

CALESA CONNECTION

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UPDATES**

SW 80th Avenue Expansion

As many of you know, Marion County is widening SW 80th Avenue in two phases (Segments 1A and 1B). Segment 1A extends from SW 90th Street to north of SW 80th Street, while Segment 1B continues from the end of Segment 1A to SW 38th Street.

Construction is moving at an impressive pace, and portions of the roadway are already beginning to take shape. Residents should continue to expect traffic impacts near the intersection of SW 80th Street and SW 80th Avenue, including temporary lane shifts, construction delays, and occasional flagging operations directing traffic through active work zones.

Please allow extra

travel time, follow all posted traffic signage, and use caution and patience while traveling through the construction area.

The Oasis at Calesa Township

Exciting progress continues with The Oasis at Calesa Township! We are pleased to announce that the initial governmental agency submittals have been completed, marking a significant milestone as this highly anticipated project officially enters the permitting phase.

Located between the Chestnut Grove and Perlino Grove neighborhoods, The Oasis will become Calesa's premier destination for recreation, relaxation, and community gatherings. Planned amenities include a resort-style family pool, an "adults-only" pool, an adult lounge, an outdoor kids' game room, flexible entertainment spaces, a snack bar, and a variety of outdoor sports and recreation opportunities.

Groundbreaking is currently projected for early 2027. We look forward



Image courtesy of Colen Built Development

The Oasis at Calesa Township logo.

to sharing additional design renderings and construction updates as this exciting project moves forward.

Community Amenities Survey

We're excited to continue planning for the future of Calesa Township – and we want your input! In the coming weeks, you'll

receive a community survey asking for your feedback on future amenities and enhancements you'd like to see. Your responses will help guide future planning, so we encourage everyone to participate and submit their feedback promptly. Thank you for helping us shape the future of our community!



MANAGER'S REPORT

Trash Days

Residents are permitted to use up to two trash containers, each up to 96 gallons. Residents are responsible for purchasing their own containers. On Tuesdays, residents can put out their trash and yard waste. Yard waste must not exceed two 45-gallon trash bags. On Fridays, residents can put out their trash and recycling. They only take recycling on Fridays. If you

have any questions, please call Waste Pro at 352-624-3100.

Parking

Roan Hills and Sorrel Glen residents are permitted to park on the streets; however, please be mindful of your surroundings and ensure vehicles are parked in a manner that does not create safety concerns. Vehicles must not block neighboring driveways, walking trails, or fire hydrants. Additionally, vehicles are not permitted to park within 30 feet of stop signs.

Please remember that emergency vehicles must

always have clear access through the community. We have received several reports of emergency vehicles being unable to pass due to improperly parked vehicles. Your cooperation helps ensure the safety and accessibility of all residents.

Perlino Grove residents are only permitted to park in designated street parking areas. Parking on the street outside of these designated spaces is not permitted.

All residents must follow the 15-minute parking limit at the mailboxes. Mailbox areas are intended for brief stops to retrieve mail and are not designated for long-term parking.

Thank you for your cooperation in helping maintain a safe and accessible community for everyone.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Summer Bash

Thank you to everyone who joined us for the Summer Bash! We had a blast! The obstacle course kept the kids racing, and a big thanks to Colen Built Development for sponsoring the rock-climbing wall – giving the kids something to climb besides their parents' walls!

Upcoming Events

- Friday, Aug. 28 & Saturday, Aug. 29: Community Garage Sale (residents only)
- Saturday, Sept. 26: Fall Festival
- Saturday, Nov. 14: Calesa Showcase

Keep your eye out for event flyers coming soon!

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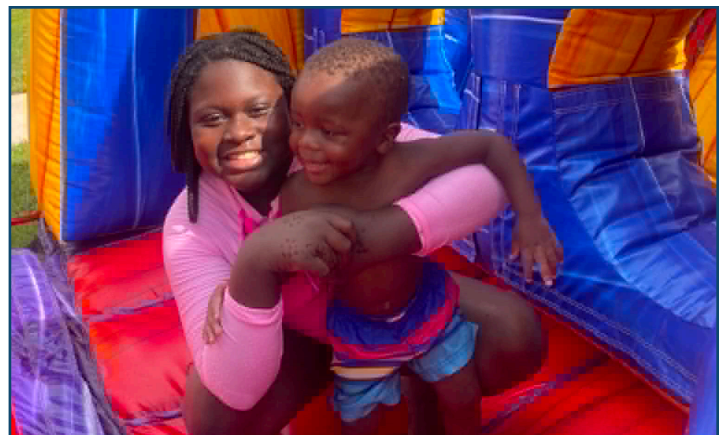


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June's Summer Bash was a hit!

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Life is busy, but learning doesn't have to stop. At Master the Possibilities, we believe education should be accessible, flexible, and enjoyable. That's why we are excited to offer ed2go, a comprehensive online learning platform, to our entire community of participants, including Calesa Township residents.

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Whether you're retired, still working, or simply enjoy lifelong learning, ed2go makes it easy to fit education into your

lifestyle. Courses are available year-round, allowing you to begin your learning journey whenever you're ready.

At Master the Possibilities, we know that learning keeps the mind active, builds confidence, and opens doors to new opportunities. Every new skill learned, every hobby explored, and every challenge accepted contributes to a richer, more fulfilling life. Lifelong learning isn't just about gaining knowledge. It is about staying curious, engaged, and connected to the world around us.

Ready to get started? Browse our complete selection of online courses and career training programs anytime at www.masterthepossibilities.org.

Registration is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, making it easy to enroll whenever it's convenient for you.

If you would like assistance selecting a course or registering, our friendly staff is happy to help. Visit us at the Master the Possibilities Education Center at 8415 SW 80th Street or call 352-861-9751. Our office is open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

No matter your age or experience, it is never too late to learn something new. We invite our Calesa neighbors to discover the convenience and excitement of ed2go and experience the joy of lifelong learning one course at a time. Always be a student.

CALESA CONNECTION ONLINE

Read the latest and past editions online at MyCalesa.com/Calesa-Connection.

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HORTICULTURE CORNER

Landscaping Ideas

August's heat and frequent rain create ideal conditions for many Florida-friendly plants. By choosing heat-tolerant, low-maintenance varieties, you can create a landscape that stays beautiful into fall.

Create a Tropical Oasis

Bring a resort feel to

your yard with lush plants like native palms, bird-of-paradise, elephant ears, and monstera. Add colorful accents with hibiscus, bougainvillea, or crotons, and include fragrant gardenias or jasmine for extra appeal.

Choose Water-Wise Plants

Reduce maintenance and conserve water with drought-tolerant plants such as agaves, yuccas, succulents, and ornamental muhly grass. Decorative gravel or stone mulch helps retain moisture while giving your landscape a clean, modern look.

Brighten Shady Areas

Take advantage of shaded spaces by planting caladiums, coleus, ferns, and cast-iron plants. A small seating area or garden bench can turn these cool spots into relaxing outdoor retreats.

Support Pollinators

Create a butterfly-friendly garden with native plants like firebush, milkweed, coontie, and pentas. These plants attract butterflies, bees, and hummingbirds while helping support Florida's natural ecosystem. Avoid broad-spectrum pesticides whenever possible.

Add Edible Landscaping

Combine beauty and function by incorporating citrus trees, rosemary, thyme, basil, and other herbs into your landscape. Many herbs grow well in containers, making them perfect for patios and small gardens.

Create Coastal Charm

If you have a home near the coast, choose salt-tolerant plants like beach sunflower, sea oats, and sea lavender. Pair them with shell pathways, natural stone, or decorative beach grasses for a classic Florida coastal style.

Add a Water Feature

A fountain, birdbath,

rain garden, or small pond creates a peaceful focal point while attracting birds and other wildlife. Rain gardens also help manage excess water during Florida's rainy season.

Make the Most of Small Spaces

Vertical gardens, hanging baskets, and trellises are excellent ways to maximize limited space. Plant flowering vines, herbs, or compact vegetables, and consider self-watering containers to simplify summer care.

Maintenance Tips

Keep your landscape looking its best by watering deeply in the early morning, refreshing mulch, checking drainage after heavy rain, and removing weeds regularly. Monitor plants for pests or fungal diseases that thrive in humid conditions, and prune any damaged growth after summer storms.

With thoughtful plant selection and a few seasonal updates, your Florida landscape can remain colorful, healthy, and easy to maintain throughout the year. Focusing on Florida-friendly plants and sustainable landscaping practices will help you enjoy a beautiful outdoor space while conserving water and reducing maintenance.



Photo courtesy of Leland Management

June's Summer Bash was on another level!



BEATS & BITES

Celebrate National Farmers Market Week

There's no better time to support local farmers, artisans, and small businesses than during National Farmers Market Week – and Circle Square Commons is making the celebration even more exciting!

Join us on Thursday, Aug. 6, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at The Town Square at Circle Square Commons for a morning filled with fresh produce, handcrafted goods, music, and fun giveaways.

The festivities kick off with live entertainment by SmileTime from 9 a.m. to noon, creating the perfect atmosphere while you browse your favorite vendors. At 10 a.m., the first 40 visitors who sign up for the Circle Square Commons weekly email will receive a complimentary Farmers Market tote bag and be



August 6, 2026 *Let's Celebrate* NATIONAL FARMERS MARKET WEEK!

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10 AM

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10:30 AM

automatically entered into the day's raffle. Plus, every purchase made from a Farmers Market vendor earns you an additional raffle entry, giving shoppers even more chances to win.

The raffle drawing begins at 10:30 a.m., featuring an incredible lineup of prizes, including:

- Two tickets to a Circle Square Cultural Center show (a \$64 value)
- A gift basket from The Ranch Fitness Center & Spa (a \$150 value)
- A gift certificate for a round of golf for up to four people at Candler Hills Golf Course (a \$440 value)

Must be present to win

raffle prizes.

Whether you're shopping for farm-fresh fruits and vegetables, homemade treats, unique gifts, or simply looking for a fun way to spend your Thursday morning, the Circle Square Commons Farmers Market offers

something for everyone.

Come celebrate National Farmers Market Week by shopping local, enjoying live music, and supporting the hardworking vendors who help make our community thrive. Best of all, admission and parking are free, and the market is open to the public.

Circle Square Commons Farmers Market is located at 8405 SW 80th Street, Ocala, Florida, and takes place every Thursday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

For the latest information, please follow Circle Square Commons on Facebook (@csctownsquare).

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POOL CLOSURE

Roan Hills pool will be closed for repairs **Monday, Aug. 10 through Monday, Aug. 31.**



SWIM SPOTLIGHT

It has been an incredible summer at the Florida Aquatics Swimming & Training (FAST) facility! From busy summer camp days to swim lessons, our facility has been filled with activity, laughter, and great energy all season long. It has been wonderful to see so many families, swimmers, and community members enjoying everything FAST has to offer.

In addition to our summer programming, FAST was proud to host several premier swimming events, including the Florida Age Group Championships and the YMCA National

Long Course Swimming Championships. These exciting competitions brought talented athletes, coaches, and families from across the state and the country to Ocala, showcasing our world-class facility and creating an exciting atmosphere for participants and spectators alike.

As summer comes to a close and students head back to school, there's still plenty of opportunity to enjoy the FAST facility. Whether you're looking to cool off during open swim, let the kids splash and play at the spray ground, or get in a workout during lap swim, we invite you to visit us throughout the season.

Be sure to check the facility schedule for the latest hours and availability. We look forward to seeing you at the pool soon!



SCHOOL UPDATES

A new school year is just around the corner, and Ina A. Colen Academy is excited to welcome our students and families back for another year of learning, growth, and success.

We look forward to seeing everyone at "Meet the Teacher" on Friday, Aug. 7, from 10:30 a.m. to noon. This is a wonderful opportunity for students to meet their teachers, reconnect with friends, and become familiar with their classrooms before the first day of school.

The first day of school is Wednesday, Aug. 12, and we are eager to welcome students back to campus for what promises to be another outstanding year.

Families are also

reminded that Wednesday, Aug. 26, is an early release day, with students dismissed at 12:20 p.m. As always, we encourage residents and visitors to be mindful of increased traffic around the school during dismissal.

As we begin the new school year, we are especially proud to celebrate an incredible achievement as Ina A. Colen Academy has once again earned an "A" school grade, marking the fourth consecutive year of this distinction. This accomplishment is a testament to the hard work, dedication, and commitment of our students, faculty, staff, and supportive families. Thank you to everyone who helps make our school community such a special place.

Here's to a fantastic 2026-27 school year! We can't wait to see all that our students will accomplish together.

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Sholom Park FINDING ZEN

Great Southeast Pollinator Census

On Friday, Aug. 21 and Saturday, Aug. 22, Sholom Park will once again participate in the Great Southeast Pollinator Census, a regional citizen-science initiative that invites people across the Southeast to observe flowering plants, count pollinator visits, and help create a snapshot of pollinator activity in their communities.

At first glance, the event seems simple: watch flowers, count pollinators, and record what you see. Yet the more closely you look, the more meaningful it becomes.

Pollinators are all around us in a healthy garden, but many of us pass by without noticing them. A flower that appears still from a few feet away may be buzzing with life – bees moving from bloom to bloom, butterflies drifting through the garden, and

beneficial insects quietly carrying out the work that helps our landscapes thrive. The census gives us a chance to slow down, observe, and appreciate these important visitors.

Sholom Park will host volunteers from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on both days. Volunteers will welcome guests, explain the census, and assist anyone who wishes to participate. Last year, approximately 10 volunteers and 150 park guests took part, and we hope to build on that success this year.

The volunteer effort is being coordinated by Carole Putnam, volunteer coordinator, and Misty Frye, park administrator.

Participants will begin at the pavilion area, where they will receive a brief introduction and watch a short instructional video before being assigned to counting stations throughout the park. Observation areas will include the formal garden, pavilion area, and Fragrance Trail, all of which feature a variety of pollinator-friendly plants. With support from UF/IFAS Extension and

local Master Gardeners, volunteers and guests will observe flowering plants, count pollinator visits, and record their findings.

No experience is necessary. You do not need to be an insect expert to participate. Gardeners, families, students, nature lovers, and anyone willing to spend a few minutes watching a flower are welcome to join. Participants will learn to recognize the major groups of pollinators and contribute their observations to a much greater regional effort.

The data collected helps researchers and educators better understand which pollinators are active, which plants they visit, and how local landscapes support them. Just as importantly, the experience changes the way we see the world around us. Once you spend time watching pollinators, you begin to notice which

flowers are busiest, where butterflies linger, and how much life is quietly unfolding in every garden bed.

That is why this event feels so at home at Sholom Park. The park is not only a place of peace, beauty, and reflection – it is also a living classroom. Every trail, tree, and flowerbed offers an opportunity to learn. The Pollinator Census reminds us that Sholom Park is more than a destination for people seeking tranquility; it is also vital habitat where plants, insects, birds, soil, water, and people are all connected.

We invite the community to join us for this year's count. By giving just a little of your time, you can learn something new, contribute to an important regional conservation project, and take part in the meaningful work of caring for the natural world.

COMMUNITY AMENITIES SURVEY

We look forward to your feedback on future amenities and enhancements!



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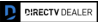
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