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**Women's Leadership  
Council Monthly Mtg.**  
**Thursday, August 22**  
**8:00 am.**  
Chamber Board Room

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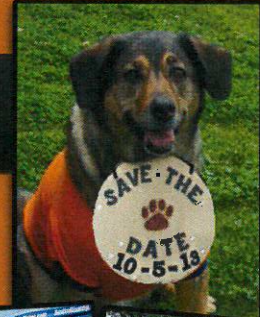
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## The 4th Annual Loving Care Pet Fair is Celebrating PEToberfest



with the Seminole Chamber of Commerce  
and the Treasure Island Fun Center  
Hosted by: Leash on Life  
Pet & People Services



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7770 Seminole Blvd from 10 am-4 pm  
Seminole, FL 33772 (Yappy Hour from 4-5)



[www.TheLovingCarePetFair.org](http://www.TheLovingCarePetFair.org)



Bring this postcard to the Leash on Life table to see if you're a winner!

## Register Now - 28th Annual Golf Classic - Oct. 24

**Some of the best business deals are made on the golf course!**

We are currently seeking sponsors for the 28<sup>th</sup> Annual Seminole Chamber Golf Classic set for Thursday, Oct. 24, 1 p.m. shot gun start at Seminole Lake Country Club at 6100 Augusta Blvd. Sponsorship is an ideal marketing opportunity for your business that will be promoted before, throughout and after the tournament. Also, it is a great day of fun and networking for the players (\$125 each) and volunteers. We hope to hear from you soon, and look forward to your participation in this community-wide event!

Register on our web site: [www.seminolechamber.net](http://www.seminolechamber.net)  
or call us at 392-3245



A grass roots coalition is finding ways to unite local businesses and get customers to shop in Seminole. At the party on July 28 at the Seminole Lake Country Club, 9 locally-owned businesses were showcased. A discount card for hundreds of independent area businesses that shoppers can buy is available for \$20. The group hosts four main events each year, and is looking to grow even more in the coming years. For more information, call the Chamber at 392-3245.

[www.LocalShops1.com/Seminole](http://www.LocalShops1.com/Seminole)



photo by Luke Johnson courtesy of Tampa Tribune

# SEMINOLE CHAMBER CHATTER



**Gretchen's Gatherings**  
Chamber Chief of Operations

## We need to keep meeting like this!

One of the best things to come out of our relocating the Chamber office to our present headquarters is the free meeting spaces we are able to offer to our Chamber members.

We want to fill the smart classroom and board room with events.

We have available two big screen TVs for presentations, or if you prefer, the old-fashioned flip chart, with markers, is ready.

In any given week, we have our own functions going on, for example: *quarterly new member reception, monthly Board meetings, Women's Leadership Council, golf tournament and Pet'Oberfest committee meetings*, and additionally, provide space to our members for their own activities. These could be workshops our Chamber members are teaching (most are open to the public), or specifically-designed training programs for their employees.

Savvy Chamber members have discovered we have a number of quiet corners they can utilize (with free Wi-Fi) to hop on their laptops, make phone calls, or even meet with a client to discuss a deal.

We want you to take advantage of these spaces, so don't be shy about contacting us. We have kitchen facilities (microwave, refrigerator, but not stove), so you can bring your own refreshments, or we can provide you with a list of Chamber members who cater functions. With a little advance notice, we will get your event on the calendar, and help you to make it successful.

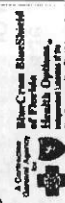
*Gretchen C. Wells*

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**Roger Edelman**  
Chamber President

## MARK YOU CALENDERS..... TEE IT UP!

October 24 will mark the 28th consecutive year the Seminole Chamber of Commerce has presented its annual golf tournament. This year's event promises to be bigger and better than ever, with a host of special events, prizes, good food and drink, and a great day of golf and fun for everyone at the Seminole Lake Country Club.

This event provides an opportunity each year for the local business community to come together to promote their business services and products in a relaxed and fun environment. The proceeds go to support the Chamber's many activities.

There are various sponsorship levels available, hole signs to purchase, and a wide variety of ways to get you and your business involved, as a participant or volunteer.

If you weren't there last year, you can visit our web site at [seminolechamber.net](http://seminolechamber.net) and see what you missed through the video clip.

Players and sponsors may now register on our web site or you can contact the Chamber for additional information on how to make the most of the tournament.

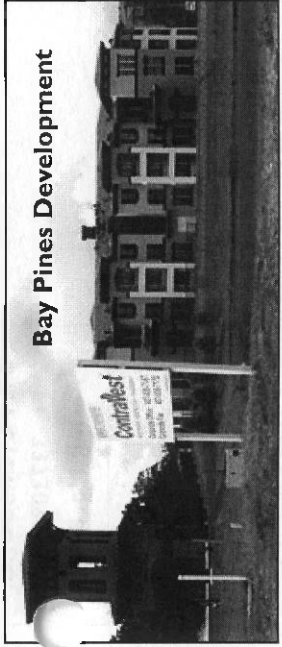
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Bay Pines Development

## New Construction In Seminole

Contravest development company is building a new, 330-unit apartment complex on the western, 20-acre portion of the Bay Pines property. City Council previously approved a Development Agreement for the apartment complex.

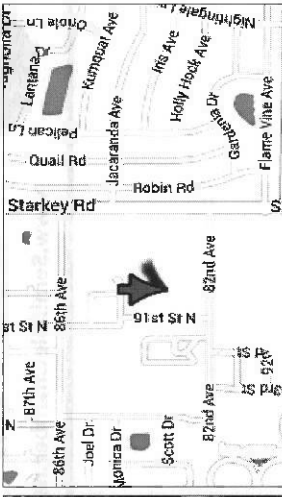
KB Homes has purchased 8.5 acres of the Bay Pines site, to build 56 single family homes in a Mediterranean revival arch style.

The site plan includes infrastructure installation to support future residential, commercial uses and a hotel use (mixed use development). Dedicated to City for a future fire station, is 0.75 acres.

### In other developments ...

Three new single family homes are being built in Thurston Groves. When built out, the subdivision will have 86 homes.

There is a Developmental Agreement at 9075 82nd Avenue for 20 single family homes to be built on 5 vacant acres.



Thurston Groves Subdivision

9075 82nd Avenue

## Important Links for Hurricane Preparation and Information:

2013 Pinellas Hurricane Guide  
<http://www.pinellascounty.org/emergency/hurricaneguide>  
Disaster Planning for Business  
<http://www.pced.org/disaster>  
and <http://www.pinellascounty.org/emergency/businesssolutions>  
Pinellas County Emergency Management and Preparation  
<http://www.pinellascounty.org/emergency>  
County Connection Hurricane & Safety News  
[http://www.pinellascounty.org/newsletters/e-lert/Hurricane\\_news](http://www.pinellascounty.org/newsletters/e-lert/Hurricane_news)  
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[www.barklife.com](http://www.barklife.com)

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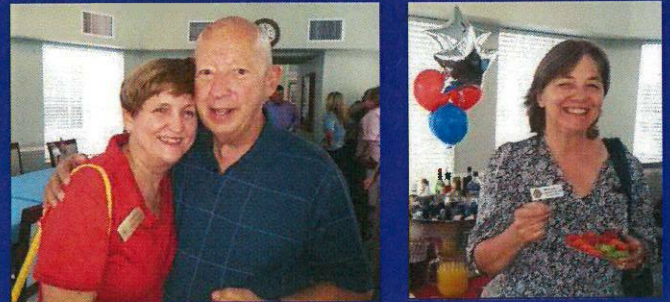
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## Freedom Inn at Bay Pines Hosts Chamber Mixer ~ July 2



Rose Benoit, CMC of City of Seminole, earns the designation of Certified Municipal Clerk (CMC), which is awarded by the International Institute of Municipal Clerks (IIMC), Inc. IIMC grants the CMC designation only to those municipal clerks who complete demanding education requirements; and who have a record of

significant contributions to their local government, their community and state.



## New Member Reception July 25



## Women's Leadership Council

Thursday, August 22,  
8 am.

WLC Guest Speaker:  
Kathy Perry

Social, Mobile & Web Coach

Topic of Discussion: *How to improve your business with social media*

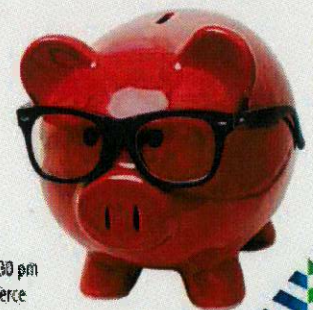


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**Where:** Seminole Chamber of Commerce  
**Price:** Attendance is FREE for CPAs.  
**Details:** Food and refreshments will be served.

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**(727) 392-3245**

**THIS JUST IN!**  
**PSTA Joins the Seminole Chamber**

According to Cyndi Raskin-Schmitt, Manager of Communications, Pinellas Suncoast Transit Authority (PSTA) is working on a transportation plan called "Greenlight Pinellas". It includes faster, better bus routes with late night hours, weekend service, regional connections to Tampa and Pasco, and neighborhood circulators. New rail service is also in the proposal for the future. With improved public transportation, PSTA can move more people to their jobs, schools, and other life essential trips, plus many of the entertainment venues around our beautiful county.

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