

News and Updates



It's Event Season - Come Out to See Us!

Happy almost-February, everyone!

It's hard to believe the new year is almost an entire month old! We've got a whole slew of events coming up, as well as new ways to help support WKPG's mission to save slices of paradise - as always, reply to this email with questions or ideas, or to sign up as a volunteer!

The auction closes on January 31! With only three days left to [bid on the beautiful piece](#) donated by our friends at [Open Sky Studio and Gallery](#), be sure to stop by and visit the gallery soon to see if anything strikes your fancy! Percy and Suzanne, the owners, will donate 25% of proceeds from all sales connected to the WK Preserve. Don't forget to tell them WKPG sent you!

Mark your calendars! The next Chipotle fundraiser night is coming up on February 7! Join the WKPG team at the Palm Harbor Chipotle between 4:00pm and 8:00pm! Please be sure to [visit this page to download the flyer \(or take a screenshot\)](#) before arriving at the restaurant - you have to show the flyer at check out (printed or digital), or use the code to place an online order for pick-up (no delivery). We hope to see you there!

We're hosting a town hall and volunteer training! Come by to learn more about our mission, our progress, and what it takes to be a WKPG volunteer! **We're gathering in the Palm Room at the Palm Harbor Library at 1:00pm on February 24** - bring your questions, bring your ideas, bring your friends! We're excited to meet more of our supporters and share details about how we do what we do. Even if you're not sure about volunteering and you just want to see what we're all about, this is a great chance to meet the team!

Wilcox Nursery's Spring Fundraiser is coming! Y'all, these plant people just won't quit! After providing the single largest day of fundraising in 2023, the fine folks at [Wilcox Nursery and Landscape](#) have generously offered their Spring Festival as the first major fundraiser for WKPG in 2024! We're looking forward to joining their expert staff at the Nursery on **Saturday, March 16th** - stay tuned for more details!

Our next newsletter will include details about January's progress and other updates - be sure to check out the specifics below and reach out if you have any questions!

All my best,
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Out and About

First Tour of the Year!

After the first *scheduled* tour of the year was cancelled due to weather, our January 21st tour went off without a hitch! Many thanks to our volunteers for leading and supporting the tour, and to our tour participants for sharing their passion for preservation with our Facebook followers!



Cleanup with GreenTown Kids!

We're so pleased to be a sponsor for the Indian Rocks Beach nonprofit, [GreenTown Kids!](#) Our Vice President, Bruce Turley, helped out at their Clean Beach, Clean Slate cleanup to celebrate the new year!

Upcoming Events

Chipotle Fundraiser

[33121 US Hwy 19 N, Palm Harbor, FL 34684](#)
February 7, 4:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

We've got dinner planned for February 7th! Between 4:00pm and 8:00pm, for any orders placed [using this flyer](#) or the online code **AQ39M3P**, Chipotle will donate 33% of sales to WKPG! **You must show the flyer at checkout (printed or digital) or enter the code when you place your pickup order online** (no delivery orders).

Our team will pop in and out throughout the evening - feel free to wear your WKPG gear and chat with other folks you see wearing our merch! Just a note - we can't solicit Chipotle's regular customers or hand out flyers, so please share widely with your friends before the evening itself!

WKPG's Adopt-a-Mile Cleanups

Pinellas Trail, Near the Intersection of Alternate US 19 and Curlew Road
February 24, 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
April 21, 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

We're so excited to host the first 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!](#)

Tours of the WK Preserve

[1229 Klosterman Rd E](#), Tarpon Springs, FL, United States, Florida
February 4, 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
February 17, 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Brad Husserl, our local Preserve expert, will be leading tours of the Preserve on the above dates. The School Board, the current owner of the property, has allowed us to conduct these tours for our donors - if you haven't donated yet and you'd like to attend a tour, pop over to [our donation page](#) and then [sign up for the tour on the event page](#).

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!

Town Hall Meeting and Volunteer Training

Palm Harbor Library - Palm Room
[2330 Nebraska Ave, Palm Harbor, FL 34683](#)
February 24, 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

We're excited to share updates with you all and provide training for our volunteers, both existing and new!

We'll begin with a short presentation about our history and current progress, spend some time answering questions from you all, and wrap up with training for event volunteers and outreach ambassadors! Stay tuned in the next newsletter for details about our ambassador program!

Be sure to reply to this email with any questions!

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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