

**PASCO COUNTY  
RECYCLING AND  
EDUCATION**

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Jury Duty just got a little better for the environment! The Café at the New Port Richey Judicial Center now boasts new recycling barrels. Make your next Jury Duty meal as good for the Earth as the food is tasty to eat. Thanks to owner Yanni Stathakis for letting us help him help you save the world through Recycling!

# Recycling Update

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## Every Journey Begins

Exciting things are afoot in our corner of the recycling world. . . LITERALLY! The Recycling Transfer Station sits a short distance away from the Waste-to-Energy plant. In between? A wooded patch of sandhill upland containing several gopher tortoise burrows. In a collaborative effort between Pasco County's Recycling Department, Covanta, Keep Pasco Beautiful, Florida Extension Services, and some enthusiastic volunteers from the Classical Conversations North Tampa Homeschool Group, the area will become a learning walkway, where every step is a

teaching moment. Originally the brainchild of Jennifer Seney from the Recycling Department and Lottie Kelly from Covanta, the walkway will feature information on Florida native plants, gopher tortoises, and much more! Rain barrels will promote water conservation while composting techniques provide high quality, green fertilizer. Using native plants teaches the 'right plant, right place' philosophy that is key to sustainable landscaping. Finally, tours will make their way from the Waste to Energy facility to the Recycling Transfer Station in a safe and accessible manner. Keep an eye on this space!

## With A Single Step



LTR: Clare Minter, Katrina Rollings, Stephen Rollins, and Joel Minter



Search for #UpcycleMichael on Facebook!

## Got Oil?

In partnership with the Household Hazardous Department, we're pleased to announce a used cooking oil drop off at our Embassy Location. The address is 9512 Crabtree Lane in Port Richey 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wed -Sat.

## Crews Lake

Arlo Cupps and other members of Boy Scout Troop 177 put their creative carpentry skills to



work to make brand new recycling container holders for Crews Lake Park in Spring Hill. Thanks to Arlo's Eagle Scout project, recycling is now can't-miss-it green in one of our beautiful Pasco parks. Why not visit Crews Lake and make sure

Thanks Troop 177

to recycle your plastic water bottle in the snazziest recycling containers around?

## Great American Cleanup

Get ready! The Great American Cleanup is coming to Pasco again on Saturday, April 16th, from 8 a.m. until noon. Hundreds of Pasco County residents will join hundreds of thousands of others across the U.S. to clean up their communities. Promoting both environmental awareness and stewardship, the Great American Cleanup has been a Pasco tradition since 1992. The Great American Cleanup is spearheaded locally by Keep Pasco

Beautiful, an affiliate of the national organization Keep America Beautiful, and the Recycling and Education Department of Pasco County. There are plenty of Cleanup teams to choose from throughout Pasco, and the Recycling Department will give volunteer certificates for school projects or scholarship requirements. Last year, the cleanup took over 17 tons of trash off Pasco streets. If

you want to volunteer, please call Kristen King at 727-856-7252 or email [kking@pscocountyfl.net](mailto:kking@pscocountyfl.net) to be paired with a nearby cleanup team.



The 2015 Christian Edge team in Lacochee!

## Celebrate the Earth

Pasco's Earth Day is always held on the 4th Saturday of April. This year, it's April 23rd in Crews Lake Park from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. All concession proceeds benefit Mary Giella Elementary School. For more event information, call Lottie at 727-856-2917 X201. Events include...

- Children's crafts
- Educational displays

- Water Ventures Learning Lab
- Ladybug releases
- Croc encounters
- Electronics Recycling
- Household Hazardous Waste Collection
- Rain Water Harvesting Workshop (pre-registration required)
- Composting Workshop (pre-registration required)
- Document Shredding by Shred 360
- Pill take-back program
- Mercury Bounty
- Native Plant Sale
- Central Pasco & Gulf Railroad Train Rides



2015 Pasco Arts Council Merit. "One Man's Trash..." by Oli Surkova

# 2016 Art of Recycling Contest and Exhibit February 1 - February 26

at the West Pasco Government Center  
8731 Citizens Drive, New Port Richey

High school students making art from trash. Come see it!