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Students invited to attend Youth Advisory Committee open house

Teens to meet county commissioners, learn about program on Aug. 17

Pinellas County teenagers can join a group that will provide them leadership opportunities or possibly set the stage for a career in public service.

The county's Youth Advisory Committee (YAC) is hosting an open house on Wednesday, Aug. 17, at 3 p.m for students in grades 9-12. The open house will provide teens with information about the YAC and ways they can participate in local government.

The event will be held in the fifth-floor Commissioners Assembly Room in the Clearwater Courthouse (315 Court St. in downtown Clearwater). Refreshments will be provided. To attend, interested participants may RSVP at yac@pinellascounty.org or call (727) 582-2656 by Aug. 16.

Established in 2001, the Youth Advisory Committee, was developed as a vehicle for young people to provide input and assistance to the Pinellas County Board of County Commissioners.

Youth Advisory Committee members participate in exciting projects. The last YAC project focused on watershed outreach. As part of their efforts, members participated in the creation of a public service announcement video to promote a watershed photo contest that was open to county high school students. The video played in county high schools, on social media and on the Pinellas County website. The winning photo was featured in a series of the county's "Live, Work and Play" public education campaigns.

The Youth Advisory Committee helps fulfill the county's strategic goal of maximizing partner relationships and public outreach. Youth Advisory Committee members assist the commission by helping to identify the needs of young people, organizing youth-based activities that benefit the local community, suggesting services needed by young people within Pinellas County and by becoming active participants, with their adult counterparts, in county programs.

YAC applications are available online at <http://www.pinellascounty.org/yac/>.

The Pinellas County “Doing Things for You” app is available for residents to report issues and access useful resources. Pinellas County can also be found on Facebook, Twitter, YouTube and Instagram. More information is available on the county website www.pinellascounty.org which features LiveChat for assistance. Pinellas County complies with the Americans with Disabilities Act.

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