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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



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Pine Castle Preservation Press

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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 Chandler**  
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### 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

# It's Christmas Time in Pine Castle

*You and your family  
 are cordially invited  
 to join your neighbors  
 for a celebration of  
 the Season and the Installation of Officers  
 December 4, 2023, at 7 p.m.  
 at the Pine Castle Woman's Club  
 5901 S. Orange Ave  
 Corner of Oak Ridge Road  
 No Cover Charge  
 Bring a Cover Dish  
 There will be Games, Treasures, and lots of Fun.*

# Upcoming Events

## November 2023-April 2024

### NOVEMBER 6, 2023—ASKING THAT TAX QUESTION YOU ALWAYS WANTED TO ASK

#### BRING YOUR TAX QUESTIONS FOR LIVE INTERACTION WITH AN EXPERIENCED IRS ENROLLED AGENT

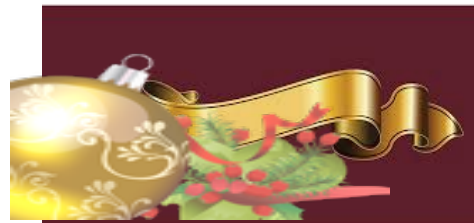
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### DECEMBER 4, 2023—A GATHERING OF FRIENDS & NEIGHBORS

BRING A COVER DISH AND YOUR FAMILY. JOIN THE CELEBRATION OF THE SEASON, INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS CEREMONY, AND A GATHERING OF FRIENDS.

There will be food, games, lots of camaraderie, and treasures. In addition, we will be partaking of the ceremony installing the board of directors and officers for the 2024 year.

**Come One Come All!**



## HAPPY NEW YEAR!

JANUARY 1, 2024 - THERE WILL BE NO MEETING IN JANUARY

MAY 2024 BRING HEALTH, WELLBEING, AND PROSPERITY TO YOU AND YOURS.

## Coming Events-2024-February-April

### FEBRUARY 5, 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. Valencia College is holding its *16th Annual Human Trafficking Awareness Conference Tuesday, January 23 through Thursday, January 25, 2024*, at the School of Public Safety. For more information about the book and the conference, contact [college@westacademic.com](mailto:college@westacademic.com) or 800-360-9378.

### 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.

## Commissioner's Corner

Mayra Uribe, District 3



Dear Neighbors,

As autumn sweeps in and the leaves begin to turn, it's a great time to come together as a community. We've had some wonderful events including a few food drives, community clean ups, and fishing events for children. We're thrilled to announce a lineup of community events that we have planned for you in the upcoming weeks and months:

- Holiday Event with Walmart, December 9
- Holiday food drive on December 21
- High School Connectable Mentorship Event in February

Please join our District 3 newsletter for up to date information. If you haven't registered for the newsletter yet, simply scan the QR Code or email [district3@ocfl.net](mailto:district3@ocfl.net). We genuinely hope to see all of you at these events, fostering a stronger sense of community. Remember that my office and I are here to serve you. If you have any questions, concerns, or ideas, please don't hesitate to reach out.

Warm Regards,

*Mayra Uribe*



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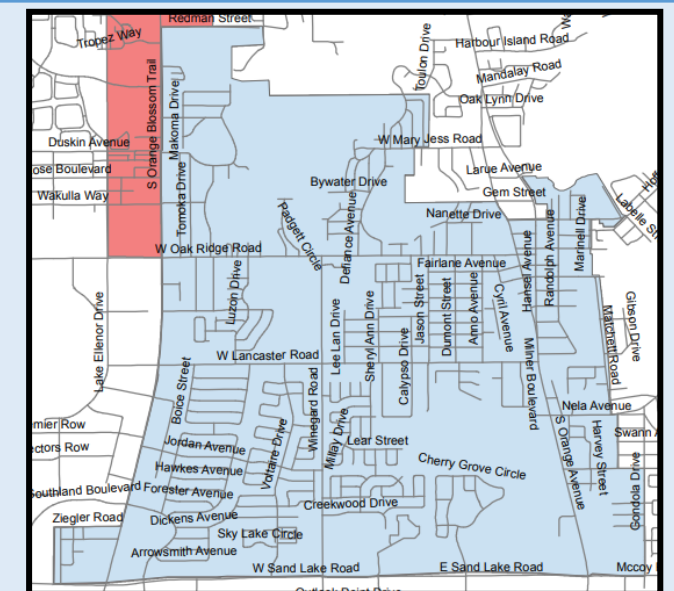
### Pine Castle/Skylake Safe Neighborhood

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.

Pine Castle Safe Communities Preservation Association, Inc.

Meets the first Monday of the Month at 7 p.m.  
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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.



### Orange County Wetlands Conservation Areas Ordinance: Proposed changes for adoption in December 2023

- Identify & protect priority wetlands & surface waters
- Balance wetland protections with property rights
- Make processes more streamlined, predictable & consistent
- Make the ordinance easier to understand

For important Documents & Resources, to share an idea, or to Attend a Meeting, go to

<https://ocfl.net/environment/wetlands.aspx>

To speak with a specialist:  
Dial 311 or 407-836-3111