

Commissioner Wilson's District 1 Newsletter

West Orange County events
and updates!



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Hey West Orange County!

It's almost time to exercise our Fifteenth Amendment right!

As we prepare for the Primary Election on August 18, it's important to locate your nearest polling station, grab a friend, a sibling, parent, or anyone registered to vote along with you to the polls, and help spread the word.

Remember: Orange County Government will expand from 6 to 8 commission districts this year! Residents in Williamsburg and Hunter's Creek should take extra care to determine their polling location, since the recent **redistricting** impacts these areas. **This may lead to changes in your precinct and polling location, even if you have previously voted in the Primaries or General Election.**

To check and see if you're registered to vote, visit the Supervisor of Elections [website](#).

Here are the three ways you can vote:

1 Vote-By-Mail

Fill out your ballot at home and submit it by mail (or drop it off at a registered early voting location).

2 Early Voting

Enables you to vote in person before Election Day. Check your [Supervisor of Elections' website](#) for important information.

3 Vote on Election Day

Election Day is the final date you can vote in person at your assigned polling location from 7am-7 pm. Not sure where your polling location is?

You can find it on your Voter ID card or by checking your Supervisor of Elections' [website](#).

View the sample ballot [here](#).

With that, here are some upcoming family-friendly activities that all local residents are welcome to attend! Have a great weekend!

REDISTRICTING

Exhibit "A" (Ord. 2025-27)

**Orange County
Commission Districts
2025**

As approved by the Orange County
Board of County Commissioners on October 14, 2025

District	Deviation	Population
District 1	+3.01%	154,100
District 2	-1.52%	176,025
District 3	+1.51%	181,434
District 4	-0.32%	178,163
District 5	+3.11%	184,299
District 6	-4.21%	171,221
District 7	-4.97%	169,857
District 8	+3.39%	184,799

In November 2024, voters approved a charter amendment to add 2 new districts to Orange County.

A commission of citizen appointees recommended maps to the BCC after 17 public community meetings.

The BCC approved this map on September 16, 2025.



SCAN HERE

What We've Been Up To



District 1 Career Fair at Lake Buena Vista High School

Thank you to everyone who joined us on Wednesday morning for our District 1 Career Fair, and a special thank you to all of the employers who took the

time to connect with local job seekers.

Events like these help bridge the gap between talented people and meaningful career opportunities by bringing employers directly into our community. Instead of navigating endless online job searches, residents had the chance to meet face-to-face with hiring teams and explore opportunities firsthand.

If you weren't able to attend, there's still good news - Orange County is hiring for a variety of positions across multiple departments. Explore current openings and apply today at mycareers.ocfl.net.

Together, we're building a stronger workforce and investing in the future of Orange County.

To learn more about hiring events and services CareerSource offers visit [here](#).



Community Meeting at Dr. Phillips Elementary School

- *This meeting was regarding this development: 7625 W. Sand Lake Road Land Use Plan and Rezoning Request to PD for Retail Commercial Development*

On Tuesday, at Dr. Phillips Elementary School, the community engaged in a lively discussion regarding a redevelopment on Sand Lake Rd. and Dr Phillips Blvd. The development will host 200 parking spaces, stores for shopping, and some restaurants.

To stay in the know and attend these meetings, keep an eye on the 'Community Meetings' section of these newsletters. To ask questions directly to the DRC go to EngageOrange.ocfl.net.

On Your Radar



🍴 Hope Along the Way Community Feeding 🍴

Join Hope Along the Way as we come together to serve our community with love and compassion at our next Community Feeding.

We are honored to provide a hot meal and a welcoming space for individuals and families who may be in need. If you or someone you know could benefit, please help us spread the word.

 **Saturday, July 25, 2026**

 **11:00 AM**

 **125 Center Street, Winter Garden, FL**

If you want to support Hope's mission, you can donate [here](#).

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HUNTER'S CREEK
COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

**HELP
WANTED!**

PARK MONITOR

BE THE DIFFERENCE.
SERVE YOUR COMMUNITY.

**YOU ARE THE
EYES AND EARS
of our parks!**

Helping to welcome residents
and visitors, address concerns,
enforce park rules, and be a
trusted resource for our community.

SERVE & SUPPORT
Check resident ID's,
enforce park rules,
respond to concerns
and provide assistance
when needed.

MAKE AN IMPACT
Your presence
helps create an
enjoyable environment
for our entire
community.

WORK OUTDOORS
Enjoy the fresh air,
beautiful scenery,
and the satisfaction
of making a
difference every day.

**BE PART OF
SOMETHING GREAT**
Join a team that
cares about our
community and
takes pride in
our parks.

STRONG COMMUNITY
BETTER TOGETHER

Hunter's Creek Community Association is Hiring!

The Hunter's Creek Community Association is looking for Park Monitors.

Part-time: 15-20 hours per week

Flexible Schedule: Evenings and weekends required

Pay Rate: \$16-\$18 per hour (based on qualifications and experience)

Qualification:

- High School diploma or equivalent required
- Valid driver's license required
- Experience in parks, recreation, customer service, or security preferred
- CPR certification is a plus

For more information or to express interest, send your resume or letter of interest to general@hunterscreek.net.

Learn more [here](#).



ORANGE COUNTY CTA COMMUNITY FORUM

 Start At 2:00pm – 4:00pm
1 August, 2026

Join CTA and local community leaders for an afternoon of collaboration and discussion about public education, the issues we face, and how we can support each other through it all. RSVP today!

tinyurl.com/Community-Forum-Aug-1




RSVP

CTA is pleased to invite you to a Community Forum on Saturday, August 1st!

This gathering of local leaders, community organizations, and educators will be a space to discuss the challenges we face in public education. Come out to collaborate with your community as we work to strengthen our public schools and empower our students and educators.

This event will be held at an office, located at 1020 Webster Ave, Orlando, FL 32804, from 2:00 - 4:00 pm.

Pre-registry is required by Monday July 27, [here](#).



Orange County Animal Services

Orange County Animal Services needs help to Adopt!

Orange County Animal Services is overcrowded and needs your help to clear the shelter. There are 300 animals at the shelter, and they're expecting even more owner surrenders in the coming weeks. The shelter is asking the community to consider fostering or adopting for a reduced price all summer. If you are struggling to care for your pet, the shelter offers a diversion program with resources like food and vet services.

Plus, don't miss out on their Hot Dogs and Cool Cats promo!

For the months of June, July and August, all adoptions for all of their animals will be just \$20. There has never been a better time to take a new pet home to enjoy vacations, beach days, and long walks on those cool summer nights.

Click [here](#) to adopt a fur baby!

Upcoming District 1 Events



F3 Horizon Heat Free Men's Workout in Hamlin

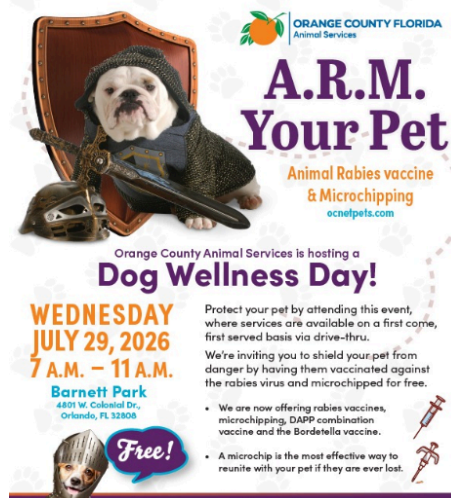
Free, peer-led men's workouts in Horizon West. All fitness levels welcome!

Free, peer-led men's workouts in Horizon West. All fitness levels welcome!

This event happens weekly on Tuesdays and Saturdays.

 **July 28 at 5:30 a.m.**
 **14111 Shoreside Way,
Winter Garden.**

Learn more [here](#).



A.R.M Your Pet for Free with OCAS

Orange County Animal Services will host a free pet wellness event at Barnett Park for Orange County residents:

Wellness Day, offering free microchipping, rabies vaccinations, DAPP vaccinations and Bordetella vaccinations for dogs.

This events is available on a first-come, first-served basis while supplies last.

 **July 29 at 7 a.m.**
 **Barnett Park**

Learn more [here](#).



Winter Garden Heritage Museum Exhibition:

This special exhibition explores the origins of our nation and how the stories of America's Revolution have reverberated in West Orange County for over a century. From the earliest days of Winter Garden's founding to the present, our community has honored the core values of America at home and defended them overseas. Experience it all through photos and artifacts from West Orange County and beyond.

 **May - July 31**
 **1 N. Main Street**

Learn more [here](#).



Windermere Farmer's Market

Start your weekend fresh at Windermere's Farmers Market!

Join them every Friday for fresh produce, seafood, breads and pastries, coffee and juices, flowers, handmade goods, and great food!

Friendly, leashed pets are welcome.
 Shop local, support our vendors, and discover something new every week!

 **July 31 at 9 a.m.**
 **Town Square Park, 520 Main Street**

Learn more [here](#).

FREE DENTAL EVENT

Changing Lives One Smile at a Time

WHO WE SERVE

- Low-Income
- Uninsured
- Underserved
- Orange, Osceola, and Seminole Counties

OUR SERVICES

- Limited Exam
- X-Rays
- Extractions

LIMITED AVAILABILITY (BY APPOINTMENT ONLY)

SCHEDULE

- Call to schedule an appointment and check eligibility: 407-898-1525
- Near Downtown Orlando (Location given after appointment is scheduled)

Dental Care Access FOUNDATION

JULY 25TH, 2026

100% FREE
(FOR THOSE WHO QUALIFY)

Free Dental Event

Take advantage of this **free** dental event.



Patriotism on Plant
 A Musical Journey Celebrating America's 250th

HERITAGE AMERICA 250

SATURDAY JULY 25 • 7PM | **SUNDAY JULY 26 • 2PM**

GARDEN THEATRE • HISTORIC DOWNTOWN WINTER GARDEN

Patriotism on Plant

This summer, the Historic Garden Theatre becomes the stage for America's 250th birthday. Patriotism on Plant carries you through the moments, the people, and the spirit that built this nation, brought to life through stirring

Call 407-898-1525 to see if your quality, and to receive a location for your appointment.

 **July 25 at 8 a.m.**
 **Call number to receive location**

Learn more [here](#).



Urban Air Homeschool Meetup

Join Urban Air for this event where kids jump for FREE! While parents have the opportunity to browse the many booths of opportunities and resources available to them.

 **July 28 at 12:30 p.m.**
 **4758 Hamlin Groves Trail, Winter Garden.**

Learn more [here](#).

music, powerful storytelling, and the exceptional voices of Opera Orlando.

Here is the best part: every ticket purchased now through Sunday, July 5, gives a FREE ticket to a local veteran. You take your seat, and a hero takes one too.

 **July 25 & 26 at 7 p.m. & 2 p.m.**
 **Garden Theatre, 160 W Plant St, Winter Garden, FL 34787**

Learn more [here](#).



Opening Doors: Understanding Procurement Opportunities with Orange County

Learn how to identify procurement opportunities and connect with Orange County contracting resources.

The Opening Doors Workshop Series is designed to help entrepreneurs and small business owners better understand Orange County services and processes that may impact their business.

 **June 29 at 6 p.m.**
 **1751 Rhode Island Woods Circle Orlando, FL 32824**

Reserve a spot [here](#).



Back to School Bash Free Backpack & School Supplies Giveaway

Celebrate the end of summer and get ready for the new school year at our annual Back to School Bash! Hosted by the City of Winter Garden, the Back to School Bash is a free event for our local families.

Come out and get the supplies you need to head back to school while enjoying a fun end-of-summer, family-friendly event!



August 1 at 10 a.m.

**Newton Park & Farnsworth
Pool, 1 Surprise Drive, Winter
Garden**

Learn more [here](#).



Downtown Summer Sidewalk Sale & LIVE MUSIC

Stroll through the charming historic streets of downtown to peruse the OUTDOOR sale racks and tables to uncover a plethora of bargains on apparel, accessories, footwear, home goods, and so much more at discounted prices. Pop INSIDE the stores for additional sales and promotions.

Stack your savings with tax-free shopping on items eligible for the Back-to-School Sales Tax Holiday!*

Find deals on all those one-of-a-kind items that you have been eyeing, and take advantage of the summer merchandise closeout.



August 1 at 11 a.m.

**Historic Downtown Winter
Garden**

Learn more [here](#).



FREE ASL Class in Windermere

The Town of Windermere, in partnership with Mandy David, is offering FREE American Sign Language (ASL) classes for adults and teens. Each 7–8-week course builds week to week, so consistent attendance is encouraged.

 **July 17 at 1 p.m.**
 **614 Main Street BLDG 100
Windermere**

Learn more [here](#).



Healthy Kids Running Series

To combat the increasing rates of child obesity in America, Healthy Kids Running Series motivates kids to be healthy and active and



OC Sherriff's Back-to-School Bash

Join Orange County Sheriffs for a FREE and fun-filled morning preparing for the 2026-2027 school year.

The event will feature:

- Free backpacks & school supplies (while supplies last – child must be present)
- Our always-popular Mobile Video Game Theater
- Sweet treats from our ice cream truck
- Music, games, prizes & more!

 **August 1 at 9 a.m.**
 **2500 W. Colonial Drive**

Learn more [here](#).



Healthy Family Day Roper YMCA 2026

Join us for Healthy Family Day on August 1, a free, family-friendly all-day event featuring sports clinics, family activities, and community fun.

This event brings together sports, wellness, family programs, community partnerships, and member experiences to

provides a fun environment to improve self-esteem.

Register now and get the Early Bird Discount of \$45 until August 22!

 **Sundays, Sept 13 to Oct 11 at 6 p.m.**
 **Osprey Park, 5100 Town Center Blvd, Orlando, FL**

Learn more [here](#).



Homegrown Market at Hamlin

Homegrown Market at Hamlin is your go-to open-air market in the heart of Hamlin. Featuring local makers, fresh food, live music, and community vibes twice a month.

Shop small. Support local.

Every 1st and 3rd Sunday of the month!

 **August 2 at 9 a.m.**
 **16016 New Independence Parkway, Winter Garden.**

Learn more [here](#).



Florida Roots: Land, Light, and Life at SOBO Art Gallery in Winter Garden

The exhibit will feature artists celebrating the beauty, character and spirit of Florida through artwork inspired by the state's wildlife, wetlands, coastlines,

showcase the full range of what the Y offers. Families can enjoy free Y activities throughout the day, with free sports clinics running from 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM.

 **August 1 at 10 a.m.**
 **Roper YMCA, 100 Windermere Rd., Winter Garden**

Learn more [here](#).



Orlando Collage Kids!

Get ready for a fun time packed with creative activities and cool projects for the kiddos!

Tickets are \$10

ALL MATERIALS PROVIDED
AGES 3+
PARENTS/GUARDIANS ARE FREE
SPECTRUM SAFE SPACE

 **August 8 at 7 p.m.**
 **13750 W Colonial Dr ste 260**

Learn more [here](#).



Smile for #CityHallSelfie Day

orange groves, culture and history.



Exhibit opens August 6
127 S Boyd St., Winter Garden, FL 34787

Learn more [here](#).

Snap a selfie at City Hall to show your Winter Garden pride on #CityHallSelfie Day. The annual online picture-sharing holiday is a fun way to express pride for your hometown and appreciation to local government service.

Pop inside City Hall for a free Winter Garden Reusable Tote Bag (which makes a great prop for your selfie).



August 11 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

1751 Rhode Island Woods Circle Orlando, FL 32824

Reserve a spot [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

AUG 3

303 SW Crown Point Rd.
Winter Garden, FL 34787

UNION PARK NCF

AUG 4

9645 E. Colonial Dr.
Orlando, FL 32817

LILA MITCHELL NCF

AUG 5

5151 Raleigh St., Suite C
Orlando, FL 32811

**ENGELWOOD
NEIGHBORHOOD CENTER**

AUG 6

6123 La Costa Dr.
Orlando, FL 32807

**GRAND AVENUE
NEIGHBORHOOD CENTER**

AUG 11

800 Grand Ave.
Orlando, FL 32805



For more information
contact: info@cfladb.org

Upcoming Events in the County



Feed-A-Palooza Orlando's Community Health & Resource Fair

Join us for Feed-A-Palooza 2026!

Get ready for a fun-filled day in the heart of Downtown Orlando as One Heart for Women and Children hosts **Feed-A-Palooza 2026**, a FREE Community Health & Resource Fair bringing together families, healthcare providers, nonprofit organizations, community leaders, and local partners for a celebration of wellness, resources, and connection.

 **July 25 at 10 a.m.**

 **Lake Eola Park
512 E Washington St.
Orlando, FL 32801**

Registration is encouraged, [here](#).



Peru Independence Day Celebration

Join us for a vibrant celebration of Peruvian culture, music, and dance as we honor Peru's Independence Day!

Experience the beauty and diversity of Peru through traditional folkloric dances, music and cultural performances.

This event is FREE!

 **July 26 at 2 p.m.**
 **Orlando Museum of Art**

Register [here](#).

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 July 25

Put on your dancing shoes and head over to the cool **Renaissance Senior Center** on Saturday, July 25, 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](#). Questions? Email parks@ocfl.net or call the senior center office at 407-254-9070.



YFC FAMILY NIGHTS
At the Park

FREE
Space is Limited
Registration is Required

ORLO VISTA PARK
1 North Powers Dr.
Orlando, FL 32835

CONTACT US
(407) 731-0794
info@yfcunited.org

Every Monday Night
6:00-7:30 PM

Come and Make Family Memories
Family Games, Arts and Crafts, Guest Speakers, Fun
With Food, Family Field Trips, Friendly Competitions,
Prizes, Giveaways, and So Much More!!!
Family Dinner served at each meeting.

Register Today

Family T.I.M.E. C.L.U.B. Call, or Scan
the QR Code



This program is funded in full or part by Orange County Government

Family Nights at the park

Join Orlo Vista Park for a family friendly evening, including games, arts and crafts and guest speakers.



Teen Fitness Trainer Intern
Stipend Paid Training
John Bridges Community Center Apopka, FL
Opportunity for Teens 13 to 18 years old



Hands-on Fitness Experience
Teens gain real-world experience in fitness and wellness by working directly with certified trainers to learn the fundamentals of a group fitness instructor.

Leadership and Life Skills Development
The program fosters leadership abilities and teaches valuable skills, preparing participants for future career opportunities.

Registration Open
Wednesdays 3pm to 6pm
To learn more: Schedule your interview today!

Schedule your interview TODAY!
Limited Enrollment Call 407-469-9313 or
email: freefitness@firebush.org

This program is funded in part by Orange County, Florida and Fit to Dance 2. FIT TO DANCE 2

Teen Fitness Trainer Intern

Internships for teens living in Apopka and neighboring communities in Orange County.

Developed by Firebush, this inaugural program will introduce teens 13-18 years old to the benefits of regular exercise through weekly group fitness sessions and provide valuable life skills training.

July 17 **July 29 at 3 p.m.**
445 W 13th St
Apopka, FL 32703

Family nights are every Monday night from 6:00pm-7:30pm.

Dinner is served at every meeting.

**REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED--
Space is Limited!**

 **July 27 at 6 p.m.**
 **Orlo Vista Park**

Register [here](#).



History Alive at the Regional History Center

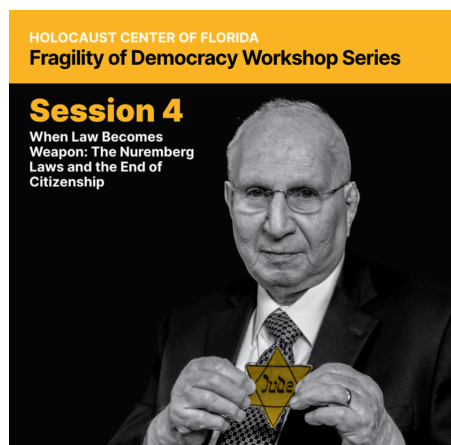
From cattle ranches to sprawling citrus groves, Florida's communities were shaped by resilience, creativity, and hard work. Explore the traditions, tools, and trades that helped build Florida into the vibrant state it is today. Discover how families lived and the skills that kept communities thriving across generations.

Guided museum tours – 10:30 a.m., Noon, 1:45 p.m., 3:30 p.m.

 **August 1 at 10 a.m.**
 **65 E. Central Blvd.**
Orlando, Florida 32801

Learn more [here](#).

Register [here](#).



Fragility of Democracy - When Law Becomes Weapon: The Nuremberg Laws and the End of Citizenship

In 1935, the Nuremberg Laws stripped Jewish citizens of their rights, turning prejudice into policy. Using testimony and legal documents, this session examines how laws can be twisted to exclude and how "order" can hide injustice.

 **August 2 at 12 p.m.**
 **The Holocaust Center of
Florida, 851 N. Maitland
Avenue Maitland, Fl.**

Register [here](#).



Creating Impasto Flowers

Let your creativity blossom in this richly textured painting workshop where flowers become vibrant, sculptural works of art. Using the expressive technique of impasto, you'll learn to build thick, dimensional layers of paint that capture the curl of petals, the glow of sunlight, and the lush movement of a blooming garden.

Cost: \$75 + \$10 material fees

 **August 8 at 9:30 a.m.**
 **The Cottage at Lake Lily,**
701 Lake Lily Dr., Maitland

Learn more [here](#).



HOMESCHOOL DAY AT A&H
 Telephone Museum + Telephone Wire Sculpture Workshop

Homeschool Day at the Telephone Museum

After each tour, students will enjoy hands-on art workshops, including printmaking, outdoor sketching, 3D sculpture crafting, and architecture design. Join us just 15 minutes from downtown Orlando for a creative learning experience for your entire family!

 **August 14 at 10 a.m.**
 **231 W Packwood Ave,**
Maitland

Register [here](#).

JULY Events

Scan to register



ocextension.eventbrite.com

Health & Finance

- 1 – Take Control of Your Money for Renters (Online)
- 8 – Diabetes Prevention Program (Online)
- 20 – Introduction to Cottage Foods in Florida (Online)
- 24 & 31 – First-Time Homebuyer Workshop – English (Online)
- 30 – First-Time Homebuyer Workshop – Spanish (Online)

Gardening & Sustainability

- 11 – Adopt-A-Tree @ Ft. Christmas Historical Park
- 14 – Gardening with Kids: UF/IFAS School Garden Success Workshop
- 15 – Lawn & Ornamental Pest Management: Overview, Exam Review, & CEUs
- 24 – Remarkable Roselle: Exploring Edible Hibiscus in Central Florida

Master Gardener Volunteer Pop-Up Plant Clinics

- 9 – Chickasaw Branch Library
- 10 – South Creek Branch Library
- 11 – West Oaks Branch Library



Community Meetings



Commission District #1
Nicole Wilson, Commissioner

COMMUNITY MEETING NOTICE

Future Land Use Map Amendment and Rezoning

Date: Thursday, July 30, 2026
Time: 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM
Location: Hamlin Middle School Multi-Purpose Room (Room 101), 16025 Silver Grove Blvd., Winter Garden, FL, 34787

CASE CONTACT: Scott Cirino
(407) 836-5606
Scott.Cirino@ocfl.net

ONLINE FEEDBACK FORM:



REQUEST

Future Land Use Map (FLUM) Amendment

Case #: 2027-1-A-1-1

Current FLUM: Rural Settlement 1/5 (RS 1/5)
Proposed FLUM: Rural Settlement 1/1 (RS 1/1)

Rezoning

Case #: To Be Determined

Current: A-1 (Citrus Rural District)
Proposed: PD (Planned Development)

Owner: Gerlero Properties, LLC

Applicant: Logan Opsahl

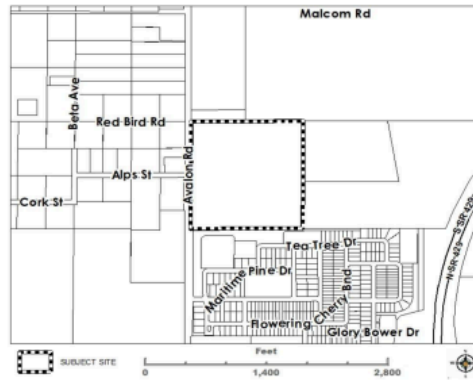
Parcel ID #'s: 17-23-27-0000-00-003

Acreage: 39.24 gross acres

Location: **5477 Avalon Road**; Generally located on the East of Avalon Road, West of Daniel Webster Western Beltway, South of Malcom Road, and North of McKinney Road.

Request Summary: To amend the Future Land Use Map (FLUM) designation from Rural Settlement 1/5 (RS 1/5) to Rural Settlement 1/1 (RS 1/1) to allow for the proposed development of 39 single-family dwelling units. In addition, the applicant is seeking to rezone the subject property from A-1 (Citrus Rural District) to PD (Planned Development).

SUBJECT PROPERTY LOCATION



Community Meeting at Hamlin Middle School

This is a community meeting to discuss a proposal to amend the Future Land Use Map (FLUM) designation from Rural Settlement 1/5 (RS 1/5) to Rural Settlement 1/1 (RS 1/1) to allow for the proposed development of 39 single-family dwelling units in District 1. In addition, the applicant is seeking to rezone the subject property from A-1 (Citrus Rural District) to PD (Planned Development).

The community meeting is 6 p.m. Thursday, July 30, 2026, at the Hamlin Middle School Multi-Purpose Room (Room 101), 16025 Silver Grove Blvd., Winter Garden, FL, 34787

What if I can't attend the meeting? If you are unable to attend the Community Meeting in-person, you can provide your comments using the form here, [EngageOrange.ocfl.net](https://engageorange.ocfl.net).

The Library has a Place for Everyone!



Youth End of Summer Celebration

Have you completed the summer challenge to read for 30 days? At the End of Summer Celebration, enjoy a frozen treat and fun activities! Ages 0-18.

Did you complete the reading challenge by reading for 30 days this summer?

Food will be served at this event; a list of ingredients may be



Mindful Start Family Yoga

Silly and fun yoga poses designed for kids! Flow-through an imaginative journey filled with puppets, parachute games and relaxing rest time! Recommended for families.

provided upon request.

 **July 25, at 10:30 a.m.**
 **Windermere Branch
Library**
(Ask at Desk)

Registration required while
supplies last.

Register [here](#).



Gather and Unwind Fiber Arts Meetup

Have a great time mingling with
other Central Florida fiber artists
while working on your craft. Be
sure to bring your work in
progress, yarn and tools. All
levels are welcome.

 **July 28 at 10 a.m.**
 **Southwest Branch Library**
(Technology Classroom)

Registration is required.

Register [here](#).

Attendees are encouraged to
dress in comfortable clothing and
bring your own mat.

 **July 27 at 10:15 a.m.**
 **Winter Garden Branch
Library**
(Program Area)

Registration is required.

Register [here](#).



Preschool Storytime: Jungle Jamboree

Preschoolers will delight in
interactive stories, songs, and
rhymes that inspire a love of
reading and build early literacy
skills. Recommended for ages 3–
5.

This program is based on the
nationally recognized initiative,
Every Child Ready to Read,
which supports school readiness
for preschoolers by practicing the
five early literacy skills: talking,
singing, reading, writing, and
playing.

 **July 29, at 10:30 a.m.**
 **Winter Garden Branch
Library**
(Program Area)

Register [here](#).

Check out OCLS Events

Youth Opportunities

HEAD START

OPEN ENROLLMENT

COMPREHENSIVE EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM – for 3-TO 5-YEAR-OLD children at no cost!

- Nationally Recognized Curriculum
- Field Trips and Activities
- Full-Day, Full-Year at Selected Centers
- Speech and Hearing Screenings
- Individualized Teaching
- Disability Services
- Parent Engagement
- Family Development
- Health Services
- Meals and Snacks
- Voluntary Pre-Kindergarten

HEAD START
2100 E Michigan St., Orlando FL 32806 • 407-836-6590
Apply on line at www.ocfl.net/headstart

ORANGE COUNTY FLORIDA

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



**COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT
BLOCK GRANT**

**DISASTER
RECOVERY**



Hurricane season is upon us!

The Orange County Recovers Program has received 460 applications, 64 projects are currently under pre-construction/construction, and 10 projects have been completed under the Hurricane Ian allocation. Applications related to Hurricane Milton are also in progress, with 46 submitted to date. These applications are currently under eligibility review.

If your home still has unrepaired storm damage from Hurricane Ian or Milton, please do not delay in applying. Funding for these allocations are limited, and applications are reviewed on a first-come, first-eligible basis.

For the most current updates on program progress, please visit the [dashboard](#).

APPLICATIONS ARE NOW OPEN!

2026 DR. P. PHILLIPS

LEGACY MICROGRANT PROGRAM

Supporting small nonprofits making
a big difference in Central Florida.



15

GRANTS



\$5,000

EACH



ORANGE &
OSCEOLA
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FOCUS AREAS



ARTS &
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CHILDREN &
YOUTH



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HEALTH



SOCIAL
SERVICES



**SMALL GRANTS.
BIG IMPACT.**



Priority is given to projects that help reduce
economic pressures on **ALICE** and low-income families.



APPLICATIONS CLOSE
AUGUST 7, 2026

LEARN MORE & APPLY
DRPHILLIPS.ORG



Legacy Microgrant Program

Applications are now open for the 2026 Dr. Phillips Charities Legacy Microgrant Program, which will award fifteen \$5,000 grants to eligible nonprofits, with recipients recognized at the annual Dr. Phillips Charities Impact Awards in October.

Applications are open through August 7.

Since launching, the Legacy Microgrant Program has awarded 30 microgrants totaling \$150,000 to local nonprofits with annual operating budgets of \$2 million or less. The program supports organizations working in Arts & Culture, Children & Youth, Education, Health, and Social Services, with priority given to projects that create meaningful community impact and support ALICE and low-income families.

See qualifications for the grant and apply [here!](https://drphillips.org)

**ORANGE COUNTY
NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICES
NONPROFIT
HOUSING
REPAIR GRANT**



About The Grant

The Nonprofit Housing Repair Grant reimburses 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations for completing minor exterior repairs on single-family homes in underserved areas of Orange County.

- Projects serving seniors, individuals with disabilities, and households in moderate- to very low-income areas may receive special consideration.
- Reimbursement available for projects up to \$20,000.
- Organizations must meet all Orange County documentation requirements.
- Applicants who received this grant in the previous two consecutive years are not eligible.
- Applications will be available soon.

Eligible Reimbursable Projects

- Minor exterior home repairs
- Gutter cleaning and repair
- Painting and pressure washing
- Door and window replacement
- Materials needed to complete project (up to 25% of total grant award)



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 ✉ OCNeighborhoods@ocfl.net
 🌐 www.ocfl.net/Neighborhoods

**APPLICATION DEADLINE:
SEPTEMBER 10, 2026**




Nonprofit Housing Repair Grant

Provides reimbursement funding to eligible 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations for completing minor exterior repairs on single-family homes located in underserved Orange County neighborhoods.

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

**ORANGE COUNTY
NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICES
NONPROFIT
SAFETY
GRANT**



About The Grant

The Nonprofit Safety Grant provides reimbursement funding to eligible 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations implementing community projects that improve public safety and reduce crime.

- Eligible nonprofits may receive \$1,000-\$10,000 for approved projects.
- Organizations must meet all Orange County documentation requirements.
- Applicants awarded this grant in the previous two consecutive years are not eligible.
- Priority is given to projects serving neighborhoods with large youth and senior populations, higher crime rates, individuals with disabilities, and economically disadvantaged communities.
- Applications will be available soon.

Eligible Reimbursable Projects

- Promote public safety and crime-prevention education
- Provide home safety improvements (house numbers, window locks, fire extinguishers, 911-only cell phones, gun locks)
- Offer resident training (self-defense, theft prevention, senior safety)
- Support disaster-preparedness initiatives



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Nonprofit Safety Grant

Provides reimbursement funding to eligible 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations implementing community-based projects that enhance public safety and help reduce crime.

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

Lightning Round of Resources



Have you lost contact with a family member because of international conflict, natural disaster or migration? The American Red Cross can help:



Find a family member missing in other countries.



Send a message to a relative where other ways of communicating do not exist.



Check the well-being of a relative living outside of the United States who you cannot contact because of illness or other circumstances.

Red Cross and Red Crescent teams around the world will do everything we can to put you back in touch with your family members or provide information about their fate.

This service is free and is provided to anyone in need—no matter your immigration status. Everything you tell us will be confidential. We will not share information with anyone without asking you first.

To learn more, please visit redcross.org/ReconnectingFamilies
 Adrienne Bolton, International Services Program Manager
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adrienne.bolton@redcross.org 407-618-6056



Still I Rise WOMEN'S DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SUPPORT GROUP

AGES
18+

This confidential, judgment-free group is a safe space for women 18+ who have experienced emotional, physical, or psychological abuse in intimate relationships. Together, we'll support one another, and begin the journey toward healing and empowerment.



TOPIC DISCUSSIONS

- Connect with other women who understand what you're going through
- Learn healthy coping strategies and resources
- Heal in a supportive, trauma-informed environment

PRE-SCREENING REQUIRED

Last Monday of
every month
3 - 4:30 PM
In-Person at VSC



CONTACT FOR PRE-SCREENING ✉ narvett.carter@victimservicecenter.org
 ✉ anabel.perez@victimservicecenter.org

Learn more about
American Red Cross
and its services here!

Learn more about the
Victim Service Center
and its services here!

Refugee Small Business Program

Start Your Business

Did you have a business back home and want to start one in the US? Do you want to start or grow your business?

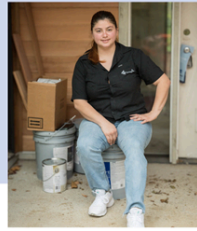
HIAS Economic Advancement Fund manages a Small Business Program assisting entrepreneurs looking to **start or expand a business**. We specifically cater to business owners coming from different countries. We can provide technical assistance in registering your business, writing a business plan, and accessing a loan.

Interested and want to learn more? Contact Sandra Romero from HIAS EAF. Interpretation is available.

(202) 853-4735
Sandra.Romero@hias-eaf.org
Can serve from anywhere
Use the QR code to sign up!



**HIAS Economic
Advancement Fund**



Our Services

Eligibility

Refugee, Asylee, Cuban/Haitian entrants, Special Immigrant Visa holder, Afghan parolees, and Ukrainian parolees. Clients must show proof of specific statuses, identity confirmation, and date of entrance into the U.S. for legal eligibility.

Business Start-Up or Growth

If you have a business idea but don't know where to start, our business counselors can help you plan and launch your business. For an existing business, let us know how you want to grow.

Language and Cultural Help

We have interpretation available for most languages. We also are well versed in the needs of our community.

Access to Loans up to \$40K

HIAS Economic Advancement Fund, a CDFI offering funding of up to \$40,000 for your business. We understand that every business has unique needs, and we're here to help you get started and grow with confidence.

Learn more about
the Refugee Small
Business Program
here!



Teen Xpress
Onsite Health Screening Program for Children

Need a FREE physical?
11-18 years old

¿Necesita un examen físico
GRATIS? 11-18 años

Teen Xpress offers the following FREE services:

- Yearly well checks and vaccines
- Sports physicals
- Case Management services
- Counseling and Nutrition services

Teen Xpress ofrece los siguientes servicios GRATUITOS:

- Chequeos anuales de pozos y vacunas
- Exámenes físicos deportivos
- Servicios de gestión de casos
- Servicios de Consejería y Nutrición

Scan QR code below and we will contact you

Escanee el código QR a continuación y nos pondremos en contacto con usted



Precisa de um físico GRATIS?
11-18 anos

Bezwen yon fizik GRATIS?
11-18 ane fin vye granmoun

Teen Xpress oferece os seguintes serviços GRATUITOS:

- Verificações anuais de pozos e vacinas
- Física esportiva
- Serviços de gerenciamento de casos
- Serviços de Aconselhamento e Nutrição

Adolesan Xpress ofri sèvis sa yo GRATIS:

- Fizik chak ane ak vaksen yo
- Fizik espò yo
- Sèvis Jesyon Ka
- Konsèy ak sèvis Nitrisyon

Escaneie o código QR acima e entraremos em contato

Analizis kod QR ki anwo a epi nou pral kontakte ou

To schedule your appointment
please call: (321) 842-1767

Learn more about
free physicals for
teens ages 11-18
here!

Community Champion





This week, I'd like to highlight my wonderful intern team!

It's inspiring to see bright young minds take an active role in local government. Throughout their internships, these talented individuals embraced the fast-paced nature of public service with professionalism, curiosity, and enthusiasm.

I am incredibly proud of the work they accomplished, the thoughtful ideas they brought to our team, and the unique perspectives that made our office stronger. Their dedication and willingness to serve our community has been nothing short of spectacular.

Thank you for your hard work and commitment this summer. I have no doubt each of you has a bright future ahead, and I look forward to seeing all that you accomplish.

Keep doing great things!

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