



Resources & Programs To Help Our Communities

"We will open the book. Its pages are blank. We are going to put words on them ourselves. The book is called Opportunity and its first chapter is New Year's Day."

Edith Lovejoy Pierce

Neighborhood Services Division



Since 2001, [Orange County Neighborhood Services Division](#) has been here to serve YOU and all neighborhoods in the county. We have provided various resources, tools, and support to improve our communities.

The purpose of the Neighborhood Services Division is to engage and strengthen neighborhoods, especially those that are vulnerable to deterioration, increased code violations, criminal activity, and economic decline. In addition, Neighborhoods also provides this monthly newsletter as an additional resource to provide information, promote and highlight county programs, and services.



Community Connections

The [Community Connections Workshop Series](#) consists of monthly workshops usually held on the second Saturday of each month. The workshop series is designed to inform, connect, and involve citizens with a variety of topics to help make them effective neighborhood leaders. The workshops are a partnership between Orange County Government and the City of Orlando and provides a great opportunity for neighborhood leaders to interact and learn from one another.

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Citizen Planner Academy

The [Citizen Planner Academy](#) consists of monthly workshops usually held on the last Saturday of each month. A series of classes designed to educate the public regarding planning for a sustainable community, the land development process, and special topics within the planning field. The goal of the academy is to empower citizens with the tools and knowledge to become active decision makers within their community. Attendees that complete core classes and three special topic classes are recognized as graduates of the Citizen Planner Academy.

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Environmental Protection Division



Don't think burn, think bundle

It's that time of year when evening temperatures occasionally drop into the 60s and, chillier yet, into the 50s! While that's still considered summertime for our northern counterparts, in Florida we tend to break out the jackets, sip warm beverages and maybe even light a campfire in the backyard.

It's important to know that burning leaves, branches and other yard waste is prohibited if it produces nuisance smoke or odors. We're fortunate to breathe clean air here in Central Florida, and this is due in part to rules that restrict open burning.

This winter, don't think burn, think bundle. Bundle your yard waste and take it to the curb on your yard waste pickup day. To learn more about Orange County's open burning rules visit www.ocfl.net/OpenBurningRules.



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