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Lee Road Safe Neighborhood Association Quarterly Newsletter – Winter 2017 Orange County, Florida



A Letter from the President

Greetings Lee Road Safe Neighborhood Residents,

It's hard to believe it has been a quarter year since I last wrote and we've made some progress on top of cleaning up from Hurricane Matthew. I am pleased to announce, since our December Community Meeting, we have two newly elected board members: Frank Gould, Secretary, and Becky Schaff, Treasurer. We welcome them aboard for a fresh start of the New Year. We also appreciate the time and efforts of Robin Trumbo for being chairperson of the 2016 Nominations Committee and pulling it all together for our community.

Along these same position changes, Cristina Pichardo-Cruz has transferred to the Public Works division and has transitioned her responsibilities to Jason Reynolds whom we also welcome aboard. We thank Cristina for all her help with Lee Road Safe Neighborhood over the many years.

In the same December meeting, Cristina presented the Orange County Project Request Process to the attendees that was very helpful for everyone. For those residents who would like to submit requests for the Lee Road Safe Neighborhood additions to our projects list, there is a link on the LRSN website, as listed on this page. Anyone wishing to submit a request is invited to read the Project Request Process documented from Cristina's presentation. You can download a copy of this document from the same LRSN website. Keep in mind, Project Requests need to improve community safety, beautification, or crime prevention.

Another important topic that a member raised during this December meeting was a question about the LRSN Board of Directors progress engaging businesses to participate more in the community meetings and events. Lori Erlacher responded correctly when she said the local businesses require non-profit 501c3 certification before they can donate and assist with LRSN activities and events. I am happy to announce our request is well along in this certification process and we should be able to report it's conclusion in our next quarterly newsletter.

This is an important point regarding the National Night Out event where we will specifically solicit donations and other contributions from local businesses. The 501c3 certification gives businesses the opportunity to provide these donations with incentives for giving to a non-profit organization, like for National Night Out.

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

Sincerely,
Tom Rowell, President
Lee Road Safe Neighborhood Association

Upcoming Meetings

- 14 March:** General Meeting
Guest Speaker:
OC Traffic Planning
- 9 May:** General Meeting
Guest Speaker:
OC Code Enforcement
- 11 July:** Board Meeting
Closed Working Session

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!



ocsafenighborhoods.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
407-836-5547**

Cooking Matters for Adults & Parents

Have fun cooking at the Edgewater Branch Library's **six week** hands-on cooking course educating adults about how to shop sensibly and prepare healthy meals on limited budgets.

2 PM Saturdays: March 18 & 25
April 1, 8, 15, & 22

Registration Required

Edgewater Branch Library
5049 Edgewater Drive
Orlando, Florida 32810
407-835-7323



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 October 2017. Please consider sharing your special talents and fresh ideas with us for this exciting event for our neighborhood by contacting Jason Reynolds at **407-836-5547** or Jason.Reynolds@ocfl.net.

Lee Road Revitalization Updates

Walmart Neighborhood Market – 2 November, the Grand Opening had a large turnout of shoppers, store staff, and county officials who spoke about the new store and welcoming their new community neighbors. Donation check posters were presented to representatives from neighborhood non-profit organizations. Edgewater High School color guards raised the US flag and the band provided music for the audience.

Lee Road Shopping Center – Aagaard-Juergensen is currently remodeling the complete facade around the front of the shopping center to have similar architecture as the recently opened Walmart Neighborhood Market. This remodel project includes all new sidewalks and landscaping in a freshly resurfaced parking lot.



Community Meeting Highlights - 11 October 2016

Orange County Office of Emergency Management - Presentation

Carlos Durden discussed the severity of different Florida storms including hurricanes (including Matthew which hit 7 October), tornadoes, and lightning. This was a very interactive presentation with audience questions and answers. Carlos went over many preparation topics, from the county's perspective, to setup shelters based on actual storm directions and severity. He also discussed having personal belongings and important documents available should evacuation be declared. It is very important for people with special needs to be registered in advance so the county can make sure they are contacted during any emergency situation.

National Night Out 2017

Ben Shaddrick, National Night Out (NNO) Chairperson, informed the audience he attended the Pine Castle NNO on 4 October. They had two grills to cook and serve food, several vendor booths setup, and about 30 middle school kids who attended with their parents and kids wore the same shirts. The organizers had clearly visible signs advertising the event at the YMCA from the road. Ben said he is looking for volunteers to help with next year's event. He will be actively starting in January 2017 and for anyone who is interested to call Jason Reynolds at 407-865-5547.

Community Meeting Highlights - 8 November 2016

I4-Ultimate Project - FDOT Presentation

David Parks introduced himself as public information officer for the I4-Ultimate project. That means he is a resource of information for the neighborhoods throughout the life of the job. Headquarters are in Maitland where the FDOT, contractors, and designers are located in the same offices. Giving David access to all the resources to answer any questions.



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

Lee Road Safe Neighborhood Board of Directors

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Vice President.....Lori Erlacher
Secretary.....Frank Gould
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Community Meeting Highlights - 8 November 2016 (Continued)

David showed the details of their website and said they offer Android and Apple mobile device support with the apps having the same information as the website. There are several interactive maps that help show what work is happening in that area and drawings of the plans. This also includes Lee Road interchange for the details. Commuters can customize notifications to pin-point specific areas to receive messages about the conditions or upcoming changes. This is the first time in the country that this feature has been deployed.

He offered his email address and contact information, listed below, for anyone to contact him with questions or issues. He also suggested inviting him back later in the project for current updates on the project.

Public Information Officer, FDOT Consultant, Global-5 Communications, Project Hotline: 844-858-4636
DIRECT: 407-670-2358, DavidParks@I4Ultimate.com | <http://i4ultimate.com/>

Community Meeting Highlights - 13 December 2016

Orange County Parks & Recreations - Presentation

Mandy Kimmer started her presentation with a video to explain a lot of valuable information about what Orange County Parks & Recreations (OCPR) has to offer. She introduced herself as the public information officer for OCPR and gave a brief history of programs she had worked on in her 9-year history with park services.

One audience member asked if Kingswood Manor could partner with Orange County to offer swim lessons in the community pool. Mandy and Cedric said that sounded like something they should consider. Mandy added that it's a good idea because many of the sports, OCPR doesn't offer these, but instead have partners who take care of the baseball and soccer programs.

Mandy informed the audience of the **FREE 6th Annual Jazz Festival in the Park at Cypress Grove**, 4 March 2017 from 4 to 7PM.

Orange County Edgewater Branch Library

www.ocls.info/locations-hours/edgewater-branch

Smarty Pants



Enjoy a fun-filled story program with a learning twist that teaches, motivates, and entertains!
Infants through 5 years old
Mondays, 10:15AM.

Animal Story Time



Join us for a very furry tale followed by animals meet & greet! Presented by Central Florida Fair. **Ages 3-5**
Wednesday, 22 February, 4:30PM.

Little Pim – Spanish



Experience a fun-filled language learning event designed for preschoolers with interactive activities. **Ages 3-5**
Wednesday, 25 Jan, 8 & 25 Feb, 8 & 22 March, 10:15AM.

Saturday Kids Adventures



Looking for something fun to do? Join us Saturdays at the Library for arts, crafts, stories and more. Check www.ocls.info for activities and times.

Detox, Cleanse & Restore with Essential Oils



We will discuss the importance of cleansing & detoxifying our bodies for optimum health and vitality. A systematic plan for feeling and living better will be included in this informative presentation.
Thursday, 26 January, 6:30PM.



Technology Classes for Adults

Are you ready to improve your computer skills? Attend classes to learn basic skills such as short-cuts, email, and searching the internet. Graduate to Word, Excel, Publisher, and more! Go to www.ocls.info/classes-events for classes, dates, and times.