

# News and Updates



## Thank you to our Sponsors and welcome to new Supporters!

Good Tuesday morning!

We had a delightful group of visitors to the Preserve last week - Chad Mills and the crew from ABC Action News spent the day with us! **Be sure to check out the segment** and share with your network!

Don't forget to add the **Wilcox Nursery Spring Festival** on March 16 to your calendar - it's sure to be a great celebration! Thank you to Wilcox Nursery for dedicating a portion of the day's proceeds to our mission!

If this is your first time receiving this newsletter - welcome! WK Preservation Group is a nonprofit dedicated to the preservation of natural lands. Our first project, WK Preserve, is a 14-acre parcel on the border of Tarpon Springs and Palm Harbor. It is one of the last remaining untouched pieces of property in Pinellas County - preserving this parcel will protect globally imperiled scrub habitat, which provides a home to a variety of native plants and animals. We've secured \$2.1M towards the \$3M purchase price for the property and need your help to raise the remaining \$900,000 before September 16! **You can learn more and donate at our website.** We're glad to have you with us on this mission - see below for links to our social media pages and follow us to stay connected!

I'm pleased to announce the formal launch of our **Preservation Sponsorship Program!** This program helps us recognize the businesses that support WK Preservation Group's goal of saving slices of paradise - we're so grateful to our Sponsors for their support, both financial and in sharing our mission with their customers and networks! We're deeply grateful to our first group of Sponsors - **Gulfstar Electric** and **Tampa Bay Parrot Heads Club!** You can find more details below and **on our website!**

We had a great turnout at our February 24 cleanup and Town Hall - if you're interested in learning more, or would like to become a volunteer yourself, please reply to this email or send me a text at 727-330-2719!

Have a great week and take good care of each other!  
All my best,  
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# How Can YOU Help?

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!](#)
- [Become a sponsor!](#)
- Let your local news anchor or journalist know that you want to hear more about our progress!
- Do you know of another group in Pinellas working to preserve natural lands? We'd love to meet them! Please share their information with us by replying to this email!

## New Sponsors!

We are so grateful to our Sponsors for their support of our mission to save slices of paradise for future generations! Please take a moment to learn more about the inaugural class of the Preservation Sponsorship Program below and [on our website](#).



### Gulfstar Electric

The leading installer of electric vehicle charging stations in Tampa Bay, serving both residential and commercial clients. Gulfstar Electric also provides education about electric vehicle charging station installation and maintenance [on their website](#). Thank you, Gulfstar, for becoming a Bronze Level Sponsor!

### Tampa Bay Parrot Heads Club

This group of PHolks who are drawn to the tropical-music and laid-back island lifestyle suggested in Jimmy Buffett's music are also dedicated to improving the environment and having PHun doing it! [Their website](#) shares more about their work and becoming a member. Thank you, Parrot Heads, for becoming a Green Sponsor!



# Upcoming Events

## WKPG's Adopt-a-Mile Cleanups

Pinellas Trail, Near the Intersection of Alternate US 19 and Curlew Road

April 21, 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

May 18, 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

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

## 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 this 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!

## Baywood Village Market

[309 Westwinds Drive, Palm Harbor, FL 34683](#)

May 4, 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Our favorite neighborhood market is back! Come by and meet the neighbors and local businesses before the heat sets in - with food trucks and local artisans, you're sure to have a great time!

Please reply to this email if you'd like to help staff the booth for the market.

# 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!

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