



February 2020 ROSS Newsletter



Fairway Gardens & Paradise Trail



February Dates & Holidays to Remember...

- ◇ American Heart Month
- ◇ Black History Month
- ◇ Feb. 9: National Pizza Day
- ◇ Feb. 10: Clean Out Your Computer Day
- ◇ Feb. 11: National Inventors Day
- ◇ Feb. 12: Abraham Lincoln's Birthday
- ◇ Feb. 14: **Valentine's Day**
- ◇ Feb. 15: Susan B. Anthony Day
- ◇ Feb. 17: President's Day
- ◇ Feb. 22: George Washington's Birthday
- ◇ Feb. 26: Ash Wednesday
- ◇ Feb. 29: Leap Day (2020 is a Leap Year, which is once every four years)



For more information, visit www.holidayinsights.com/moreholidays/

ROSS Community Rally



Tuesday, February 25, 2020
3:30 PM - 4:30 PM
Fairway Gardens
30 & 110 N. Lady Mary Drive
Clearwater, FL 33755

The ROSS Coordinator is here to assist you!

1. Develop a plan to achieve your goals
2. Identify barriers and establish strategies in overcoming them
3. Linkage and/or referrals to the following resources:
 - ◆ Childcare
 - ◆ Career assessment
 - ◆ Education
 - ◆ Financial coaching
 - ◆ Homeownership counseling

Call Samuel A. White to RSVP
at 727-446-1045, ext. 265
swhite@clearwaterhousingauth.org



FREE Vision Screening

Adults and Children are welcome!



Monday, February 10, 2020
9:00 AM-11:00 AM

Pinellas County Health Department
310 N. Myrtle Avenue
Clearwater, Florida 33755

Preserve Vision Florida provides FREE vision screenings for adults who are patients enrolled in the Pinellas County Health Program (please bring the blue card) as well as low-income, uninsured adults who qualify. Assistance is also provided for glasses and exams for those who qualify. Preserve Vision Florida will also be providing FREE vision screening for children. To those who qualify, assistance will be provided for glasses and exams. Call (813) 874-2020, ext. 4024 for details or visit www.pvfla.org/vision-screenings/.



FREE Financial Fitness Workshop



The Tampa Bay CDC will be offering a FREE Financial Fitness & Budgeting workshop. It is required for anyone on a Home Buyer Assistance program but offered to anyone interested in gaining tools for successful money management. The workshop will be held at the following address:

2139 NE Coachman Rd, Ste 1
Clearwater, FL 33765

Tuesday, February 11, 2020
6:00 PM-8:30 PM

For more details, call Tampa Bay CDC at
(727) 442-7075

Pre-registration is required!

Register online at: www.tampabaycdc.org

Take advantage of this great opportunity to learn important financial management strategies!



Official 2020 Free Tax Preparation Locations

DID YOU EARN LESS THAN \$66,000 LAST YEAR?

Have your federal tax return prepared, e-filed, and direct deposited for FREE. IRS-certified volunteers will prepare your taxes and ensure you get the largest refund for which you qualify. The following locations offer services on a walk-in basis only:



High Point Neighborhood
Family Center
5812 150th Avenue N
Clearwater, FL 33760
(727) 533-0730



Clearwater Neighborhood
Family Center
900 N. MLK Avenue
Clearwater, FL 33755
(727) 442-5355



InterCultural Advocacy Institute
Hispanic Outreach Center (HOC)
612 Franklin Street
Clearwater, FL 33756
(727) 445-9734



For available days and times or for more details, please call the numbers listed for each individual location. You may also prepare your own taxes using the free online filing option at www.MyFreeTaxes.com.

HAI Group - 2020 Resident Scholarship Program



The 2020 HAI Group Resident Scholarship Program is now accepting submissions! This year, 20 people will win Scholarships valued at \$6,000.00 each for up to four (4) consecutive years to continue their education. Entries must be submitted by online by 5 PM EST on **Thursday, April 30, 2020**.

Eligibility

Each applicant must meet the following criteria:

- **Residency:** You have resided for at least the previous six (6) months in a Housing authority or in a property with a Housing choice voucher (HCV) program. This has to be administered by a housing authority that is a member of Housing Authority Risk Retention Group (HARRG), or Housing Authority Property Insurance, A Mutual Company (HAPI), or you have resided for at least six months in an affordable housing property insured by Housing Enterprise Insurance Company (HEIC).
- **Enrollment:** You are or will be enrolled in the fall for the 2020-2021 academic year in an accredited and/or licensed Technical school or accredited two- or four-year College or University in the United States.
- **Citizenship:** You must be a United States citizen. You must follow all other rules outlined in the official rules document.
- **Other:** You must follow all other rules outlined in the official rules (found on the website below: www.housingcenter.com/scholarship or contact scholarship@housingcenter.com).



All Clearwater Housing Authority (CHA) offices will be closed on Monday, February 17, 2020, in observance of Presidents' Day.

