

CALESA CONNECTION

OCTOBER 2026 EDITION

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DEVELOPER UPDATES

Sabino

Site grading in Sabino, the next neighborhood just north of Sorrel Glen, is nearing completion, marking an exciting milestone as work transitions into the next phases of development.

Construction is now underway on the extension of SW 52nd Street, including another multi-modal path tunnel. The dedicated underpass will provide a safe, uninterrupted connection beneath SW 52nd Street, allowing children and adults to easily travel between the neighborhood and the neighboring greenway without crossing the roadway.

As this work moves forward, the new

connection will continue to expand Calesa Township's network of trails, greenways, and recreational spaces.

The Nest

Exciting progress continues at The Nest! With the buildings rapidly approaching completion and receiving their final exterior finishes, much of the activity is now shifting to the surrounding outdoor spaces.

Crews are working

throughout the site to install brick pavers, synthetic turf, hardscape concrete, and other finishing elements that will help bring the grounds together.

The sand volleyball court and dog-friendly areas have also seen significant progress in recent weeks, along with several other recreational features throughout the property.

With work happening

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The Nest at Calesa Township.

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across multiple areas at once, The Nest is continuing to take shape as Calesa Township's newest destination for recreation, entertainment, and gathering with family and friends. Keep up with updates about The Nest on socials @TheNestOcala.

Calesa Connection

Advertising

Beginning with the January 2027 issue, Calesa Connection will offer classified advertising

opportunities for both Calesa Township residents and non-residents.

As our community continues to grow, we're excited to provide a new way for local businesses, service providers, organizations, and residents to connect with Calesa Township.

Classified ads will be available in three categories: Services, Help Wanted, and Events. The deadline to advertise in the January 2027 issue is noon on Tuesday, Dec. 15. Future advertising

deadlines, along with the latest rate card and publication schedule, will be available at mycalesa.com/calesa-connection.

Have a service to share, a position to fill, or an upcoming event to promote? We'd love to help you get the word out to Calesa Township!

Article Submissions

Calesa Township residents can contribute to Calesa Connection by submitting articles about resident-run events, clubs, and activities in our vibrant community.

This is your chance to share what's happening in Calesa Township with your neighbors and fellow residents. Whether it's a neighborhood block party, a book club meeting, or a

softball game, we want to hear about it!

Each article must be no more than 250 words in length and must pertain to events, clubs, or activities organized by and open to residents within Calesa Township. All submissions will go through an approval process to ensure they align with the values and guidelines of our community newsletter.

All submissions are due by noon on the 15th of the month prior to publication.

Submitting an article is easy! Simply email your article to news@colenbuilt.net with the subject line "Calesa Connection Article." Please include your name and contact information in the email so we can reach out to you if we have any questions.

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Calesa residents enjoying the Fall Festival in September.

Master the Possibilities

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KEEP LEARNING

Between work, family, errands and everything else packed into the week, finding time to try something new is not always easy. Fortunately, Master the Possibilities (MTP) is just down the road from Calesa Township, with more than 200 class opportunities each month and online options that can fit into even the busiest schedule.

October is an especially exciting month at MTP as the Horse Capital of the World® curriculum theme continues. Living in Ocala means being surrounded by an equestrian industry known around the world, and several October programs

offer opportunities to experience it firsthand.

A great weekend option is on Saturday, Oct. 3, at 10 a.m. with “Behind the Scenes at the Florida Horse Park.” This special experience includes a facility tour and live horse show for \$10 per person.

Another Saturday opportunity takes place Thursday, Oct. 17 at 2:50 p.m. with “Discover the Sport of Kings: Polo in Ocala.” The afternoon includes an introduction to polo, hands-on activities, a demonstration, the chance to meet a polo pony and a Sunset Polo Match at the Florida Horse Park, all for \$22 per person.

Those are only a small sample of October’s equine offerings. Classes throughout the month explore everything from equine behavior and welfare to the economic impact of the horse

industry, rehabilitation, local equestrian attractions and even horses in myth and folklore.

For those whose schedules make it difficult to attend a class at a specific time, ed2go opens another door to learning. Through MTP, hundreds of online courses are available in areas such as technology, business, writing, personal development, healthcare, languages and more. Courses can be completed from home, making them a convenient option for working adults who want to build professional skills, explore a new interest or simply keep learning.

And there is much more happening at MTP beyond the Horse Capital theme. October offers opportunities in technology, cooking, art, fitness, history, finance, languages and other subjects, with new ways to learn and connect throughout the month.

There is no need to wait until the MTP office is open to see what is available. Class information and registration are available 24 hours a day, seven days a week at MasterthePossibilities.org. For assistance, call 352-861-9751 or visit MTP from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday.



Photo by Leland Management

Mechanical bull ride at the Fall Festival in September.



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MANAGER'S REPORT

Haunt the Neighborhood

It's almost time to turn our neighborhood into a spooktacular showcase! Our annual Halloween decoration contest is officially kicking off, and we can't wait to see the creativity, imagination, and Halloween spirit on display. Residents may begin putting up their Halloween decorations starting Thursday, Oct. 1 – so start planning your spooky scenes, creepy creations, and frightfully fun themes now! Please note that homes with Halloween-themed decorations displayed before Oct. 1 have been disqualified from this year's contest. To enter, decorate your home, snap a photo, and submit it with your Halloween theme name and property address. Send your entry to strodriquez@lelandmanagement.com. Whether your home

is spooky, silly, scary, or simply spectacular, we want to see it! Get those pumpkins glowing, ghosts flying, and goblins grinning – the competition is sure to be a scream!

Roan Hills HOA Board Opportunity

Roan Hills HOA has one opening on the board of directors, giving a resident the chance to become more involved in the community and help contribute to its continued success. If you are interested in serving on the board, candidate intent forms are due by Thursday, Oct. 15. Information and mailings regarding the upcoming election have already been sent to residents, so be sure to check your mailbox for details and submission instructions. If you've ever thought about getting more involved in your community, this is a great opportunity to make your voice heard and lend your time and talents to Roan Hills!

Golf Cart & Pedestrian Crossing

For everyone's safety,

residents driving a vehicle, golf cart, or other motorized vehicle, as well as those walking or biking, are reminded to slow down and remain alert at all designated golf cart and pedestrian crossings.

Who goes first?

Pedestrians have the right-of-way in a marked pedestrian crossing. Drivers, golf cart operators, and bicyclists should stop and allow pedestrians to cross safely.

Golf carts and other vehicles must yield to pedestrians and follow all posted crossing signs and traffic controls.

Pedestrians and bicyclists should use designated crossings whenever available and remain alert for approaching vehicles and golf carts.

Everyone should stop, look both ways, and make sure the crossing is clear before proceeding.

Please be courteous, patient, and mindful of others using the road and shared crossings. A few extra seconds of caution can help keep our community safe.

Fall Festival

A huge thank-you to all of our amazing residents who came out to celebrate at our Fall Festival! It

was so much fun seeing the community buzzing with laughter, smiles, and plenty of fall festivities.

The mechanical bull definitely brought out everyone's adventurous side – there were some brave riders, some impressive attempts, and plenty of laughs along the way! And Joker's Wild kept the fun going with even more excitement and entertainment.

Our littlest residents had plenty to enjoy too! The face painting was a big hit, the pony rides brought plenty of smiles, and the petting zoo was definitely one of the day's favorites. From furry friends to painted faces, the kids had plenty to explore!

And, of course, what's a festival without great food? The food trucks were busy all afternoon, serving up delicious favorites while everyone grabbed a bite, relaxed, and enjoyed the festivities.

Most importantly, it was wonderful to see neighbors, families, and friends all coming together and enjoying everything our community has to offer. Thank you for bringing the smiles, laughter, energy, and fun! We hope you had an udderly fantastic time!

Until next time ... keep those fall vibes going!

AMENITY WI-FI

USER: **CalesaAmenity** PASSWORD: **CaLeSa47Saddle**



Navigating the Digital Age

Artificial intelligence (AI) is rapidly changing how we live, manage our homes, and connect with loved ones. However, the same technology that brings helpful tools to our fingertips is also being used by scammers to trick unsuspecting individuals.

Understanding how to spot these digital traps is one of the best ways to protect your privacy, finances, and peace of mind.

Cybercriminals now use advanced AI software to mimic human behavior, creating scams that look and sound remarkably convincing.

- **Voice Cloning:** Scammers can take a short clip of a family member's voice from social media and use AI to generate a fake phone call. They might pretend your loved one is in an emergency and urgently needs money wired to

them.

- **Deceptive Emails and Texts:** Automated writing tools allow criminals to send phishing messages free of spelling and grammar errors, making them look like official alerts from your bank, utility company, or Medicare.
- **Fake Customer Support:** Internet searches can sometimes lead you to fraudulent customer service numbers generated by AI to trick you into downloading remote access software or sharing credit card details.

You do not need to be a computer expert to stay safe. Implementing a few reliable habits drastically reduces your risk:

- **Establish a Family Code Word:** If you receive a frantic call from a family member asking for money, pause and ask them for a pre-established secret code word that only your immediate family knows.
- **Verify Through Official Channels:** Never click links

in unexpected text messages or emails regarding your accounts. Instead, look up the official phone number on your billing statement or bank card to verify the request.

- **Keep Personal Information Private:** Avoid posting details like your pet's name, your hometown, or vacation dates on public social media profiles, as scammers use these details to guess passwords or impersonate you.

- **Slow Down:** Scammers rely on creating panic and urgency. Take a deep breath, hang up the phone, or step away from the computer before reacting to any unexpected financial demand.

Safely embracing modern technology means staying aware without losing the convenience it provides. By verifying unexpected communications and keeping family safety protocols in place, you can enjoy the benefits of today's digital tools with complete confidence.

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October weather typically brings a transition from summer heat to cooler autumn conditions across the Northern Hemisphere, with the official astronomical start to fall arriving on Tuesday, Sept. 22. Temperatures drop noticeably by late month. However, southern regions still experience late-season warmth or lingering heatwaves. This would be Ocala, Florida.

This is the time of year

when we have gotten used to the heat, but there are significant differences, and our body system may not have adjusted. This is also the time when you will start to see ads about getting that flu shot. Adjusting to weather changes can be tricky because we really don't know what the temperature will be the next morning, even with the best meteorology science has to offer in weather forecasting. If you are an early riser and like to be out, this could mean two sets of clothing. Cover up with warm clothing in the early morning, then peel off into breathable clothing to let sweat cool you down. If you are a

newcomer to this region, you will experience fog accompanying the change in weather, as heated earth meets cooler morning dew.

Yes, we know this sounds wacky to folks arriving from other parts of the country, but this is who we are, and we adjust to this yearly change by making sure we dress properly for what nature throws at us. Making clothing adjustments can help prevent getting sick. You know what they say about "when in Rome, do as the Romans do." This period doesn't last long for us in Ocala, but it does last long enough to get sick if you are not prepared for hot and cold at the same time. We want you to stay healthy while with us, so this precautionary dress code we Floridians abide by, again, due to nature, can be a successful seasonal transformation without catching a flu bug. So, dress warmly in the morning when it's cooler,

but be able to peel off layers in the afternoon if you are away from home and cannot make a change.

And it's okay to express yourself to the locals. Sometimes we get a kick out of seeing that slap-jaw-bug-eyed look and listening to folks tell us how wacky our weather can be. As we watch you peel and start to mumble to yourself, we will know we have an inspiring guest amongst us. That is when we will say, "Welcome to our glorious Ocala, Florida." We are happy to have you with us. We want you to stay healthy and enjoy all the wonderful things Ocala has to offer. If you can find the time, write me and tell me what kind of wacky weather your part of the world offers. I will look forward to mumbling about how wacky your weather can be.

For any questions, please email safetydepartment@colenbuilt.net.

LET'S GET SOCIAL

Find us on Facebook at **Calesa Township HOA - Official** (facebook.com/groups/1207762150036896).

This private group is for homeowners only and is operated and monitored by Leland Management.

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SWIM SPOTLIGHT

Fall is in full swing, and there's plenty happening at Florida Aquatics Swimming & Training (FAST)! With high school swim and dive meets, American Red Cross training, and regular

opportunities to get in the pool, October is shaping up to be another active month at FAST.

The month kicks off with the FSPA High School Invitational Swim & Dive Meet on Friday, Oct. 2 & Saturday, Oct. 3. We're excited to welcome high school athletes, coaches, families, and spectators to FAST for a weekend of competition. Later in the month, FAST will host the Mid-Florida

Conference High School Swim Meet on Saturday, Oct. 17, bringing even more high school swimming to the facility.

FAST is also offering an American Red Cross CPR/First Aid/AED Training on Wednesday, Oct. 14, from 5 to 8:30 p.m. Learning CPR and basic first aid is a valuable skill for anyone and can provide confidence in knowing how to respond in an emergency. The training is also a great opportunity for those interested in lifeguarding or other positions that may require CPR, first aid, and AED certification.

Even with a busy event calendar, there are still plenty of ways for Calesa families and residents to enjoy FAST throughout the month. Whether you're looking to stay active with lap swim, bring

the family for open swim, or take advantage of other programs and activities, FAST offers something for swimmers of all ages and experience levels.

As we move into the fall season, remember that facility hours and pool availability can vary around swim meets, training, and other events. Be sure to check the FAST facility schedule for the most current information before planning your visit.

We're proud to be part of Calesa Township and look forward to seeing our neighbors at FAST. Whether you're cheering on a high school swimmer, brushing up on important safety skills, or simply enjoying time in the pool, we hope you'll join us this fall!

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Fall Community Block Party

Mark your calendar for Saturday, Oct. 17, from 1 to 4 pm for the Fall Community Block Party with activities for the whole family to enjoy! This event is free and open to the public.

Calesa Showcase

Get ready to shop, browse, and discover something new at the Calesa Showcase on Saturday, Nov. 14, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. This special event is for Calesa Township residents only and will feature an incredible lineup of more than 50 vendors

offering something for everyone. From delicious baked goods and unique handmade jewelry to children's items, gifts, home décor, and so much more, you never know what treasures you might find! With such a wonderful variety of vendors all in one place, it's the perfect opportunity to support local businesses, find a few holiday gifts, or simply stroll through and enjoy the afternoon with your neighbors. Bring your shopping list, your curiosity, and maybe a little extra room in the car – you're sure to find something you love!

Holiday Celebration

For the holidays, join in the fun of the annual Holiday Celebration and tree lighting on Saturday, Dec. 5.

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Photo by Leland Management

Face painting at the Fall Festival in September.



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Chalk art at the Fall Festival in September.



SCHOOL UPDATES

The 2026-27 school year is in full swing at Ina A. Colen Academy, and our campus is filled with the excitement and energy of a busy school year. As students settle into their routines, our teachers and staff remain focused on creating a positive learning environment where students can grow, learn, and make the most of each school day.

October brings plenty of opportunities for students to continue building on the strong start they made in August and September. From classroom learning and hands-on experiences to time spent with friends and classmates, this season is an important part of the school year as students continue developing

academically, socially, and personally.

As we move through the month, families and Calesa residents are reminded of a few important schedule changes. There will be no school on Friday, Oct. 9, and Monday, Oct. 12. School will resume on Tuesday, Oct. 13.

There will also be a two-hour early release on Wednesday, Oct. 28, with students dismissed at approximately 12:20 p.m. Calesa residents are encouraged to be mindful of increased traffic around Ina A. Colen Academy during dismissal, particularly as families arrive to pick up students.

Thank you to our students, families, teachers, and staff for helping make this school year so positive so far. We look forward to continuing a successful school year and all the learning, growth, and memorable moments still ahead at Ina A. Colen Academy!

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BEATS & BITES

Craft Fair

Get a head start on your holiday shopping while supporting talented local artisans at the upcoming Craft Fair, taking place Saturday, Oct. 17, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. This free event is open to the public and promises a fun day filled with shopping, food, and live entertainment.

Hosted by On Top of the World, the Craft Fair will bring together more than 100 booths featuring a wide variety of handmade goods and unique creations. Whether you are searching for a special gift, seasonal décor, or something one-of-a-kind for yourself, you'll find plenty to discover. Shoppers can browse handcrafted jewelry, artwork, home décor,

accessories, and other artisan-made treasures while meeting the creative individuals behind them.

With the holiday season just around the corner, the Craft Fair is also a great opportunity to get an early start on your gift list. Shopping from local makers not only makes finding a memorable present more fun but also gives you a chance to support the talented artisans and small businesses in our community.

CRAFT FAIR



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Come hungry, because food trucks will be available throughout the event, offering convenient options to enjoy while you shop. Guests can also relax and enjoy live music at the gazebo from 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m., featuring Steven Lazarus. With shopping, food, and entertainment all in one place, the Craft Fair offers an enjoyable way to spend a Saturday with friends and family.

The event will be held at Circle Square Cultural Center and The Town

Square, located at 8395 SW 80th Street in Ocala.

Vendor registration runs through Friday, Oct. 2. For additional vendor information, call 352-854-8707, ext. 7533.

Mark your calendar and invite your friends and family to join you. With more than 100 booths to explore, delicious food, and live music, the Craft Fair is the perfect opportunity to shop local, support artisans, and discover something truly unique.

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