

VOLUNTEER VOICE

A newsletter by and for Pinellas County government volunteers.



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PRESIDENTIAL LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

On July 17, **Barbara Hoffman** (President, Friends of Brooker Creek Preserve) and **Ric Hoover** (Lead Volunteer, Brooker Creek Preserve) were presented with Lifetime Achievement Awards for contributing over 4,000 hours of volunteer service. A few friends attended to applaud them!



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Duke Energy in Action at Weedon Island Preserve



Duke Energy employees volunteered at Weedon Island Preserve where they collected approximately 1,000 pounds of trash and spread three truckloads (30 yards) of mulch to help maintain the natural landscape. The volunteer event was part of *Duke Energy in Action*, the company's campaign to support local community volunteerism events across its geographic footprint.



(L-R) Bartow Plant Manager Reggie Anderson was part of the mulch spreading crew while Duke Energy State President Alex Glenn and Community Affairs Manager Leah Bickley pick up trash on the waterfront trails.

@MAIL BAG

From Sandy Wilson, Volunteer Program Project Manager, Parks & Conservation Resources

The Pinellas Trail Auxiliary Rangers **Eileen Matthews, George Hunt, Mike Long, Camille Stupar and Terry Mills** built **a whopping 65 bollards** for replacement on the Trail at the Bollard Building Workshop, at War Vets Park, Wednesday, July 30th! We are so grateful to these dedicated Auxiliary Ranger volunteers for their help. We have a never-ending need for replacement bollards for use on the Pinellas Trail, as they often get broken, vandalized or go missing.



A bollard is the white vertical post located at all access points (cross streets, etc.) to prevent the driving of vehicles on the Trail.

HappySWEET
VERVEblessingAward
Rewarding Witnessed
SnappyHappyevents
CelebrateEngagedLifeOccasion
ALIVEMarriedDiplomaBirth
FreshGoodStory

You give your community hours and days of your life. Let us help you celebrate your life! Send us stories of events or special achievements, with photos if possible, and we'll include them in this column in every issue beginning in October.

Pinellas Trail Adopt-A-Mile Program

Have you considered participating in the **Pinellas Trail Adopt-A-Mile** program?

There are currently 38 segments of the Pinellas Trail that have been identified for adoption. Each segment can be adopted by two (sometimes three) groups, each group alternating monthly cleanups. Of these 38 segments, 20 still have at least one adoption slot open.



What is the Pinellas Trail Adopt-A-Mile program?

This program is a cooperative partnership between the public/private sector and Pinellas County. Participants agree to perform cleanups every other month to remove litter and debris. This greatly enhances the appearance of the Trail and goes a long way toward reducing the debris entering our waterways and polluting the natural habitats of our native wildlife.

Keep Pinellas Beautiful administers the program and provides trash bags, gloves and report forms at no cost to your group or business. Pinellas Trail Adopt-A-Mile signs recognizing your group are placed on "your" Trail segment. Volunteers are also provided general liability insurance coverage.

If you'd like to join in, the process is simple - select the mile you'd like to adopt, complete an application, sign an agreement, and submit reports with your cleanup results.

For more information, visit the Keep Pinellas Beautiful website at <http://www.mykpb.com/pinellas-trail-adopt-a-mile.html>

Report: PINELLAS TRAIL Improvements, May + June Jungle Terrace Civic Association

- Planted 4 bushes (replace 2 stolen)
- 11 Truck loads branches, limbs, fronds, vines to Brush Site. NEW record!
- 11 Volunteers, 137 hours
- Litter: 36 bags, 165 lbs, 406 pieces
- Biomass: 1,096 lbs, 2,527 pcs
- Concrete, asphalt, metal pipes, chunks, barbed wire strands 36 lbs



Dr. Ed proudly presents the Jungle Terrace "HALL of HONORS" AWARD to Dr. Dick Miller in appreciation of ALL his help on the Trail.

L-R: John Sweeny, Dr. Roland Marten, Dr. Ed, Dale Echholm, Honoree Dr. Dick Miller, Scott Kindt, Lauren Sanders (after 3 hours work on the Trail).

Events and Exhibits



On **September 27**, 2014 St. Petersburg's cultural institutions open their doors for free from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m! Click on the link above for more information.



11909 125th St. N., Largo. (727) 582-2123
<http://www.pinellascounty.org/Heritage/>

Country Jubilee

October 25, 2014 - 10 am – 4 p.m.

The 36th Annual Country Jubilee is bringing a variety of activities to Pinellas County's Heritage Village on Saturday, Oct. 25, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. There will be something for everyone. More than 100 food and craft vendors will be lining the walkways in and around Heritage Village. You'll find house tours, antique cars, musical entertainment, old time craft demonstrations and more. \$2 donation requested. If you'd like to volunteer contact Paige at 582-2123.

Check out Heritage Village's (volunteer) Junior Docent Newsletter at <http://www.pinellascounty.org/Heritage/PDF/Junior-Docent-News-2014.pdf>

Farm City Day

November 15, 2014 - 10 am - 2 pm

The Pinellas County Farm Bureau will sponsor a Farm City Day Celebration at Pinellas County's Heritage Village. This is the kickoff event for Farm City Week, celebrated nationally each year during the week leading up to Thanksgiving. It was created to educate citizens about agriculture and to enhance links between rural and urban dwellers. Hands on activities will include making butter and ice cream at the "dairy barn," milking goats, petting chickens and bunnies, and agriculturally themed arts and crafts. **FREE.**

Volunteer Voice

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How to participate: Send questions, article submissions, upcoming events, photos, or story ideas to the editor.

More Volunteer Opportunities

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Canines, Wines and Felines

Join Pinellas County Animal Services for **Canines, Wines and Felines** presented by Murielle Winery to benefit the Animal Welfare Trust Fund (AWTF). The fun starts on **Saturday, October 25**, 2014 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Murielle Winery located at 13131 56th Court, Suite 305 in Clearwater with a sampling of some of their outstanding wines made locally. While you are there be sure to enjoy the food trucks and the music presented by "Glenny G" and as always be prepared to take your furever pet home. As a special treat for a \$10 donation to the AWTF, you will receive a wine glass that's yours to keep to enjoy the wine sampling at the event.

Selfie Saturdays

The dogs and cats at Pinellas County Animal Services are taking matters into their own paws in an effort to find their new furever homes. Starting the first Saturday in September the pets will celebrate "Selfie Saturday." The adoptables will use the Internet trend of taking "selfies" (photos of themselves) to draw attention to their unique personalities and catch the eye of potential owners online. Look for them on Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/PinellasCountyAnimalServices>) and other social media sites! Who knows? You may spot your next best friend!



Pinellas County Animal Services is located at 12450 Ulmert Road in Largo. Normal hours of operation are Monday to Friday from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., with the adoption center closing at 5:30 p.m. Saturday hours are 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and services include adoptions. The facility is closed on all Pinellas County holidays.