

# PIONEER FLORIDA MUSEUM and Village



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## ***Pasco Tax Collector Staff Raise Over \$4,525 to Support Historical Preservation in Pasco County***

During the month of August the *Pasco County Tax Collector's Office* accepted donations from the public to support the two key historical societies and museums dedicated to preserving the history of Pasco County: the *West Pasco Historical Society* in New Port Richey and the *Pioneer Florida Museum* in Dade City. **Tax Collector Mike Fasano's** office was able to raise over **\$4,525** to support this effort. The funds were split evenly between the two organizations. Not only did the charitable giving campaign raise needed funds to help support and expand both museums, representatives from both groups stated that during the campaign there was a definite uptick in visitor attendance at each respective location.

"As we continue to shine a spotlight on the excellent charities that provide needed services in our county, we try to dedicate time each year to assist organizations that feature cultural, artistic or historical services as well," comments **Tax Collector Mike Fasano**. "Groups such as the *West Pasco Historical Society* and the *Pioneer Florida Museum* keep the history of our community alive, especially for the younger generations who may only know about Pasco's past through history books or old photos they may find on the Internet. It is an honor for our staff to play a small part in making sure that the past is not forgotten. As Pasco grows and the

identity of the smaller communities may blend in with new development, it is important that the contributions of Pasco's founders not be forgotten."

The *Pasco County Tax Collector's Office* supports local charitable organizations that assist residents of Pasco County throughout the entire year. For more information about the charitable giving programs and other services at the *Pasco County Tax Collector's Office* please visit [www.pascotaxes.com](http://www.pascotaxes.com) or call **Greg Giordano, Assistant Tax Collector for Communications & Special Projects** at 727-847-8179.

If you would like to assist either of these historical programs please reach out to **Bob Langford** at the *West Pasco Historical Society* at [www.westpascohistoricalsociety.org](http://www.westpascohistoricalsociety.org) or (727)-847-0680 or **Stephanie Black** at the *Pioneer Florida Museum* at [www.PioneerFloridaMuseum.org](http://www.PioneerFloridaMuseum.org) or (352) 567-0262.