

#### **MEMORANDUM**

TO: Members of the Hernando County Tourist Development Council

FROM: Tammy J. Heon, Manager, Tourism Development

SUBJECT: TDC Meeting

DATE: July 23, 2024

Attached are your agenda and back up materials for the TDC Meeting scheduled for 2:00 pm on Thursday, July 25, 2024. This meeting will be held at the Florida's Adventure Coast Visitors Bureau Office located at 205 E. Fort Dade Ave., Brooksville, FL 34601.

If you have not already done so, please confirm your attendance at this time; via phone to 352-540-6232 or email to theon@FloridasAdventureCoast.com.

Thank you,

Tammy J. Heon

Manager, Tourism Development

Hernando County Tourist Development Council Members

**Brian Hawkins** 

Hernando County
Board of County
Commissioners

**David Bailey**City of Brooksville

**Christa Tanner**City of Brooksville

Roger King The Dolan House *Chairman* 

Michael Dolan
FSC Business Consultants
Vice-Chairman

Diane Greenwell Hernando County Fine Arts Council

**Yann Milcendeau** Hernando Beach Motel

Catherine Reeves
The Bistro

Therese White Motel 6

Tammy J. Heon

Tammy J. Heon Manager, Tourism Development

#### Hernando County Tourist Development Council Meeting

July 25, 2024 2:00-4:00 PM

Location: Florida's Adventure Coast Visitors Bureau Office

205 E. Ft. Dade Ave., Brooksville, FL 34601



#### **Mission Statement**

The Hernando County Tourist Development Council will identify, create, support, and enhance activities, consistent with community assets that increase visitation and provide local economic impact.

#### 2:00 Call to Order

2:00-2:30 Approval of the Minutes - *Action Item* 

Finance Report - Tammy Heon Manager's Report - Tammy Heon

#### Consent Agenda

- Leads Report
- Website Analytics
- Social Media Analytics
- Key Data Analytics
- Zartico Reports
- Distributions

#### 2:30-2:35 Old Business

TDC Grant Funding - Allowable Uses

#### 2:35-2:50 New Business

- TDC Grant Funding Applications Action Item
  - Brooksville Festival
  - HB Cardboard Boat Race

#### 3:00-3:20 Reports from the TDC Members

Brian Hawkins, Hernando County Commissioner David Bailey, City of Brooksville Christa Tanner, City of Brooksville Michael Dolan, FSC Business Consultants Diane Greenwell, HC Fine Arts Council Roger King, The Dolan House Yann Milcendeau, Hernando Beach Motel Catherine Reeves, The Bistro Therese White, Motel 6

#### 3:20-3:30 Public Comment

#### 3:30 Adjournment of Business Meeting

Two or more Brookville City Council Members will be attending and participating in the TDC meetings. Two or more Hernando County Fine Arts Council Members will be attending and participating in the TDC meetings.

#### HERNANDO COUNTY TOURIST DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL

"The Hernando County Tourist Development Council will identify, create, support and enhance activities, consistent with community assets, that increase visitation and provide local economic impact."

#### March 28, 2024 - MINUTES OF MEETING

The Hernando County Tourist Development Council conducted their meeting on Thursday, March 28, 2024, at 2:00 pm. The meeting was held in the conference room at the Brooksville Welcome Center, 205 E. Fort Dade Ave., Brooksville. The meeting had been advertised and the public was invited to attend. The following is an attendance record and summary of discussions that took place at the meeting.

#### MEMBERS PRESENT: STAFF:

David Bailey Tammy Heon, Tourism Development Manager Roger King Michelle Rose, Administrative Assistant II

Mike Dolan

Yann Milcendeau Catherine Reeves

EXCUSED: Brian Hawkins, Diane Greenwell, Christa Tanner, Therese White

CALL TO ORDER: Roger King called the meeting to order at 2:19 pm, on Thursday, March 28, 2024.

MINUTES of the March 28, 2024, TDC Meeting: A copy of the minutes of the March 28, 2024, TDC Meeting was included in the meeting packet.

**MOTION:** A motion ws made by David Bailey to approve the minutes of the March 28, 2024, TDC Meeting. Motion seconded by Yan Milcendeau. Motion passed; all in favor and none opposed.

#### **FINANCE REPORT:** Tammy Heon

TDT collections for January, 2024 are \$156,355; a decrease of 4.1% from last year's January collection of \$163,024.

TDT collections for February, 2024 are \$255,717; an increase of 22.7% from last year's February collection of \$208,353.

Year-to-date TDT collection as of March 19, 2024, are \$825,980; a decrease of 1.2% from last year's collection of \$835,956.

Tammy Heon estimates that we will see a reduction of 5% at the end of the year. We are doing better than some destinations around Florida that are really seeing the "new normal."

Hotels are making some larger gains, which, she noted, is better for the overall economy because of the people that are employed, as well as the business spending.

Year-to-date Expenditures as of March 21, 2024, are: Personnel and Benefits - \$152,451 with a balance of \$239,235; Operating Expenses - \$393,012 with outstanding encumbrances of \$229,012 and balance of \$873,138;

Non-Operating is our reserves -\$1,364,712; Transfers to Other Funds is the Chinsegut Hill Insurance and CareATC expenses for staff - \$59,500. We have a balance of \$2,536,585 in our accounts.

#### **MANAGER'S REPORT:** Tammy Heon

<u>Update on Legislative Session</u>: What happened in Tallahassee this year.

Visit Florida Funding was approved at \$80 Million, which is the same as this current fiscal year. Tammy Heon reported that this is a huge victory. Clearly, the governor and Florida Senate understand the importance of Visit Florida and our tourism marketing efforts.

Senate Bill 280 preempts all Vacation Rental Home (VRH) Legislation to the state, unless any new local regulation is less stringent. The exception is for any local ordinance in place prior to 2016. SB280 allows the organization of a local VHR registry, which may be helpful in policing problematic VRHs; and it establishes fines and penalties for vacation rental owners not in compliance. The bill has passed the Florida Legislation and is waiting for the governor's signature.

TDT Renewal Legislation failed. The bill would have required the TDT to be approved via referendum in each and every county, before 2029, and then reapproved by referendum every six years thereafter. Fortunately, the Senate voted that legislation down, and it was removed from the tax package that went to the governor.

AirBnB Report: They have paid \$10.7 Billion in TDT taxes countrywide.

- ❖ Florida is the top state; \$387 Million in 2023
- ❖ California is #2; \$212 Million
- ❖ Tennessee is #3; \$135 Million
- ❖ North Carolina is #4; \$125 Million
- ❖ Georgia and Texas are tied for #5; \$98 Million
- Colorado, Arizona, Washington and Virginia are in the top 10 states

<u>Skift Travel Trends for 2024</u>: The "New Normal" phase is over and gives way to "Normal". Prices for lodging are almost right where they were when the pandemic started. Airlines and cruises are leading the industry in growth. Demand for vacation rental homes is slowing. For hotels, revenue growth is based on average daily rate rather than occupancy.

There is still concern amongst many travelers about recession. The concern is greater than the actual recession and its being called a "Vibe-cession", as people have a bad vibe about the economy.

In the past, recovery was led by price because of demand; but now, occupancy is more in synch with pricing.

Experiential Travel continues to lead the way. A survey of luxury travel drivers indicates:

- ❖ 79% Are looking for local culinary experiences
- ❖ 63% Are looking for thrills and adventure
- ❖ 82% Want to engage with the local culture and community
- ❖ 74% Want to support local artisans and craft people

Loneliness - Travel is an opportunity for connection.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

#### Visit Florida Welcome Center:

Mermaid Meraki, painted by artist Arielle Katarina, has been installed and is on display inside the Official Visit Florida Welcome Center in Jennings, FL, at the Florida/Georgia state line. Toby Brewer, retired Park Manager of Weeki Wachee Springs State Park, donated his time and skills in designing and constructing the statue pedestal in the likeliness of a boat dock. Heon shared the unveiling video with the TDC.

#### **Destination Mermaids updates:**

We have launched DestinationMermaids.com, our new micro site which links to the three opportunities to see mermaids on Florida's Adventure Coast: The Mermaid Tale Trail; The Florida Mermaid Trail; and Weeki Wachee Springs State Park. Scroll down the page and find the Digital Passport to earn points and prizes for checking in at statues on The Mermaid Tale Trail.

At each of the TDC Member's seating was the assortment of prizes for playing the game of finding the Mermaid Statues. The first level is a postcard, drawn by Lee Middleton. The next level is a sticker sheet of mermaids and manatees. The next level is a Mermaid Tale Trail magnet. The highest level is the Coloring and Activity Book. Shannon Craig created every drawing in the Coloring and Activity Book, as well as the original sketch for the statue. Tammy Heon praised Shannon's artwork. Prizes will be mailed to recipients.

We will be advertising Destinations Mermaids in the Official Visit Tampa Bay Visitors Guide.

Closing The Welcome Center: Tammy Heon announced to the TDC that at the end of April 2024 we are going to close the Downtown Brooksville Welcome Center. We do not see that many people, less than 2,000 tourists per year. With the many advances in cell phone technology, most people are using their phone rather than visiting a Welcome Center. We do see a fair number of people, but most are looking for the Parks and Recreation Department or Brooksville Main Street. The Welcome Center is no longer contributing to the department's ROI. Closing the center will allow staff to dedicate more of their time to those areas that do provide ROI and contribute to putting heads in beds, namely creating more content for the website and social media.

The City of Brooksville wants the return of Hernando Park, this building, and the band shell. The City of Brooksville will take the downstairs office, and Tourism will continue to operate on the second floor. The hope was that the information kiosk would be installed outside before closing The Welcome Center; unfortunately, the purchase has been delayed but it will be installed ASAP.

Zarticon Data Conference: To learn more about Zartico's data platform and the information available, Tammy will attend a no-charge two-day user conference in Charlotte, North Carolina.

Adventure Connect for the Florida Adventure Travel Network: Tammy is continuing to work with Visit Florida and the ATTA to grow the Florida Adventure Travel Network. One of the better opportunities for marketing adventure travel is through travel agents, suppliers and people that sell travel. Tammy will attend the two-day conference in Asheville, North Carolina in June to learn more.

<u>Grant Funding</u>: Tammy Heon has come to the conclusion that offering Grant Funding only one-time a year is not effective in helping us meet our goal of increasing events in Hernando County. Tammy has recently had people inquire about grant funding after the deadline passed. The grant funding process has been greatly simplified and Tammy recommends that we open Grant Funding at minimum twice a year. Another idea is to

leave the application period open at all times. As part of our Strategic Plan, it is the TDC's goal to see more events developed in the destination.

**MOTION:** A motion was made by Mike Dolan to leave the grant funding application period open all year round. Motion seconded by Catherine Reeves. Motion passed; all in favor and none opposed.

<u>Florida Mer Con Festival:</u> is scheduled for June 1 and 2, 2024, at Linda Pederson Park. This morning, the organizer reached out for Grant Funding. Our next TDC meeting is May 23; if we wait, then TDC Grant funding would not be beneficial to the festival. Although there is not yet an application from the organizer, Tammy Heon requested from the TDC that she be empowered to offer some grant funding. Tammy commented that if there is going to be a mermaid convention and festival in this destination, we need to be a part of it.

<u>MOTION</u>: A motion was made by Yann Milcendeau to empower Tammy Heon to recommend the grant funding for Florida Mer Con Festival which would still go to the BOCC for final approval. Motion seconded by Mike Dolan. Motion passed; all in favor and none opposed

The recommendation for grant funding will be presented to the BOCC for final approval.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

<u>FY2024-2025 Budget</u>: Tammy Heon reported that she has budgeted revenues of \$3,426,441: TDT - Marketing and Operations is \$1,800,000; Interest-Investment is \$2,000; and Balance Forward-Cash is \$1,624,441.

Tammy discussed the major expenses on page two of the budget.

The biggest change is in Marketing Services, Marketing Agencies and Media, \$867,185. Paid Advertising is reduced to \$0.00. Tammy spends an extraordinary amount of time coordinating the advertising, and she has concluded that it is time for us to hire a marketing agency. If we are to grow the impact of our department and implement our strategic plan, we need to engage an agency and better utilized staff time and resources.

It is Tammy's intent to get the Request for Proposal out in a timely fashion so we can attempt to have an agency hired for the beginning of next fiscal year.

**MOTION:** A motion was made by Mike Dolan to adopt the budget as presented. Motion seconded by David Bailey. Motion passed; all in favor and none opposed.

#### Important Dates to Note:

- ❖ Good Neighbor Trail Ribbon Cutting is scheduled for May 22, 2024
- ❖ The next TDC Meeting is scheduled for May 23, 2024

#### **TDC MEMBERS REPORTS:**

David Bailey reported that the shed in front of 1946 does not meet City Codes nor Beautification Ordinances; it was built without a permit. Additionally, they built their deck without a permit. He is hoping something can be done.

Catherine Reeves responded that other individuals also do things without permits and just pay the fines because they are making money.

Roger King reported that he is very upset about The Blueberry Festival being canceled.

**Yann Milcendeau** reported that the canal adjacent to the Preserve is independent of the Preserve. He is applying for rezoning to utilize the canal for small boats with quiet electric motors and create another attraction for visitors.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None submitted and nothing to report.

The meeting was ajourned at 4:05 pm.

Prepared by: Michelle Rose



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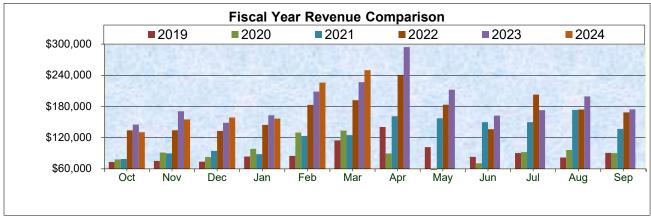
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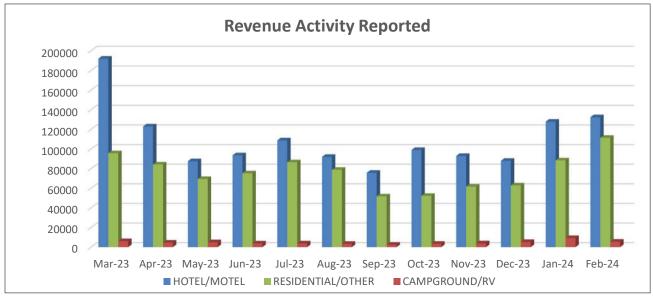
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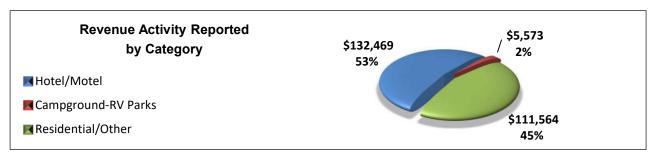
SUBJECT: March 2024 Tourist Development Tax Collections from February 2024 Activity

**DATE:** April 23rd, 2024

Comparison of Collections Current Year	to Prior	Year	
		Current Year	Prior Year
Tourist Development Tax- March Collections for February Activity	\$	199,685	\$ 181,234
Destination Development- March Collections for February Activity	\$	49,921	\$ 45,308
Total	\$	249,606	\$ 226,542
Year-to-Date	\$	1,075,586	\$ 1,062,498









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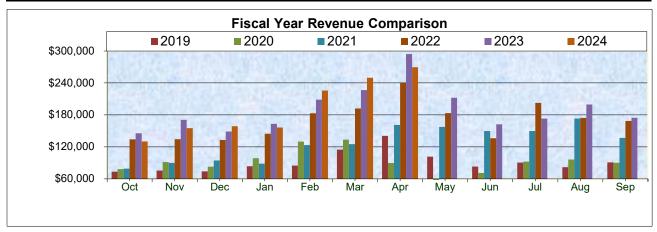
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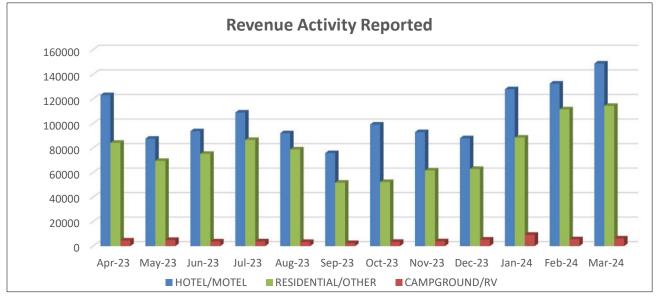
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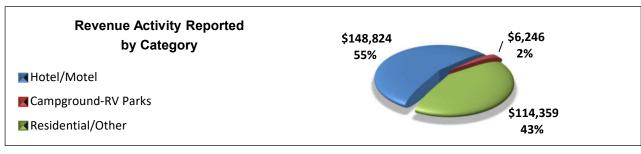
SUBJECT: April 2024 Tourist Development Tax Collections from March 2024 Activity

**DATE:** May 15th, 2024

Comparison of Collections Current Y	ear to Prio	r Year	
		Current Year	Prior Year
Tourist Development Tax- April Collections for March Activity	\$	215,543	\$ 235,285
Destination Development- April Collections for March Activity	\$	53,886	\$ 58,821
Total	\$	269,429	\$ 294,106
Year-to-Date	\$	1,345,015	\$ 1,356,605









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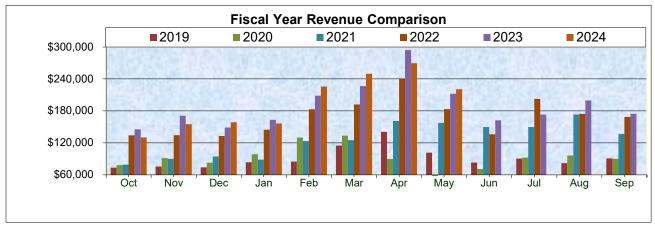
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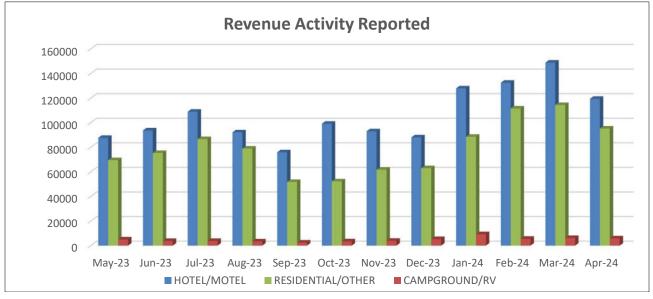
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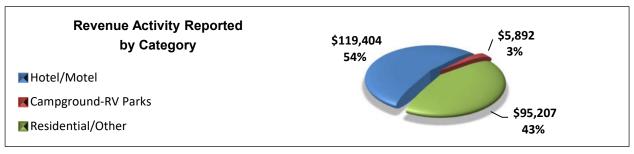
SUBJECT: May 2024 Tourist Development Tax Collections from April 2024 Activity

**DATE:** June 18th, 2024

Comparison of Collections Current	Year to Pric	r Year	
		Current Year	Prior Year
Tourist Development Tax- May Collections for April Activity	\$	176,403	\$ 169,678
Destination Development- May Collections for April Activity	\$	44,100	\$ 42,419
Total	\$	220,503	\$ 212,097
Year-to-Date	\$	1,565,518	\$ 1,568,702









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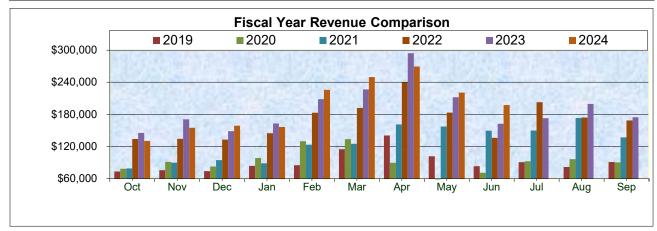
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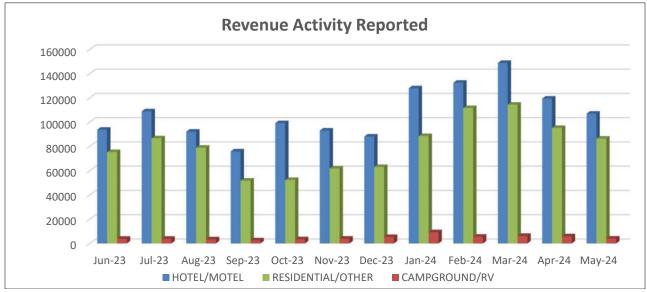
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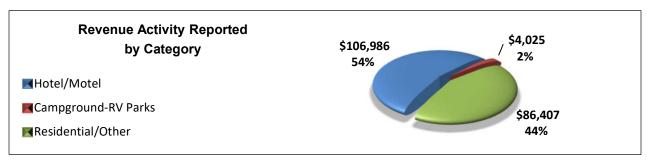
SUBJECT: June 2024 Tourist Development Tax Collections from May 2024 Activity

**DATE:** July 16th, 2024

Comparison of Collections Current Y	ear to Prio	r Year	
		Current Year	Prior Year
Tourist Development Tax- June Collections for May Activity	\$	157,934	\$ 129,807
Destination Development- June Collections for May Activity	\$	39,484	\$ 32,452
Total	\$	197,418	\$ 162,259
Year-to-Date	\$	1,762,936	\$ 1,730,961







#### Marketing and Operations Year-to-Date Expenditures as of July 22, 2024

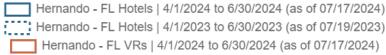
Account	Budget	YTD Expenses	Outstanding Encumbrances	Balance
Personnel & Benefits	\$391,686	\$277,507	\$0	\$114,179
Operating Expenses	\$1,495,162	\$675,421	\$193,962	\$625,779
Non-Operating Expenses	\$2,268,026	\$0	\$0	\$2,268,026
Transfers to Other Funds	\$59,500	\$0	\$0	\$59,500
Total Budget	\$4,214,374	\$952,928	\$193,962	\$3,067,484





KPI	Value	Compared	Difference
ADR (Hotels)	\$128	\$127	1%
ADR (VR)	\$188	\$181	4%
Occupancy (Hotels)	73.1%	65.5%	12%
Occupancy (VR)	39.2%	43.6%	-10%
RevPAR (Hotels)	\$94	\$84	12%
RevPAR (VR)	\$74	\$79	-7%
Revenue (Hotels)	\$5,035,318	\$4,187,176	20%
Revenue (VR)	\$5,752,425	\$4,530,828	27%

#### **ADR**



Hernando - FL VRs | 4/1/2023 to 6/30/2023 (as of 07/19/2023)



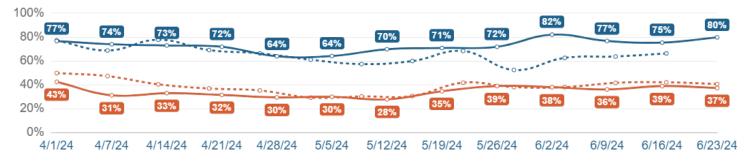
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#### **RevPAR**





#### Revenue





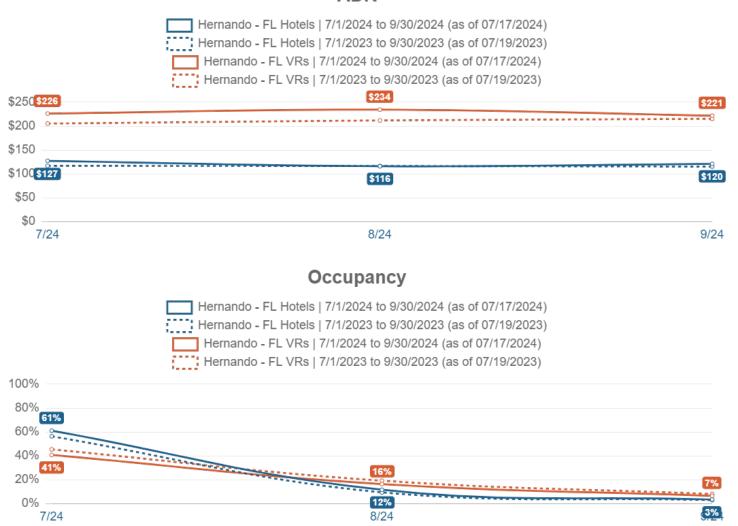
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KPI	Value	Compared	Difference
ADR (Hotels)	\$121	\$116	4%
ADR (VR)	\$228	\$208	10%
Occupancy (Hotels)	25.4%	23.0%	11%
Occupancy (VR)	22.2%	25.2%	-12%
RevPAR (Hotels)	\$32	\$27	19%
RevPAR (VR)	\$51	\$53	-3%
Revenue (Hotels)	\$1,745,346	\$1,468,597	19%
Revenue (VR)	\$5,686,832	\$4,980,000	14%

#### **ADR**



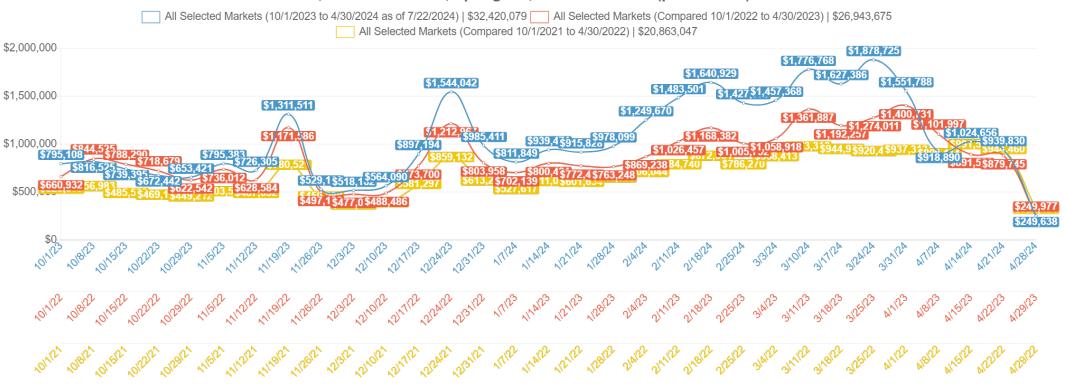
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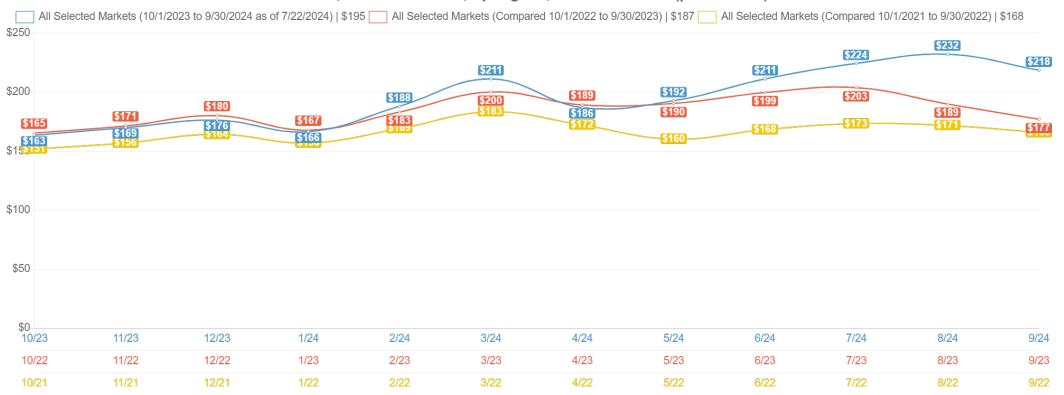
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#### Hernando - FL, Hernando Beach, Spring Hill, Weeki Wachee... (plus 3 more) ADR

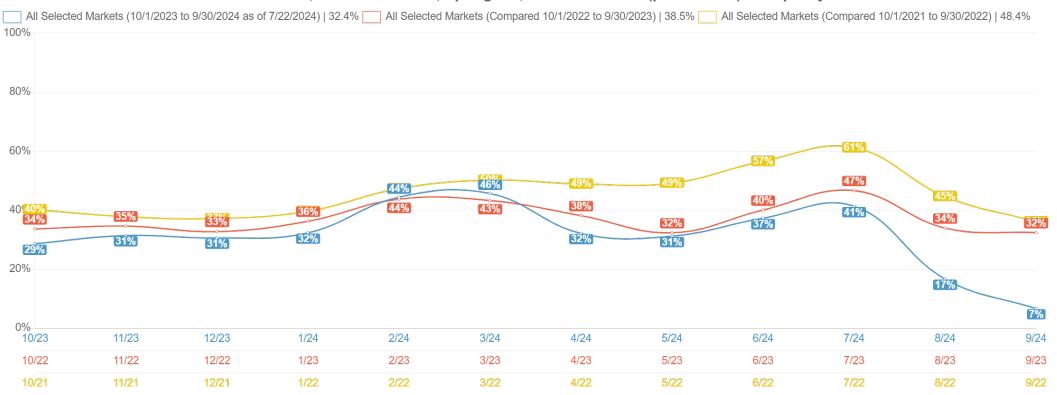


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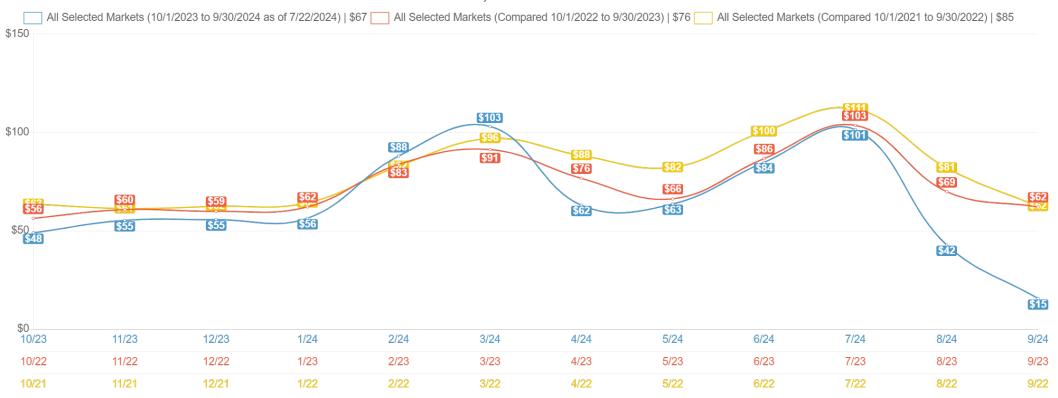
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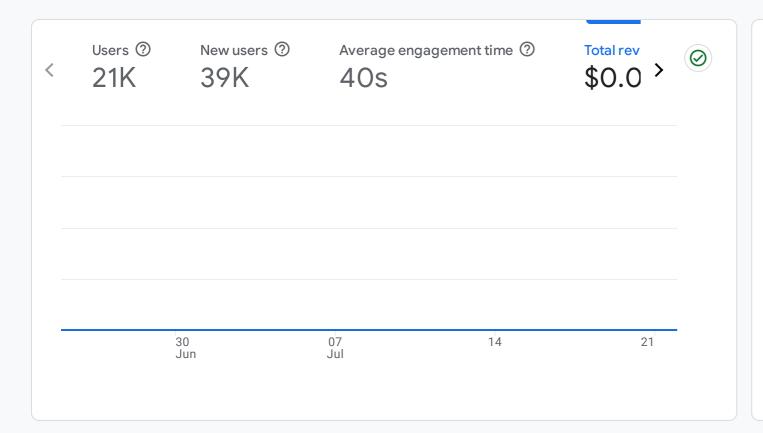
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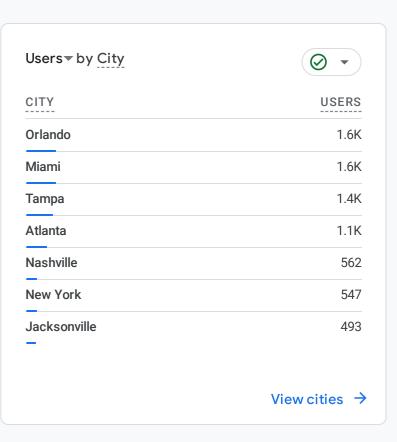
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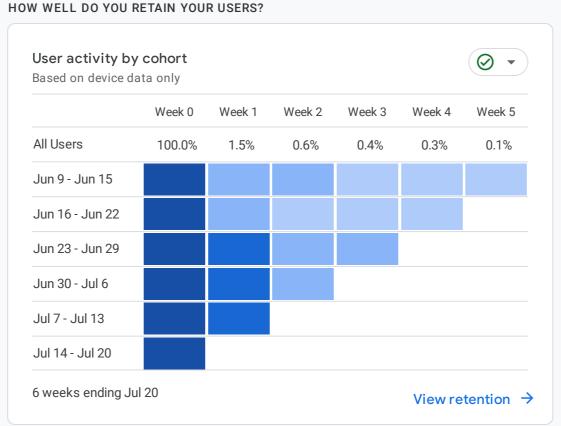


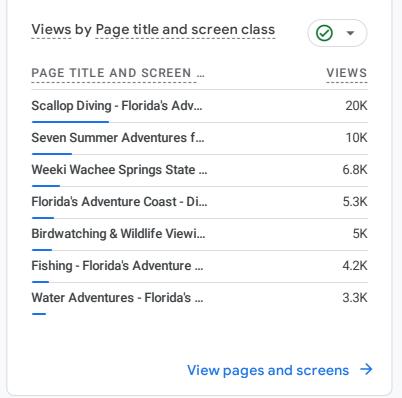




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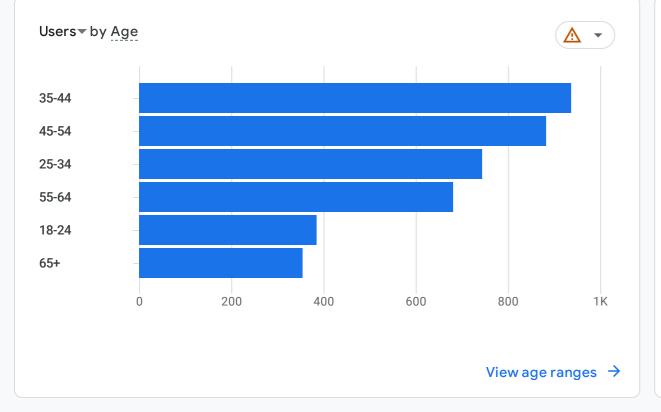
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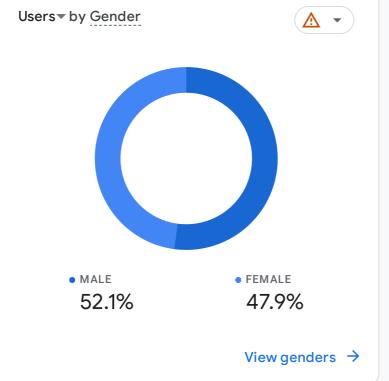


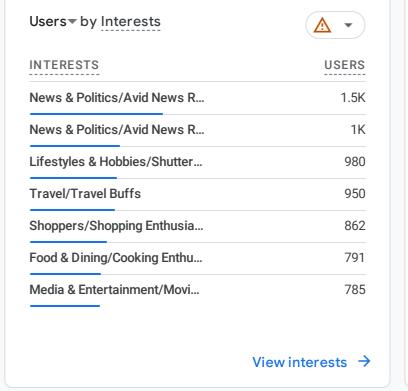


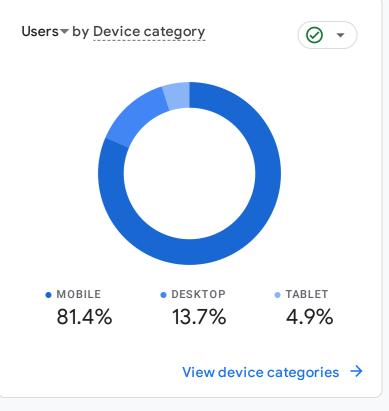
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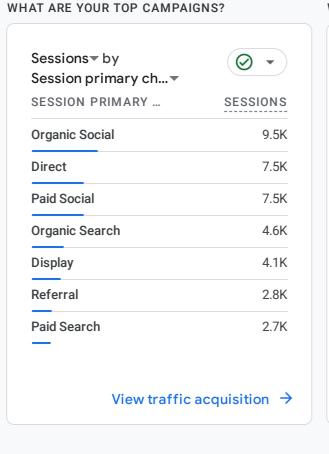


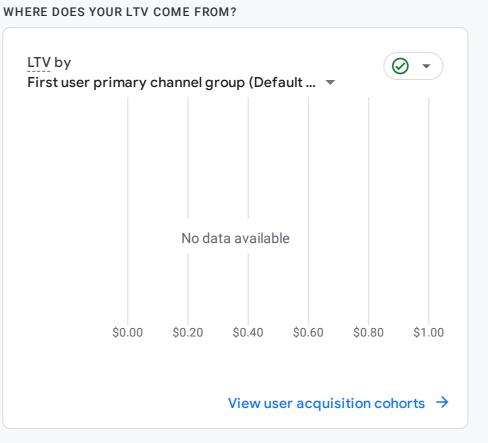






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# **PR Report**

**March 2024** 





# **Video's Created**

- 39th Annual Art in the Park
- Swampfest 2024 on Florida's Adventure Coast
- March 2024 Fishing Report On Florida's Adventure Coast w/ Captain Rich of Fish Responders Charters
- Weeki Wachee Marina on Florida's Adventure Coast (2024)
- Azaleas are Blooming at Chinsegut Hill Manor House!
- Wildlife on the Weeki Wachee River
- Halo's Hangouts Good Neighbor Trail on Florida's Adventure Coast (2024)





# **Other Earned Media**

## Florida Springs Documentary

FINDING FLORIDA, the new 3-part series by Oscar-nominated filmmaker Katja Esson, is a co-production with ARTE-Discovery and takes a visually stunning deep dive in the ever-elusive state everybody is talking about. Filming included the Weeki Wachee River and an interview with a former mermaid to discuss the history of Weeki Wachee Springs.



## **Harley Weir Photographer**

Harley Weir is an internationally renowned photographer admired for her youth-focused fashion photography, which challenges traditional conceptions of the female gaze. Weir's clients include Gucci, British Vogue, Balenciaga, Celine, Stella McCartney and Jacquemus. She has photographed notable talent such as Rihanna + Hunter Schaefer + Kate Moss + Zendaya. Harley visited Weeki Wachee Springs to photograph the Weeki Wachee Mermaids.







# **PR Report**

**April 2024** 





**Video's Created** 

 April 2024 Fishing Report On Florida's Adventure Coast w/ Capt. Gary of Reel Shallow Fishn Charters

 Broad Street Brewing Co. on Florida's Adventure Coast (2024)

Meet the Makers - LeahTinsley (2024)

Undiscovered America TV at Weeki
 Wachee Springs

• Succulent City: A Plant Paradise on Florida's Adventure Coast (2024)

<u>Celebrate Earth Day on Florida's</u>
 Adventure Coast







# **Earned Media**

- Hernando County's most visited park has reopened after extensive damage from Hurricane Idalia.
- 10 Unique Kids Activities in Florida to Try – Motherly
- The Globe and Mail The Globe and Mail
- 9 of the Most Overlooked Towns in Florida – WorldAtlas
- Preserving downtown Brooksville's historic hometown feel | wtsp.com
- Tampa: a guide to the overlooked city in Florida worth exploring
- Broad Street Brewing Company on Florida's Adventure Coast NatureCoaster.com





# **PR Report**

**May 2024** 





# **Video's Created**

May 2024 Fishing Report On Florida's Adventure Coast w/ Capt. Lowell of

Bebout Fishin' Time
Local Bite Scratch Kitchen - American
Fusion with a Local Twist on Florida's
Adventure Coast (2024)
FLG X Florida Adventure Park! (Reel)
Littles Vittles on Florida's Adventure

Coast, Brooksville-Weeki Wachee (2024)

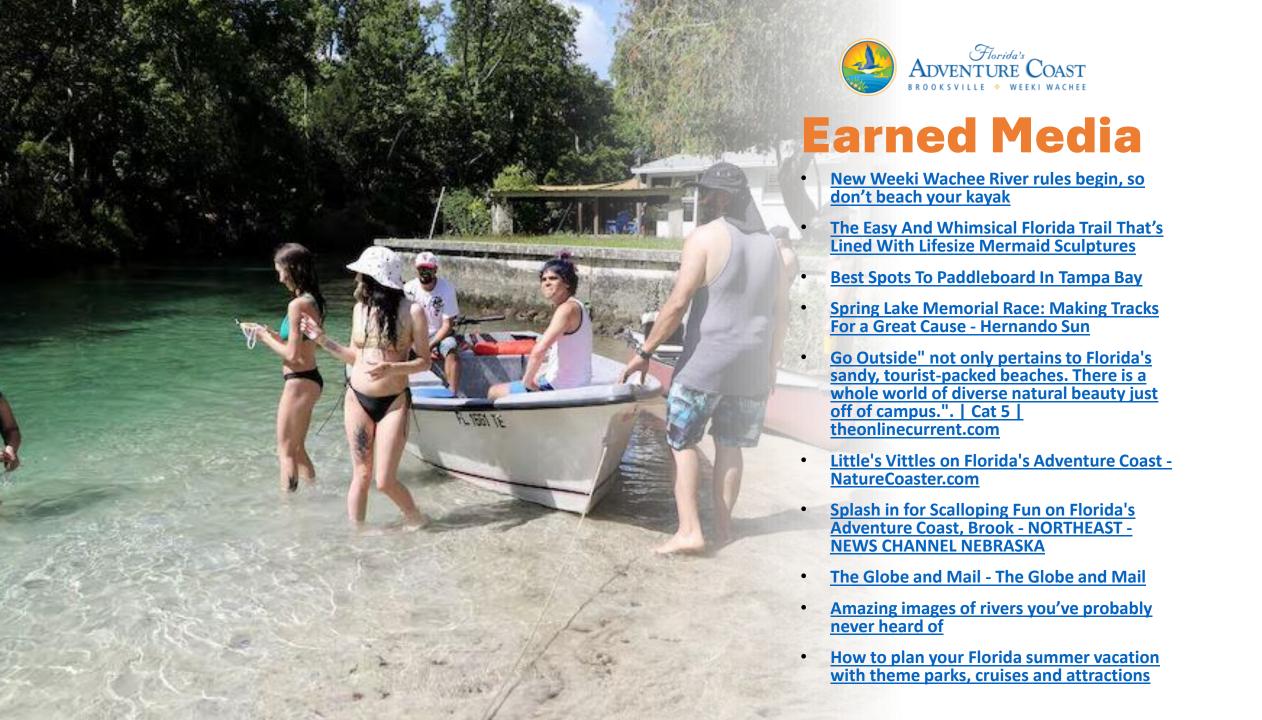
Florida Emancipation Day at Chinsegut
Hill on Florida's Adventure Coast (2024)
Visit Florida's Adventure Coast,
Brooksville-Weeki Wachee (2024)
Making Blueberry Pies with Suzy at Suzy's
Kitchen on Florida's Adventure Coast (2024)

Ribbon Cutting of the Opening of the **Good Neighbor Trail Connector on** Florida's Adventure Coast

Kayaking Adventures on Florida's Adventure Coast, Brooksville-Weeki Wachee

First Annual Golden Mermaid Award, Bob **Angier of Easy Street Home Decor on** Florida's Adventure Coast









# **PR Report**

**June 2024** 





# **Video's Created**

- June 2024 Fishing Report On Florida's Adventure Coast w/ Capt. Oz of Light Lines & Good Times
- <u>Tipacanoe Creamery: Sweet Treats on</u> Florida's Adventure Coast (2024)
- National Fishing and Boating Week on Florida's Adventure Coast
- BVL Oyster Bar on Florida's Adventure Coast
- July 4 Heroes Boat Parade on Florida's Adventure Coast (2024)
- Halo's Hangouts: Nature Coast Botanical Gardens (2024)
- Explore Florida's Adventure Coasts most fascinating historical sites!







# **Earned Media**

- Magnolia & Moonshine: Mermaid Mythos at Weeki Wachee Springs (National)
- Grab a glass or a bottle of wine at this Gem of Tampa Bay this weekend | WFLA
- <u>antimusic.com: Travel News, Trips and Tips: Florida's</u> Adventure Coast is Ready for Scallops!
- A List Of Things You Need To Do Before Summer Starts
- The Lazy Maid Creperie takes you from Brooksville to France
- Good Neighbor Trail Gap Now Open
- 5 Best Places To Kayak With Manatees Paddling Magazine
- <u>First Golden Mermaid Award on Florida's Adventure</u> Coast - NatureCoaster.com
- 12 Cheap and Fun Activities for Summer Vacationers in Florida
- Grab a footlong hotdog from this retro Gem of Tampa Bay | WFLA
- A Spontaneous Road Trip Through Central Florida
- Natural swimming holes + springs within 2.5 hours of Lakeland, FL LALtoday
- Gaining perspective in a mermaid's tail



# **Blogs**

**Celebrating Father's Day On** Florida's Adventure Coast: **Unforgettable Experiences For Every Dad** 

LEADS Report																																				
<b>TOP STATES &amp; COUNTRIES -</b>	ALL LE	EADS																																		
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ALL LEADS - TOTAL	1	1	1	1																																

<b>BREAKDOWN BY LEAD TYPE</b>	•																																			
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<b>Arrival Month</b>	s - All State	es/Regions											
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Month	Mar 2024	Apr 2024	May 2024	June 2024	July 2024	Aug 2024	Sept 2024	Oct 2024	Nov 2024	Dec 2024	Jan 2025	Sept 2025	Indicated
Expected Arrivals	5	14	8	9	6	4	7	3	3	2	1	3	79

<b>Arrivals By Re</b>	gion					
					In-State	Out of
Region	South	Midwest	Northeast	West	(Florida)	Country
Leads	25	22	9	5	1	3

Northeast:	СТ	MA	ME	NH	NJ	NY
	PA	RI	VT			
South:	AL	AR	DC	DE	GA	KY
*not incl. FL	LA	MD	MS	NC	OK	SC
	TN	TX	VA	WV		
Midwest:	IA	IL	IN	KS	MI	MN
	MO	NE	ND	ОН	SD	WI
West:	AZ	CA	СО	ID	MT	NM
	NV	OR	UT	WA	WY	
Out of Countr	γ:					

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Top States & Countries:	NY	FL	ОН	IL	TX	PA G	A N	J CA	MI	NC V	VA V	vi   s	C T	N A	. МО	MS	wv	MN	LA	ОК	CO	IN I	A N	1D V	VA   I	MA	VT	ID	ΑZ	NM .	AK   [	oc (c	ANADA)	(Peru)	al
Visit Florida - Hernando & Weeki																																			405
Wachee (unique leads)	15	14	7	7	6	6 (	5 5	5 5	4	4	4	3 3	3 3	3 3	3	3	3	2	2	2	2	1	1 :	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	125

Top States & Countries:	FL	PA	CA	тх	OH IL	NJ	AL	NY G	SA NO	TN	WA	МΙ	/A V	vi mo	СТ	OR	NV I	MN C	co N	/ID S	SC IA	ID	ΑZ	KY	NE K	(S N	H MS	ок	IN	AR	RI	DE	Total
American Road	14	12	12	10	9 7	6	6	5	5 5	5	5	4	4	4 4	4	4	4	3	3	3	2 2	2	2	2	2	2 2	2 1	1	1	1	1	1	160

# April 2024 LEADS Report

Expected Arr	vals (Visit I	Florida Leads	s Only)																												
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LEAD	15	14	7	7	6	6	6	5	5	4	4	4	3	3	3 3	3	3	3	2	2	2 2	1	1 1	1	1	1	1 1	1	1 1	1	1

<b>Arrival Month</b>	s - All State	es/Regions												
														Not
Month	Apr 2024	May 2024	June 2024	July 2024	Aug 2024	Sept 2024	Oct 2024	Nov 2024	Dec 2024	Jan 2025	Feb 2025	Mar 2025	Aug 2025	Indicated
Expected Arrivals	1	15	12	4	4	1	4	6	1	2	0	2	1	72

<b>Arrivals By Reg</b>	gion					
					In-State	Out of
Region	South	Midwest	Northeast	West	(Florida)	Country
Leads	41	29	29	10	14	2

Regions & me	14464	tates.				
Northeast:	СТ	MA	ME	NH	NJ	NY
	PA	RI	VT			
South:	AL	AR	DC	DE	GA	KY
*not incl. FL	LA	MD	MS	NC	OK	SC
	TN	TX	VA	WV		
Midwest:	IA	IL	IN	KS	MI	MN
	MO	NE	ND	ОН	SD	WI
West:	AZ	CA	СО	ID	MT	NM
	NV	OR	UT	WA	WY	
Out of Counti	γ:					

LEADS Report																																					
<b>TOP STATES &amp; COUNTRIES</b>	- ALL LE	ADS	;																																		
Top States:	FL	NY	ОН	CA	TX N	J PA	TN	WI	IL	MI	MN	GA	NC	МО	OR	MD	KY	KS	IN	AL	WA	со	sc	IA	ОК	LA A	AR N	/IA I	ME	VA	MS	wv	RI DE	E	AK	SD	Total
ALL LEADS - TOTAL	15	10	8	7	6 6	5 5	5	5	4	4	4	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	1	1	1	1 1		1	1	130
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Top Countries and Territories:	(CANADA)																																				
ALL LEADS - TOTAL	1																																				

<b>BREAKDOWN BY LEAD TYPE</b>																																				
Top States & Countries:	FL	NY	ОН	TX C	A PA	TN	wı	MI N	MN N	IJ IL	. М	o KS	IN	GA	MD	кү	со	IA	LA	NC	OR	AL	WA	sc	ок	AR N	ΛΑ I	ME V	'A N	1S V	/V R	I DE	ON (CANADA)	AK	SD	Total
Visit Florida - Hernando & Weeki																																				
Wachee (unique leads)	14	10	6	6 5	4	4	4	4	4 3	3 3	3	3	3	2	2	2	2	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1   :	1   1	1	1   1	1	1	1	1	105

	Top States & Countries:	NJ	ОН	CA	NC	OR	FL	PA	TN	WI	IL	GA	MD	KY	AL	WA	sc	ОК	AR	MA	ME	Total
Ar	merican Road	3	2	2	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	26

# May 2024 LEADS Report

Expected	d Arriva	ls (Visit Flo	orida Leads (	Only)																													
All S	States	EI	NV	E .	TV	CA	MI	MN	DΛ	TNI	<b>10/1</b>	=	IN	KS	мо	NI	(0)	GA IA	KV I	Λ N/	ID VK	A1 A	P DE	NAA	N/E N	IS NO	OK C	N O	D DI S	C	VA WA	\\\\\	Total
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LI	LEADS	14	10	6	6	5	4	4	4	4	4	3	3	3	3	3	2	2 2	2	2 2	2 1	1	l 1	1	1 :	1 1	1	1 1	1 1	l 1	1 1	1	105

<b>Arrival Month</b>	s - All State	s/Regions										
Month	May 2024	June 2024	July 2024	Aug 2024	Sept 2024	Oct 2024	Nov 2024	Dec 2024	Jan 2025	Feb 2025	Mar 2025	Not Indicated
Expected Arrivals	1	8	8	5	6	7	2	0	4	0	1	63

Arrivals By Reg	gion					
					In-State	Out of
Region	Midwest	South	Northeast	West	(Florida)	Country
Leads	33	27	20	10	14	1

Northeast:	СТ	MA	ME	NH	NJ	NY
	PA	RI	VT			
South:	AL	AR	DC	DE	GA	KY
*not incl. FL	LA	MD	MS	NC	OK	SC
	TN	TX	VA	WV		
Midwest:	IA	IL	IN	KS	MI	MN
	MO	NE	ND	ОН	SD	WI
West:	AZ	CA	СО	ID	MT	NM
	NV	OR	UT	WA	WY	
	AK	HI				
Out of Country	y:					

## June 2024 LEADS Report

LEADS Report													
Total Leads for Florida's	Adventure C	oast* - Fisca	Year 2023-2	024:	2,328								
Total New Emails for Flori	ida's Advent	ure Coast:			1,963								
Month	Oct-23	Nov-23	Dec-23	Jan-24	Feb-24	Mar-24	Apr-24	May-24	Jun-24	Jul-24	Aug-24	Sep-24	
Florida's Adventure Coas	t - VISIT FLO	RIDA MAGA	ZINE - (Miles	Media)									
Total*	131	57	55	83	78	136	117	138	198				993
Emails Included*	38	20	23	22	37	56	36	38	48				318
Weeki Wachee Springs St	tate Park - VI	SIT FLORIDA	A MAGAZINE	/ MILES MEI	DIA (*Not incl	luded in Tota	al Leads)						
Emails Included	0	0	0	0	95	33	36	15	8				187
The Mermaid Tale Trail													
Emails Included	0	0	0	0	0	0	65	26	32				123
AMERICAN ROAD MAGAZ	ZINE												
Total	176	39	0	94	119	0	163	26	30				647
Emails Included	176	39	0	94	119	0	163	26	30				647
Advanced Travel & Touris	sm												
Total	688	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				688
Emails Included	688	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				688

# June 2024 LEADS Report

LEADS Report																																				
<b>TOP STATES &amp; COUNTRIES</b>	- ALL LI	EADS	<b>;</b>																																	
Top States:	FL	IL	NY	ОН	TN	PA	МО	CA	NC G	AA	L IN	I VA	Y NJ	ТХ	( MI	KY	SC	OR	WI	MS	WA	AZ I	KS L	A WV	NM	MD	ОК	AR	MA	MN	IA I	DE SE	СТ	NE	ні т	otal
ALL LEADS - TOTAL	34	16	13	9	9	8	8	7	7 7	7 7	7	7	6	6	6	5	5	4	4	4	3	3	2 2	2 2	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1 1	1	1	1	204
Top Countries and Territories:																																				
ALL LEADS - TOTAL	0																																			

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Top States & Countries:	FL	IL	NY	PA	МО	ОН	TN	AL	VA I	ו נמ	NC	GA	IN	ТХ	MI	KY	CA	sc	OR	WI	MS	WA	ΑZ	LA	w۷	KS	NM	MD	ОК	AR	MA	MN	IA [	DE SE	СТ	NE	ні -	otal
Visit Florida - Hernando & Weeki																																						
Wachee (unique leads)	31	14	12	7	7	6	6	6	6	6	5	5	5	5	5	5	4	4	4	4	4	3	3	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1   1	1	1	1	<b>174</b>

Top States & Countries:	FL	ОН	TN	CA	IL	NC	GA	IN	NY	PA	МО	AL	VA	TX	МІ	sc	KS	NM	Total
American Road	3	3	3	3	2	2	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	30

# June 2024 LEADS Report

Expected Arriv	als (Visit Flo	rida Leads C	nly)																							
All States	FL	NY	VA	AL	PA	IN	МО	TN	IL	кү	MS	NJ	ОН	OR	SC	TX	CA C	Γ GA I	s MD	МІ	MN N	C NE	NM OK	SD	WV To	al
LEADS	9	8	6	4	4	3	3	3	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	1 1	1	l 1	1	1 1	. 1	1 1	1	1 69	

Arrival Months - All States/Regions														
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Month	June 2024	July 2024	Aug 2024	Sept 2024	Oct 2024	Nov 2024	Dec 2024	Jan 2025	Feb 2025	Mar 2025	April 2025	May 2025	Jan 2026	Indicated
Expected Arrivals	5	18	8	17	6	2	6	2	1	1	1	1	1	31

Arrivals By Region							
					In-State	Out of	
Region	South	Midwest	Northeast	West	(Florida)	Country	
Leads	26	15	15	4	9	0	

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Northeast:	СТ	MA	ME	NH	NJ	NY	
	PA	RI	VT				
South:	AL	AR	DC	DE	GA	KY	
*not incl. FL	LA	MD	MS	NC	OK	SC	
	TN	TX	VA	WV			
Midwest:	IA	IL	IN	KS	MI	MN	
	MO	NE	ND	ОН	SD	WI	
West:	AZ	CA	СО	ID	MT	NM	
	NV	OR	UT	WA	WY		
	AK	HI					
Out of Countr	ry:						

Visitor Bureau - Distr	butions fo	r March, <i>I</i>	April, May	and Jun	e 2024		
Distributions & Partner Visits							
Partner / Event:	Mermaid Tale Trail Map	FAC Maps (Tear-off)	FAC Maps (Folded)	FAC General Brochure	FAC Golf Brochure	Weeki Wachee Springs Brochure	
Wesleyan Village	150	100	50	50	20	50	
Easy Street Home Décor	100	100					
NTTW - Hampton Inn Brooksville	100	100					
Microtel Inn & Suites by Wyndham Brooksville	100	100					
Quality Inn & Suites Brooksville I-75	100	100					
Holiday Inn Express & Suites Brooksville I-75	100	100					
Days Inn by Wyndham Brooksville	100	100					
Holiday Inn Express & Suites Brooksville West	100	100					
Fairfield Inn & Suites Brooksville	100	100					
Quality Inn Weeki Wachee	100	100					
Motel 6 Spring Hill/Weeki Wachee	100	100					
Microtel Inn & Suites by Wyndham Spring Hill/WeekiWachee	100	100					
Holiday Inn Express & Suites Spring Hill	100	100					
Hampton Inn Spring Hill	100	100					
Hernando Beach Motel	100	100					
Dolan House Bed & Breakfast	100	100					
<u>Totals:</u>	<u>1350</u>	<u>1300</u>	<u>50</u>	<u>50</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>50</u>	<u>0</u>

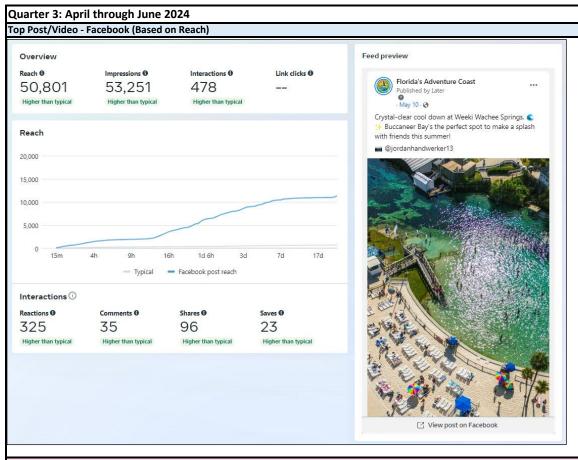
Monthly S	ocial Media Report - FY 23-24	Oct-23	Nov-23	Dec-23	Jan-24	Feb-24	Mar-24	Apr-24	May-24	Jun-24	Jul-24	Aug-24	Sep-24	TOTAL FY 23-24
Facebook	Reach	413,583		40,700	273,714	227,912	294,349	88,180	85,516	235,526				1,869,523
	Content Interactions	2,905		1,076	2,267	2,386	3,679	926	1,504	1,966				22,198
	New Follows	191	157	58	131	81	152	105	91	177				1,143
	Page Visits	2,312	1,824	1,049	2,773	2,131	2,646	1,480	1,530	3,552				19,297
	Link Clicks - Organic	272	199	66	323	153		Metrics dep	rocated by	Eacobook	no longor	available)		
	Link Clicks - Ads	3,164	0	0	7,187	7,382		ivietrics dep	necated by	racebook -	no longer	avallable)		
Instagram	Reach	7,922	3,840	3,094	194,916	120,718	177,394	45,923	3,434	11,499				568,740
	New Follows	47	58	40	50	67	62	?	25	105				454
	Profile Visits	152	154	120	251	249	386	130	170	356				1,968
	Impressions	14,515	11,200	6,764	273,091	182,869	Metrics Ur	navailable	7,898	21,021				517,358
	Engagement / Content Interactions	319	813	299	691	918	1,075	442	397	652				5,606
	Link Clicks from Ads	1	0	0	186	90	134	17	5	272				705
X (Twitter)	New Followers	9	1	0	1	34								
	Impressions	1,856	2,447	855	2,076	1,968								
	Post Engagements	58	128	35	96	134	(Car	n no longer v	view analyti	cs unless w	e upgrade	to Premiur	n)	
	Video Views	59	209	12	172	246								
	Link Clicks	18	27	5	11	19								
Pinterest	Total Audience	3,480	4,020	3,820	3,830	4,643	4,900	5,300	8,500	8,100				
	Engaged Audience	126	170	165	176	205	240	269	482	439				
	Impressions	4,410	5,170	5,130	4,940	6,176	6,600	7,500	12,000	11,000				62,926
	Engagements	167	200	213	216	304	313	361	589	537				2,900
	Outbound Clicks	22	10	15	15	23	22	22	33	34				196

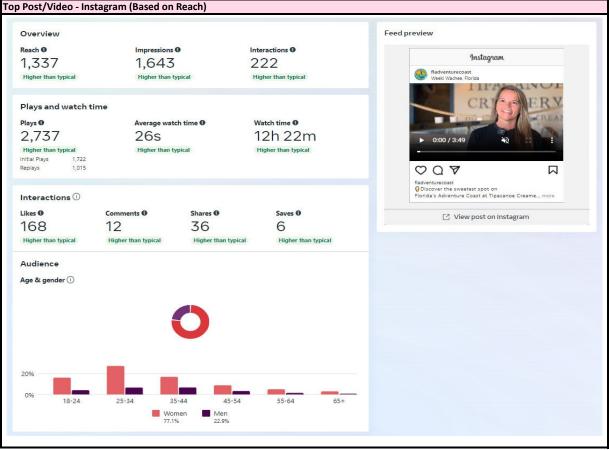
Green Text = Increase Month over Month (MoM)

Red Text = Decrease MoM

Quarterly S	Social Media Report - FY 23-24	Quarter 1	Quarter 2	Quarter 3	Quarter 4
		Oct-Dec 2023	Jan-Mar 2024	Apr-Jun 2024	Jul-Sep 2024
Facebook	Reach	664,326	795,975	409,222	0
	Engagement / Content Interactions	9,470	8,332	4,396	0
	New Follows	406	364	373	0
	Page Visits	5,185	7,550	6,562	0
Instagram	Reach	14,856	493,028	60,856	0
	New Follows	145	179	130	0
	Profile Visits	426	886	656	0
	Impressions	32,479	455,960	28,919	0
	Engagement / Content Interactions	1,431	2,684	1,491	0
	Clicks from Ads	1	410	294	0
Pinterest	Total Audience (Average)	3,773	4,458	7,300	#DIV/0!
	Engaged Audience (Average)	154	207	397	#DIV/0!
	Impressions	14,710	17,716	30,500	0
	Engagements	580	833	1,487	0
	Outbound Clicks	47	60	89	0

CONTENT:	April through June 2024	Total
Facebook	Photo Posts	44
	Video / Reels	32
	Link Posts	10
	Stories	22
Instagram	Photos	17
	Video (Reels)	31
	Stories	47
Youtube	Videos	15
	Shorts	9





#### **TDC Grant Funding Scoring Criteria**

Criteria	Range	Points
Number of Days of Event	1-Day Event	1
	2-Day Event	2
	3-Day Event	3
Reach of Marketing Plan	75 Miles	1
	150 Miles	2
	Farther than 150 Miles	3
Expected Attendance	Less than 5,000	1
	5-10,000	2
	More than 10,000	3
Projected Room Nights	50 or Less	1
	51-100	2
	100 or More	3
Key Initiative	Supports key niche	_
	markets or initiatives of	1
	the Visitors Bureau	

Points = Awards					
4-5 Points	\$1,000-1,500				
6-8 Points	\$2,500				
9-10 Points	\$5,000				

#### **TDC Grant Funding Score Sheet**

**Applicant Kahler Consulting Applicant Event Booksville Festival Dates of Event** January 25, 2025 **Number of days of Event** (1 point for 1-day event; 2 points for 2-day event; 3 points for 3-day or longer event) **Marketing Plan** (Reach of the Marketing Plan; 1 point for 75 miles, 2 points for 150 miles, 3 points for over 150 miles) **Expected Attendance** Number or expected Attendees 1 point for less than 5,000; 2 points for 5000-10,000; 3 points for over 10,000) **Room Nights** (1 point for 50 or less; 2 points for 51-100; 3 points for 101 or more rooms **Key Initiative?** Does this event support one of the key niche markets or initiatives of the Visitors Bureau? **Total Points Funding Recommendation** \$2,500

#### **Natalie Kahler**

Natalie Kahler

Submission Date Jul 2, 2024 10:38 AM

Organization Name GFWC Historic Brooksville Womans Club

Organization EIN# or FEN# 47-1760848

Business Address 131 South Main Street

Brooksville, Florida, 34601

Application completed by Natalie Kahler

Title President

Email <u>kahlernat23@gmail.com</u>

Telephone No. (352) 238-6295

Name of Event Booksville Festival

Description of Event: Please provide the details of your festival or event, including theme, planned entertainment, games, installations, vendors, beneficiary of funds raised, etc. Celebrating all things literature with author signings and readings and contests

Date(s) of Event Jan 25, 2025

Hours of Event 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM

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Hours of Event	10:00 AM - 3:00 PM
Is this a new event or a repeat event?	New
Event Marketing Contact	Natalie Kahler
Email Address	booksvillefest@gmail.com
Telephone No.	(352) 238-6295
Organization or event Website	www.Booksville.org
Event or Organization Social Media Sites: (Please provide complete URL for social media channels)	https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61557668492065
Event location(s)	South Main Street
Address of Event	131 South Main Street Brooksville, FL, 34601
Address of Event Telephone No.	
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Budget for Publication or Media	\$1500
Media Outlet #2	Tampa Bay Times
Schedule for Publication or Media	August 2, 16, September 6
Reach of Publication or Media	Hillsborough, Pinellas, Pasco, Hernando
Budget for Publication or Media	\$2000
Media Outlet #3	NatureCoastercom
Schedule for Publication or Media	August and September
Reach of Publication or Media	Pasco, Citrus, Hernando, Sumter
Budget for Publication or Media	\$1000
Media Outlet #4	Facebook
Schedule for Publication or Media	July and August and September
Reach of Publication or Media	Pasco, Citrus, Hernando
Budget for Publication or Media	500
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Total Marketing and Advertising Budget:	\$5000
Total Grant Amount Requested:	\$5000
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I certify that I have completed this Event Grant Funding Application and attest that all information provided herein and attached hereto is true and accurate:

Name:

Natalie Kahler

Title: President

Date Jul 2, 2024



# EVENT PROPOSAL

Celebrating all things literary in Hernando County

# BOCKS VIIII

Presented by Natalie Kahler

> 941 Cedar Drive Brooksville, FL 34601 352.238.6295

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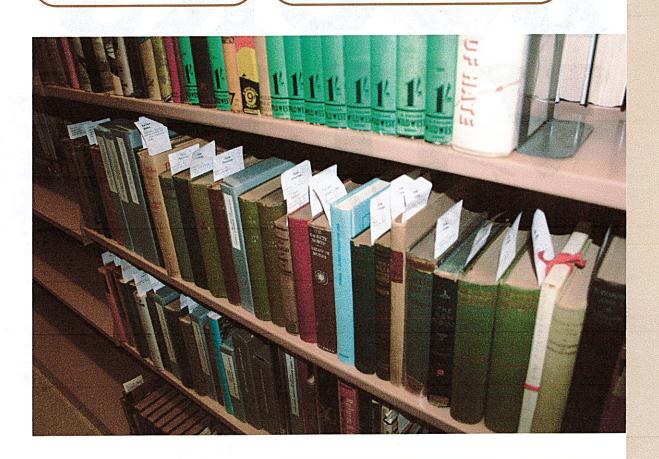
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#### INTRODUCTION

In partnership with Florida Humanities the GFWC Historic Brooksville Woman's Club is honored to present the first annual Booksville Festival.

The Club has over 100 years of experience launching community programming in Brooksville, from the beloved Christmas Parade, to the first library, to the first Festival of Trees, the community has benefitted from their vision and implementation since 1910.

In celebration of one of their first successes, establishing the county's first library, the club will host a weekend event to highlight local authors and all things book-related.

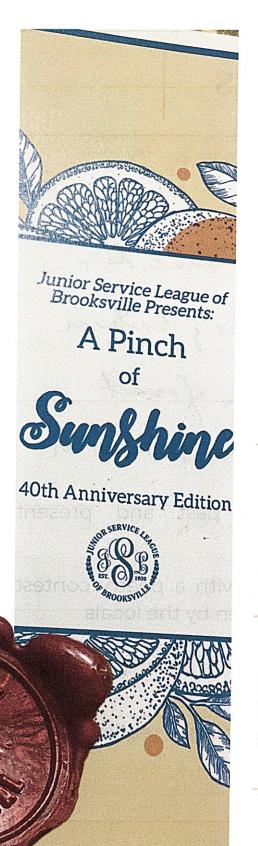
#### **OVERVIEW**





The Booksville Festival will be a free community celebration of all things bookish. Featuring local authors as well as classic literature, the one day festival will also include author panels readings. lectures, local poetry composite novel books release, carnival games. secret garden, a spelling bee & a book shower to benefit Free Little Libraries.

In the six months leading up to the festival, Booksville activities will include book sales in businesses around Hernando County, an art contest for kids to create a city landscape with books, a poetry contest for adults and kids, and building decorating throughout the county.



# TARGET AUDIENCE

Hernando County residents of all ages who already love books.

Hernando County residents who don't yet know they love books but come to support a nonprofit or a particular vendor.

Regional book lovers interested in the authors and vendors featured at the festival.

# **OBJECTIVES**

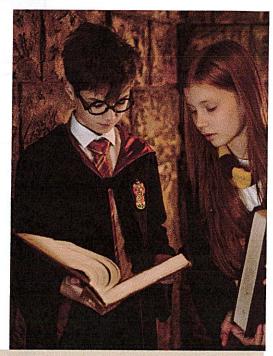
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- O1 Showcase the work of past and present Hernando County authors
- Foster passion for writing with a poetry contest and a composite story written by the locals
- O3 Celebrate literary characters in costume and tribute
- O4 Author and illustrator signings, readings, and panels

## THE LEAD TEAM

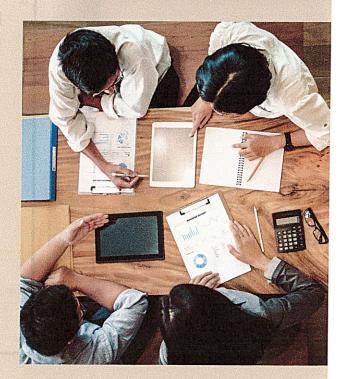
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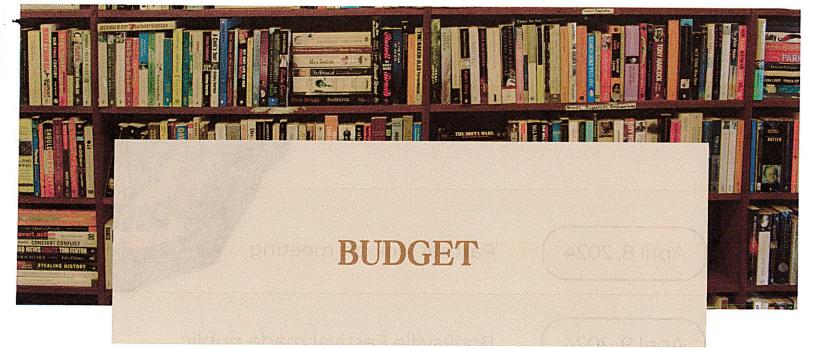


#### **OVERALL**

The Lead Team is composed of representatives of community organizations as well as authors & teachers. Each team member will head one aspect of the programming. Other community partners are interested & will be added as details are confirmed.







Income	Amount
Vendors	\$7500
Sponsors .	\$25,000
Total	\$32,500
Expense	Amount
Marketing	\$8000
Event related	\$12,000
nonprofit donations	\$10,000
Total	\$30,000

## TENTATIVE TIMELINE

E f meeting

April 8, 2024

Partner kick-off meeting

April 9, 2024

Booksville Festival made public

May 2024

Poetry applications open

June 2024

Booksville Business application opens

September

Festival vendor applications open

October

Booksville Book Tour opens

17 January

(possibly) Booksville Costume Ball

25 January

Booksville Festival

# ADDITIONAL DETAILS

Facebook

Booksville Festival

**Email** 

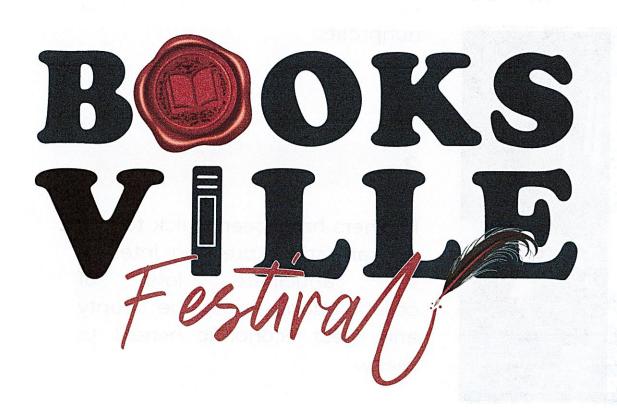
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Website

www.booksvillefestival.org

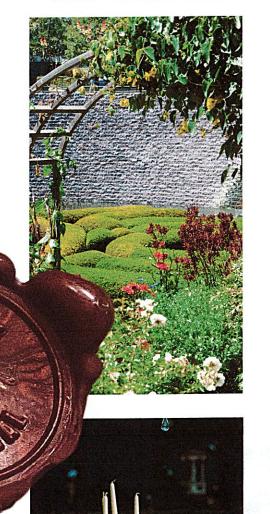
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## **CONCLUSION**



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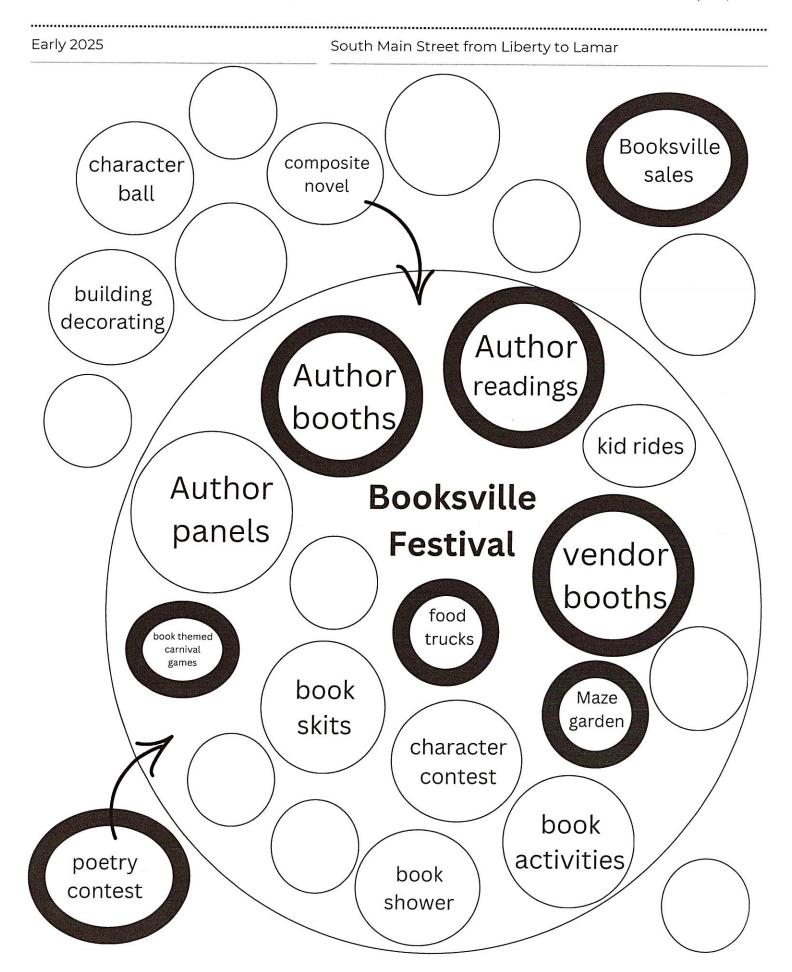
Hernando County has greatly increased the profile of the Arts. With the exception of the literary Arts. This festival and related activites will fill that gap.

2

Based on the model of the Brooksville Blueberry Festival, Booksville will benefit many local nonprofits.

3

Partners have been quick to join and are still expressing interest. We anticipate lots of collaborations across the county and great economic benefit to many.



# PARTICIPANT REQUIREMENTS

#### **VENDOR TYPES**

0	author
0	book seller
0	illustrator
0	book related products
$\bigcirc$	costumer
0	publisher
$\bigcirc$	sponsor
$\bigcirc$	food - need literary names for items sold
0	old-fashioned games (like yo-yo, pick up sticks)
0	book art
0	

#### VENDOR REQUIREMENTS

1000	0	insurance for themselves and festival
	$\bigcirc$	no MLM
	$\bigcirc$	must be open from start to finish of festival
	$\bigcirc$	booth must be staffed during festival hours
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#### BOOK CHARITY REQUIREMENTS

$\bigcirc$	service provided in Hernando County
$\bigcirc$	501c3 in good standing
$\bigcirc$	connection to a Booksville committee member
$\bigcirc$	specific project for donations specified
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#### PARTNER REQUIREMENTS

0	take lead on planning one activity
0	provide 5 volunteers during festival
0	promote festival and activities
0	
0	
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# **BOOK-RELATED VENDORS**

	FOOD			WHILE READING
0	tea		0	bookmark
0	hot chocolate		0	literary candle
0	non-Wonka chocolate		0	must be open from start to finish of festival
0			0	booth must be staffed during festival hours
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# **ACTIVITIES**

#### BOOKSVILLE BOOK CAMPAIGN

0	Open to public
0	donation to Woman's Club
0	business purchases books
0	% proceeds to selected charity
0	brick & mortar in Hernando County
0	official seal placed on books
0	books numbered for cash prizes?
0	no felony misdemeanor convictions
0	
0	
0	

#### POETRY CONTEST

0	adult and child categories
0	submit via email by January 8, 2024
0	poem length?
0	printed and framed for display at festival by festival
0	all printed together to release at festival
0	illustrations?
0	cash prize?
0	
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#### **BOOK GAMES**

$\bigcirc$	throw beanie cat into hat
0	Go Fish with one fish, two fish
0	Alice in Wonderland croquet
$\bigcirc$	white rabbit hopping sack races
0	Madeline hopscotch
0	BVL Water tower ringtoss
0	pin the tale on Eeyore
0	Robin Hood bow/arrow
0	Narnia White Witch Freeze Dance
0	
0	character bingo

#### **BOOK ACTIVITIES**

0	caricaturist to make you into a book character
0	faceprint into book character
0	paint miniatures
0	swords out of pool noodles?
0	Hansel & Gretl candy play house
0	make felt puppets or puppet show stand?
0	create a crest
0	Little House corn grinding or cattle roping?
0	Peter Pan bungee jumping
0	

# PUBLIC DOMAIN BOOKS

	KIDS			FAMILY
0	Madeline		0	Bible
0	Grimm's Fairy Tales		0	Peter Pan
0	Gulliver's Travels		0	Robin Hood
0	Peter Rabbit		0	Treasure Island
0	Velveteen Rabbit		0	Alice in Wonderland
0	Mary Poppins		0	Little Women
0	Blue Fairy Book		0	Wizard of Oz
0	Winnie the Pooh		0	Moby Dick
0	Aesop's Fables		0	Tom Sawyer
0	Mother Goose		0	Secret Garden
0	Arabian Nights		0	Black Beauty
	ADULT			GENRES
0	ADULT Pride & Prejudice	1	0	GENRES
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#### **TDC Grant Funding Score Sheet**

**Applicant** Hernando Beach Marina **Applicant Event** Hernando Beach Cardboard Boat Race **Dates of Event** October 5, 2024 **Number of days of Event** (1 point for 1-day event; 2 points for 2-day event; 3 points for 3-day or longer event) **Marketing Plan** (Reach of the Marketing Plan; 1 point for 75 miles, 2 points for 150 miles, 3 points for over 150 miles) **Expected Attendance** Number or expected Attendees 1 point for less than 5,000; 2 points for 5000-10,000; 3 points for over 10,000) **Room Nights** (1 point for 50 or less; 2 points for 51-100; 3 points for 101 or more rooms **Key Initiative?** Does this event support one of the key niche markets or initiatives of the Visitors Bureau? **Total Points Funding Recommendation** \$1,500

#### **Bill Jay**

Bill Jay

Submission Date Jun 5, 2024 10:56 AM

Organization Name Hernando Beach Marina

Organization EIN# or FEN# 263433467

Business Address 4139 Shoal Line Blvd

Hernando Beach, Florida, 34607

Application completed by Bill Jay

Title General Manager

Email <u>hernandobeachmarina@yahoo.com</u>

Telephone No. (352) 596-2952

Name of Event Hernando Beach Card Board Boat Race

Description of Event: Please provide the details of your festival or event, including theme, planned entertainment, games, installations, vendors, beneficiary of funds raised, etc. This is a one day event which supports the Childrens Advocacy Center of Hernando County The Childrens Advocacy Center helps and supports children who have been mistreated or in need of care The event includes venders that are for non profit that support the community and business venders that are promoting their products and crafts The event has food and beverage on site The card board boat races start at noon and run for about four hours The races end with carb board boat demolition derbies Fun to watch the races and the sinking of other boaters During this time their is a silent action to help raise additional funds for the charities

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Media

Reach of Publication or Media	Citrus Sumter Hernando Hillsborough Pasco Pinellas
Budget for Publication or Media	\$4000
Media Outlet #2	Radio WXJB
Schedule for Publication or Media	September October
Reach of Publication or Media	Citrus Hernando Pinellas Pasco Sumter Hillsborough
Budget for Publication or Media	\$2500
Media Outlet #3	Hernando Sun
Schedule for Publication or Media	August September october
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Name: William Jay

Title: General Manager

Date Jun 5, 2024