



# HERNANDO COUNTY HOUSING & SUPPORTIVE SERVICES

## MAY / JUNE 2026 NEWSLETTER



### Community Events

#### SATURDAY MAY 30, 2026 FAMILY DEVELOPMENT FAIR

Hammock Ridge Apartments  
8274 Omaha Circle  
Spring Hill, FL 34606  
10am – 1pm

**Featuring: Housing Down  
Payment Assistance  
Workshops**

Workshop Times: 10:15am  
11:00am  
12:00pm



**HERNANDO HELPS  
FAMILY  
DEVELOPMENT FAIR**  
Providing resources to enhance your employment, education, health, and life skills

**WHEN:** SATURDAY, MAY 30, 2026  
10:00AM TO 1:00PM

**WHERE:** HAMMOCK RIDGE APARTMENT BUILDING  
(8274 OMAHA CIR, SPRING HILL, FL 34606)

**Highlighting:**

- Financial Literacy & Credit Counseling
- Homeownership
- Job Training
- Education
- Employment
- Mental and Physical Support

**FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT:  
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Hosted by: Housing & Supportive Services

**CHAMPION YOUR HEALTH** is this years Older Americans Month theme which underscores prevention, wellness and personal responsibility as cornerstones of healthy aging. It encourages taking an active role in managing and advocating for your health, accessing preventive care and making informed decisions.

#### HOT MEAL SITES

Supporting Hernando County residents experiencing homelessness, seniors, and low-income families.

##### People Helping People (PHP) – Help Center

**Location:** 1396 Kass Circle, Spring Hill, 34606

**Contact:** (352) 686-7766 | <https://phphernando.org>

- **Sunday Blessings:** Hot dinner served Sundays at 3:30pm
- **Lunch:** Tuesdays and Fridays at 11:30am
- **Notes:** Provides hot meals, showers and necessities to the unhoused via Neighborhood Blessings

##### Christ Lutheran Church

**Location:** 475 North Ave W, Brooksville, 34601

**Contact:** (352) 796-8331

- **Service:** Wednesday dinner from 4:30pm-6:00pm

##### You Thrive Florida (Senior Meals)

**Location:** Spring Lake Church, 4191 Spring Lake Hwy, Brooksville, 34601

**Contact:** (352) 796-1426

- **Service:** Every Wednesday from 9:00am-1:00pm (Breakfast/Lunch for seniors 60+)

##### Holy Trinity Lutheran Church (Senior Meals)

**Location:** 1214 Broad St. Masaryktown, 34604

**Contact:** (352) 796-1426

- **Service:** Thursdays and Fridays from 9:00am-1:00pm (Breakfast and hot lunch for seniors 60+)

##### First Baptist Church

**Location:** 420 Howell Ave, Brooksville 34601

**Contact:** (352) 796-6791

- **Wednesday Night Supper:** Weekly community meal held every Wednesday from 5:00pm to 6:00pm throughout May 2026.

### CDBG FUNDS AT WORK

#### CDBD PUBLIC SERVICE PROJECT SILVER SPARK CONNECT AND LEARN

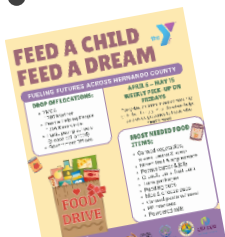
The Enrichment Centers' Silver Spark program supports adults 62+ with hands on computer training, energizing chair exercises, and safety education. Nearly 300 seniors, most of whom live in unincorporated Hernando County, participate and stay connected, active and learning.

Location: 800 John Gary Grubbs Blvd, Brooksville Contact: Paul Morana (352) 544-5900

#### CDBG PUBLIC SERVICE PROJECT SKILLSHARE & EMPOWERMENT STUDIO

This program expands mentorship opportunities and creative learning experience for low-income or homeless residents in unincorporated Hernando County. The studio provides a supportive space for demonstrations, shared learning skills, and community connection.

Location: 209 Ponce DeLeon Blvd, Brooksville Contact: Jana Knox (352) 442-1485



#### TOGETHERHOOD FOOD DRIVE April 6 – May 15 DROP OFF LOCATIONS:

- YMCA – 1300 Mariner
- People Helping People – 1396 Kass Circle
- Participating Schools – Please Call Ahead
- Government Offices:

HSS is a drop off location

LEARN MORE (352) 688-9622



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email: [HousingandSupportiveServices@hernandocounty.us](mailto:HousingandSupportiveServices@hernandocounty.us)

<https://www.facebook.com/HernandoHealthandHumanServices/>



*May Mental Health Awareness Month focuses on community, connection and reducing stigma with the theme “More Good Days, Together”.*

### HERNANDO COUNTY FIRE RESCUE COMMUNITY PARAMEDICINE

Hernando County Fire Rescue (HCFR) Community Paramedicine program provides mobile integrated health services, focusing on reducing opioid overdoses and emergency room burdens.

**Key Aspects of the Program:**

- A team of specially trained paramedics providing immediate response and follow-up care to individuals experiencing an overdose. As part of the Coordinated Recovery Program (CORE), they offer Medically Assisted Treatment (MAT) induction and connection to ongoing treatment, peer support, and other resources often visiting patients’ home to provide care.
- Under their “USE ONE GET ONE” campaign a free NARCAN kit is provided with resources each time NARCAN is administered.
- **Partnerships:** The program is a collaborative effort between HCFR, BayCare, and local hospitals.
- **Contact/Information:** For more information, you can email the team at [communityparamedics@hernandocounty.us](mailto:communityparamedics@hernandocounty.us) or call (352) 540-0799

**We are here to help** with your needs and receive your input and suggestions. We welcome you to our upcoming meetings. *Hope to see you there!!*

#### Affordable Housing Committee

Hernando County Government Center, County Commission Chambers (John Law Ayers room)  
20 North Main Street, Brooksville

- May 12, 2026 10am – 11am
- June 11, 2026 10am – 11am

#### Homeless Initiative Meeting

Nativity Lutheran Church, 6363 Commercial Way,  
Spring Hill

- May 20, 2026 4pm – 5:30pm
- June 17, 2026 4pm – 5:30pm

### PREPARING FOR HURRICANE SEASON



#### PERMANENT SALES TAX EXEMPTION ON HURRICANE SUPPLIES

Florida enacted a permanent sales tax exemption on select disaster preparedness supplies. This policy allows residents to buy essentials like batteries, flashlights, radios and tarps tax free year-round. The change aims to encourage proactive year-round hurricane preparation.

For a full list of select disaster preparedness items, visit: [FloridaRevenue.com/Taxes/Tips](https://FloridaRevenue.com/Taxes/Tips).

### PROGRAM SPOTLIGHT

Hernando County’s Mental Health Substance Abuse Resource Coordinator and Data Analyst collaborate with partner agencies to ensure our community receives direct and immediate access to essential resources regarding prevention, treatment and recovery opportunities. Our Mental Health and Substance Abuse team works with agencies and residents to connect individuals to treatment and resources necessary for recovery, including peer support, transportation, education, employment opportunities, medical care and other wraparound services to support long term recovery and stability.

They also analyze data to develop strategic initiatives to improve access to mental health and substance use care, identify issues in our system of care, and educate Hernando County residents and providers on what resources are available in the community.

For help with your mental health and/or substance use needs or questions, please contact us at (352) 540-4338.



#### HERNANDO COUNTY SHIP DISASTER STRATEGY

The Strategy provides assistance to households following a disaster as declared by Executive Order of the President of the United States or the Governor of the State of Florida. SHIP disaster funds may be used for items such as, but not limited to:

- » Purchase of emergency supplies for eligible households to weatherproof damaged homes
- » Interim repairs to avoid further damage and to make the housing unit habitable
- » Construction of wells or repair of existing wells where public water is not available
- » Payment of insurance deductibles for rehabilitation of homes covered under homeowner’s insurance policies
- » Temporary rental assistance for rented households that have experienced temporary financial hardship that results in missed rental payments and are in danger of being evicted

If a disaster happens contact Department of Housing and Supportive Services at (352) 540-4338.