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Take part in Pasco County's Coastal Cleanup!

~~Help prevent trash from reaching our waterways~~

PASCO COUNTY, FL ---- Pasco County is partnering with Keep Pasco Beautiful in an effort to help clean up our roads and waterways. The annual **International Coastal Cleanup** will be held throughout Pasco County on **Saturday, September 16, 2017 from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m.**

“Last year the turnout was amazing with 1,372 volunteers picking up 50,720 pounds of trash,” said Kristen King, Keep Pasco Beautiful Coordinator. “This year, we’ll focus on roads, as well as waterways. Pasco is a coastal county and drainage from roads into the stormwater system carries trash into many of our waterways. Additional cleanup volunteers will help prevent that trash from having a negative impact on our economy and on our marine life.”

Teams will be cleaning up at various locations throughout Pasco County including Anclote Gulf Park and Strauber Memorial Highway in Holiday; the City of New Port Richey; Werner-Boyce Salt Springs State Park in Port Richey; Hudson Beach in Hudson; Lacoochee; the City of Dade City; Land O’ Lakes; Wesley Chapel and Crystal Springs. Trash bags and water will be provided and T-shirts will be given out to volunteers while supplies last.

The local cleanups, mobilized by Ocean Conservancy, are part of the largest worldwide volunteer effort on behalf of ocean health. The purpose is to clean up and track the trash collected. More than eight (8) million metric tons of plastic trash end up in our oceans every year. For more than 30 years, volunteers from around the world have provided a snapshot of the total amount of trash and plastic on our beaches, coasts and waterways – keeping over 220 million pounds of trash out of our oceans.

Anyone who would like to volunteer for the Pasco County Coastal Cleanup can contact Kristen King at 727.856.7252 or at kking@pascocountyfl.net.

For more information about Keep Pasco Beautiful, click here: <http://keepascobeautiful.org>

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