



January 2011

Greetings,

Happy New Year! Thank you for your time, talent and commitment to making our City neighborhoods great places to live, work and play. May 2011 bring you, your family, your neighbors and your organization much success and happiness throughout the year.

As we start the new year, I want to reinforce my commitment to connecting residents to their City government. To support this effort and to make City information more accessible, we have introduced a new feature on our website titled "**City Council Meeting Highlights**". Located on the right side of our homepage, this section will provide highlights from the most current City Council meeting, including updates, council agenda items and presentations. There will also be a link to the complete agenda, minutes and video of that meeting.

Citizen involvement is essential to effective local government, so we are encouraging all of you to visit cityoforlando.net and click on the "**City Council Meeting Highlights**" section. Please stay in touch and stay connected. Thank you for all that you do for your neighborhoods.

My regards,

Mayor Buddy Dyer

NEIGHBORHOOD BRIEFING

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A Message from OPD Chief Val Demings - The City of Orlando's 27th Annual National Night Out celebration (NNO) ranked second in the nation for cities with populations between 100,000 to 299,000. As many of you know, NNO is held the first Tuesday in August and celebrates citizen involvement in eliminating crime in their neighborhood. This year's NNO was held on August 3 with a 73% increase or more than 12,000 citizens participating over the 2009 NNO celebration. The Orlando Police Department's (OPD) Neighborhood & Business Watch Unit worked all year to develop new and exciting events that would get our citizens excited and charged up to "give crime a going away party!" This year's National Night Out (NNO) celebration included:

- 2 NNO women's self defense classes
- A NNO coloring contest
- A NNO essay contest
- 6 National Night Out goes to summer camp parties
- A NNO Crime Walk at Lake Eola Park
- A NNO kick off party in SODO
- 4 national morning out senior celebrations
- 4 NNO goes to church parties
- The Mall of Millenia and Old Navy hosted NNO events
- 74 spectacular NNO parties all across the City
- The highly coveted NNO Caravan with Mayor Buddy Dyer, Police Chief Val B. Demings and Deputy Fire Chief John McCormack

With more events, larger turnouts, new sponsorships and an increase in neighborhood parties, the City of Orlando was able to involve more than 12,000 citizens in NNO. OPD is so proud of all our Neighborhood Watch members. Next year's (NNO) event will take place on Tuesday, August 2nd. The Neighborhood and Business Watch Unit are already making plans for a better-than-ever celebration. If you would like to get involved and bring this great crime prevention message to your neighborhood please contact us at 407.246.2369 or visit cityoforlando.net/police/citizen_info/neighborhood_watch. To schedule a Neighborhood or Business Watch meeting you may also contact us at 407.246.2369.

Get involved in stopping and preventing crime:

Reporting Crime & Suspicious Activity – call 911

Neighborhood Watch – 407.246.2369 - For more information about starting or joining Neighborhood Watch please contact:

Kea Council	Commission Districts 1, 2, 6	407.246.3773
Georgeanna Butler	Commission Districts 3, 4, 5	407.246.3628

Crime Prevention Presentations/Residential Crime Prevention Surveys – 407.246.2461

Operation Identification – 407.246.2369 – Marking or taking pictures of your property to prove ownership.

Crimeline – 1.800.423.8477 - Available 24 hours a day, taking anonymous tips on any felony criminal activity. Spanish speaking operators available. (If you witness a crime in progress, you should call 911)

Drug Hotline - 407.246.CRAK (2725) – An anonymous hotline for citizens to report drug activity to the Orlando Police Department.

Illegal Gun Bounty Program - call CRIMELINE at 1.800.423.8477. CRIMELINE, along with the City of Orlando, sponsors the very successful Illegal Gun Bounty Program. You are eligible for a **\$1000.00** reward for information that leads to an arrest, a gun recovery and a weapons charge. You can also remain anonymous.

Free Leadership Training – Community Connections Workshop



Hosted by City of Orlando and Orange County Government

Topic: Crime Prevention Expo

Date & Time: Saturday, January 8, 2011, 9 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Location: Orange County Internal Operations Center, 450 E. South Street

Overview: We all want to live in safe neighborhoods... this workshop will challenge neighborhood leaders to think outside the box when it comes to making their neighborhood a safe place to live and play. Experts will explain how to make your house and neighborhood more secure. Find out about Neighborhood Watch, Citizen Observer Program, crime prevention

grants, gang prevention, youth programs, and more! [See enclosed flyer for details.](#)

Registration: To register for this workshop, please call Orange County Neighborhood Services at 407.836.0035 or register on-line at ocfl.net/CommunityConnections.

2011 Community Connections Workshop Schedule – Mark your calendars and plan to attend the monthly Community Connections Workshop held the second Saturday of each month from 9 or 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. These workshops are sponsored by the City of Orlando and Orange County Government and are held at the Orange County Internal Operations Center located at 450 E. South St. Community Connections is designed to provide neighborhood organization leaders and volunteers with best practices, current trends and information for running successful neighborhood based organizations. The workshop topics are selected based on requests and feedback from association leaders. [See the enclosed 2011 Community Connections workshops schedule for topics and details.](#)

Mayor Buddy Dyer named 2010 Municipal Leader of the Year – The American City and County Magazine has selected Mayor Dyer as its 2010 Municipal Leader of the Year. The magazine presents the award annually to recognize outstanding leadership in city government. Mayor Dyer was selected by the publication's editorial staff out of thousands of eligible elected and appointed officials from around the country. This year's award highlights our Central Florida community's effort to diversify our economy, secure a pair of high-profile rail projects and strengthen neighborhood safety. While Mayor Dyer is incredibly honored to receive this individual acknowledgement, he strongly believes this award is much more about recognition for the work that has been done through community partnership and collaboration over the past few years to help make Orlando the best place anywhere to live, work, learn, play and raise a family. To read the full article go online to cityoforlando.net/elected/mayor/pdf/mayor.pdf.

Celebrating Orlando's Roots at Jernigan's Restaurant in the Amway Center – Ever heard of Jernigan, Florida? History buffs may know, but most citizens will say no. The City of Orlando started out as the town of Jernigan. The town of Jernigan was named for Aaron Jernigan, an early settler who came to the area near Fort Gatlin in the 1840s, raised cattle and ran the post office. In the 1850s, the name was changed to Orlando. On Wednesday, November 17th, Mayor Dyer hosted former Orlando Mayors Carl Langford, Bill Frederick and Glenda Hood for the opening of the Jernigan's Restaurant in the Amway Center. This luncheon event, sponsored by the Harris Corporation, was attended by 200 guest who helped to honor four decades of Orlando's mayors and learned more about Orlando's community builders who have laid the foundation for making Orlando one of our nation's great cities. "We wanted to honor our City's roots by naming a restaurant in one of our premier community venues Jernigan's," said Mayor Buddy Dyer, "I invite our citizens to eat at Jernigan's and enjoy the many mementoes and photographs celebrating Orlando's past." Jernigan's Restaurant is on the Club Level of the Amway Center located at 400 West Church Street in Downtown Orlando. For more information about Jernigan's Restaurant or to make reservations go online to amwaycenter.com/restaurants-and-bars or call 407.440.7000.



Celebrating Orlando's Significant Trees – Now that the cooler weather is here, why not spend a day visiting some of the significant trees in the City of Orlando. What is a significant tree? It is a tree considered noteworthy due to their size, age, form and/or species. The Parks Division has a map of these significant trees. The seven trees are located in City parks: 1) Mayor Carl T. Langford Park, 1808 E. Central Blvd.; 2) Dickson Azaela Park, 100 Rosearden Dr.; 3) Constitution Green Park, 300 S. Summerlin Ave.; 4) Lake Eola Park, 195 N. Rosalind Ave.; 5) Big Tree park, 930 N. Thornton Ave.; 6) Harry P. Leu Gardens, 1920 N. Forest Ave., there is an entrance fee for Leu Gardens, and; 7) Orlando Loch Haven Park, 900 E. Princeton St. The Significant Tree Map provides a description and location of each tree. Beginning at Mayor Carl T. Langford Park, the tour highlights the natural beauty The City Beautiful is known for. [See enclosed map.](#)

Nominate a Good Neighbor for the Neighborhood Champion Award - In recognition of the many unsung heroes that work hard to keep their neighborhood a great place to live, Mayor Buddy Dyer created the *Neighborhood Champion Award*, which he will present at the annual Neighborhood and Community Summit held in the spring of each year. This award is geared towards City of Orlando residents 18 or older, that demonstrate exemplary dedication and commitment to neighborhood improvement and sustainability. These individuals are the kind of citizens that consistently make a positive impact in their neighborhoods through their volunteer efforts, neighborhood organizations or Citizen for Neighborhood Watch groups. Nominations may be submitted throughout the year by completing the online nomination form located on our website, cityoforlando.net. The nominee's efforts will need to have occurred between February 1, 2010, and February 1, 2011, to be eligible. We will contact the nominator and the nominee after the selection process has been held in March of 2011. For more information, please contact Jennifer Chapin at 407.246.3846 or Jennifer.chapin@cityoforlando.net.

Best Practices --- What's Working in the Neighborhoods - Here are highlights of best practices, events and projects conducted by City neighborhood organizations that are working and building successful organizations. Let the City know what you are doing to move your association forward by sending your neighborhood projects, events and practices to Cindy Light, Neighborhood Outreach Coordinator, Office of Communication & Neighborhood Relations at cindy.light@cityoforlando.net or call her at 407.246.3245.

Using a Nominating Committee for Officer Selection – Getting members to run for an association officer or board position can be challenging. To make it a little easier and to ensure the association is recruiting the right leadership talent and skills, the **Engelwood Park Neighborhood Association** uses a nominating committee consisting of 3 members. Engelwood Park forms the nominating committee at least two months prior to their annual elections. Individuals are more likely to say yes to serving when they are personally approached and asked to serve.

Association Newsletter Used to Build Relationships – The Wadeview Park Neighborhood Association delivers its monthly newsletter to businesses that border its neighborhood. The association has found sharing its newsletter with businesses that are next to their neighborhood has helped to build great relationships with businesses. As a result of including the businesses in their newsletter distribution, Wadeview Park has been able to fund its newsletter with business ads. To see Wadeview Park's newsletter go online to wadeviewpark.org.

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Celebrate the Spirit and Legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. - Mayor Buddy Dyer and his Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday Commission are proud to announce a variety of events scheduled to honor the life and legacy of civil rights leader Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. The Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday Commission is a volunteer organization consisting of business and community representatives appointed by the Mayor. Its mission is to promote the celebration of Dr. King's legacy of equality, justice, freedom, peace and harmony for all races and cultures. Below are events happening in the City:

Friday, January 14

25th Annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Commemorative Luncheon, hosted by the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, 11:30 a.m., at the DoubleTree Hotel Twin Towers on Kirkman Road. **There is a cost to attend this event. For event details call 407.497.2233.**

Saturday, January 15

27th Annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Parade, 10 a.m., Downtown Orlando, hosted by the Southwest Orlando Jaycees. Parade begins on Orange Avenue at W. Livingston Street, proceeding south on Orange Avenue to W. Central Blvd., proceeding east to S. Rosalind Avenue, proceeding north to E. Livingston Street.

Sunday, January 16

Candlelight Vigil, hosted by Orlando Mayor's Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday Commission, 6:00 p.m. at Orlando City Hall Rotunda, 400 S. Orange Avenue, Orlando, FL 32801 (Followed immediately by a candlelight march to Shiloh Baptist Church; involves walking about 1 mile or about 4 City blocks).

Multicultural Interfaith Celebration, hosted by the Interfaith Council of Central Florida, 7:00 p.m. at Shiloh Baptist Church, 604 West Jackson Street, Orlando, FL 32805-2725.

Monday, January 17

Arthur "Pappy" Kennedy Prayer Breakfast, hosted by YMCA & Southwest Orlando Jaycees, 7:30 a.m. at the First Baptist Church of Orlando. **There is a cost to attend this event. For event details call Tongela Milton at 407.896.9220.**

Day of Service Volunteer Opportunity, hosted by the City of Orlando's Green-Up Orlando Program, Keep Orlando Beautiful Program, the Mayor's MLK Holiday Commission, FAMU College of Law, and the Office of Community Affairs/Human Relations, 9:00 a.m. – noon. Location: Carver Shores neighborhood & Lake Fran Bike Trail. **For event details call 407.246.2500.**

Friday, January 21

Recognition of the Youth Humanitarian Award Winners by the Orlando Magic at the Orlando Magic vs. Toronto Raptors game, 7 p.m. at the Amway Center. **There is a cost to attend this event. For tickets call 407.246.2122.**

For additional information about these events or the Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday Commission, go online to mlkorlando.com or email mlkorlando@yahoo.com.

Graffiti Hotline: 407.254.GRAF (4723) - Residents can call in and report graffiti to 407.254.GRAF (4723). This information clearinghouse, managed by Keep Orlando Beautiful, streamlines the process for graffiti removal by working in tandem with City departments and the OPD Gang Enforcement team to aggressively locate and remove graffiti. Residents can also report graffiti online by going to cityforlando.net/public_works/graffiti/Graffiti.aspx.



Story Time at Leu Gardens on Monday, January 3 at 10 a.m. - Orange County Library System's storytelling program makes sharing stories and songs with your little one so much fun. This program is hosted by Arnold Palmer Hospital for Children. Enjoy this indoor event the first Monday of each month at 10 a.m., excluding holidays. It's Free! Explore the 50-acre botanical gardens, including the butterfly garden with amazing chrysalis displays after story time. Leu Gardens is located at 1920 North Forest Avenue, Orlando, 32803. For more information please contact Leu Gardens at 407.246.2620 or visit leugardens.org for details. Arrive early, parking is limited.

Story time schedule:

10 – 10:15 a.m.	Infants (up to 18 months)
10:20 – 10:35 a.m.	Toddlers (18 months to 2 year olds)
10:40 – 11:00 a.m.	Preschool (3 to 5 year olds)

Leu Gardens Camellia Show - Leu Garden's annual Camellia Show will be held Saturday, January 15th and Sunday, January 16th. Admission to the Camellia Show and Leu Gardens is \$7 plus tax adult, \$2 plus tax child, free for Leu Garden members. The gardens are open both days from 9 a.m. to 5p.m. Saturday's activities include a Camellia class (*preregistration required*), Garden tours and plant sale. The public may enter blooms for judging from 7 to 10 a.m., and the show opens to the public at 1 p.m. Tours and the plant sale continue on Sunday.

Dr. Phillips Center for the Performing Arts: The Region's Largest Economic Generator -

During a time of nationwide economic recovery, leaders everywhere are searching for solutions to help stimulate their local economies. The Dr. Phillips Center for the Performing Arts will be the answer for Central Florida. The Dr. Phillips Center for the Performing Arts will be the answer for Central Florida. Far beyond its strong cultural and social attributes, this project brings significant economic promise. The project's first construction stage alone ranks as the region's largest economic generator, supporting approximately 3,000 Orlando-area jobs and delivering an estimated impact of more than \$315 million*. The project is already paying off. In its development phase, more than \$30 million in contracts have been awarded; \$9 million to minority and women-owned businesses. According to Kathy Ramsberger, president of the Dr. Phillips Center, "The economic impact of performing arts centers is often overlooked, but historically across the nation these projects have served as sources of economic stimulus for their communities." She continued, "We are poised to deliver significant economic value and job opportunities, which is much needed in today's times." The economic value alone justifies the project's viability, but Ramsberger adds the project will also deliver strong cultural, educational and social impact.

"This project begins as an economic development engine and upon completion, broadens to a resource for creativity, culture and education. We must build this center now for our community." For more information, please visit www.drphillipscenter.org.

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Neighborhoods, USA (NUSA) Taking Nominations for 2011 Neighborhood of the Year Awards – Due February 15, 2011 - The Board of Directors of Neighborhoods, USA (NUSA) is pleased to announce the opening of the competition for the 2011 Neighborhood of the Year and Neighborhood Newsletter Awards. **The 2011 Neighborhood of the Year and Neighborhood Newsletter Award applications are due by February 15, 2011.** Eligibility requirements and application guidelines can be downloaded at nusa.org/awardapplications.htm. The **Neighborhood of the Year awards** recognizes outstanding neighborhood organizations, government entities and businesses from all across the United States for their work in improving the quality of life in their communities. Awards will be given in three categories: (1) Physical Revitalization/Beautification in a Single Neighborhood; (2) Social Revitalization/Neighborliness in a Single Neighborhood; and (3) Multi-Neighborhood - Partnerships. Judging will be based on the extent of innovation, grassroots participation and capacity building exhibited by the nominated organization. A distinguished panel of judges will select four finalists in each of the awards categories based on the extent of innovation, grassroots participation and capacity building exhibited by the nominated organization. First, second and third place winners will be selected in each category and honored at the conference.

This year marks the first year of the **Neighborhood Newsletter award**. The newsletter competition was created to highlight the importance of a vital communication tool that can often determine a neighborhood's success. The competition will feature three categories — neighborhood organizations, government entity and nonprofit organization or agency — with gold, silver and bronze level awards. Each entry will be evaluated by a jury panel using a list of criteria including content, lay-out and overall appearance of newsletters published in 2010.

Neighborhoods, USA, the largest non-profit grassroots organization in the nation, is committed to building and strengthening neighborhood organizations. Founded in 1975 to share information and experiences to build stronger communities, NUSA encourages networking as a way to facilitate the development of partnerships between neighborhood organizations, government and the private sector.

For more information about the awards program contact Robert Gibbons, Awards Program Chair, 1950 E. Washington Ave., #1 Madison, WI 53704-5278, 608.244.0582, Robert.gibbons1@charter.net. Winners will be announced during the 2011 NUSA Conference which is being held May 25-28, 2011 in Anchorage, Alaska. **For more information about the 2011 NUSA Conference in Anchorage, AK** contact Sheli Dodson, 2011 NUSA Conference Coordinator, 907.227.4036, sheli@nusa2011.org.

Keep Informed about your City – Subscribe to “City News” - *City News* is the City of Orlando's weekly electronic newsletter delivered to your e-mail every Friday to keep you up-to-date on what is happening in Orlando by featuring a message from the Mayor, City Council updates and information on City programs, services and events. If you would like to receive *City News*, please go online to cityoforlando.net and click on “subscribe to City News” in the right column.

Social Media - If you use Facebook or Twitter to keep in touch with your friends and organizations, we would like you to follow the City of Orlando as well. Listed on our website, the City has several Facebook pages, including the main City fan page, the Mayor's Office, the Emergency Management Office and the Amway Center. Postings include everything from events and announcements to concert ticket giveaways. The City's YouTube channel features videos of City events and programs. Greenwood Cemetery tweets about historic Orlando residents each day and the City's twitter account promotes a variety of City events.

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2011 Tree Adoption Program - Orange County residents, which include City of Orlando residents, who want to receive two free trees to plant in their landscapes should register upon arrival and provide proof of residency (such as driver's license, photo I.D., or utility bill). Trees are distributed on a first-come, first-served basis. Participants will attend a 15 minute education session on how to plant and care for their new trees before receiving up to two trees. Trees may include Live Oak, Sand Live Oak, Southern Magnolia, Red Maple and Bald Cypress depending on availability, which is subject to change. The adoptions are limited to two trees per household only one time during the program. Trees may only be planted on private property. They may not be planted in right-of-ways, retention pond areas or common areas of HOAs or developments. Orange County Master Gardener Volunteers will be on hand to answer landscape questions. The 2011 Adopt-A-Tree program will be held on the following dates and at the designated locations from 8 a.m. until noon (or when all the trees are gone):

<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Address</u>
Jan 22	Bear Creek Park	1600 Bear Crossing Dr., Orlando FL
Feb 12	Fort Christmas Historical Park	1300 Fort Christmas Rd., Christmas FL
Mar 26	Barnett Park	4801 W. Colonial Dr., Orlando FL
Apr 16	Tibet Butler Preserve	8777 County Rd. 535, Orlando FL
May 14	Magnolia Park	2929 Binion Rd., Apopka FL
Jun 18	South Econ Park	3800 S. Econlockhatchee Trail, Orlando FL
Jul 23	Bear Creek Park	1600 Bear Crossing Dr., Orlando FL
Aug 13	Fort Christmas Historical Park	1300 Fort Christmas Rd., Christmas FL
Sep 24	Barnett Park	4801 W. Colonial Dr., Orlando FL
Oct 15	Tibet Butler Preserve	8777 County Rd., 535, Orlando FL
Nov 5	Magnolia Park	2929 Binion Rd., Apopka FL
Dec 10	South Econ Park	3800 S. Econlockhatchee Trail, Orlando FL

For more information about the program or other dates, please contact the Orange County/University of Florida IFAS Extension Education Center, 407.254.9200.



Lake Eola Heights Historic Neighborhood Association Celebrates 25 years with Donation to the Lake Eola Fountain

The Lake Eola Heights Historic Neighborhood celebrated their 25th anniversary by presenting the City of Orlando a \$1,100 check for the restoration of the Lake Eola fountain. Association members David and Diane Martens, Raymond Cox and Janet Walker attended the December 6th City Council meeting to present their donation to Mayor Dyer, District 4 Commissioner Patty Sheehan and Leo Falcon, Lake Eola Park manager. Throughout the year, association members and their families and friends have donated funds for the

fountain reconstruction with the association matching dollar for dollar. The design for the fountain's renovations is nearly finished. In February, work will begin on restoring the fountain back to its glory as the icon of our City. Completion is expected by June 2011. The newly improved fountain will include LED lighting, green Plexiglas skin, lightning protection, electrical and mechanical upgrades, pump replacement and limited sound system coordination.



Come one, come all to experience some of Orlando's best streets!!!
The City of Orlando recognizes the important role neighborhood commercial districts play in the overall health of the City's neighborhoods.

Sound neighborhood commercial areas contribute to a good quality of life. It can be a positive attraction and a competitive advantage in retaining existing neighborhood residents and attracting new ones. To meet this

need, the City created Orlando Main Street. For more information, go to cityoforlando.net/economic/mainstreet. Follow the Main Street program on Facebook at [Facebook.com/orlandomainstreets](https://www.facebook.com/orlandomainstreets).

Orlando Main Street Programs

Audubon Park Garden District - APGardens.com and [facebook.com/GardenDistrict](https://www.facebook.com/GardenDistrict)
College Park Partnership - DowntownCollegePark.com and [facebook.com/cp.mainstreet](https://www.facebook.com/cp.mainstreet)
Downtown South Main Street - DowntownSouthOrlando.org and [facebook.com/DowntownSouth](https://www.facebook.com/DowntownSouth)
Ivanhoe Village Main Street - IvanhoeVillage.org and [facebook.com/IvanhoeVillage](https://www.facebook.com/IvanhoeVillage)
Mills/50 - Mills50.org and [facebook.com/Mills50](https://www.facebook.com/Mills50)

Please come support our local businesses by participating in upcoming events:

Audubon Park Garden District

Community Market – Every Monday, 6 – 10 p.m. – Organic produce, fresh prepared foods, handmade goods from local artists and live music are featured at the Audubon Park Community Market in Stardust Coffee & Video's parking lot, or indoors if raining. Stardust is located at 1842 East Winter Park Road, Orlando. For more information, call 407.623.3393.

College Park Partnership

College Park Farmer's Market – Every Thursday, 5 p.m., 2807 Edgewater Drive.

Ivanhoe Village

First Fridays Art Stroll - Friday, December 3, from 6 – 9 p.m. in Ivanhoe Village. The stroll starts at Ivanhoe Row in the 1200 block of North Orange Avenue and meanders north. Be sure to visit The Imperial at Washburn Imports, a wine bar and beer garden at 1800 N. Orange Avenue, and Nora's Lake Ivanhoe Wine & Cigar at 1407 N. Orange Avenue for a glass of wine and good company.

Buy Local Orlando - Buy Local Orlando connects Orlando's businesses with the buying power of our local community. Visit buylocalorlando.net to register for and print your **FREE Buy Local Orlando** consumer card and start saving money through special offers and discounts offered at **Buy Local Orlando** merchants. For more information, visit buylocalorlando.net or call the City's Economic Development Department at 407.246.3109.

Invitation to Upcoming City Events & Meetings - To stay on top of City events, visit the City's web site at cityoforlando.net and click on calendar tab at the top and then click on the calendar you want to view. For Harry P. Leu Garden's event information, go to leugardens.org. Please share this information with your neighbors.

Every Sunday	Orlando Farmers Market, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., southeast corner of Lake Eola Park.
Every Monday	Audubon Park Garden District Community Market, 6 to 10 p.m.
Every Thursday	College Park Farmer's Market, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
January 3	Story Time at Leu Gardens, 10 a.m.
January 7	First Fridays Art Stroll, 6 p.m.
January 8	Community Connections Workshop, 10 a.m.
January 10	Orlando City Council Meeting, 2 p.m. City Hall Council Chambers
January 14	25th Annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Commemorative Luncheon, 11:30 a.m.
January 15	27 th Annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Parade, 10 a.m.
January 15-16	Camellia Show at Leu Gardens, 10 a.m.
January 16	Annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Candlelight Vigil, 6 p.m.
January 16	Multicultural Interfaith Celebration in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., 7 p.m.
January 17	Arthur "Pappy" Kennedy Prayer Breakfast, 7:30 a.m.
January 17	Day of Service Volunteer Opportunity in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., 9 a.m.
January 21	Recognition of the Youth Humanitarian Award Winners @ the Magic game
January 22	Orange County Streetscape Tree Adoption, 8 a.m.
January 24	Orlando City Council Meeting, 2 p.m. City Hall Council Chambers

Happy New Year!

Feliz Año Nuevo! (Spanish); **L'Shannah Tovah!** (Hebrew); **Chúc Mừng Năm Mới!** (Vietnamese); **Bòn Ané!** (Haitian Creole); **Bonne Année!** (French); **Gutes Neues Jahr!** (German); **Xin Nian Kuai Le!** (Chinese); **Manigong Bagong Taon!** (Philippines); **Szczesliwego Nowego roku!** (Polish); **Buon Capo d'Anno!** (Italian); **Antum Salimoun!** (Arabic); **Aide Shoma Mobarak!** (Farsi); **Sawadee Pee Mai!** (Thai); **Kiortame pivdluaritlo!** (Eskimo); **Naye Varsha Ki Shubhkamanyen** (Hindu); **Akimashite Omedetto Gozaimasu!** (Japanese); **GELUKKIG NIEUWJAAR!** (Dutch); **Saehae Bock Mani ba deu sei yo!** (Korean); **Heri Za Mwaka Mpya^o!** (Swahili); **Kenourios Chronos!** (Greek); **Hauoli Makahiki Hou!** (Hawaiian); **GOTT NYTT ÅR! /Gott nytt år!** (Swedish).



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Crime Prevention Expo

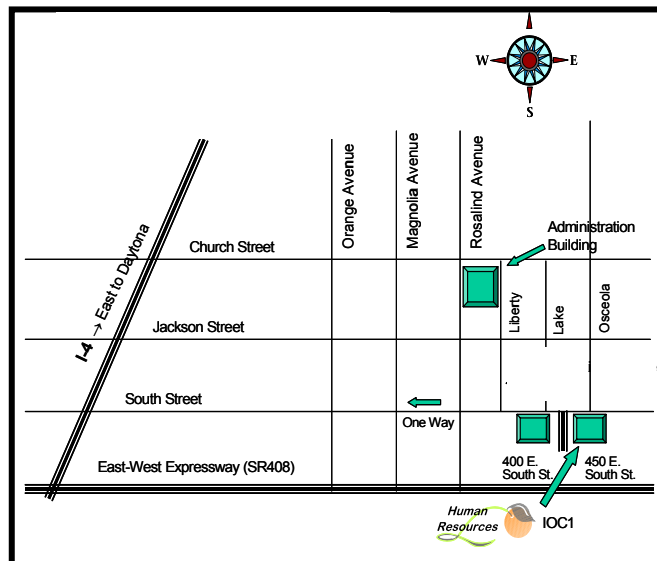
A Community Connections Workshop

Saturday, January 8, 2011 ~ 9 to 12pm

We all want to live in safe neighborhoods...this workshop will challenge leaders to think outside the box when it comes to making their neighborhood a safe place to live and play. Experts will provide information about how to make your house and neighborhood more secure. Find out about Crime Prevention Grants, Neighborhood Watch, Citizens on Patrol, gang prevention, youth programs and more! To register for this workshop, call Orange County Neighborhood Services at (407) 836-0035 or register online at:

www.ocfl.net/CommunityConnections

Community Connections Workshops are **FREE!**
 Parking is **FREE** in the surface lot behind the IOC 1 Building
 Complimentary refreshments courtesy of the City of Orlando!
 A chance to win great door prizes, too!





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Registration: www.ocfl.net/CommunityConnections or 407-836-0035



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Board of Directors Training 101

February 12, 2011 ~ 9 am to 12 noon

If you are a new or seasoned board member of a mandatory property association, then this workshop is a must attend! Being elected to your association's board of directors doesn't prepare you to serve on the board. Learn the basics to be an effective board member, from understanding your role to running an effective organization. Topics covered will include board orientation basics and fiduciary responsibilities.

Creating a Neighborhood Website

March 12, 2011 ~ 9 am to 12 noon

Join the 21st Century...take advantage of the Internet as a communication tool to deliver your neighborhood organization messages and keep your members engaged. This will be a hands-on workshop, utilizing computers to view resources and create an actual neighborhood website. Experts will provide technical assistance and answer questions; however, basic computer skills are a pre-requisite.

Fundraising & Event Planning

April 9, 2011 ~ 9 am to 12 noon

Fundraising and engaging community partners can be challenging! This workshop will focus on effective fundraising ideas, including information about local grants. Also, learn how to develop partnerships to help accomplish your organization's objectives. Participants will also have an opportunity to tour the Lake Eola Heights Historic Neighborhood Association's Gardens and learn about the partnerships that made it happen.

Neighborhood Beautification

May 14, 2011 ~ 9 am to 12 noon

First encounters make lasting impressions...what does the condition of your neighborhood say about your community and its neighbors? Maintaining a well kempt neighborhood is a priority of many neighborhood organizations. City of Orlando and Orange County staff will share programs, services, and resources to help neighborhood organizations enhance their neighborhoods. Topics will include code enforcement, graffiti prevention and removal, and neighborhood cleanup and beautification programs.

Is your Neighborhood Prepared for an Emergency? (NERP)

June 11, 2011 ~ 9 am to 12 noon

Are you prepared for a natural or man-made disaster? Is your neighborhood residents prepared to potentially take care of one another for the first 72 hours following a major community disaster? This workshop will provide the basic guidelines to help you be better prepared and the necessary tools so your neighborhood can put together a Neighborhood Emergency Response Plan (NERP).

Cultivating New Leadership

July 9, 2011 ~ 9 am to 12 noon

Are you stuck in your neighborhood leadership role? Too often neighborhood organizations fail to mentor members to be future leaders. A large part of your current leadership role should be recruiting and cultivating someone to follow in your footsteps. This workshop will cover how to create a leadership succession plan: strategies to identify & train potential new leaders!

Legal Q & A for Neighborhood Organizations

August 13, 2011 ~ 9 am to 12 noon

Do you have legal questions about governance, grievances or appeals, records, disputes, reserve funding, foreclosures, association rules, and more regarding neighborhood organizations? Attend this workshop and get the answers! Please submit your questions ahead of time so the attorneys specializing in HOA & Condo Association law can be prepared to address them.

Neighborly Conflict Resolution

September 10, 2011 ~ 9:00 to 12 noon

Often times, while serving on a neighborhood association board of directors, confrontation and resolving conflicts are part of being a neighborhood leader. Learn from experts how to survive neighborhood conflict and confrontation! Topics will include the stages of conflict; tips on staying cool, calm and in control when under fire; and much, much more...

Social Media to the Rescue

October 8, 2011 ~ 9 am to 12 noon

How can today's latest social media networking tools benefit your neighborhood? Do you even know what tweet is? Join the 21st Century like many other neighborhoods and take advantage of the new ways to communicate with residents. This workshop will also cover some other great resources that are right at your fingertips on the internet - InfoMap, Sunbiz, Property Appraiser, OCSO, & FDLE.

Neighborhood Organization Wellness Challenge

November 12, 2011 ~ 9 am to 12 noon

How healthy is your neighborhood organization? Are you where you "want" or "need" to be as an organization? Has your organization mastered the basic skills for success? Evaluate your organization in the following categories: Solid Foundation, Nurturing Leadership, Neighborly Communication, Well-Executed Projects, and Community Building. Participants will walk away with concrete ideas to make their organization more successful! We will also explore how to hold successful meetings and discover the secrets about how to grow your association!

Neighborhood Outreach

December 10, 2011 ~ 9 am to 11 am

How well does your neighborhood reach out to neighborhood residents? Neighborhood Groups that reach out to help folks in their neighborhood, find that in-turn they receive a lot of help and participation from their residents. Join us to find out some of the local resources that you can access to help some residents in need, with a focus on seniors & youth in the neighborhood.

