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PINELLAS COUNTY CLERK OF COURT, KEN BURKE, PARTICIPATES IN SUNSHINE WEEK 2010

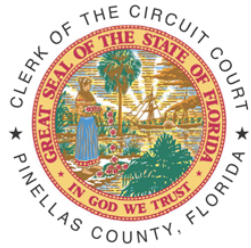
Dedicated to transparency, accountability to the people and the importance of open government with freedom of information, Ken Burke, Clerk of the Circuit Court for Pinellas County, FL, is joining

organizations nationwide by promoting Sunshine Week, March 14 through 20, 2010.

What is Sunshine Week? Launched by The Florida Society of Newspaper Editors in 2002 as *Sunshine Sunday*, but now nationally recognized as *Sunshine Week*, this effort focuses on the importance of open government, freedom of information, and empowering citizens to play an active role in their government at all levels—giving them access to information that makes their lives better, and their communities stronger. In support of Sunshine Week Clerk Rushing offers citizens accountability, efficiency and transparency through the following online resources:

- **Clerks in the Sunshine:** A one-stop resource for audit, performance measure and financial reporting, including Pinellas County's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) and County Investment Portfolio. Go to www.mypinellasclerk.org, click on *Clerks In the Sunshine*, located on the top menu bar.
- **Public Records:** The Clerk provides online access to Pinellas County official records (deeds, mortgages) and court records (dockets and case information). From www.mypinellasclerk.org, click on **Search Records**.
- **MyFloridaClerks.com:** Find information about public records, the courts and more from the 67 Clerks of Court statewide. www.myfloridaclerks.com
- **Sunshine Week Your Right To Know** Official Site www.SunshineWeek.org.
- **First Amendment Center-Freedom of Information (FIO)** Official Site www.firstamendmentcenter.org
- **Online Sunshine** Official Site of the Florida Legislature www.leg.state.fl.us
- **State campaign disclosure information** <http://election.dos.state.fl.us/campaign-finance>

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Clerk of Court promotes Sunshine Week in Pinellas County, March 14 – 20, 2010
Providing Budget, Performance Results and Strategy reports in “Clerks in the Sunshine” on
www.myPinellasClerk.org— all in one place gives citizens easy access to information.

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organizations nationwide by promoting Sunshine Week, March 14 through 20, 2010.

Sunshine Week, launched by The Florida Society of Newspaper Editors in 2002 as *Sunshine Sunday*, is about the public's right to know what its government is doing, and why. Now a national initiative, Sunshine Week focuses on the importance of open government and freedom of information, and seeks to enlighten and empower citizens to play an active role in their government at all levels—giving them access to information that makes their lives better, and their communities stronger. Participants include the news media, civic groups, libraries, nonprofits, schools, elected officials and government agencies.

“As custodians of county records, we are in a unique position to meet Sunshine Week’s goal and our state’s need for full transparency of all public records,” said Clerk Burke. “By making Pinellas County information readily available through tools like [Clerks in the Sunshine](#)—which makes public review of budgets, expenditures, collections and performance reports easier than ever before—every dollar that comes through this office can be viewable by the public at the click of a button.”

Sunshine Week highlights on the Clerk’s website include live links to public records, financial reports, and archives of Pinellas County Commission meetings minutes all in one place for easy access. For the complete list of information related to Sunshine Week, go to www.PinellasClerk.com and click on “[Clerk promotes Sunshine Week 2010](#)” in *What’s New*.

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