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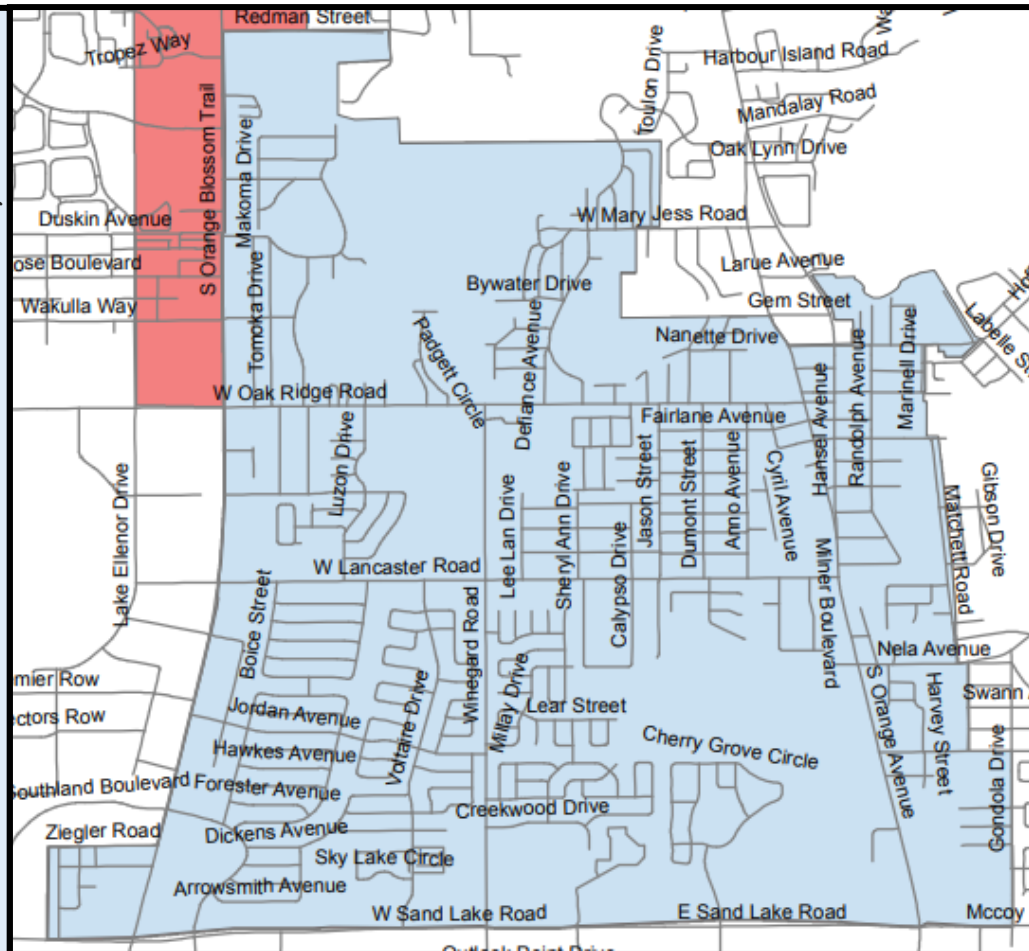
**Pine Castle/Skylake  
Safe Neighborhood Target Areas:**

To the West Orange Blossom Trail, to the East City of Belle Isle, to the North Redman Street and the City of Edgewood, and to the South by Sand Lake Road.

**Pine Castle Safe Communities  
Preservation Association, Inc.**

Meets the first Monday of the Month at  
7 P.M. (Except Holidays)  
Pine Castle Women's Club  
5901 S. Orange Avenue —  
Corner of Oak Ridge

Pine Castle Safe Communities  
Preservation Association, Inc.  
is a volunteer association for Residents  
and Businesses of Pine Castle that is  
recognized as a 501(c)(3) organization.



**The Pine Castle  
Safe  
Communities  
Preservation  
Association,  
Inc.**

**UPCOMING EVENTS**  
First Monday of Every Month  
at 7 p.m. (Except for Holidays)  
Community Meeting  
5901 S. Orange Avenue –  
Corner of Oak Ridge

**Board Members**

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- President**  
June Schumann
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- Treasurer**  
Jackie Davenport
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- Parliamentarian**  
Nancy Trout

**Come One,  
Come All!**

Could your  
neighborhood be better?

Is your neighborhood  
safe, beautiful, and a  
pleasure to live in?

Your neighbors, the Pine  
Castle Safe Communities  
Preservation  
Association, Inc.,  
neighbors working  
together for the  
betterment of our  
neighborhoods, want to  
connect with our  
neighbors to plan and  
implement exciting  
changes that are needed

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**PIONEER DAYS FESTIVAL 2023  
IN REVIEW**

**A good time was had by all in attendance. Plan to be at the Pioneer Days  
Festival, which will be held again in 2024**

It was a beautiful sunny day to enjoy the  
Annual February **Pioneer Days Festival**  
at Cypress Grove Park, on Holden  
Avenue. Some folks in pioneer costumes  
strolled along with others dressed in  
traditional outfits for the day.



Some of those who spoke had authored  
books for sale at their booth without  
pressure for purchasing.

For the children, the Future Farmers of  
America (FFA) from Colonial High School  
brought a few friendly animals, including a  
pig and a sheep. Woodstock Stables from  
Apopka provided kid-friendly pony rides  
on Sunday, at no charge. Pine Castle Troop  
36 leaders staffed the booth so that parents  
could sign up youngsters for the Scout  
troops and participate in some activities.



Booths were well placed, and interesting  
folks were there to share their  
knowledge. The Old Timers Tent had  
Charlie Hayes' Penny-Farthing Bike.  
That's the one with the very big front  
wheel and the very small back wheel.  
This bike was invented in the late 1800s.  
Charlie's daughter Cindy was there to  
answer questions and share information.

Old Timers enjoyed sharing. Some shared  
history of the area. Folks enjoyed casually  
sitting around, viewing pictures and  
listening to interesting stories of the past.

The auto show was a hit with all ages, as  
was the Etsy display, which included  
beautiful handmade jewelry, that  
glistened in the bright Florida sunshine.

**Congratulations to Stephanie  
Kasper, winner of the wine and  
crystal basket.**

and wanted for our neighborhoods. We hope to have some help from upcoming speakers at our  
monthly meetings, at 7 p.m., at 5901 S. Orange Avenue—Corner of Oak Ridge. You are invited to  
our June 5 meeting where Seina Gilman, Program Supervisor of Orange County Neighborhood  
Services Grants, will be sharing about the different grants Orange County offers for communities  
in Orange County. The next deadline for the grants will be on October 12, 2023.

# INFORMATION: Safety First – Avoiding Scams

Rule #1: BE ALERT! To protect yourself from common scams and deceitful practices, you must know what to look for and where to find information. To educate yourself and your family on how to avoid scams, visit:

## ORANGE COUNTY GOVERNMENT:

Email: [fraudhelp@ocfl.net](mailto:fraudhelp@ocfl.net) Phone: 407- 836-3111  
<https://www.orangecountyfl.net/NeighborsHousing/ConsumerProtection.aspx>

**Orange County Sheriff's Office Non-Emergency**  
Number: 407-836-4357

**Orlando Police Department Non-Emergency**  
Number: 321-235-5300

## FLORIDA GOVERNMENT

for recent Consumer Alerts  
[MyFloridaLegal.com/ConsumerAlert](https://myfloridalicense.com/ConsumerAlert)

**Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, Consumer Resources**  
<https://www.fdacs.gov/Consumer-Resources>

**Florida Division of Financial Services, Citizen Resources**  
<https://myfloridacfo.com/fraudfreeflorida/>

**Florida Office of Financial Regulation**  
<https://flofr.gov/>

**Consumer Financial Protection Bureau**  
<https://www.consumerfinance.gov/>

**Federal Trade Commission, Consumer Resources**  
<https://consumer.ftc.gov/>

To report fraud or file a complaint, visit [MyFloridaLegal.com](https://myfloridalicense.com) or call 1(866) 9NO-SCAM.

**Department of Business & Professional Regulation** [MyFloridalicense.com](https://myfloridalicense.com)

## FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

**Federal Trade Commission Identity Theft Portal**  
<https://www.identitytheft.gov/#/>

**Social Security**  
<https://www.ssa.gov/scam/>

**U.S. government information and services?**  
Visit [USA.gov](https://usa.gov)

As you travel this spring and summer, be on high alert about: Vacation Rental Fraud, Ride Sharing Schemes, Fake Theme Park Ticket Scams

**Attorney General Moody warns Floridians about common tactics scammers use to target online shoppers:**

**Copycat websites** that look dangerously similar to, or even exactly like, the legitimate store's website. Pay close attention to the website URL.

**Fake security alert emails** claiming a target's online account is compromised—often asking for users to verify billing names, addresses and telephone numbers. These messages can be linked to malware or may be used to steal information. Verify the message's legitimacy by calling the company and asking about the email.

**Falsified order confirmations and package delivery updates** use the same fake email concept of the security-alert scam, except they target different steps in the ordering process—making the entire scam seem more realistic.

**SPEED HUMPS:** Aggressive driving creates a need for Speed Humps. In a series, Speed Humps can assist in reducing accidents and keeping traffic moving at a reasonable and safe speed.

**BEWARE:** Speed Humps can damage any size vehicle, causing costly repairs to the suspension, shock absorbers, power steering, alignment, exhaust, etc.

**TO AVOID DAMAGE TO YOUR VEHICLE DO NOT DRIVE OVER SPEED HUMPS AT NORMAL SPEED:**

1. SLOW DOWN to 3-5 miles per hour.
2. Release the brake.
3. Keep Straight. An angle will not help. It could throw you onto the curb.
4. Roll over the hump. As you reach the top of the hump, gently accelerate.

**5. Be aware** of drivers in back of you. Your brake lights should alert them to slow down.

**AFTER A FEW TIMES OVER A HUMP, NEGOTIATING SHOULD COME NATURALLY. STAY SAFE.**



*Plan your next celebration at the*

**Pine Castle Woman's Club**

5901 S. Orange Avenue - Corner of Oak Ridge

**CALL 407-855-8894**

## Commissioner's Corner

Mayra Uribe, District 3



Dear Neighbors,

Summer has kicked off and one of the great things about summers in Florida is enjoying our pools, lakes, and beaches. Please be prepared to enjoy the water safely. Drownings are 100% avoidable, and Orange County and community partners host ongoing water safety trainings. Visit our water safety tips page for more information:

<https://www.orangecountyfl.net/EmergencySafety/DrowningPrevention.aspx>

I'm excited to share events that have taken place in our community: Pine Castle Pioneer Days, the Mayor's Jazz in the Park, our community clean-ups, and our spring and summer food drives. I'm proud to announce we will also be hosting our annual back-to-school events on July 29.

I want to invite you to our 4<sup>th</sup> annual District 3 Community Leadership Conference on June 3 at the Taft Community Center from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Breakfast and lunch will be included for all attendees. Space is limited, so reserve your spot by emailing [district3@ocfl.net](mailto:district3@ocfl.net)

Orange County will be hosting several youth camps and events across the district. You can find more information about these programs by visiting [ocfl.net](https://ocfl.net).

Stay safe and have a great summer!

Warm Regards,

Mayra Uribe, District 3 Commissioner

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Phone: 407-836-7350



## Program Report

Steve Marconi, Senior Code Inspector, and Emilie Andrews, Code Inspector, of the Orange County Neighborhood Services Division, provided invaluable information and addressed numerous questions from those in attendance at the April 3, 2023, Meeting regarding the County's Code Compliance process. They provided clear and concise answers on how neighbors can assist in maintaining the quality of their neighborhoods. For more information, call the Code Compliance using 311 (407- 836-3111) or visit:

<https://www.orangecountyfl.net/neighborshousing/codeenforcement.aspx>