

Commissioner Wilson's District 1 Newsletter



West Orange County events
and updates!



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Hey West Orange County,

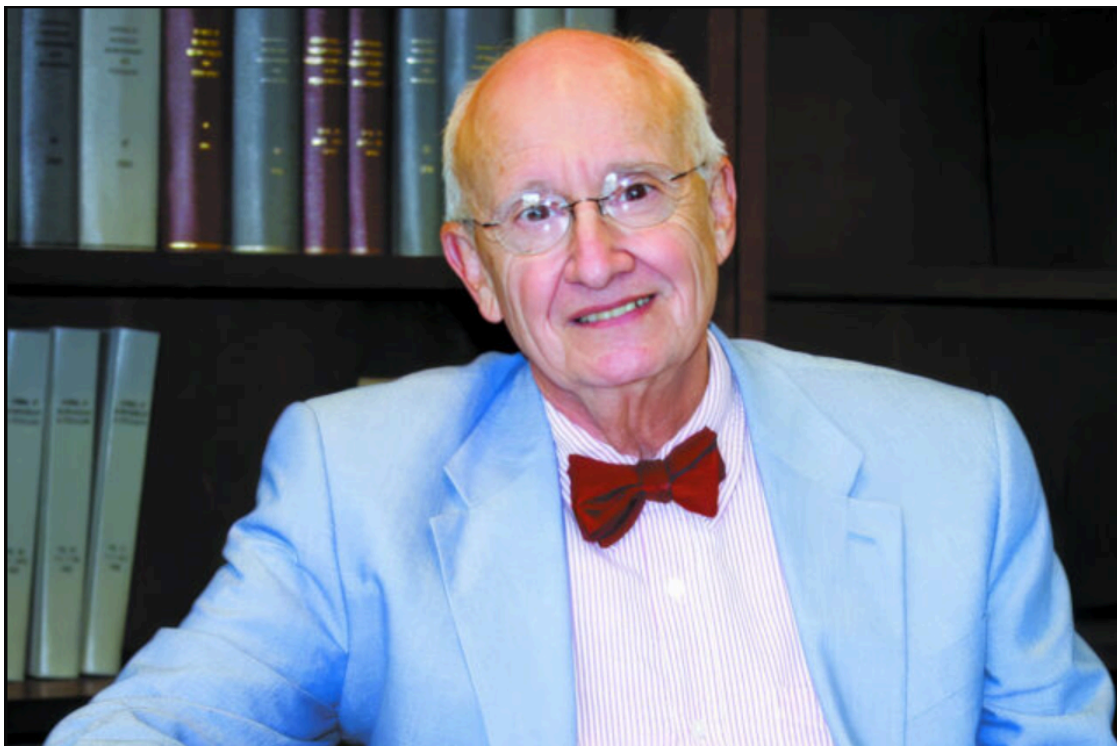
Happy Pride month! Each June, communities across the country celebrate Pride Month in honor of the 1969 Stonewall Uprising, a pivotal moment in the movement for LGBTQ+ rights and equality. ❤️🧡💛💚💙💜

As we approach a decade since the Pulse tragedy, the City of Orlando invites the community to gather in a collective spirit of love and remembrance. They invite you on **Friday, June 12, 2026 to the Pulse Remembrance Ceremony at the First United Methodist Church in Downtown Orlando. Honoring the 49 lives lost on June 12, 2016.**

This month, we also commemorate Juneteenth, a federal holiday established in 2021. **Juneteenth marks the end of slavery in the United States and honors the emancipation of enslaved Black Americans.** The observance traces back to June 19, 1865, when the news of freedom finally reached enslaved people in Galveston, Texas - more than two years after the Emancipation Proclamation was issued.

June 21 marks Father's Day this year - a special opportunity to celebrate the fathers and father figures who have shaped our lives with their love, guidance, and support.

Happy Father's Day to all fathers and father figures. And a special Father's Day remembrance to my late father, Ken Heilman, whose love and lessons continue to inspire me every day.



What We've Been Up To



Sloth World Crisis

The tragic deaths of over 57 sloths connected to the **Sloth World** facility should not be viewed as an isolated incident but rather as an opportunity to examine whether gaps exist within the systems intended to protect animals, residents, and visitors.

As one of the most visited destinations in the United States, Orange County's global identity is tied to responsible tourism, family-friendly attractions, and public trust. This incident, occurring under an expired state permit at a warehouse originally permitted for car storage, highlights a critical failure in local oversight. If we fail to lead decisively, the damage will extend beyond this incident, undermining our tourism

industry and raising questions about whether our systems can protect animals and visitors.

The world watches what happens in Orange County. Our response should demonstrate that our commitment to public trust, animal welfare, and the integrity of our tourism brand extends beyond reacting to tragedy and includes taking meaningful steps to prevent future harm.

I look forward to discussing these critical protections on an upcoming Board of County Commission agenda.

Read more about my memo to the Board [here](#).



Food Distribution with Hope Along the Way!

Making sure our D1 residents are well fed with our partnerships and food distribution events! Thank you to everyone who showed up to pick up a fresh meal, avocados, lemons, fresh produce and dried goods on Saturday.

Hope Along the Way is a nonprofit dedicated to helping our underserved in Winter Garden with a warm meal and case management to help individuals get back on their feet. If you'd like to support their meaningful mission, you may donate [here](#).

We look forward to seeing you at our next one on June 6 at Sunshine Elementary School at 9 a.m. Where we will be distributing free meat, fresh produce and more - while supplies last.



American Legion Post 419

Thank you to our Public Defender Melissa Vickers for taking the time to meet with our office to discuss the work the amazing staff at our Public Defender's office is doing, and to discuss their budget request for 2027! Thank you Melissa Vickers for everything you do and for putting Orange County first!

Our budget sessions are open to the public and more info can be found [here](#)!



American Legion Post 419

It was a pleasure connecting with Horizon West American Legion – Post 419 this week! Their fresh, welcoming approach to serving the veteran community is exactly what's needed. Grateful to Valencia College for fostering these important partnerships.

Join their All-American Flag Parade on June 20!

Learn more about the event [here](#).



Diversity Awards 2026

Thank you to The LGBT+ Center Orlando for hosting another outstanding Diversity Awards Luncheon on Friday. It was an honor to join community leaders, advocates, and residents in celebrating individuals and organizations whose dedication to inclusion, equity, and service continues to make a meaningful impact throughout Central Florida.

Congratulations to this year's honorees and award recipients. Your leadership and commitment to building a more welcoming and



Family Justice Center

Helping ensure that individuals and families have access to safe, supportive spaces during some of life's most difficult moments is a priority for me and my team.

Thank you to the Family Justice Center team for taking the time to meet with us and discuss opportunities to secure a permanent location that will allow this important organization to expand its reach and continue serving those in need.

inclusive community inspire us all.

Thank you to everyone who helped make this event such a success.

Learn more about the diversity awards [here](#).

I look forward to working together on the next steps to strengthen and grow this vital community resource.

If you need assistance finding safety and help regarding domestic violence visit [here](#).

On Your Radar



ORANGE COUNTY FLORIDA

OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT
ORANGE COUNTY FLORIDA
FIRE RESCUE DEPARTMENT

ORANGE COUNTY
HURRICANE EXPO
POWER OF PREPAREDNESS

June 20, 2026 - 9 A.M. – 1 P.M.
OAK RIDGE HIGH SCHOOL
700 W Oak Ridge Rd, Orlando Florida 32809

EXPO HIGHLIGHTS:

-  **2026 hurricane predictions with National Weather Service meteorologist Brendan Schaper**
-  **Learn how to survive a hurricane and receive great safety tips**
-  **Speak one-on-one with emergency responders and safety vendors**
-  **Get your FREE preparedness items while supplies last**

For more information: Call **407-836-9083** • OEMHurricaneExpo@ocfl.net

**HOW TO STAY SAFE
DURING HURRICANE
SEASON**

JUNE 1 - NOV. 30



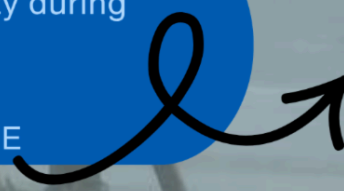
Create an emergency communication plan for your family and business.

Prepare an Emergency Preparedness Kit.

Know the local hurricane evacuation route and shelter locations.

Protect your home, including proper tree trimming. Damage caused by falling tree limbs is the number one cause of structure damage in Orange County during storms.

LEARN MORE HERE



Hurricane Season Tips

As the 2026 hurricane season begins (**June 1–November 30**), make sure you and your family are fully prepared before, during, and after any storm.

Make sure you have an evacuation plan for your home and are familiar with your building's evacuation procedures at work. For more info click [here](#).

Orange County District 1 Food Giveaway

 **Saturday, 6/6 at 9 a.m.**

 **Sunshine Elementary School**
13225 International Drive

 **Distributing free
meat, fresh produce
and more – while
supplies last!**



Brought to you by:



SUNSHINE
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
Orange County Public Schools

Second Harvest
FOOD BANK
OF CENTRAL FLORIDA

District 1 Food Distributions

If you or someone you know is in need of groceries, join one of our upcoming food distribution events this month. Families will receive free groceries, including fresh produce, fruit, meat, and shelf-stable food items while supplies last. Additional details are included below.

 **Saturday, June 6 at 9:00 a.m.**
Sunshine Elementary School, 13225 International Dr.

**ARE YOU A
NON-PROFIT
OR RELIGIOUS
INSTITUTION
INTERESTED IN
DEVELOPING
AFFORDABLE
HOUSING?**



BUILDING AFFORDABLE ORANGE PROGRAM

Join the Building Affordable Orange five-part virtual training and certification program offered by Florida Housing Coalition, in partnership with Orange County Housing and Community Development Division. This program is designed to build the capacity of local non-profit organizations and religious institutions interested in developing and managing affordable housing projects in Orange County, Florida.

PROGRAM GOALS:

Through guided instruction from affordable housing experts, participants will:

- Gain a fundamental understanding of the HOME Investment Partnerships Program and federal regulations related to Community Housing Development Organizations (CHDOs)
- Build organizational capacity to develop affordable housing
- Strengthen knowledge of affordable housing development processes.

TRAINING SESSIONS:

June 10, 2026	Session 1: Strengthening Capacity and Compliance
July 8, 2026	Session 2: Navigating Pre-Development, Land Use, and Zoning
August 5, 2026	Session 3: Strategic Financing and Proposal Development
September 16, 2026	Session 4: Navigating Project Timelines, Compliance, and Monitoring
October 7, 2026	Session 5: Nonprofit Capacity Building Institute

**REGISTER
HERE**



Scan the QR Code

QUESTIONS? AffordableHousing@ocfl.net or 407-836-8140

Building Affordable Orange

Building Affordable Orange is a five-part virtual training series and certification program offered by the Florida Housing Coalition in partnership with Orange County Housing and Community Development Division.

The program is designed to strengthen the capacity of local nonprofit organizations and religious institutions interested in developing and managing affordable housing in Orange County. This program also aligns with Orange County's Affordable Housing for Religious Institutional Lands (AHRIL) program, which allows religious institutions to develop affordable housing units on their property through a streamlined approval process. Together, these initiatives support the overall advancement of affordable housing production and preservation goals outlined in the County's Housing for All 10-Year Action Plan and the Affordable Housing Trust Fund Plan FY 2025–2028.

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CULINARY FUSION CONTEST

Win up to \$1000

DEADLINE JUNE 15TH

Culinary Arts Contest
Call for Chefs

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ORANGE COUNTY FLORIDA

VALENCIA COLLEGE
School of Hospitality Management and Culinary Arts

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Calling All Culinary Creators! Apply for FusionFest's 8th Annual Fusion Culinary Arts Contest 2026!

Are you an innovative pro chef? Step up to the plate for FusionFest's Fusion Dish Contest! Create a one-of-a-kind dish that blends ingredients and techniques from at least two different cultures, and prepare 65 sample portions to share with a panel of judges and VIP guests.

Compete for a chance to win cash prizes of up to \$1,000 and showcase your talent in a celebration of culinary fusion and cultural creativity!

Contest Dates: July 10th and July 24th, 2026
Location: UCF Rosen College

Learn more [here!](#)



Horizon West Library Update

Everyone is getting excited to see progress at the new **Horizon West library site**. The building is looking great, but it's not open just yet! They will announce an opening date as soon as they have one scheduled.

In the meantime, please be patient and avoid visiting the site — it's still a construction zone and they aren't quite ready for visitors yet!

Get excited Horizon West! Keep up with updates [here](#).



I AM Children's Museum Community Survey

I Am Children's Museum is a hands-on, play-based space where kids don't just look at things, they jump in and experience them. This will be a place where children can create, build, explore, move, and imagine through interactive exhibits designed for all ages.

Each space is built around a simple idea: "I Am" becomes "I Can," helping children grow in confidence, creativity, and problem-solving in a way that feels natural and fun.

This project is being developed by 8 Waves, a local nonprofit that works directly with children through tutoring, mentorship, and life skills programs. Because of that, this museum is rooted in real experience with what kids need and how they learn best.

Our goal is to create something meaningful for the entire community—a place families return to, schools can connect with, and children can discover what they're capable of.

Take the survey here!



Mayor Demings' Final State of the County Address

Orange County Mayor Jerry L. Demings will deliver his final State of the County address on **Friday, June 5, 2026**, in the Linda W. Chapin Theater at the Orange County Convention Center.

During the presentation, the Mayor will reflect on the county's accomplishments and challenges during his two terms. Looking forward, he will emphasize a continued commitment to a culture of excellence and innovation.

Tune in [online](#) or watch back on Orange TV's [website](#).

 **Friday, June 5 at 8 a.m.**

Learn more [here](#).




2026 Pulse Remembrance Ceremony

As we approach a decade since the Pulse tragedy, the City of Orlando invites the community to gather in a collective spirit of love and remembrance.

We will host the annual Pulse Remembrance Ceremony at the First United Methodist Church in Downtown Orlando.

This event honors the 49 angels taken while also recognizing the enduring strength of the families, survivors, first responders, and trauma teams who were forever changed on June 12, 2016.

 **Friday, June 12 at 5:30 p.m.**

 **First United Methodist Church of Orlando, 142 East Jackson Street**

Learn more [here](#).



Orange County Holds Stormwater Utility Fee Community Meetings

Orange County Public Works will host a series of community meetings to gather resident feedback on a potential Stormwater Utility Fee. The fee is being evaluated as a funding option to address stormwater runoff, localized flooding, drainage improvements, water quality protection, and maintenance of stormwater infrastructure.

 **Wednesday, June 17 at 6:30 p.m.**

 **309 S West Crown Point Road Winter Garden.**

Purchase tickets [here](#).

Upcoming Events



Hype Hair - Art in the Atrium

Orange County Arts & Cultural Affairs presents HYPE HAIR by Peppermint Sandy. An opening reception will be held in the Atrium Gallery at the Orange County Administration Center on Thursday, June 11, 2026, 5:30 p.m.

Doors open at 5 p.m. and the program begins at 5:45 p.m. The exhibit will be on display through June 25, 2026 - open Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., excluding holidays.

July 17 Thursday, June 11 at 5:30 p.m.
 201 S. Rosalind Ave.

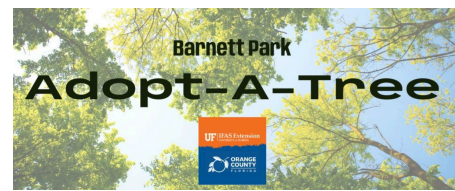
Learn more [here](#).



The King of Trash

A powerful true story is coming to Orlando for a limited private pre-screening.

The King of Trash* is more than a documentary. It is a story of refugees, survival, family, sacrifice, and the courage to rebuild a life in America.



Adopt-A-Tree

This is a high-demand, limited-supply event. Trees are often claimed within the first hour.

We strongly recommend arriving before 8:00 a.m., as lines often form early and trees are distributed quickly once the event begins.

Approximately 200 trees are available at this event.

Eligibility & Guidelines

- Open to Orange County residents (proof of residency required)
- Limit: 2 trees per household per year

July 17 Saturday, June 6 at 8 a.m.
 Barnett Park
 4801 W. Colonial Dr.
 Orlando, FL 32808


Learn more [here](#).



Vinyl & Brews

Join The Vinyl Draft at Home State Brewing Co. on Saturday 6/20 from 12PM-6PM for an

This special screening brings together community members, business leaders, professionals, families, and supporters for a meaningful evening of film, legacy, and inspiration.

 **Sunday, June 14 at 11:30 a.m.**



 **Regal Winter Park Village Stadium, 510 N Orange Ave.**

Learn more [here](#).




Summer at your Library

Participate in Orange County Library System's annual Summer at Your Library. Gather around to explore fun activities and events at a branch near you! Programs, classes and events will continue to be offered both in-person and online. Registration starts on Friday, May 1.

 **June 1- July 26**
 **Various OCLS locations**

Register [here](#).

afternoon packed with cold craft beer, crate digging, and good vibes.

 **Saturday, June 20 at 12 p.m.**


 **Home State Brewing Co., 16016 New Independence Pkwy**

Register [here](#).



Engage the Next (And Younger) Generation of Neighborhood Leadership

Explore practical ways to strengthen communication with younger residents and invite them into meaningful leadership roles.

 **Saturday, June 13 at 9 a.m.**
 **450 E South St.**

Learn more [here](#).



wear orange

NO MORE EMPTY ROOMS
Community Movie Screening & Panel Discussion

JOIN US FOR A SPECIAL WEAR ORANGE COMMUNITY SCREENING OF ALL THE EMPTY ROOMS, A DEEPLY MOVING AND INTIMATE FILM THAT OPENS OUR EYES AND HEARTS TO THE PAIN TOO MANY FAMILIES ENDURE AFTER LOSING A LOVED ONE TO GUN VIOLENCE.

FOLLOWING THE SCREENING, WE WILL HOST AN OPEN DISCUSSION WHERE ATTENDEES ARE INVITED TO SHARE THEIR THOUGHTS, REACTIONS, AND PERSONAL REFLECTIONS INSPIRED BY THE FILM. WE WILL ALSO HEAR FROM LOCAL SURVIVORS AND HONOR THEM AND THEIR LOVED ONES THROUGH MEANINGFUL ONSITE ADVOCACY ACTIONS.

All Saints Church of Winter Park
338 East Lyman Avenue
Winter Park, Florida 32789

June 6, 2026
1:00 PM - 4:00 PM



All The Empty Rooms (PG-13, 34 minutes) is an Academy Award®-winning documentary short. News correspondent Steve Hartman and filmmaker Tom Root embark on a multi-year journey documenting the acute sadness of children lost to school shootings.

Wear Orange

Join us for a special Wear Orange community screening of "All the Empty Rooms", a deeply moving and intimate film that opens our eyes and hearts to the pain too many families endure after losing a loved one to gun violence.

July 17 **Saturday, June 6 at 1 p.m.**
All Saints Church of Winter Park, 338 East Lyman Avenue

Learn more [here](#).



Hamlin All-American Flag Parade

As America marks its 250th anniversary in 2026, the Hamlin All-American Flag Parade invites the community to come together for a meaningful, family-friendly celebration honoring shared values of unity and community.

This free community event will feature a one-mile American flag walk, patriotic ceremony, live



HOMEGROWN MARKET
AT *Hamlin*

Homegrown Market at Hamlin

Homegrown Market at Hamlin – a bi-monthly market that is the Sunday activity you've been waiting for!

Homegrown Market at Hamlin is located adjacent to Home State Brewing Co. and Filigree Coffee

July 17 **June 7 at 9 a.m.**
Home State Brewing Co.,
16016 New Independence Pkwy.

Learn more [here](#).





Winter Garden Farmers Market 18th Birthday Party

Join the community in celebrating the 18th Birthday of the Winter Garden Farmers Market with a special morning of local vendors, family-friendly activities, and community fun in Downtown Winter Garden.

music, food trucks, and family-friendly activities for all ages.

Event highlights include a patriotic ceremony, one-mile family flag walk, live music and entertainment, food trucks and vendors, and a dedicated kids zone with activities.

 **June 20 at 9 a.m.**
 **Hamlin, 14111 Shoreside Way.**

Learn more [here](#).

Guests can enjoy the market experience while taking part in birthday festivities and activities throughout the morning.

- Farmers Market @ 8 a.m.
- Birthday Activities @ 9 a.m.

 **June 6 at 8 a.m.**
 **Downtown Pavilion Lawn, 104 Lakeview Ave.**

Learn more [here](#).



2nd Fridays at FLAMINGO CROSSINGS Town Center

Sugar Belle Dr. in FLAMINGO CROSSINGS Town Center will transform into Main Street on the 2nd Friday each month to bring the magic into our community.

2nd Fridays at FLAMINGO CROSSINGS Town Center, presented by AdventHealth, is your Friday Night tradition that is perfectly poised for the weekend wind down vibes you've been waiting for. It's the perfect place for families, young adults, Cast Members, and neighbors to come together, relax, and enjoy a night off!

 **June 12 at 6 p.m.**
 **153 Sugar Belle Dr.**



Learn more [here](#).



History Alive: Famous Floridians - Juneteenth Celebration

Celebrate Juneteenth at the History Center with this family-friendly day! Meet the trailblazers who shaped our region in unforgettable ways – from the musicians who lit up Orlando's South Street Casino to activists and community builders whose legacies continue today.

Engage with the evolving story of freedom in our ongoing exhibition *How Distant Seems Our Starting Place*, join a guided museum tour and more.

 **June 19 at 10 a.m.**
 **OC Regional History Center, 65 E. Central Blvd.**

Learn more [here](#).



Celebrity Golf Tournament

1st Annual Speed Plus Academy
Celebrity Golf Tournament
The Dr. Phillips community has
always been a place where
neighbors support neighbors and
where opportunities for young
people matter. That's why Speed
Plus Academy is inviting you to
be part of something bigger than
a golf tournament.

July 17 June 15 at 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
📍 Orange Tree Golf Club, 7540
Woodgreen Dr.

Learn more [here](http://birdcase.com/spagolfevent).



Brunch, Beauty and Bubbles

Brunch, mimosas, beauty,
giveaways & exclusive deals.
Celebrate 1 year of Semper
Laser Hamlin with them.

July 17 June 27 from 10 a.m.
📍 Walmart Supercenter
Winter Garden - 16313 New
Independence Pkwy

Learn more [here](http://birdcase.com/spagolfevent).



Lunch & Learn: The American Revolution in Florida

Join the Winter Garden
Heritage Foundation for a
Lunch & Learn exploring the
intrigue and ambition driving
events in Florida during the
American Revolution.

July 17 Tuesday June 16 at 11:30
a.m.

📍 Heller Hall, 21 E Plant St,
Winter Garden, FL 34787, USA

Spots are limited, so be sure to
RSVP [here](http://birdcase.com/spagolfevent).



West Orange Walkers – June Walking Meetup


Looking for a fun way to stay
active? Join the West Orange
Walkers to meet others, share
your health journey, and
celebrate your successes! They
meet at the Food Court for warm-
ups and walking!

July 17 June 9 from 8:30 a.m. to
9:30 a.m.



Summer Flix at the Garden

Summer Flix at the Garden features kids' matinees (10:00 am and 2:00 pm) as well as evening screenings (7:00 pm) of classic and contemporary hits. Hosted by the City of Winter Garden, **all tickets are \$5.00** (no added fees or tax), providing a fun, budget-friendly (and air conditioned) summer activity for the community.

 **Tuesdays June 9 - Aug 4 at 9 a.m. at 10 a.m., 2 p.m., and 7 p.m.**

 **Garden Theatre on Plant, 160 W. Plant St.**

Learn more [here](#).



Juneteenth Community Celebration in Winter Garden

Join us for the Community Celebration in honor of Juneteenth. Hosted by the City of Winter Garden, the celebration includes family-friendly activities, entertainment, community resource booths, a variety of food & merchandise for sale, and more!

 **West Oaks Mall, 9401 W Colonial Dr.**


Learn more [here](#).




Horizon West Kids Expo

From pediatricians and tutors to sports programs, camps, classes, and family services, the Horizon West Kids Expo is your chance to discover local businesses that help families thrive right here in our community.

And the best part? While you explore, kids can enjoy **FREE** admission to Urban Air Adventure Park!

 **Wednesday, July 15, at 4 p.m.**

 **Urban Air Adventure Park – Hamlin 5742 Hamlin Groves Tr.**

Purchase tickets [here](#).



Make Music Orange County

Make Music Day is all about celebrating music throughout Orange County – and we can't do that without audience members! Explore our map and schedule of performances happening at Make Music Day 2026 so you can plan your day.

 **Sunday June 21 at 9 a.m.**

July 17

Saturday, June 20 at 10 a.m.
 Charlie Mae Wilder Park -
 1203 E. Plant St.

Learn more [here](#).

Each performance will be at
 one of the 11 venues, click the
 link below for more
 information.

Learn more [here](#).



MAXEY COMMUNITY CENTER
 Monthly Calendar
June 2026

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JUNE Events

Scan to register



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Health & Finance

- 3 – Take Control of Your Money for Renters (Online)
- 9 – Strong Bodies: Beginner & Intermediate - 12 week Series
- 9 & 16 – First-Time Homebuyer Workshop – English (Online)
- 18 & 25 - First-Time Homebuyer Workshop – Spanish (Online)

Gardening & Sustainability

- 1 - Succulent Success @ Leu Gardens
- 6 - Your First Yard: Simple Steps to Landscape Maintenance @ Mead Gardens
- 6 – Adopt-A-Tree @ Barnett Park
- 13 – Backyard Propagation 101
- 13 – Advanced Propagation for Gardeners
- 17 – Green Industries Best Management Practices (GI-BMP)
- 17 – Urban Backyard Chicken Class (Online)
- 30 – CFLAG Honey Harvesting Workshop

4-H Coverbud Camp

- 17 - Growing Up WILD (ages 5-7, as of 9/1/25)

Master Gardener Volunteer Pop-Up Plant Clinics

- 2 – Windermere Branch Library
- 13 – Winter Garden Branch Library




The Library has a Place for Everyone!



Next Steps for Teens: Personal Finance

Learn the basics of money management skills, along with practical tips and resources to support your goals. Recommended for ages 13-18. Registration required.


 **June 8 at 2 p.m.**
Windermere Branch Library
(Ask At Desk)

Register [here](#).



Teen Art Adventures: Solar-Powered Photography

Explore the world of art, experiment with new techniques, and create a masterpiece of your own! Recommended for ages 13-18. Registration required.

 **June 11 at 4:30 p.m.**
Southwest Branch Library
(Ask At Desk)



Register [here](#).



Baby Tales

Featuring rhythm, rhymes, and repetition, this lap-time program supports early literacy, motor skills, language development, and a love of books for babies (ages 0–18 months).

Designed especially for babies, Baby Tales lasts approximately 15 minutes.

 **June 19 at 11:15 a.m.**
 **Winter Garden Branch Library**
(Program Area)

Register [here](#).



Science Heroes: Digging It

Join Science Heroes to unearth your love for science in this fun and interactive S.T.E.M. show for the whole family! Recommended for ages 6-12.

This show is jam-packed with the best heroes of Science, like Tesla, Bernoulli! Watch as we make Superman fly and make a storm indoors!

 **June 26, at 10:30 a.m.**
 **Southwest Branch Library**
(Ask At Desk)

Register [here](#).

Youth Opportunities



UCP Summer Camp

Give your child a summer full of **fun, learning, and new experiences.**

Our camps spark curiosity, build skills, and create lasting memories in a safe, inclusive environment.

Choose your camp [here!](#)



Head Start Open Enrollment

Give your child a strong start with Head Start!

We're now enrolling for the 2026-27 school year and our classrooms are eager to welcome you and your child into the Head Start family. Our award-winning program helps children develop early learning skills and prepare for kindergarten and beyond, all in a safe and nurturing environment.

Learn more [here.](#)

Grant Opportunities

Arts & Cultural Affairs



To elevate Central Florida's arts and culture to that befitting a world-class community.



Cultural Tourism Grant

funding for arts and cultural projects that will draw tourists

Cultural Facilities Grant

funding for capital projects to renovate, build, equip, expand, acquire museums and auditorium spaces

Venue Subsidy Grant

funding for arts and cultural nonprofits to rent space for performances and exhibitions

Blockbuster & Special Events Grant

funding for arts and cultural projects that will draw 50,000 people or more

PUBLIC ART

- Art in the Chambers
- Art in the Atrium
- Art at the Multicultural Center
- Sculpture on the Lawn
- Other Public Art projects

COMMUNICATIONS

- Artist Spotlight
- Artfully Orange
- Weekly Update

ARTS & CULTURAL AFFAIRS ADVISORY COUNCIL

- Council Meetings
- Grant Review Panels
- Blockbuster & Special Events Committee
- Funding & Standards Committee
- Public Art Review Board

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GRANT FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

ORANGE COUNTY CITIZENS' COMMISSION FOR CHILDREN MINI-GRANT FUND DISTRIBUTION PROCESS



Public Notice:

Orange County is pleased to announce to all health and human services 501(c)(3) nonprofit agencies located in Orange County and offering services, for at least one (1) year, that the Orange County Citizens' Commission for Children is accepting Mini-Grant Proposals for terms October 1, 2026 - September 30, 2027. Successful proposals will target youth violence prevention for children and families in Orange County.

For More Information:

Contact the NCF Team at
407.836.7610 or info-ncf@ocfl.net
www.ocfl.net/ccc
Live Q&A Sessions
Spring 2026 Q&A Registration



Reminder: Notice of Intent



All Notice of Intent for the Spring
2026 Mini-Grant Fund Distribution
Process are due on
Monday, May 25, 2026 by 11:59pm



FOR MORE INFORMATION

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Notice of Intent to Apply!



Lightning Round of Resources



CAREER PATHWAYS

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Community Champion



This week, I'd like to highlight the **co-founder of Lake Cane Restoration Society, Jay Madigan, and the team behind Lucky's Lake Swim!**

This Saturday's Doc Lucky's Golden Mile swim competition will go to support the Lake Cane Restoration Society, a science-based, educational non-profit corporation dedicated to improving the environmental conditions of Lake Cane in Orlando, Florida.

Every Saturday morning, swimmers gather not only to enjoy nature, but also to support ongoing lake conservation efforts, including the collection of water samples and shoreline cleanups to help preserve the health and accessibility of the lake for the community.

Register for tomorrow's event [here](#).

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As always, feel free to contact us!

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