The doors of Tampa Bay's most "authentic" German Oktoberfest will open up at 5 pm for three consecutive weekends on Friday & Saturdays starting September 28,29 and continuing October 5 & 6 and again October 12 & 13. The Societies Oktoberfest Village offers evening fun for the whole family. Authentic German food and sweets. Imported German beer. Live Oompah music and dancing.

Every year when Germany goes all out in celebration of Oktoberfest many merry sorts throughout the Tampa Bay region will also begin to squeeze into their lederhosen and kniebundhosen leisurewear and raise their steins in celebration. Tampa Bay's 62<sup>st</sup> Annual and most authentic Oktoberfest's will be back under the Big Tent at the German American Society, on 66<sup>th</sup> St N in Pinellas Park, just south of 82<sup>nd</sup> Ave

"We always strive to provide the most authentic Octoberfest experience" said Jay Salamon the President of the German American Society. "Our food is home made with recipes from the old country "

"We invite everyone to come out and enjoy the music, the great food, and traditional German Gemutlichkeit (means a state of warmth, friendliness and good cheer)" Salamon said, "Our goal is to bring a little bit of Germany to Tampa Bay"

This year's celebration will feature Live German (Oompah) music, German Folk Dancers, Imported German Beer, Genuine home make German cuisine, Authentic German vendors and more

**Festival Highlights:** 

**Parade and Key Tapping Ceremony** 

Folk Dancers from the Gulf Coast Enzianer

**Great Music and Dancing including German Dancing Lession** 

**Outdoor and Indoor Event** 

2 Live German Bands (one outdoors and one indoors)

Plus, lot of homemade German Food and varieties of German Beer!

**Popular German Vendors** 

We look forward to meeting you! Proceeds benefit the not for profit German American Society of Pinellas County, founded 61 years ago in 1951 and dedicated to "preserve, promote and advance the rich traditions and culture brought to America from German speaking lands

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For Images of the event and related picture go to : https://1drv.ms/f/s!Apz2ti5O0bSYzgRqoKsE\_2LMMPNa

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