



Newsletter

“My mission in life is not merely to survive, but to thrive; and to do so with some passion, some compassion, some humor, and some style.” – Maya Angelou

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Community Spotlight George Wharton

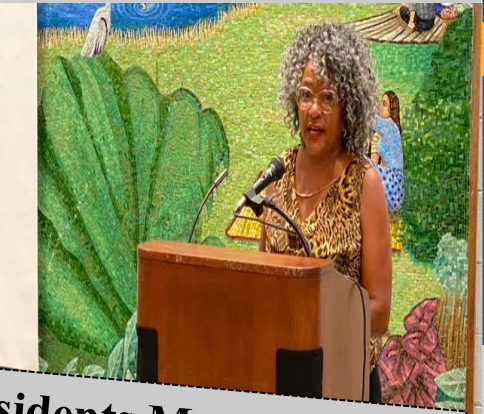
Code Enforcement Supervisor, City of Orlando

My name is George Wharton, and I am a Code Enforcement Supervisor with the City of Orlando Code Enforcement Department. I was born in the Republic of Panama and raised in South Jamaica Queens New York. I graduated from Long Island University located in Brooklyn New York Prior to becoming a code enforcement officer and



obtained another degree from the University of Phoenix in Orlando Florida while on the job. I began my career in code enforcement in 2006 and achieved

the level of supervisor in 2016. I enjoy being in a position to help communities maintain compliance with the city codes and to help maintain property values.



Presidents Message

Happy 2022 New Year to Everyone! Despite entering a new year with continued challenges to improve our community and to connect with each other, please know that we remain vigilant in our commitments. We continue to focus on our goals of Community Outreach, Infrastructure, Safety and Code Enforcement in our monthly virtual board meetings, and conduct necessary follow up. You will continue to see our progress with these initiatives and other areas of interests in our newsletters as well as on our website. Your membership participation and dues play a big role in helping with these accomplishments. **Please remember to renew your membership today!**

Respectfully, Kathy Nobles - President

LOHOA Website: www.Lake-Orlando.com

LOHOA Goals in Review

Community Outreach

- ❖ We continue to provide you with information summarizing our activities and focus via a quarterly dissemination of this newsletter, our www.lake-orlando.com website, and email blasts.
- ❖ Hopefully, residents enjoyed the holiday and festive decorations displayed throughout the Rosemont community during the month of December. Thank you to the residents and board members who came out to participate not only in putting up but also removing these decorations.
- ❖ We are in the process of identifying future activities that support our community engagement. Look for future announcements asking for your participation.
- ❖ Membership renewal letters have been mailed out. Please renew and invite your neighbors to join us!



Infrastructure

Monthly clean ups continue! Look for the green and white yard signs posted at intersections as a reminder.

- We are seeing an inordinate amount of trash along our curbsides and on entrance roads and around the Rosemont Preserve area along N. Lake Orlando Parkway. Board members are engaged with picking up trash during clean ups and other days during the week; *however, we are looking for other ways from the City and among residents to identify a more strategic approach to controlling this problem.*
- Maintaining the overall appearance and beautification of our community landscaping is paramount to preventing the deterioration of our neighborhoods and ensuring a sense of pride living in Rosemont. To this end, we remain steadfast in ensuring our common areas are well managed by the City. The City hired Davey Tree Service to prune trees and conduct other landscaping services throughout Rosemont. The City's Green-Up Orlando will also assist with landscaping beautification projects throughout our community. **The March 5th meeting place for our Community Green-Up Volunteers is the Rosemont Building parking lot on Rosamond 9:00am. ALL residents invited!!**



Volunteers needed to weed, mulch, fertilize and lightly plant throughout the neighborhood.

All needed supplies, materials and tools provided, including water, a light snack and hand sanitizer

Closed toe shoes ONLY.



Code Enforcement

- ✚ George Wharton, Code Enforcement Manager, attends our board meetings to provide up to date information regarding violations cited at Village Park Apartments, Village Townhomes, Rosemont Plaza, and other areas. Violation fines are being imposed and the Code Board will address chronic violations in March. LOHOA Board members expressed concerns about the trashy drainage pond on Cinderlane at Rosemont Plaza. Also, the accumulation of trash around and under the John Young Parkway overpass was reported.
- ✚ Mr. Wharton informed the board that we now have 3 Code Enforcement Officers assigned to Rosemont area. This is great news! **Please report noted violations to (407) 246-2686 or visit orlando.gov/code-violations.**

All information can be found at orlando.gov/summit. Early bird is only \$20.



**Mayors
Annual
Summit
April 2nd.
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Safety Announcements

✚ Look for announcements coming from the City's Neighborhood Watch Department for Neighborhood Watch Community meetings. In 2022, these meetings will be offered virtually as well as in person.

- ✚ We continue to ask for more policing to stop speeders in the community, to monitor surrounding shopping centers and to address safety in our apartment communities.
- ✚ Remember, "if you see something, say something" by contacting OPD non emergency number (321) 235-5300.

News Continued...

LOHOA Board Update - The board recently accepted the resignation of Janice and Joe Saulsby attributed to medical obligations. They will be sorely missed, as they were an integral and valued part of completing our initiatives. Also, Janice was the co-editor and graphic artist for our newsletter. Thank you Joe and Janice!

1. LYNX SuperStop

The bus transfer station on Rosewood Way continued to experience challenging delays but is finally at its final completion stage. See pictures below.

2. City of Orlando Mayor's Summit

The Mayor's Annual Summit is scheduled for April 2, 2022 at Loew's Hotel at Universal. The plans are for it to be in-person and LOHOA Board is sponsoring 2 board members to attend. It is offered to all City residents. To find out more information, visit the orlando.gov website.

3. Tzadik Brookside Apartments

Brookside Apartments on Cinderlane-Rosewood Way has been sold to new owners, Elandis. We are in hopes that renovations will add to the quality of the Rosemont community.

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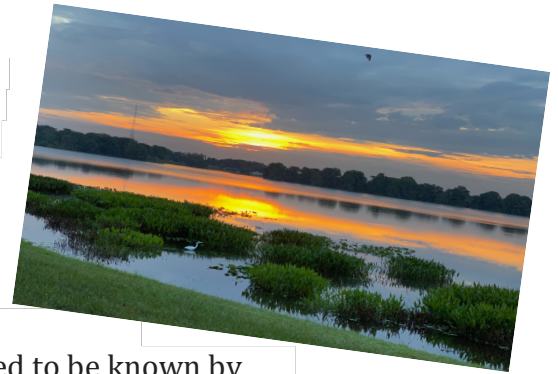


Current LOHOA Officers and Board Members: Kathy Nobles - President; George Morning - Vice President; Faye Henderson - Secretary; Annette Richardson - Treasurer; Kathy Brosi; Leonard Conner; Leroy Bickley-Emeritus; Michael Nobles; Charles Richardson; Rick Stiskin; April Whitehead; Johnathan Williams

Rosemont's Lake Walk

By
Leonard Conner

Did you know that it's 3.47 miles from anywhere on Lake Orlando Parkway and back to your starting point? A brisk walk takes about 59 minutes on a good day and you burn 438 calories. That's a slice of loaded pizza!



Another fact that surprised me about Lake Orlando is that it used to be known by another name before Rosemont was developed; Lake Wekiva. That's because it's the headwaters for the Wekiva River. In fact, the canal on the south side that runs into Lake Orlando is still named Little Wekiva Canal. Who knew?

Lake Orlando Parkway has been Orlando's little secret for years. It is a lovely tree lined road that circles Lake Orlando and most of Rosemont. Over the years, first time visitors have remarked, "I didn't even know this was here!" It's literally minutes from downtown Orlando and Winter Park without ever getting on I-4.

I prefer early morning walks as you see wildlife, neighbors and sunrises. As you can see in these pictures, it can be beautiful. Lake Orlando Parkway is only two lanes, which makes the walk a constant adventure. In two places you have electronic speed signs to notify the cars of how fast they are traveling (it's only 25 miles per hour). For a walker, between cars, it can track your walking speed. Three mph is good; four mph is really stroking the powerwalk.



These walks allow you to patiently see our community, wildlife, homes, apartments, pets and neighbors. Some cars are going faster than the speed limit but hopefully calls to OPD will keep it safe for walkers and kids. Report speeding. They do respond if they hear from us.

So the next time you're feeling unfit, put on a hat, your shoes, AirPods and head out the door for some healthy exercise and community bonding. It's where we live and to fully enjoy Rosemont, you need to dive in!



Sandhill Cranes spotted in the Rosemont neighborhood.

A breathtaking sunrise off Lake Orlando



Leonard enjoying a walk around Lake Orlando Parkway.