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#### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Life's most urgent question is "What are you doing for others?" – Martin Luther King Jr.

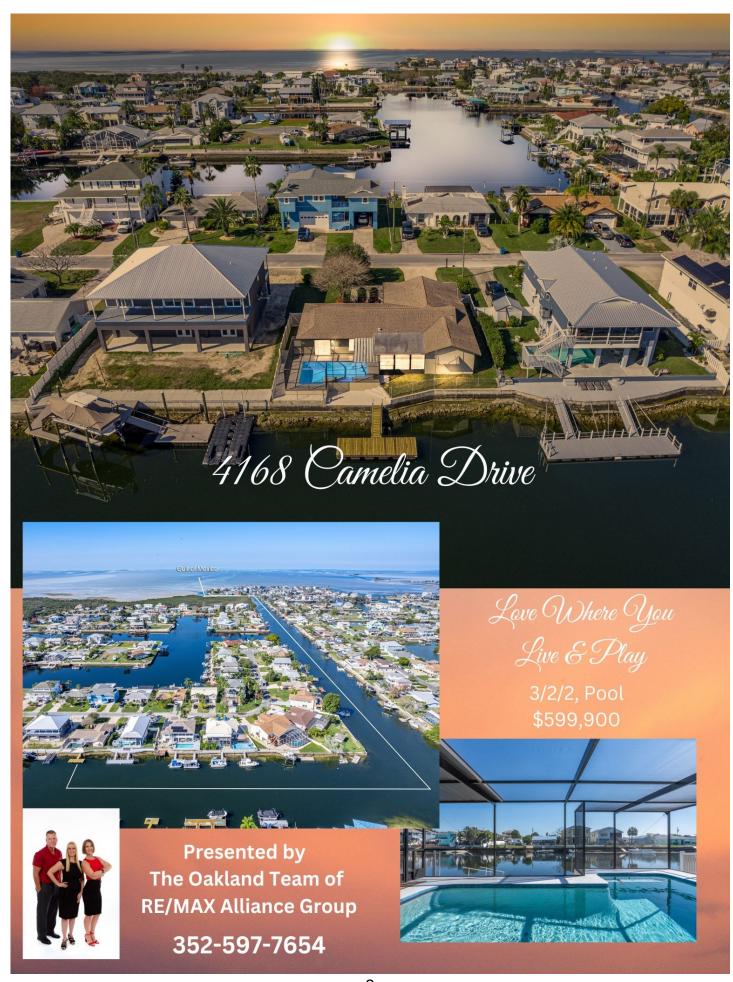
Welcome to Spring in Florida. As reported by the website floridatrippers.com. Florida Weather in April Is warm and dry...absolutely perfect. In April, we'll have warm days followed by cooler nights. It's not as oppressively hot as it can be in the summer, the nights are cooler and you will find less fog and wind as there can be in the proceeding months with more sunshine and breeze making it perfect "Hernando" beach weather.

April is also the last month in the dry season and rainfall is low. If it does rain it's normally very brief. The average rainfall is 2.3 inches and never exceeds 5.5 inches. The rain also tends to be more isolated to the areas on the Gulf Coast. Average temperatures in Florida in April are between 55° – 85° F. The overall average temperature is 71° F. Humidity tends to be around 69 - 72 %.

Is it just the weather or a combination of economic liberty, opportunity AND the weather that drives why Florida is experiencing a steady influx of new residents? On average, approximately 900 people relocate to Florida every day. To put this into perspective, it's like adding a city the size of Orlando to the state's population each year. Since 2015, more than 300,000 people have made the move to Florida annually, and state economists predict that this trend will continue into 2024.

I had the privilege to watch our county government in action on the 12<sup>th</sup> of March. On the agenda were variance requests, a couple of rezoning requests and Master Plan reviews. To boil them down – they were all reacting to the opportunities to accommodate an increasing population – whether it was the money they were going to spend by putting in a small strip mall or the housing they needed by building planned communities. The sheer number of actions for review pushed this meeting to the longest ever BOCC. One of the issues to address the county's growing populations demands for recreation was the approval of the Hernando County Weeki Wachee Preserve Park agreement with

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the Southwest Florida Water Management District. This park is focused on the passive recreation available in the former mining pits that people in Hernando County have enjoyed for years, kayaking, hiking, walking, running, biking and bird watching. Now the county will have the onus to maintain it with trash pickup, maintenance of trails, the boardwalk, pavilions and picnic tables. You ask when will this be implemented? Like all things with the government, it'll take at least 8 months to lay out the plan to commit funds and start execution of the plan.

Our HBPOA Treasurer Jen Brown introduced our guest speaker Bill Gladson, State Attorney for the Fifth Judicial Circuit. Bill provided a succinct overview of his office and responsibilities as well as insight into "how are we doing keeping criminals off the streets?" Comparatively speaking, the 5<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit is #2 in prosecutions, higher than Miami! Bottom line, crime is down in Hernando County. Bill added that Hernando County and beyond have a human trafficking issue. Learn to look for the signs and report it. Use this site for inforhttps://www.state.gov/humantrafficking-waysyou-can-help-fight-human-trafficking/.

Please be sure to reply to the request from your Hospitality Team about our April Luau. We'll have a great time with our guest speaker, the Honorable Gus Bilirakis. Like the rest of Florida, we are growing too! Stacy Finsterbusch announced we have 166 properties in our membership and 4 joined us at the meeting! Mike Fulford reported on the upcoming candidate forum in May. These candidates will be responsible for addressing issues that impact residents of Hernando Beach. More to come on this in April.

Next to last item we discussed in new business was the announcement of public hearing for a planned convenience store with gas at the corner of Shoal Line Blvd and Osowaw. The developer presented to the P&Z on the 11<sup>th</sup> of March and the report is as follows just so you know its' not easy and the County is doing its best to listen to the concerns of the communities:

Commission recommend the Board of County Commissioners adopt a Resolution approving the petitioner's request to Establish a Master Plan on property PDP(NC)/Planned Development (Neighborhood Commercial), but deny the request to include a specific C-1 use for Convenience Goods with Fuel Pumps with the following performance conditions."

There are 17 performance conditions that must be met before final approval for the project to move forward. You can find them on the county website in the staff recommendations:

https://www.hernandocounty.us/i-want-to/find/agendaminutes and then select the March 11<sup>th</sup> agenda for the Bill Roberts

# The Beachcomber

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P&Z meeting.

Those attending our meeting Thursday night had the inside scoop on the plan because the builder, long-time Hernando County resident Mr. Carey Carlson was there. He graciously shared his time and brought his drawings and game plan to create a unique entry to our Hernando Beach Community. He is not proposing an industrial style site. This site has proposed aesthetics to resemble a country store keeping with the seaside theme and character of our fishing village community.

I believe it is important to have a seat at the table to discuss future development in Hernando Beach. I see "It is recommended that the Planning and Zoning no value screaming on social media, assassinations of character and banging on the window watching deliberations that you are not a part of. To that end, I asked the membership in attendance, do we want to include all the way down Shoal Line Blvd to Osowaw Blvd and the West as part of HBPOA by expanding our boundary? You can read member comments in the minutes. The Bylaws committee will review the motion and get back to the membership on options.

> Again - please sign up and attend our April Luau and bring your favorite dish. Let's Welcome Congressman Bilirakis to have a seat at OUR table.

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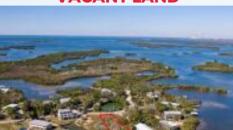
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# HBPOA Membership Meeting Minutes for March 7, 2024

- Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm.
   All Officers and Directors were present.
   We had a quorum with 9 present.
- 2. Beachcomber Advertiser Highlight was Pat Coggins, Hernando Beach Yacht Club Commodore.
- Motion to adopt the agenda by Mike Fulford and seconded by James Fournier – Vote passed.
   Motion to accept minutes of February Membership meeting as published in the Beachcomber by Tom Crowley, seconded by James Fournier – Vote passed.
- 4. Hernando Beach Property Owners Association Grant Award Presentation to: Diane Ziemski, Victoria Yeager, Brian Kelly and Steve Benevides.
- 5. Guest Speaker for March was Bill Gladson, State Attorney for the 5<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit.
- 6. Association Business began with HBPOA President Comments regarding community activities.
- a. Treasurer's report and Beachcomber See Treasurer's Report 1/01/2024 to 1/31/2023 starting with \$19,550.52 and ending balance of \$13,848.91. The Beachcomber input is due March 10th.
- b. Hospitality Committee report Chair Patty Roberts announced the HBPOA Luau on April 4<sup>th</sup>. Wear your favorite Hawaiian shirt and bring a dish more to follow and how to register coming via email. (Continued on page 9)



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| Saturday                                                          | Friday Doors Open 5:30, Dinner @ 7:00                              | Thursday<br>Yoga Starts @<br>10:00 am                             | Wednesday           | Tuesday Game Night Doors Open 6:00                           | Monday            | Sunday                        |
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| 6                                                                 | 5<br>Chicken<br>Enchilada                                          | 4<br><b>Yoga</b><br>10:00 am                                      | 3                   | 2<br>Bingo & Sunshine                                        | 1                 |                               |
|                                                                   | Dinner & Bruce<br>Cole                                             | Closed for Private Event                                          |                     | Sliders Food<br>Truck                                        |                   |                               |
| *DRAG QUEEN<br>BINGO \$25 in<br>advance, \$30@<br>Door, open 6:30 | 12<br>Happy April B-<br>Days, Pulled<br>Pork Dinner &<br>Dave Live | 11<br><b>Yoga</b><br>10:00 am<br>Dance Party<br>Lessons - Marilyn | 10                  | 9<br>Euchre<br>& Potluck                                     | 8                 | 7                             |
| 20<br>Closed for Private Event                                    | 19<br>Beef Stroganoff<br>Dinner & Lady<br>& The Outlaw             | 18<br>Yoga<br>10:00 am<br>Low Impact<br>Fitness @ 6:00            | 17                  | 16<br>Texas Holdem<br>Poker<br>Authentic SoCal<br>Food Truck | 15                | 14                            |
| 27<br>Closed for Private Event                                    | 26<br>Club Dinner &<br>JR Lewis                                    | 25<br><b>Yoga</b><br>10:00 am<br>Line Dance – Stan<br>& Margie    | 24                  | Bunco<br>& Potluck                                           | 22                | 21                            |
|                                                                   |                                                                    | 5                                                                 |                     | 30<br>Bingo, Super<br>Galactic BBQ &                         | 29                | 28<br><b>Yoga</b><br>10:00 am |



#### **HERNANDO BEACH** PROPERTY OWNERS **ASSOCIATION MEETING**

**APRIL 4TH, 2024** 6:00PM

Tropical Luau themed Potluck Dinner

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ing tasty snacks.

- Membership Committee report Stacey Finsterbusch reported that the HBPOA has 166 members 12. Adjournment at 9:15pm - motion by Linda Tartagliowith 4 new members joining tonight.
- d. Government Affairs Committee Report Mike Ful- Minutes provided by: ford. Candidate Forum for Hernando Beach will be Linda Tartaglione our May 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting. Mike has contacted Congressman Gus Bilirakis who serves Florida's 12 District to be our guest speaker in April on the 4th. If you are interested in volunteering contact Mike Fulford.
- e. Landscape Committee report chair still open. Trian-gle Spring Cleanup on Feb 24<sup>th</sup> was a big success Thank you to Kristal Melvin, Bill Colleypriest, Larry Hello Hernando Beach Dyer, Stacey Finsterbusch and Patty Roberts.
- 7. New Business. The yellow signs announcing a public hearing on March 11<sup>th</sup> at the P&Z and at the BOCC on April 9<sup>th</sup>. The proposal was presented by Mr. Carrey Carlson.
- 8. President Roberts posited the following regarding future development on Shoal Line Blvd, "do we want to expand the HBPOA boundary to include all the way down Shoal Line Blvd to Osowaw/ West to become more encompassing of future developments to have a seat at the table during the initial phases to have a voice in future projects? Members Comments - "If we do, an additional 25 families may be included".
  - "We maintain the Triangle, why not", "might reduce our influence in the area", "Doesn't fit with living on the canals with like issues", "They have canals too".
- 9. Motion. Mike Fulford to form a bi-laws committee to investigate the pros and cons. Second Denis Polyn, Voice Vote with 1 opposed. Motion passed. Bylaw committee chair will lead an investigation into the pros and cons of expanding the HBPOA boundary down Shoal Line Blvd to Osowaw corner and West.
- 10. Next Board meeting at the Hernando Beach Yacht

Club will be April 1, 2024, at 11 am.

Thanked Alice Comer and James Fournier for bring- 11. Next Membership meeting the Hernando Beach Yacht Club will be April 4, 2024, at 6:30 pm and our guest Speaker will be the Honorable Gus Bilirakis.

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ne, seconded by Bobbi Caccamisi - Vote passed.

#### **HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE**

By: Judith Hughes

As I think about April, I am reminded of two statements which I have tried to use to guide my life. They are "What appears to be isn't always the truth" and "First impressions are lasting but not always correct". We are exposed to these statements on the first of April each year when we are often victims of erroneous statements, jokes, fools errands, etc. On this day we expect to be pranked and most of us are cautious when a friend, relative, or co-worker tells us something that we know is false but we fall for it anyway. In our daily lives, we can acknowledge these statements and it helps dispel the gossip and falsehoods that often takes up space in our minds. Although April Fool's day has been observed for centuries, its true origins are unknown and effectively unknowable. So, go forth, prank your friends and enjoy this first day of April.

The Front Porch Art Walk for March was quite successful. We had some new volunteers to help out and it is always gratifying to see the artists and businesses in support of Hernando Beach and the Art Walk each

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Four of our resident artists were lauded at the March Hernando Beach Property Owners meeting for their contribution to the new flags on display on Shoal Line Boulevard. Their recognition was well deserved.

The activities in Hernando Beach are growing. The Hernando Beach Club is amping up its calendar of events and the Hernando Beach Yacht Club welcomes new members. We are so fortunate to be a community located right on the Gulf of Mexico. Now that spring has sprung, alfresco dining is preferred so we can enjoy the beautiful warm breezes off the Gulf Coast. We have waited all winter for this. In April at the Hernando Beach Property Owners meeting we will be saying "Aloha" to our attendees. Wear your favorite Tropical/Hawaiian attire.

On a personal note, in March I found myself in The Villages attending a multi high school class reunion which also included folks from the surrounding area of my hometown, Middletown, NY. I left Middletown in 1975 so the opportunity to visit with them has been scarce. There were about 80 people in attendance. The attendees either live permanently in Florida, are snow-birds, or were just visiting and the event was timely for

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them. It is amazing to have conversations with folks we haven't seen in years or those we never really knew but recognized the last names. We discovered we had so much in common just by virtue of our hometown. So By: Mike Fulford many don't go to their reunions because of high school memories. I say "GO", you might be surprised. As we travel the road of life with focus on our own family and careers, I think we neglect to appreciate those who have influenced us over the years whether it be a teacher, classmate, friend, family member, boss, or coworker. If you get to see them, have a conversation and say "Thank You"

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The BOCC is the only body that can create, change and adopt those Ordinances, Regulations and Policies. The Commissioner, and two alternate members are appoint- Commission hearings. ed by the Board of County Commissioners as a whole. They meet in Brooksville usually the second Monday of The P&Z adjudicates applications based upon substaneach month in the BOCC Chambers. All meetings are tial, materiel and competent evidence. Both the applipublicly noticed and video recorded. All participants are cant and those citizens in opposition to an application sworn and testimony is subject to perjury. All counties in can appeal the decision to the BOCC. the State of Florida are required to have a P&Z as di- If not satisfied with the BOCC decision, parties can file rected by the Legislature.

granted with the property and not the owner. The P&Z legal matters. can issue both. They are effective 30 days after issuing. The BOCC can review the P&Z decision. If not ap- To a resident attempting to understand the difference relates to Public Inquiry Workshops (PIW), the require-

ments are determined by the nature of the application. Not every application warrants a PIW. They usually add 30 days to 60 processing time. The County P&Z Staff, P&Z Commission and other agencies can request a PIW P&Z Commission consists of seven members. Five based upon the intensity of the impact. The purpose of members are appointed at the discretion of each County the PIW is to identify up-front issues prior to the P&Z

in Circuit Court. Variance applications are administrative in nature and are not heard by the P&Z. They are The P&Z has delegated decision authority for Condition- decided by the county zoning official. Adjudication conal Use Permits and Special Exceptions. Conditional Use siders principally if the application is in conflict with the Permits are usually two years for temporary structures counties comprehensive plan, causes significant impact and five years for excavations. They are usually granted to the community or violates an existing ordinance or in rural areas for hardships. Specially Exceptions are law. An Assistant County Attorney advises the P&Z on

proved by the BOCC, the applicant can file a civil objec- between a Code Enforcement action and a rezoning retion in the Circuit Court. Decision making is evidence quest can be a challenge. For example, a rezoning rebased. Statements must be included in the application quest was granted for a property located in Hernando packet in order to be considered. Additionally, only in- Beach recently. Knowingly or unknowing, the applicant person testimony is considered. All deliberations are during the application process proceeded to utilize the subject to the Florida "Sunshine Law Legislation". As it property in a manner that they were making application (Continued on page 15)



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|--------------------------|-------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------|-----|------------------------------------------------------------|--|--|
| Sun                      | Mon                                 | Tue                                                              | Wed                                                        | Thu                                                     | Fri | Sat                                                        |  |  |
|                          | 1                                   | 2<br>Yoga with Barb<br>HBYC<br>5:30pm to 6:30pm<br>BOCC Workshop | 3                                                          | 4<br>HBPOA<br>Membership<br>Meeting<br>32nd Anniv. Luau | 5   | 6<br>Front Porch Art<br>Walk 10am to<br>2pm<br>Gun & Knife |  |  |
| 7<br>Gun & Knife<br>Show | 8<br>P & Z<br>Commission<br>Hearing | 9<br>Yoga with Barb<br>HBYC<br>5:30pm to 6:30pm<br>BOCC Meeting  | 10<br>Beachcomber<br>Deadline<br>HB Crime Watch<br>Meeting | 11                                                      | 12  | 13                                                         |  |  |
| 14                       | 15                                  | 16<br>Yoga with Barb<br>HBYC<br>5:30pm to 6:30pm                 | 17<br>Waterways<br>Advisory<br>Committee 7pm               | 18                                                      | 19  | 20                                                         |  |  |
| 21                       | 22                                  | 23<br>Yoga with Barb<br>HBYC<br>5:30pm to 6:30pm<br>BOCC Meeting | 24                                                         | 25                                                      | 26  | 27                                                         |  |  |
| 28                       | 29                                  | 30<br>Yoga with Barb<br>HBYC<br>5:30pm to 6:30pm                 |                                                            |                                                         |     |                                                            |  |  |



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remedied by a code enforcement action. Separate from a rezoning action. For general knowledge, with the exception of three properties on Shoal Line that are currently zoned as residential, all other properties are zoned commercial or commercial marine.

We are a nation of laws and due process. P&Z actions are usually complex in nature, and subject to the quasi judicial process. Substantial, competent, and materiel evidence has to be provided in order to approve or deny an application. It is important for a community to appear in person in order to provide sworn testimony to either support or show opposition to an application. Communities such as Timber Pines, Glen Lakes and other organized groups have been successful in having their voice heard in mass.

#### **GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

By: Mike Fulford

Government Affairs Committee Update for March 2024. Between now and November, it will be an exciting time for Hernando County Voters. The August Primary is the time we elect our Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) unless there is a closed primary. Let me explain. Florida is a closed primary state meaning that voters are only allowed to vote for the party that they are registered in for the August Primary. There are exceptions. If all the candidates for an office are of the same political party then all Voters

are allowed to vote for that office regardless of party. Two for. This then became a zoning violation, which must be situations close a primary. First, there are candidates for that office registered in an opposing party, then the successful candidate of that party goes to the general election in November. The other situation is when a "write in" candidate files. They do not appear in the primary, but are listed as a "write in" candidate in the general election. Confused yet? This actually occurred in the 2020 election cycle for our voting District where political leadership recruited a "write in" candidate in order to close the primary. It's a strategy rarely employed only when political leadership feels their chosen candidate is at risk. Look out for a "write in" candidate when they appear on the ballot. It's telling. Non Political Affiliated (NPA) Offices are primarily what is referred to as the Constitutional Offices (Clerk of Courts, Tax Collector, Property Assessor, etc.) and School Board are determined in the General Election or for this year, the Presidential Election. Candidates must live in the District that they are running in, but are elected by the entire coun-The Hernando Beach Property Owners Association (HBPOA) will host a candidates forum to inform our membership and community to be an informed voter in August and November. Candidates registered to date are Anthony Arenz (BOCC, District 1), Marvin Baynham, Burton Melaugh, and Luciano Vignali (BOCC District 3), Kevin Johnston and Randy Mazourek (Property Appraiser), and Frankie Davis (Tax Collector). I am sure the list will grow as we get closer to 2 May. We are going to try to keep to about 12 candidates for about a 2.5 hour forum. Each candidate will have the opportunity to speak un-interrupted for 5 minutes, and round two will be a short question and an-(Continued on page 16)

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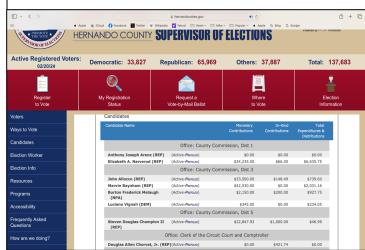
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swer period from the audience. Our intent is to live stream to our HBPOA Facebook page. The hospitality committee has graciously agreed to provide decorations and refreshments. A full list of candidates can be found at the Supervisor of Elections Web Site. Public Service is a privilege and not an entitlement in my opinion. We deserve the government we elect. Concerned about services, taxes and growth? Be an informed voter. Join us on the first Thursday of every month to be informed as to what is happening in our community.

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Growing up right here in Hernando County, I've always felt a deep connection to this community and its

people. At 18, I ventured out into the world in pursuit of new experiences. Little did I know that this journey would lead me to discover my passion for public service. It was during my time at the Pinellas County Tax Collector's office that I found my calling. The opportunity to serve others and make a positive impact on their lives ignited a fire within me—a fire that has only grown stronger with time.

Life has a funny way of bringing us back to where we belong, doesn't it? Five years ago, I found myself back in Hernando County, raising my daughter and cherishing the precious moments with my family. It was here that I met my incredible husband, and together, we merged our families into one. I continued to commute to Pinellas County after returning home, however in October of 2022 I made the difficult decision to step away from my career at Pinellas County to prioritize my family's needs.

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ship—putting the needs of our community first while maintomer satisfaction. Throughout my career, I've had the honor of holding various customer-facing and leadership roles. From leading website redesign teams to implementing innovative solutions like chatbots, the same one Hernando County later adopted, I've always been driven by a desire But here's the thing-I'm not a politician. I'm just an experiresidents.

One of my proudest accomplishments? Leading a pilot pro- So, let's make some magic happen, Hernando County! Toright—100%! It's all about creating a positive work environ- than it already is.

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