



NEW PORT RICHEY

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WELCOME TO THE CITY OF NEW PORT RICHEY. Come for a vacation or family reunion, come for a fun-filled weekend – or come to stay!

Here, life is unhurried and people say hello to strangers. It's a town where turn of the century ambiance lingers, but redevelopment efforts are creating an energetic community.

Steeped in the past, New Port Richey has ties to and a legacy from the silent film era. Silent film actor Thomas Meighan became interested in our prospective "Hollywood of the East" as a possible site for a movie studio. Property was sold to Mr. Meighan, Gene Sarazen, Paul Whiteman, Ed Wynn, and others. Among other notables, Jesse Lasky, Babe Ruth, Irving Berlin, and Gloria Swanson came to visit and invest in the community. Although the Great Depression ended these plans, several palatial homes, the 1927 Hacienda Hotel, and the 1926 Meighan Theatre (now known as the Richey Suncoast Theatre) bear witness to those glamorous years.

Our community offers a wide assortment of arts, cultural and traditional events, recreation center activities, public meetings, concerts, and lots more. On the Pithlachascotee ("Cotee") River, from our James E. Grey Preserve to our Sims Park river walk, residents and visitors can walk, bike, or simply sit and enjoy river views that are truly inspiring. Our assets include a recreation center with swimming pools and tennis courts and an award-winning library. Homes spread out from tree-lined drives accented by blossoms and warm soothing sun; add our blue skies and gentle breezes from the Gulf of Mexico and the river, and you'll understand why New Port Richey is known as the Gateway to Tropical Florida.

Whether a resident or a visitor, join those who already recognize New Port Richey as a great place to live, relax, exercise the body and mind, or build a successful business. With so much to explore and discover, it's no secret that the Gateway to Tropical Florida's heart beats with excitement and vitality. Where better to do all this than in New Port Richey: the city ready to welcome you!

Robert M. Malone