



# City of Clermont

## Gem of the Hills

### CLERMONT CITY COUNCIL

Mayor

Harold Turville

(Seat III)

Council Member

Timothy Bates

(Seat I)

Council Member

Ray Goodgame

(Seat II)

Council Member

Keith Mullins

(Seat IV)

Council Member

Rick VanWagner

(Seat V)

### COMMUNITY FORUM

The City of Clermont held three Community Forum meetings to gain input from the community on what the citizens vision is for the future shaping of our City. These meetings were facilitated by The Corbin Group, a professional consulting company.



During the May 21, 2013 meeting, the attendees provided feedback on the features Clermont has and who the features attract. In addition, the meeting provided an opportunity for the citizens to provide their ideas on the

needs of the community. Participants were provided cameras and invited to take pictures of things they wanted more of, less of, what they considered appealing, and what they considered unattractive.

On June 19, 2013, the participants were provided different colored stars to place on the photos they viewed as something they would like more of, less of, what they considered appealing, and what they considered unattractive. The written activity was designed to assist in identifying the city to support the Clermont brand.

The final of the series was held on July 24, 2013. The participants were shown

47 slides which had been categorized by subject and tallied using the star rating system from the prior meeting. The participants provided comments and their vision on the various slides.

The next process will consist of branding, a vision statement, developing a master plan, and implementing the master plan.

A big thank you to the citizens of Clermont for participating in the Community Forum!



### ELECTION QUALIFYING

The City of Clermont Election Qualifying closed at 12-noon on Friday, June 7, 2013 for Seats 2 and 4. The following officially qualified for the Clermont City Council :

Seat 2

Gail Ash

Ray Goodgame

Thomas Spencer

Seat 4

Keith E. Mullins

Frank J. Neimi

The three candidates qualified for Seat 2 were on the Primary Election ballot held on Tuesday, August 13, 2013.

Ray Goodgame received more than 50 percent of the votes cast, therefore won the elec-

tion for Seat 2.

The candidates for Seat 4 will be in the General Election to be held on Tuesday, November 5, 2013.

The swearing in for Seats 2 and 4 will be held at the November 12, 2013 Council meeting.

## TAKE PART IN PREVENTING WATER POLLUTION

The rain that runs off roofs, lawns, and driveways can eventually end up in the nearest water body by flowing over land and into storm drains. To help reduce water pollution:

- Keep grass clippings out of stormwater drains
- Remove trash and yard waste from gutters and around storm drains

- Do not fill stormwater ponds, swales, or retention systems with dirt or other debris
- Avoid overuse of fertilizers, especially near the water's edge
- Fertilize only during the growing season
- Avoid dumping oil, chemicals or yard trash into ponds, inlets, or

storm drains

- Use your lawn clippings for mulch or compost
- Report clogged culverts or slow-moving water in ditches to the City



## ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Residents and businesses are coming to Clermont, and everyone can benefit from the new Economic Development section of Clermont's website. Residents and businesses can find statistics on growth, new business development in Clermont, apartments to rent, and even how to start a business.

There are maps and lists that can help locate shopping plazas, links to newspapers, and events happening downtown.

The City of Clermont proudly supports *The Moonlight Players* and the *Florida Lakes Symphony Orchestra*.

The Moonlight Players performance schedule for September and November:

Monty Python and the Holy Grail, Spamalot; September 6 through September 29.

The Man Who Came to Dinner; November 1 through November 24.

For details, please visit [www.MoonlightPlayers.com](http://www.MoonlightPlayers.com)

The Florida Lakes Symphony Orchestra performance schedule at the Family Christian Center on U.S. Highway 27 for November and December:

Majesty in Time of Mayhem; November 8.

Christmas Bells \*at the Highlander Pavilion\*; December 5, 2013.

For details, please visit [www.FloridaLakesSymphonyOrchestra.com](http://www.FloridaLakesSymphonyOrchestra.com)

*Clermont is  
Open For Business,  
so shop local  
whenever you can.*

## SINGING TREE CONCERT

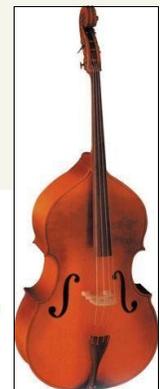
October 20 is the date for the third annual Singing Tree Concert hosted by the South Lake County Historical Society.

The event will take place from 4pm to 6pm at the Clermont Community Center. The cost is \$10.00 for adults

and \$5.00 for students.

"Singing Tree" plays folk music with a classical twist and is composed of Ray Belanger on the Hammered Dulcimer and Lloyd Goldstein on the Double Bass. Both longtime musicians can be checked out at [singingtreeduo.com](http://singingtreeduo.com).

For additional information, please contact Judy Jackson at 352.406.3946 or at [jjackson40@gmail.com](mailto:jjackson40@gmail.com).



## WHAT TO DO WHEN A SMOKE DETECTOR CHIRPS

The most common reason a smoke detector chirps is because the battery is getting low or weak. Depending on the make and model, a red LED light may blink intermittently along with the chirping sounds. Replace the old battery with a fresh one. If the chirping continues, dust could be a factor, a poor cell inside the smoke detector, or the age of the smoke detector could be the problem. Keep in mind, a

smoke detector more than ten years old may need to be replaced with a newer one.

A home's smoke detector is a critical safety component that can help alert to potential fire hazards. It is recommended that smoke detectors be installed in each bedroom of the home and in a hallway. It is critical that the alarms work and function properly.



## NEW PROJECTS

There are currently three brand new commercial construction projects in Clermont:

- Wawa, gas and convenience store; 1919 South U.S. Highway 27
- Tires Plus; 2625 East Highway 50
- Presidential Car Wash; 3195 South U.S. Highway 27

There are also five residential developments under construction:

- Hunters Run; off Hartwood Marsh Road and east of Hancock Road
- Heritage Hills Phase 4A and Phase 5; east of Hancock Road
- Lost Lake Apartments; north of Walmart

- Clermont Retirement Residences; 3650 South U.S. Highway 27
- Crane's View Lodge; 1601 Hooks Street



*Clermont continues to grow with over 40 new businesses starting in the last year.*

## HISTORIC VILLAGE SPOTLIGHT THE ORIGINAL COOPER MEMORIAL LIBRARY

At the first library organizational meeting in 1906, Mrs. Payson Pierce offered her home on Montrose Street for regular meetings and a place to keep the books. In 1910 the books were moved to the Isaiah Benson home at 607 Lake Avenue. In 1911 the name of the organization was the Clermont Library Club and

the books were moved to the small Baptist Church. At the May 23, 1914 meeting of the Club, it was decided to build a permanent home for the books. Mrs. Alice Cooper offered to lease a lot on DeSoto Street to the Club, as long as it was used for a library.

In 2009, the City moved the building from DeSoto Street to

the Historic Village. The building was renovated, retaining some of the original floors and windows. It is being used as museum space for various displays.





**City Officials**

City Manager

Darren Gray

Assistant City Manager

Scott Blankenship

Fire Chief

Carle Bishop

Finance Director

Joseph VanZile

City Clerk

Tracy Ackroyd

Environmental Services Director

James Kinzler

Police Chief

Charles Broadway

Economic Development Director

Jim Hitt

Planning & Zoning Director

Barbara Hollerand

Recreation and Events Director

Dave Teske

Information Technology Director

Don Dennis

Human Resources Director

Susan Irby

Public Works Director

Stoney Brunson

The following meetings are held in the Council Chambers of City Hall at 685 West Montrose Street each month:

- Council meetings are held the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays at 7:00pm
- Planning and Zoning Commission meets on the 1st Tuesday at 7:00pm
- Code Enforcement meets on the 3rd Tuesday at 6:00pm

City Hall  
352.394.4081

Fire Department  
352.394.7662

Police Department  
352.394.5588

Public Works  
352.394.3350  
352.394.7177

Water, Wastewater,  
Sanitation, Stormwater  
352.241.0178

**HOLIDAY  
GARBAGE  
COLLECTION**

Labor Day

Monday, September 2, 2013,  
moved to Tuesday, September 3,  
2013.

and

Tuesday, September 3, 2013,  
moved to Wednesday, September  
4, 2013.

Thanksgiving

Thursday, November 28, 2013,  
moved to Friday, November 29,  
2013.

and

Friday, November 29, 2013, moved  
to Saturday, November 30, 2013.

Veterans Day will not affect the  
regular collection day.

**CITY HALL  
HOLIDAY  
CLOSINGS**

City Hall will be closed on:

Monday, September 2, 2013

in observance of

Labor Day

Monday, November 11, 2013

In observance of

Veterans Day

Thursday, November 28, 2013

and

Friday, November 29, 2013

in observance of

Thanksgiving