



February 2021 ROSS Newsletter



Fairway Gardens & Paradise Trail



February Dates & Holidays to Remember...



- ◇ American Heart Month
- ◇ Black History Month



- ◇ Feb. 7: Super Bowl Sunday
- ◇ Feb. 9: National Pizza Day
- ◇ Feb. 11: National Inventors' Day
- ◇ Feb. 12: Abraham Lincoln's Birthday
- ◇ Feb. 14: **Valentine's Day**
- ◇ Feb. 15: Susan B. Anthony Day
- ◇ Feb. 15: President's Day
- ◇ Feb. 16: National Pancake Day
- ◇ Feb. 17: Ash Wednesday
- ◇ Feb. 22: George Washington's Birthday
- ◇ Feb. 25: National Chili Day



For more information, visit

www.nationaltoday.com/february-holidays/

Food Resources for our Residents!



Feeding Tampa Bay COVID-19 Meals Program

Thursday, February 18, 2021

12:00 PM-3:00 PM

Barbee Towers



RCS Mobile Food Pantry

Tuesday, February 23, 2021

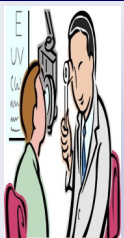
9:30 AM-12:30 PM

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If interested, contact the ROSS Coordinator at (727) 446-1045, Ext. 265 or swhite@clearwaterhousingauth.org

FREE Vision Screening



Adults & Children are welcome!

Wednesday, February 24, 2021
10:00 AM-4:00 PM

Safety Harbor Public Library
101 2nd Street North
Safety Harbor, Florida 34695
(727) 724-1525

Preserve Vision Florida provides FREE vision screenings for youth and their parents. **Appointments are not required.** Assistance is also provided for glasses and exams for those who qualify. Masks are required and COVID-19 social distancing measures will be enforced.



For more information, contact **Miralee Berrios** at (813) 410-9967 or visit

www.pvfla.org/vision-screenings/

FREE Home Instruction Program



Be Your Child's First Educator!

The FREE Home Instruction for Parents of Preschool Youngsters (HIPPY) program provides all the learning tools needed to help prepare your child for kindergarten.

Curriculum Domains:

- ◆ Literacy
- ◆ Math
- ◆ Science
- ◆ Language
- ◆ Alphabet



Free Learning Activities Include:

- Developed Curriculum
- Books & Materials
- In-Home Instructions



Available in both English & Spanish!

Now Enrolling 2, 3, & 4 year olds!

For more information, call :
(727) 240-1313 (North Pinellas)
(727) 570-8841 (South Pinellas)

Visit: www.hippyusa.org

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Official 2021 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 by **appointment ONLY**:

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



United Way Suncoast

Clearwater Neighborhood
Family Center
900 N. MLK Jr. Avenue
Clearwater, FL 33755
(831) 419-3918



InterCultural Advocacy Institute
Hispanic Outreach Center (HOC)
612 Franklin Street
Clearwater, FL 33756
(813) 419-3918



For available days/times or to schedule an appointment, please call the numbers listed for each individual location or visit <https://booknow.appointment-plus.com/cn2re6xy/>. Taxpayers are encouraged to visit <https://unitedwaysuncoast.org/what-we-do/income/free-tax-help/>. You may also prepare your own taxes using the free online filing option at www.MyFreeTaxes.com.

HAI Group - 2021 Resident Scholarship Program



The 2021 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 between Monday, February 1, 2021, and Friday, April 30, 2021 by 5 PM (EST) .

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 2021-2022 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.
- **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 15, 2021, in observance of President's Day.

