

## Mayor's Business Visitation Program

Whether you are a large or small business, the City of Pinellas Park thanks you for your contribution to our local economy! The City of Pinellas Park recognizes the value of a strong business community. Over 70% of employment growth in a community is the result of the retention and expansion of existing businesses. Existing businesses make investments in facilities, create jobs, and provide a support network that is the heart of a strong local economy. One of the key elements of a strong business community is a proactive, business-friendly, non-bureaucratic government.

For these reasons, the Mayor's office of the City of Pinellas Park initiated a Business Visitation Program with the goal of enhancing lines of communication with the City's business community. The Program allows the Mayor and City officials to spend a brief amount of time learning about your business, and the particular challenges and opportunities you're experiencing. It is hoped that the City can learn more about business concerns and issues, anticipate any needs or problems confronting the business community, and learn how the City can help businesses succeed. With the knowledge gained, the City will be better equipped to represent the interests of our Pinellas Park businesses, and help policy makers better understand the business environment, giving them the information they need to help remove barriers to business growth. The Program is also intended to provide business owners and management with points of contact within your City government.

The Mayor of Pinellas Park personally invites business owners and managers to participate in the Business Visitation Program. We are currently scheduling on-site visits and would love to hear from you. Don't need anything today? Scheduling a visit will jump start a relationship with an advocate in case a need arises in the future. Business visits are typically scheduled on Wednesday mornings, but other days and times may be available. Each business visit is approximately an hour, but an appointment can be set to fit your schedule. For more information about the Business Visitation Program or to schedule a meeting, please contact Shannon Coughlin, Manager of Economic Development, at 727-369-5618 or [scoughlin@pinellas-park.com](mailto:scoughlin@pinellas-park.com).

We look forward to meeting with you soon!