



# Pine Castle Preservation Press

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~ Working to Make Our Neighborhoods Beautiful and Safe ~

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Plan your next celebration  
 at the  
**Pine Castle Woman's Club**  
 5901 S. Orange Avenue - Corner of Oak Ridge  
 Call 407-494-9118

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

**Meetings**  
 First Monday of Every Month, Except Holidays at 7 p.m.  
 5901 S. Orange Ave  
 Corner of Oak Ridge Road

### Board Members

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 President  
**Sandy Chandler**  
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 Secretary  
**TBD**  
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 Treasurer  
**Jackie Davenport**  
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 Parliamentarian  
**Nancy Trout**

### Important Numbers

- 911 EMERGENCY
- 211 Crisis & Elder Hotline
- 411 Telephone Directory
- 511 Traffic Info
- 611 Telephone Repair
- 711 Hearing Impaired
- 811 Call Before You Dig

Orange County  
 Non-Emergency  
 407-836-4357

Contact:  
 Sandy Chandler,  
 President  
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 321-663-5612 (m)  
 407-859-3064 (h)

## Christmas Party and Officer Installation A Gathering of Friends and Neighbors

On December 4, 2023, many in the community kicked off the Holiday Season at the Safe Communities Christmas Celebration and Installation of Officers, held at the Pine Castle Woman's Club. An outpouring of residents contributed to the festivities and feast with their very special and savory dishes. The diversity of flavors was impressive and enjoyed by all.

Daniel Kilponen, chief planner with Orange County Neighborhood Services Division, installed the new officers. Mr. Kilponen's professionalism and preparation in challenging each officer in their new leadership roles with the words of wise and respected philosophers was not only a source of motivation for the officers to excel, but it also inspired many of those in the audience.

There were also many door prizes and silent auction items courtesy of Chere R. Roane, managing broker of Nicole & Hudson Realty. A very special Thank You!



L-R: Jackie Davenport, Sandy Chandler, Nancy Trout & Daniel Kilponen

## Special Tribute to Outgoing President, June Schumann

P. June Schumann has served as president of the Pine Castle Safe Communities Preservation Association, Inc. with distinction from 2021 through 2023. She previously served as First and Second Vice-President and Chairperson of the Beautification Committee. With her husband, Eugene Schumann, Ms. Schumann spent countless hours training for and patrolling the Pine Castle area as a member of the COPS Program, with the purpose of promoting and maintaining the safety of Orange County residents. She personally obtained bids and expended other efforts to assist Orange County with the placement of local area signs. In addition, she participated in Pioneer Days and other numerous activities such as National Night Out Programs to promote neighborhood safety. Safe Communities presented her with a beautiful plaque, exemplifying her selfless service and dedication to the community.



Commissioner Mayra Uribe (3<sup>rd</sup> from left) was present to honor Ms. Schumann with a proclamation from Orange County.

President 2024 – 2026  
 Sandy Chandler



Greetings Pine Castle Neighbors,

It is indeed an honor and privilege to serve as president of the Pine Castle Safe Communities Preservation Association, Inc.

While I am relatively new to the Safe Communities program, I have been a resident of the Pine Castle area since my husband and I moved to Orlando as newlyweds in 1967, when he was stationed at McCoy Air Force Base. As the immediate past president of the GFWC Pine Castle Woman's Club, I look forward to continuing my active involvement in the Pine Castle community working with the Orange County Neighborhood Services Division and you.

At the installation ceremony held in December and conducted by Daniel Kilponen, AICP, chief planner, Orange County Government, I asked members to focus on Chandler's Five Cs: Commitment, Continued Education, Communication, Creativity and Connectivity. In the words of Ralph Waldo Emerson, "Do not follow where the pathway may lead. Go instead where there is no path and leave a trail." I'm counting on each of YOU!



# 2024 Upcoming Events

## March - May

### MARCH 4, 2024—NAVIGATING THE MEDICARE MAZE

**LYNN SANDFORD** will walk you through the Medicare Maze against the backdrop of Medicare vs. Medicaid, provide a description of creditable coverage and the Medicare enrollment periods, and explain, in simple terms, the four parts of today's Medicare. She will also discuss the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services ("CMS") potential penalties for beneficiaries, the surprise Income-Related Monthly Adjustment Amount fees for high-earning beneficiaries, as well as Medicare marketing rules, plan variables, and Medicare enrollment. To read Ms. Sandford's most recent publication, visit the *Friendly Passages* of the Rupert J. Smith Law Library, at <https://www.rjlawlibrary.org/friends>.

Ms. Sandford is an independent, licensed insurance agent in Florida, Ohio, and Texas. Since 2015. Her commitment to her clients is to simplify the process of Medicare enrollment while helping them navigate their plan options and ensuring that they take advantage of the most cost-effective plan based on the application of the "three Ds" (Drugs, Doctors, and Dollars) to their unique circumstances. She is also licensed in life insurance and fixed-indexed annuities. You may contact Ms. Sandford for Medicare discussions at 407-476-9460 or [lynn.sandford@flretirementgroup.com](mailto:lynn.sandford@flretirementgroup.com).

### APRIL 1, 2024—PINE CASTLE THROUGH THE AGES

**RICHARD LEE CRONIN**, writer and historian, will present prominent individuals and events from the first homesteaders to modern day Pine Castle. "Righting" Central Florida history, Mr. Cronin is a member of the Central Florida Railroad Historical Society; vice president of Central Florida Railroad Museum's Education & Public Relations; and a member and supporter of the following history organizations: Orlando Remembered, Lake County Historical Society, Tavares Historical Society, Tavares Research Center, and Pine Castle Historical Society.

### MAY 6, 2024—HUMAN TRAFFICKING AND PUBLIC SAFETY

**JEFFREY W. GOLTZ**, executive dean of the School of Public Safety in Legal Studies at Valencia College and co-author of the recently released *Human Trafficking: A Systemwide Public Safety and Community Approach (2nd ed.)*, will highlight the reality and state of human trafficking to arm this community with awareness and understanding in the fight against trafficking.

Human trafficking, also referred to as modern-day slavery, involves the use of force, fraud, or coercion to obtain some type of labor or commercial sex act. The State of Florida ranks third in the nation in human trafficking cases and Orlando is the third ranking city for the greatest number of calls to the National Human Trafficking Hotline.

Dean Goltz will be available for book signing. All royalties from the book go into a special fund at Valencia College for Human Trafficking Training and Education. For more information about the book, contact [college@westacademic.com](mailto:college@westacademic.com) or 800-360-9378.

### *Guest Speaker from November 6, 2023 – Thank You* **Charlie Williamson, E. A., of The Tax Shoppe**



An enrolled Agent with the IRS, Mr. Williamson earned a master's degree in taxation from the University of Central Florida in 2004. As the owner and founder of The Tax Shoppe, he provides accounting and income tax services for individuals and small businesses. Many who attended the presentation commented on Mr. Williamson's ability to make the complex issue of tax simple to understand and requested that he be invited to speak again. Thank you, Charlie, for sharing your expertise with the members of our community.

407-688-2070 [www.thetaxshoppe.com](http://www.thetaxshoppe.com)

"While we cannot direct the wind,  
we can adjust the sails."

--author unknown

Please do your part to help with the safety, health, and welfare of our neighborhoods. If we maintain our properties, others are less likely to abuse our neighborhood by dumping trash on our swales, parking large vehicles overnight, or commit crimes, etc. Each one of us can make a difference by simply displaying our pride of ownership. What does your home say about you? **Do you:**

- Keep drainage ditches free of debris?
- Put trash cans out the day before pickup and retrieve them the day of pickup?
- Report vehicles such as semis and tow trucks parked on swales under no parking signs up trash from sidewalks and swales?
- Keep lawns mowed?
- Take away the opportunity for crime?
- Keep music and other noise at indoor audible level?
- Comply with local Code and Ordinances?
- Take purposeful action to be a good neighbor?

## Commissioner's Corner

Mayra Uribe, District 3



Dear Neighbors,

Spring is blossoming all around us! As the days grow longer and the temperatures start to rise, it's clear that spring is officially here. This is a time of year when we celebrate the many achievements made by members of our community. We're here to celebrate with you and recognize each success as a testament to hard work and dedication.

Providing a safe and healthy environment for our community is imperative and Orange County Safe Neighborhoods works to ensure a resourceful and prosperous community where residents can live, work, and play.

I want to assist our neighbors to stay informed about upcoming events and community meetings. I encourage you to sign up for our biweekly newsletter. You can sign up by visiting <https://bit.ly/D3Mail>, scanning the QR code below with your smartphone, or contacting our office at 407-836-5140.

It is through collaboration that we can create a community that is stronger and safer for all residents.

I look forward to seeing you at our upcoming events, and as always, please contact my office with any concerns, comments, or questions. We are here to serve you.

Warm Regards,

*Mayra Uribe*



### *Pine Castle/Skylake Safe Neighborhood*

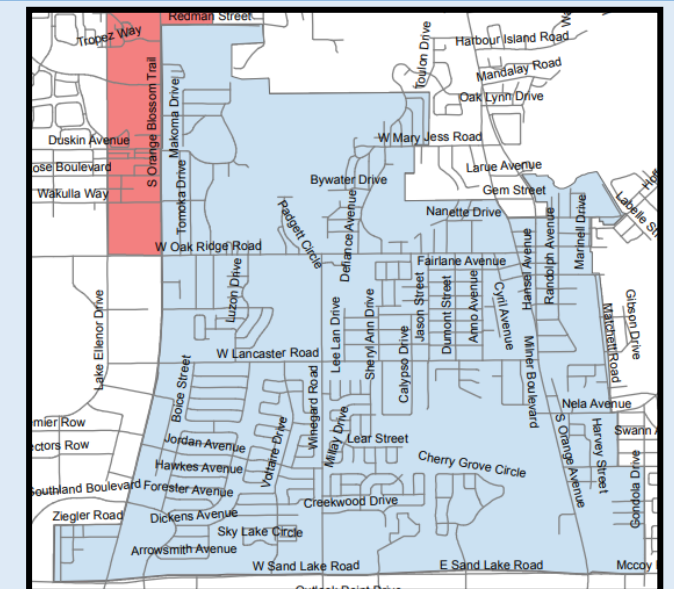
To the West Orange Blossom Trail, to the East City of Belle Isle, to the North Redman Street and the City of Edgewood, and to the South by Sand Lake Road.

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is a volunteer association for Residents and Businesses of Pine Castle that is recognized as a 501(c)(3) organization.



### Orange County Wetlands Conservation Areas Ordinance: Adopted December 12, 2023

On December 12, 2023, the Orange County Board of County Commissioners voted unanimously to update its Wetland Conservation Areas Ordinance to strengthen protection of valuable wetlands and surface waters, make permitting processes more streamlined, predictable, and consistent for applicants, and ensure that natural resource protections are balanced with property rights.

For information on the  
Orange County Wetlands Ordinance, go to  
<https://www.ocfl.net/environment/wetlands.aspx>