

Commissioner Wilson's District 1 Newsletter



West Orange County events and updates!



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Hey West Orange County,

Orange County is heating up so be sure to stay cool and hydrated during the heat advisory! LYNX is offering FREE bus rides to any of the county's cooling locations from June 18, 2026, through Sunday, June 21, 2026.

Learn more about pick-up and drop off locations as well as our cooling centers [here!](#)



As we continue into hurricane season, Orange County's lakes, rivers, and springs will soon feel the impact of increased rainfall and stormwater runoff. Many older neighborhoods in District 1 were built without the stormwater infrastructure needed to handle today's challenges, putting added strain on our waterways.

To help protect our natural resources and improve stormwater management for future generations, Orange County is exploring the



Incredibly grateful for our partnership with Martha Are and the Homeless Services Network and all the remarkable services they offer our unhoused, vulnerable residents. The Homeless Service Network works to provide stable housing to people experiencing homelessness and connect them to the support they need to remain housed. Their primary focus is on veterans, youth, seniors, people with disabilities, victims of domestic violence and human trafficking, and families with minor children. **In 2025, they helped 4,832 people who were homeless return to stable, safe housing.**

[Learn more on how to support their mission here.](#)



2026 Floridians for Better Transportation Summit

Great discussions at the Floridians for Better Transportation Summit alongside leadership from the Florida Department of Transportation and MetroPlan Orlando.

As our region continues to grow, meeting our transportation needs will require strong regional partnerships, coordinated planning, and persistent advocacy. Whether it's improving safety, expanding mobility options, or securing critical infrastructure funding, collaboration across agencies and jurisdictions is essential to building a multimodal transportation system that works for everyone.

I am proud to work alongside local, regional, and state leaders to ensure Orange County's priorities are heard and that we continue investing in a connected, safe, and resilient transportation network for the future.



Juneteenth "It's a Family Affair"

I was fortunate to attend the Orange County Juneteenth Celebration in downtown Orlando this week. It was truly a family affair, filled with live music from local artists, delicious food trucks, and activities at the Orange County Regional History Center.

As we observe Juneteenth, it is important to honor the history and significance of this day. It serves as a reminder that there was a time in America when Black people were not free to assemble, celebrate culture, or fully participate in civic life. Our interns took the opportunity to learn more about Orlando's history of segregation during the Jim Crow era and its aftermath through exhibits at the Orange County Regional History Center (free every Friday)!

Thank you to Mayor Demings and the MLK Initiative volunteers who made this incredible Grand Finale possible.

We hope to see you tomorrow in Winter Garden for another meaningful celebration of history, culture, community, and progress!

Learn more about Juneteenth and events to attend [here](#).



Horizon West Phase 1B Groundbreaking

Communities rely on spaces like these—places where we celebrate life's milestones, gather with neighbors, and find moments of serenity amid the rapid growth of our region. Now more than ever, it can be difficult to find spaces that seamlessly blend community and nature.

I am confident that the Orange County Parks and Recreation team, along with all the partners involved in bringing this park to life, have done an exceptional job creating a destination that residents will enjoy for generations to come.

Investments for this project will add a splash pad, hook-ups for a farmer's market, a kayak/canoe launch, and infrastructure to support these amenities, all of which were requested through public surveys.

More than \$15.6 million was invested in Phase 1A of the park, funding access roads, utilities, a playground, and miles of walkable trails that laid the foundation for this community destination.

For the current phase, an additional \$5.5 million has been invested, bringing the total investment to approximately \$21 million. These enhancements include a premium recreational facility featuring a refrigerated water fountain and water bottle filling station, a kayak launch, space for a future farmers market, and other amenities designed to serve residents for years to come.

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



Stormwater Utility Meeting

On Wednesday, Orange County Public Works hosted a Stormwater Utility meeting to discuss the proposed stormwater utility fee that will be presented to the Board of County Commissioners on June 30.

The meeting highlighted the importance of establishing a dedicated funding source to address critical stormwater needs across the county. These funds would be prioritized for areas facing the greatest safety concerns and infrastructure challenges, helping to improve drainage systems, reduce flooding, enhance roadway resilience, and support long-term water management efforts.

Do you see areas in your community that the county should be evaluating for either flooding or water quality pollution? If so, please send us some information by completing this short [survey](#).

On Your Radar



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



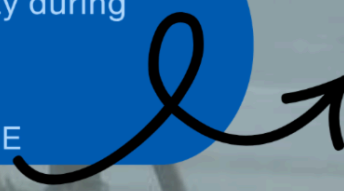
Create an emergency communication plan for your family and business.

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](#).



**SOUTHSIDE
CHURCH**
WINTER GARDEN

FOOD OUTREACH MINISTRIES

FOOD GIVEAWAY



YOU ARE VERY WELCOME


1320 S. 9th Street Winter Garden, FL 34787

website: www.southsidecogop.com



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 27 at 10 a.m.**
Southside Church, 1319 9th St, Winter Garden, FL 34787



OWN A BUSINESS OR LOOKING TO START ONE? JOIN OUR UPCOMING BOOTCAMP SERIES

OPENING DOORS: THE BUSINESS ROADMAP FOR NAVIGATING COUNTY SERVICES



MONDAY **Understanding Zoning Before You Open Your Business**

JULY 13

6 PM - 7:30 PM

East Orange Community Center, 12050 East
Colonial Drive, Orlando, FL 32826



WEDNESDAY **Understanding Building Safety Requirements for Your Business**

JULY 15

6 PM - 7:30 PM

East Orange Community Center, 12050 East
Colonial Drive, Orlando, FL 32826



WEDNESDAY **Understanding Small Business Development Opportunities**

JULY 22

6 PM - 8PM

Meadow Woods Recreation Center, 1751 Rhode
Island Woods Circle, Orlando, FL 32824



WEDNESDAY **Understanding Procurement Opportunities**

JULY 29

6 PM - 8PM

Meadow Woods Recreation Center, 1751 Rhode
Island Woods Circle, Orlando, FL 32824

Register here: [Opening Doors: The Business
Roadmap for Navigating County Services](#)



Small Business Owner? BRO has your back.

Small businesses offer unique products and services, strengthen community identity, attract neighborhood involvement, and support community involvement. Orange County's Business Resource Office aims to strengthen the county's relationship with small businesses. Services include:

- Deliver in-person and online customer service
- Link small businesses to existing county programs
- Connect small businesses with economic support organizations
- Educate small businesses on financial, technical, and administrative resources
- Promote procurement and contracting opportunities
- Host Small Business Bootcamp events

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CULINARY FUSION CONTEST

Win up to \$1000

DEADLINE JUNE 15TH

Culinary Arts Contest
Call for Chefs

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Chefs

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ORANGE COUNTY
FLORIDA

VALENCIA COLLEGE
School of Hospitality Management and Culinary Arts

WWW.FUSIONFEST.ORG

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](#)!

CENTRAL FLORIDA DIAPER BANK

JOIN US AT ONE OF OUR MOBILE DIAPER DISTRIBUTIONS

REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

NO PHOTOS OR PHOTOCOPIES ACCEPTED

- Valid Form of ID
- Your Child's Birth Certificate
- Child must be under the age of 3
- Proof of Orange County Residence
- Proof of Income (if employed)

WHAT TO EXPECT

- Essential Supplies: Diapers and hygiene products (while supplies last)
- Educational Resources
- Linkage to community resources to support your family



SCHEDULE & LOCATIONS



NO DISTRIBUTIONS ON HOLIDAYS

ARRIVE EARLY – TIME: 9:00AM – REGISTRATION ENDS AT 10:30AM

PARTICIPANTS MAY ONLY ATTEND ONE DISTRIBUTION SITE PER MONTH & MUST BE AN ORANGE COUNTY RESIDENT

WEST ORANGE NCF

JUN 1 & Jul 6

303 SW Crown Point Rd.
Winter Garden, FL 34787

UNION PARK NCF

JUN 2 & Jul 7

9645 E. Colonial Dr.
Orlando, FL 32817

LILA MITCHELL NCF

JUN 3 & Jul 1

5151 Raleigh St., Suite C
Orlando, FL 32811

ENGELWOOD NEIGHBORHOOD CENTER

JUN 4 & Jul 2

6123 La Costa Dr.
Orlando, FL 32807

GRAND AVENUE NEIGHBORHOOD CENTER

JUN 9 & Jul 14

800 Grand St.
Orlando, FL 32805



For more information
contact: info@cfladb.org

BEYOND THE MAP: REAL-WORLD USES OF GIS IN NEIGHBORHOOD PLANNING



WHAT

Whether you're a curious resident or an aspiring planner, you'll walk away with a new understanding of how place-based data from GIS powers community decisions.

Instructor:
Peter Johnstone
Sr. GIS Analyst
Fiscal & Operational Support

Planning, Environmental and Development Services

WHEN

June 25, 2026
6:00 - 8:00 PM

WHERE

ORANGE COUNTY NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICES
2450 33rd ST, 2nd Floor
ORLANDO, FL 32839

BENEFITS

- ✓ Explore how GIS technology is transforming neighborhood planning in ways you never imagined!
- ✓ See how GIS data has been used to guide zoning support grant applications, plan trails, and more.
- ✓ Dive into case studies

QUESTIONS? CALL: 407-836-4200



SCAN QR CODE
TO REGISTER



Upcoming Events



Vinyl & Brews

Join The Vinyl Draft at Home State Brewing Co. on Saturday 6/20 from 12PM–6PM for an 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](#).



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.



Farmers Market

The award-winning WINTER GARDEN FARMERS MARKET takes place EVERY SATURDAY year-round from 8:00 am to 1:00 pm. The market is held at the Downtown Pavilion, 104 S. Lakeview Avenue.

More than 100 vendors participate weekly at the Winter Garden Farmers Market selling a wide variety of items including fresh produce, artisan crafts, jewelry, pet items, flowers, and so much more!

 **June 27 at 8 a.m.**
 **104 S. Lakeview Avenue**
Winter Garden

Learn more [here](#).



Workshop Series: Fragility of Democracy Series, Session 3

Before the Nazi regime silenced artists and banned “degenerate” art, the Weimar era was alive with creativity, diversity, and bold new ideas. This session celebrates the voices that refused to

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

Register [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 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](#).

form: painters, poets, and performers who used art to define freedom. As their work was destroyed, a nation's moral compass dimmed.

 **June 20 at 12 p.m.**
📍 **The Holocaust Center of Florida, 851 N. Maitland Ave.**

Get tickets [here](#).



Love & Liberation A Boldly Unapologetic Juneteenth Pride Celebration

Liberation & Love is a fierce, joyful, and affirming celebration at the intersection of Black and LGBTQIA+ identities, uplifting Black queer and trans voices, artistry, culture, and activism while honoring the rich history, resilience, and legacy of Juneteenth. This powerful community celebration brings people together in joy, liberation, connection, and unapologetic pride. 💖🔥

Juneteenth is about freedom.
Pride is about authenticity.
Together, they ignite a powerful tribute to identity, resistance, and liberation.



 **June 20 at 2 p.m.**
📍 **4603 W Colonial Dr**

Learn more [here](#).



Fridays on the Plaza

Come enjoy live music every Friday night on the Plaza. Hosted by the City of Winter Garden, click link to the right for music schedule.



 **June 26 from 7 p.m.**
 **Historic Downtown, Centennial Plaza Gazebo, Winter Garden, FL 34787**

Learn more [here](#).



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](#).



Brunch, Beauty and Bubbles

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


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

Learn more [here](#).



Dog Days of Summer: The Ulti-Mutt Art Exhibit: Launch PAW-ty

A fun community event for both people and their pups, with activities, giveaways, and a meet and greet with the Pawcassos (artists) and their canine stars. Bring a photo (max. 4" x 6") of your (present/past) pooch with you to the Paw-ty and add it to the "The Dogs of Winter Garden" art piece, a visual display of our canine citizens. Your pup will be part of the exhibit too!

 **July 10, at 6 p.m.**



WG City Hall, 300 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!

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

Learn more [here](#).





Gardening with Kids: UF/IFAS School Garden Success Workshop

Join us for an immersive, hands-on workshop designed specifically for K-12 Teachers and Master Gardener Volunteers (MGVs). Whether you are looking to start a new school garden or revitalize an existing one, this event provides the horticultural knowledge and youth engagement strategies needed to ensure your garden flourishes.



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

Learn more [here](#).



You're invited to our EDUCATIONAL EXPERIENCE & SUPPORT GROUP at The Blake at Hamlin

Join us for an informative and welcoming evening in partnership with VITAS Healthcare. Participate in live dementia training and take part in the **first-ever Alzheimer's support group in the Horizon West area**. Meet the VITAS team, take a guided tour of our community, enjoy light appetizers and learn more about available hospice and caregiver support services. We look forward to sharing this experience with you!

Wednesday, June 24TH | 4:00 – 6:00 P.M.

Don't miss out!
Call (407) 663-0100 to RSVP by 6/22.



Education Experience & Support Group

Join The Blake at Hamlin and VITAS Healthcare for the launch of Horizon West's first Dementia & Alzheimer's Support Group.

July 17 July 14 at 9:30 a.m.
UF IFAS Extension Orange
County, 6021 South Conway
Road Orlando

Register [here](#).

July 17 June 24 at 4 p.m.
The Blake at Hamlin
4814 Hamlin Grove Trail, Winter
Garden

Learn more [here](#).

HEALTHY WEST ORANGE
COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

**Instrument Petting Zoo with
Orlando Philharmonic Orchestra**

**Wednesday July 15
3:30pm - 5:00pm**

We're partnering with the Orlando Philharmonic Orchestra to host an Instrument Petting Zoo! Join us for this free, hands-on educational event designed to introduce children and families to a variety of musical instruments. Think "Touch a Truck" but with instruments!

1200 E. Plant Street, Winter Garden, FL 34787

Registration Required
Spaces are limited.
Learn more and register at
HealthyWestOrange.org

Orlando
Philharmonic
Orchestra

Instrument Petting Zoo with Orlando Philharmonic Orchestra

Join us for a free, hands-on educational event designed to introduce children and families to a variety of musical instruments.

July 17 July 15 at 3:30 p.m.
Healthy West Orange
Building, 1200 East Plant Street

Register [here](#).



Teen Night

Grab your friends and enjoy four hours of unlimited excitement with Platinum-level access to Urban Air's attractions, plus pizza and a drink included with admission.

Whether you're racing through the adventure park, testing your skills, or just hanging out with friends, this is the perfect way to kick off your summer weekend.

July 17 June 27 at 7 p.m.
Urban Air Hamlin,
5758 Hamlin Groves Trail

Learn more [here](#).



Veteran Networking Social

Horizon West American Legion Post 419 invites veterans, active-duty service members, veteran-owned business owners, community business leaders, and veteran families to Veteran Night at New York Beer Project on the first Monday of every month from 6-8 PM!

Learn more [here](#).

SUNDAY, JUNE 21 • 9AM - 1PM • HAMLIN



HOMEGROWN MARKET
AT *Hamlin*

A CHEERS TO DAD CELEBRATION



UPCOMING EVENTS WINTER GARDEN

2026

JAN	COMMUNITY FEEDING JANUARY 24, 2026 12PM TO 1PM	JUL	COMMUNITY FEEDING JULY 18, 2026 12PM TO 1PM
FEB	COMMUNITY FEEDING FEBRUARY 28, 2026 (12PM TO 1PM) MATTERS OF THE HEART MONDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2026 (7PM VIA ZOOM)	AUG	COMMUNITY FEEDING AUGUST 22, 2026 (12PM TO 1PM) BACK TO SCHOOL BASH (CITY OF WINTER GARDEN) TBD (11AM TO 4PM) ZADNDERS PARK & BOULDER POOL
MAR	COMMUNITY FEEDING MARCH 28, 2026 12PM TO 1PM	SEP	COMMUNITY HEALTH FAIR TBD (10AM TO 2PM)
APR	COMMUNITY FEEDING APRIL 25, 2026 (12PM TO 1PM) FINANCIAL LITERACY WORKSHOP APRIL 20, 2026 (7PM VIA ZOOM)	OCT	MOBILE MAMMOGRAM SCREENING OCTOBER 28, 2026 8AM TO 12PM
MAY	COMMUNITY FEEDING MAY 23, 2026 (12PM TO 1PM) MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS FORUM MAY 18, 2026 (7PM VIA ZOOM)	NOV	COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING FEEDING NOVEMBER 14, 2026 (1PM TO 3PM)
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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 Crew | at Renaissance



This musical event is for everyone 18 and older. Come and enjoy a friendly atmosphere of dance, fun and live music by the band, The Crew.

Saturday 6-9 p.m. on the following dates:

March 28

May 30

July 25

September 26

April 25

June 27

August 29

October 31

Dance With The Crew Band on June 27

Put on your dancing shoes and head over to the cool **Renaissance Senior Center** on Saturday, June 27, from 6 to 9 p.m. The event is open to ages 18 and older. Cost is \$20 per person. All guests must register and pay [online](#) at. Questions? Email parks@ocfl.net or call the senior center office at 407-254-9070.

The Library has a Place for Everyone!



Gardening for Seniors

Learn about the health benefits of gardening, how to adapt a garden for seniors, and sow some seeds to take home. All supplies will be provided. Recommended for seniors, registration required.



July 1 at 1:30 p.m.

Windermere Branch Library
(Ask At Desk)



Southwest Book Club: Sankofa

Join us to discuss Sankofa. A funny, gripping and surprising story of a mixed-race British woman who goes in search of the African father she never knew, by award-winning author Chibundu Onuzo.

For ages 18 and up. Registration required.



July 25 at 2 p.m.

Register [here](#).

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](#).

Check out OCLS Events

Youth Opportunities



Winter Garden PAL Summer Camp

Their mission is to create and build relationships between police officers, camp staff, area youth and their parents; by providing a safe, welcoming, and fun place to



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

interact through sports, communication, and the introduction of experiences that encourage community ownership, leadership, education, and personal growth

WGPAL Summer Camp

- **Starts: June 08, 2026**
- **Ends: July 31, 2026**

Choose your camp [here!](#)

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



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



CONTACT: ArtsAndCulturalAffairs@ocfl.net
407-836-5540 • ocfl.net/arts



Arts & Cultural Affairs



GRANTS



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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FAMILY SELF-SUFFICIENCY PROGRAM

The Family Self-Sufficiency Program (FSSP) is an income-based program helping Orange County citizens and families achieve economic independence, financial stability and self-sufficiency.

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Tuition assistance is available for more than 30 vocational training programs taught by instructors at some of Central Florida's most prominent educational institutions.

- PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS:**
- Be at least 18 years old
 - Be a resident of Orange County, Florida.
 - Meet income eligibility based on federal poverty guidelines.
 - Be physically able and mentally committed to securing employment.
- SUPPORTIVE SERVICES:**
- Childcare
 - Public transportation
 - Access to emergency rental and utility assistance programs
- For more information including an application, a list of vocational programs and partner educational institutions, and our education interest survey visit ocfl.net/fssp, call 407-836-9333, or scan the QR code.

**Supportive services are available to clients upon request and within program guidelines.*

Learn more about the Family Self-Sufficiency Program here!

Community Champion



This week, I'm proud to highlight Horizon West resident and Transportation Mobility Advisory Commission member, Pat Ferguson!


Pat's dedication to our community is evident through his volunteer efforts supporting initiatives such as Orange County Animal Services and local food drives, helping make a difference for residents and pets alike.


Today, Pat continues to advocate for improvements to **transit and mobility along critical corridors in Horizon West**, working to help ensure our growing community remains connected, accessible, and prepared for the future.

Thank you, Pat, for your commitment to serving Orange County and for helping make Horizon West an even better place to live, work, and play!

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As always, feel free to contact us!

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