

Flagler County Small Biz Expo & Conference
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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE (3/1/2022):

Flagler County Small Biz Expo March 26: 'Come Shop Local, Eat, and Play by Lake'

Shop Unique Local Small Businesses with Free Admission, Free Parking, Free Entertainment, Free Speakers in Central Park

Palm Coast, FL: The Palm Coast-Flagler Chamber of Commerce and CareerSource Flagler-Volusia today announced its first-ever **Flagler County Small Biz Expo and Conference presented by Florida Health Care Plans:** a new county-wide "Shop Local" festival in Palm Coast featuring companies and causes from Flagler County, FL: Saturday, March 26, 2022, from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM.

All shoppable vendors will be Flagler County small businesses offering exciting, unique goods and services, including:

- Custom luxury travel excursions for destinations worldwide
- Handmade and homemade products of all kinds, from purses to pet treats
- Local business services from accounting to advertising
- Specialized local home improvement providers including hurricane shutters

The park offers a serene, lakeside setting with level sidewalks, parking close by, and well-maintained accessible indoor public restrooms. This venue has been generously

provided by the City of Palm Coast and its Be Local-Buy Local program in support of their mission to “eat, shop, and spend” locally.

Family-Friendly Attractions include:

- Free 52-foot inflatable obstacle course from Bounce Party Rentals of Palm Coast
- Visit with the Flagler County Humane Society adoptable pets
- Live stage featuring Pyramid Disc Jockeys and local talent
- Plus face painting, an expo scavenger hunt, giveaways, & cultural programs

Food vendors include:

- Sweet Shelia’s Funnel Cakes of Palm Coast
- Cool Beans Barbecue and Catering of Bunnell
- Kona Ice of Bunnell

During the Expo, the Chamber of Commerce is hosting a free small business conference with workshops and speakers inside City Hall.

Conference segments include:

- “Small Business Health Care in 2022: Must-Know Info” presented by Florida Health Care Plans
- “Being an Employer of Choice” presented by CareerSource
- “Being a Person of Influence” presented by Teresa Rand Consulting
- “Mastering the Map Search” presented by the Chamber of Commerce
- “Doing Business with Government” presented by Bunnell City Manager Dr. Alvin Jackson

This free public event features live entertainment, free children’s activities, and prizes. The Expo is family-friendly, pet-friendly, and senior-friendly in a landscaped, lakeside park setting with free parking close by. Accessible indoor restrooms are available on both ends of the park.

Thanks to a generous grant from CareerSource, registered Flagler County small businesses with less than 500 employees can apply to reserve one 12'x12' outdoor vendor space on the park lawn at no charge. Likewise, Flagler County nonprofits are invited without registration fees as well. All exhibitors must register and be approved by March 14 to qualify.

For details, visit: flaglercountybizexpo.com

***About the Expo:** The 2022 Flagler County Small Biz Expo & Conference is presented by Florida Health Care Plans, underwritten by a grant from CareerSource Flagler-Volusia, managed by the Palm Coast-Flagler Regional Chamber of Commerce, and hosted by The City of Palm Coast's Be Local-Buy Local program.*

Links to Expo Partners:

<https://www.fhcp.com/>

<https://www.careersourcefv.com/>

<https://palmcoastflaglerregionalchamber.com/>

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