



BUSINESS BEAT

May 20th State Of The County Address - Luncheon Re-Cap

Mike Herr, County Manager of Polk County, delivered the State of the County Address on May 20th at the First United Methodist Church in Haines City.

Attendees enjoyed a delicious meal catered by the fabulous kitchen staff. Mr. Herr shared details about the County's numerous amenities (including the brand new Lake Myrtle complex), plans for the future and provided details of the county budget to the attentive audience.

Door prizes were provided by our generous sponsor The Ledger Media Group, and by Bok Tower Gardens, Lindvall Florists and Rays Baseball!



(L-R) Cindy Rodriguez, Jerry Miller & Mike Herr



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June 17th Monthly Membership Luncheon - Chamber Website Unveiling!

Don't miss our next luncheon on June 17th from 11:45 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church, 21 S 2nd Street, Haines City. Learn how to make the most out of your Chamber membership by taking advantage of all the amazing features on our new website!

Visit our website at www.hainescity.com for additional details.

RSVP REQUIRED
by June 15th!
\$15 per person.

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SAVE THE DATE!

28th Annual Pig Roast,
Political Rally & Silent
Auction-
August 6th, 2010 - 6pm

President's Corner



In the November election, Polk County voters will be asked to decide whether to fund a county-wide transit tax to replace diminishing federal funding.

The Chamber's Board of Directors recently passed the following resolution and encourages each of you to learn the facts behind this initiative. Access to public transportation is a key component of a healthy community.

Please read and become informed about this important issue.

Jane Patton
President



Haines City-Northeast Polk County
Regional Chamber of Commerce
Resolution in Support of the
Polk County Transit Authority's
Proposed Countywide Transit Service

WHEREAS, public transportation provides access to life-essential goods and services for low income individuals, students, disabled citizens, and Polk County residents who don't have access to automobiles or have driver's licenses; and

WHEREAS, public transportation provides access to work, spurs economic development and job creation, and increases business activity and real estate values; and

WHEREAS, public transportation provides a vital resource to emergency management personnel and residents in the event of weather-related or other disasters; and

WHEREAS, public transportation offers Polk governments an invaluable tool for addressing growth management issues by enhancing mobility options and increasing capacity on existing roadways to mitigate the impacts of growth on the transportation infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, the Polk Regional Transportation Organization (RTO) was created in 2004 to improve the coordination of existing transit services, including Lakeland Area Mass Transit District, Winter Haven Area Transit and Polk County Transit Services Division; and

WHEREAS, the Polk RTO developed legislation to create a Polk Regional Transportation Authority to provide a means to merge the existing transit providers into a single authority and provide a dedicated funding source to support countywide transit services; and

WHEREAS, the Polk County Board of County Commissioners recognized the need for and benefits of public transit by calling for a referendum election on November 2, 2010 to approve a charter county transportation surtax in the form of a one-half cent sales tax;

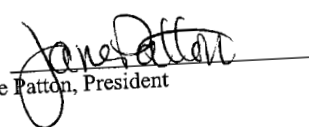
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Haines City-Northeast Polk County Regional Chamber of Commerce board of directors has passed this resolution supporting implementation of a one-half cent sales tax to secure dedicated local funding for transit operations, equipment and facilities, with the five-year goal to expand transit service countywide.

Passed this 14th day of April, 2010

By:


Linda Franz, Chair

By:


Jane Patton, President

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Our Mission...

The Haines City-Northeast Polk County Regional Chamber of Commerce is dedicated to serving the northeast regional area business community by: strengthening the business environment; providing our members with benefits and services to support their successes; advocating positions on those business-related issues most beneficial to our members and to the community; and participating in initiatives that positively affect the quality of life in the community. Our Mission is enhanced through proactive leadership and partnerships throughout the Northeast Polk County Region.

About This Section...

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May Business After Hours Recap & June Announcement!

Ridge Career Center Hosted The Chamber's Business After Hours On May 18th

Attendees enjoyed a delicious buffet, toured the facility, were offered free chair massages and networked in the relaxing atmosphere.

Numerous door prizes were given out including deluxe spa packages, oil changes & car washes, restaurant certificates, fabulous metal Gator & Seminole logo signs and much more!



Mark Your Calendar NOW

to attend our next Business After Hours 5 to 7 p.m. on June 15th! Join us at National Health Insurance Agency, 19 N 6th Street, Ste. B in Haines City at their brand new location. Expect great food, friends & fun! Please RSVP to the Chamber at 863-422-3751 by May 17th!

Welcoming NEW Members and Applauding Membership Anniversaries

NEW MEMBERS MAY 2010

Agnini Orthodontics

Dr. Derry Agnini
39863 Hwy. 27
Davenport, FL 33837
863-353-6867
Category: Orthodontics; Dentists

All American Self Storage, LLC

Clarence "Al" Proctor
500 Nilsen Street
Haines City, FL 33844
863-421-4214

Category: Storage Facilities

Capernaum Ministries, Inc.

Vicky M. Holloway
3500 Canal Road
Lake Wales, FL 33898
863-439-1080
Category: Religious Retreat Center

Central Florida Media Group

Nelson Kirkland
199 Avenue B, NW
Winter Haven, FL 33881
863-604-2322
Category: Media/Newspapers; Publishing

Dr. Lama Aesthetic Center

Edna Gomez
101 S Dixie Drive
Haines City, FL 33844
407-808-0632
Category: Aesthetics Beauty/Spa

Florida Communications & Development Group

Tracy Bryant
2972 Vintage View Cir.
Lakeland, FL 33812
863-602-9333
Category: Consultants

Mederi Caretenders

Andrea Thompson
306 South 10th St., Ste. 340
Haines City, FL 33844
863-421-2025
Category: Home Healthcare

THE HAINES CITY-NORTHEAST POLK COUNTY REGIONAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE MEMBERSHIP ANNIVERSARIES - APRIL 2010

1985

Bright House Networks
Hoppy's Marine & Sports Center, Inc.

1992

Church of the Nazarene

1995

Webb's Realty

1997

Lisa Weathersbee, Southern Living at Home

1999

Donald & Sharon Gardner

2001

First Presbyterian Church
Oak Harbor RV Park

2003

The News Leader (Four Corners)

2004

Good Shepherd Hospice, Inc.

2006

The Barranco Clinic

2007

Carifi Breast Care, PA
Laurel Elementary School
National Health Insurance Agencies (NHIA BlueCross/BlueShield)

2008

Texas Cattle Company

2009

John Michael
Weddings & Special Events
Lake Hammock Village
Professional Smiles Dentistry

May Chamber Fast Facts:

Ridge Career Center BAH	45 attendees
State of the County Luncheon	61 attendees
EDC meeting	16 attendees
Phone Calls Received	315
Walk-ins assisted	162
E-mail assistance	493
Member Referrals	81
Relocation Packets Sent	15
City Referrals	57

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Member Events

JUNE 2010

- June 17-20 Fantasy of Flight Father's Day**
Special FREE admission to all fathers when accompanied by a paying guest. 863-984-3500 or www.fantasyofflight.com for more info.
- June 19 Cruise In** 5-9 p.m. in Railroad Park. 863-421-3700 for more info.
- June 20 Music in the Park** - 2-6 p.m. Lake Eva Park. 863-421-3700 for more info.
- June 26 Bike Fest** 4-9pm - Railroad Park. 863-421-3700 for more info.

JULY 2010

- July 2 Movies in the Park** 8p.m. Lake Eva Park. 863-421-3700 for more info.
- July 4 Thunder on the Ridge - Independence Day Celebration!** 12 noon - 9p.m. Lake Eva Park. 863-421-3700 for more info on this highly anticipated annual event!
- July 17 Cruise In** - 5-9 p.m. in Railroad Park. 863-421-3700 for more info.
- July 18 Music in the Park** 2-6 p.m. Lake Eva Park. 863-421-3700 for more info.
- July 24 Bike Fest** 4-9pm - Railroad Park. 863-421-3700 for more info.

Chamber Events & Meetings

JUNE 2010

- June 7 Economic Development Committee Meeting** 12 noon in the Chamber Boardroom. THANK YOU to our sponsor ENVISORS!
- June 8 Ribbon Cutting.** 8 a.m., Mederi Caretenders, 306 South 10th St., Ste. 340, Haines City. Please join us to welcome them to our community! RSVP to the Chamber by June 7th!
- June 9 Board of Director's Meeting** 8am in the Chamber Boardroom.
- June 15 Business After Hours** -7p.m. - Hosted by NHIA, National Health Insurance Agencies, 19 B N 6th Street, Haines City. Join us to network with friends, food & fun. RSVP to the Chamber by June 14th!
- June 17 Monthly Membership Luncheon**
 11:45 - 1:00 pm - First United Methodist Church, 21 S 2nd Street, Haines City.
 \$15 w/ RSVP by June 15th! \$20 at the door.

JULY 2010

- July 5** Chamber office closed in observance of Independence Day.
- July 12 Economic Development Committee Meeting** 12 noon in the Chamber Boardroom.
- July 15 Monthly Membership Luncheon** - Polk State College Update presented by Dr. Eileen Holden. 11:45 - 1:00 pm - First United Methodist Church, 21 S 2nd Street, Haines City. \$15 w/ RSVP by July 13th! \$20 at the door.
- July 20 Business After Hours** 5-7 p.m. - Lake Howard Heights, 650 N. Lake Howard Drive, Winter Haven. Join us for this exciting event! RSVP to the Chamber by July 19th!
- July 24 Bike Fest** 4-9pm - Railroad Park. 863-421-3700 for more info.

RSVP to the Chamber at 863-422-3751 or online at www.hainescity.com

HAINES CITY CHAMBER RESTAURANTS

- **BEEF O'BRADY'S**
902 Polk City Rd
Haines City
863-419-4848
- **DORA'S PIZZA**
35562 Hwy. 27
863-422-6474
- **FROMAGE STEAKS AND SUBS**
5570 Hwy. 17-92 W,
Ste 100, Lake Alfred
863-956-2100
- **MCDONALD'S**
36204 Hwy 27
863-421-8445
- **MCDONALD'S**
317 E Hinson Ave.
863-422-6569
- **SMALL KITCHEN**
304 B East Hinson Ave.
863-438-2719
- **SONNY'S FRANCHISE CO.**
35620 Hwy 27
407-660-8888
- **SOUTHERN DUNES GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB**
2888 Southern Dunes Blvd.
863-421-1047
- **TEXAS CATTLE COMPANY**
735 East Main Street
Lakeland
863-604-3588
- **THE ENDZONE**
42605 Hwy. 27
863-420-6569
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 TO RSVP ONLINE FOR ANY EVENT YOU WISH TO ATTEND.

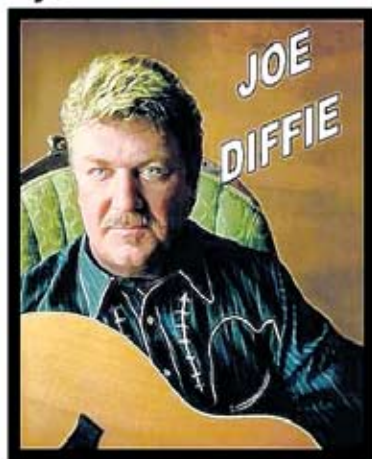
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-Polk State College	863-297-1098
Southeastern University	863-667-5017
University of South Florida Polytechnic	863-667-7055
Warner University	863-638-7209

COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS

Alzheimer's Association -	
Florida Gulf Coast Chapter	863-292-9210
American Cancer Society	863-688-2326
Central Florida Development Council	863-551-4760
Citrus Center Boys & Girls Clubs Inc.	863-422-7014
City of Haines City	863-421-3600
Cornerstone Hospice & Palliative Care	863-291-5560
East Polk Committee of 100	863-294-9454
East Polk County Association of REALTORS®	863-294-3163
Good Shepherd Hospice	863-419-8884
Haines City Band Boosters, Inc.	863-258-9612
Haines City Main Street	863-421-9950
Haines City Masonic Lodge #219	863-660-1510
Haines City NAACP	863-422-4557
Haines City Rotary Club	863-419-1961
Kiwanis Club of Greater Haines City	863-294-3755
Parkview Outreach Community Center	407-731-7333
United Way of Central Florida	863-648-1500
Women and Youth Center, Inc.	863-422-2309
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COMPUTER DIGITAL MEDIA

Interactive Media Productions, Inc.	407-414-2807
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COMPUTER NETWORK DESIGN & SUPPORT - SERVICES & REP

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CONFERENCE CENTERS

Florida FFA Leadership Training Center	863-439-7332
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CONSULTING

Florida Strategic Group	863-683-3900
Townsend Senft Consulting & Insurance, Inc.	863-242-0459

CRISIS REFERRAL CENTERS

Women and Youth Center, Inc.	863-422-2309
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DECORATIVE CONCRETE

Fresh Coat Painting	863-557-5153
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DENTISTS

Agnini Orthodontics	863-353-6867
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DENTISTS

Heart of Florida Dental Center	863-422-8608
Implant and Comprehensive Dentistry	863-293-1807
Kenneth B. Rogers, D.M.D., P.A.	863-293-0636
Professional Smiles Dentistry	863-420-4130

DEPARTMENT STORES

Belk	863-420-1984
Wal-Mart Super Center	863-421-7948

DERMATOLOGISTS

Associates in Dermatology	863-421-4158
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DIALYSIS TREATMENT

Davita Dialysis	863-419-7408
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DJ SERVICES

A Premier Entertainment	863-324-7333
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DRY CLEANERS

Haines City Quality Cleaners, Inc.	863-422-1735
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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

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Steve's Electric, Inc.	863-422-8494
VYBZ Electric LLC	863-401-2963

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Steve's Electric, Inc.	863-422-8494
VYBZ Electric LLC	863-401-2963

ELECTRONIC CIGARETTES

E-LitesUSA LLC	863-577-6336
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ENGINEERS/CONTRACTORS

Engineers of Central Florida, Inc.	863-422-5517
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ENGRAVERS

Haven Engraving & Awards	863-299-9582
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ENVIRONMENTAL CONSULTING

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