All new shoes and socks will be donated to Pasco County Schools at the end of October.





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Wishing all of our Chamber Members born in August a very Happy Birthday!

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Aug 3: Michael Ealy & Martin Sheen
Aug 4: Billy Bob Thornton
Aug 5: Johnathan Silverman & Loni Anderson
Aug 6: Vera Farmiga & Michelle Yeoh
Aug 7: Charlize Theron & Tobin Bell
Aug 8: Meagan Good
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Aug 19: Matthew Perry
Aug 20: Andrew Garfield
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Zephyrhills team wishes Scott Paulsen all the best for his next adventures in life.

Pictured L to R: Kayla Chandler, Vicki Wiggins, Ivan Abare, Scott Paulsen



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5 cups	Water
2	750 liter bottles of Everclear (or good Vodka)

Large 3 quart "Glass" container with air tight cover

Procedure:

Step1: Wash kumquats and place in the 3 quart glass container. Add the two bottles of Everclear (Vodka). Cover tightly and store in closet for 40 days. (Save the bottles from Everclear (Vodka).

Step 2: Add the water and sugar to in a large sauce pan and heat over medium heat until sugar completely dissolved. Cool completely. Add the sugar syrup to the kumquats and Everclear container. Store for another 40 days.

Final Step: Remove kumquats by straining through mesh strainer. Discard kumquats. Transfer the liquid "Kumquatcello" to bottle.

Keep a bottle on hand and store in the freezer (guaranteed not to freeze). When serving, dip the rim of a small cordial glass in a small bit of the Kumquatcello and then in sugar, pour in some Kumquatcello and garnish with twist or slice of kumquat rind.

Great for digestion after a meal.

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2011 Annual Kumquat Festival Recipe Contest / Division: Adult
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Pasco County Approves Better Way to Pay for Paving

~~New road tax will provide fair, stable funding for road improvements~~

The Pasco Board of County Commissioners (BCC) is pleased to be moving forward with a better way to pay for road paving and maintenance. The board recently approved a new countywide road tax, effectively replacing the outdated road maintenance program that placed the tax burden for road paving solely on property owners living along the road being paved.

"This new, modern system of paying for road improvements was a long time coming," says Pasco Board of County Commissioners Chair Ron Oakley. "Pasco County is a growing, vibrant community, and ensuring a fair way to provide long-term funding for paving projects is key to evaluating and maintaining our road system."

Property owners in unincorporated Pasco County will see the new Road Rehabilitation Services Municipal Service Taxing Unit (MSTU) reflected on their annual property tax bills beginning in November 2024. For properties with a tax value of $100,000.00, the paving tax is expected to be $51.84 for 2025, pending the BCC's adoption of the final budget later this year.

With the new road tax, the county will expand its paving program – using science-based criteria to evaluate all eligible county-maintained roads and determine their condition and priority for repaving. This process will not only allow the county to keep up with road maintenance but will help our roads last longer and avoid costly repairs.

Pasco County is no longer billing property owners in the middle of paving projects under the old Residential Paving Assessment program (PVAS), which required property owners to petition the county to pave their road.

To watch county leaders announce Pasco's new paving program, click here.

For more information, please visit: MyPasco.net/RoadsFunding or contact Pasco County Customer Service at 727.847.2411.

Core Connections

July 18, 2024

Held at the Dade City Office



Another opportunity that the chamber offers New Members, Seasoned Members and Perspective Members to network.

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- **Ask Questions**
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Location with alternated between the Dade City and Zephyrhills Office.

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SPIVEY KARATE HAPPENINGS...



Justin Gragg, recently reenrolled at Spivey Karate after a 14-year absence. Justin is a 2nd Black Belt in Open Style Karate. He also holds a Black Belt in Traditional Japanese Chito Ryu Karate & a rare Black Belt in Sai Jitsu (all achieved at Spivey Karate). He currently lives in Bushnell and works at The Villages. But, he still makes time to travel to Dade City 2 or 3 nights a week to train.



** ENROLLMENT SPECIAL **

Karate = Free Uniform

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Orlando Anti-Drug Benefit Tournament. 8 Spivey Karate students traveled to Eatonville to support an anti-drug event. All earned several trophies. Front row: (left to Right), Arya Marocki, Jakob Graham, Ashton Ahl, Scarlett Proia, E. J. Marocki. Back row: Lane Farrell, Jr. Grandrino, Auroa Grandrino.

GRAND CHAMPIONS (below)

41st Annual Spivey Karate Summer Samurai - Spar Wars Training Tournament. Each brave competitor took part in 3 different sparring divisions. These division included **Standard Rules** (each participant scores the same number of points); **Handicap Rules** (the lowest ranking belt must score 2 points / higher belt must scores more; **Continuous Sparring** (non-stop, 30-second match with judges determine winner based on entire



Front row (left to right): Max Freeman, 8-9 beginner; Matthew Donahue, 8-9 advanced; Auroa Grandrino, 4-5 yr. old; Jr. Grandrino 6-7 yr. old: Back row, Owen Smith 13-up male; Scarlett Proia, 8-12 female; Ashton Ahl, 10-12 male; Brittany Santiago, 13-up female

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