

CareerSource holding Paychecks for Patriots for veterans

Eighth annual event designed to pair vets with career opportunities

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CareerSource Citrus Levy Marion will hold a "Paychecks for Patriots" virtual career fair on Tuesday, Nov. 10 as part of a statewide effort to connect Florida veterans with career opportunities. The career fair takes place from 10-11:30 a.m.

During Paychecks for Patriots, now in its eighth year, CareerSource CLM will help match veterans with employers who value the knowledge, skills and attributes attained during military service. Similar hiring events, mostly virtual, will be held throughout the month by other CareerSource Florida regions.

CareerSource CEO Rusty Skinner said Paychecks for Patriots, which is open at no charge to veterans and members of military families, is part of an ongoing effort to "help make Florida the most veteran-friendly state in the nation."

"With Veterans Day upon us, and during our special month of giving thanks, we can think of no finer way to honor those who have served our

country than by hiring a hero," Skinner said.

CareerSource CLM is using a multi-functional platform developed by recruiters that enables businesses and candidates to participate from anywhere on any device.

"This year's event may look different than usual, but CareerSource CLM remains committed to using technology to still allow for service members and veterans to come together with local businesses," Skinner said. "It enables veterans to meet in real time with hiring managers, learn about job openings and submit resumes."

For veterans unable to access the job fair online, a limited number of computers will be available by appointment only at the CareerSource CLM career center, 2703 NE 14th St., in Ocala. To schedule an appointment, call 800-434-JOBS (5627).

Marion County's Veterans Helping Veterans will also have limited computer access at its office, 2730 E. Silver Springs Blvd., in Ocala.

Skinner noted that veterans interested

in updating their resume, sharpening interview skills or other employability assistance are encouraged to take advantage of CareerSource CLM's fee-free services, available virtually and in-person.

Virtual staff assistance is available from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday by phone, email, Live Chat or teleconferencing.

In-person assistance is available weekdays from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Career Centers in Ocala, Lecanto and Chiefland; appointments are recommended but not required.

To register for the Paychecks for Patriots Virtual Career Fair, visit careersourceclm.com and click on the link at the top of any page, or go to [\[bit.ly/RegisterP4P\]](https://bit.ly/RegisterP4P).

Veterans interested in learning more about Paychecks for Patriots or CareerSource CLM's Veterans Services, should call 800-434-JOBS (5627), ext. 2225. Businesses interested in participating should call 800-746-9950, ext. 2205.

Two faiths break ground on Tree of Life Sanctuary

Temple Beth Shalom and First Congregational United Church of Christ, both of Ocala, broke ground on their new Tree of Life Sanctuary in mid-October.

Dedicated to the principle of Tikkun Olam, which in Hebrew means "Healing the World," the two congregations are creating a facility where they can share worship space and conduct their educational, social justice and artistic endeavors.

The new sanctuary will be located on 80th Avenue in Southwest Ocala as one of the founding ventures in the new Calesa Township, a 5,000 home, multi-age housing development that will include a charter school, retail facilities, and the new Florida Aquatics Swimming and Training Center. Calesa Township was unveiled earlier this year by Colen Built Development, a sister company of On Top of the World Communities Inc.

Responding to the imperatives of their respective religious traditions to help heal the world, the two congregations are partnering to promote understanding and



Temple Beth Shalom Rabbi Ze'ev Harari and First Congregational United Church of Christ Pastor Dr. Harold W. McSwain break ground on the Tree of Life Sanctuary in October. (Courtesy of churches)

to bridge bridging differences by advancing meaningful and transformative interfaith dialogue, according to a press release from the two groups.

The effort is intended to "create and promote sanctuary that is a 'safe and sacred' space of great hope and inspiration for our respective and mutual futures," the release states. "We can accomplish together, both in resources and public witness, what could never be accomplished alone."

The church's pastor, Dr. Harold W. McSwain, and the temple's rabbi, Rabbi Ze'ev Harari have been close colleagues for over a decade, having not only served each other's congregations, but have worked closely to foster interfaith dialogue and cooperation with other faith traditions, as well.

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