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We are comprised of over 600 local businesses who collectively believe we can create a more remarkable place to live and do business, in our already extraordinary city. We consistently strive to fulfill our mission to promote economic prosperity through innovative leadership, advocacy, and collaborative community engagement.

## MISSION

The Plant City Chamber of Commerce shall work for its members and be the leading force in promoting the commercial, industrial, agricultural, and civic interests of Greater Plant City and East Hillsborough County.

## OBJECTIVES

- ▲ To foster the development of activities leading to enhanced community pride and quality of life.
- ▲ To be responsive and proactive to the business community.
- ▲ To serve as the primary resource for area businesses.
- ▲ To actively seek and develop opportunities for economic growth.
- ▲ To proactively influence governmental activities, which impact the local, economic, and civic environments.
- ▲ To promote active engagement, opportunity, and inclusion for all of our citizens while respecting our differences.

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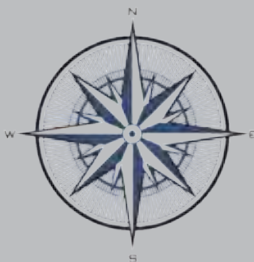
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# JOHN HANEY

## CHAIR OF THE BOARD



As our Chamber celebrates its 101st year of service to the community, I am honored to have the opportunity to serve as your 2025 Board Chair. I am a lifelong Plant City resident and have had my business here for over 11 years. Just like many of you, I've come to know that Plant City is the best place to live, work and play and our Chamber is an integral part of what makes our community so special.

Our Board and Chamber staff has set some important goals for this year and I'm excited to share some with you. In 2024, the Chamber purchased a building that will become our new home and base of operations. Located in Walden Woods across from the Post Office, this facility will house the Chamber staff, the Tourist Information Center and community meeting rooms. We look forward to an exciting grand opening later this year and we invite all of you to attend.

Also, our Chamber will continue to deliver on its mission to advocate for the best interests of our members and the community at large. We will work hard to cultivate both new and existing relationships with a goal to increase membership and participation. In addition, we will continue to provide the best educational & networking opportunities to our business community.

I want to take a moment and thank our outgoing President & CEO Christine Miller for her many years of service to the Chamber. Under her leadership, our Chamber has grown to meet the needs of our members through unprecedented times. From navigating the economic challenges of Covid-19 to securing small business grants to help our members recover from recent hurricanes, She has been at the forefront of community service. Christine will continue to serve our community as the District 4 Commissioner for Hillsborough County.

Myself, along with our entire Board, invite you to join us at any Chamber event and be sure to bring a guest you think may benefit from becoming a member. Whether it's a Networking Lunch, Connect & Grow, Capitol Coffee or even a ribbon cutting, we look forward to seeing you soon! Thank you again for your support.

Best regards,

Chair of the Board, Plant City Chamber of Commerce

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*President & CEO*

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Dear Plant City Community,

It is with immense gratitude and enthusiasm that I write my first message to you as the new President & CEO of the Plant City Chamber of Commerce. As someone who has proudly called Plant City home since 2018, and who has had the honor of serving our community in various capacities, stepping into this role feels like both a homecoming and a bold new beginning.

Our Chamber is built on a legacy of connection, commerce, and community, and I'm deeply committed to carrying that legacy forward while embracing the spirit of innovation and growth. My vision is clear: to champion the voice of small businesses, amplify the next generation of local leaders, and create meaningful spaces where young professionals can thrive.

Our small business owners are the heartbeat of this community. They are dreamers and doers who take risks, create jobs, and turn ideas into impact. At the Chamber, we will continue to be their loudest cheerleader, whether it's through advocacy, resources, or simply showing up when it matters most.

We're entering a transformative chapter for our Chamber. In Fall 2025, we will open the doors to our new home: a dynamic new space designed to reflect the energy, innovation, and growth happening across our community. The new Chamber building will not just be a physical structure; it will be a testament to what we can achieve when we come together as a community. A place where the heart of Plant City beats stronger, and the future shines brighter.

Thank you for the trust you've placed in me and in the Chamber. I'm honored to serve, and I'm looking forward to the journey ahead. Together, we'll continue to grow a community that's not only rooted in tradition, but also driven by progress.

With pride and purpose,

*Jerilyn Rumbarger*

President & CEO



**LYDIA SMITH-EUGENE**

*Office Coordinator  
Since February 2017*

[Lydia@PlantCity.org](mailto:Lydia@PlantCity.org)

*Lydia is a native of Brooklyn, New York, and moved her family to Florida 24 years ago. She enjoys spending quality time with her husband and two children.*



**ANGIE KIRKLAND**

*Membership Coordinator  
Since March 2025*

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*Angie is a proud Plant City native with a strong background in Client Relations and Business Development. Angie enjoys watching sports, spending time with her two dogs, and making memories with her family.*



**JOANNA VARGHESE**

*Events Coordinator  
Since January 2023*

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*Joanna is a Plant City native with a strong Marketing and Communications background. Outside of work, she finds joy in traveling, spending quality time with loved ones, and staying active in her church community.*



**JESSICA CUMMINS**

*Membership Engagement  
Since September 2024*

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*Jessica is a Florida native with a background in Public Relations and Communications, enjoys spending time with her family, shopping, and serving at her church.*



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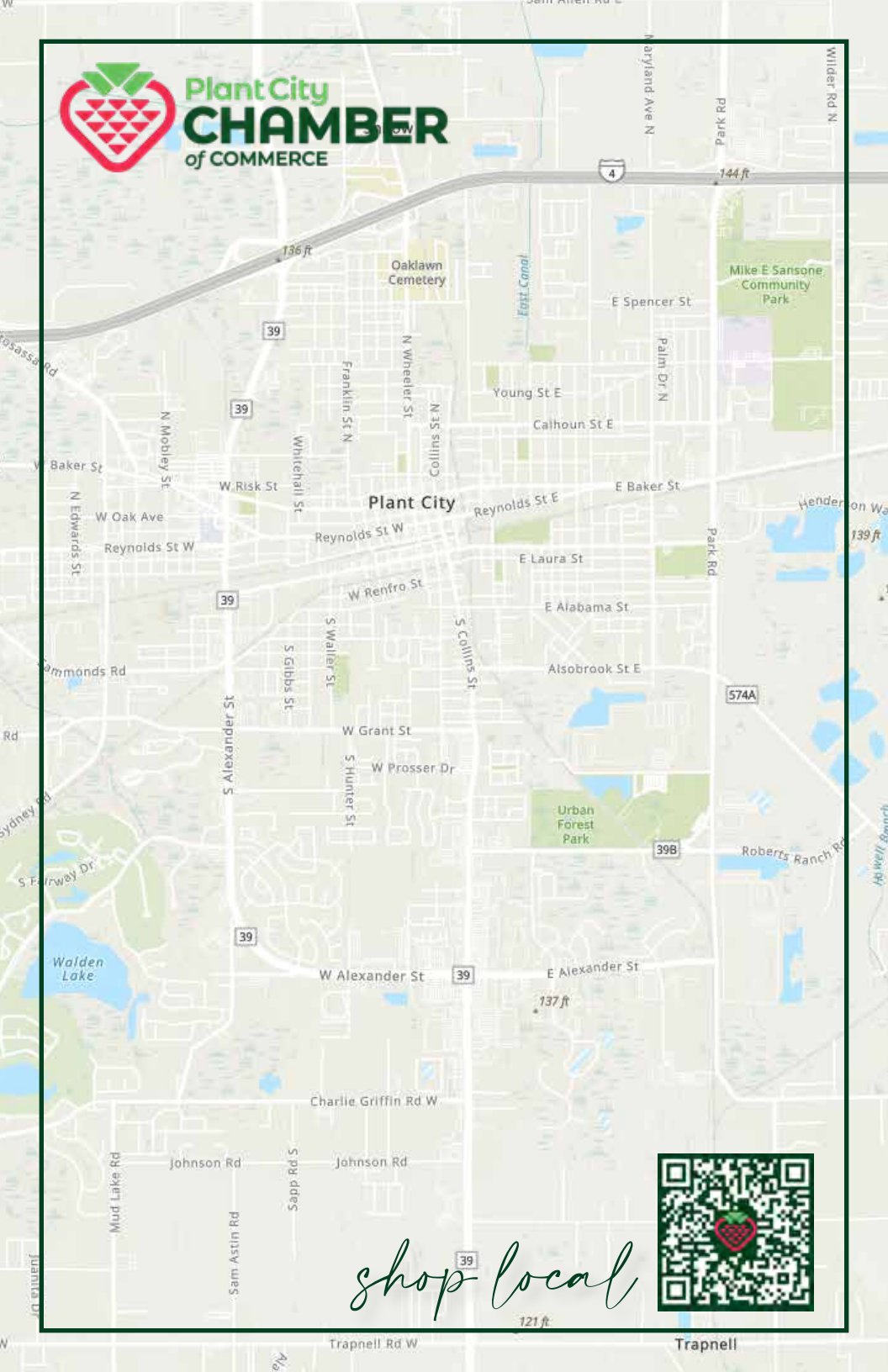
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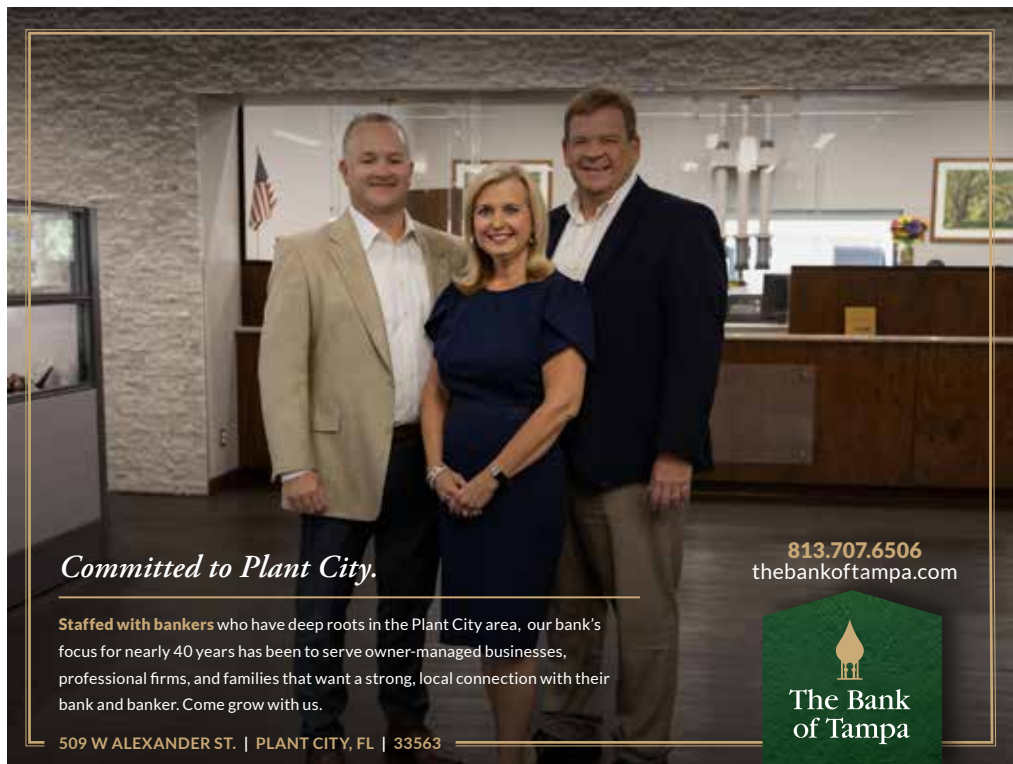
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# PLANT CITY

## *history*



Plant City is a city located in Hillsborough County, located in the heart of Central Florida, and boasts a rich history dating back to the mid-1800s when the first settlers began to populate the state. The city was officially incorporated in 1885, 40 years after Florida became a state on March 3, 1845.

The town of Plant City was originally named Ichepucksassa, after the Indian village that once inhabited the area. However, due to confusion with the spelling and pronunciation of the name, the Irish postmaster changed it to Cork, after his hometown. In 1884, Henry B. Plant extended the South Florida Railroad into the town, and a year later, the town was incorporated and renamed once again, this time in honor of Henry B. Plant himself.

Originally Plant City was a large cotton center and over time, became an important agricultural center, particularly for citrus and strawberries. Changing its major crop to strawberries has brought national recognition.

Today, Plant City is a vibrant and growing community with a thriving downtown area, beautiful parks, and a variety of cultural and recreational opportunities.

To learn more about the history of Plant City, visit the East Hillsborough Historical Society, a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization established in 1974 to preserve the historical and cultural heritage of Plant City and Eastern Hillsborough County. They offer access to more than 5,000 books, family and historical files, genealogical and photographic files, periodicals, newspapers, and records on microforms.

The Greater Plant City Chamber of Commerce continues to be a vital resource for businesses in our community. I want to thank everyone who has given of their time, talent, and treasures to make this institution a huge success. It can't be done without the dedication of the hardworking staff and volunteers. Of course, the chamber would not exist without the support of the chamber membership, and I'm looking forward to seeing the continued support of our business community. Lastly, I'm proud to be a former chairman of the board of directors, current trustee, and current member of the chamber.

Thank you,

*Mayor Nate Kilton*







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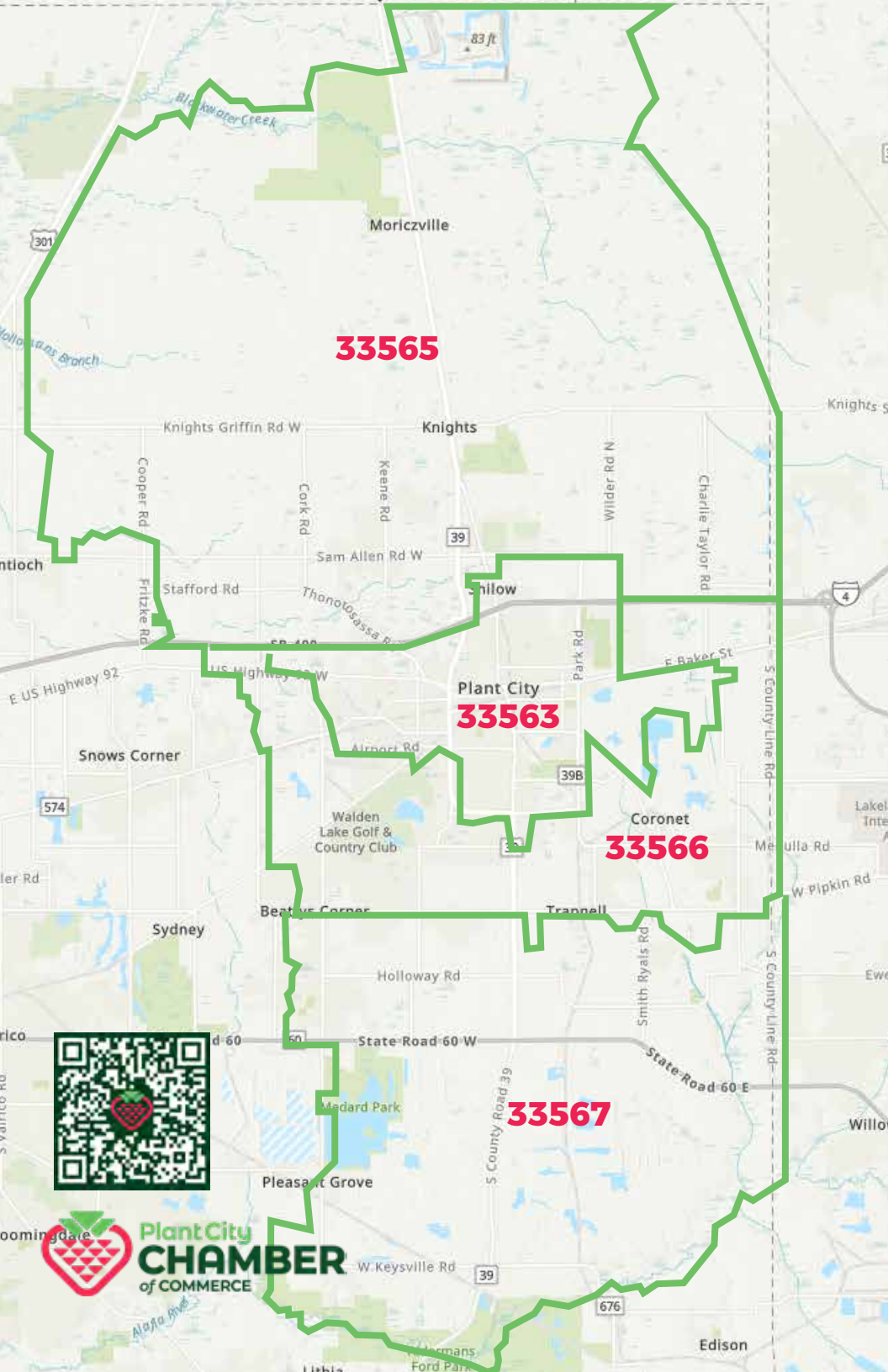
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*Bruton Memorial Library serves the community of Plant City, Florida.*

In 1927, the Plant City Woman's Club organized a community library and operated by volunteers until 1959 when the residents of Plant City voted to fund a public library through their taxes. A small library was built and became a City department. In 1994, the library was expanded, remodeled, and renamed in honor of Quintilla Geer Bruton and Judge James D. Bruton, Jr.

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September 27

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ART WALK  
November 22

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November 22

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December 12

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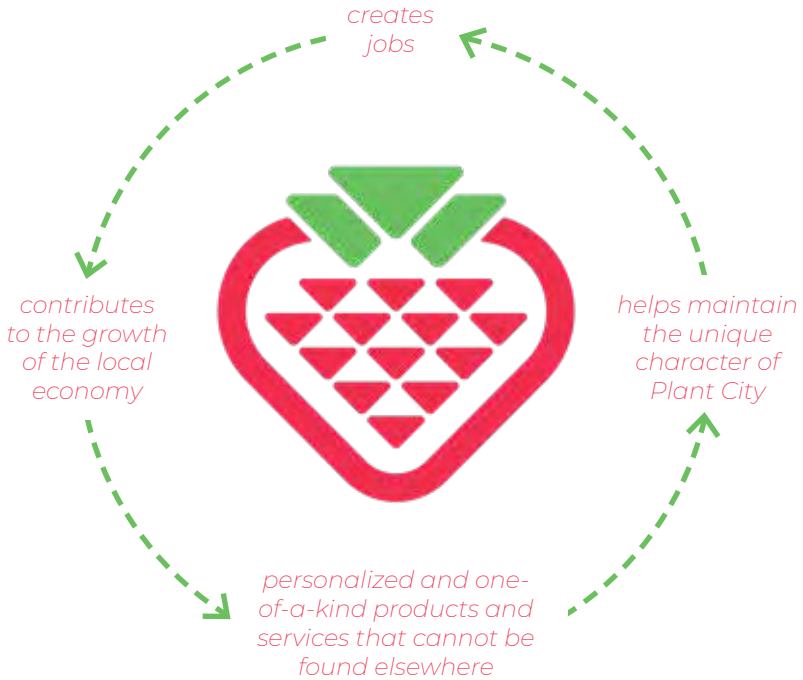
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# PLANT CITY EVENTS

## — Monthly Events —



### **Strawberry Classic Cruise-in**

Monthly car show 3:00 PM to 6:00 PM every 3rd Saturday, held at McCall Park in downtown Plant City with vendors, food, music, and cars. Rain or shine.

**PlantCity.org**



### **Last Friday**

A monthly community celebration with themed events transforms downtown into a bustling hub of activity featuring a variety of activities, live music, vendors, and delicious food options.

**PlantCityMainStreet.org**

## — Annual Events —

### **Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Freedom Parade**

*January*

The MLK Festival started in 1985 and celebrates the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. The parade features colorful floats, marching bands, and community groups. The 38th Annual Plant City MLK Festival offers a variety of events beginning Friday, January 12, 2024.

**PlantCityMLKfestival.com**

### **Chili Fest Cookoff**

*January*

The Plant City Arts annual Chili Fest Cookoff brings together chili enthusiasts from all over the region. It's a celebration of all things chili, with a focus on creativity and taste.

**PlantCityArts.com**

### **Black Heritage Jazz Festival**

*February*

This event coincides with Black History Month and presents an excellent opportunity for the community to celebrate the rich cultural heritage of African Americans.

**celebration2.homestead.com**

### **Florida Strawberry Festival**

*February/March*

The Florida Strawberry Festival is an annual event celebrating the strawberry harvest in the region. The festival features live music, carnival rides, games, a variety of food vendors, agricultural exhibits, arts and crafts, and a parade.

**FLStrawberryFestival.com**

## Easter Egg Hunt

March

Children are encouraged to bring a basket and enjoy a fun-filled day of egg hunting, games, activities, Easter cheer, and community spirit.

**PlantCityGov.com**



## Children's Classic Golf Tournament

April

South Florida Baptist Hospital Foundation, the Plant City Chamber of Commerce, and the Plant City Kiwanis Club host this annual event. The proceeds benefit Children's activities through these organizations as well as the operations of the SFBH Community Health Wellness on Wheels program.

**SFBFoundation.org**

## Capitol Coffee

May

A chance to meet and speak with local elected officials over a cup of coffee.

**PlantCity.org**



## Juneteenth Celebration

June

The Wilson Foundation organizes a variety of joyous events commemorating the end of slavery in the United States. This celebration features a parade, concert, and other uplifting experiences.

**1WilsonFoundation.com**

## July 4th Celebration

July

Independence Day celebration with music, activities, food vendors, and fireworks.

**PlantCityGov.com**



## New Teacher Breakfast

August

A warm welcome new teachers and principals to Plant City. This event helps acquaint teachers with our community and, at the same time, provides an opportunity for local businesses to be involved in the education of our children.

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## Schmoozapalooza

September

A fun-filled event with a variety of vendors showcasing products and services. This event brings together local businesses and residents and includes music, activities, and delicious food.

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## Farmer's Market

September

Join us in the heart of historic downtown Plant City for our Farmers Market, where fresh finds and local charm come together! Stroll through a delightful selection of farm-fresh produce, vibrant plants and flowers, handcrafted jams and jellies, flavorful sauces and spices, and refreshing beverages. Support local farmers while enjoying the small-town atmosphere that makes our community special. Don't forget to explore the unique shops and delicious downtown restaurants while you're here!

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## Oktoberfest

September

*Raise your stein for a day filled with traditional German music, lively dancing, delicious brews, and hearty food.*

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## Sir Henry's Haunted Trail

*Fridays, Saturdays, Sundays - October*

*Halloween horror trails, haunted mazes, food vendors, and more.*

**SirHenrysHauntedTrail.com**

## Empty Bowls Project

November

*The Empty Bowls Project was started to bring community awareness of local hunger needs. Proceeds benefited the United Food Bank of Plant City.*

**ufbpc.com**

## Plant City Pig Jam

November

*A must-attend for any foodie or BBQ lover with live music, delicious food, vendors, and exciting competitions.*

**PlantCityPigJam.com**



## Sip & Shop Art Walk

November

*A festive event with an array of artistic expressions, talents, and local fare in the heart of historic downtown Plant City.*

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The Plant City Chamber of Commerce hosts an annual event called the Capitol Coffee with the purpose of providing residents with a chance to meet and speak with their local elected officials in a relaxed environment, over a cup of coffee. This event is a great opportunity for the Plant City community to learn more about the accomplishments of their representatives during the previous legislative session. It's also a chance for residents to voice their concerns and communicate the issues they care about. The event is open to the public. Advance registration is required.

## Christmas Lane

December

Winter wonderland full of the magic of Christmas including Santa, entertainment, rides, and the great light maze.

**ChristmasLane.com**

## Lights of Love

December

The annual tree lighting ceremony downtown at McCall Park marks the start of the holiday season with a 20+ foot live tree with lights (purchased) in honor or memory of friends and loved ones. Proceeds support services and programs at South Florida Baptist Hospital.

**SFBFoundation.org**

## Christmas Parade

December

On the first Friday in December, the annual Christmas Parade flows through historic downtown Plant City.

**PCChristmasParade.homestead.com**



## Jingle Jangle Market

December

Celebrate the magic of the season at Jingle Jangle Market, a festive holiday shopping event in historic downtown Plant City! Browse an enchanting array of unique gifts, handcrafted holiday decor, boutique fashion, gourmet treats, and more—all from talented local vendors. Enjoy the sights and sounds of the season with live music, twinkling lights, and holiday cheer. Whether you're searching for the perfect gift or simply want to soak in the holiday spirit, this is a must-visit event to make your season merry and bright!

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## Strawberry Drop

December

A lively New Year's celebration featuring live music, festive activities, and a thrilling animated descent of a strawberry.

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*The event information provided is subject to change, therefore it is recommended to confirm details with the event organizer.*

**For more information and additional events, visit the online Events Calendar**

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# FLORIDA STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL

**Ticket Office**  
**(813) 754-1996**

**303 BerryFest Place | Plant City, FL 33563**

**FLStrawberryFestival.com**

Since 1930, the Florida Strawberry Festival has been an annual event that celebrates the bountiful harvest of strawberries in Plant City. The festival was originally organized by the Plant City Lions Club and ran for 11 years until it was halted by World War II in 1941. It remained closed until 1947 when the American Legion Post #26 helped reactivate the festival. Since then, many civic organizations have participated in making it one of the best festivals in the nation.

Every spring, people from all over the world come to the Strawberry Festival to experience a wide range of exhibits related to agriculture, commerce, industry, livestock, fine arts, horticulture, and crafts. The festival showcases various aspects of American life through social events, contests, youth developmental programs, top-tier entertainment, and parades featuring magnificent floats and high-stepping marching bands.

The Florida Strawberry Festival is a symbol of American tradition, reminding us of a time when fairs and festivals served to unite communities in celebration of their harvests. The festival has gained immense popularity over the years due to its commitment to preserving this heritage.



The festival is a great opportunity to discover the charm and allure of Plant City, and it's the perfect time to enjoy eating ripe, luscious strawberries alongside the local berry farmers.



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## THINGS TO DO & EXPLORE:

After School Programs

Open Gyms

Pickleball

Excercise Classes

Dance

Walk/Run Paths

Canoeing/Kayaking

Local Shops & Food

Art Viewing

### **Alafia River Corridor Nature Preserve - North**

9256 South County Road 39

### **Alderman's Ford Conservation Park**

100 Alderman's Ford Park Drive

### **Alderman's Ford Nature Preserve**

8911 Turkey Creek Road

### **Antioch Sports Complex**

8486 Franklin Road

### **Bealsville Park & Recreation Center**

5009 Nesmith Road

### **Blackwater Creek Nature Preserve**

2469 Patrinostro Road

### **Burchwood Park**

104 Lake Blvd

### **Cherry Street Park**

904 East Cherry Street

### **Collins Street Mural Park**

110 South Collins Street

### **Courier Field**

703 N Wheeler Street

### **Dr. Hal & Lynn Brewer Park**

1491 Hunter Street



## THINGS TO DO & EXPLORE:

Team Sports

Playgrounds

Dog Parks

Biking/Skateboarding

Swimming

Nature Trails

Community Events

Self-Defense Classes

Health Screenings

Wellness Activities

Crafts

Clubs



**Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Baseball Fields**  
1903 East Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd

**Dort Street Tennis & Basketball Courts**  
413 N Dort Street

**Earl Simmons/Turkey Creek Park  
& Recreation Center**  
5936 Connell Road

**Edward Medard Park**  
6140 Turkey Creek Road

**Ellis-Methvin Park**  
2401 East Cherry Street

**Gilchrist Park**  
704 North Pennsylvania Avenue

**Gilchrist Heights Dog Park**   
905 North Knight Street

**Lower Green Swamp Nature Preserve**  
3540 East Knights Griffin Road

**Marie B. Ellis Park**  
602 East Laura Street

**McCall Park**  
100 North Collins Street

**McIntosh Preserve**  
775 East Knights Griffin Road

**Mike E. Sansone Community Park  
& Plant City Skate Park**  
1702 North Park Road

**Otis M. Andrews Sports Complex**  
2602 East Cherry Street

**Pinecrest Sports Complex**  
6380 South County Road 39

**Planteen Recreation Center**  
301 Dort Street

**Plant City Community Resource Center**  
307 North Michigan Avenue

**Plant City Stadium  
& Randy L. Larson Softball Four-Plex**  
1500 South Park Road

**Plant City Tennis Center**  
120 North Wilder Road

**Ronald L. Snowden Park**  
902 Waller Street

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1417 McDonald Street

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502 North Alexander Street

**Sadye Gibbs Martin Community Center**  
302 South Maryland Avenue

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1203 East Baker Street

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5829 Connell Road

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102 North Palmer Street

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East Park Road

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703 North Wheeler Street

**Village Green**  
205 West Renfro Street

**Winter Visitor Center**  
403 Dort Street

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**HillsboroughCounty.org**







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The census can help determine how much federal funding your community gets. This affects public services like hospitals, fire departments, and schools. Leaders also use census population data to divide the seats in state legislatures and in the U.S. House of Representatives.

By law, everyone is required to take part in the census. The next census is scheduled for 2030.

## 2024 CENSUS DATA

PLANT CITY · HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY, FLORIDA



**39,764**

POPULATION



**\$64,536**

MEDIAN HOUSEHOLD  
INCOME

HOMEOWNERSHIP

**63.6%**

EMPLOYMENT RATE

**63.6%**

POVERTY

**15.2%**



**38.1**

MEDIAN AGE

65 YEARS AND OLDER

**12.6%**

VETERANS

**7.2%**



**14,627**

HOUSING UNITS

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