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### **Orange City launches historic district walking tour**

**ORANGE CITY** – The Orange City Historic Preservation Board is excited to launch the first phase of their latest project, a walking tour of Orange City’s historic district, powered by the app “Clio – Your Guide to History”.

The Historic Preservation Board, a volunteer citizen advisory board that is responsible for the development of programs to stimulate public interest in urban neighborhood conservation, has been working on this project since 2018. The tour will allow users to walk the historic district and discover nearby significant and cultural sites by way of the free mobile app “Clio” or through the Clio website. Each stop includes concise information, embedded media, and links to primary sources and relevant books and articles. While the first phase of the tour showcases several well documented historic sites, the Board has already begun to research historically or culturally significant places or past events that extend beyond the traditional historic district boundary.

“The new Orange City Walking Tour through Clio is a great opportunity to learn the stories of the historic homes and buildings of the city,” says Ted Marsolek, a former Board member and key contributor to the historic tour. “Get out your walking shoes and explore some history!”

Board members (Chair - Donna Cobb, Vice - Tom Eidel, Shawn Pupello, Nikki Burke and former member Ted Marsolek), Orange City planner/ historian Kimberly Reading and Mayor Gary Blair, will debut the tour on September 5 at 8:00 am, beginning at Orange City’s best kept secret, Oak Avenue Park. Parking is available at City Hall, located at 205 E Graves Ave, Orange City, Fla. They will proceed through a portion of Orange City’s National Register Historic District; sites along the tour include the street once known as “millionaire’s row”, the town’s oldest dwelling, and the historic business district on East Graves Avenue.

“Many people don’t know that Orange City has a rich history and I’m glad that the Historic Preservation Board has been working to showcase that,” says Mayor Gary Blair. “I can’t wait to go on this tour, learn more and share it with my neighbors.”

Residents and visitors can take the tour anytime by downloading the free mobile app, Clio, or by going to their website [TheClio.com](http://TheClio.com) and searching for “Walking Tour of Historic Orange City”.

For more information or if anyone is interested in contributing to the Orange City Historic Walking Tour should contact the Development Services Department at 386-775-5415. This event is open to the media.

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