



PARKS & RECREATION



New Write Your Life Program Offered at Town Hall

Parks & Recreation is excited to welcome Patricia Charpentier, author of *Eating an Elephant: Write Your Life One Bite at a Time*, to teach a new program for people interested in writing their memoir.

Patricia has a bachelor's degree in journalism from Louisiana State University and a master's degree in creative writing from the University of Central Florida. Her professional experience includes being a feature writer and photographer for a mid-sized daily newspaper followed by twenty-eight-years in the IT side of mortgage banking.

Patricia found her way back to writing in a totally different way—not by writing for newspapers but by helping others to write their personal and family histories. Her book *Eating an Elephant: Write Your Life One Bite at a Time* is for anyone who has a story to tell but especially for those who don't think they have to skills to do so.

“The message I hope people receive above all others is that they can't write their life stories wrong. When I teach, speak, or write, I try to give people permission to write, to put their ninth grade

English teachers who turned their papers into bloody red messes into the closet and write from their hearts, to know that whatever they write will be appreciated by someone they love, and that person won't care if there's a comma splice or a dangling modifier. I love helping people improve their writing abilities, but first they have to overcome the fear of doing it wrong. If one person gets that message from my book, then I feel as though I've succeeded.”



Writing Your Life Workshops are offered the first Tuesday of every month at Town Hall, 851 Celebration Ave. from 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

For further information, visit the Front Porch website at www.celebration.fl.us. Class motto: *The only way to do this wrong is to not do it at all!*



Community Blood Drive

Wed., Sept. 4, 9 a.m.–3 p.m.
Celebration Town Hall, 851 Celebration Ave.

Mark your calendar: The Big Red Bus will again visit Celebration to collect blood for the Florida Blood Centers on Wed., Sept. 4 from 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

To donate blood, you must be in good health, 16 years of age or older and weigh at least 102 pounds. Photo ID is also required to donate blood. Please give the gift of life and donate blood at Town Hall!

