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Edgewater Branch Library 5049 Edgewater Drive Orlando, FL 32810







#### **CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS**

**National Night Out 2017** 

We have started early this year to plan for a large turnout at this year's National Night Out on October 3<sup>rd</sup> 2017. Please consider sharing your special talents and fresh ideas with us for this exciting event in our neighborhood by submitting your contact information online at the Lee Road Safe Neighborhood National Night Out form: https://goo.gl/8QmWMZ.

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# Orange County, Florida Quarterly Newsletter

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# Lee Road

Safe Neighborhood Association

# **PROGRESS**

# **UPCOMING EVENTS**

# May 9th

Community Meeting Guest Speaker-County Permitting Processing

# July 11th

Executive Board Meeting Private Working Meeting

# September 12<sup>th</sup>

Community Meeting
Guest Speaker-Orange County
Comptroller

# October 3rd

National Night Out – 5-7PM

# November 14th

Community Meeting
Guest Speaker-Traffic Planning

Subject to change without notice

In March 2017, Orange County Safe Neighborhood Preservation and Revitalization Division updated the Neighborhood Association Newsletters to a standard format, as shown in this edition. This enhanced format will reduce costs associated with producing the Newsletter and improve the timely delivery to your door.

In addition, Lee Road Safe Neighborhood was assigned a new Orange County Sheriff's Community Deputy, Jacob Snavely, who met with our residents at the March 14<sup>th</sup> community meeting. His message to the attendees was that a lot of vehicles have recently been broken into or stolen. He suggested the following simple rules when parking our vehicles outside:

Always lock your vehicle. Remove all valuables from your vehicle. Make sure your windows are rolled up. Never leave a spare key in your car.

Many neighbors have joined the new NextDoor social media app where the Orange County Sheriff's Office posts important local announcements. Neighbors on the NextDoor app can also ask questions about their area and learn what's happening with other neighbors. The Lee Road Safe Neighborhood meetings are posted on the NextDoor calendar to offer another way to plan to attend the community meetings. To signup for a NextDoor account, visit <a href="https://nextdoor.com/login/">https://nextdoor.com/login/</a>.

An important note for those who wish to order smaller garbage and recycle collection bins, 65 gallon bins are available to residents on an ongoing basis by calling 407-836-6601 or sending an email including your name, address, and phone number to SolidWaste@ocfl.net. These smaller bins are 30 gallons lower-capacity than the standard-edition 95 gallon bins.

Finally, we're taking volunteer applications for our annual National Night Out event on October 3<sup>rd</sup>. Anyone interested can visit the Lee Road Safe Neighborhood online form to provide contact and interests information at: https://goo.gl/8QmWMZ.

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-

#### 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 update on the progress and other news from Orange County, join us to make a difference.



#### **Goddard Pet Waste Station**

On January 24th, Orange County installed a new pet waste station near Edgewater Drive at the south end of Goddard Avenue. Since then there has been a lot of visitors dropping off their personal bags or using the bag dispensary, as shown in this picture. A big Thanks to those helping keep our neighborhoods clean by using the new station. Kindly remember to tie the bag before depositing in the trash

The Orange County Neighborhood Preservation & Revitalization Division funded this station for safety and beautification purposes. If others are interested in similar waste stations, please contact the Lee Road Safe Neighborhood association at info.LRSN@gmail.com.



#### Lee Road Utility Box Cover Art

During the middle of February, the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) completed the installation of artwork to improve aesthetic neighborhood appearance and prevent anyone applying posters or painting graffiti on its surface. This cover can be replicated in neighborhood roads and funded by the county. Please submit pictures and locations of utility boxes to the Lee Road Safe Neighborhood association to request one for your neighborhood.



Our thanks goes to the award-winning artist Janet Asbury who donated her time and artwork for this cover.

#### Lee Road FDOT Retention Pond Clearing



During the middle of March, FDOT cleared the shores of the retention pond behind the south side of the Beam Engineering building at 1300 Lee Road and dredged out debris from the center.

An Orange County Public Works rep said this pond will be used as part of the I4 Ultimate project to handle storm water overflow from the I4 corridor.

#### **Community Meeting Highlights - 10 January**

Orange County Solid Waste - Jessica Kitt & Danny Rubio introduced themselves as



Customer Service Reps to handle any issues with Garbage, Yard Waste, or Recycling in our area. To contact them, residents should call 311, use the online web app, or download and install the 311 mobile app. Danny also added that residents can call the Solid Waste hotline directly at 407-836-6601.

Danny has a very big territory as a field rep who covers Pine Hills, Apopka, parts of Ocoee, Wikiva area, Zellwood, Mount Dora, outskirts of Winter Park, and the Edgewater Drive and Lee Road area.

What he does with offensive "move-out" piles caused by foreclosures or rental evictions is leave a tag on the front door listing the violations he finds at the curb. In this tag, he includes his contact information and also calls the property owner to let them know it is their responsibility for curb services and bulk items.

Jessica added that residents can contact Solid Waste for other neighbors as well. When submitting the bulk items request, make sure all street addresses are included and what the items are to be picked up. That way, they can schedule the appropriate equipment to handle the bulk sizes. Pictures are an excellent way for their organization to determine the correct equipment to dispatch for pickup.

#### **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 – 10 January (Continued)

Bulk item pickups are scheduled for Fridays only and residents need to submit the request 48 hours in advance to get the pickup scheduled for that Friday. Lori Erlacher added that in their neighborhood, residents will use NextDoor to inform others that they are scheduling a pickup and will ask others if they want to be included in it as well.

Danny said the system isn't perfect but they continue to try to improve it. It takes a community to keep them informed and where there are tenants, there is a continuous problem with issues.



Regarding recycling, Jessica elaborated using the slogan "when in doubt, leave out" to help prevent mixing garbage with the recycle materials. There is a phone number to call or email address to ask what is included in the recycle materials. If you're not sure, just leave it out. There is really only 5 main things that they recycle: plastic bottles and containers, newspaper, cardboard, steel, and tin and aluminum cans. For an extensive list of the recycling products, go to their website: https://goo.gl/6LQ3TH.

#### **Seniors Helping Neighbors**

Marie Sheba informed the audience that for her 70th birthday, she had friends give her elementary and middle-school sized shoes as gifts that she donated to Coalition for the Homeless. The experience was so wonderful because the kids were jumping up and down with excitement of having new shoes that fit. Of course, they grow out of them guickly but can be handed down to another in need when they grow out of them. This is a suggestion for others to collect shoes or other items to donate to the homeless.

#### Community Meeting Highlights - 12 March

#### **Orange County Traffic Engineering Division - Presentation**

Cristina Pichardo-Cruz introduced herself as the new school safety coordinator with traffic engineering. She is the school safety coordinator but her primary focus is pedestrian safety. She goes out to check which schools need traffic signs, cross-walk guards, and where to improve safety issues. She provided a form that can be filled out and sent to her at her office mailing address or via email at Cristina. Pichardo-Cruz@ocfl.net. Visit this site to download the form: https://goo.gl/M9XUaT.

Cristina wanted to clarify that school zone is not supposed to cover the entire school, but it does cover the school crossing and guard. You'll see the school zone sign protecting the crosswalk and guard, unless there's a signal. In that case, there is no school zone sign. If they need updated signs, she can visit the site and make any recommended improvements.

Cristina finished her presentation by requesting volunteers to be school crossing guards. She's looking for retired people or parents who can help and there are places where there are no crossing guards that they really need to fill. Below is a link to an online form to apply at the Orange County Sheriff's Office.

https://www.ocso.com/Careers/Employment-Information/School-Crossing-Guard

# **Edgewater Branch Library - OCLS**

The Summer Reading Program begins June 5! Go to www.ocls.info for all the fun events.



#### **Saturday Craft Adventures**

Celebrate Saturdays while creating cool crafts and amazing art. Saturdays, 11:00AM April 15, 22 &



#### **Lake Weston Neighborhood Center for Families**

Join your neighbors for support and lively discussions on a variety of parenting issues. 2:00PM May 6, 13, 20, 27. Fridays, April – May 11:00AM.



#### **Summer Reading Programs**

Enjoy a variety of entertaining and educational programs featuring animals, music, magic and more! Wednesdays, June 7 - Aug 2, 10:30AM.



#### **Smart Start**

Join us for hands-on early learning adventures observing science, math and art in a sensory-rich environment. Dress for a mess. Ages 2-4. 10:15AM Thursdays, April 13, 27, May 11, 25, June 8, 15, 22, & 29.

Call 407-835-7323 to register for classes and events.