

February 2020 ROSS Newsletter

Fairway Gardens & Paradise Trail



February Dates & Holidays to Remember...

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

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

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/.

ROSS Community Rally



Tuesday, February 25, 2020 3:30 PM - 4:30 PM

Fairway Gardens 30 & 110 N. Lady Mary Drive Clearwater, FL 33755

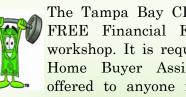
The ROSS Coordinator is here to assist you!

- 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 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

NeighborWorks* CHARTERED MEMBER

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





United Way Suncoast

InterCultural Advocacy Institute Hispanic Outreach Center (HOC) 612 Franklin Street Clearwater, FL 33756 (727) 445-9734 Clearwater Neighborhood Family Center 900 N. MLK Avenue Clearwater, FL 33755 (727) 442-5355



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**.

<u>Eligibility</u>

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: <u>www.housingcenter.com/scholarship</u> or contact <u>scholarship@housingcenter.com</u>).



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

