

GREATER PLANT CITY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

August 9, 2010

E-FLASH

City Commission Meeting

City Hall

7:30 PM / Monday, August 9th

Ribbon Cutting & Grand Opening

Suncoast Community Health Centers (SCHC) Pediatrics

502 North Mobley Street

9:00 AM / Tuesday, August 10th

You are invited to celebrate the *Grand Opening* of the expanded Pediatric Operations at SCHC Pediatrics Plant City for *Focus on Children's Health*. Please call (813) 349-7568 to RSVP.

Salute to Agriculture Contact Breakfast

Sponsored by Farm Credit of Central Florida, ACA

Red Rose Inn & Suites / Red Rose Ballroom

7:30 AM / Wednesday, August 11th / \$15 a person

The following awards for 2010 will be presented during the program: ***Agriculturist of the Year, Young Agriculturist of the Year, Agriculture Educator of the Year, Agri-Business of the Year, and Supporter of Youth in Agriculture.*** Please join us in honoring the outstanding award recipients for their service in agriculture.

PRICING: The Red Rose Inn & Suites has worked with us in the past to keep the *Contact Breakfast* expense to a minimum. However, they recently informed us that, because of increasing food, labor, and facility expenses, they would need to increase their price to us for our monthly breakfasts. Consequently, we had to raise the cost to **\$15 a person**, effective with this week's event. For the past fifteen plus years, we were fortunate to have been charged the former price of just \$10. We hope you understand the reasons for the new cost and that you will continue to use this monthly event as a great networking tool.

PLEASE NOTE: The Chamber must pay for the precise number of breakfasts ordered. **Therefore, if you reserve a seat but fail to attend, we will, unfortunately, have to invoice you for \$15.** Thank you for your understanding and cooperation!

REMINDER: The August *Good Egg* will draw up to five names for the **\$150 cash jackpot!** But remember, **YOU MUST BE PRESENT TO WIN!** If you have not yet reserved your seat, please call 754-3707 **NOW** to do so. **THANK YOU!**

Executive Committee Meeting

Chamber of Commerce

8:30 AM / Thursday, August 12th

Business Development Workshop

Presented by Sandler Training

Sandler Training Office / 110 West Reynolds Street, Suite 107

8:30 'til 9:30 AM / Thursday, August 12th

This **FREE** workshop will provide you with the tools for growing your business. For more information and/or to register, call Rusty Fox (rfox@sandler.com) at 751-9992.

Ribbon Cutting

H2 Development Group, Inc.

1001 East Baker Street, Suite 303A

10:30 AM / Thursday, August 12th

Leadership Alumni Quarterly Lunch Meeting

Speaker: Hillsborough County Judge Jimmy Dominguez

Carrabba's Italian Grill / 1205 Townsgate Court

NOON / Thursday, August 12th

2010 Sales Tax Holiday

Friday, August 13th through Sunday, August 15th

If you sell books, clothing, footwear, certain accessories, or certain school supplies, the *Sales Tax Holiday* may impact your business. You will find more information under "Current Topics" on the home page of the Florida Department of Revenue web site: <http://www.myflorida.com/dor>.

Leadership Alumni Coordinators' Planning Meeting for the Leadership Class of 2010-11

Chamber of Commerce

NOON / Friday, August 13th

If you are a Leadership Plant City graduate and are interested in helping to coordinate one of the six sessions for the upcoming class, please call the Chamber at 754-3707 to RSVP for this meeting. A light lunch will be served.

Pirates & Pasta for BLUE

O'Brien's Irish Pub & Grill of Plant City / 1701 South Alexander Street

4:00 'til 11:00 PM / Saturday, August 14th

Tickets to this event are \$25 (**kids under 10 FREE**), and guests will enjoy an all-you-can-eat pasta buffet, including salad and limited complimentary beverages. All proceeds will benefit the Curtis/Kocab Memorial Fund and the Gold Shield Foundation. For more information, call Cher Spaulding-Stanbro at 775-8096 or 689-1816.

BBQ Pulled Pork Take-Out Dinner

Drive Up and We'll Load

First United Methodist Church / 303 North Evers Street

Lunch 11:00 AM 'til 1:00 PM / Supper 4:30 'til 6:30 PM / Monday, August 16th

The cost for a take-out dinner is \$8, and proceeds will be used for the new children's playground. The meal will include BBQ pulled pork, baked beans, coleslaw, and a home-made brownie. For tickets and/or more information, call 754-3519.

UPCOMING EVENTS

AGRITECH 2010

28th Annual Educational Seminar and Trade Show

This annual event, hosted by the Florida Strawberry Growers Association, will be held Tuesday, August 17th and Wednesday, August 18th, at the Trinkle Center, 2206 East Cherry Street. Attendees will be able to network with other growers and industry representatives and enjoy outstanding guest speakers as well as great meals. For more information, call 752-6822 or visit www.flastrawberry.com.

NEW TEACHER COFFEE 2010

This annual event will be held at 7:30 a.m., Thursday, August 19th, in Exhibition Hall on the Florida Strawberry Festival® Grounds. In addition to the **Greater Plant City Chamber of Commerce**, major event sponsors are **Americare Ambulance Service**, **Bright House Networks**, the **Florida Strawberry Festival®**, and **Suncoast Schools Federal Credit Union**. We are gratefully accepting "goodie bag" items for the teachers as well as cash donations to help defray the cost of the breakfast buffet, decorations, name tags, mailings, and centerpieces. We'll sincerely appreciate your efforts to have all donated items to us by Friday, August 13th. For more information, please call the Chamber at 754-3707 or email amy@plantcity.org. Let's give our new educators a warm Plant City welcome!

Please note: Because we host so many new teachers at this event, the *New Teacher Coffee* is not open to the public but only to teachers, principals, donors, and sponsors.

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Car Show: www.facebook.com/PlantCityCarShow and www.twitter.com/PCCarShow

Pig Jam: www.facebook.com/PigJam and www.twitter.com/PlantCityPigJam

CITY OF PLANT CITY

City of Plant City news regarding the budget, calendar and events, city commission agendas and minutes, city ordinances, street closures, etc., may be found under *Quick Links* on the City of Plant City website – www.plantcitygov.com. The Recreation & Parks Department hosts numerous events and activities for various age groups throughout the year. For more information, call 659-4255 or visit the city's website, click on Departments, then Parks & Recreation.

WEEKLY AND MONTHLY MEETINGS

American Business Women's Association

11:45 a.m. / last Monday of every month

Carrabba's Italian Grill / 1205 Townsgate Court

Contact: Natasha McDowell / 967-7113

American Legion – Norman McLeod Post #26

6:00 p.m. / second and fourth Tuesday of every month

American Legion / 2207 West Baker Street

Contact: Julian Womble / 752-8608

Arts Council of Plant City

7:00 p.m. / first Tuesday of every month (September through May)

Chamber of Commerce Public Meeting Room / 106 North Evers Street

Contact: Gil Gott / 754-1578

East Hillsborough Art Guild

7:00 p.m. / first Monday of every month

GFWC Woman's Club / 1110 North Wheeler Street

Contact: Leo Watson / 719-6533

GFWC Junior Woman's Club of Plant City

7:00 p.m. / second Thursday of every month

GFWC Clubhouse / 1110 North Wheeler Street

Contact: Kristen Hitchcock / 495-7842

GFWC Woman's Club of Plant City

10:30 a.m. / second Tuesday of every month

GFWC Clubhouse / 1110 North Wheeler Street

Contact: Jean Ann Eatman / 752-3737

HR Plant City

NOON / third Wednesday of every month

Red Rose Inn & Suites / 2011 North Wheeler Street

Contact: Janet Kelly / 754-5997

Improvement League of Plant City

7:00 p.m. / third Wednesday of every month

911 East Warren Street

Contact: Henry Johnson / 767-4374

Plant City Bar Association

NOON (meeting and/or CLE) / second Friday of every month

Except August (Executive Meeting) and December (Holiday Dinner)

Red Rose Inn & Suites / 2011 North Wheeler Street

Contact: Veronica Prostko / 870-1300, ext. 301

Plant City Civitan Club

7:00 a.m. / first and third Thursday of every month

Buddy Freddy's Restaurant / 1101 Goldfinch Drive

Contact: Pat Pogue / 754-4680

Plant City Daybreak Rotary Club

7:00 a.m. / every Monday

South Florida Baptist Hospital / Community Conference Room

Contact: Bruce Sperry / 754-3030

Plant City Federated Republican Women's Club

6:00 p.m. / second Thursday of every month

Red Rose Inn & Suites / 2011 North Wheeler Street

Contact: Diane Martin-Johnson / 760-6125

Plant City Garden Club

10:00 a.m. / second Monday of every month (September through May)

For meeting location, contact Cassandra Banning.

Contact: Cassandra Banning / 759-1638

Plant City Kiwanis Club

NOON / every Wednesday

Red Rose Inn & Suites / 2011 North Wheeler Street

Contact: Sharon Moody / 453-7134

Plant City Lions Club

NOON / every Tuesday

Red Rose Inn & Suites / 2011 North Wheeler Street

Contact: Charles Harris / 719-3800

Plant City Noon Rotary Club

NOON / every Monday

Red Rose Inn & Suites / 2011 North Wheeler Street

Contact: Jim Scott / 752-4171

Republican Club of Plant City

7:15 a.m. / fourth Tuesday of every month

Buddy Freddy's Restaurant / 1101 Goldfinch Drive

Contact: MarDee Buchman / 754-5018

Toastmasters International

7:30 a.m. / every Thursday

Chamber of Commerce Public Meeting Room / 106 North Evers Street

Contact: Stan Reynolds / 309-0269

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