

# Sally McConnell's Matching Campaign Update



## The Final Day of Sally's Challenge!

My goodness, what a treat the last few days have been! Thank you to every single one of you for your donations and your help getting the word out about [Sally's Matching Challenge!](#)

Today is the last day of the challenge - in less than 24 hours, we will have a pretty good idea of whether we were able to secure every single one of the 35,000 dollars she offered to donate back in August!

If you're just joining us, the "long story short" version is - Sally McConnell, a delightful human, challenged WKPG to really focus on our fundraising between August 1 and October 31. **She'll match every single dollar we've raised since August 1, up to \$35,000!** Today is the last day to make sure we don't leave any money on the table.

As of last night, around roughly 7:00pm, you wonderful people had helped us secure **\$32,285 towards this match**. We are hoping that the remainder is either [in the mail](#) (anything posted by today counts!) or will be [donated through our website](#) today (which is the last day of the challenge).

We do have a few events happening in the remaining months of 2023 (can you believe it's already the end of the year?!) - I've included those details below. Please come out and say "hello", or [sign up to volunteer with us!](#) We love meeting our supporters and would love the chance to say "thank you" in person!

Just a reminder - it's likely you'll see some spooky friends out tonight. Please be sure to drive carefully! For those on the prowl for goodies, remember to look both ways, stay with your group, and have a howlin' good time!

Spookily yours,  
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# Out and About



## Spooky Tour is a Hit!

Our very own Brad Husserl and Marie Eide led a spooky property tour on Sunday! They shared details about the origins of Fred Howard's homestead and a spooky guest even joined them! Thanks to all who came out and to Brad and Marie for their enthusiasm and creativity!

# Upcoming Events

## WKPG is actively recruiting event volunteers!

If you'd like to assist with any of the community events\* listed below, please reply to this email with your availability.

\*Tours are not considered community events. Tour assistants are existing WKPG volunteers.

## Baywood Village Market

**309 Westwinds Drive, Palm Harbor, FL 34683**  
**November 18, 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.**

That's right - WKPG's favorite neighborhood market is back! This is a great opportunity to find amazing holiday gifts for your loved ones, meet local business owners and neighbors, and enjoy a curated food truck selection. We are so grateful to the residents of Baywood Village for their support and promotion of the WKPG's mission to protect natural lands - we hope to see you out there!

## **Kiwanis Arts and Crafts Show 2023**

**Main Street, Downtown Safety Harbor  
December 10, 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.**

It's becoming a tradition! Come check out the fantastic arts and crafts show hosted by the Kiwanis Club of Safety Harbor and be one of the first to see WKPG's holiday display!

## **WKPG's Adopt-a-Mile Cleanups**

**Pinellas Trail, Near the Intersection of Alternate US 19 and Curlew Road  
November 4, 9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.  
December 17, 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.**

We're so excited to host the last two cleanups of the year on our adopted stretch of the Pinellas Trail! Come out to help support the missions of **Keep Pinellas Beautiful** and **WKPG** with this family-friendly morning activity (parental supervision required). Mark your calendars and [sign up on the website!](#)

# Volunteer Corner

We are so very grateful to all of our volunteers - this entire organization has been developed by volunteer efforts.

For our active volunteers, please make sure you are receiving the weekly hours email and using the link there to report the time you dedicate to our cause!

If you are interested in joining our volunteer team, we'll be sharing our needs as they arise - currently, we are looking for volunteers to assist with events, conduct online research, and spread the word about WKPG's work to the community (especially to local businesses).

If you have a specific area of expertise you'd like to share, and would like to become more involved, please reply directly to this email and we can chat!

### **Total Hour Count**

Hours for October (to date): **113**

Hours for September: **165**

Hours for 2023 (to date): **1768**

Hours for 2022: **3630**

# Share the WKPG Story

## Our Origin Story: #SAVEtheWKP

Take a moment to watch [this wonderful documentary](#) about the creation of the WKPG, and our efforts to save the West Klosterman Preserve! This excellent overview was produced by aspiring filmmaker, **Caden Colver**, at the beginning of 2022. We remain as dedicated as ever to the preservation of natural lands in Florida!

Share the link with your friends and family, neighbors, and local officials!

## Learn More on the WKPG Website and Social Accounts

Visiting [our website](#) and following us on social media are some of the best ways to stay up-to-date on the progress we've made, next steps, and our upcoming events! We have an Instagram account ([@savethewkp](#)), a [Facebook page](#), a [Facebook group](#), and we're on [LinkedIn](#)! If you have questions, you can always reply to this email, or submit your inquiry through our "[Contact Us](#)" form on the website!



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