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Pasco County, Pasco County Housing Authority, and Lacoochee-Trilby-Trilacoochee Steering Committee

# Tri-Community Revitalization News

**We Want You to Participate!**

**Focus Groups Are Being Created to Discuss the Following Topics:**

- K-12 Education
- Public Safety
- Health Care
- Community Involvement
- Social Service Agency Capacity Building
- Case Management
- Resident Involvement (Housing Authority)
- Economic Development and Workforce Development
- Early Childhood Education
- Youth Programming
- Affordable Housing
- Infrastructure
- Architectural Design

To Sign Up to Receive Updates, or to Join the Focus Group, please email Michelle Miller at [mlmiller@pascocountyfl.net](mailto:mlmiller@pascocountyfl.net) to be added to the list. The focus group chair will be contacting you to participate in future meetings, and will start sending you updates on the status of the plan development.



## With Progress comes Opportunities for

### Lacoochee - Trilby - Trilacoochee

#### Communities

As Progress comes to the Lacoochee - Trilby - Trilacoochee area and awareness grows, so do the opportunities for every individual to become part of the process. Did you know there are many ways for you to get involved in your community and help create positive change? One of the easiest ways is to become a volunteer. There are many groups in our community looking for volunteers. Whether you are young or old, retired or working, becoming a volunteer is just a phone call away. Some tasks may be small and others large, some may need physical man power yet others just ask that you sit down and read. So if you have a few hours to spare, I encourage you to look at the different volunteer opportunities available in your community and help to make this a better place. A great place to start is by becoming an informed resident. On the third Monday of the month there is a community meeting which discusses plans and looks for resources to help improve the quality of life in the area. This group is called LTT (Lacoochee – Trilby - Trilacoochee) Committee. If you would like to be added to our mailing list, please email Richard Riley at [rkr@yahoo.com](mailto:rkr@yahoo.com). Just think, if everyone volunteered one hour of their time each week, what a better world we would live in.

#### Need Some Ideas?

Lacoochee Elementary School has an extended school year and is in need of volunteers to read to children or to just listen to them read. Some teachers may need help in the classroom or you could volunteer in the front office. If this is for you please contact the school. Churches are always in need of volunteers to help with their work, and with summer approaching many offer youth summer programs. If this is your calling pick up the phone and call. PAL youth programs are always looking for a few good sports minded volunteers. If this hits your fancy then call Corporal Mary Guyer, Crime Prevention at 727-834-3376.

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## Community Clean Up

The April 2013 (Earth Day associated) Great American Cleanup, coordinated by Roger and Marion at The Christian Edge went well. We had our hard core volunteers come for one to three hours of driving around, picking up trash on the side of the road in our communities of Lacoochee, Trilby and Trilacoochee. Gems that we discovered were, a complete toilet and a flat-screen plasma TV in Trilby, diapers in Trilacoochee, and auto grills, baby walkers and pools in Lacoochee. We half-way filled an eight cubic yard dumpster ("medium" size) by noon. The groups that we had hoped to help appear to have been put off by either the impending rain sprinkles that we had or our lack of nagging. The good news is that the clean-up gets easier each year. The large mounds of old trash on Pine Products road are no longer there. We didn't find any sofas or recliners. But north US 301 is a treasure trove of empty quart bottles of malt liquor. And full diapers. Or used to be before Saturday. Now it is a little bit better because people in the community care.



## Pasco County Housing Authority

### TAX CREDITS

Continuing our quest for the renovation and rehabilitation for Cypress Villas I and Cypress Villas II



The Pasco County Housing Authority, in conjunction with Gorman & Company, Inc., has submitted a proposal to the Florida Housing Development Corporation for low-income housing tax credits for the renovation and rehabilitation for Cypress Villas I and Cypress Villas II. Many green building features will be incorporated in an effort to promote energy efficiency, occupant health, and resource conservation. This will be a first for Pasco County Housing Authority (PCHA). If selected, this will also assist us with local leveraging when we apply to HUD for the Choice Neighborhood Implementation Grant.

### What is Low Income Housing Tax Credit?

The **Low Income Housing Tax Credit** (LIHTC - often pronounced "lie-tech", Housing Credit) is a dollar-for-dollar tax credit in the United States for affordable housing investments. It was created under the Tax Reform Act of 1986 (TRA86) that gives incentives for the utilization of private equity in the development of affordable housing aimed at low-income Americans.

*"Bringing  
Opportunities  
Home"*



## Community Center Groundbreaking

"We had more horsepower here than CSX has on their tracks," stated Richard Riley, Chair of the Lacoochee, Trilby, Trilacoochee (LTT) Steering Committee at the Groundbreaking Ceremony in Lacoochee's Stanley Park.

"We had Boys & Girls Club representatives from Atlanta; Juvenile Justice and HUD staff from Tampa; Florida House Speaker, Will Weatherford; Senator Wilton Simpson; Representatives from Rep. Gus Bilirakis and Bill Nelson," he continued. "Plus representatives from businesses in the area and the Greater Dade City Chamber of Commerce. Pasco School Superintendent Kirk Browning as well as Randy Sovall of PHCC were here along with the Career Central mobile van and their staff. Staff from Premier Health Care and other agencies also attended."

The major actors in this Community Center project were present to support the community and the new building. Some of them are: Officer Friendly Program, Pasco County Schools, Lacoochee Boys & Girls Club, Withlacoochee River Electric Coop, Community Development of Pasco County, and the LTT Steering Committee.

Commissioner Ted Schrader spoke about how this is a new beginning for the community. "There have been many attempts to revitalize this community, and now with the cooperative action of government, business and the residents, it will happen. "



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