



January 2026 ROSS Newsletter

Fairway Gardens & Paradise Trail



New Year's Resolutions for 2026!

- Let go of things from your past.
- Focus on and do one thing at a time.
- Stop complaining.
- Give one compliment a day—including yourself.
- Find an exercise plan that you can stick with.
- Go a whole day without checking your phone.
- Read at least one book each month.
- Go someplace you've never been.
- Clear out your clutter.
- Volunteer your time to help others in need.
- Drink more water.
- Don't buy things you don't need.
- Stay in touch with the people who matter.
- Talk less and listen more.
- Learn a new skill or hobby.
- Be thankful for what you have every day.



Let's Get the New Year Started Right!

If you have goals you desire to achieve, the **ROSS (Resident Opportunity & Self-Sufficiency) Service Coordinator** is here to help you start, stay, and stick with it until the end!



Don't delay...call today!

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
- ◆ Home ownership counseling
- ◆ Many more.....



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Do you need food and love LASAGNA?

Serving 3,500 meals per week in all 50 states, using over 20,000 volunteers!



If interested, visit www.lasagnalove.org/request/ or contact the ROSS Coordinator for assistance at (727) 446-1045, ext 248.



DRIVE THRU FOOD PANTRY

Wednesdays
January 14th & 28th
3:30 PM - 5:30 PM



1521 E. Druid Rd, Clearwater, FL 33756
(727) 446-4177
www.salvationarmyclearwater.org

Are you disabled and desire to work or advance your career?



The Florida Department of Education, Division of Vocational Rehabilitation (VR) assists all eligible individuals with physical or mental disabilities find or keep a better job.

Who is Eligible for Rehabilitation Services?

- You have a physical or mental disability
- Your disability is a barrier to employment
- You need VR services to get or keep a job



Pre-employment Transition services also available for students with disabilities ages 14-21 currently enrolled in school



For more information or to apply, contact **Jessica Dollard** at (727) 518-3466 or email at Jessica.Dollard@vr.fldoe.org or visit www.RehabWorks.org

Clearwater For Youth (CFY) 2026 College Scholarships...



Scholarship Applications Are Now Open!



Since 2013, Clearwater For Youth (CYF) has awarded over \$2,200,000 in scholarships through the Richard O. Jacobson (ROJ) Post-secondary Scholarship Program, named for Mr. Jacobson who was instrumental in the growth of CFY and unwavering in his support of area youth. Starting in 2024, CFY has partnered with St. Petersburg College to provide scholarships for aspiring Pinellas County High School seniors seeking to further their education at St. Petersburg College.

Available Scholarships:

Fifteen scholarships worth \$10,000 for Pinellas County seniors planning to attend SPC



- Any Pinellas County High School senior is eligible
- Applications must be completed online by [January 23, 2026](#)
- Top applicants determined by using blind review process
- Scholarship funds are issued directly to the institution



For more information, call **(727) 562-4903** or email at scholarships@cfypinellas.org
To apply, visit www.cfypinellas.org



FREE Business Workshops Available!

Learn ways to start or to grow your business in Pinellas with these free virtual workshops!

The Florida Small Business Development Center Network at Pinellas County offers business training, consulting, referrals and resources. Workshops fill quickly and advanced registration is requested. Classes are cancelled on holidays or any day county offices are closed.



For more information or to request a consulting appointment, call **(727) 453-7200**. To register for upcoming virtual classes, visit

www.PCED.org/sbdc



13805 58th Street N.
Suite 1-200
Clearwater, FL 33760

Pinellas County Government Career Fair Friday, January 30, 2026 - 1:00PM - 4:00PM



Start the New Year With a New Career!



- Accounting & Auditing
- Administrative Support
- Animal Care
- Budgeting
- CDL Truck Drivers
- Civil Engineering
- Court Professionals
- Customer Service
- Field & Craft Work
- Mechanics
- Permitting
- Procurement
- Project Management
- Property Appraisal
- Public Works
- Records Management
- Utilities and much more!



Florida Botanical Gardens
12520 Ulmerton Road
Clearwater, FL 33774

No registration needed...just come!

- Hiring managers and Human Resources teams will be on hand!
- Dress professionally and bring copies of your resume
- Onsite interviews offered for various positions
- Veterans also encouraged to attend (bring DD-214 or appropriate documentation)



For more information call **(727) 464-3367, option 2** or email at hiring@pinellascounty.org www.pinellas.gov/career-fair



40th Annual MLK Dream Big Parade - 2026!



Monday, January 19, 2026
11:00AM - 2:00PM

1st Avenue South (Downtown)
St. Petersburg, FL 33705

For more information, contact
(727) 321-7919 or visit
www.mlkdreambig.com



Clearwater Housing Authority (CHA) offices will be closed in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day on **Monday, January 19, 2026**.