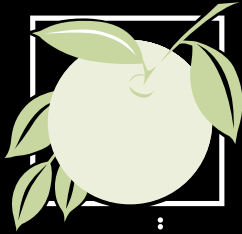


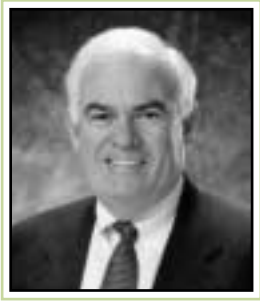
Orange County Seniors



a guide
to services



Orange County Government



We here in Orange County believe in the future. Our future includes all generations, especially our older adult community. With the number of retirees in our area growing by leaps and bounds, we recognize the importance of having services, support and recreation available.

With this in mind, the Commission on Aging was created. This historic step is showing Orange County's dedication to seniors by getting input from the senior community. The Commission envisions an elder-friendly community, backed by an office dedicated to aging and the needs of seniors. Although not a provider of services or a funding source for local non-profits, the Commission will promote partnerships and a shared response to elder needs.

It is Orange County's desire to help you in any way we can and provide services that will make your life in our beautiful community easier and more enjoyable.

Richard T. Crotty
Orange County Chairman

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FRIENDS AROUND THE CORNER

Crime Prevention, Transportation, Health, Housing

You name it...Orange County's got it. Orange County joins a host of partner organizations to provide you with the best services. We offer a variety of ways for you to find the support you need and make some great friends and ties to the community in the process.

CRIME PREVENTION: The **Orange County Sheriff's Office** offers programs to teach you how to stay safe. **Senior Academy** is a new certification program that gives insight to issues that are relevant to your life. Topics include: fraud, identity theft, worthless checks, self-protection, enhanced 911, reverse 911 and auto theft. The **Senior Crime Prevention Program** goes out into the community to teach you how to avoid being victimized.

TRANSPORTATION: Keep your independence and never have to worry about the hassles of driving again. **LYNX** is the public transportation system provider for the tri-county area. The routes are called "links," as they connect Orange, Seminole and Osceola Counties. All buses are wheelchair equipped and most can kneel to provide easy access. LYNX offers discounts for seniors and customers with disabilities. LYNX is also responsible for providing para-transit service (door-to-door service), **A+Link**, to customers with special needs. To receive this service, you must complete an application and meet the eligibility requirements. **SeniorTran** is a transportation service offered to residents of senior housing complexes in downtown Orlando.

phone numbers

Emergencies
911

Sheriff's Office
[non-emergency]
[407] 737-2400

Senior Academy
[407] 836-3720

**Senior Crime
Prevention**
[407] 836-3742

**Sheriff's Office
Volunteer Services**
[407] 836-3734

LYNX
1-800-344-LYNX [5969]

SeniorTran
[407] 292-0177 ext. 232

phone numbers

Primary Care Health Centers

West Orange County
[407] 889-8427

East Orange County
[407] 322-8645

Meds-Only Program [407] 836-7170

Veterans' Service [407] 836-8990

VA Medical Care
[407] 629-1599 x 0
*ask to speak with the
Enrollment Section*

Housing & Comm. Development [407] 836-5150

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HEALTH: Your health is your most precious possession and Orange County has your best interest at heart. **Primary Care Health Centers** are located throughout Orange County and provide many services for insured and uninsured patients. Patients who receive services from Primary Care Health Centers are eligible for low-cost healthcare and prescriptions based on a sliding fee scale. The Orange County Pharmacy, located in downtown Orlando, offers a **Meds-Only** prescription drug program for low-income Medicare patients who meet certain eligibility requirements.

VETERANS' SERVICES: If you are a veteran, we have a program that serves your needs and those of your family! **Veterans' Service** provides information and assists in the claims process to the Veterans' Administration. We also help with service connected compensation, non-service connected pension and various other veterans' issues. Orange County also has the busiest federal **VA Outpatient Clinic** in the nation. This clinic provides services to service connected and non-service connected veterans.

HOUSING: The **Housing and Community Development Division** offers three programs to help you make needed repairs to your home. Each of these programs require the homeowner to meet very low-income criteria. The **Minor Repair Grant Program** provides rehabilitation grants to homeowners for minor home repairs. The **Total Rehabilitation Program** provides substantial repairs to correct violations found in low-income homeowners' dwelling units. The **Mobile Home Repair Program** provides assistance for repairs to mobile homes.



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HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION: In 1998 a law was passed allowing counties and municipalities in Florida to grant an additional homestead exemption of up to \$25,000. This is offered to persons 65 years of age or older whose household income does not exceed \$20,000. This limit is adjusted annually. Orange County adopted the exemption and began taking applications for the 2001 taxing year. Call the **Property Appraiser's Office** for more information.

HELPING HANDS

Volunteer Opportunities

There's no better way to spend your time than enriching the lives of others. There are all types of volunteer opportunities available in Orange County. After all... smiles, hugs and a glow in your heart are the best payment for a job well done.

Orange County Government and many other organizations have a variety of ways for you to get involved. The **Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP)** of Central Florida, a federally funded volunteer match up program, can refer you to countless organizations that need your help. **Foster Grandparents** is a national program that offers a small stipend for low-income volunteers. **Heart of Florida United Way, AARP** and the Meals on Wheels Program offered by **SENIORS FIRST** are other volunteer possibilities. More opportunities are available at the many local agencies who rely on volunteers to help provide services to seniors.

phone numbers

Orange Co. Property Appraiser's Office
[407] 836-5045

Orange County's Volunteer Coordinator
[407] 836-5819

Retired Senior Volunteer Program [RSVP]
[407] 422-1535

Foster Grandparents
[407] 298-4180

SENIORS FIRST
[407] 292-0177

Heart of Florida United Way
[407] 835-0900

AARP
1-800-424-3410

STEPPIN' OUT

Recreation, Education, Employment

You've worked long and hard for your retirement. Enjoy it to the fullest! The senior centers and community centers in Orange County will keep your life full of fun and relaxation with friends and loved ones.

RECREATION: Throughout Orange County, you will find programs that are 100% for seniors! **Marks Street Senior Recreation Complex, East Orange Community Center** and the other community centers and parks in Orange County offer clubs, recreation, day trips, health screenings, educational classes and even connections to employment opportunities. These are great places to spend your days!

EDUCATION: This is the time to pursue that one interest you have always wanted to try; or learn more about your current hobbies. **Orange County Cooperative Extension Service** offers educational classes and advice for topics ranging from landscaping and gardening to nutrition and credit assistance.

EMPLOYMENT: There's nothing like financial peace of mind. **ONE-STOP CAREER CENTER** is your local connection to the state's main employment agency. This service can help you find a job that is rewarding and beneficial to ease your money worries or just give you personal fulfillment.

phone numbers

**Marks Street
Senior Rec. Complex**
[407] 245-0921

**East Orange
Community Center**
[407] 249-6273
or [407] 249-6279

*For information on other recreational
opportunities in Orange County:*

**Orange County Parks
& Recreation Division**
[407] 836-6200

**Office of
Community Action**
[407] 836-8900

**Neighborhood Center
for Families**
[407] 836-7610

**Orange County
Cooperative Extension**
[407] 836-7570

**ONE-STOP
CAREER CENTER**
1-800-757-4598



OTHER RESOURCES

Citizen's Action Link . . . [407] 836-5500
One stop information and assistance for Orange County Government services and programs.

Orange County Government's Office on Aging [407] 836-7616
This office supports a Commission on Aging which is focused on encouraging an elder-friendly community.

First Call for Help/Elder Helpline
. [407] 897-6464
A 24-hour information and referral service on community resources and non-profit agencies.

AARP 1-800-424-3410

State of Florida Dept. of Elder Affairs
. 1-850-414-2000

Senior Resource Alliance
. [407] 228-1800

OLDER ADULT SERVICES FUNDED BY ORANGE COUNTY GOVERNMENT:

Christian Service Center (Share the Care)
. [407] 423-5311

Community Care for the Elderly
. [407] 628-2884

Foster Grandparent Program
. [407] 298-4180

Guardian Care (SNF) . . [407] 295-5371

RSVP [407] 422-1535

SENIORS FIRST [407] 292-0177

OTHER RESOURCES [continued]

HOSPITAL-BASED PROGRAMS:

55PLUS (Orlando Regional Healthcare)
.....[407] 841-5111, extension 8749

Premier Health (Florida Hospital)
.....[407] 303-3600

Senior Central (Health Central)
.....[407] 296-1809

AREA COMMUNITY CENTERS:

The following provide programs and services just for you. For more information on County funded centers, please refer to the "Steppin' Out" section of this brochure.

Beardall Senior Center (Orlando)
.....[407] 246-2637

Eatonville Community Center
.....[407] 623-1166

Englewood Community Center (Orlando)
.....[407] 275-7910

Fran Carlton Recreation Center (Apopka)
.....[407] 703-1741 or [407] 703-1744

L. Claudia Allen Senior Center (Orlando)
.....[407] 295-5722

Maitland Senior Center ...[407] 539-6251

Ocoee Community Center [407] 905-3182

Winter Garden Recreation
.....[407] 656-4155

MEET YOUR COMMISSIONERS



TERESA S. JACOBS
DISTRICT 1



ROBERT B. "BOB" SINDLER
DISTRICT 2



MARY I. JOHNSON
DISTRICT 3



CLARENCE HOENSTINE
DISTRICT 4



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DISTRICT 5



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