



STAR Watch

Northwest Parking Area Open for Business

More parking is now available courtesy of work completed in the northwest section of the STAR Center property. The project involved removing several buildings and abandoned underground utilities. With the area cleared, a parking lot was developed to support overflow parking from the southwest parking lot as well as from Building 200, Building 600 and STAR IV and V. In the new lot, 130 parking spaces are available.

"The new lot could be used to facilitate your physical activity of walking for your health," said Roy Stevens, senior mechanical engineer. "Walk from the new lot to your work area and that will benefit your health. Please take advantage of the new northwest parking lot."

Reorganization of STAR Center Facility Management Begins

A slight but important shift in the organization at the STAR Center began Monday, October 15th, announced Paul Sacco, Director of Facility Management for Pinellas County.

To support the reorganization, Carl Smeigh was promoted to Senior Facility Manager. Carl's role is to lead the critical day-to-day operations at the STAR Center while continuing to strongly support business and economic development objectives.

In addition, Art Barker, Jr. as Facility Manager will focus squarely on maintenance at the STAR Center. Jeff Sibbach as Facility Operations Manager will concentrate on operations including plant operations, utilities and security. The rest of the STAR Center staff responsibilities remain the same.

Also it's important to note that the procedure for reporting maintenance or facility concerns is also the same. One call to the Maintenance Hotline at 541-8020 will get issues resolved.

"This shift in the organization structure will help the STAR Center staff be even more responsive to requests with more attention paid to serving our tenant's needs," said Paul who accepted the Pinellas County director appointment

in August. However, Paul continues to actively provide expert leadership at the STAR Center as it was folded into the Pinellas County Government's Facility Management Department.

"I view this new position as an opportunity for personal growth and a challenge to improve the operational efficiencies of both Facility Management and the STAR Center," said Paul. "The stronger connection between the departments will provide significant benefits for both groups."

Although Paul may not be at the STAR Center every day, tenants are welcome to call him with questions or concerns at 464-3002 or email him at psacco@pinellascounty.org. "I have a long and vested personal interest in the STAR Center," said Paul. The STAR Center is a vital part of Pinellas County's economic development initiatives, and those commitments remain strong, he added.

"We wish Paul best of luck in his new Pinellas County position," Carl said. "We are happy to continue working closely with Paul to lead the STAR Center," he said. Carl is glad to speak with tenants about daily operations and his new role. Please call Carl at 541-8170 or email him at csmeigh@pinellascounty.org.



NDL Parade on the Way

Welcoming the holiday season in fine style, the children and staff at New Directions in Learning (NDL) plan to parade all manner of cute and scary costumed children during its traditional Halloween parade on Wednesday, October 31st. Starting at about 9 a.m., the children will parade down the road in front of the STAR Center. Please be cautious on the roadways during that time and be sure to line up early to applaud the spirited display.

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Another tradition is also planned – the Annual Turkey Raffle. Tickets for 10- and 12-pound turkeys will be sold at the NDL office for \$1 a piece or \$2 for 3 tickets. All proceeds from this raffle go to support NDL programs. For more information, call Lenise Hill, Director at NDL, at 541-8972.



2007 STAR Center Golf Champs Score with Trophy



Larry Gintert (left) and Scott Maurer (right) of Concurrent Technologies Corporation proudly display the 2007 STAR Center Invitational Golf League (IGL) Championship trophy. The trophy was engraved to signal the team's recent successful competition. The award will be displayed in Concurrent Technologies Corporation's lobby for the next six months. Then the coveted trophy will be returned to the STAR Center's trophy case, ready for next season's fairway competition.



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Blood Drive Moves Inside STAR Center

The Florida Services Blood Drive is planned for Thursday, November 15th, at the STAR Center. A new location for the drive has been selected inside the main STAR Center building. Portable units will be set up from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m. in the General Conference Facility inside the Young – Rainey STAR Center. To find the General Conference Facility, enter the main STAR Center Lobby across from the flagpole and follow the signs.

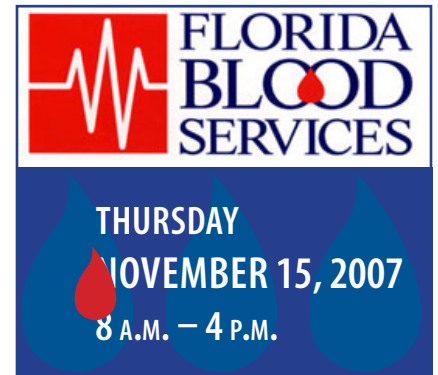
A bloodmobile will be located on-site at Ace Beauty Company, at 8031 114th Ave. N. on the STAR Center property. Walk-ins are welcome. Please note that the bloodmobiles will no longer be located in the west parking lot near Raytheon's entrance or in the east parking lot near Constellation.

Donating blood is still fast and easy at the STAR Center. Visit www.fbsdonor.org

to make an appointment for giving blood Thursday, November 15th. Use Sponsor Code S0062. Although the website still lists outside locations, please understand that all appointments will be scheduled inside the much cooler General Conference Facility.

Make a commitment today do your part to donate blood to help save lives.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!



New Market in the Park Opens in November

The grand opening of Pinellas County's newest **Market in the Park** is set for Saturday, November 3rd, in Largo. The market will be held in the main parking lot adjacent to Florida Botanical Gardens, Heritage Village and Pinellas County Extension at 12520 Ulmerton Road. From 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., visitors can shop with 25 vendors selling natural products, gardening items, honey, organic cotton products, handmade soap, nuts, herbs and much more.

Free educational seminars on a variety of earth-friendly topics will be presented by experts from Pinellas County Extension and Master Gardeners. Healthy cooking, organic gardening, seasonal activities and green products for the home



and garden are a few of the seminars scheduled. Admission is free. Food and beverages will be sold.

The **Market in the Park** continues every Saturday through April 19, 2008.

For more information, call (727) 582-2528 or visit www.pinellascounty.org/events or <http://pinellas.ifas.ufl.edu/market/index.html>.

Watch Your Back During the Holiday Season

The holiday season brings friends and families together to enjoy festive celebrations. Along with more social activity, more opportunities arise for personal injury. Rushing to put up holiday decorations, moving packages, taking care of home upkeep and getting ready for the holidays with all the trimmings require us to slow down and prevent back injuries.

Be alert for holiday situations that could cause a back injury. Below are a few tips to help you watch your back during the holiday season.

Most importantly, before lifting or reaching for objects, plan ahead. Think

about the weight of the object you will move and the distance you will move it. Is it bulky? Will you need help? Do you see any hazards in your way that could be eliminated? Think about these questions whenever you do any lifting.

Take a few moments now to think about how to best prevent back injury before the holidays begin. By following proper lifting and reaching techniques and exercising properly, you will keep your back healthy and your holidays bright.



TIPS for Preventing Back Injuries

- Don't bend over the object you are lifting. Bend knees, squatting in front of the object to reach it.
- Lift the object slowly and carefully. Use your leg and arm muscles to lift, not pulling with your back.
- Keep your head up and look straight ahead while making the lift.
- Keep abdominal muscles tight while lifting.
- Make two smaller loads, rather than taking a larger one.
- Find a cart or dolly to help move a large object.
- Use a step ladder to reach objects above shoulder height.



Holiday Schedules

STAR Center staff will be observing these holidays:

Veterans Day	11/12/07
Thanksgiving	11/22 & 11/23
December Holiday Season	12/24 & 12/25
New Years	12/31 & 1/1/08

NOTE: Plant Operators will be at the facility for all holidays to support basic tenant needs, and on Veterans Day there will also be Security Operators available.

Café Operations are daily except they will be closed as follows:

Thanksgiving	11/22 & 11/23
December & New Year Holiday Season	12/24 through 1/1/08

Parking Lot Reminders

Please remember to follow the parking and traffic policy as outlined in the General Operating Procedures. STAR Center staff continues to give warnings and tickets to individuals who park without permits in the window and to those who park in other tenant's assigned parking areas.

As a reminder, tenant employees should park in the rows reserved for their company's use. Any other rows that are not designated as reserved are considered open parking. It is important to note that guests must park in **visitor parking**. Should the visitor parking areas be full, guests should park in the north park lots. Temporary VIP reserved parking requests for guests can be made through the STAR Center Administrative Office at 541-8270.

Please share this information with your guests before they arrive at the STAR Center.



Call for Business News

If your business has news about successes like contracts won, expansions planned, employees hired or new product announcements, the STAR Watch would like to share your story with other tenants. Please email your accomplishments or article suggestions to Carl Smeigh at csmeigh@co.pinellas.fl.us.



The staff at the STAR Center would like to wish you and your families a very happy and safe holiday season!