

News and Updates



It's official - our deadline is September 16!

Hello everyone!

We've received some exciting news from our partners at Pinellas County! The agreement between the County and West Klosterman Preservation Group is ready for approval by the Board of County Commissioners!

Within this agreement is the deadline to raise the remaining funds to save the West Klosterman Preserve from destruction - **September 16, 2024!**

[You can help by donating now!](#)

Right now, over \$2M (*two million*) has been pledged to save West Klosterman Preserve - and **[we need your help to close the gap!](#)**

We've got a list of ways to help below my sign-off - I know that, with your support, we'll reach our goal **in no time!**

Don't forget about our Town Hall at the Palm Harbor Library on February 24 (see below for more details) - we're looking forward to seeing you there!

All my best,
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How Can YOU Help?

I'm glad you asked!

There are lots of ways to help save the West Klosterman Preserve! See if any of these activities are a match for you!

- [Donate to the mission!](#)
- Share this newsletter with someone you know!
- Tell your friends, family, and colleagues about our mission to save 14 acres of natural land!
- [Volunteer with us](#) (come out on February 24 to learn more)!
- [Become a sponsor!](#)
- Let your local news anchor or journalist know that you want to hear more about our progress!

Upcoming Events

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!](#)

Tour of the WK Preserve

1229 Klosterman Rd E, Tarpon Springs, FL, United States, Florida

February 17, 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Brad Hussert, our local Preserve expert, will be leading a tour of the Preserve. 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 or reply to this email with your questions!

Wilcox Nursery's Spring Festival

[12501 Indian Rocks Rd, Largo, FL 33774](#)
March 16, 2024; 9:00am-5:00pm

It's spring-time and that means it's time for Wilcox Nursery's Spring Festival! Come on out for games, speakers, and native plants! You can [read more about last year's festival here](#). We're so grateful to our friends at Wilcox for their dedicated support of our mission, and we're looking forward to seeing you all there!

Volunteer Corner

WKPG is actively recruiting volunteers!

If you'd like to assist with any of the community events* mentioned in our newsletters, or if you'd like to help in other ways, 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!

Catch up with Palm Harbor Local's Blog and Podcast!

For the most recent interview about the West Klosterman Preserve, take a minute to [read the blog post](#) and listen to the podcast interview with two of our founding members, Tex and Kay Carter!

Thanks to Donnie Hathaway of Palm Harbor Local for helping us spread the word about our mission to save slices of paradise!

Donate Now to Save 14 Acres of Land



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Every dollar counts