



# ***Pasco County***



# ***2008 Annual Report***

# A MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

## Dear Fellow Citizens:

The Pasco County Board of County Commissioners (BCC) is pleased to present the County's 2008 Annual Report. This report is one of the many ways we work to keep our citizens informed about the accomplishments your County government has achieved in the past year, as we endeavored to provide valuable services and programs to more than 450,000 residents.

This year's theme is "Leaping Into Excellence," marking the County's enhanced efforts to streamline activities and deliver services more efficiently. LEAP stands for Lean, Efficient, Accountable Pasco and it is the hallmark of a new era in your County government.

2008 was a year of challenges but also many successes. The voter-approved Amendment 1, enacted in January 2008, resulted in reductions of \$15.29 million in the General Fund and \$2.56 million in the Municipal Fire Fund for a total of \$17.85 million. The total budget for the Fiscal Year (FY) 2008-09 was \$980,368,693, a decrease of more than 19% over the previous year.

In spite of these reductions, your County Commission was able to hold the line on property taxes, keeping the millage rate at 5.433 for FY 08-09, the same as the previous year and the lowest general fund millage rate since 1987. We are proud that the budget adopted in September 2008 provides our residents with a tax savings while still providing vital services that our citizens expect and deserve.

Even as we adapt to a constrained economy, we continue to make improvements that affect your quality of life. In 2008, we opened a new fire station in Blanton, providing much-needed service and protection to the residents in that area. The County unveiled Lake Lisa Park on Regency Park Boulevard in Port Richey, which provides enhanced recreation opportunities for residents in that community. In addition, the Board approved the purchase of the pristine and environmentally significant Upper Cotee River Preserve, the first parcel acquired through the Environmental Lands and Acquisition Program (ELAMP), funded entirely through the Penny for Pasco sales tax.

Several County departments received state and national recognition in 2008. Linda Allen, Libraries Director, was selected as one of 10 librarians nationally to receive the "I Love My Librarian" award from the Carnegie Corporation of New York and the New York Times. The Library System also received the 2008 Florida Library of the Year Award from the Florida Library Association. Pasco County Animal Services was recognized at both the state and national level as well, receiving the Outstanding Agency of the Year award from the National Animal Control Association, as well as the top award from the Florida Animal Control Association.



Pictured from left to right: Ted Schrader; Pat Mulieri, Ed.D.; Ann Hildebrand; Michael Cox, CFP®; Jack Mariano



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As we move into a new era of County government, we anticipate that funding will remain constrained; however, we are committed to providing appropriate levels of service to maintain the quality of life we all enjoy. We hope you find the information in this report useful and we look forward to working together to address the challenges still ahead.

*Respectfully submitted,*

**Jack Mariano, Chairman, District 5**  
**Pat Mulieri, Ed.D., Vice-Chairman District 2**  
**Ted Schrader,, District 1**  
**Ann Hildebrand, District 3**  
**Michael Cox, CFP®, District 4**

# MEET YOUR COUNTY COMMISSIONERS



## **Commissioner Jack Mariano District 5, Chairman**

Commissioner Mariano was elected to the County Commission in 2004 and re-elected in 2008. He's currently the Chairman of the Board and Vice-Chairman of the Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council. He and his wife, Michelle, have two daughters: Amber and Lauren.



## **Commissioner Pat Mulieri, Ed.D. District 2, Vice-Chairman**

Commissioner Mulieri was elected to the County Commission in 1994. She holds a doctorate in Education, and she was a professor at Pasco-Hernando Community College for 16 years. She's been a resident of the County since 1979 and lives in Gowers Corner with her husband Jimmy.



## **Commissioner Ted Schrader District 1**

Commissioner Schrader was first elected to the County Commission in 2000 and then re-elected in 2004 and 2008. He served as Chairman of the Board in 2003 and 2008. He is also a board member for Tampa Bay Water. Ted has three children, and he and his wife, Julia, live in San Antonio.



The BCC recognizes members of the community and legislators at monthly board meetings.



## **Commissioner Ann Hildebrand District 3**

Commissioner Hildebrand was first elected to the County Commission in 1984. In 2007, she completed her fifth term as Chairman. Ann has held several political appointments both at the regional and local level. Ann is a graduate of Michigan State University and a former social worker.



## **Commissioner Michael Cox, CFP® District 4**

Commissioner Cox was elected to the County Commission in 2006. Michael's greatest love in life is his wife Abbey whom he married in 1993. He enjoys boating, fishing, and volunteering for the community. Michael and Abbey have no children, but do share their New Port Richey home with three dogs.



The BCC celebrates the Tommytown ribbon cutting.

# A MESSAGE FROM THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

## To the Citizens of Pasco County:



On behalf all Pasco County employees, I am honored to present the 2008 Annual Report. The past year has been financially challenging but also extremely rewarding as staff has worked diligently to maintain levels of service while keeping costs down.

This year, we continued the LEAP Into Excellence initiative that began in 2007. Already, LEAP (Lean, Efficient, Accountable Pasco) has resulted in millions of dollars of savings, along with improvements to customer service in multiple departments, including Emergency Services, Utilities and Development Review. Our staff has reviewed every purchase, process, contract and program to determine how improvements could be made. Their efforts have been innovative and ambitious, often involving cutting-edge technology that has reduced customer wait times and allowed citizens to access more information online.

At the same time, the County embarked on a complete rewrite of the Land Development Code, in an effort to improve our development approval processes, remove inconsistencies in the code and consolidate information in a format that is easier for citizens and staff to utilize. We believe this is one of the most important tasks facing the County, as it will impact growth and development for years to come. We are also dedicated to involving the public throughout the process, creating a LDC Stakeholders Committee comprised of our business partners, customers and citizens that has met regularly over the past year.

Another important initiative begun this year was the County's participation in the Urban Land Institute's Advisory Services Panel process. The Board of County Commissioners joined with the Pasco Economic Development Council to seek the non-profit group's recommendations on improvements to the County's economic and land use development activities. The County's ultimate goal in doing this is to increase our economic competitiveness and create an environment that will bring new businesses and jobs to this area.

Also in 2008, our Information Technology department completed a full-scale redesign of the County's website, located at [www.pascocountyfl.net](http://www.pascocountyfl.net), which has made it easier for citizens to access information and search for County agencies and services. The County website also serves as a portal to all online government in Pasco, including our six municipalities and the Constitutional Officers such as the Sheriff, Property Appraiser and Tax Collector.

All of these improvements and initiatives have been motivated by one primary goal - to improve the quality of life for the citizens of Pasco County. As always, we welcome your feedback and suggestions on how we can better serve you.

Sincerely,  
**John J. Gallagher**  
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*Troy Donaldson, IT Communications, receives recognition as the 2008 Pasco County Employee of the Year.*



## COUNTY ATTORNEY Jeffrey Steinsnyder, *County Attorney*

Ten attorneys comprise the Pasco County Attorney's Office and provide legal services to the BCC, the County Administrator and the County's various departments and divisions.

Continued to assist County Administration and the Development Services Division in the evaluation of the County's Land Development Code and the development approval process, including the study undertaken by the Urban Land Institute for the purpose of rewriting the Code and reorganizing County departments, together with the drafting of land development regulations to accomplish the implementation of the major rewrite of the County's Comprehensive Plan.

Developed extensive documents and contracts to be used by various departments in the purchase of goods and services such as construction work. Successfully addressed bid disputes and settled contract claims without incurring the additional costs of litigation for the County.

Acquired right-of-way for the County's capital improvement projects, intersection improvement projects and drainage projects. Assisted County Administration and the County Lobbyist during the legislative process to review the potential ramifications of proposed legislation on County operations such as public works and the County's land use regulations.



## COUNTY ADMINISTRATION Michele L. Baker *Chief Assistant County Administrator* Contact: (727)-847-8115

### Public Communications/Office of Tourism Development



Produced monthly program *PASCO 360*. The show features department and division heads discussing county information. And the station continued to broadcast County Commission, Metropolitan Planning Organization, and Planning Commission meetings live.

Worked with local, State, and national governing sports bodies to generate an interest in organizations bringing their sports tournaments and events to the County. Efforts included the BCC partnering with the Florida Sports Foundation and Tampa Bay Sports Commission to promote the County as an exciting tourist and sports destination. The Wesley Chapel District Park hosted the *Dick's Sporting Goods Tournament of Champions* for the second consecutive season. The lacrosse event (pictured below) draws teams from across North America. It's economic impact is estimated at more than \$1-million.



### Personnel

Members of the Personnel Department have been active participants of the Lean, Efficient, Accountable Pasco (LEAP) initiative.

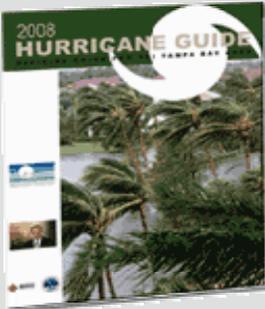
Negotiated an initial, collective bargaining agreement with the Pasco County Professional Firefighters.

Spearheaded the Pasco County Electronic Paystub (PEP) project, which eliminated paper paychecks for more than 90 percent of the employees.

Implemented the Cost Savings Award Program to reward employees for worthwhile suggestions.

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## Office of Emergency Management



**2008 Hurricane Season:** The County experienced a quiet hurricane season. Predictions called for 15 named storms with 8 hurricanes, and 4 of those hurricanes expected to be a Category 3 or higher. Residents witnessed a total of 16 named storms, of which four hurricanes and two tropical storms impacted the United States. Pasco residents braced themselves for Tropical Storm Fay in August. In response, the Emergency Operations Center (EOC) was activated and residents were asked to prepare for tropical storm conditions. Fortunately, Fay turned northeasterly and the Tampa Bay area was spared.

**Severe Weather:** For the second consecutive year, residents witnessed the powerful effects of a tornado. On December 16, 2007, a tornado ripped through the Land O' Lakes Detention Facility complex destroying one tenant housing facility and damaging another.

This same weather system produced localized flooding in coastal areas of Hudson and Port Richey. Damage and expenses totaled in excess of \$2M.

### Community Emergency Response Teams (CERT):

The CERT organization welcomed 53 new members. They participated in the Hurricane Expo, the annual hurricane exercise and the Tropical Storm Fay activation. They were also involved in community outreach programs and provided staffing for cold weather shelters. Nearly 900 residents are members of the program.

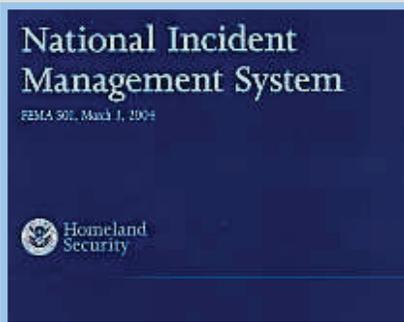


Photos courtesy of St. Petersburg Times

**Hazardous Incident Team (HIT):** The all-volunteer team responded to 76 hazardous material incidents and logged more than 2,000 hours of training. Expanding upon its relationship with the Animal Services Division, HIT responded to three domestic animal hoarding incidents assisting in the rescue of nearly 100 dogs and cats. Additionally, HIT assisted Fire/Rescue on 91 hazmat-related incidents.

**Shelters:** We continue to partner with the District School Board to address the shortage of shelter space available for residents in an emergency. Pasco-Hernando Community College has also joined the partnership by constructing an Enhanced Hurricane Protection Area (EHPA) building. Four new EHPA schools were added to the list, bringing our total shelter capacity to over 30,000. The design of the Mike Fasano Regional Hurricane Shelter is underway and it will house upwards of 1,000 evacuees when it comes online in 2010. Animal Services Division continues to provide a pet friendly shelter at Pineview Middle School. Wiregrass High School will serve as an additional Special Needs Unit for the east side of the County.

**Special Needs:** Approximately 2,400 residents are registered in the program with ongoing efforts to identify those individuals who need assistance during an evacuation. Emergency Management participates as a member of the State Special Needs Shelter Interagency Committee which is tasked to compile the rules for implementing the changes required by Florida Statutes.



**Homeland Security:** National Incident Management System (NIMS) implementation continued with County employees participating in Incident Command System (ICS) training. In addition, select field-response personnel from fire services, law enforcement, public works, and utilities attended provisional Position-Specific Training (PST).

**Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP):** A total of \$1.2M of grant funds allowed the County to procure nine properties through the HMGP program. The properties were flooded during the 2004 Hurricane Season and/or during previous flood events. The properties have since been demolished and the land restored to its natural state.



## PUBLIC SERVICES

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### Emergency Services



#### Construction

Completed Station 39: 2-bay station, 5,184 square feet, Heritage Pines, Hudson (pictured left).

Station 37 in Odessa, Station 15 in Trinity, Station 16 in Zephyrhills and Station 23 in Land O' Lakes are scheduled to be opened and operational in 2009.

#### Emergency Communications/E-911 Calls

We received a total of 231,617 calls, or an average of just over 635 per day. This represents an 8 percent decrease from last year. The backup emergency communications facility within the Land O' Lakes Detention Center was completed in August. The construction of the center was a public-private enterprise with numerous departments of both Pasco County and the Sheriff's Office working with AK Associates and Verizon to complete the project.

Pasco County can now operate seamlessly in the backup Public Safety Answering Point should there be an event that forces the closure of the Emergency Communications Center in New Port Richey.

Marked progress has been made to enhance the Phase II mapping project with a projected completion date of May 2009. This technology will provide the location of wireless callers by automatically plotting their signal on a map at the time the call is received.

We have added 4,754 new addresses to the computer-aided dispatch (CAD) database during the past year. During this past year, Emergency Communications Dispatch handled 33,478 engine calls, an increase of 3 percent, and 47,736 rescue calls which represents a small increase.

#### Grants

Received four grants worth nearly \$1.6 million from the Florida E9-1-1 State Grant Program, Florida Emergency Medical Services Awards and Match, Department of Homeland Security SAFER Grant and DHS Assistance to Firefighters Grant.

#### Training

Took possession of new Burn Simulator Training Tower (pictured at the right). Became a State-certified Training Center and completed new hire classes for 30 personnel and Fire fighter I class for 20 volunteer personnel. We conducted and coordinated Countywide Juvenile Fire-Setter Program and Agility testing for over 125 new employee candidates.

Ongoing department-wide training for 500 personnel in CPR recertification, EMT and paramedic recertification and annual agility.



## Facilities Management

### Projects Completed in 2007-08

The new Road and Bridge Equipment Shed (5,285-square-foot pole barn), on 30908 Warder Road, San Antonio was completed.

Bus Stop Shelters: Two shelters in New Port Richey, near the West Pasco Government Center (WPGC); and two in Zephyrhills.

Lake Lisa Park (pictured below) has a multipurpose court, restrooms, a picnic shelter with tables and grills, a playground, and walking trail.

### Future Project Development Goals

Green Buildings: We'll be implementing Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED), which has been developed by the U.S. Green Building Council (USGBC). The Green Building Rating System establishes environmental attributes and sustainable features. LEED allows a project team to choose the most effective and appropriate sustainable building measures for a given location and project.



Design-Build: We are developing a new means of delivering construction projects. The Regional Hurricane Shelter, located at Engle Park, will be delivered with this process. With design-build, the owner is able to focus on scope needs, definition and timely decision making, rather than on coordination between the designer and the builder.

With design-build, the design-builder warrants to the owner that the design documents are complete and free from error. This is in contrast to how the County traditionally delivers a project using hard bid. Although there is no sure delivery method, growth sometimes warrants change. We will be executing the design-build method with high expectations of success.



## Parks and Recreation

Our department's mission is to improve the quality of life for our citizens by providing 37 excellent parks and recreation facilities, programs, and opportunities for everyone to enjoy. Our "profit" is derived from the services we provide and the positive and long lasting experiences we create. This past year was more challenging than recent years, but we, along with some partners, accomplished wonderful things for our citizens.

Completed construction of our first skateboard park at the Land O' Lakes Recreation Complex, a boardwalk connection between Anclote Gulf Park and Key Vista Nature Park, opened Lake Lisa Park and completed significant capital maintenance projects at several parks.

Acquired 600 acres for Eagle Point Park, 72 acres in the Wesley Chapel Lakes development, 80 acres collocated with two schools in the Connerton development, 52 acres to expand Arthur F. Engle Memorial Park, and 16 acres towards restoring a rock mine into a park along the northwest coast. Acquired rights to 40 acres collocated with two schools in the Starkey development, 116 acres in the Wiregrass development, and seeking rights to 80 acres collocated with schools in the Bexley development.

Entered the final stage of developing the County's Greenways, Trails, and Blueways Master Plan.



## Libraries Service



### Libraries Director, Linda Allen, Wins National Award

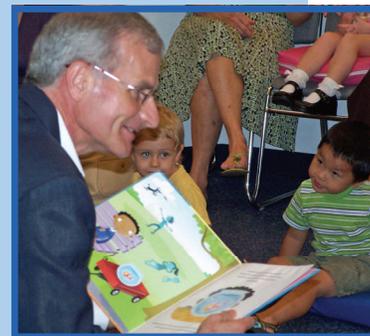
Director Linda Allen was named one of ten librarians recognized nationally for service to their communities as winners of the Carnegie Corporation of New York/New York Times, I Love My Librarian Award. Allen was chosen from among 3,200 nominees nationwide. Each of the ten award winners was honored at a ceremony and reception in New York at The Times Center hosted by *The New York Times*.

### Pasco County Library System Wins Library of the Year

The Pasco County Library System won 2008 Library of the Year from the Florida Library Association. The Library System was chosen for its excellence and innovation in programming; E-Government services; and its commitment to enriching the lives of all citizens of Pasco County. In addition, the Library System was the only library in Florida to win an E-Government grant. The department was also congratulated on its award-winning staff members, exceptional quality marketing materials, and excellent ratings by the public.

### Leaders Are Readers

To celebrate September is Library Card Sign Up Month, libraries hosted the very successful Leaders Are Readers program. Local leaders were invited to read to children during story times or to speak to teens about leadership. A few of the leaders taking part in the celebration were The Honorable Mike Fasano (pictured right), State Senator; The Honorable Brian Corley, Supervisor of Elections; The Honorable Heather Fiorentino, Superintendent of Schools; The Honorable Marilyn deChant, New Port Richey City Councilwoman; The Honorable Pat Mulieri, Ed.D., County Commissioner; The Honorable Ann Hildebrand, County Commissioner; The Honorable Michael Cox, County Commissioner; The Honorable Jack Mariano, County Commissioner; John J. Gallagher, County Administrator; and Michele Baker, Chief Assistant County Administrator.



### Original Battle of the Bands XI: Rockus Maximus

The bands were judged on stage presence, vocals, songwriting, and general musicianship. Teens holding a current library card were admitted for free. If teens didn't have a card, they were able to sign up for one at the show. In addition, we added a video/online documentary that allowed bands to compete for having the best online presence. Eight weekly episodes were posted on our MySpace page so that teens can watch the bands and vote for their favorite each week! Over 1,500 votes from around the world were cast!

### We the People, Created Equal @ Your Library

The Pasco County Library System received a grant that provided funds for special initiatives and programs exploring the concept of our founding fathers: We the People, Created Equal. The programs focused on American history and a special list of authors. These programs included book talks, a speech-writing contest, read alouds, and a tribute to Abraham Lincoln. Our youth services personnel conducted outreach to the Pasco County area elementary schools to sign up for library cards and a coloring contest of Abraham Lincoln. Sandy, the three-legged dog, helped promote the programs on posters and the cover of the winter calendar of events.



**Animal Services**

Agency and Individual Awards

Recognized as the Outstanding Agency of the Year presented by the National Animal Control Association and the Florida Animal Control Association. Certified Veterinary Technician of the Year presented to Julie Leonard by the Florida Veterinary Medical Association. Caretaker of the Year presented to Troy Lamson by the Florida Animal Control Association.

For two years, the Animal Services Division has seen a much welcomed decline in the number of dogs coming into the shelter. This year, the number fell to 4,622, an 18-year low! Adoptions continued to increase during this time period, due in part to the expansion of our networking with dozens of private rescue organizations. This resulted in a 240 percent increase in the number of adopted dogs and a 1,040 percent increase in the number of adopted cats in the last year alone.



A new support group, Friends of Animal Services, Inc., was created. "Friends" is a 501(c)3 not-for-profit organization of people who share a belief that a modern, well-equipped domestic pet animal shelter is essential in our growing community. The group works together to enrich the resources of the Pasco County Animal Shelter for the benefit of the animals on behalf of all Pasco citizens through fund-

raising, volunteering, and advocacy efforts. In its fledgling year, Friends donated dozens of dog beds, cat resting benches, hundreds of environmental enrichment toys and medications to treat sick animals, all which have improved the health of the sheltered animals. In addition, Friends donated labor and materials and built the Shelter Pet's Run and Exercise Enclosure (a.k.a SPREE) area, where shelter dogs get a chance to get out of their cages to run and play with volunteers. To find out more about this worthwhile organization, or to become a Friend, go to [www.fpcas.org](http://www.fpcas.org).

**Public Transportation**



The BCC adopted the first 10-year Transit Development Plan reflecting significant planned enhancements to public transportation operations and service over the next decade. Continued to meet with developers and County staff to better plan and provide for future transit infrastructure amenities.

Electronic fareboxes were installed on East Pasco transit buses ensuring a consistent, systemwide, fare-collection process and providing the capability for eventual connectivity between East and West Pasco transit services. Underwent a full Federal Transit Administration Triennial Review, auditing all programmatic activity for Federal compliance. The results were well above satisfactory.

Served on the Transit Managers Committee, made up of transit directors throughout the Tampa Bay region, that advises and coordinates with the Tampa Bay Area Regional Transportation Authority (TBARTA). This committee is legislatively charged to produce a master regional plan for a public transportation system serving the area's seven counties.

Implemented a fare increase in March 2008 to help offset growing expenses and diminishing public funding. Transit passenger trips increased and fare revenue increased.

Initiated a student ID program to provide discount benefits to all students purchasing bus passes. The Bikes on Buses program continues to grow in popularity, with 50,400 bicyclists using the service.

Service Data	Provider	Passenger Trips	Passenger Fare Revenue
Transit	PCPT	1,052,630	\$592,964.57
Paratransit	PCPT/Contracted Operators	67,646	28,958.18
Paratransit	Private-Nonprofit Agencies (Under PCPT Coordinated System)	126,404	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>All Providers</b>	<b>1,246,680</b>	<b>\$621,922.75</b>

**Human Services**

This section of government serves the needs of the most economically disadvantaged citizens of our County. Consequently, it has experienced an inordinate number of requests for services as the economy slumped and unemployment rose. Over 31,000 telephone calls for services were received ranging from health care, to general assistance with food, housing, energy, and transportation as the greatest requests.

Human Services was able to assist a limited number of families in getting into a home and/or apartment with the first and last month's rental payments. In addition, families were also assisted with past due rent. The Division enabled over 3,960 families to remain in their homes, with one service or another. A 45 percent increase in requests for utility assistance, and a 34 percent increase in the number of requests for rental assistance, were recorded. Funds for rental assistance are available through the State Housing Initiative Program (SHIP).

Through the Emergency Home Energy Assistance for the Elderly Program, over 570 senior residents were assisted in paying past due utility bills. Funds for this program are provided by the Department of Elder Affairs and Area Agency on Aging of Pasco-Pinellas, Inc.

Pasco County was the recipient of the National Association of Counties (NACo) Outstanding Performance Award for the promotion and distribution of NACo's discount prescription card. A total of \$2,905,015 has been saved by Pasco residents since the program's inception in July 2006.



**Elderly Nutrition Program**

The Elderly Nutrition Program/Meals on Wheels has been providing high quality and cost-efficient services to our elders for over 30 years. Our charge is to reduce hunger, promote socialization, and to promote the health and well being of older individuals by assisting them in gaining access to nutrition and other disease prevention and health promotion services. Ninety-five percent of our congregate diners reported that their socialization needs were met by coming to the dining sites which helped them meet new friends.

In addition, we provided 2,134 hours of nutrition education and 10,500 hours of nutritional counseling to our participants. The program adhered to the Older Americans Act's targeting requirements and served 3.5 percent of the minor-



*Robert Gordon, Elderly Nutrition/Meals on Wheels Home Delivery Driver*

ity, elder population; 8.0 percent of the low-income, elder population; and 8.4 percent of the elder, rural population. Meal service is a labor-intensive undertaking that could not be achieved without the use of 400 plus volunteers. Volunteers contributed to the distribution of more than 262,942 meals.

The County Elderly Nutrition Program continued to develop community partnerships with area churches and other organizations to provide congregate dining locations at no charge to the County. As a result, two dining sites have been relocated to no-cost facilities in Trilby and Zephyrhills. With the recent relocation of these two dining sites, all of our facilities are cost-free or County-owned with the exception of the Southgate facility where the rent was greatly reduced. As a result, the estimated cost savings to the County will be in excess of \$26,000 yearly.

The Elderly Nutrition Program received recognition for outstanding achievement in 2008. The Charles McIntosh Award for distinction in the category of Community Service-Non Profit Program was awarded to the Division for excellence in the region and in regional visioning.



At the same time, Gabriel D. Papadopoulos, the Elderly Nutrition Program Manager, received the nomination for the Herman Goldner Award for Regional Leadership. This nomination is for individuals who exemplify the spirit of regional cooperation, dedication to their community, and notable achievement in encouraging future visioning.

## Cooperative Extension Service

### SOLUTIONS for *YOUR* LIFE

formation more accessible, Pasco agents possess expertise in 4-H and youth development, agriculture, horticulture, family, and consumer science.

**4-H youth** development programs this year included in-class programs, traditional 4-H clubs, and residential camps. More than 26,000 youth participated in 4-H programs.

In **agriculture**, farmers and ranchers were advised on ways to increase their yields, raise healthier cattle, increase small acreage production, and how to detect insect and disease problems on their crops, such as blueberries and citrus.

**Horticulture** staff shared gardening and environmental knowledge with both adults and youth. Over 600 youth participated in summer programs, while over 7,500 adults participated in seminars, demonstrations and classes, learning about a wide range of "green" topics. Participants improved their knowledge of growing plants, "good" and "bad" garden insects, and about proper fertilization and pesticide applications.

**Family and Consumer Sciences** staff focused on family nutrition this year with a new \$600,000 a year grant to help educate individuals about how to make wiser food and exercise choices for short and long-term benefits. This collaborative program, with the Pasco County Health Department and the District School Board of Pasco County, reached over 30,000 individuals in 40 schools, 9 clinics, 4 senior centers, and 3 food pantries. In addition, 390 volunteers donated 3,890 hours of in-kind match.

For more information about any of these topics, stop by one of the two Cooperative Extension Service offices. We're located in the Public Works/Utilities Building in the West Pasco Government Complex in New Port Richey or at the Pasco County Fairgrounds on S.R. 52 in Dade City.



## Veterans Services

The Division's mission is to provide high quality, professional service to veterans, their dependents, and survivors in obtaining Federal, State, and local entitlements. Pasco County Veterans Services is an advocate for our clients in their efforts to obtain benefits that they may be eligible for from the U. S. Department of Veterans' Affairs.

The Division assists veterans of all branches of the U.S. Armed Forces and their survivors with their application process for over 30 different programs and "earned" benefits.

The Division assisted 7,692 clients, and it was also successful in acquiring \$7,558,810.00 in monetary benefits for its clients as well.

The BCC formally unveiled the names of **PFC Patrick Joseph "PJ" Miller** of New Port Richey and **Sgt. Marcus Mathes** of Zephyrhills on the Veteran's Memorial outside the West Pasco Government Center. Both men were killed in action during combat operations in Iraq.



## DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

Bipin Parikh, P.E.

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### Central Permitting

- Processed 26,708 Building Permits (January through December) with a construction value of \$722,708,223 as follows:
  - 1,111 Single-Family Permits;
  - 425 Multifamily Permits; and
  - 259 Mobile Home Permits.

### Development Review

Processed 77 Class I Commercial Site Development Permits, 64 Class II Commercial Site Development Permits, and 27 Class III subdivision plans along with the processing of Driveway Connection Permits, property division inquiries, Temporary Use Permits, flood elevation determinations, Fill Permits, and individual lot drainage reviews.

### Building Inspections

Worked with the Information Technology Department to have the ability to report inspection results from the field.

### Paving Assessment (PVAS)

- Forty projects totaling \$12,280,667.00 were completed in 2008.
- Fifteen projects totaling \$4,971,346.00 were initiated and awarded to the contractors in 2008.
- Four additional projects totaling \$1,588,238.00 have passed petition and will be awarded.
- Twenty-two more projects totaling \$8,505,000.00 are currently out to petition, but have not been awarded.
- Reduced the backlog of paving assessments for County-maintained roads from 389 to 26 in the course of five years.

### Road and Bridge

The department's primary function is the maintenance of 1,745 miles of roadway, ranging from major arterials to local residential roads. This includes 44 bridges and approximately 60,000 traffic signs.

In 2008, maintenance crews mowed over 2,000 miles of road rights-of-way; mowed 134 County-maintained retention ponds; graded 190 miles of unimproved roads; cleaned 20 miles of drainage ditch; installed 5,000 feet of drainage pipe; reworked 72 miles of shoulder; poured 30,000 tons of asphalt for patching and paving; planted 500 new plants in the medians; and installed over 6,000 feet of guardrail.

The Traffic Maintenance Section installed 7,500 signs and over 40 miles of roadway had thermoplastic striping applied. Road and Bridge also acts as a support service for paving assessment and program maintenance. The costs for resurfacing, construction, and reconstruction projects are reduced by this participation.

### Survey

The Survey Division supports the County's departments and divisions with accurate, timely, and efficient survey work.

- Topographic and boundary work for three parks with a total of approximately 802 acres of land;
- 6 maintained right-of-way maps with 12 miles of right-of-way;
- 15 miles of drainage systems mapped for Stormwater Management;
- 6 signalization surveys for Traffic Operations;
- Staked, located, and mapped 30 miles of utility improvements;
- Staked 26 miles of existing right-of-way for Road and Bridge and Paving Assessment.

### Real Estate

Completed approximately 184 closings associated with road improvement projects, development and rezoning actions, Environmental Lands Acquisition Management Program (ELAMP), Hazard Mitigation Grant Program, fire and safety sites, and land donations, totaling approximately \$30,300,000.00.

Managed \$3,500,000.00 of active appraisal contracts. The work effort was accomplished with a staff of five personnel.

## Design/Stormwater

The Stormwater Management System Utility was approved and implemented for the program management and maintenance of the county drainage systems. The initial focus of the utility is to ensure compliance with the County National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permits and maintenance of County stormwater systems. The County's NPDES Program satisfies Federal and State requirements for the reduction of stormwater pollution in the County's waterways. This program is strictly enforced through stormwater, and violators are fined

for sediment and erosion control incidents and illicit discharges. The initial maintenance will be significant in scope and focus on areas of the County that have not been maintained in many years.



The Duck Slough Flooding Control Project was designed and permitted with partial funding from the Southwest Florida Water Management District (SWFWMD) in the amount of \$2,250,000.00. This funding provided 75 percent of the total project cost. In addition to the Duck Slough Project, the

Stormwater Management Division has secured funding from the SWFWMD totaling \$3 million for additional projects. Currently, the Stormwater Management Division is preparing basin management action plans for cleaning impaired water bodies in the New River Basin.

The Stormwater Management Division is coordinating with the SWFWMD and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to update FEMA flood maps. The digital flood insurance rate maps are being updated and are projected to be available in 2009.

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## Environmental Lands Acquisition Management Program (ELAMP)

Cross Bar/Al Bar Ranch was added to the Florida Forever "A" list with the full support of the Southwest Florida Water Management District (SWFWMD) and the BCC. A contract was approved for the Morsani Ranch, resulting in the acquisition of 214 acres and a commitment to retain 384 acres in a perpetual conservation easement.

A contract was approved for the purchase of Pasco Palms, whereby 117 acres were added to the environmental lands inventory, a high priority for the West Pasco Audubon Society.

The County received a 50 percent reimbursement from the Florida Communities Trust for the acquisition of the Upper Pithlachascotee River Preserve and a 50 percent reimbursement from the SWFWMD for Aripeka Heights.



Two additional properties are being added to the official Environmental Lands Acquisition List: Hidden River South and Mickler Gulf Coast Preserve.

Staff participated in the development of the Greenways, Trails, and Blueways Master Plan, and provided displays for the March for Parks, Earth Day, and the New Port Richey Holiday Parade.

Staff oversaw the soft opening of the Upper Pithlachascotee River Preserve (pictured left), which involved trail clearing with Saint Leo Environmental Science students, work on the grounds of the preserve, as well as the site of the future nature preserve, and preparation of the nature center for the public.

## Traffic Operations

Intersection improvements to Ridge Road at Sterling Lane identified in last year's road safety audits (RSA) were completed with the assistance of the Road and Bridge Department. These improvements included channelization of the intersection to prevent left turns from Sterling Lane onto Ridge Road. All signing and pavement markings were also upgraded.

An RSA was conducted in conjunction with the Federal Highway Administration and the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) to review crash reports and field conditions of an intersection of S.R. 52 at Little Road. The audit identified immediate, low cost, short-term and long-term improvements to reduce crashes and improve safety. The low cost, short-term improvements are presently being addressed by the County and the FDOT.

The new Crash Data Management System (CDMS), a joint FDOT District Seven project, was completed. The CDMS is a GIS-based system which allows for the plotting of crash data on GIS maps. Crash data and images of all crash reports are purchased from Pride Industries, eliminating all manual data input and reducing the division's operating costs. Only minimal data scrubbing is required to correct errors. This data purchase has reduced the processing delay of data from ten to twelve months to only one or two months. This new system provides many additional data fields for analysis that were not part of the old system.

New traffic signals were installed at the following intersections:

- County Line Road at Aronwood Boulevard
- C.R. 581 (Bruce B. Downs Boulevard) at Aronwood Boulevard
- County Line Road at Mansfield Boulevard
- Grand Boulevard at Mile Stretch Drive
- S.R. 52 at Silver Palm

A new roadway lighting system was installed on S.R. 56/S.R. 54 by the developers of Cypress Creek Town Center as required by the FDOT. The Traffic Operations Division will be maintaining this lighting system.



Dynamic message signs alert drivers to traffic conditions

The FDOT has been providing uninterruptible power supplies (UPS) for critical intersections in the County. These UPS units provide up to eight hours of battery backup operation of the traffic signals during power failures. These units are being installed by the Traffic Operations Division and will provide continuous operation of the traffic signals when the power fails. UPS is now required on all new traffic signal installation in the State of Florida.

The U.S. 19 Advanced Traffic Management System (ATMS) has been completed by the FDOT. The Traffic Operations Division operates and maintains the ATMS. The system uses the Sydney Coordinated Adaptive Traffic System (SCATS), which is the only one of its type in the State of Florida, one of 11 systems nationwide, and one of 50 worldwide. The SCATS system monitors traffic conditions second by second and automatically adapts the signal timings to the changing traffic conditions and flows on U.S. 19.



The system also includes 25 closed-circuit TV cameras (pictured left) to monitor traffic flows and conditions in that system. Up to 18 cameras can be displayed on the two 19-inch and one 65-inch display.

Savings from reduced energy consumption and maintenance costs due to the installation of LED traffic signals and LED streetlights countywide totaled \$166,862.

## Project Management

The following projects were completed in 2008:

- Allen Road and S.R. 54 Intersection Improvement (\$261,860.00)
- Demolition projects on Moon Lake Road and Chancey Parkway (\$49,143.00)
- Denton Avenue Stormwater Improvement Project (\$237,043.00)
- Embassy Boulevard and Regency Boulevard Intersection Improvement (\$639,947.00)
- Grand Boulevard and Mile Stretch Intersection Improvement (\$825,601.00)
- Lake Patience, Phase I (Sunlake Boulevard to Oakstead Boulevard) (\$237,043.00)
- Little Road and Golf View Median Improvements (\$1,106,430.00)
- Ridge Road, Pond 6 (\$238,472.00)
- S.R. 54 (Magnolia Boulevard to C.R. 581) (\$16,137,020.00)



SR 54 and Old Pasco Road

Project Management is providing technical review and right-of-way acquisition support, as well as coordination with utilities and construction engineering and inspection services, for Tommytown North and South Community Development Projects. Project Management is responsible for the interpretation and administration of the Access Management Ordinance and the Right-of-Way Preservation Ordinance.

More than 103 Project Management agenda items were generated and presented to the BCC. There are 92 active projects in the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP); five project managers, including the Assistant Engineering Services Director and the Chief Project Manager, are managing all of the work.

The Design section generated 90 maps and graphics for interdepartmental use and developed pond maintenance procedures for the Road and Bridge facilities. Designed the Beacon Woods Subdivision Sidewalk Project, East Road and Denton Avenue Repaving Project, Leonard/Henley Road Drainage Ditch Project, Bellamy Brothers Boulevard Drainage Ditch Project, and St. Joe Road Drainage Ditch Project.

## Engineering Services Administration

Provided outreach to the community in the form of public meetings for the C.R. 54 Project from Magnolia Boulevard to S.R. 581, S.R. 56 from S.R. 581 to Meadow Pointe Boulevard, the Highlands Sidewalk Project, U.S. 19 Median Channelization/Right-Turn Lanes, S.R. 54/S.R. 56 from U.S. 41 to east of I-75, and C.R. 54 from U.S. 301 to 23<sup>rd</sup> Street, and participated in public forums at the Central Pasco Chamber of Commerce, New Tampa Regional Library, Gulf High School, Lake Bernadette, and Lakewood Estates.

The department re-evaluated the fee structure for the divisions to ensure that services provided were adequately compensated based upon an evaluation of time/value/money. The department manages the program for estimating and tracking the transportation CIP projects and continues to monitor the Level of Service deficiencies, Five-Year CIP, and the Penny for Pasco improvements, as well as program maintenance, long-term concurrency, and proportionate-share contributions.

Designed landscaping plans for Seven Springs Boulevard, County Line Road, Mansfield Boulevard, Lake Patience Road, and the Little Road/Golf View median improvements.

## Engineering Inspections

- Right-of-Way Permits Processed: 1,505
- Complaints Processed: 51 from Code Compliance/ Consumer Affairs Sections; 200+ by telephone/walk-ins
- Subdivision Daily Inspection Reports: 689
- Commercial Site Final Inspections Performed: 251
- Subdivision Final Inspections Performed: 279
- Subdivisions Active: 458
- Commercial Sites Active: 1,149
- Class III E, U, R Subdivisions Active: 163
- BCC Consent Agenda Memoranda Written: 247
- Total Deposits Made: \$345,049.00
- Bonds Released Totaling \$154,474,853.00



## UTILITIES SERVICES

**Bruce E. Kennedy, P.E.**  
*Assistant County Administrator*  
Contact: (727) 847-8145

### CUSTOMER SERVICE

#### Meter Reading and Service Order Management

Performed more than 1,150,000 meter readings and implemented new hand-held reading system and trained personnel to improve meter reading performance.



Continued coordination with meter change-out program for installation of new automatic meter reading (AMR) equipment.

#### Billing and Collections

Established more than 720 new customer service billing accounts, for a grand total of 96,000 active customer accounts. Performed more than 100,000 payment transactions per month by electronic funds transfer; cash posting; and wire transfer via check-free, on-line, and Metavonte.

#### Customer Care

Averaged 8,000 telephone customer service calls per month and managed more than 150 payment plans for assistance with delinquent accounts.

Distributed 1,200 customer service packets regarding:

- Frequently-Asked Questions
- Rates and Daily Water-Use at Home
- Watering Restrictions and Water Conservation Tips
- Recycling Information

Performed more than 24 on-site customer-home visits to address high consumption and assist with leak detection.

#### Customer Affairs

Set up public information booths at four major public meetings and events through the year. Distributed more than 92,000 Consumer Confidence Reports for regulatory compliance with the Safe Drinking Water Act. Directly contacted and engaged more than 255 homeowners' associations concerning water restrictions and water conservation.

### WATER SERVICES

#### Operations

Delivered 11 billion gallons of high-quality drinking water to over 96,000 service connections. Received the Best Water Distribution System Award for Florida for 2008 by the American Water Works Association.



#### Facility Improvements

Worked with Tampa Bay Water to complete the Odessa Intertie and Lake Bridge Water Treatment Plant (WTP), to increase the pumping capacity, which will improve water service and fire protection to the West and Central Pasco service areas.

### RECLAIMED WATER SERVICES



#### Operations

Reused over 8.7 billion gallons of reclaimed water for residential irrigation, golf-course irrigation, park and school irrigation, industrial water use, and groundwater recharge. Provided reclaimed-water service to over 11,300 residential and 225 commercial reuse customers, thereby conserving over two billion gallons of potable drinking-water supply.

#### Facility Improvements

Completed construction of a 114-million-gallon, reclaimed-water-storage reservoir at the Land O' Lakes Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) which will enable the County to more efficiently store and distribute reclaimed water to its customers, ensuring proper reuse of this valuable water resource.

### WASTEWATER SERVICES

#### Operations

Collected and treated more than 6.3 billion gallons of domestic sewage. Began implementation of Computerized Maintenance Management System at our Wesley Center and Shady Hills treatment plant for tracking and maintenance of utility assets.

#### Facility Improvements

Installed headwork upgrades to wastewater plants at Wesley Center Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP), Southeast WWTP, Land O' Lakes WWTP, and Hudson WWTP with new bar screens. Completed collection system improvements to reduce chlorides contribution and inflow from the Leisure Beach area serving the Hudson WWTP. Construction of an additional septage receiving station at Wesley Center WWTP. Completed security enhancements at several WWTP's, including:

- Fencing at Land O' Lakes and Hudson WWTP.
- Security access gates installed at Wesley Chapel and Embassy WWTP.

## MUNICIPAL SOLID WASTE SERVICES

### Recycling Activities

Increased commingled recyclables (blue bag) tonnage by 480.31 tons, a 17.5 percent increase over Fiscal Year (FY) 2007. On a 12-month average, citizen participation in the blue bag program increased.



Organized the 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Coastal Cleanup in September, where 1,890 volunteers picked up 17.76 tons of trash from our coast, waterways, and inland areas.

Administered the Adopt-a-Road Program, where 49 groups conducted 104 cleanups over 110.5 miles of road and picked up 34,230 pounds (17.12 tons) of trash and 960 pounds of recyclables from our streets.

## ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

### Hazardous Waste Inspection Services

Completed 761 business inspections that generate hazardous waste. Completed 71 solid waste investigations for illegal dumping or burying of solid waste.

The Electronic Recycling Program collection achieved a new high of 670,290 pounds of electronics that will be recycled, refurbished, and reused.

The Hazardous Waste Center at West Pasco received hazardous and special waste from 6,082 visitors.



### Waste-to-Energy Operations

Processed 342,898 tons of municipal solid waste (MSW) at the Waste-to-Energy Facility to generate 219,654 gross megawatts of electrical power resulting in approximately \$17,000,200 in revenue sales to offset more than 50 percent of the MSW program cost.



### Landfill Operations

The County entered into a long-term agreement with Waste Services, Inc. (WSI), to deliver excess MSW (30,000 tons or more annually) to their Class I Landfill in Central Florida. The first year, the County diverted 30,018 tons for out-of-County waste disposal by WSI, thereby avoiding use of the County's existing West Pasco Class I Landfill for MSW disposal.

### Facility Improvements

Completed 60 percent of the design work for the two new scale houses and truck scales for the East Pasco Transfer Station and the West Pasco Class III Landfill, as well as the relocation of the Citizens Drop-Off area at both locations.

## ADMINISTRATIVE AND FISCAL SERVICES

### Accounting

Processed on average, more than 5,000 monthly invoices for payment to over 400 vendors, providing materials and services to the utility enterprise. These invoices for services represent more than \$60 million per year in operations and maintenance activities and more than \$140 million in capital improvements for FY 2008.

### Warehouse Operations

Opened and stocked our new East Pasco warehouse operations located at our Wesley Center WWTP site with our operations and maintenance staff.

Continued operations at the West Pasco warehouse located at our Embassy WWTP for distribution of materials and supplies in support of system operations and maintenance.



## Information Technology

The Information Technology (IT) Department continued its Performance Improvement Initiative during Fiscal Year 2008, including its initial SWOT (Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, Threats) Analysis and Customer Satisfaction Survey. Departmental performance goals, based on service level agreements or customer satisfaction, were defined for Fiscal Year 2009. The demand for service continued to increase for projects that add and/or enhance services as well as day-to-day support of existing services. The LEAP initiative was a key driver in the increased demand for enhancements to existing services. Of the 48 projects completed this fiscal year, 17 were LEAP related. The information below provides a brief summary of several high priority projects completed this fiscal year.



### Web Portal

The main thrust of the project included a major overhaul (look, feel, technical foundation) of existing web site so that it is easier to use, navigate, and manage web content. This is a critical first step for E-Government initiatives designed to improve citizen/County interactions.

### Automated Vehicle Tracking (AVL) System

AVL aids the County with the management of vehicles in the field by showing their location on a map. The initial phase of this project, installed in Fiscal Year 2007, 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter, applied GPS technology to Emergency Services vehicles and Public Transportation buses. Benefits to residents include improved response times for emergency service calls as well as improved customer service for Public Transportation. During Fiscal Year 2008, the project was completed as Code Compliance, Building Inspections, Animal Services, and Fire Inspection vehicles were deployed.

### Emergency Services

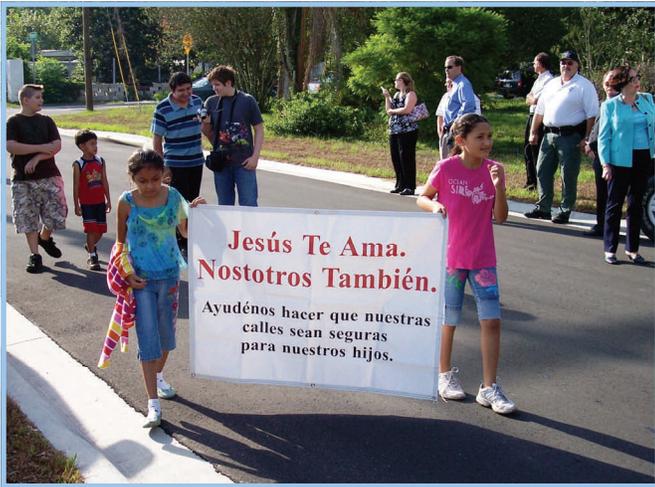
During Fiscal Year 2008, numerous Computer-Aided Dispatch (CAD) related projects were completed as indicated below.

- Upgrade CAD and FIRES suite of applications which provides significant increases in functionality.
- Deploy new computing platform for Emergency Communications that reduces business risk by providing local capability in Emergency Communications.
- Increase power capacity and network connectivity/capacity in Emergency Communications to support new mapping and medical assistance applications.
- Upgrade Dispatch PCs and displays to support new functionality that provides for side-by-side display of CAD data and mapping data.
- Provide infrastructure (telephone, workstations, local area networking, and wide area networking) necessary for a backup Public Safety Answering Point in Land O' Lakes to operate, in case of an extended failure of E-911 service occurs in NPR.

### Enterprise Addressing System

This new graphical GIS-based, street addressing system will provide the capability to consolidate street address systems and provide the County with a single enterprise addressing solution. Benefits include consolidation of address systems reducing the cost of maintaining multiple and separate systems. Additional benefits include rapid address assignment and improved internal County workflows for address assignment and maintenance. This project was completed in 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter of Fiscal Year 2008.

## Community Development



Children celebrate the opening of Tommytown South with a parade.

**Tommytown South** construction was completed in March of 2008. Roads were paved, water and sewer facilities were relocated, upgraded, or installed; and stormwater ponds were constructed. Tommytown South has approximately 128 housing units.

**Tommytown North** construction began in December 2008. The term of the construction contract will be 540 calendar days at a cost of \$8,477,208.75. There are approximately 347 housing units.

The first phase of the **Elfers School** project is currently under construction. This phase includes structural stabilization and interior demolition.

The County was awarded \$997,700 from the State Department of Elder Affairs to complete interior rehabilitation and site work for use of the building as the Community Aging and Retirement Services (CARES) Elfers Senior Center. Although this is a County owned property, the BCC has approved a lease agreement with



## Misdemeanor Probation

As a condition of probation, a number of defendants are required to pay restitution to victims, usually for damage to property or for medical bills. In 2008, the East and West Pasco offices collected a total of \$251,536.43 in restitution for victims.

Misdemeanor Probation has also directed defendants to other agencies where thousands of hours of community service are performed annually.

For further information, contact:  
New Port Richey (727) 834-3300  
Dade City (352) 521-4250

### **Housing by the Numbers:**

**The Homebuyer Assistance Program** assisted 49 families and loaned more than \$1,982,923 Pasco funds to homebuyers for \$5,177,675 in total sales.

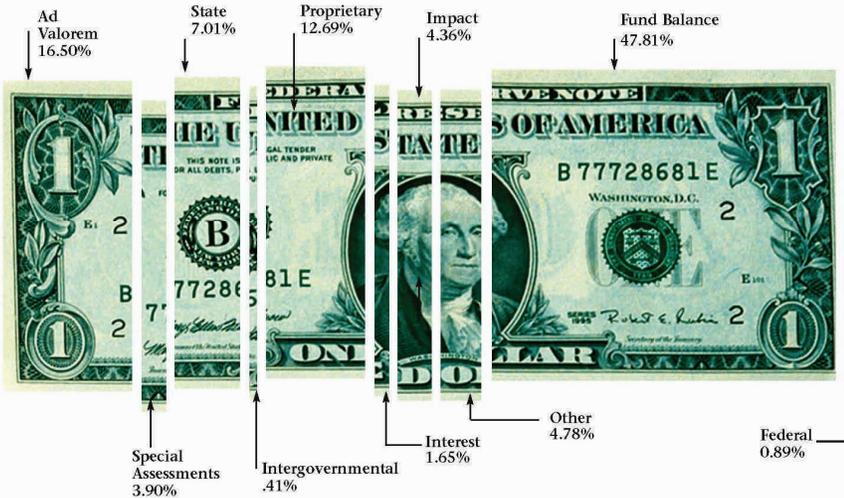
**The Homeowner Rehabilitation Program** assisted 56 families and loaned \$1,724,959 Pasco funds.

**Foreclosure Prevention** assisted 32 families.

# BUDGET INFORMATION

Total Budget: \$ 980,368,693\*

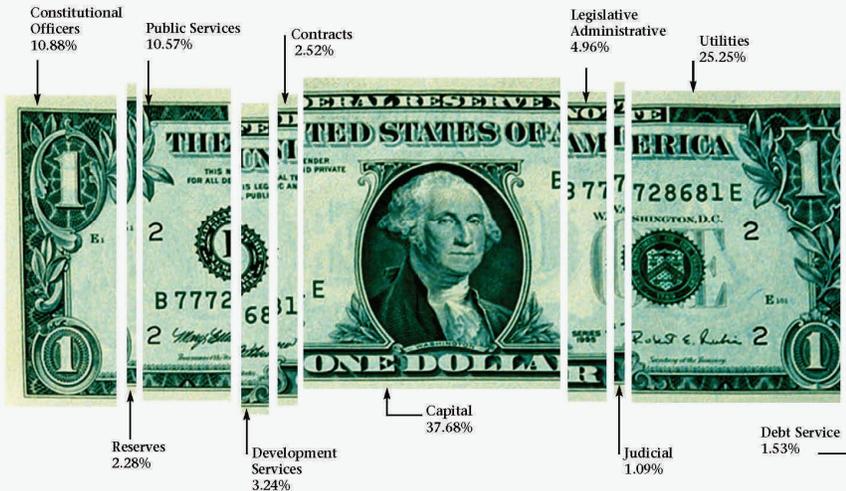
## REVENUES



## REVENUES:

Source	Percent %
Fund Balance	47.81
Ad Valorem	16.50
Proprietary	12.69
State	7.01
Other	4.78
Impact Fees	4.36
Special Assessments	3.90
Interest	1.65
Federal	0.89
Intergovernmental	0.41
<b>Total</b>	<b>100%</b>

## EXPENDITURES

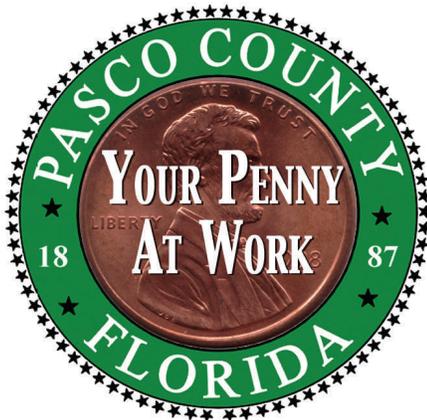


## EXPENDITURES:

Source	Percent %
Capital	37.68
Utilities	25.25
Const. Officers	10.88
Public Services	10.57
Legislative/Admin.	4.96
Development Services	3.24
Contracts	2.52
Reserves	2.28
Debt Service	1.53
Judicial	1.09
<b>Total</b>	<b>100%</b>

\*Budget information is based on projected revenues and expenditures for the period beginning Oct. 1, 2008, and ending Sept. 30, 2009

# PENNY FOR PASCO



## Background:

The Penny for Pasco is a Local Option Surtax passed by voters on March 9, 2004. The surtax became effective on January 1, 2005, and will exist for a period of 10 years. First, the School Board receives the equivalent of .50 mill. Then the balance of the proceeds of the Penny are divided among the Pasco County School Board (45%), local municipalities (10%), and Pasco County Government (45%). The County's 45% share is distributed as follows: 50% for transportation improvements and to address traffic congestion, 25% for the acquisition of environmentally sensitive lands, 20% for equipping public safety, and 5% for contingencies.

## Lands Designated for Conservation:

An estimated \$34.6 million is expected to be allocated for land acquisition over the ten years of the Penny for Pasco Program. On Nov. 22, 2005, and Dec. 6, 2005, the Pasco County Board of County Commissioners approved the first two tracts of land to be acquired using Penny for Pasco funds. The

Upper Pithlachascotee River tract was purchased on January 25, 2007. The property is 111 acres of land that will be used by the County for passive recreation, such as bird watching and hiking. The property was purchased for \$1,116,285. The second tract of land is the Morsani property. The property is in the final negotiation stages and the County hopes to announce the acquisition by the end of 2008. Both of these properties lie in critical linkage areas, which will eventually tie these newly acquired properties into the existing public land system, creating green space and conservation areas that stretch for hundreds and hundreds of acres.

## Public Safety Improvements:

- Sheriff's Office vehicles and mobile data terminals have been purchased in prior years totaling more than \$6.6 million.
- Emergency Services utilized a total of \$2,067,289 for emergency vehicles and automatic defibrillators.
- Prior years public safety improvements have totaled more than \$8.9 million.

## Road Construction & Median Improvements:

- U.S. 19 Channelization: total Penny for Pasco cost estimated at \$9,128,000.
- Seven Springs Boulevard median and safety improvements have totaled \$7,826,693.

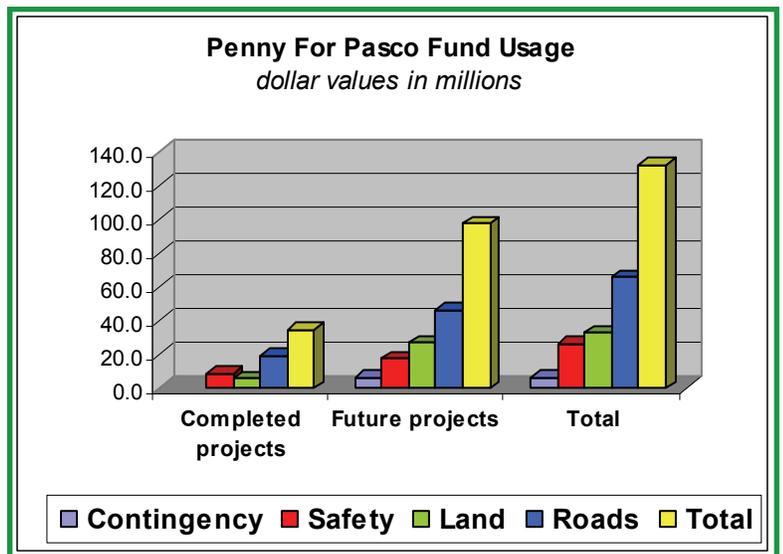
## Intersection Improvements:

- Seven intersections have been constructed totaling \$6,817,458 since 2004:
  - Collier Parkway and Weeks Blvd. \$1,037,254
  - Grand Boulevard and Mile Stretch Dr. \$1,147,841
  - Grand Boulevard and Moog Rd. \$1,001,387
  - Grand Boulevard and Trouble Creek Rd. \$1,379,555
  - Little Road and Ponderosa Ave. \$1,024,043
  - Regency Park Boulevard and San Miguel Dr. \$477,134
  - US 19 and Fox Hollow Dr. \$750,244
- The SR 54 and Boyette Road improvement is included in the SR 54 East Project, which will start construction in early 2010. SR 52 and Prospect Road construction should also start in 2010.

## Other Projects:

- Starkey Trail Connection from New Port Richey along Massachusetts Ave. from Congress St. to Starkey Blvd., has been budgeted for \$1,408,255.
- Transit transfer stations on US 19 and US 301 are estimated to cost more than \$1.2 million.

For a complete list of the Penny for Pasco Capital Plan please consult the County's current Annual Budget by logging on to [pascocountyfl.net](http://pascocountyfl.net).



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 East Pasco: (352) 521-4274  
 Central Pasco: (813) 996-7341

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County Administrator 8115  
 County Attorney 8120

County Commission

Dade City 4111  
 New Port Richey 8100

**Constitutional Officers**

Clerk of the Circuit Court

Dade City (352) 518-4008  
 New Port Richey (727) 847-8190

Property Appraiser

Dade City 4433  
 New Port Richey 8151

Sheriff

Dade City (352) 518-5000  
 New Port Richey (727) 847-5878  
 Land O' Lakes (813) 996-6982  
 Non-emergency line (727) 844-7711

Supervisor of Elections

Dade City 4302  
 New Port Richey 8162  
 Land O' Lakes 2788  
 Wesley Chapel 1392

Tax Collector

Dade City 4360  
 New Port Richey 8165  
 Land O' Lakes 6020

**Pasco County Departments**

Animal Services 1212

Building Inspections

Dade City 4279  
 New Port Richey 8127  
 Land O' Lakes 1266

Code Compliance 8171

Comm. Development 3445

Community Services 3258

Consumer Affairs 8110

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Dade City 4288  
 New Port Richey 8177  
 Land O' Lakes 7341

Development Review 8142

Elderly Nutrition/Meals on Wheels

Dade City 5174  
 New Port Richey 3340  
 Land O' Lakes 1231

Emerg. Management 8137

Emergency Services 2750

Engineering Services 8140

Growth Management 8193

Job Line (727) 847-8141

Libraries

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 Hudson 3040  
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 Land O' Lakes 1214  
 New River 6375  
 Regency Park 3049  
 South Holiday 3331

MPO 8140

Budget (OMB) 8129

Parks and Recreation 2760

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Public Information 8110

Public Transportation 3200

Recycling 8659

Road & Bridge 8143

Social Services

Dade City 5173  
 New Port Richey 3297

Survey 8014

Traffic Operations 8139

Utilities Services 8145

Veterans Services

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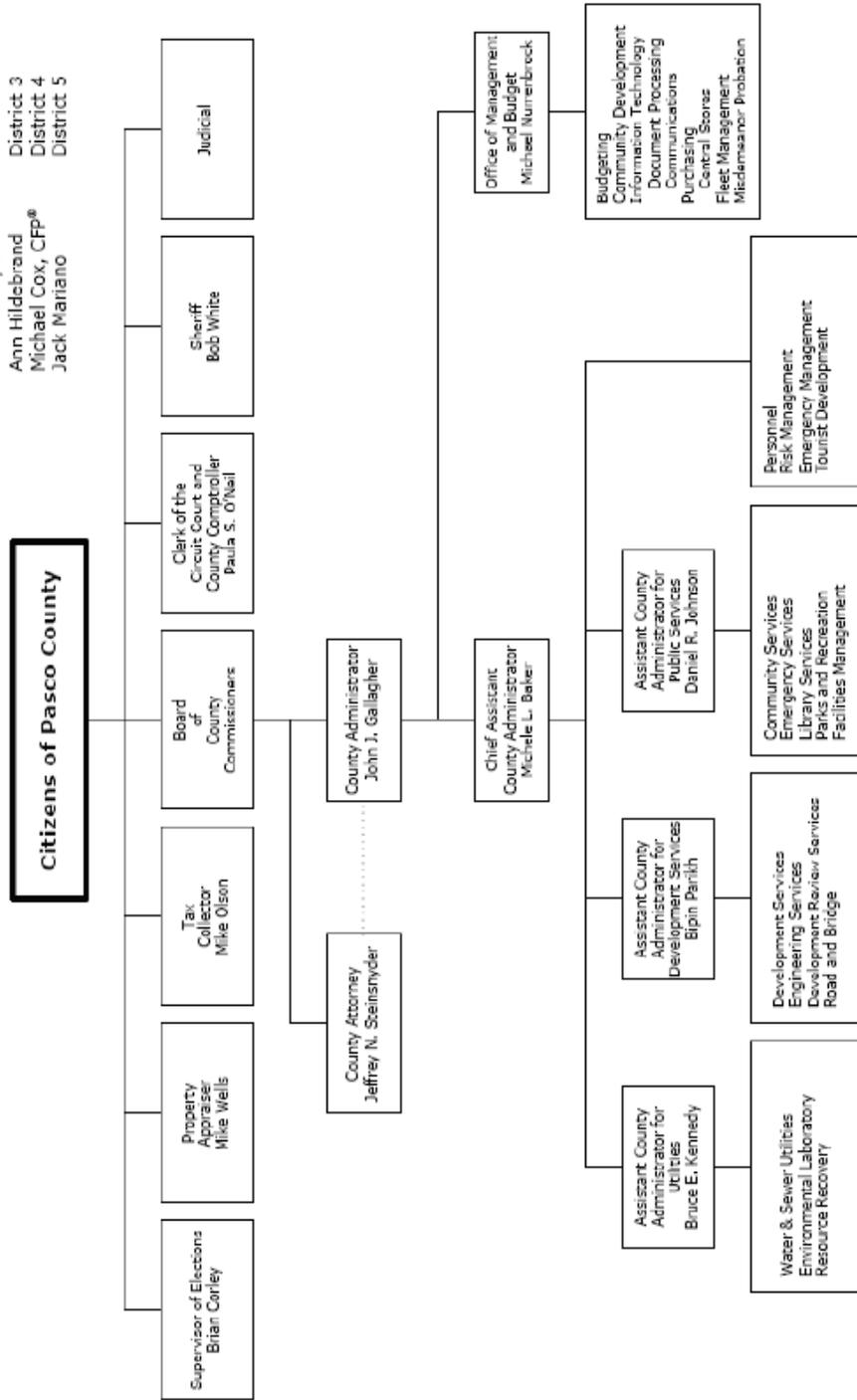
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# Organizational Chart of Pasco County

Fiscal Year 2009

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