

Commissioner Wilson's District 1 Newsletter

West Orange County events
and updates!



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Hey West Orange County,

Easter, Passover, and Earth Week are all coinciding for what I hope will be a joyous week for you and yours! We are here to highlight some of the many upcoming events happening all over District 1.

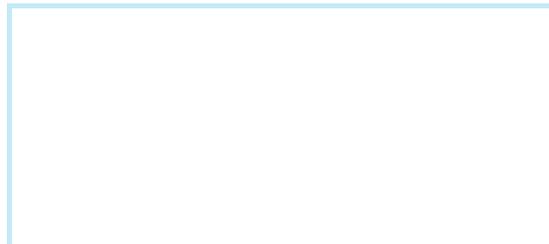
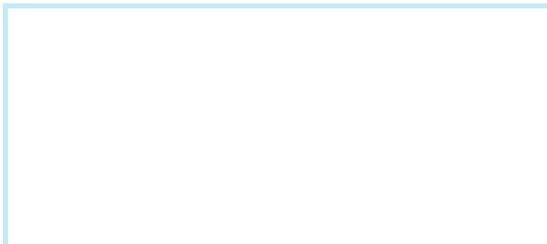
First and foremost, our first-ever District 1 Safety Expo is TOMORROW, Saturday April 19th at Horizon High School!

Stop by for this fun, free, family-friendly event from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. It's going to be a BIG day — over 50 local organizations are participating!

Check out animal encounters with Oakland Nature Preserve, Hurricane safety with WESH Chief Meteorologist Tony Mainolfi, the Orange County Sheriff's Office Mobile Video Game Theater, and you won't want to miss a live rescue demo by Orange County Fire Rescue at noon!

Local favorites will be supplying food, and dozens of community partners will be there to supply you with important info, activities and souvenirs. Learn about pedestrian, bicycle, and driver safety at interactive stations.

Get a stamp on your Safety Passport from six different tables for a chance to win a free one-day bounce house or waterslide rental, courtesy of JM Bouncing, Inc!





Our friends at Matthew's Hope will be accepting donations to help our neighbors in need.

[Click here for a full list of supplies needed.](#)



Help save lives by donating blood in the Big Red Bus! All donors receive a \$20 eGift card, free t-shirt, and complimentary wellness check.

[Click here to make an appointment.](#)

We are so excited to bring you the safety expo. Too often, discussions around health and safety occur after something bad happens. We want to bring you all the resources we have to start a more fun, engaging discussion for all ages.

It's all thanks to our amazing community partners, and most of all the Orange County Citizens Safety Corps for helping put such an amazing event together.

More Upcoming Events

ADOPT-A-TREE EVENT
MAY 17, 2025
8 A.M. - 12 P.M. (while supplies last)

Dr. P. Phillips Community Park
8249 Buenavista Woods Blvd.
Orlando, FL 32836

Trees available only to Orange County residents on a first come, first served basis. You must provide proof of Orange County residency, such as a driver's license, photo I.D. or utility bill.

Saturday, our partners at the UF/IFAS Extension will be in D1 for an Adopt-A-Tree event at Dr. P. Phillips Community Park!

Residents can pick up available tree species from 8 a.m. to noon, while supplies last. Limit 2 per household. Residents are asked to bring proof of residency, in the form of a driver license, photo ID or utility bill.

Address: 8249 Buenavista Woods Blvd.

COMMUNITY DAY

Saturday, May 17 | 10:00am-3:00pm

See what outdoor adventures the area offers!



Join Us! Free Admission

Hosted at the Central Florida Railroad Museum, 101 S. Boyd Street, Winter Garden

This Saturday, head to the Central Florida Railroad Museum in Downtown Winter Garden for a Community Day featuring some of our favorite organizations! From 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., you can learn about nearby outdoor adventures and activities, meet animal ambassadors, and participate in hourly prize drawings — all for free!

Address: 101 S. Boyd St., Winter Garden, FL 34787

[Click here for more info.](#)



Family Activities at the Log Cabin

10:00am–2:00pm

Crafts, animal interactions, and more!

Journey into the Uplands Guided Hikes

8:30am, 9:30am, 10:30am

Join our volunteer docents for a guided walk through our Uplands trails to discover the “Real Florida.”
Registration required.



In the Parking lot

10:00am–2:00pm



Oakland Nature Preserve's Earth Day Celebration: April 26th,
located at 747 Machete Trail

- See above flyer for details, or [click here](#) to register for guided tours!

POLLINATOR GARDEN TOUR



Bloom & Grow Garden Society Pollinator Garden Tour: April 26 from 9-10 a.m. located across from 1061 Tildenville School Road, Winter Garden

- Enjoy this FREE tour of a beautiful Pollinator Garden, sponsored by Orange County Utilities and the Bloom & Grow Garden Society! Learn which pollinator plants will attract bees and butterflies to your garden. Attendees will receive a seed packet and rain gauge (one of each per household) while supplies last as well as educational brochures. [Register here](#); space is limited.



Harbor House
of Central Florida
harborhousefl.com/PAWS

HARBOR HOUSE OF CENTRAL FLORIDA'S 14th ANNUAL
PAWS for PEACE
Walk & Run
for Awareness & Ending Abuse

April 26th, 2025
Harbor Park

Registration: 7am - 8:30am
5K Run Start: 8am
Walk Start: 9:30am

Harbor House Paws for Peace Walk & Run: April 26th at Harbor Park, 4990 New Broad St.

- Harbor House of Central Florida is one of the few domestic violence shelters in Florida to accept pets. Harbor House's pet kennel was an important addition to the emergency shelter 13 years ago, because many people opt to stay in abusive homes rather than leave their

pets behind.

- Since opening 13 years ago, the emergency kennel has housed hundreds of dogs, cats, birds, hamsters, turtles, and other animals. The Paws for Peace Walk & Run raises the funds needed to support domestic violence survivors and keep the pet shelter running!
- [Click here to register.](#)

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