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Road to Independence Workshop Series

The mission at Community Service Foundation is to provide a healthy living environment, a quality of lifestyle, support services and training to put the family on the road to self-sufficiency, financial stability and self-respect.

CSF is pleased to offer you a new opportunity to take advantage of some of our support services and training. Each month throughout 2017 there will be a one-hour workshop held in cooperation with the FYI Center located at 1516 S Prospect Ave. There will be a different topic each month. Topics will include: Healthy Eating on a Budget, Clip & Snip, the Basics of Couponing and Bad Credit? No Worries—An Insiders Guide to Credit Repair. Each workshop will be held from 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm one Monday a month. You do NOT NEED to attend every workshop, and you may attend as many as you wish. Each **CSF HOUSEHOLD** attending at least 9 of the workshops will receive a one-time \$50 rent credit. The workshops are **FREE** of charge.

The February topic is Building Positive Neighborhood Dynamics. This workshop is sure to help you discover how to avoid conflict with the person next door.

Workshop brochures are available in the rental office. See page 2 of the newsletter for a brief overview of the upcoming schedule. You may register on our website www.csfhome.org

Diana Williams, CAM
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There are no
office
closures for
February 2017

Please note that office closures and important notices are posted on CSF's Facebook page.

MAINTENANCE STUFF

- If you have a faucet that is dripping, please let us know as tightening the handle will not resolve the issue. Additionally, please report toilets that will not shut off as soon as possible.
- Keeping the mini-blinds open in your apartment will reduce humidity. Humidity promotes the growth of mold.
- If you have submitted a maintenance request and the issue has resolved itself prior to a technician arriving, please let us know otherwise **you will be assessed a service charge.**
- Service calls are completed in the order in which they are received. If your request is submitted in the morning, or as early in the day as possible, maintenance will be better able to address your request the same day.



Road to Independence Workshop Series

Location: FYI Center 1516 S Prospect Ave

Time: 6—7 pm

Register @ csfhome.org

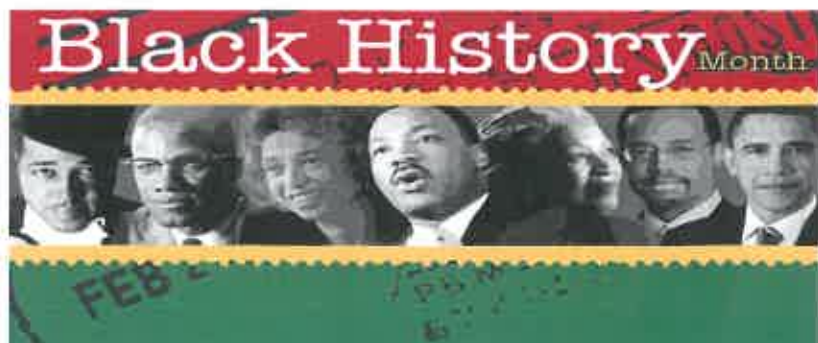


| Healthy Living Series | Date & Time | Home Essential Series | Date & Time |
|--|------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|
| Healthy Eating on a Budget | April 3 6:00 to 7:00 pm | Building Positive Neighborhood Dynamics | February 20 6:00 to 7:00 pm |
| Surviving Parenthood | July 17 6:00 to 7:00 pm | Home Maintenance—Not Just for Pros | May 15 6:00 to 7:00 pm |
| Women's Health: Understanding Your Needs | October 6 6:00 to 7:00 pm | Down & Dirty Gardening | August 21 6:00 to 7:00 pm |
| | | Powerful Savings—Energy Efficiency & You | November 6 6:00 to 7:00 pm |

February is...



National Children's
Dental Health Month



Valentine's WordSearch

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| Arrow | Cupid | Hugs |
| Chocolate | Candy | Flowers |
| Hearts | Cards | Purple |
| Pink | Valentine | Kiss |
| Red | Love | |

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

| | |
|---------------------|------|
| Jeanet Tembo | 2/2 |
| Messiah Greene | 2/4 |
| Dariauna Kaigler | 2/5 |
| Roqual Tillman | 2/5 |
| Alikisha Baldwin | 2/6 |
| Danny McLaughlin Jr | 2/10 |
| Shayla Cobb | 2/13 |
| Brendan Perez | 2/13 |
| Chantel Jelks | 2/14 |
| Alexis Swanson | 2/15 |
| Brycen Moore | 2/19 |
| Andre Clagette | 2/20 |
| Angelique Onofrio | 2/22 |
| Tawanna Paige | 2/22 |
| Jason Sanders | 2/23 |

If we have missed your birthday, please let us know!

Bike Safety Rodeo @ Skycrest Community Church

Saturday
2/25/2017
10am-12pm
East Library
2251 Drew Street

Bring your bicycle, skateboard, or scooter to practice bicycle safety at our Stop and Go skill station and continuous flow traffic course. Event will be held in the Skycrest Church parking lot, adjacent to the East branch.





Important Resident Reminders

Smoke Free Housing

In order to provide a healthier environment for our residents and guests, our properties are completely smoke free. The harmful effects of secondhand smoke and the fire dangers caused by smoking is too great to ignore. Effective 4/15/2016, smoking is prohibited **anywhere** on CSF property, including inside individual rental properties. During the move-out inspection, if it is determined that there has been smoking in your apartment, a deodorization fee will be deducted from your security deposit.

The smoke-free policy is enforced.



Yard Areas

Maintenance is spending an excessive amount of time picking garbage up outside apartments. Please help us keep our communities clean.

DID YOU EARN LESS THAN \$64,000 LAST YEAR?

Have your federal tax return prepared, e-filed, and direct deposited for FREE. IRS-certified volunteers will prepare your taxes and ensure you get the largest refund for which you qualify.

WHAT TO BRING

- Last year's federal income tax return.
- Social Security cards and correct birth dates for all family members.
- A photo ID. If married and filing a joint return, both spouses must present a photo ID and be present to sign the return.
- All W-2 wage and tax statements for current tax year.
- All 1098 forms (for mortgage, higher education expenses, etc.).
- All forms 1099 and other income statements.
- Form 1095-A (ACA Healthcare)
- Amount of any income not reported on a statement.
- Records with amounts of deductible and qualified expenses not shown on a statement.
- A checking and/or savings account number for direct deposit (optional, but you will receive your refund faster than a paper check).
- Name, address and tax ID or social security number of any child care providers, along with the total amount paid for childcare.

*****Tax preparation sites are located
on the back page*****



FYI Community Partnership, Inc

Strengthening Our Community, One Family at a Time

FYI Community Resource Center

Serving Lake Belleview and the surrounding Community

1516 Prospect Avenue, Clearwater, FL 33756

Email: admin@fyicp.org Phone: (727) 648-2534 - Website: www.fyicp.org

Every year, 20,000 kids in foster care are left alone to care for themselves when they turn 18 and no longer qualify for placement with foster families.

Most 18-year-olds living at home have not yet developed strong-enough life skills to live on their own. Having lived in the foster care system without the loving guidance of their own families, kids ageing out care are even less prepared.

More than one-third of these kids never finish high school, and many do not have jobs. Their rates of arrest, health problems, and welfare dependency are far higher than kids who live at home with their families – and so is their rate of homelessness.

Up to now, little help was available for former foster care children who, when they turn 18 can no longer stay in the system, so it is not that surprising that they often wind up on the streets or in jail. However help is now available. Did you know that a few of those youngsters live right in your neighborhood?

These young people are learning to live on their own with the help of FYI Community Partnership, Inc., the nonprofit corporation that also runs the Community Resource Center on S. Prospect Avenue. Our partnership with Community Service Foundation allows us to lease apartments so we can provide transitional housing, life skills training, and wrap-around services to these young people. They are learning to live on their own with mentors and life coaches who frequent their apartments and teach them skills, such as cooking, grocery shopping, paying bills, and all the things that come with living on their own. They are required to go to school and learn to work so they will not become one of the statistics on the street. Through our Bridge to Independence program, they can cross the important bridge to self-sufficiency and independence. They have the chance to acquire the skills and knowledge they need to transition from being a helpless child to an independent adult.

CHANGE
STARTS HERE.
CAN WE COUNT YOU IN?

Lake Bellevue Community Association

Residents in our Lake Bellevue area properties are invited to attend the Lake Bellevue Community Association's monthly meetings. These community meetings are held the 1st Wednesday of the month and begin at 6p.m. The meetings are held at the Ross Norton Rec Center located at 1426 S M.L.K. Jr Ave Clearwater, FL 33756.



Friday, February 17 at 6 PM - 9 PM
250 8th Ave SE, Saint Petersburg

FREE Admission and Parking!

Join Gulf to Bay Food Truck Association for Food, Fun and Live Entertainment as we host the **TOTALLY AWESOME 80's FOOD TRUCK & KARAOKE RALLY!**



KEN BURKE, CPA
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT AND COMPTROLLER
PINELLAS COUNTY, FLORIDA

Start Smart in 2017

Tickets in
Collections?
\$



Court fines in
Collections?
\$

For a limited time, the Pinellas County Clerk of the Circuit Court and Comptroller will waive your unpaid collections fees when you visit any of the locations below to pay your outstanding fines and fees in full.

Monday, February 27 - Friday, March 3

Monday, March 6 - Friday, March 10

Open until 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday and Thursday of each week
at the Pinellas County Justice Center

Questions? Call (727) 464-7000

North County Branch - 29582 U.S. 19 N., Clearwater

Tyrone Branch - 1800 66th St. N., St. Petersburg

Pinellas County Justice Center - 14250 49th St. N., Clearwater

Tickets or fines MUST be paid in FULL



Sunset Cinema is a FREE outdoor movie theater under the stars. Bring a blanket or low lying lawn chair!
Popcorn and concessions available on-site. Movies begin at dusk.

January

27th - Nine Lives/ PG

28th - Central Intelligence/ PG-13



To send an anonymous tip via text message to the Clearwater Police Department, text the keyword CWPDP and your tip to 847411 (Tip411)

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Free Admission

25TH ANNUAL

Downtown Dunedin Craft Festival

271 Main St. in Dunedin, FL

February 11th - 12th
Sat./Sun. 10am - 5pm

ArtFestival.com
A Howard Alan Event

Information:
(813) 962-0388

The Dunedin Times

The poster features a dark background with a palm tree illustration on the right. The text is in various colors and fonts, including yellow for the main title and white for the dates and location.

Clearwater Sea-Blues Festival

Presented by
ST. PETERSBURG CLEARWATER

February 18-19
Coachman Park
Clearwater, FL.
Gates Open at 12pm.

2017

FREE GENERAL ADMISSION

Blues Walk

FEBRUARY 17, 2017
CLEVELAND ST. DISTRICT

Reversed Seating
and VIP Packages available

The poster has a textured, light-colored background. It features a large, stylized guitar neck graphic that runs diagonally across the center. The text is in various colors, including blue, red, and black.

Folk 'n' Fruit FEST

MUSIC, BREWS, FOOD

Saturday, February 11 at 12 PM - 10 PM

Historic downtown Safety Harbor's Waterfront Park

The poster features a colorful illustration of a waterfront scene with houses, a church, and a large sun in the background. The text is in a mix of red, black, and white fonts.

United Way Suncoast VITA Sites for Pinellas County Tax Preparation Season 2017 (Tax Filing Year 2016)

Correct as of 12/30/16 - if updates are needed, contact VITA@UWSuncoast.org

| In-Person Free Tax Preparation Locations | | | Hours of Operation | | | | | | |
|--|---|--------------|--------------------|--------------|----------------|------------------|-------------------------|-------------|---|
| Facility Name | Site Address | Opening Date | Closing Date | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
| Childs Park YMCA | 691 - 43rd Street S. St. Petersburg, FL 33711 | 1/23/2017 | 4/15/2017 | 10 AM-1 PM | | | 4 PM - 7 PM | | 10 AM - 2 PM |
| Dewar Life Center | 226 - 6th Street S. St. Petersburg, FL 33701 | 1/24/2017 | 4/15/2017 | | 5 PM - 8 PM | | 5 PM - 8 PM | | 10 AM - 2 PM |
| Enoch Davis Center | 1111 - 18th Avenue S. St. Petersburg, FL 33705 | 1/30/2017 | 4/14/2017 | 1 PM - 4 PM | | 1 PM - 4 PM | | 1 PM - 4 PM | |
| GRAYDI NFC | 13420 Adams Circle Largo, FL 33774 | 1/24/2017 | 4/15/2017 | | 5:30PM - 8PM | | 5:30PM - 8PM | | 10 AM - 2 PM |
| High Point NFC | 5812 - 150th Avenue N. Clearwater, FL 33760 | 1/24/2017 | 4/15/2017 | | 5:30PM - 8PM | | 5:30PM - 8PM | | 10AM - 1PM |
| ICAI Hispanic Outreach Center | 612 Franklin St. Clearwater, FL 33756 | 2/4/2017 | 4/8/2017 | | | | | | 9AM-1PM |
| James B. Sanderlin NFC | 2335 22nd Avenue S. St. Petersburg, FL 33712 | 1/30/17 | 4/12/2017 | 4 PM - 6 PM | | | | | 10AM-NOON (only on 2/4, 2/11, 2/18, 2/25, 3/11, and 3/25) |
| Leahman & Asian NFC | 4255 - 56th Avenue N. St. Petersburg, FL 33714 | 2/2/2017 | 4/15/2017 | | | 4 PM - 6 PM | 5:30PM-7:30PM | | 9AM-1PM |
| Martin Luther King Jr. NFC | 900 N. MLK Jr. Avenue Clearwater, FL 33755 | 1/24/2017 | 4/11/2017 | | 10AM-2PM | | | | |
| Mattie Williams NFC | 1001 Dr MLK Jr. Avenue Safety Harbor, FL 34695 | 2/4/2017 | 4/15/2017 | | 6:00 - 8:00 PM | | 6:00 - 8:00 PM | | 10AM-2PM |
| Tampa Bay Beaches Chamber of Commerce (TBCCoC) | 6590 Gulf Blvd St. Pete Beach, FL 33706 | 1/31/2017 | 3/29/2017 | | 9AM-1PM | 1PM-5PM | | | |
| Union Academy Family Center - CAP | 401 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive Tarpon Springs, FL 34689 | 1/24/2017 | 4/8/2017 | | 10AM-2PM | | 3PM-7PM | 1:00 - 5:00 | 10AM-2PM |
| V/A at Bay Pines | 10000 Bay Pines Blvd, Bay Pines, FL 33744 | 2/1/2017 | 4/17/2017 | 1:00 - 5:00 | | 1:00 - 5:00 | | 9:00 - 4:00 | |
| Tredwinds Mobile VITA site: St. Pete Water Resources | 5600 Gulf Blvd St. Pete Beach, FL 33706 | 2/10/17 | 2/10/17 | | | | | | |
| 1650 3rd Avenue North St. Petersburg, FL 33713 | 1550 3rd Avenue North St. Petersburg, FL 33713 | 2/13/2017 | 2/15/2017 | 11:00 - 7:00 | | 11:00 - 7:00 | | | |
| 13141 34th St. North Clearwater, FL 33762 | 13141 34th St. North Clearwater, FL 33762 | 1/25/2017 | 2/23/2017 | | | 1/25 10:00- 4:00 | 2/2 & 2/23 10:00 - 4:00 | | |
| Mobile: Macy's - St. Pete's | 3365 Central Ave, St. Petersburg FL 33713 | 2/17/2017 | 3/10/2017 | | | | | 3:00 - 8:00 | |
| Mobile: Goodwill - Clearwater | 16494 US Hwy 19 N, Clearwater, FL 33764 | 2/4/2017 | 3/25/2017 | | | | | | 10:00 - 4:00 |

NOTE: site is open ONLY those two days
FSA on 1/25 and In-person 2/2 & 2/23
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Additional, AARP Locations for In-Person Preparation

| Facility Name | Site Address | Opening Date | Closing Date | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|--------------------------------------|--|-----------------|------------------|--------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|----------|
| South Pinellas St Pete Beach Library | 365 73rd Ave. St. Pete Beach, FL 33706 | 2/3/2017 (Fri) | 4/14/2017 (Fri) | X | X | | | 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM | X |
| St. Petersburg Main Library | 3745 9th Ave North, St. Petersburg, FL | 2/1/2017 (Wed) | 4/13/2017 (Thur) | X | X | 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM | 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM | X | X |
| Gulf Beaches Library | 200 Municipal Drive, Madeira Beach, FL | 2/2/2017 (Thur) | 4/18/2017 (Tue) | X | 10:00 AM - 1:30 PM | X | 10:00 AM - 1:30 PM | X | X |
| Sunshine Center | 330 6th Street North, St. Petersburg, FL | 2/3/2017 (Fri) | 4/14/2017 (Fri) | X | X | X | X | 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM | X |
| Gulfport Library | 5501 28th Ave South, Gulfport, FL 33707 | 2/3/2017 (Fri) | 4/17/2017 (Mon) | | 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM | X | X | 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM | X |