Half-Cent Local Infrastructure Sales Tax

Ballots for a proposed Half-Cent Local Infrastructure Sales Tax will be mailed to all registered voters in Volusia County beginning May 1. All ballots must be signed and returned to the Supervisor of Elections office by 7 pm Tuesday, May 21 to be counted. Ballots may either be mailed in or dropped off at a secure location in Orange City Town Hall or the Elections office located in the historic Volusia County Courthouse.

**What will the half-cent sales tax do if passed?**

- Improve local roads and bridges, reduce traffic congestion and build more sidewalks to schools
- Clean local waterways, reduce flooding and improve water quality

**Where does the money go?**

- Every dollar raised stays in Volusia County; 50% goes to the County, 50% goes to the Cities. Orange City’s share would be approximately $672,587 annually.

**Sales Tax Basics**

- The state sales tax rate is 6%. Many Florida counties have a discretionary sales surtax (county tax). Volusia County’s sales tax rate is currently 6.5%, with the .5% allocated to schools. 61 out of 67 Counties in Florida have 7% or higher sales tax.
- Everyone would pay, including visitors. Because of Volusia County’s tourism industry, visitors to our county would contribute a large portion of revenue generated and help pay for the proposed improvements.
- Sales tax is not levied on groceries, prescription drugs or fuel.

**How much will it cost me?**

A $4 cup of coffee with today’s sales tax rate: $4.26
  With the proposed sales tax rate: $4.28

A $500 TV with today’s sales tax rate: $532.50
  With the proposed sales tax rate: $535.00

For more information about the Half-Cent Local Infrastructure Sales Tax and to see Orange City’s list of proposed projects, visit www.OurOrangeCity.com and click on Half-Cent Local Infrastructure Sales Tax.
Do YOU want to get in the KNOW about how Orange City spends your tax dollars?

Here is How YOU Can Get Involved in the City Budgeting Process:

You can take an active role in the City’s budgeting process. The first step could be to attend the Citizen Budget Input Session on May 28. Then, on July 23 the City Council will set the tentative millage rate. There will be at least ONE Budget Workshop (maybe TWO) in August and TWO Budget Hearings in September. The dates and times of the mentioned meetings will be published online, so check www.OurOrangeCity.com for more information. All meetings are open to the public and are held at the Orange City Council Chambers. Any QUESTIONS, call Christine at 386-775-5432.

Live Oak Education and Tree Giveaway

The city plans to give away 100 trees in celebration of its 17th year as an active member of the Arbor Day Foundation’s Tree City USA program. 100 Live Oak one-gallon trees are available, and each household is eligible to receive one tree on a first-come, first-served basis. Proof of Orange City residency is required (e.g. driver’s license or utility bill). City staff will be available to help educate residents on placement of trees as well as proper care and maintenance.

WHERE: Coleman Park, 210 Blue Springs Avenue, Orange City, Florida 32763

WHEN: Saturday, April 27, 2019, 8:00 am

Trees were purchased with funds received from a grant from the Forest Management Bureau, Urban and Community Forestry. For more information about the resident tree giveaway, please call 386-775-5454.

Orange City Council

The Orange City Council represents the citizens of Orange City. Please feel free to contact your district or at-large representative if you have any questions or comments.

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Recycling Back to the Basics

Focus on recycling these items in your home curbside bin

- Aluminum and steel cans
- Plastic bottles and jugs
- Cardboard and paper

When in doubt—throw it out! This information is applicable for Orange City residents with 64 gallon recycling carts. Questions? Email ocrecycling@ourorangecity.com.

What is Stormwater?

Stormwater is water from precipitation that flows across the ground and pavement when it rains. The water seeps into the ground or drains into what we call storm sewers. These are the drains you see at street corners or at low points on the sides of streets. Collectively, the draining of water is called stormwater runoff.

Why is Stormwater “Good Rain Gone Wrong”?

Stormwater becomes a problem when it picks up debris, chemicals, dirt and other pollutants as it flows or when it causes flooding and erosion of stream banks. Stormwater travels through a system of pipes and roadside ditches that make up storm sewer systems. It eventually flows directly to a lake, river, stream, wetland or coastal water. All of the pollutants stormwater carries along the way employ into our waters too because stormwater does not get treated!

Ways to help prevent Stormwater Runoff Pollution:

- Never dump anything down a storm drain.
- Pick up after your pet.
- Sweep up driveways and sidewalks
- Use fertilizers and pesticides sparingly
- Plant gardens in bare spots
- Check cars for leaks
- Wash cars at a car wash
- Compost your yard and organic wastes

Fireworks and Fun

June 29 5 pm to 9:30 pm
Valentine Park

Orange City’s fireworks celebration will be held on Saturday, June 29, at Valentine Park from 5 pm to 9:30 pm. Arrive early to get a great spot to watch the fireworks show. Enjoy the fun entertainment throughout the day. There will be a live band playing great music, a rock wall and bounce houses to play on, and even a watermelon eating contest to participate in! Make sure to stop by the Orange City booth for fun giveaways and a raffle ticket for one of our great prizes. This is a free event, so please join us and celebrate our nation’s independence. No outside coolers or fireworks please. Fireworks begin at 9:10 pm.

Photo provided by Kevin Wright.

Know Your Watering Days

Watering Restrictions

Watering is only allowed before 10 a.m. or after 4 p.m.

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For information about the watering restrictions and exceptions, visit www.sjrwmwd.com/wateringrestrictions
THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT.

In appreciation of our community residents, volunteers and event sponsors, the City of Orange City would like to formally thank you. It is your dedication and support that makes our success possible. We appreciate you and look forward to serving you for years to come.

205 East Graves Avenue
Orange City, FL 32763-5213

Historic Orange City – Road History

Have you ever wondered how city streets got their names? It has been a tradition to name streets after notable citizens or familiar landmarks. Take a look at these familiar street names to learn more about their origin.

**Graves Avenue** = named for David P. Graves, OC Founder who opened first store in town on Graves Ave

**Oak Avenue** = originally named Stillman Ave for John E. Stillman, OC founder who submitted the name Orange City instead of Blue Springs City when submitting paperwork for the new town Post Office

**Holly Avenue** = originally spelled “Holley” after William C. Holley, OC Founder

**French Avenue** = named for Dr. Seth French, OC Founder and Civil War Surgeon responsible for directing the company from Wisconsin to settle this area in 1875

**Thorpe Avenue** = John C. Thorp, OC Founder who married Orange City’s first school teacher Emma Tabor. At some point, an “e” was added to the end of his name

**Lansdowne Avenue** = originally named Smith Street for OC Founder, Dr. James M. Smith

**University Avenue** = The St. John’s River Conference College of the Methodist Episcopal Church was established on the current elementary school grounds in 1887

**Carpenter Avenue** = named for J.B. Carpenter, OC Pioneer

**Leavitt Avenue** = named for William W. Leavitt, OC Pioneer

**Taylor Road** = named for the Taylor family who acquired the home at 319 E. French, first built by Dr. Seth French

**Sparkman Avenue** = named for Stephen Sparkman, OC Pioneer whose family of seven children suffered and died from Yellow Fever epidemic in 1888

**Albertus Way** = named for local philanthropist Albert Dickinson Jr. who built the Melissa Dickinson Memorial Library in honor of his late sister

**Cherokee Avenue** = originally named Lemon Avenue. A petition was filed on April 2, 1928 by property owners requesting to change the name from Lemon Ave to Cherokee Ave. The change was unanimously approved by City Council

**Volusia Avenue** = originally referred to as the “Deland-Orange City road” going north and “Orange City – Enterprise Road” going south. Also known as the Black Bear Trail.

**Blue Springs Avenue** = the original road that led to the Thursby’s Landing at Blue Spring. The road name uses the plural form “springs”, yet the park name is in the singular “Blue Spring”. There were, and may still be, several smaller springs beyond the large “boil”, no longer accessible to the public

**Dixson Street** = possibly a variation of the name “Dickinson”. Albert & Emma Dickinson owned a large grove home named Oakhurst that once stood on the south side of Dixson Avenue where the road curves