



Police Foundation: “CravingFashion Festival”–The Gardens Mall–Sept. 26, 2014
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The Palm Beach Gardens Police Foundation, since its formation back in 2007, has continued to grow and become a well-respected not-for-profit organization within the City of Palm Beach Gardens. Our key objectives of **Crime Prevention Awareness** and **Community Safety** are focused on helping our Police Department in its mission of maintaining the quality of life, public safety and environment for the citizens of the city, its businesses, and its visitors.

The Police Foundation is administered right here in our community and is a tax-exempt 501(c)(3) public charity. It is governed by a volunteer board of directors made up of local businessmen and residents and all financial support received by the Foundation supports the police department’s mission and law enforcement obligations. Tax dollars can only support the police department to a point and city funds pay officer salaries, keep patrol cars on the road and cover most of the administrative and operational costs. Our police officers are able to do their job – exceptionally well – with tax-based funding and Palm Beach Gardens is one of the safest communities in South Florida. But the city has numerous departments all competing for the limited tax dollars.

Private donations, fundraising and events run by the Police Foundation help to provide the additional resources needed by the Police Department for equipment, technology, training and community outreach. This extra measure of support enables our Officers to serve us better and to insure our continued quality of life.

Local enterprises, recognizing the efforts of the Police Foundation and its value to the Palm Beach Gardens Police Department and public safety in general, have created special events and named the Police Foundation as the sole beneficiary of generated funds.

One such enterprise is **The Gardens Mall** who recently named the **Palm Beach Gardens Police Foundation** as the beneficiary of their first annual “**CravingFashion**” festival. Happening on **September 26th** from 6 PM to 9 PM in the Grand Court on the lower level outside **Macy’s**, the festival will see attendees able to sip, stroll and shop for fashions by their favorite designers – all while enjoying unlimited food, beer, and wine samples from 25+ local restaurants.

A limited number of VIP tickets will be available allowing guests to access an exclusive area located in the **Bloomingdale's** and **Saks Fifth Avenue** lower level courts. Signature cocktails and tastings from some of the area's top-rated restaurants along with gift bags from **Muses & Visionaries Magazine**, gift cards from the restaurants and early access to all areas of the event beginning at 5 PM – plus Valet parking at the **Brio** and **P.F. Chang** mall entrance are all included in the VIP tickets.

Participating restaurants include:

Table26°	Texas de Brazil
PF Chang	Café Saporì
Spoto's Oyster Bar	Garden City Cafe
PB Catch	The Cooper
Jove	The Melting Pot
La Fontana	Grimaldi's
Chowder Heads	Café Bistro at Nordstrom's
Coolinary Café	Serenity Garden Restaurant
Brio	and many more

For more details and to purchase tickets go to <http://www.craving-fashion.com> or the Police Foundation website at <http://www.pbgpf.org/cravingfashion>

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