

Happy New Year!



Happy New Year, from the WKPG Team!

I hope this year is off to a good start for you all!

This is just a quick note to share how much your support means to us! As a volunteer-led organization, every donation, every hour of service, and every "share" with your network means a great deal and makes a huge impact!

I'll share a thorough breakdown of our successes through 2023 with you soon - we're still crunching the numbers. In the meantime, take a minute to check out [this wonderful recap](#) of our events and successes, put together by our amazing Social Media Manager, Marie Eide. While you're on our Events Page, see if any of the upcoming property tours and events work with your schedule and sign up!

[The art auction](#) is open until January 31 - be sure to visit our friends, artists **Percy Kleinops** and **Suzanne Elizabeth Murphy** at [Open Sky Studio and Gallery](#) to see the beautiful piece being auctioned. Percy and Suzanne have generously offered to donate **25% of all proceeds** from purchases of artwork, greeting cards, and gifts at the Gallery until January 31, if you mention the West Klosterman Preserve - so be sure to mention us!

Keep an eye out for our 2023 breakdown, and exciting news for our plans in 2024!

Thank you for all you do and for the support you've provided to get us to where

we are today! Happy 2024!

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Out and About



Final Cleanup of 2023!

We had a great cleanup on December 23 - many thanks to our volunteers for their flexibility and determination to keep our stretch of Pinellas Trail tidy!

Upcoming Events

WK Preserve Property Tours

[1201 W Klosterman Rd, Tarpon Springs, FL 34689](#)

January 6, 11:00am-12:00pm

January 21, 11:00am-12:00pm

February 4, 11:00am-12:00pm

February 17, 11:00am-12:00pm

Sign up on [our Events Page](#) - participants must donate in order to be eligible for access to the property (according to our agreement with the School Board, the property owner) and complete the waiver.

Chipotle Fundraiser

[33121 US Highway 19 N, Palm Harbor, FL 34684](#)

February 7, 4:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Mark your meal prep calendar - dinner is handled on February 7! [Download the event flyer](#) to order in person (print or show on your phone), or use the code **AQ39M3P** to order online.

Wear your WKPG gear to show your support!

Hope Spot Festival - Edgewater Park, Dunedin

51 Main St, Dunedin, FL 34698

February 17, 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

It's back! This delightful **festival**, celebrating the natural wonders of the Gulf Coast, is back with another amazing line-up of sustainable merchants, environmental nonprofits, and inspiring local speakers!

We'd love to see you there! If you'd like to support WKPG by volunteering to staff our booth for a portion of the day, please reply to this email!

Volunteer Corner

WKPG is actively recruiting event volunteers!

If you'd like to assist with any of the community events* mentioned in our newsletters, please reply to this email with your availability.

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

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!

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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