



Health and Human Services

20 N. Main St. Room 161

Brooksville, FL 34601

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www.hernandocounty.us/

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Department of Health and Human Services

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Health Observances

Safe Toys and Gifts Month

Prevent Blindness America

(800) 331-2020

(312) 363-6001

(312) 363-6052 Fax

info@preventblindness.org

www.preventblindness.org

Materials available

Contact: PBA Consumer and Patient
Hotline

Medicare.gov

The Official U.S. Government Site for Medicare

Open Enrollment Deadline is approaching

This year's dates are October 15, 2011
through **December 7, 2011.**

New prescription, drug and health plan
choices are offered every year. You could
save money, get better coverage or both
with the new health care law. There are
lower prescription costs when you're in
the Donut Hole, annual wellness visits and
more preventative care services.

For more information and to enroll visit,
www.medicare.gov



Neighborhood Stabilization Program 3 Begins

Hernando County has been awarded approxi-
mately \$1.95 million for the Neighborhood Sta-
bilization Program 3 which may be utilized for
down payment, mortgage buy down, minor re-
habilitation, and related assistance to income-
qualified households and individuals. Funding
will provide homeownership opportunities at
an affordable market rate.

Applications may be picked up at Hernando
County Health & Human Services, 20 N. Main
St., Room 161, Brooksville, FL 34601. Com-
pleted applications are to be submitted to the
same location. To receive an application by
mail, call **(352-540-4338)**, or visit the website at:
www.hernandodownpayment.com

Applications will be received until all funds are
expended.



*Happy Thanksgiving
From Hernando County Employees*

Housing Information

FLORIDA
HARDEST-HIT



The federal government has allocated funding to help pay the mortgages of qualified homeowners who are unemployed or underemployed through no fault of their own.

Homeowners who qualify for financial assistance may receive up to six (6) months of monthly mortgage payments (including escrowed mortgage-related payments) and/or funds to pay past due mortgage payments to bring the mortgage current; these funds are paid directly to the loan servicer/lender.

Current Programs

Florida Housing Finance Corporation (Florida Housing) was directed by the Treasury to use a portion of funds specifically for targeted unemployment programs that provide temporary assistance to qualified Homeowners.

- Unemployment Mortgage Assistance Program (UMAP) will provide up to 6 months of payments (with a cap of \$12,000.) to the mortgage lender to assist.
- Mortgage Loan Reinstatement Payment (MLRP) Program will be used to bring a delinquent mortgage (up to \$6,000.) for a homeowner who has returned to work or recovered from underemployment.

For additional information (including detailed eligibility criteria) and/or to apply for these programs, visit the HHF website at:

www.FLHardestHitHelp.org

Florida Weatherization Assistance Programs & Energy Conservation A Free Service For Low Income Homeowners

The following types of assistance may be available for your home, depending upon the results of the assessment. Minor home repairs will assist in lowering your electric bills.

- Address air infiltration, weather stripping, caulking, thresholds, minor wall, floor, ceiling repairs, and window and door replacement.
- Install attic insulation
- Repair or replace water heaters
- Repair or replace inefficient heating and cooling units

Please be aware that due to limited available resources, eligible households will be ranked according to need and placed on a waiting list for services.



MID FLORIDA COMMUNITY SERVICES,
INC.

P.O. BOX 896

BROOKSVILLE, FL 34605-0896

Office # 352-796-1427 Fax# 352-848-0808

Toll Free 877-506-2731

SUPPORT FOR STUDENTS WHOSE FAMILIES HAVE LOST THEIR HOMES TO FORECLOSURE



If your family owned its home and lost it to foreclosure, or if your family was renting a home and the landlord lost it to foreclosure, and you are now living in a temporary situation, your preschool-aged and school-aged children may qualify for certain rights and protections under the McKinney-Vento Act.

Eligible children and youth have the right to:

- ☐ Go to school, no matter where they live or how long they have lived there.
- ☐ Continue attending their school of origin or be enrolled immediately in the local school where they are living, depending on their best interest; the school of origin is the school the student attended before losing housing or the school the student last attended; the student can attend the school of origin even if he/she now lives outside that district's lines.
- ☐ Receive transportation to and from the school of origin at no cost to the parent or student.
- ☐ Enroll in the new local school immediately, even if missing records and documents normally required for enrollment, such as a birth certificate, proof of residence, previous school records, or immunization/medical records.
- ☐ Enroll, attend classes, and participate fully in all school activities while the school gathers records.
- ☐ Have access to the same programs and services that are available to all other

students, including transportation and supplemental educational services.

- ☐ Receive free school meals.

If you believe your child(ren) may be eligible for the support provided by the McKinney-Vento Act, contact the school district's Local Liaison or your

Shanika Figueroa MSW
Homeless Student Liaison
Hernando County School Board
919 N. Broad St.
Brooksville, FL 34601
352-797-7008

If you need further assistance, call the National Center for Homeless Education at its toll-free Helpline:

1-800-308-2145



Making Home Affordable

The Making Home Affordable © (MHA) Program is a critical part of the Obama Administration's broad strategy to help homeowners avoid foreclosure, stabilize the country's housing market, and improve the nation's economy. Homeowners can lower their monthly mortgage payments and get into more stable loans at today's low rates. And for those homeowners for whom homeownership is no longer affordable or desirable, the program can provide a way out which avoids foreclosure. Additionally, in an effort to be responsive to the needs of today's homeowners, there are also options for unemployed homeowners and homeowners who owe more than their homes are worth. For more information on mortgage help options and to determine which program options may be best suited for your particular circumstances, please visit the website at:

www.hud.gov
[Click on Topic Area](#)
[Avoiding Foreclosure](#)



*Hernando County
Court House Schedule*

*December 23, 2011
&
December 26, 2011
For the
Holiday's*



Breakfast with Santa

Date: Saturday, December 03, 2011

Time: 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Location: Fellowship Hall

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For Children and Families

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Free Breakfasts - Free Crafts

A Photo with Santa (\$1.00)

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MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS EARLY!

Seating is Limited and will fill up fast!

Please contact the Church Office

(352)683-2600 x1



Seasons Greetings from Toys for Tots

The United States Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots Program of Hernando County is starting their 2011 season with a registration program to better serve the children of Hernando County. Children ages 6 months to 12 years old are eligible to participate in the program.

This year's registration will be in person at the Marine Corps League Detachment Home 8405 Sunshine Grove Rd Brooksville FL.

To register your child or children for the program the parents or legal guardian must bring with them the following.

1. Your driver's license and a current utility bill in your name showing that you are a resident of Hernando County and your social security card.
2. A birth certificate and a social security card for each child to be registered.

If you are the guardian, foster parents or grandparents of a child, you must also bring papers or a court order which shows that the child or children are in your legal custody.

You may register on the following dates.

November 28,29,30

December 1,2,3,5,6,7,8,9,10,12,13,14

Please note that the registration office is closed on all Sundays.

Registration times are Monday through Saturday from 9: am to 1: pm each day.

Our phone number is 796-3666. Phone calls will be answered only during the hours of 9 :am to 1:pm on the days that the registration office is open.

The United States Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots Program sponsored by the Marine Corps League Detachment 708 of Spring Hill are looking forward to making this year a great one for the children.

Bob Ross
Bob Ross, Toys for Tots
Program Coordinator

Angels on High Event

Date: December 2-4, 2011

Location: 1202 Kenlake Ave., Spring Hill
Grounds of the Lake House

The Spring Hill Community Association will present its annual Angels on High holiday event on the grounds of the Lake House.

Businesses, clubs, churches, schools, and individuals are invited to create an angel to be displayed on the lighted angel path.

For more details please call the Lake House at 352-666-4746



Christmas on Main Street



Date: Thursday, December 8, 2011
Time: 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm
Tree lighting ceremony at 6:30 pm
Hernando County Court House

Mr. & Mrs. Santa at Sweet T Boutique from
5:00 pm to 6:30 pm

Hernando County will host live entertainment beginning at 6:30 p.m. with entertainment by Randi Olsen and Live Oak Theatre Company until 8:00 p.m.

For more information contact:
Lindsay A. Morgan, FCRM
City of Brooksville
352.540.3856 ~ 352.544.5424 FAX
lmorgan@cityofbrooksville.us
www.cityofbrooksville.us

Hernando County Utilities Department

On January 2, 2012, Republic Services, Inc., also known as Seaside Sanitation will begin providing trash collection services for all subscribing Hernando County residents. Republic Services will replace Central Carting, Inc. (Choice Environmental) and Waste Management, Inc.

Three public information meetings have been scheduled where residents may ask questions and obtain more information about the transition.

Tuesday, December 6, 2011

2:00 pm to 4:00 pm
Knights of Columbus
10470 Spring Hill Drive
Spring Hill, FL

Tuesday, December 13, 2011

5:00 pm to 7:00 pm
County Commission Meeting Room
Hernando County Government Center
20 N. Main St,
Brooksville, FL

Thursday, January 5, 2012

6:00 pm
Hernando Beach Homeowners Association
Coast Guard Auxiliary Building
4340 Calienta St.
Hernando Beach, FL

Fliers and *Frequently Asked Questions* information sheets will be mailed or delivered to all customers by Republic Services in December. The information is also available now at www.hernandocounty.us/utills/ or call (352) 754-4112.



Hernando County Public Library

Read, Learn, Discover!



MOVIES AT THE LIBRARY

- No admission charge - movies are free!
- Free popcorn and beverages
- Large screen
- Surround sound
- Fun movie trivia

For more information regarding show times, please call Library Program Staff at

(352) 540-6391



IF YOU'RE READY TO...

Quit Smoking *now!*

FREE

Tobacco Dependence Program

Facilitated by Gulfcoast North Area Health Education Center

Tuesdays December 13-January 17

@5:30-6:30pm

Brooksville Regional Hospital
17240 Cortez Blvd., Brooksville, FL
(1st floor board room)

Wednesdays December 7-January 18

@3:30-4:30pm

Hernando County Health Dept-Spring Hill
7551 Forest Oaks Blvd, Spring Hill, FL

- Free counseling program
- Free Nicotine Replacement Therapy (gum, patch, lozenge)
- Group support and additional resources

To register, please call

813-929-1000 ext. 213 or visit www.gnahec.org



The program sponsored by the Florida HEW Network and the Florida Department of Health



GULFCOAST NORTH
AREA HEALTH
EDUCATION CENTER

SHILOH PROBLEM SOLVERS INC.



1ST ANNUAL CHRISTMAS FOOD DISTRIBUTION

DECEMBER 14TH 2011 FROM 11AM-1PM

IN THE LOUIE'S BOWLING ALLEY PARKING LOT

1691 EAST JEFFERSON ST. BROOKSVILLE FL.

OUR GOAL IS TO PROVIDE FOOD FOR 500 FAMILIES AT A FIRST COME FIRST SERVE BASIS. THE ONLY REQUIREMENT IS THAT YOU BE A RESIDENT OF HERNANDO COUNTY.

LOOKING FORWARD TO SEE YOU THERE!!!



Visit Santa at your Library

Santa will be visiting the East Hernando Branch Library on **Tuesday, December 13 at 6:30 p.m.** Children of all ages are invited to visit and take a picture with Santa.

Program is **free!** Please bring cameras. No registration required. All ages welcome! Parents or caregivers must remain on library premises. Program is sponsored by the Friends of the Library of Hernando Co., FL, Inc. For more information, please call the Library Program Staff at **(352) 540-6390**

Location : East Hernando Branch Library Meeting Room
6457 Windmere Rd.
Brooksville



Life South Blood Bank December 2011

Date: Friday, December 9, 2011
Time: 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
Location: Subway
5358 Spring Hill Dr.
Spring Hill
Free Sandwich for each donor

Date: Friday, December 16, 2011
Time: 11:00 am to 6:00 pm
Location: Subway
13078 Cortez Blvd.
Brooksville
Free Footlong Sub

Date: Saturday, December 24, 2011
Time: 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Location: Mariner Village
11092 Spring Hill Dr.
Spring Hill
Free Hot & Ready Now Pizza

For a complete calendar, please call **(352) 596-2002** or visit the website at www.lifesouth.org/schedulehernando.html

Festival of Trees

Location: St. Anthony's Church Hall
20428 Cortez Blvd., BV

Date: Friday, December 2, 2011

Time: 10:00 am to 7:00 pm

Date: Saturday, December 3, 2011

Time: 8:00 am to 1:00 pm

Come out and enjoy dozens of decorated trees, photos with Santa, vendors, homemade crafts, jewelry, baked & baked goods. Free to attend. For more information, call 352-796-2096



**COME! SEE THE
APPLE IPOD
IN ITS NATIVE HABITAT!**

**BEHOLD! THE
KINDLE FIRE**

ONLY RECENTLY DISCOVERED IN THE

AMAZON!

BE AMAZED

BY THE

**BARNES & NOBLE
NOOK!**

Looking for a Christmas playmate for the family gadget freak? Confused and frightened by all the noise coming from the technology jungle? Then come to the **Hernando County Public Library's Technology Petting Zoo** and have a hands-on, up-close adventure with all the new exotic toys, from Apple's iPad to Amazon's Kindle Fire. Chat with the library's team of "wild" tech handlers, and learn what you need to know before you commit to a relationship with your new pet gadget.

The **Technology Petting Zoos** will be held on **Tuesday, Nov. 29, 2011** at the **Main Library**, 238 Howell Ave., Brooksville, from **4 pm to 6 pm**, on **Thursday, Dec. 1** at the **Spring Hill Branch**, 9220 Spring Hill Drive, Spring Hill, from **3 pm to 5pm** and on **Dec. 5** at the **West Hernando Branch**, 6335 Blackbird Avenue, Brooksville and **Dec. 6** at the **East Hernando Branch**, 6457 Windmere Road, Brooksville, both from **6 pm until 8 pm**.



We'll be seeing you!

Hernando County Extension Services



Solutions for Your Life



**Hernando County, Cooperative
Extension Service (352) 754-4433**

**Spring Hill Branch Library Classes
9220 Spring Hill Dr.**

(between Mariner & Waterfall)

Wednesdays 10:00am

First Come, first seated

Wednesday, December 7

Jim Moll

Protecting Your Plants from the Cold

Remember last winter's freezes? Are you tired of losing your tender plants because of the cold nights? We are at that time of year when we will have to deal with chilly nights. Learn how you can help prevent your plants from becoming this year's casualties.

Wednesday, December 14

John Korycki

What to do while your Landscape Sleeps

Winter is here and growth is slowing. What can we do in our landscapes now to make the most of the spring landscape recovery? This class will teach things to do and things to avoid doing in your landscape this time of year.

ASK YOUR PHYSICIAN
ABOUT SCHEDULING YOUR
FREE SCREENINGS.

**NO CO-PAY.
NO EXTRA CHARGES.
NO DEDUCTIBLE.**

free

PREVENTIVE SCREENINGS
They're part of your current Medicare benefits.

Good news for Medicare beneficiaries: You're entitled to free preventive care

If you're thinking, "What's Medicare done for me lately," we have the answer. Medicare members are—by law—entitled to a series of free preventive screenings and services. And "free" means free, because no co-pays, deductibles or extra charges apply.

These services allow you to make more informed health decisions, and to find certain medical conditions early, when treatment can be most effective.

It's in your best interest to take advantage of these free services:

- "Welcome to Medicare" physical exam
- Annual wellness check

- Cardio screening
- Pap screening
- Diabetes check
- Mammogram
- Colorectal cancer screening
- Bone mass measurement
- Nutritional counseling*

Other free services include vaccines for seasonal influenza, pneumonia and hepatitis B.

To maximize your Medicare coverage, contact your physician today to make appointments for these potentially life-saving—and free—services.

*If you're at risk for diet-related chronic diseases such as diabetes.

www.SeniorExtra.com



Free Medical Clinic in Spring Hill



Crescent Community Clinic

Offers services in their primary health, dental and mental health clinics to uninsured, indigent or low to moderate income adults ages 18 to 64. New patients must go to their website at: www.crescentclinic.org to download and complete an application.

The completed application will be evaluated for income eligibility. Patients will then be given an appointment to sign paperwork and for medical services.

Established patients must call the clinic at 352-610-9116 on Wednesday to request an appointment to be seen on the next available Saturday.

The Primary Health Clinic is open Wednesday and Saturday for **scheduled appointments only.**

Location: 5244 Commercial Way (US 19)
Spring Hill 34606
Phone: 352-610-9116

For more information visit:

www.crescentclinic.org

Readers' Corner Book Discussion Groups

Book Discussion Groups meet in three library locations:

- Main Library/Brooksville
- West Hernando Branch Library
- Spring Hill Branch Library



Main Library/Brooksville

238 Howell Avenue, Brooksville, FL 34601

MEETS THE THIRD MONDAY OF EACH MONTH AT 6:00 p.m.

Report Abuse - Online

The Department of Children and Families (DCF) now has two reporting systems for your convenience to report non-emergency concerns of abuse and/or neglect.

Use the "Report Abuse Online" icon on the Website at:

www.dcf.state.fl.us/programs/abuse/report

The traditional **Abuse Hotline** remains available at **(800) 96-ABUSE** or **TDD (800) 453-5145**.

*The Department of Health & Human Services wants to remind anyone 6 months of age or older to get their Flu shots to protect themselves and loved ones. For a complete listing of **Find a Flu Shot** near you visit:*

www.flu.gov

Winn-Dixie

1230 S. Broad St., Brooksville
352-799-1832

CVS/Pharmacy

20019 Cortez Blvd., Brooksville
352-796-7261

Walgreens

20020 Cortez Blvd., Brooksville
352-799-9545

Publix Pharmacy 1132

19390 Cortez Blvd., Brooksville
352-796-2928

Walgreens

7305 Spring Hill Dr., Spring Hill
352-688-5242

Winn-Dixie

2240 Commercial Way, Spring Hill
352-666-4600

Walmart

1485 Commercial Way, Spring Hill
877-279-3588

Sam's Club

13360 Cortez Blvd., Brooksville
877-279-3588

Call each pharmacy for more information.





**Hernando County, FL
Free Discount Prescription Card**

- Save up to 65% on prescriptions
- Individuals or families can use
- 59,000+ participating pharmacies
- All chain pharmacies in network
- Most independents are in network
- Cards are ready to use
- No paperwork to fill out
- No limits on usage
- No health restrictions
- Can be used immediately
- Everyone is accepted
- No fee ever charged for the card
- No expiration date
- Save on brand and generic drugs
- Covers drugs not covered in health plans
- Covers many pet prescriptions
- Save 50% to 80% on lab & imaging tests (call 1-800-903-3921 to schedule and pre-pay for these tests or go to the website listed below)

Go to www.coast2coastrx.com to print a card and for more information.

**TEAR OFF THE CARD BELOW
AND BRING IT INTO YOUR
PHARMACY TO START SAVING
ON YOUR PRESCRIPTIONS!**

Coast2Coast Rx Card – Hernando County

Name: _____

Member ID: Use customer's 10-digit phone # or any 10-digit number. Note: add 01, 02 or 03 for primary, spouse and dependents after 10-digit #) **Processor NetCardSystems/RxWest**

Bin#: 008878 Group#: HERNANDO

Coverage: Individual & Family PBM is WelldyneRx

This Plan is NOT Insurance



The Department of Children & Families, ACCESS Florida Program has several programs that can help Florida families. They include Food stamps, Cash Assistance, Low or No Cost Health Care, or Help paying for Medicare Premiums. Each program has its own eligibility rules, but you may apply for one or all using the same application. Simply log onto the ACCESS Florida from any computer at: www.myflorida.com/accessflorida at any time. For questions, please call the customer service call center at **1-866-762-2237**.

For additional assistance local Community Partners are listed below:

Customer Service Center-Store Front
Department of Children and Families
661 S. Broad Street, Brooksville

Health and Human Services
20 N. Main Street, Rm 161, Brooksville

Career Central
7361 Forest Oaks Boulevard, Spring Hill

All Hernando County Libraries

American Senior Financial *
4026 Commercial Way, Spring Hill
Thursday 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 Noon

Mid Florida Community Services *
RSVP Building
820 Kennedy Blvd., Brooksville
Monday 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Crescent Community Clinic *
5244 Commercial Way (US19)
Spring Hill, FL 34606
Tuesday 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.



Computer access, assistance with the online process, copying and faxing can also be obtained from any of the ACCESS Community Partners listed above or visit the website for a complete list.

- highlighted sites also provide a direct line for telephone interviews.

Food & More!



St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church offers "In His Footsteps" soup & sandwich outreach program lunch from Noon to 2:00 p.m. the second Thursday of every month in the Parish Hall of the Church located at 13485 Spring Hill Dr., Spring Hill. The meal is **free** of charge. For more information, please call **352-688-0663**



St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, 2301 Deltona Blvd., Spring Hill, provides a **free** bread and pastries giveaway for those in need from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. every Saturday in the Parish Hall (side entrance) of the church. For information, call the church office at **(352) 683-2010**.



First United Methodist Church of Spring Hill

serves a hot, nutritious meal from 4:30 to 6 p.m. every Tuesday at the church, located at 9344 Spring Hill Drive, Spring Hill. The meal is for all those in need. For information, call **(352) 683-2600 Ext. 1**

People Helping People in Hernando County



has expanded its Blessing in a Backpack program for elementary school students for the duration of the school year. Backpacks filled with food are delivered to the schools on Fridays for children to bring home for the weekend and then they are picked up on Mondays.

PHP will provide the service at: Spring Hill Elementary, Deltona, Brooksville, and Pine Grove elementary schools. It will provide weekend food for approximately 200 children.

For more information, please call, **352-686-4466** or visit the website at: www.phpinhc.org



Auro Community Garden, LLC

"Growing Food for Hernando County"


Location: 4095 Broad St., Brooksville

A non-profit whose purpose is to build and reconnect the local community back to its natural resources. Local fresh food is grown for ACG members to fund garden operation and distribute excess produce to those in need. Residents are invited to become part of their "Community of Growers."

For more information, please call **352-238-9091** or visit the website at: aurocommunitygarden.com



**GIVE. ADVOCATE. VOLUNTEER.
LIVE UNITED** 




**HOW TO LIVE UNITED
IN HERNANDO COUNTY!**

JOIN HANDS
OPEN YOUR HEART.
LEND YOUR MUSCLE.
FIND YOUR VOICE.

**GIVE 10%.
GIVE 100%.
GIVE 110%
GIVE AN HOUR.
GIVE A SATURDAY
THINK OF WE BEFORE ME**

REACH OUT A HAND TO ONE AND
INFLUENCE
THE CONDITION OF ALL

**GIVE. ADVOCATE. VOLUNTEER.
LIVE UNITED** 



**PEOPLE HELPING PEOPLE
OF HERNANDO COUNTY**

PHP is a program established to help feed those homeless and hungry on the west side of Hernando County. For more information, contact Ron Van Matre at **352-686-4466**

Date: Every Sunday
Time: 4 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.
Location: Hernando County Senior Citizens Club
7925 Rhanbuoy Road
Spring Hill, FL 34606

Cost: **FREE to anyone hungry**



Sunday Dinner


Location: Rising Sun Café
10 S. Main St., Brooksville

Time: 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Date: Every Sunday

Cost: **FREE to anyone hungry**

Local restaurants join together to offer meals to those on fixed incomes, single parents, homeless, or "anyone that's hungry". Sponsored by numerous businesses and organizations throughout Hernando County. For more information about Love Your Neighbor, please contact John **352-428-9434** or Lisa at **352-428-9275**.



DOING THE MOST GOOD

"Salvation Army Mobile Hot Meal Canteen Service"

Date: Every Friday
Time: 5:00 p.m. to 5:40 p.m.
Location: Hernando Park
205 E Fort Dade Ave.
Downtown Brooksville

Free to anyone who is hungry or homeless


For more information please call, **352-796-1186**

"Pay What You Can Donation Station Thrift Store"

A distribution center and food pantry organized to supplement the needs of the less fortunate in the community.

The store is open Thursday through Saturday from **10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.** Open Sundays from **3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.** A bag of food is donated on the 1st & 3rd Mondays of the month depending on their donations.

Love Your Neighbor Thrift Store
408 West Jefferson St.
Brooksville
Contact Cheryl at **352-573-8756** for more information.



Support Group Information & More!



Volunteers helping seniors with their health insurance option choices. Please call toll free 1-800-96-ELDER

Spring Hill Regional Hospital/Medical Arts Building
10441 Quality Drive
Spring Hill, FL 34609
352-684-7568
Thursday 11:00 a.m. to Noon

Brooksville Regional Hospital/Medical Arts Building
17222 Hospital Drive
Brooksville, FL 34601
352-544-6022
Tuesday 11:00 a.m. to Noon

Ridge Manor Library
6457 Windmere Road
Brooksville, FL 34602
352-754-4443
Wednesday 12:00 p.m. Noon to 1:00 p.m.

Quarry Golf Course Enrichment Center **NEW LOCATION**
800 John Gary Grubbs Blvd.
Brooksville, FL 34601
352-544-5900
Wednesdays 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.



<http://www.alzheimersfamily.org>

Alzheimer's Family Support Groups meet at the following locations:

Spring Hill Regional Hospital
Medical Arts Building Suite 105
10441 Quality Dr. Spring Hill, 34609
Every Wednesday of the month at 1:00 p.m.
Leader: Maria Curley (727) 922-1358

Brooksville Regional Hospital
Medical Arts Building Suite 120
17222 Hospital Blvd., Brooksville, 34601
Every Monday of the month at 1:00 p.m.
Leader: Maria Curley (727) 922-1358



AUTISM

Community Support Group for families of children on the Autism Spectrum. Please join **BayCare Behavioral Health Institute** in an effort to create awareness in Hernando County.

Date: 1st & 3rd Fridays of the month
Time: 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
Date: 3rd Wednesday of the month
Time: 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm
Location: BayCare Behavioral Health Institute
7074 Grove Road, Brooksville, FL

For more information, please call **352-346-1677 or 352-544-6233.**



Wellness & Recovery Support Group

Dates: Every Monday
Time: 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm
Date: Every Wednesday
Time: 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm
Location: Beautiful Mind Center
10554 Spring Hill Dr., Spring Hill

For more information, please call **352-684-0004**



Family Support Group

Date: Every Wednesday
Time: 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Location: Beautiful Mind Center
10554 Spring Hill Dr., Spring Hill

For information please call: "Beautiful Mind Center" @ **352-684-0004**

SUBSTANCE ABUSE PROGRAM

This fall marks the third anniversary of the start of Devereux Florida's renowned substance abuse program. A specialty program offered at the Viera campus, the comprehensive program helps children and teenagers with drug and alcohol issues work toward recovery. Individual therapy and group meetings focus on drug education, personal therapy and relapse prevention. "Because they are still growing and developing, children are 10 times more susceptible to addiction than adults," says program leader Steven Wollman. "The key is to engage kids, help them own their problem, then show them that together we can overcome it." For more information, contact the Central Referral Unit at 800-Devereux (1-800-338-3738 ext. 77130).

Veteran Services



Hernando County Veteran Services

Hernando County Veteran Service Officers will be available at the following locations:

West Hernando Government Center
 Monday ~ Friday 8:00 a.m.- 5:00 p.m.
 7479 Forest Oaks Blvd.
 Spring Hill, FL 34606
(352) 754-4033

Health & Human Services “Appointments Only”
 Every Friday 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.
 Hernando County Courthouse
 20 N. Main Street, Room 161 (1st Floor)
(352) 540-4338

For more information, please visit their website at: www.hernandocounty.us/veteran_services/




1-800-273-8255
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• • • Confidential chat at VeteransCrisisLine.net • • •

Hernando County Veteran Services is looking for Veterans to volunteer to lead the County in reciting the **“Pledge of Allegiance”** at the Board of County Commissioners’ meetings.

Please contact Matt Peters at **352-754-4033** if you are interested.



Veteran Services: Operation Family Assistance Network

Mental Health & Substance Abuse Services

- Case management & Resource Coordination
- In Home Individual, Couples, Children and Family Counseling
- Assessment and Planning
- Group Counseling
- Veteran & family Support Groups

The Fan Program is available in Hernando and Pasco County.

Meetings: Thursdays
 Times: 5:30 to 7:00 pm
 Locations: 7074 Grove Rd. Brooksville
 14527 7th St., Dade City
 8002 King Helie Blvd., New Port Richie

For more information, please contact:

Cindy Lapidus, MS
 Cell Phone: **352-428-6631**
Alison.lapidus@baycare.org

352-232-4770 & 727-420-7943
(Alternate numbers)



Caring for a Veteran?

Call VA's Caregiver Support Line for help toll-free:

1-855-260-3274
 Monday - Friday, 8:00 am - 11:00 pm ET
 Saturday, 10:30 am - 6:00 pm ET







More News For Veterans



Career Central –Gus Bilrakis-Career Fair
Tuesday, December 6, 2011
11:00 am to 3:00 pm
Spartan Manor, New Port Richey
For additional information, please contact or call one of the Career Central Offices listed below.

[Steven Wilson](#)
Swilson@careercentral.jobs

Hernando– 352-200-3027
East Pasco-813-377-1300 x3027
West Pasco-727-484-3400 x3027

Department of Veterans Affairs

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New Law Permits Veterans Designation on Florida Driver License

Governor Rick Scott signed House Bill 1165 to recognize and honor Florida veterans who honorably serve their nation. Veterans who live in the Sunshine State can now add a veteran designation to their driver license or identification card. Go to www.GatherGoGet.com to ensure they have all of the documentation required.



Cell Phones for Soldiers Announces 2011 Goals

Cell Phones for Soldiers recently announced it's commitment to provide 750,000 communication tools in 2011 to troops stationed around the world, fulfilling a financial and emotional need of deployed armed forces.

The average roaming fees from Afghanistan are \$3.00 a minute, making a call home a rarity for many military professionals. Help connect military families, donate today!

For every phone donated, a soldier will receive one hour of phone time to call home. You may drop off the phones anytime during regular business hours.

Monday – Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Cell Phone Drop off locations:

Veteran Services: 7479 Forest Oaks Blvd,
Spring Hill

Health & Human Services: 20 N. Main St.,
Rm. 161, Brooksville

For more information about cell phones for soldiers, please visit their website at:

<http://www.cellphonesforsoldiers.com/index.html>



IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS FOR VETERANS

Education Benefits [1-888-442-4551](tel:1-888-442-4551)

Telecommunication Device for the Deaf (TDD)

[1-800-829-4833](tel:1-800-829-4833)

Gulf Way Helpline [1-800-749-8387](tel:1-800-749-8387)