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Pinellas County Clerk's Office Offers Extended Passport Hours During Annual Passport Day Event

The Pinellas County Clerk's office is continuing its mission to provide excellent customer service by offering extended passport hours for citizens during Passport Day on Saturday, January 28th from 8 am to 1 pm. Many citizens apply for their passports at the Clerk's office throughout the year. However, finding the time to make it into the office during regular business hours may be difficult.

The annual Passport Day event offers help to citizens juggling hectic work and school schedules. This is a great opportunity, especially for those looking to travel in the new year. The event is for first-time passport applicants, citizens with expired passports (over 15 years from the issue date), and minors needing to renew their passports are encouraged to take advantage of this event. Passport day will be held at the following Clerk's offices:

- Downtown Clearwater Courthouse Recording Services Department, 315 Court St., Room 150, Clearwater, FL 33756
- Downtown St. Petersburg Judicial Building St. Petersburg Branch, 545 1st Ave N., St. Petersburg, FL 33701
- North County Branch 29582 U.S. 19 N., Clearwater, FL 33761

The passport event will focus exclusively on processing passport applications and work on a first-come, first-served basis with regular passport fees.

All passport applicants must appear in person regardless of age, bring identifying documents such as government-issued identification and birth certificates, as well as two separate forms of payment for the Clerk's processing fee for each passport (check, cash, money order or credit card) and the Department of State passport application fee (check or money order only).

Passport photos will also be available to the public for \$15.00. As of November, U.S. military veterans and active-duty personnel can get their passport photos free of charge by visiting the Pinellas Clerk's office locations listed above and presenting their CAC card (active duty), Military 10 card (veterans) or a veteran designation on their driver license.

"Each year we look forward to offering this extended service to our citizens." says Bill Burgess, Recording Services Manager.

Passport applications can be completed in advance by visiting travel.state.gov.

For more information on what is required, please visit the Clerk's website at <u>www.mypinellasclerk.org</u> or call the Clerk's Recording Services Department at (727) 464-7000.

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About the Clerk's Office:

The Clerk of the Circuit Court was established as a public trustee by the Florida Constitution in 1838. The Clerk of the Circuit Court serves as the Clerk of Courts, the Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners, Auditor, Recorder and Custodian of all county funds.