



#### **Important Orange County Numbers**

Dist. 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



#### Orange County, Florida, Quarterly Newsletter

**WINTER 2021** 

## Azalea Park

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

#### STARTING JANUARY, COMMUNITY MEETINGS ARE IN PERSON.\*

\*Unless otherwise notified.

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

Dec. 13, 2021 CANCELLED

Please join us at our event on December 11 instead!

Jan. 10, 2022 at 6:30 p.m. Feb. 14, 2022 at 6:30 p.m.

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 FL 32807

#### **CODE COMPLIANCE CORNER:**

The Door that Closed on Anonymous Reporting Has Opened Opportunities for Collaboration By Jordan A. Hodge, Code Inspector

The winds of change are whispering, "Plus ça change, plus c'est la même chose." Thankfully, the winds of change also cater to those of us who prefer the English varietal. The same whisper echoes, the more things change, the more they stay the same. But Inspector Hodge, what are you referring to? Well, whether you were paying attention or not, Florida's Senate Bill 60 has ushered in a new era of Code Compliance. With the passage of this newly minted bill, anonymous reporting has become a thing of the past. No longer can you report your neighbor for unsavory acts under a shroud of anonymity. The protections once offered have been stripped away in favor of vulnerability through transparency. If you feel so inclined to bring it to our attention that your parcel partner on the other side of the fence is engaging in unpermitted construction or it has become apparent that their hoarding issue is now spilling out into the front yard, you must do so with a scarlet letter of honesty. You must provide, at minimum, your full name and phone number, forever linking you to your words of criticism.

To play devil's advocate, perhaps this is a good thing. If you can clearly see that a neighbor's pool has transitioned from a summertime fun spot to a biohazard petri dish, your complaint may be the focus needed to alert attention to an otherwise hidden danger. Only being privy to what can be observed from the right of way, these scenarios can often be overlooked. Providing inspectors with permission to view the violation from your property may mean the difference between a problem worsening and the same problem being handled in a timely manner. Collaboration is key.

Learn more about the State of Florida's new law and how it affects you by calling 3-1-1 and ask to be connected to your Code Compliance Officer.



AZALEA PARK SAFE NEIGHBORHOOD AT OUR

### **JOLLY JAMBOREE**

Saturday, December 11th Outside of Christ the King Church, 26 Willow Drive

Dear Neighbors,

The Holiday season is finally here, and with that, we look forward to creating happy memories with those we care about the most. I am excited to share with you some of the things that have kept us busy in our community over the last few months.

In October, we hosted our second "Loving our Trail" five-mile clean-up of Orange Blossom Trail. We picked up trash and debris in the corridor, giving us an opportunity to show how much we care about this area. By showing love for our community, we are creating a positive precedent for generations to come.

November was a busy month. We held our District 3 Fall Food Distribution on November 20 at the Eastland Baptist Church in collaboration with Second Harvest Food Bank. We are proud to say that we were able to help hundreds of families with food.

We are looking forward to our Holiday in the Park event. I hope to see you all there. Updates with event details will be sent via our District 3 newsletter and our social media platforms. You can join our newsletter by emailing our office at <a href="District3@ocfl.net">District3@ocfl.net</a>. These are just a few of the things we are doing in order to help our community grow, prosper, and continue to be one of the best places to work, live, and play.

Wishing you all happy and safe holidays!

As always, please contact my office with any issue, large or small, and we will try our best to assist.

Proud to be your Commissioner.

Mayra Uribe, District 3 Commissioner

Email: <u>District3@ocfl.net</u> Phone: 407-836-7350

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#### **NATIONAL NIGHT OUT**

**OCTOBER 5, 2021** 

Azalea Park honored their association with the Orange County Sheriff's Department National Night Out event. NNO signs were distributed to homes to display in their yards and winners of the participating neighbors received some very nice prizes. The children submitted their side walk art and went on a scavenger hunt. Prizes were awarded to the winners. It was nice to meet new neighbors who came by. Thank you to Warren and Kris French for delivering/taking down NNO signs, packing swag bags, delivering prizes, setting up/taking down the venue, and developing contests with a strong assist by Barbara Kay McCann, and Christ the King Episcopal Church for providing the venue. Thank you from all of us.



If you have specific questions about the Orange County Safe Neighborhoods Program, please contact Allison M. Rice at 407-836-5621 or Allison.Rice@ocfl.net.

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