

## ***Celebrate Our Heritage***

The Palm Harbor Citrus Festival is an exciting event in its second year that will *celebrate the heritage of Palm Harbor*. This is our primary purpose and Mission Statement...to ***Celebrate Our Heritage***. The gathering is a family oriented, community minded event that will embody the pieces of our history that began in 1864.

Secondary to a “founder’s” style celebration, two of Palm Harbor’s non-profit organizations, the Greater Palm Harbor Area Chamber of Commerce and Old Palm Harbor Main Street, Inc. have partnered in this venture as a means to raise funds to support and promote Palm Harbor at large. As part of area promotion, other of our community partners have been encouraged to participate by finding ways to enhance the event, remaining true to the event format and reflective of their individual mission statements.

***Our Heritage*** is citrus, farming, fishing, and livestock. The music of the time was *bluegrass, folk, and gospel*. Some pastimes included horseshoes, picnicking, bowling, fishing, swimming, and singing.

## ***The Event***

To incorporate aspects of each of these “signs of the time”, activities will include juice squeezing contests, historical presentations, and various other citrus themed games and exhibits.

The music will be bluegrass, folk and gospel with performances throughout Saturday and Sunday..

There will be a huge family carnival and 3 signature events: crowning of “***Miss Palm Harbor Citrus Festival Queen***”, “***Dancing with the Palm Harbor Stars***” and the “***Palmsbury Bake-Off***.” For year 2 we’ve added two additional features. A “***Local School Band Showcase***”, and a whimsical “***Pet & Partner Party!***”

***The Vision*** is to establish a celebration that represents our community, gives us an identity that is authentic to our roots, and is inclusive of our community partners. The Citrus Festival is an event that will continue to grow, promote tourism to our area, become a destination event, and effectively grow our local economy.

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