



## Orange County, Florida, Quarterly Newsletter

**SUMMER 2022** 

# Azalea Park

# Safe Neighborhood Association A newsletter about issues important to you and your neighbors...

### **Community Meetings are In-Person**

Meetings are held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of each month at 6:30 p.m.

at Christ the King Episcopal Church 26 Willow Drive, Orlando, Florida 32807

> June 13, 2022 July 11, 2022 August 8, 2022

Check Nextdoor, www.OCSafeNeighborhoods.net, or apsnapresident@yahoo.com for more information.

## **Important Orange County Numbers**

District 3 Commissioner Uribe 407-836-7350

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

> Sheriff's Emergency 9-1-1

Crime Line 407-423-TIPS (8477)

**Drug Enforcement** 407-521-2400

> **Seniors First** 407-292-0177

Find hurricane and COVID-19 resources at WWW.OCFL.NET

> Orange County **Customer Service** 3-1-1

#### CODE COMPLIANCE CORNER: Dream it, Permit it, and Build it By Jordan A. Hodge, Lead Code Compliance Inspector

If you're standing up, you may want to sit down. Blank out the rest of your afternoon, put your calls on hold, apologize in advance to the boss, and get ready. We're talking accessory structures and accessory dwelling units (ADUs)! With so much excitement, you may think you're guilty of something. Ok, try and save a little adrenaline for the rest of the conversation.

Accessory structures and ADUs occupy more than just Section 38-1426 of Orange County's code, they're virtually everywhere! I'm sure you've seen at least one. You remember the "man cave" you never quite finished, but your wife has already filled with gardening tools? Yes, the shed in your backyard, that one. Well, I hope you got a permit for it. I know you're excited to spend more time with the boys out there, but you've got to make sure you're following the guidelines in the appropriate way. It's tempting, I know, to put a full-service kitchen in there, but not so fast. You've got to ensure it's part of an approved ADU, per Section 38-1426(b).

Still with me? Wait, there's more! Have you decided on whether you'd like to attach that accessory structure to your principal structure, i.e., your house? If you want to make it an ADU, you better make sure that connector does not exceed 20 feet in length. We can't have a fun house maze of tubes and ladders bridging that gap. We need it to be fully enclosed or open-sided. I don't care how cool you think it'd look. We've got rules! Now, whether you've had one on your property "forever" or you've decided to make a new weekend project out of building one, see to it that you're adhering to the County codes. Stay informed and avoid those fines.







Six students from Colonial High School have donated their original artwork to decorate traffic light boxes on Semoran Boulevard and Goldenrod Road. Azalea Park Safe Neighborhood will install the art upon County and State Department of Transportation approval.









Dear Neighbors,

Summer has just begun, and the spirit of the community is blooming. As we move forward to events with family and friends, please remember children are out of school, and pedestrian safety should be on all of our minds. Here's a website with some great safety tips: iyield4peds.org.

We have had a successful spring hosting our Community Leadership Conference and our youth summer reading program which kicked-off in May, servicing 100 students in the "Summer of Reading Olympics".

Here are some exciting events we will be hosting this season:

- June 2022: "D3 Summer Food Distribution" in collaboration with Second Harvest Food Bank.
- July 2022: "Summer Reading Olympics Celebration"
  - If you have a child or know a school-aged child who would like to participate next year, please contact our office for information on how to reserve your spot.
- August 2022: "D3 Back to School Event" a backpack giveaway with school supplies.

Please sign up to receive our newsletter. You can scan the QR code below to register or email, district3@ocfl.net.

I look forward to seeing you at our next event! As always, please feel free to contact our office with any concerns and we will do our best to assist.

Warm Regards,

Mayra Wribe



#### **COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS**



To learn more and to register, visit Orlando.gov/CommunityConnections

JUNE 11: New Ways of Social Engagement

JULY 9: Cultivating Leadership Successsion

**AUGUST 13:** Resources to Support Neighborhood Organizations

#### **Census 2020 Population Results**

Orange County 1,429,908

24.78% 283,952

Azalea Park\* 14,141 12.6% 1,585

\*Includes area south of Lake Underhill Road

You may reach the Orange County Neighborhood Services Division at 407-836-5606 or <a href="mailto:OCNeighborhoods@ocfl.net">OCNeighborhoods@ocfl.net</a> about services available through the Division.

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