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Lee Road Safe Neighborhood Association Quarterly Newsletter – Autumn 2016

Orange County, Florida



A Letter from the President

Greetings Lee Road Safe Neighborhood Residents,

Although I have been absent recently due to personal emergencies (more about this later), I want you to know that I am truly optimistic about our Lee Road Safe Neighborhood (LRSN) revitalization and organization accomplishments. From the new Walmart Neighborhood Marketplace revitalizing the Lee Road Shopping Center to the Northgate Shopping Center's newly renovated theatre, and down to replaced sidewalk repairs and additional traffic reduction signs around our neighborhoods, we are making progress.

This is an exciting time for me as we have also made progress towards our 501(c)3 certification that will help our Lee Road Safe Neighborhood association generate revenues to fund neighborhood improvement projects. In August, we approved the LRSN Bylaws that have been posted to our newly revised Orange County Safe Neighborhood website (use the QR code on this page for quick access). This latest website version also includes our Community Meeting Agendas, Action Plan, Newsletters, and Meeting Minutes.

What is also encouraging is that we have had excellent presenters in our last few Community Meetings that offer excellent resources for those neighbors in need. The Second Harvest and Florida Impact representatives offered services for needy families, 311 Services offered immediate support for local community issues, and Walmart has hired employees for 95 new jobs starting before their grand opening in November.

We are also in an election year to re-elect or offer a challenging replacement candidate to our existing Board. The October Community Meeting opens the nomination process, the November meeting will be a meet-and-greet chance to hear from the candidates, and the formal elections will be conducted during the December Community Meeting.

And finally, my personal health situation has been improving slowly over these last few months and I hope to be back to my more normal routines this coming year. I seriously appreciate all the patience and assistance I've had from our current Board members and other residents sharing their concerns.

I look forward to future progress in our neighborhood and hope you enjoy reading our Autumn Newsletter.

Sincerely,
Tom Rowell
President, Lee Road Safe Neighborhood Association

Upcoming Meetings

- 8 November:** General Meeting
Guest Speaker:
14 Ultimate Project National Night Out
- 13 December:** Board Elections
Guest Speaker:
OC Parks & Recreations
- 10 January:** General Meeting
Guest Speaker:
OC Solid Waste

Subject to change without notice

If any person with a disability, as defined by the ADA, needs special accommodation to participate in this meeting, then no later than two (2) business days prior to the proceeding, he or she should contact the Orange County Neighborhood Preservation & Revitalization Division at 407-836-5606.

Find Lee Road Safe Neighborhood on the Web!



ocsafeneighborhoods.net/lee-road

We are making great strides toward meeting the goals of the community. To keep updated on the progress and other news from Orange County, join us to make a difference.

**Sign up by calling
407-836-5621**

Happy Autumn Holidays from Lee Road Safe Neighborhood



Call for Volunteers: National Night Out 2017

Thank you for supporting our efforts to improve our area. We are starting early this year to plan for a large participation next year for National Night Out 2017. Please consider sharing your special talents and new ideas with us for this exciting event for our neighborhood by contacting Cristina Pichardo-Cruz at **407-836-5621** or Cristina.Pichardo-Cruz@ocfl.net.

Lee Road Revitalization Updates

Walmart Neighborhood Market

This new facility on the corner of Adanson Street and Lee Road will have its Grand Opening on Wednesday, 2 November, with events for the kids over the next few weekends.



Gringos Locos Kitchen

September first saw the starting operations of the business replacing the closed Burger King. As reported before, this is only a kitchen and does not serve patrons.



Northgate Theatre Renovation

The new soon-to-open RV dealership and warehouse rentals business has been repainted top-to-bottom that adds a totally renewed appearance.

Goddard Sidewalk Replacements & Street Signs

Goddard Avenue sidewalks did not appear to have had any renovations or repairs since originally installed, until recently. Orange County construction crews removed several sections of sidewalk down the west side of the street and replaced the sections with new concrete. In addition, Orange County installed two new No Thru Truck Traffic signs at both ends of Goddard, south of Lee Road.



Community Meeting Highlights - 9 August 2016

Second Harvest – Sasha Hausman

Some of the highlights of her presentation included the 30-year history of Second Harvest and that today they collect food from multiple sources and distribute the food through 550 other non-profits to support their food needs by networking. This totals to feeding some 72,000 people a week in Central Florida and proves how important their network is, because it would be impossible for one organization to support that number of people directly.

Community Developer - John Rollas

This presentation was to inform the community about building on a lot on the corner of Davisson Avenue and Van Ness Street. Jason Reynolds from the Orange County Neighborhood Preservation & Revitalization Division stood up and said he has been working for a couple months with in-the-works development projects and realized one of these projects is on Davisson Avenue in the Lee Road area. Jason was aware of the Lee Road interest in these kinds of area improvements.

Old Business: Bylaws approved and published on LRSN Website.



Orange County Phone Numbers

Customer Service: 311
Code Enforcement
Solid Waste
Animal Services
Sidewalk Services

Emergency Services: 911

Sheriff's Non-Emergency:
407-836-HELP (4357)

Seniors First: 407-292-0177

Orlando Sentinel Ad Newspaper
Cancellation: 321-245-4106

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Community Meeting Highlights - 13 September 2016

311 Services – Robert (Rob) Phillips gave an impressive overview of the 311 Services provided by Orange County and how it strives to answer any community questions directly or route requests to the appropriate group. Topics handled by 311 Services include Solid Waste, Animal Services, Emergency & Safety, Planning & Development, Traffic & Transportation, Water, Garbage, and Recycling. That's a lot of topics. A couple salient repair examples are described below.

To request new streetlights be installed or repainted in Orange County, residents should contact the Comptroller's Office of the MSTU Unit in the Finance Division at 407-836-5770. For more information, visit their website at the following link:

www.occompt.com/finance/mstustreet-streetlights/

For existing streetlights needing repair, the electricity provider is responsible. In the Lee Road area, Duke Energy (previously Progress Energy) can take your report directly by calling 407-629-1010 or reporting it on the web at: <https://goo.gl/wJ3f1e>.

If you see a streetlight out in other neighborhoods, you can contact Orange County 311 and they will look up the service provider for you.

For existing sidewalks or to request additional sidewalks, residents should call 311 or submit a request online using the 311 website or using the OCFL311 mobile app. Callers will be asked for their contact information and the location of the concern. Requests will be assigned an activity number for tracking and accountability then routed to the Orange County Public Works Department.

Rob explained that 311 is not an emergency response resource. In cases such as suspicious activities by unknown persons, it is best to call the Orange County Sheriff's Office Non-Emergency number, as regularly listed in this Newsletter (407-836-4357). In criminal cases, like trespassing or hiding behind vehicles, callers should call 911. Otherwise, call 311 or use the online apps to report problems and be routed to the proper group. For more information, visit the 311 Website: www.ocfl.net/Home/311HelpInfo.



Orange County Edgewater Branch Library: www.ocls.info/locations-hours/edgewater-branch

<p>Science Smart Ages: 6-12</p> <p>Do you love science? Does learning about how science can be applied interest you? Join us for a Science Smart a problem solving series!!!</p> <p>Saturday, 22 October, 11AM & Wednesday, 9 November, 4:30PM</p>	<p>BOO BASH ! Ages: 3-12</p> <p>Wear your favorite Halloween costume and join us for a ghoulish good time with creepy crafts, tricks & treats, and more!</p> <p>Friday, 28 October, 2PM</p>	<p>Game Day Arcadia Ages: 6-17</p> <p>Every Tuesday, grab your controllers and help win a variety of games using the library's Wii and Xbox 360! Choose your battle!</p> <p>Tuesdays, 8, 15, 22, & 29 November at 4PM</p>	<p>Saturday Crafts All Ages</p> <p>Every Saturday, bring your creative spirits to the library for crafts, games, stories, and more!</p> <p>Saturdays, 5 November at 1PM, and 12, 19, 26 November at 1PM and 3PM</p>
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To Veterans, Our Heroes! Monday, 7 November, 6PM, march into the Edgewater Branch Library to learn about the USA military through stories, crafts, and activities.

Central Florida Book Club: Join us on the second Tuesday of each month at 10:15AM as interested parties discuss a wide range of books, current best sellers, and classics.