



WILDERNESS LAKE
P R E S E R V E

NATURE'S NEWS

**YO HO HO HO, A PIRATES
LIFE FOR ME!**

**LOVE IS IN THE AIR
AT THE LODGE**

**WAYS TO CELEBRATE
BLACK HISTORY MONTH
IN THE TAMPA BAY AREA**

**CREEPY OR CUTE?
THE DIVIDED
OPOSSUM OPINION**

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DID YOU KNOW?

HISTORY OF PIRATES IN TAMPA

Legendary pirate, believed to be fictional by most, Jose Gaspar is said to have terrorized Florida's Western Coast during the late 18th and early 19th centuries. In some stories, Gaspar is a poverty stricken pirate who began pillaging early in his youth. In others, an aristocrat and Officer in the Spanish Navy, Gaspar appeared to all as a well dressed and courtly fine gentleman.

When Gaspar died, he reportedly left an untold, and still undiscovered fortune buried along Florida's Western Coastline.

Perhaps you can guess the nickname of Jose Gaspar?

CREEPY OR CUTE?



THE OPINION ON OPOSSUMS IS A DIVIDED ONE, SOME FIND THEM CREEPY AND SOME FIND THEM TO BE THE CUTEST LITTLE BALLS OF ADORABLE FLUFF IN THE WHOLE WIDE WORLD. REGARDLESS OF WHICH SIDE YOU ARE ON YOU MAY FIND THESE FACTS ABOUT THEM INTERESTING.

Close Encounters

You're shuffling out your cans on the eve before garbage day, and see a cat-sized, rat-like creature shuffle across your driveway. You're either struck with complete disgust, fear or overwhelmed with desires to grab and pet it. In any of those groups, I assure you, you are not alone. The feelings and opinions about opossums vary wildly.

Playing Possum

When confronted with a predator, many have heard the term "playing possum" to refer to the act of playing dead, or trying to fool an opponent. What you may not know is that this is an involuntary reaction and that the possum is indeed unconscious and defenseless during this time. It also is interesting to know that they emit a foul smell that mimics that of a dead animal.

Walking Embros

Possums give "birth" to their young and they are just about the size of a bumblebee. They then use their strong legs to climb into the mothers pouch which looks more like a belly button than a kangaroo's pouch you may be picturing. Inside the pouch, there are 13 nipples to attach to. A possum gives birth to as many as 25 baby opossums. In order to survive, they must be among the fastest and most efficient. The lucky survivors will stay attached for 50-70 days. After this, they continue to live at home with mom until they are 120 days old. At which time, they leave and seek out a new life as a solitary opossum. Only 60% survive this stage and go on to reproduce.



One-Pot Garlicky Shrimp & Broccoli

Ingredients:

3 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil, divided
6 medium cloves garlic, sliced, divided
4 cups small broccoli florets
½ cup diced red bell pepper
½ teaspoon salt, divided
½ teaspoon ground pepper, divided
1 pound peeled and deveined raw shrimp
(21-30 count)
2 teaspoons lemon juice, plus more to taste



Directions:

1. Heat 2 tablespoons oil in a large pot over medium heat. Add half the garlic and cook until beginning to brown, about 1 minute. Add broccoli, bell pepper and 1/4 teaspoon each salt and pepper. Cover and cook, stirring once or twice and adding 1 tablespoon water if the pot is too dry, until the vegetables are tender, 3 to 5 minutes. Transfer to a bowl and keep warm.
2. Increase heat to medium-high and add the remaining 1 tablespoon oil to the pot. Add the remaining garlic and cook until beginning to brown, about 1 minute. Add shrimp and the remaining 1/4 teaspoon each salt and pepper; cook, stirring, until the shrimp are just cooked through, 3 to 5 minutes. Return the broccoli mixture to the pot along with lemon juice and stir to combine.



Valentine's Celebration

♥ COUPLE'S DINNER

SATURDAY | FEBRUARY 10TH | AT 6:00 PM

♥ \$10.00 PER COUPLE ♥




Join us for an evening of soul-stirring piano renditions that will transcend boundaries and leave an incredible mark on your heart. Experience the magic of Milosz Gasior, as he takes you on a mesmerizing journey through a timeless love with music.

Menu: Lasagna, Salad, Dessert


♥ RSVP @ (813) 995-2437

EVENTS TEAM AT
WILDERNESS LAKE

FUN EVENTS



Rummikub at the Lodge!



Thursdays ~ 1:00 - 3:00 PM

Games Provided

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THE LODGE SHOW

A Stand Up Comedy Show
Featuring

BYOB FREE



Jerrywill24 Matt Fernandez Matt Byrd
Ryan Cleveland James Hollingsworth

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7PM FEBRUARY 24TH

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to RSVP



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LADIES NIGHT

Friday, February 2nd, 6PM

Location: Activities Center

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(BYOB)

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ENTERTAINMENT



HOOPS & SCOOPS

F E B 18

3:00 PM - BASKETBALL COURT

Around the world, HORSE, relay, knockout & MORE! Free frozen treat for all participants

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STAFF TO ATTEND
OUR SPECIAL
EVENTS AT
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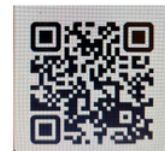
WILDERNESS LAKE PRESERVE

Craft Workshop

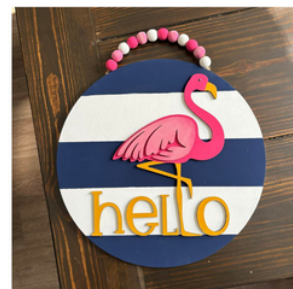
WE HEARD YOU!
LET'S DO
FLAMINGOS!!

Saturday Feb. 17th
@6:30pm Wilderness
Lake Preserve Lodge
21330 Wilderness Lake
Blvd

Choose your project
and register by 2/14
under events here
www.mywildflowerdesign.com



Option #1 -
Flamingo Hello 14"
Round Door Hanger
\$50



Option #2 -3D Flamingo
Porch leaner 12x40 \$60



FUN WAYS TO CELEBRATE

BLACK HISTORY

AROUND TAMPA BAY



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TAMPA BAY
**COLLARD
GREEN FESTIVAL**

**FREE
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President's Edition!
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2024
9 a.m. - 5 p.m. - Live Music!
FREE Taste Tent & Fitness Demos!
Collard Green Cook-Off w/ \$500 Prizes!
Fresh Collard Green Giveaway!

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Adrian E. Miller, Soul Food Scholar
"Black Chefs in the White House"



THE TAMPA BAY COLLARD GREEN FESTIVAL PRESENTS
COLLARDS AFTER DARK: *A Liquid History of the U.S. Presidency*

FEBRUARY 16, 2024
6 PM ~ THE CUBAN CLUB
2010 N. AVENIDA REPÚBLICA DE CUBA,
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featuring
Adrian E. Miller



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A COMPLIMENTARY DRINK & HORS D'OEUVRES**

FUN WAYS TO CELEBRATE

BLACK HISTORY

AROUND TAMPA BAY

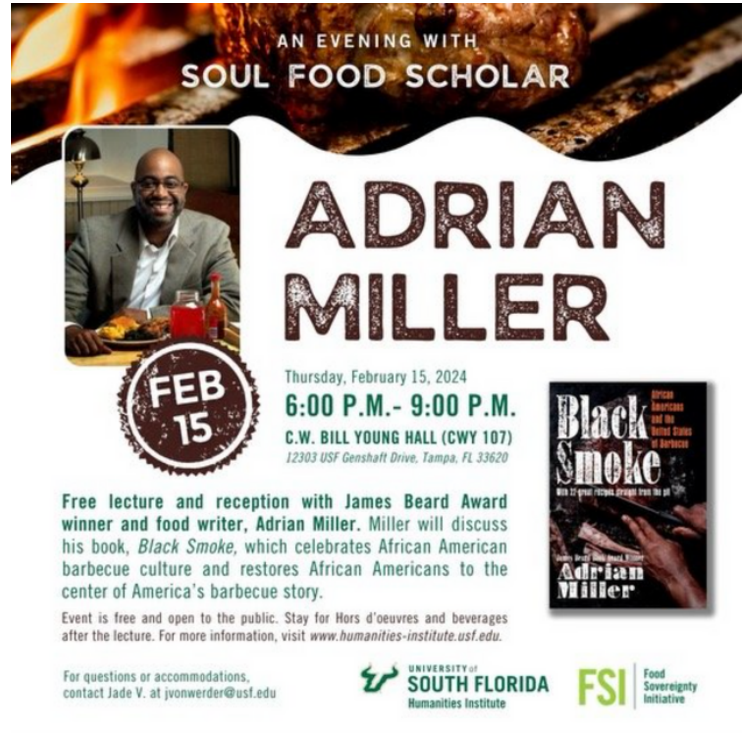
More Ways to Celebrate

There are so many exciting ways to celebrate Black History month in the Tampa Bay Area.

Fish, Grits and Black History: \$25-\$35. 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Feb. 24. Walter L. Smith Library, 905 N. Albany Ave., Tampa. 813-254-0605.

The Stories We Tell: Sharing Our Black History Through Creative Expression: Free. 10 a.m.-noon Feb. 17. Perry Harvey Sr. Park, 1201 N. Orange St., Tampa.

Black History Month Exhibition: Artist Njeri Kinuthia. Free. 6-7 p.m. Feb. 12. Centre Gallery, 4202 E. Fowler Ave., Tampa. 813-974-2011.



AN EVENING WITH
SOUL FOOD SCHOLAR

ADRIAN MILLER

Thursday, February 15, 2024
6:00 P.M. - 9:00 P.M.
C.W. BILL YOUNG HALL (CWY 107)
12303 USF Genshaft Drive, Tampa, FL 33620

FEB 15

Free lecture and reception with James Beard Award winner and food writer, Adrian Miller. Miller will discuss his book, *Black Smoke*, which celebrates African American barbecue culture and restores African Americans to the center of America's barbecue story.

Event is free and open to the public. Stay for Hors d'oeuvres and beverages after the lecture. For more information, visit www.humanities-institute.usf.edu.

For questions or accommodations, contact Jade V. at jvonwerder@usf.edu

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SPA SERVICES



BASIC MANICURE

Nails will be shaped, cleansed and pampered. You will receive a hand and arm massage and finished with your choice of polish.

\$15



ISLAND GETAWAY

Enjoy tropical fragrances as you are pampered! After nails are shaped and cleansed, you will receive an invigorating anti-aging hand exfoliation that is completed with a hot towel wrap. A soothing arm and hand massage will relax you and will be finished with polish of your choice.

\$20



BASIC PEDICURE

Shaping of nails and exfoliation begin this pedicure followed with thorough cleansing of feet, a relaxing massage and polish. Aromatherapy will heighten the senses leaving you feeling refreshed and beautiful!

\$28



MILK AND HONEY PEDICURE

After your feet are soaked and cleansed, you will lose yourself in the experience of a mud mask for the feet and long massage for total relaxation.

\$35

SPA SERVICES

NO POLISH PEDICURE

Using a blend of Peppermint and Pine Oils, feet will be soaked, toenails filed and feet exfoliated. A long massage will complete the experience.

\$28

MINI MANI PEDI COMBO

This package is an abbreviated combination of the traditional manicure and pedicure. Fingernails will be shaped, buffed and polished. Feet will be soaked, toenails shaped and buffed and a light massage will be given. Polish will be applied.

\$30

PRINCESS PAMPERING

This is a combination mani-pedi specifically designed for the young ladies! Nails will be shaped and cleansed and polish will be applied to hands and feet. (Ages 14 and under)

\$22

CND SHELLAC MANICURE

14-day wear polish with ZERO dry time which is finished with a hand and arm massage.

\$28



ADD ON SERVICES

Buff and Polish Change \$8
Add a French manicure \$3
Nail Repair \$2
Rhinestones and decals (per nail) \$2



CLICK ON PINK EVENTS TO VIEW
THE FLYER

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
BLACK HISTORY MONTH			1	2 LADIES NIGHT 6:30 PM 	3	4 HOOPS & SCOOPS 3PM
5 STORYTIME 10 AM	6	7 PHOTO CLUB 5PM FOOD TRUCKS 5 PM CDD MEETING 6:30PM	8	9 SIP & PAINT 6 PM	10 VALENTINE'S CELEBRATION 6 PM 	11
12 STORYTIME 10 AM ARC MEETING 6:30 PM	13	14  FOOD TRUCKS 5 PM	15	16	17 CRAFT CLASS 10:30 AM FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT 7 PM SUPER MARIO	18 HOOPS & SCOOPS 3PM
19 ICE CREAM SOCIAL 1PM	20 STORYTIME 10 AM	21 FOOD TRUCKS 5 PM	22	23	24 COMEDY SHOW 7 PM	25
26 STORYTIME 10 AM ARC MEETING 6:30 PM	27 HOA MEETING 6:30 PM	28 FOOD TRUCKS 5PM	29			





IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS

FROM THE DISTRICT

01

Text Updates

Sign up at the Lodge to be on the list to receive Text Updates

02

Sod Replacement

Sod replacement is completed

03

Read Full Meeting Highlights

READ MORE



WELCOME TO STORYTIME



Meet us in the Nature Center every Monday at 10 AM for a morning filled with reading, singing, making crafts, and a delicious snack.

CHECK OUT THESE RESIDENT & VENDOR
CLASSES AND CLUBS AT WILDERNESS

CLASSES & CLUBS



Ladies' Bible Study

Wednesdays 10AM (COST: FREE)
Contact Shuyan at: [970-978-7568](tel:970-978-7568)
Contact Janice at: [727-776-5723](tel:727-776-5723)



Yoga

Tuesdays & Thursdays 8:40 AM & 9:55 AM
Contact LuAnn at: [813-846-0874](tel:813-846-0874)
Email: imgagain@yahoo.com
(COST: \$5)



Water Aerobics

Monday - Friday 9AM - 10AM (COST: FREE)



Walking

Walking, Strength & Toning
Monday, Wednesday, Friday 9:30AM -
10:45 AM (COST: FREE)



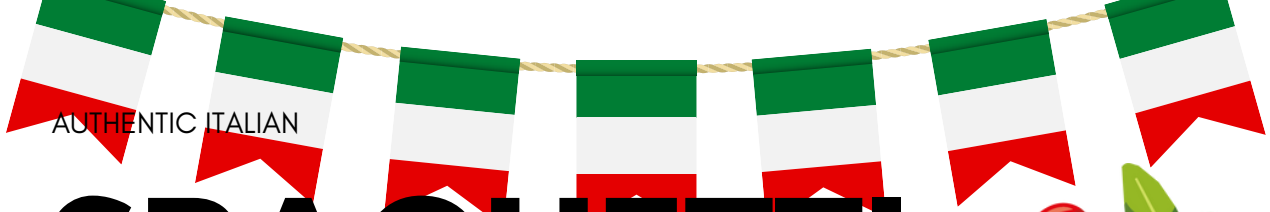
Pickleball Rocks

Tuesday & Thursday 6:30 PM (COST: FREE)
Contact Susan at: [602-315-0757](tel:602-315-0757)



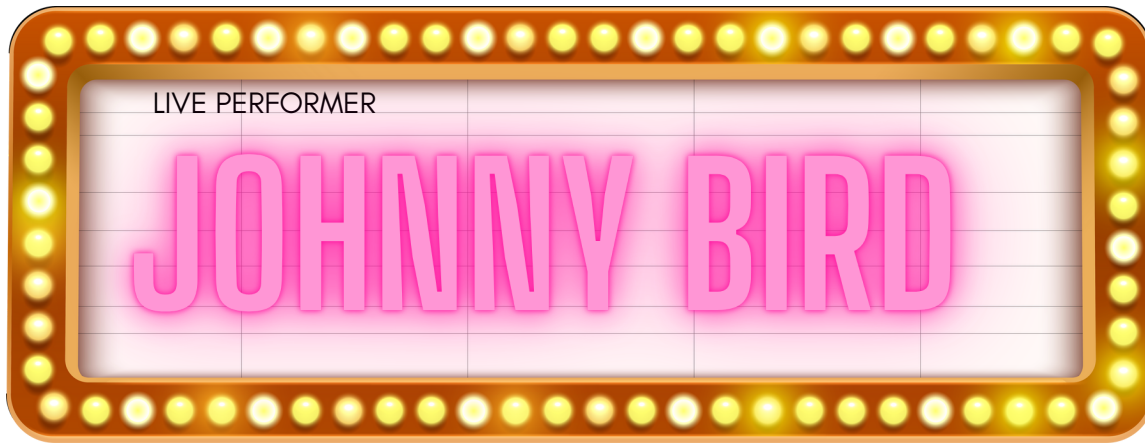
Chat'hers Club

Ladies' Social Club
This year the Chat'hers are sponsoring
Hospice.
Contact Telicia at: [786-301-4506](tel:786-301-4506)



SPAGHETTI DINNER





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WILDERNESS LAKE
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JANUARY 3, 2024

MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE PRESERVE AT WILDERNESS LAKE COMMUNITY

DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT WAS HELD AT 9:30AM ON WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 3, 2024.
THE OFFICIAL MINUTES WILL BE POSTED [ON THE DISTRICT'S WEBSITE](#), ONCE APPROVED BY THE
CDD BOARD OF SUPERVISORS DURING THE NEXT MEETING.

01 AUDIENCE COMMENTS:

- NO AUDIENCE COMMENTS

04 BOARD CONSIDERATIONS & APPROVALS

- THE BOARD APPROVED THE CONSENT AGENDA AS PRESENTED.

02 SUPERVISOR COMMENTS:

- UPDATE ON WLP BLVD & PINE KNOT LN SWALE
- LANDSCAPE AGREEMENT
- ADA AND PINE BARK MULCH
- DISTRICT MANAGER PORTFOLIO TRANSITION

05 SUPERVISOR REQUESTS

- CIRCULATE UPDATES ON ALL PROJECTS AND TOPICS OF INTEREST.
- LOWER THE NATURE CENTER CHANGING STATION.

03 STAFF REPORTS

LANDSCAPING REPORT

- SOD REPLACEMENT UPDATE
- TURF TREATMENT FOR BROADLEAF WEEDS
- TREE TRIMMING
- MULCHING PROPOSALS
- COMMUNITY HEDGE MAINTENANCE
- IRRIGATION AND VALVE REPLACEMENTS

DISTRICT ENGINEER

- NO REPORT

DISTRICT COUNSEL

- NO REPORT

MANAGERS REPORT

- ADS AND LIMITED PRINT PRODUCTION.
- MARKETING AND RESERVATIONS FOR UPCOMING EVENTS.
- THE BOARD APPROVED UTILIZING CONSTANT CONTACT AS A PLATFORM TO COMMUNICATE WITH THE RESIDENTS VIA TEXT MESSAGING
- OPEN STAFFING POSITIONS
- DISTRICT MANAGER PORTFOLIO TRANSITION.
- TRAPPING AND REMOVAL OF THE WILD BOAR AND THE OVERALL EXPENSE.

Reminder!

**NEXT CDD MEETING
FEBRUARY 7, 2024 ~ 6:30 PM**