

## Welcome to Rose Hill Community

Listed below are some of the things you may need to know when you first move into our lovely community.

We are located in unincorporated Orange County. Orange County is one of seven counties recognized as comprising Central Florida. It is a charter county, meaning it has its own constitution and is self-governing, with a Mayor, Richard T. Crotty, and six district commissioners. In an emergency, you would call 911 for either Orange County Fire Rescue - Fire/Rescue Headquarters, PO Box 5879, Winter Park, FL 32793, (407) 836-9100 or the Orange County Sheriff's Department - Sheriff Kevin Beary - Orange County Sheriff's Office, 2500 W. Colonial Drive, Orlando, FL 32804 - Non-Emergency Complaint Line, 407-737-2400.

Trash Pickups are: Tuesday - regular trash and recycling, Wednesday - yard waste, Friday - regular trash and large/bulky items. If you have any questions or need recycle bins, call Orange County Utilities - Solid Waste Division at (407) 836-6601.

There are watering restrictions for irrigating the lawn. The following restrictions apply: Odd-numbered addresses' watering days are Wednesdays and Saturdays. Even-numbered addresses' watering days are Thursdays and Sundays. No watering between 10:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. For more information, please visit the St. John's River Water Management District website at [www.sjrwmd.com](http://www.sjrwmd.com).

**Property Taxes:** In August of each year, the Orange County Property Appraiser sends a Truth in Millage (TRIM) notice to all property owners. Look for it in the mail. You'll recognize it by prominent lettering, "DO NOT PAY - This is not a bill." The TRIM notice tells you the taxable value of your property. Taxable value is the just value less any exemptions. The TRIM notice gives you information on proposed millage rates and taxes as estimated by your community taxing authorities. It also tells you when and where these authorities will hold public meetings to discuss tentative budgets to set your millage tax rates. Fees not related to your property value may also appear on your TRIM notice for garbage collection, roads, lighting and other government services. These fees are set by your taxing authority and are not affected by any change in the value of your house or property. **Homestead Exemption:** You can reduce the taxable value of your homestead property by up to \$25,000, resulting in a tax savings. You can file for a homestead exemption in person (each year they set up a booth at West Oaks Mall) or by mail. Applications are available online at [www.ocpafl.org](http://www.ocpafl.org). Exemption applications must be filed by March 1. Customer Service (407) 836-5044, Exemptions (407) 836-5045. There are other exemptions as well, but the Homestead Exemption is the most commonly used.

Register to Vote: You can register to vote by mail, just download a registration application on the website [www.ocfelections.com](http://www.ocfelections.com) and include a copy of your driver license or other photo id. For information call: 407-836-2070. You can also register to vote at the following locations: Public Libraries and Centers for Independent Living, Florida Department of Motor Vehicle offices, Florida Dept. of Families and Children offices and WIC offices.

Public Library: The nearest public library is West Oaks Library, 1821 Silver Star Road, Ocoee, FL 34761, (407) 835-7323. Our Rose Hill Annual Homeowners Association meeting is held at the library each year.

Driver License: You can apply for a new license at the nearest Driver License Office: 11107 West Colonial Drive, Ocoee, FL 34761-2766, (407) 656-7460 or the Tag Agency: 2110 W. Colonial Drive, Orlando, FL 32804, (407) 836-4145 (where you can also pay vehicle registrations). You can also renew or change your address online at <http://express.hsmv.state.fl.us>.

Pets: If you have lost a pet or would like to adopt a pet, Orange County Animal Services posts pictures of animals that may have been lost. Each animal will be held in their lost and found program until its "hold date". Adoptions are on a first-come-first-serve basis. You can check online at <http://www.ocNetPets.com>. You can also look on [PetFinder.com](http://PetFinder.com).