

Dear Friends,

VOLUNTEER THANK YOU

Thank you to the Hyatt Regency/OIA folks who volunteered and painted picnic tables at Southport Park for Earth Day. The City of Orlando offers many opportunities for volunteers year round. For more information, please contact Janice Rahill at 407-246-3504 or by email janice.rahill@cityoforlando.net

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

This year, National Night Out will be held on Tuesday, August 2. The theme, "A Good Night to Get to Know Your Neighbors," encourages neighborhood association and neighborhood watch groups to hold block parties in their community to promote crime prevention.

In 2010, Orlando won second place in the nation for its outstanding participation in the 27th annual National Night Out. The Orlando Police Department encourages all neighborhood watch groups and neighborhood associations to participate in this annual event. For more information, contact the Neighborhood Watch Unit at 407.245.2369.

GIVE US YOUR JUNK AND WIN A FREE IPAD

Recycle your old electronics safely on Saturday, June 11, at Orlando Festival Park. Everyone disposing of their old items will have an opportunity to win a free, refurbished ThinkPad SL410 Lenevo laptop with Windows 7 installed.

Electronic items accepted include:

Computer monitors

Televisions (limit one per household)

Telephones

Cell phones

Telephone Systems

Fax machines

Central office equipment

Rechargeable batteries

Electronic circuit boards and components

Stereo equipment

Games

PDA's

Businesses are welcome to drop off equipment, but please limit it to no more than a pick-up truck load.

ThinkPad laptop courtesy of A1 Assets Recycling.

Orlando Festival Park is located at 2911 East Robinson Street. For more information, please contact Jody Goostree at 407.246.2572 or jody.goostree@cityoforlando.net.

SMALL BUSINESS ASSISTANCE

The City wants to encourage and assist small businesses. Some initiatives designed to create jobs and economic prosperity in our community are:

- * Waiving the collection of change-in-use transportation impact fees for small businesses for a period of one year.
- * Supporting the Business Assistance Program which is a small business matching-grant program to offset 50% of development fees up to \$20,000, including sewer and transportation impact fees and building permit fees.
- * Continuing to fund the Orlando Main Street Program districts. The City's five Main Street districts have helped to create new jobs and encourage redevelopment and new business.
- * For more information on these and other small business initiatives, visit:
www.strengthenorlando.com.

District 1 Email List

From time to time, I send emails to keep people up to date on District 1 issues and events. If you would like to be added to this list so that you can also be up to date and receive these emails, please email or call. Or, if you would like to be removed, please email or call.

Questions or Comments

If you have any other questions, comments or concerns, please call me at 407-246-2001 or email me at phil.diamond@cityoforlando.net. My aide, Jeanne Wilson, can be reached at 407-246-3011 or email at jeanne.wilson@cityoforlando.net and Police Officer Edgar Malave can be reached at 407-246-2513 or email at edgar.malave@cityoforlando.net. Our website is www.cityoforlando.net/district1.

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