

Calendar of Events

October 19, 2018

ENGAGE Lunch & Learn: Serving Your Community

Florida Industrial & Phosphate Research Institute

1855 W. Main Street

Bartow, FL 33830

11:45 AM - 01:00 PM

FREE EVENT, not just for ENGAGE members! Engage/Bartow Chamber Young Professionals presents an up-close and personal chat with one of the area's most accomplished community leaders. These sessions will give participants a chance to reflect on new and creative ways to achieve professional leadership goals based on the best practices from the area's most respected business professionals. After a short presentation, participants will have the opportunity to ask questions in a round-table format. Don't miss this great opportunity for professional growth.

The next ENGAGE LUNCH AND LEARN is set for Friday, October 19, 11:45 a.m., at Florida Industrial and Phosphate Research Institute. Guest speaker is community engagement director for VISTE, ASHLEY MILLER.

Location: Florida Industrial & Phosphate Research Institute, 1855 W. Main Street, Bartow, FL 33830. REGISTER TODAY!

September 24, 2018

- October 24, 2018

ACT Prep

Learning Resource Center of Polk County

1628 South Florida Avenue

Lakeland, FL 33803

05:30 PM - 08:00 PM EST

Judi Weiss, 8636889477

judiw@lrcpolk.com

The Learning Resource Center's ACT Preparation provides an efficient and effective 23-hour course designed to help students achieve their best possible score on the ACT.

This course provides: Small classes with highly trained teachers; Problem-solving strategies for analyzing and answering ACT questions; Practice taking ACT exams; Emphasis on test-taking techniques and strategies specific to the ACT that help build confidence and reduce test anxiety.

October 6, 2018
- October 28, 2018

Fox Squirrel Corn Maze (Weekends ONLY)

Single R Ranch

3002 Charlie Taylor Rd N

Plant City, FL 33565

10:00 AM - 05:00 PM EST

Janet Futch, 813-756-8918

FutchEntertainment@comcast.net

It's time for the 7th Annual Fox Squirrel Corn Maze, presented by Futch Entertainment!

Weekends Only October 6 – October 28, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.

This fun, annual tradition features an awesome corn maze, pumpkins for sale, a hayride, exciting games, and the chance to enjoy the great outdoors! Mouth-watering BBQ, Cuban sandwiches, and tons of fun festival food will be available – including strawberry shortcake, roasted corn, kettle corn, boiled peanuts, shaved ice, honey, and more. Talented independent vendors will be on hand with crafts, jewelry, pumpkin painting, balloon art, and more.

MOST VENDORS ARE CASH ONLY. NO ATM ON SITE.

We are happy to announce that 2018 marks the seventh year of this wonderful, family-friendly event. Fox Squirrel Corn Maze is open October 6 – October 28, Saturdays and Sundays only. The gates open at 10:00 a.m. and we welcome guests until 5:00 p.m. Everyone is asked to exit the venue by 6:00 p.m.

Hosted by the Futch family, the Fox Squirrel Corn Maze agritourism event is quickly becoming one of Central Florida's most popular autumn attractions. Escape the city for a beautiful day out on the ranch! There's something for everyone at this fun fall festival: ride the tractor-pulled hayride, play some family games, browse the arts and crafts of local vendors, grab a bite to eat, or just relax to the sounds of some good ol' country music!

Looking for pumpkins? We've got 'em! Our pumpkin patch has been named one of the top five patches in the Tampa Bay area (2014). Come pick your favorite pumpkin from our impressive line-up of fall favorites.

And last but not least, don't forget to check out the Fox Squirrel Corn Maze! Test your problem-solving skills while working your way out of one of the best and most fun corn mazes around. Bring your friends and race to see who can make it out first!

Ticket Prices

\$11 + tax 18 and older

\$10 + tax 3 to 17

2 and under Free

Admission booth accepts Cash, Visa, Master Card and Discover
Card Carrying heroes--\$2 off admission

Visit our website for more details: www.FoxSquirrelCornMaze.com

Like us on FB: <https://www.facebook.com/fscornmaze>

October 18, 2018
- November 15, 2018

Get REAL! with LRC
Learning Resource Center of Polk County
1628 South Florida Avenue
Lakeland, FL 33803
05:30 PM - 07:30 PM EST
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Get REAL! with the Learning Resource Center!

When you join LRC, you'll get...

Ready for College and High School Success
Energized for Career Planning
Active with Team Building
Leaderly with Community Service

October 20, 2018

FallFest
Polk State College
999 Avenue H, N.E.
Winter Haven, FL 33881
09:00 AM - 03:00 PM EST
Nancy Lozell, 863-297-1050
nlozell@polk.edu

Polk State College's 2018 FallFest will take place Saturday, Oct. 20, continuing the community tradition that is more than 30 years strong. From 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., the Winter Haven Campus at 999 Ave. H N.E. will transform into the highly anticipated craft fair featuring a variety of activities and crafters selling items from artwork, to jewelry and clothes, woodwork, baked goods, and more. Thousands trek to the campus every third Saturday in October to enjoy the event, which also features a kids zone, pumpkin patch, haunted house, music, food, and educational demonstrations.

The festival is free, with vendor fees and proceeds from activities supporting the Polk State College Foundation to benefit students.

For mor details about the event, visit polk.edu/fallfest or email fallfest@polk.edu.

October 21, 2018

Law Enforcement Appreciation Day
Bible Baptist Church
1355 East Pinehurst Street
Bartow, FL 33830
10:30 AM - 12:30 PM EST
Pastor Bryan Gentry, 863-797-5308
ptl4mtomb@gmail.com

Bible Baptist Church of Bartow is hosting Law Enforcement Appreciation Day on Sunday, October 21 at 10:30 am with guest speaker Polk County Sheriff Grady Judd. We will be honoring our local law enforcement officers and support services for their dedication and service to our community. The church is located at 1355 East Pinehurst Street in Bartow. For more information call 863-797-5308.

October 23, 2018

Big Brothers Big Sisters Orientation & Training

BBBS Office

1231 E. Orange St

Lakeland, FL

05:30 PM - 07:00 PM EST

Angie Pattison, 863-220-1116

angiep@bbbstampabay.org

Please consider becoming a Big Brother or Big Sister and help change the life of a child facing adversity for the better, forever. It doesn't take a lot of time (between 4-8 hours a month, depending on the program). The real focus is on being consistent and spending one-to-one quality time with your Little. Being a Big often means just including your Little in things you already like to do — going to a ball game, or a museum, or the beach, or a bike ride.

The first step is to attend one of our Big Orientation & Training sessions. Get more details about volunteering » <https://bbbstampabay.org/be-a-big/>

October 24, 2018

Lunch & Learn - 1/2 Cent Sales Tax Initiative

A-C-T Environmental & Infrastructure

1875 Main Street W

Bartow, FL 33830

11:45 AM - 01:00 PM EST

Kathryn Bevilacqua-Ely, 863-533-7125

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Join us on Wednesday, October 24 for an information Lunch & Learn on the upcoming renewal of the 1/2 Cent Sales Tax Initiative for Polk County Schools. At this Lunch & Learn you will have the opportunity to learn more about what the 1/2 cent sales tax has done within the Polk County Schools since its inception in 2003. You will have the opportunity to ask questions.

Presented by the Citizens for a Quality Education

Light lunch will be provided by RSVP only.

October 25, 2018

Crickette Club Fall Parade & Carnival

04:00 PM - 09:30 PM EST

Linda Holcomb, 863-519-0508

linda@mainstreetbartowfl.com

Crickette Club's 76 Annual Parade and Carnival is coming up and is one of the biggest events of the year in Bartow! You won't want to miss the fun parade that travels from First Avenue to Main Street to Broadway Avenue and then to Mosaic Park! At the park, you'll enjoy the Crickette Club Fall Carnival with fun, games, prizes and excitement. If you'd like to find out more, visit www.crickettes.org. You may even sign up to have a float in the parade at the Crickette site. See you then!

October 31, 2018

Trick or Treating at Hawthorne Inn of Lakeland

Hawthorne Inn of Lakeland

6150 Lakeland Highlands Rd

Lakeland, FL 33813

09:30 AM - 11:00 AM EST

Vienus Williamson, 863-644-6414

adminstrator@hawthorneinnoflakeland.com

Bring your little ones to trick or treat with our residents !! Refreshments will be served to children.

- November 7, 2018
- Bright Start for Children Gala**
The Magnolia Building
702 E. Orange St.
Lakeland, FL 33801
06:30 PM - 11:00 PM EST
Avalon Sadler, 863-733-9064 x 321
avalonsadler@elcpolk.org
Early Learning Coalition of Polk County's Second Annual Bright Start for Children Gala
Wednesday November 7, 2018 6:30 p.m.
- November 9, 2018
- 2018 Veterans' Hometown Heroes Luncheon**
Bartow Civic Center
2250 S. Floral Avenue
Bartow, FL 33830
11:00 AM - 01:00 PM EST
Kathryn Bevilacqua-Ely, 863-533-7125
kathryn@bartowchamber.com
Hometown Heroes honors Bartow area Veterans on Veterans Day. This event is a luncheon that involves the local American Legion organization. Sponsor funds are used to pay for Veterans and a guest.
- November 10, 2018
- Anytime Fitness Bartow Open House/ Bench Press Competition**
Anytime Fitness Bartow
145 E Van Fleet Dr
Bartow, FL 33830
10:00 AM - 02:00 PM EST
James Miley, (863)537-7123
bartowfl@anytimefitness.com
November 10th will be our second year open celebration and open house. We will have men and women's competitions including bench press and deadlifts. We will have vendors on site as well.
- November 14, 2018
- STATE OF THE CITY ADDRESS**
Bartow Civic Center
2250 S. Floral Ave.
Bartow, FL 33830
11:30 AM - 01:00 PM EST
George Long gives you a chance to hear how the City of Bartow is doing. This is a free event, open to the community. If you'd like, lunch is available for \$10. You may purchase your ticket online, or pick up at the Chamber. Doors open at 11:30; program begins at noon.
- November 15, 2018
- BAYCARE FUN THURSDAY**
Bartow Regional Medical Center
2200 Osprey Blvd
Bartow, FL 33830
05:00 PM - 07:30 PM EST
Kathryn Bevilacqua-Ely, 863-533-7125
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ATTENTION ALL CHAMBER MEMBERS!
Don't miss the November 15, 2018 Fun Thursday hosted by Baycare Bartow Regional, starting at 5:00 p.m. Lots of food, fellowship and of course FUN! See you there.

November 16, 2018

MAGIC ON MAIN: Friday Fest Downtown Bartow

Main Street Bartow

100 W. Main Street

Bartow, FL 33830

06:00 PM - 09:00 PM EST

Linda Holcomb,

lholcomb@mainstreetbartowfl.com

Experience the Magic of Bartow for the holidays with these two upcoming events!

Magic on Main

Friday, Nov. 16, 2018

6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Bartow's Main Street

Join us as we switch on the holiday lights along Bartow's Main Street with entertainment, food and holiday festivities.

Bartow's Magical Illumination Christmas Parade

Friday, Dec. 7, 2018

6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Main Street/Broadway

Get in the spirit with one of Polk County's best holiday parades as it winds down Broadway Avenue and Main Street. Get there early and claim your seat! You won't want to miss a single float!

**FOR MORE INFO, CALL 863-519-0508 OR
VISIT WWW.MAINSTREETBARTOWFL.COM**

November 16, 2018

Book Reading & Discussion, Bloom Where You Are Planted: Reflections on Servant Leadership

Bartow Civic Center

2250 South Floral Avenue

Bartow, FL 33830

06:00 PM - 08:00 PM EST

DR. CRYSTAL DAVIS, 785-317-0045

CrystalDavis2126@gmail.com

Dr. Crystal J. Davis, CEO of CJD Consulting Solutions, LLC, a national Chamber of Commerce Member (and Chamber Member in Kansas), will be hosting a book reading and signing on her latest book release, Bloom Where You Are Planted: Reflections on Servant Leadership.

Servant leadership every day in every way. You are an important part of a bold call to action, a new way of being on our planet. Servant leadership is our growing edge, both in business and our daily lives, taking a heart-centered approach to relationships and solutions.

"Bloom Where You Are Planted: Reflections on Servant Leadership" the new book from Dr. Crystal J. Davis, brings together the best academic philosophy around servant leadership and transforms it into practical, everyday applications leaders can use in all walks of life, from the board room to parenthood.

Davis' authentic, grounded style spans the best of her popular blog, "Lead.From.Within." <https://cjdconsultingsolutions.com/blog/> It's a powerful compilation of insights from top experts in the servant leadership movement today as translated through the lens of Davis, who has devoted the last two decades to this work.

Discover more information about Davis and her other servant leadership resources at www.CJDConsultingSolutions.com. <https://cjdconsultingsolutions.com/books/>

The growing trend toward servant leadership is, according to Davis, a reflection of the ongoing spiritual evolution of society as a whole.

"There is a revolution in progress to create a kinder, safer, more loving and meaningful world through awakened consciousness," she says. "The seeds of that revolution have been planted and have begun to take root in the hearts of many who long for improvement in how we treat one another."

Davis believes that through the application of the servant leadership principles of compassion and stewardship, the type of change needed to create sustainable economies, heal the Earth and benefit humanity at large is within our grasp.

Here's what field experts have to say about Dr. Crystal's impact:

"If you never have a chance to meet Dr. Crystal Davis, reading this book is the next-best thing to experience her curiosity, passion and joy about servant leadership writings. Speaking as co-authors of one of the books covered in this volume, we can report that we certainly learned from her enthusiastic summaries and reflections. So will you."

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November 17, 2018
- November 18, 2018

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Patrick's Air Force Base Exchange
1221 S Patrick Dr. Bldg. #1364s
Patrick AFB, FL 32925

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December 6, 2018

BOSWELL & DUNLAP FUN THURSDAY

Boswell & Dunlap

245 S Central Ave

Bartow, FL 33830

05:00 PM - 07:30 PM EST

Kathryn Bevilacqua-Ely, 863-533-7125

kathryn@bartowchamber.com

ATTENTION ALL CHAMBER MEMBERS!

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December 14, 2018

Main Street Bartow's Light Up Bartow Parade

Bartow Civic Center

2250 S. Floral Ave.

Bartow, FL 33830

06:00 PM - 09:00 PM EST

Mary Jordan, 863-519-0508

mainstreetbartowfl.com

ALWAYS THE SECOND FRIDAY IN DECEMBER! One of the County's favorite Christmas parades! Bartow's Christmas parade features lots of floats, Bartow High School Band and . . . SANTA! Be sure to stake out your spot early and join us for one of Bartow's most popular events. See you at 6:00 p.m. The parade begins at Mosaic Park and ends at First Avenue in Bartow.

February 2, 2019

VISTEBall 2019

TBD

06:00 PM - 10:00 PM EST

Steve Bissonnette, 863-284-0828

steve@viste.org

Please join us for the 14th Annual VISTEBall on Saturday, February 2, 2019! VISTEBall is an indoor golf blowout where you can chip, putt, and play your way to great prizes. Attendees may participate in silent, live, and ticket auctions as well. Event tickets include a buffet dinner, open bar (stocked with beer, wine & margaritas), and dessert. It's a fun time for the hacker, or the person who has never held a club a day in their life! You'll have a blast and all proceeds help VISTE continue to serve the elderly.

February 16, 2019

LRC's For the Love of Learning

TBA

07:00 PM - 10:00 PM EST

Pamela Craven, 863-688-9477

pamelac@lrcpolk.com

The Learning Resource Center's spectacular annual fundraiser and benefit will be held on February 16, 2019 to raise scholarships and program aid for deserving students in the community. Please mark this date on your calendar and stay tuned for event details.

February 23, 2019

- March 11, 2019

2019 Polk Senior Games

Venues vary throughout Polk County

Office - 515 E Boulevard Street

Bartow, FL 33830

09:00 AM - 05:00 PM EST

Deena Wilbur, 863-533-0055

polkseniorgames50@gmail.com

Polk Senior Games is a non-profit, 501(c) (3), corporation that presents an annual two-week series of Olympic-style sports and games for men and women 50 years of age and over. The Games begin on the last Saturday of February. The Games inspire an active lifestyle, combine an interest in sports and games with fun and fellowship, promote a positive image of seniors and recognize their efforts and achievements, and encourage volunteerism. The Games attract over 2,500 men and women with a variety of skills - the serious competitor, the fun at heart, the seasoned athlete, the late bloomer, and the physically challenged.

March 9, 2019

Florida Poly's PIVOT

Florida Polytechnic University

4700 Research Way

Lakeland, FL 33805

06:00 PM - 11:00 PM EST

Lidia Vigil, 8638748732

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Florida Polytechnic University's premier philanthropic event supporting student scholarships and the University's mission.