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Black Gold Jubilee 2021!!!



**APRIL 17th 2021
STARTS @ NOON
TORRY ISLAND
BELLE GLADE, FL**

FREE CONCERTS!!

**SARA EVANS
7:30 pm**

**Art Show
Free Kid's Rides
Volleyball Tournament
Car Show
Variety of Food
Fireworks at 9 pm
AND SO MUCH
MORE!**




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DUE TO THE COVID 19 PANDEMIC, FACE MASKS/COVERINGS WILL BE REQUIRED EXCEPT WHEN ACTIVELY EATING OR DRINKING.
EVERYONE ENTERING THE EVENT SITE ARE SUBJECT TO TEMPERATURE CHECKS AND ANYONE DISPLAYING SYMPTOMS WILL BE REFUSED ENTRANCE.

LEADERSHIP GLADES CLASS PROJECT PRESENTATION



Pictured left to right: Hugo Matos, Deidre Moss, Keisha Burchell, Martha Lynn Weeks, Nicole Barrios and Chief Javatis Midget

Each year, the Leadership Glades class is tasked selecting a project that will benefit the community. The 2019/2020 Leadership Glades Class selected a class project that would benefit a deserving student who is pursuing a career as a firefighter with tuition for the fire academy. Ms. Nicole Barrios was selected as the recipient and after many months of delay due to the COVID 19 Pandemic, she was presented with a check of over \$2,000.00.

Virtual Run for Reading 5k



All participants receive:

- Custom Race Medal shaped like a book
- Race T-Shirt
- AccuChip Scoring
- Finisher's Certificate
- Swag Bag
- Link to Opening Ceremony

[Register Here](#)

Use your cell phone's camera
on the code >>>>>

It will take you to the website!



FINFROCK SELECTS PALM BEACH COUNTY PROPERTY FOR EXPANSION

More than 200 jobs to be created in Belle Glade

BELLE GLADE, Fla. (February 22, 2021) – FINFROCK, a Central Florida design-builder and manufacturer and one of that area's largest employers, has completed an extensive search of South Florida properties, identifying the Glades Gateway Commerce Park located at 500 Orange Avenue Circle in Belle Glade, Florida for the company's future expansion into Palm Beach County.

FINFROCK expects to invest more than \$36 million into more than 140,000 sq. ft. of precast concrete manufacturing facilities and administrative offices, located on approximately 94 acres in Belle Glade, Florida. The plant will allow FINFROCK to better serve commercial developers in Palm Beach, Dade, Broward and Southwest Florida counties, while bringing much needed jobs and economic stimulus to the region.

"We are excited about the prospect of being part of the Belle Glade community," said CEO Allen Finfrock. "We have been working closely with city and county officials to help bring this project to fruition. If the project continues as planned, we hope to break ground on the new facility in 2021."

On March 9, the Palm Beach County Board of County Commissioners will vote to approve economic incentives for FINFROCK, which has committed to creating more than 200 higher-wage jobs in the Belle Glade district over the next 10 years. The total five-year economic impact to the region is estimated to be at least \$242 million.

"I'm tremendously excited that FINFROCK'S South Florida home will be in Belle Glade. Another success of Palm Beach County's Economic Development Program in partnership with the Business Development Board, this marks a wonderful economic boon for the Glades region. This 140,000-sq.-ft. project will bring nearly 200 well-paying jobs and will further diversify the region's economy," said Palm Beach County Commissioner Melissa McKinlay. Prior to the pandemic, Belle Glade and surrounding towns had one of the highest unemployment rates in the country at 48.6% and the highest poverty rate in the state at 39.1%. While the median household income in the area is \$25,873 (according to the Census), FINFROCK will offer a variety of jobs at several skill levels, along with opportunities for career advancement and additional training.

"This is the largest economic development project that the Business Development Board has facilitated in the Glades in 30 years. It will be transformational due to the size of the newly constructed building, capital investment and new jobs created. We appreciate the support from the Belle Glade Mayor Steve Wilson and City Manager Lomax Harrelle who have worked so hard to create an expedited and seamless process for FINFROCK. This company is going to be a great corporate citizen for the entire Glades region," said Kelly Smallridge, President and CEO of the Business Development Board.

FINFROCK is actively involved in educational programs to advance opportunities for students through STEM initiatives. To that end, FINFROCK plans to work closely with local high schools and technical schools such as West Technical Education Center, Palm Beach State College and CareerSource Palm Beach County to provide training and long-term career options.

"I am overwhelmed with the fact that such a multi-million-dollar project will be located in the City of Belle Glade. This vertically integrated project will not only provide the much-needed job opportunities, but it will also have a much-needed positive fiscal impact on our Community as whole. We have been waiting for such employment opportunities at this site since the close of the former state prison. The City of Belle Glade and the Glades Communities would like to say thank you to our hometown business partners and the powers to be who made this happen," noted Belle Glade Mayor Steve Wilson.

For 75 years FINFROCK has been known for innovation, design excellence and constructing large buildings in record time. FINFROCK offers in-house professionals for each phase of the design-build process, providing a low risk, cost effective, faster method of procuring buildings, including commercial, multifamily and mixed-use facilities. FINFROCK's high-profile clientele include many of Florida's universities, hotels, hospital systems and municipalities.

"We are looking forward to expanding our presence in the South Florida market through our commercial, multifamily and mixed-use projects," said President Bill Finfrock. "FINFROCK has already designed, manufactured and constructed more than 40 parking garages in the tri-county area, but this new project will broaden our reach allowing FINFROCK to offer a competitive parking solution to a larger share of the market."

About FINFROCK

FINFROCK is a private, independently owned company that utilizes proprietary technology to design and build structured parking, hotels, student housing, office buildings, multi-unit residential complexes, and mixed-use facilities. FINFROCK's in-house architects, engineers, precast designers, cost estimators, quality control personnel, and construction managers specialize in design, manufacturing, and construction and allow FINFROCK to serve as a single point of contact for our customers. Lowering both cost and risk for owners, FINFROCK is the only vertically integrated design-builder of its kind in the industry. Founded in 1945 and headquartered on a 93 acre complex in Apopka, Florida, FINFROCK has been serving customers in Florida and select locations nationally for over 75 years. FINFROCK is also the recipient of multiple awards for innovation and design excellence. Visit our website to learn more: www.finfrock.com

New and Renewing Members



Dress for Success Palm Beaches

The mission for Dress for Success is to empower women to achieve economic independence by providing a network of support, professional attire and the development tools to help women thrive in work and in life. The office is located at 1089 S. Main Street, Belle Glade and the Executive Director is Mary Hart.

ZenBusiness

ZenBusiness offers an online platform that makes it easy to create, manage and grow a small business. Built for the new generation, the company pulls everything together for the business owner with mobile and web-based products, support, services and 24X7 business protection. ZenBusiness is a Public Benefit Corporation based in Austin, Texas. Visit www.ZenBusiness.com for more information. The contact is Ross Buhrdorf and the email address is outreach@zenbusiness.com

Thank You! RENEWING MEMBERS

Thank you to the following businesses who renewed their membership during the month of January, including:

Belle Glade Church of God
Black Gold Steakhouse
Career Source of the Palm Beaches
Casteland Real Estate
City of South Bay
Community United Methodist Church
Duda Farm Fresh Foods
Edens Construction
Glades Day School
Karen Corbin-Wheeler
Larry Royal Family Business

McGahee Pest Control
Nisbet Enterprises
Osceola Farms
Orsenigo Farms
PAG Surveyors
Palm Beach County Food Bank
Roy Burch Trust
Sir Speedy
Solid Waste Authority
Torcivia, Donlon, Goddeau & Ansay, P.A.
Young Singers of the Palm Beaches

Chamber Events

March 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Leadership Center Advisory Board Meeting/Event			4 How to Grow the New Market Trades Show 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM	5 Palm Beach County Board of Supervisors Meeting	6 Palm Beach County Board of Supervisors Meeting
	8	9 City of South Bay Board Meeting	10	11 Palm Beach County Board of Supervisors Meeting	12	13
14 Daylight Saving Time Begins	15 Palm Beach County Commission Meeting 6:30 PM	16 Palm Beach County Commission Meeting 6:30 PM	17 St. Patrick's Day	18	19	20 Spring Begins
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28 Palm Sunday First Day of Passion	29	30	31	Bingo at the American Legion every Wednesday night (starts at 6:30 pm) Rotary Club Meetings Every Tuesday at 12:30 noon (Community United Methodist)		

Chamber March Calendar

Click on the link below to download the March 2021 Calendar.

[Download March 2021 Calendar](#)

Member News

Dolly Hand Cultural Arts Center

2020 - 2021 Season Poster

[Download Flyer](#)



At Dolly Hand - March 4, 2021

Here Comes the Sun is an extraordinary musical celebration of a decade of Beatles music. From “She Loves You” to “Sgt. Peppers” and “Tax Man” to “Let It Be,” these phenomenal artists recreate the music, high energy and excitement of the Fab 4 in this exciting modern rock n roll experience. From Broadway, Lincoln Center, and the Trans-Siberian Orchestra, these singers and multi-instrumentalists combine their unique talents to create a fresh and vibrant one-of-a-kind production. They don’t impersonate – they celebrate the music of The Beatles!

The Dolly Hand Cultural Arts Center will present this performance on Thursday, March 4 at 7:00 pm. Tickets are \$30 adults, \$15 for children/Palm Beach State students & staff. In accordance with county regulations, seating will be social distanced, masks will be required, and hand sanitizer stations will be available in the lobby.

The DHCAC is located on the Belle Glade Campus of Palm Beach State College at 1977 SW College Drive. For tickets, call the box office at 561-993-1160.



American Legion News:



QUARTER AUCTION



FOR: FRIENDS OF FISHER HOUSE
THE AMERICAN LEGION POST 20
ADDRESS: 101 SE AVE D, BELLE GLADE, FL 33430
TUESDAY MARCH 2, 2021
DOORS OPEN AT 6:00 PM AUCTION STARTS AT 7:00 PM.
HOSTED BY QUARTERS FOR KINDNESS

TUE, MAR 2 AT 7 PM EST
Vendor Event Quarter Auction for the Fisher House
GOING ▼

Palm Beach County Clerk and Comptroller..

Suspended License? Get Back on the Road and Save on Collection Agency Fees During Operation Green Light

WEST PALM BEACH – The Clerk of the Circuit Court & Comptroller is putting the brakes on collection agency fees to help drivers with unpaid traffic tickets and overdue court fines get back on the road.

For five days only, the office is waiving collection agency fees for anyone who pays their overdue fines in full. The annual event, called Operation Green Light, gives those who've had their driver's license suspended because of an unpaid fine the opportunity to save money and restore their driving privileges.

Operation Green Light begins Monday, March 1 and ends Friday, March 5.

To take advantage of the savings, customers have the option of paying online, or making their payment over the phone by calling the Clerk of the Circuit Court & Comptroller's office or its payment vendor, nCourt.

Payments can be made online 24 hours a day at www.mypalmbeachclerk.com/operationgreenlight. To pay by phone, please call the Clerk of the Circuit Court & Comptroller's office at (561) 274-1530 between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, or contact the nCourt payment center at (561) 207-7189 between the hours of 8 a.m. and 8 p.m. Monday through Friday.

To find out how much is owed or for answers to other frequently asked questions, visit www.mypalmbeachclerk.com/operationgreenlight.

"Once a ticket goes unpaid, collection agency fees can make it financially difficult for a driver to get their license back," said Clerk of the Circuit Court & Comptroller Joseph Abruzzo. "This is an opportunity for drivers to save money, reinstate their driving privileges and move forward."

Florida law requires the Clerk of the Circuit Court & Comptroller's office to turn over unpaid tickets and other outstanding court fines and fees to an outside collection agency if the debt is not paid within 90 days of the due date. Collection agency fees can be as much as 40 percent. Those who don't pay also have their driver's license suspended.

Operation Green Light is part of an annual savings initiative held by Clerk's offices across Florida. For information on paying court obligations and traffic tickets issued outside of Palm Beach County, please visit www.flclerks.com/greenlight.

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561-996-2745 or Info@bellegladechamber.com.



Have any News to Share?

How about an announcement that you would like make, then let us know!

Just contact us by the 15th of the month and we will place it in the newsletter for the following month.

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