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Early March, 2024

NO MEETING MARCH 4—NEXT MEETING IS MONDAY MARCH 18!

Our next normal meeting night is the same day as the Strawberry Festival Grand Parade, so we will not meet on March 4. We will gather for a **Steak Night on Monday March 18, grill time 6:15 pm, meeting at 6:30 pm, at the Parks & Rec admin patio.** We have updates on the Oratorical Contest (Zone 6 is Mar 25), Scholarships (deadline is Apr 1), Easter Egg Hunt (Mar 30), Soccer Dribble-Pass-Shoot (Apr 27), and Respect for Law (early May). Bring some protein for the grill—we'll provide the salad, baked potatoes, and drink.

TWO ORATORICAL CONTESTANTS ADVANCE TO ZONE 6 CONTEST

Our local [Oratorical Contest](#) had three contestants, with **Gabby Howell** and **Marley Mueller** advancing to the **Zone 6 Competition at the Sadye Gibbs Martin Community Center on Monday March 25 at 6:30 pm.** Plant City Observer media coverage is at [this link](#). We will also host the SW Regional Competition on Saturday April 13, 1:30 pm, at the Parks & Recreation admin conference room. The North Florida District finals are set for Saturday April 27 in Bushnell. Be sure to attend the Zone 6 Competition and support our ladies on their quest toward a \$2,500 college scholarship!



35th ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT COMING UP ON MARCH 30

It's spring, and that means the [35th Annual Easter Egg Hunt](#) is coming up soon! **NEW LOCATION FOR 2024: RANDY L. LARSON SOFTBALL FOUR-PLEX!** The Parks & Recreation Department is organizing the event, and as we have done for the past 34 events, we will again cook, assemble, and serve over 1,100 hotdogs to the kids in attendance. Normal timeline is to fire up the grill at 8:00 am, start cooking by 8:30 am and start the assembly line by 9:00 am. We will serve the hotdogs and drinks following the massive egg hunt around 10:30 am. Watch for more details soon, and don't forget to bring a box-style cooler to help store the assembled hotdogs in to keep them warm. See the flyer on page 2!



CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

- ✓ **Monday March 4:** Strawberry Festival Parade Day - no meeting.
- ✓ **Monday March 18:** Steak Night meeting, 6:15 grill time, 6:30 meeting, Parks & Rec admin patio.
- ✓ **Monday March 25:** Zone 6 Oratorical Contest, 6:30 pm, Sadye Gibbs Martin Community Center.
- ✓ **Saturday, March 30:** Easter Egg Hunt, [Larson Softball Four-Plex](#), enter off Gordon Food Service Drive. Start the fire 8:00 am, cooking 8:30 am, wrapping at 9:00 am, serving at 10:00 am.

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City of Plant City Parks & Recreation

35th Annual

EASTER EGG HUNT

**Randy Larson Softball Complex
1500 South Park Road**

**FREE Egg Hunt
Ages 3-11
10:00 A.M.**

**Activities until
1:00 P.M.**

**Saturday
March
30TH**

**Live DJ
Food Trucks
Vendors**

**Special Appearance
"THE Easter Bunny"**

**Over 10,000 Eggs!
Golden Eggs
Hidden with Prizes**

