

Commissioner Wilson's District 1 Newsletter

West Orange County events
and updates!



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Hey West Orange County!

This week at the BCC has been busy! We accomplished two major advancements for our community, from making it easier for our unhoused individuals to receive temporary shelter to helping our cute exotic critters avoid unsafe commercial exhibits. Please visit the following links to stay informed:

- [The Board voted unanimously to bring the Sloth World discussion back before the Board in October for further consideration.](#) *Subscription Required*
- [Orange County leaders explore options to prevent another Sloth World tragedy.](#)
- [The Board also voted on the temporary overnight shelter ordinance, which addresses hosting unhoused individuals in van-style shelters.](#)

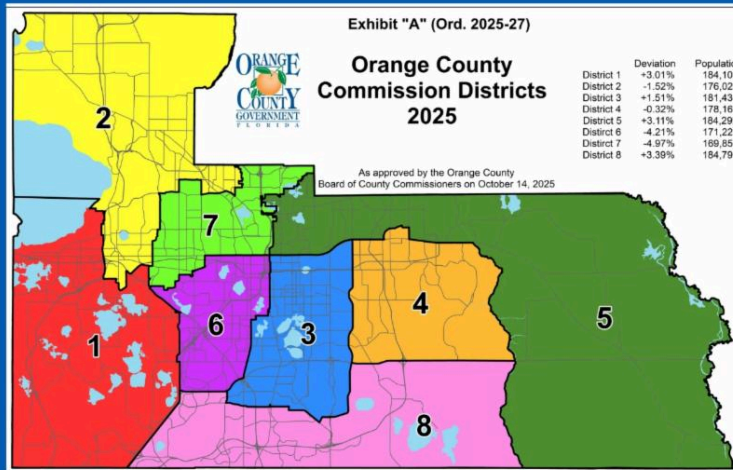
Positive changes in our community cannot happen without collaboration across the Board and from different levels of government. Now is the time to exercise your civic duty and vote to elect leaders who are willing to listen to residents and work towards solutions that matter most. Early voting is happening now through Sunday, August 16.

Gentle Reminder: Orange County will be voting for a new Mayor and introducing two new Commissioner districts!

Want a printed sample ballots for the Primary Election? Voters can request one by phone at 407-836-2070, email at sampleballot@voteorangefl.gov, or in person at Orange County libraries, Tax Collector locations, and city/county senior centers.

View your voter registration information, including your assigned Election Day polling place, sample ballot, and upcoming election dates [here](#).

REDISTRICTING



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.



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What We've Been Up To



Tildenville Backpack & Hygiene Drive

Last Saturday, we had the privilege of distributing hygiene kits and backpacks at the Tildenville Community Park to help students prepare for the upcoming school year.

Throughout the summer, it has been incredibly rewarding to bring our community together in neighborhood spaces, strengthen connections, support local residents and young people, and provide essential resources to families. Thank you to all of our community members and partners who helped us make this happen.

We are grateful for the opportunity to serve our neighbors and look forward to continuing these efforts in the months ahead. Wishing all of our students a successful and exciting school year!

To stay up-to-date on upcoming food, hygiene, or back-to-school drives, follow our office on social media and see more resources here:

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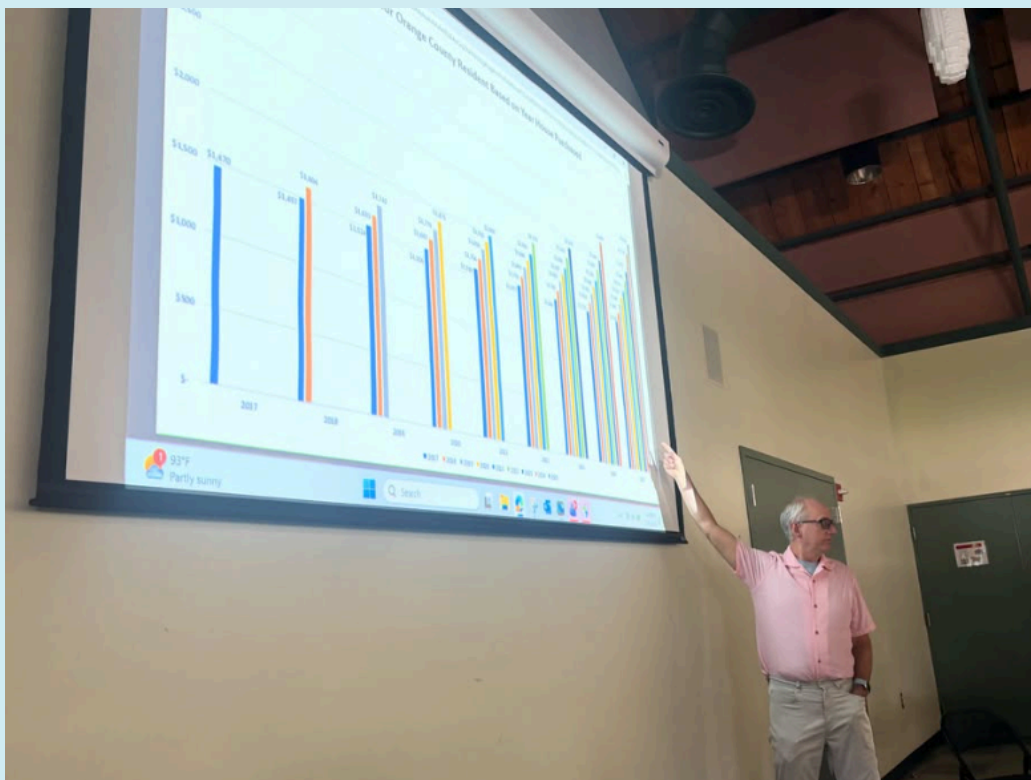


Maxey Community Center Lunch & Hygiene Drive

Thank you to everyone who joined us at the Maxey Community Center last Thursday! It was such a joy watching the kids enjoy activities and walk away with hygiene kits and school supplies to prepare them for the school year ahead.

The West Orange Boys & Girls Club was thrilled when the rain finally cleared, allowing them walk over to the Maxey Community Center and join in on the fun.

A special thank you to the pastors of Church of the Messiah, the proud sponsors of this wonderful event, for their dedication and generosity. Your support helped make this day possible.



District 1 Leadership Council Meeting with Guest Speaker Tax Collector Scott Randolph

Thank you to Orange County Tax Collector Scott Randolph for sharing data on property tax collections, Save Our Homes, and the varied impacts the tax system has on new versus older homeowners during last Tuesday's Leadership Council meeting.

Following the presentation, Leadership Council members participated in a productive discussion, identifying key priorities and outlining the issues each subcommittee will focus on in the months ahead.

To learn more about Amendment 3 and its potential impacts, visit [here](#).



New Supervisor of Elections Satellite Office Opens in West Orange County!

We're proud to welcome our very own Supervisor of Elections satellite office at the West Oaks Mall right next to Scott Randolph's Tax Collector office, making it easier than ever for West Orange County residents to update their voter registration closer to home.

A heartfelt thank you to our Supervisor of Elections, Karen Castor Dentel, for making this new office a reality and everyone whose hard work made the grand opening such a success.

It was an honor to celebrate alongside Tax Collector Scott Randolph, Commissioner Mike Scott, School Board Member Anne Douglas, Mayor Rusty Johnson, and other community leaders and residents as we marked this important milestone for our city. Here's to making voting more accessible and continuing to strengthen civic engagement in our community!

Make your voice heard this election season. Check your voter registration status, find your polling location, and learn more by visiting [here](#).



Sunridge Elementary Hygiene and Backpack Drive

Thank you to all of the families and students who stopped by our table on Thursday morning at Sunridge Elementary to pick up backpacks, school supplies, and hygiene items. It was wonderful to connect with so many members of our community as everyone prepares for a successful school year.

Access to these essential items helps students start the school year with confidence, reduces barriers to learning, and ensures they have the tools they need to focus on their education. We are grateful for the opportunity to support our students and families and wish everyone a fantastic school year!

On Your Radar

PROPERTY TAX TOWNHALL



Join us for a discussion on proposed Constitutional Amendment 3, which would significantly restructure homestead exemptions for Florida homeowners. The revenues at stake fund vital services, including public safety, environmental protection, development review, and critical infrastructure. We'll break down what this legislation could mean for our community and the services residents depend on every day.



Florida Representative (HD-45)
Leonard Spencer



Commissioner
Nicole Wilson



Tax Collector
Scott Randolph



Windermere Town Manager
Robert Smith



Winter Garden City Manager
Jon Williams



Oakland Town Manager
Elise Hui

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1 at 6:00PM

West Orange High School Auditorium
1625 Beulah Rd, Winter Garden, FL 34787

Property Tax Townhall

Property taxes are all the buzz! One thing is certain: Constitutional Amendment 3 could reshape homestead exemptions and the funding behind public safety, environmental protection, traffic, and infrastructure across our county.

Hear directly from your local government representatives about the potential impacts and how this proposal made it onto the November ballot. Join us for an informational session that breaks down what it means and answers your questions about the amendment and its potential impact on the government services funded by ad valorem tax revenue.

Register [here](#).



D1 COMMUNITY LEGAL ASSISTANCE DAY

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Before finalizing the event, we want to better understand the legal needs of our community.
Your feedback will help determine:



- ✓ Legal topics residents need most
- ✓ Attorney specialties to recruit
- ✓ Workshops and resources to offer

Take the Community Legal Needs Survey. It Only Takes 3–5 Minutes



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Take the Survey [here](#).

Sponsored by Family Table Time

Family Table Time Contest

Family Have Fun Together

How to Enter?

- Share a meal together as a family
- Use the questions on the reverse to guide dinner conversation
- Fill in the place mat with notes/drawings
- Take a photo of the family sharing a meal and with the completed place mats.
- Visit weekofthefamily.org to submit your photo and be entered in the drawing

Logos: LIGHT ORLANDO, InformedFamilies, WYNDHAM Lake Buena Vista Disney Springs® Resort Area, FAMILY TABLE TIME

Enter here: weekofthefamily.org

Deadline to Submit Entries: **8/31/2026**

www.weekofthefamily.org

2026 Theme: Families Have Fun Together

Families are encouraged to take time to share a meal together and to discuss the theme for the year with specific prompt questions. Families then take a family picture with their notes/drawings of their family discussion and submit the picture with their entry form (below). The lucky winning family is awarded a “staycation,” which includes a two-night hotel stay and tickets to Orange County theme parks, where more memories are created!

In partnership with Informed Families of Florida, families are invited to enter the Family Day Photo Contest. The winner will receive a \$100 Publix Gift Card.

Learn more [here](#).

TEACHER IMPACT GRANTS

INSPIRE. INNOVATE. EMPOWER. IMPACT.

REAL FUNDS. REAL CLASSROOMS. REAL RESULTS.

Association for the Foundation for OCPS Fall 2026 Teacher Impact Grant!

It's time to shine! Applications for the Foundation for OCPS Fall 2026 Teacher Impact Grants are officially open.

Do you have an innovative idea that will inspire students, strengthen learning, or bring a creative classroom project to life? We want to help make it happen.

Teacher Impact Grants provide funding for projects that enhance student learning through engaging, innovative, and meaningful educational experiences. Whether your idea supports STEM or the arts, we encourage you to apply.

Applications are open now through Sunday, September 6, 2026.

Know a teacher with a great idea? Please share this opportunity with an educator in your life so every school has the chance to benefit. Great ideas deserve the opportunity to grow, and together we can help create even more meaningful learning experiences for OCPS students.

Apply [here](#).



Grandparent of the Year AWARD

Sponsored by
Orange County Week of the Family and Grand Magazine!

Nominate your Grandparent Now!
<https://weekofthefamily.org/grandparent-of-the-year/>

All nominations must include:

- 250 words or fewer in English stating WHY the nominee(s) is/are the "Grandparent(s) of the Year"
- Nominator's name and relationship to nominee
- Nominator's contact information
- Nominated grandparent(s) name(s) address, phone and/or email address
- Photo of the nominee

Note:
Grandparent(s) must reside in Orange County, Florida.
Grandparents who reside at the same address may be nominated as a couple.

Grandparent(s) of the Year will be featured on a cover of GRAND Magazine and awarded a 2-night stay at an Orlando area hotel.

ENTER HERE



CONTEST DEADLINE 9/5/2026



The 2026 Contest is opening soon!

Each year you are invited to nominate your grandparent for 'Grandparent of the Year'.

- Your grandparent must live in Orange County, Florida.
- You can enter married grandparents.
- You will write a 250 word essay about your grandparent.
- Judges will review all entries and determine the winner.
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The winning Grandparent(s) will be featured on the cover of Grand Magazine and win a night's stay at Wyndham Lake Buena Vista Hotel.

Learn more [here](#).

Upcoming District 1 Events



Windermere's Weekly Farmers Market!

Enjoy a wide range of vendors offering fresh produce, seafood, breads and pastries, coffee, hummus, candles, soaps, essential oils, clothing, jewelry, craftwork, flowers, and more!

 **Every Friday from 9:00am to 1:30pm (Weather Permitting)**
 **Town Square Park, 520 Main St, Windermere, FL 34786.**

Learn more [here](#).



Yoga at the Lake

Immerse yourself in a restorative mindfulness experience. Join certified instructor Felecia Bryant for a meditative hike and /or yoga. Suitable for all-levels, these sessions are designed to help you slow down and reconnect to your true nature, surrounded by the beauty of the Oakland Nature Preserve.

 **August 9 at 9:00am**
 **Healthy West Orange Boardwalk at ONP, Machete Trail, Oakland, FL 34787.**

Learn more [here](#).



Home State Run Club

They meet every Monday night at 6:30pm for a group run that starts promptly at 6:45. We will do 45 minutes of running on an out and back course.

All paces are welcome- run or walk. Then join us afterwards for 15% off YOUR ENTIRE TAB at Home State Brewing Co!

 **August 10 & 17 at 6:30 p.m.**
 **Home State Brewing Co.
 16016 New Independence Pkwy, Winter Garden, Florida 34787.**



F3 Horizon Heat Free Men's Workout Group

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

This is a weekly event that happens every Tuesday and Saturday.

 **August 11 & 18 at 5:30 a.m.
 & August 15 at 7 a.m.**
 **Hamlin Green Space, 14111 Shoreside Way, Winter Garden, Florida 34787.**

Learn more [here](#).

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Story Time in the Garden

Bring your imagination and enjoy a special Story Time with Brianna from the West Oaks Library at Nehrling Gardens. We'll read together, create and fun craft, and children can even take seeds home to start their own garden.

 **August 8 at 10:00am**
 **2267 Hempel Ave, Gotha, FL 34734.**

Learn more [here](#).



FLAMINGO CROSSINGS Monthly Block Party!

Join the lively summer street party packed with music, family fun, and weekend wind-down vibes. Presented by Advent Health, this free community event is the perfect excuse to grab dinner, meet up with friends, and enjoy a fun night out.

 **August 14 at 6 p.m.**
 **13200 Hartzog Rd, Winter Garden, Florida 34787.**

Learn more [here](#).



Creative Connections Choir

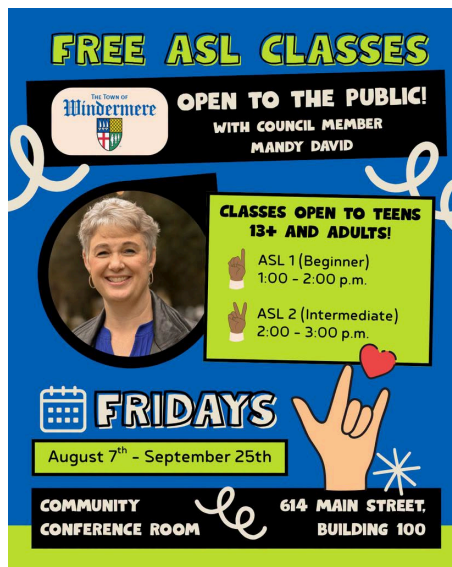
Ready to Sing? Join the Creative Connections Choir today! In partnership with Healthy West Orange, this six-week choir experience is open to Vibrant Members and the community.

Led by local legend Dr. Jeffery Redding, participants will rehearse favorite hits from The Beatles and The Beach Boys before taking the stage for a

community showcase on Sunday, September 20. Showcase location to be announced.

 **August 12 through September 16**
 **1200 E Plant St, Winter Garden, Florida 34787.**

Learn more [here](#).



Free ASL Classes!

Looking to learn something new?
Join us starting this Friday for
FREE American Sign Language
classes!

The Town of Windermere, in
partnership with Council Member
Mandy David, is offering ASL
classes for adults and teens. The
8-week course builds week to
week, so consistent attendance is
encouraged.

 **Every Friday**
***Beginners at 1:00pm**
***Intermediate at 2:00pm**

 **Town of Windermere**
614 Main Street, Building 100
(Community Conf. Room -
Police Department)

Learn more [here](#).



Homegrown Market at Hamlin (3rd Sundays)

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.
See you there!

Every 1st and 3rd Sunday of the
month!

 **August 16 at 9 a.m. & 2 p.m.**
 **16016 New Independence**
Parkway, Winter Garden,
Florida 34787.

Learn more [here](#).

Habitat Financial Academy Schedule

August/September 2026

Date	Time	Workshop Topic	Sponsor and Teacher
Tuesday, 8/4/2026	7 pm - 8 pm	Orientation & Budgeting	
Tuesday, 8/11/2026	7 pm - 8 pm	Savings Plans	
Tuesday, 8/18/2026	7 pm - 8 pm	Understanding Credit	
Tuesday, 8/25/2026	7 pm - 8 pm	Debt Management	
Tuesday, 9/1/2026	7 pm - 8 pm	Homebuying Basics	
Tuesday, 9/8/2026	7 pm - 8 pm	Protecting your Identity & Cyber Security Basics	

Habitat Financial Academy Workshops

This course is taught by field experts and is designed to financially empower you by teaching skills such as budgeting, savings, debt management, building credit, and homebuying basics. Strengthen your path to financial stability and beyond with Habitat's FREE course that is open to the public. Register for our six-week session today!

 **Every Tuesday from Aug 4 – Sept 8 at 7:00 p.m.**

 **Virtual**

Register [here](#).



Horizon West American Legion Meetup

Established in June 2023, the Legion has grown into an award winning resource and Veteran connection to our beautiful Horizon West community.

 **August 18 at 6 p.m.**

 **4814 Hamlin Groves Trl,
Winter Garden, Florida 34787.**



Homeschool Town Hall Brunch

This complimentary event is designed to bring homeschooling families together to connect, share ideas, and discuss ways we can strengthen and support

Learn more [here](#).

the homeschool community in Central Florida.

Whether it's academic enrichment, social opportunities, clubs, workshops, or simply a welcoming place to meet other families, we hope to learn how the Rosen JCC can become a valuable community partner.

 **August 19 at 12:00 p.m.**
 **11184 S Apopka Vineland Rd, Orlando, Florida 32836.**

Learn more [here](#).



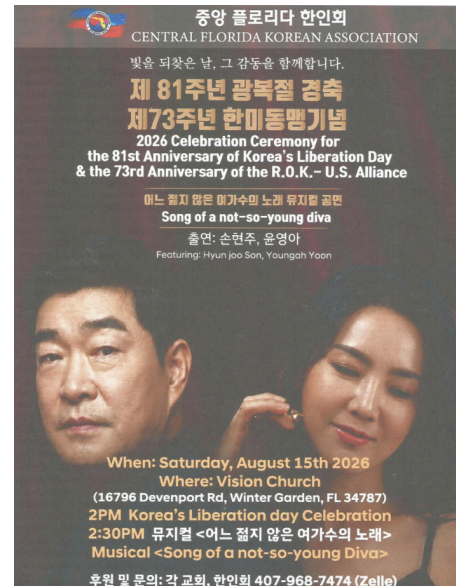
Smile for #CityHallSelfie Day

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 in your hometown and appreciation for 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](#).



2026 Celebration Ceremony for the 81st Anniversary of Korea's Liberation Day & the 73rd Anniversary of the R.O.K. – U.S. Alliance.

Celebrate the 81st anniversary of Korea's Liberation Day and the 73rd Anniversary of the ROK and US alliance at Vision Church!

 **August 15 at 2 p.m.**
 **16796 Davenport Rd, Winter Garden Fl, 34787.**

Learn more [here](#).



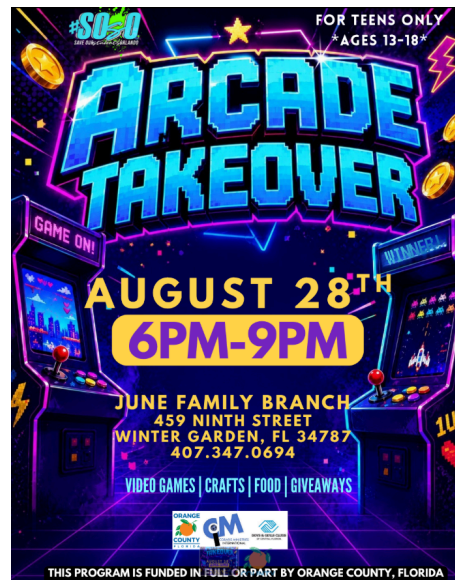
Flamingo Crossings Town Center
The Parking Lot by Fit 2 Run
102 Ruby Red Pl Unit B, Winter Garden, FL 34787

Flamingos & Fuel Cruise Night

Every month on the third Thursday. Any make, model, year, of car or truck is welcome. We will meet in the parking lot near Fit 2 Run. Hang out in this new area of Horizon West and enjoy drinks and food at the many restaurants in Flamingo Crossings, including Lime Fresh Mexican Grill, Elle Lou's Brews & BBQ, and Pieology Pizzeria, Simply Capri, and others. This is a family friendly event.

 **August 20 at 6 p.m.**
 **13200 Hartzog Rd, Winter Garden, Florida 34787.**

Learn more [here](#).



Arcade Takeover

Join in on the fun with this family-friendly event hosting video games, crafts, food and giveaways.

For teens only, ages 13-18.

 **August 28 at 6 p.m.**
 **459 Ninth Street, Winter Garden Fl, 34787.**

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

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 August 29

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.



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.



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**

Cost: \$75 + \$10 material fees

Register [here](#).



August 8 at 9:30 a.m.

**The Cottage at Lake Lily,
701 Lake Lily Dr., Maitland**

Learn more [here](#).



Access For All at The Orlando Museum of Art

Access for All at OMA is a monthly free day dedicated to the community. On the third Thursday of each month, OMA extends their hours from 10 AM to 8 PM, offering free admission to all visitors. Each event will feature live performances, educational experiences, and more!

Sketching materials will be available to visitors between 5 pm and 7 pm, and a docent-led highlights tour will be held at 7 pm.



August 20 at 10 a.m.

2416 N. Mills Ave. Orlando, FL 32803

Learn more [here](#).

The Library has a Place for Everyone!



Preschool Tales

Through picture books, songs, and stories, preschoolers (ages 3–5) build early literacy skills and prepare for reading and writing by



Senior Art Expressions

Explore your artistic side in this guided visual art class.

Recommended for ages 18 and up.



August 15 at 10:30 a.m.

**Windermere Branch
Library**

talking, singing, reading, and playing.

 **August 13, at 10:15a.m.**
 **Windermere Branch Library**
(Ask at Desk)

Registration is not required.

Learn more [here](#).



Podcast Listening Club: Famous Feuds

Playlist episodes take a look at Famous Feuds by diving into some of history's most notorious rivalries and what really fuels them.

Ages 18 and up.

 **August 17 at 6:30 p.m.**
 **Dr P Phillips YMCA**
(Conference Room)

Registration is required.

Register [here](#).

(Ask at Desk)

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Register [here](#).



Crochet Open Lab - Catch Up and Show Off

Have a crochet project in progress, we'd love to see it! Drop in to work on your projects, ask questions or just socialize.

Let's meet to catch up on all of our projects and to show off our finished work. Don't forget to bring yarn and tools to this open lab.

 **August 19, at 11:30 a.m.**
 **Winter Garden Branch
Library**
(Technology Lab)

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](#).

2026 ORANGE COUNTY WEEK OF THE FAMILY

WEEK OF THE FAMILY
ORANGE COUNTY FLORIDA

ESSAY WRITING CONTEST

opens May 31st

Win up to \$100
Enter today!

Entry Deadline
September 13, 2026

EVENT RULES

1. Write a thoughtful essay up to 250 words using the prompt below.
2. Essay author **MUST** be a current student age 5-18 years, in an Orange County, Florida School (Public/Private/Home).
3. Submit your essay online at weekofthefamily.org

PRIZES

- 1st PLACE \$100
- 2nd PLACE \$75
- 3rd PLACE \$50

How to Submit your Entry
<https://weekofthefamily.org/student-essay/>

Essay Prompt: "I create fun with my family ..."

The school with the most entries wins a trophy from Mayor Demings!
WINNERS will be announced in October (prior to the 2026 Week of the Family).
Winners will be honored at the Week of the Family Awards Dinner.

5 Entry Categories: Grades K-2, 3-5, Middle, High, and Special Needs

STOCKWORTH REALTY GROUP
Rob Rahter 407-497-4626

ORANGE COUNTY FLORIDA

OC PS Orange County Public Schools

LIGHT ORLANDO
Joining the Spirit

Essay Writing Contest!

Encourage your children or grandchildren to write with this fun and easy opportunity! It's a great way to build their critical thinking skills and writing ability. This year's theme: "I Create Fun with My Family..."

Your Child Can Win Up to \$100! Entry Deadline is Sept. 13.

Learn more [here](#).



Hunter's Creek Homeschool PE Fall 2026

Looking for a fun, social activity your kid can do while homeschooled? Hunter's Creek offers a Homeschool PE Program to Hunter's Creek residents and non-residents. It is an opportunity for your child to meet new friends, develop social and physical skills while joining other homeschool kids for fun activities/games!

Season Dates: August 18 - November 5
Every Tuesday & Thursday

Learn more [here](#).

GROW HAPPY

MUSHROOMS & EDIBLE FLOWER ACADEMY

A smiling couple, a man and a woman, are featured in a greenhouse setting. The man is holding a large cluster of white mushrooms growing from a log, and the woman is holding a bouquet of colorful pansies. A yellow speech bubble with the text "TURN YOUR PASSION INTO A PAYCHECK!" is positioned to the right. Below the main image are three circular inset photos: the first shows a close-up of mushrooms growing on a log; the second shows a close-up of the colorful pansies; the third shows the woman working in the greenhouse, wearing gloves and handling mushrooms.

**TURN YOUR
PASSION
INTO A
PAYCHECK!**

AGES 12-19

**EARN WHILE
YOU LEARN**
Build income
opportunities
and a brighter
future

A black mobile grow lab trailer with a white front. The side of the trailer features the text "GROW HAPPY" in large, stylized letters, with a green leaf icon next to "HAPPY". Below this, it says "MOBILE GROW LAB", "MUSHROOMS & EDIBLE FLOWERS". The trailer is decorated with large, realistic illustrations of mushrooms and a variety of colorful flowers. At the back of the trailer, there are two large, silver, cylindrical containers and a sign that says "TABLE FOR 4".

— OUR GOAL: —
\$25,000

TO BUILD OUT OUR MOBILE GROW LAB TRAILER.

- ✓ All Harvester benefits
- ✓ Premier logo placement on trailer
- ✓ Speaking opportunity at program events
- ✓ Legacy recognition as a community leader

CONFIDENCE & LEADERSHIP
Youth build confidence, learn teamwork, and become leaders in their community.

- ✓ Marketing & branding
- ✓ Selling at farmers markets & to local businesses
- ✓ Business planning
- ✓ Financial literacy
- ✓ Customer service
- ✓ And so much more!

If you are between 12-19 years old (or a parent/guardian) and would like to be part of this amazing program, **let us know!**

*Spots will be limited!
Don't miss out!*



**FOLLOW US
FOR UPDATES
AND MORE
INFORMATION!**



TOGETHER, WE CAN GROW STRONGER COMMUNITIES AND BRIGHTER FUTURES!

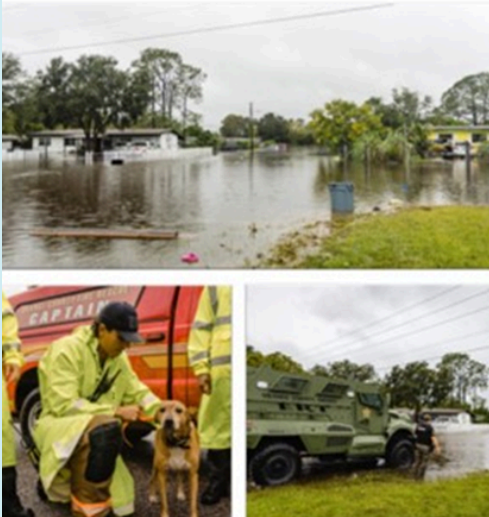
www.findingthelostsheep.org | info@findingthelostsheep.org | 407-614-5942

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](#).

**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)

Contact Us

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 www.ocfl.net/Neighborhoods

**APPLICATION DEADLINE:
SEPTEMBER 10, 2026**

**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 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](#).

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

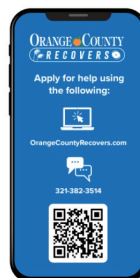


Do You Qualify?

- You owned and occupied your property at the time of Hurricane Ian AND you still own the property
- Your household is income qualified
- Your home still has documented and unrepaired damage from Hurricane Ian

Documents Needed to Apply

- Valid Photo ID/Proof of Citizenship
- Income Documentation
- Proof of Insurance for Damaged Property (if applicable)
- Proof of Ownership
- Proof of Disability (if applicable)
- Power of Attorney/Communication Designee (if applicable)
- Proof of Damage/Benefit Information as Required (see website for more details)



For more information, call 321-382-3514

Learn more about Orange County Recovers and its services [here](#)!



Are you ready to elevate your side hustle into a profitable project that generates over \$800 in revenue? Introducing COIN CREATORS, an innovative 8-month program aimed at accelerating your entrepreneurial aspirations into a thriving business venture. This program will equip you with the resources needed to grow your coins, capital, and build your wealth.

BENEFITS:

- Micro-funding and business tool kits to grow your business.
- Private mentorship from niche experts and direct access to millionaires and guest speakers.
- Free legal and finance audit review for business sustainability.

REQUIREMENTS:

- Students aged 12-18 with a current business or ready to launch in 60 days.
- Reliable computer and internet access for virtual workshops, plus transportation for in-person events.
- All details are listed on landing page.

WWW.8CENTS.ORG/CREATORS

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Learn more about 8 Cents Coin Creators and its services [here](#)!

VA Resource Navigator
A simple way to view and access VA Benefits.



Turn on Camera App
Scan the QR Code
Click the Pop-Up Link

SCAN ME

Scan this code to learn about VA benefits including health care, disability, pension, records, education and training, burial services, and more.

Search "VA Resource Navigator" in your web browser. Share the link with fellow Veterans.

Patient Centered Learning

Learn more about the VA Resource Navigator here!

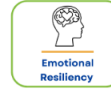


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A virtual Career Reboot workshop after layoffs or termination. This is for all individuals ready to take their job search to the next level!

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BONUS: Walk away with financial planning tools, resources, resume template, and one-on-one Career Coaching!

Virtual Workshop
Second Tuesday at 1 PM
Fourth Thursday at 10 AM

Register Now



Learn more about the virtual Career Reboot here!

Community Champion



This week, I'm proud to spotlight the members of our District 1 Youth Leadership Council!

These outstanding young leaders have inspired us with their commitment to meaningful conversations and their work developing community-focused projects together. Their dedication, collaboration, and initiative continue to make my office proud.

They even came together to raise the funds for their own council t-shirts - a testament to their teamwork and investment in this program.

The future of our community is brighter because of leaders like them!

Subscribe to Our Newsletter!

As always, feel free to contact us!

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