

# **MOTOWN, HIP HOP, COUNTRY, LATIN and a KIDS CARNIVAL...Celebrating a 30-year Milestone for Manatee PAL!**

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The Police Athletic League of Manatee County, founded in 1989 by Sheriff Charlie Wells, has been and will continue to be a safe place for thousands of children in the community. Today, Sheriff Rick Wells, son of Charlie Wells, is dedicated to the legacy started by his father by assigning Deputy Ralph Bryant & Deputy Francine Houston from MCSO to PAL. PAL uses athletic and recreational programs as a tool, a way to involve children in the program which instills pride, responsibility, self-confidence, teamwork and respect and we are able to do this through that bond between the law enforcement officers and the kids.

“Putting Kids First” the moto Manatee PAL addresses each day through many programs; football, cheerleading, basketball, boxing, and baseball. PAL is based on the belief that children, if reached early enough, can develop a strong, positive, attitude towards law enforcement and avoid gangs, drugs, alcohol, and other negative influences. Studies show that if a youngster responds to a police officer in a positive way on the ball field or in the classroom, he or she will very likely come to respect the laws that a police officer enforces.

Join us in this upcoming milestone year at Manatee PAL 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Carnival & Music Festival, featuring awesome food, great “live” music, a variety of beverages and a kid’s carnival. The event starts on Friday night, January 11 and continues until Sunday, the 13<sup>th</sup> with hours on Friday 5pm-10pm, Saturday, noon-10pm and Sunday noon-6pm.

Friday night’s entertainment, the N2Nation Motown Magic Band, an Ultimate Motown Tribute band. This spectacular band consists of 9 musicians, 4 being lead vocalists. They are a dynamic group of musicians and vocalists that play and sing those famous songs of Motown including songs like: My Girl, Just My Imagination, Baby Love, Can’t Hurry Love, ABC, Under the

Boardwalk, Why Do Fools Fall in Love, just to name a few. They have opened for many celebrities and even locally at the Mayor's Ball in West Palm Beach.

The kid's carnival, which is opened throughout the entire weekend's festivities, features a petting zoo, small rides, bounce houses, pony & camel rides, games and more. Norah Wiggins, a local three-year-old celebrity with a huge imagination will be making a special guest appearance with her new book, Made in God.

On Saturday afternoon, an amazing Hip Hop kids' group, Chalice Nocturnal Mo & Zatii will be performing. Saturday night, the Vision Band, a fun new music group that hails from beautiful Sanford, Fl. This 7-piece cover band consists of 7 talented members. VISION is constructed of 2 singers, bass guitarist, drummer, 2 keyboard players and a rapper. The group is led by band leader Brandan Gaines (keyboard player), who hopes to connect with all demographics of people through a diverse selection of music from all genres: HIP HOP, R&B, FUNK, POP, COUNTRY, REGGAE, & ROCK!

Sunday afternoon, we will be featuring DJ MAZTERSOUND, he can be heard on AM radio at "Radio Lider - 1420 AM" where he plays current and classic Latin dance music as the festival continues until 6pm.

We are offering spectacular sponsorship packages to our local business, as this event is expected to have thousands of guests attending throughout that weekend. For sponsorship opportunities, please contact [Gina.Spicer@manateepal.org](mailto:Gina.Spicer@manateepal.org) or (941)705-5559. The success of PAL's programs is dependent on the proceeds raised from our fundraising event. The success of our fundraising event is dependent on the community's involvement, sponsorship, attendance, and donations. All proceeds will benefit the programs at Manatee PAL.

Tickets can be purchased at the gate and on Eventbrite prices range from \$10.-\$30. Festival is located at Manatee PAL, 202 13<sup>th</sup> Ave E., Bradenton 34208. For more information about the celebration, contact Gina Spicer, Director of Events/Programs.



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