



THE CLOCKTOWER CHRONICLE

Explore Sanford's Quarterly Newsletter to uncover the latest updates, services, and exciting developments shaping our community.

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We have some amazing things happening this fall, and we're excited to keep you informed, connected, and engaged with everything taking place in our vibrant City of Sanford.

In this newsletter, you'll find information about community events, important updates, behind-the-scenes stories, and highlights of the people who make Sanford special.

Thank you for being an essential part of the Sanford community. We look forward to sharing this journey with you, one story at a time!

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[North Water Reclamation Plant](#)



The City of Sanford announces the permanent replacement component needed at the North Water Reclamation Facility has arrived and has been installed. This specialized component replaces the temporary system that has been in place while the city worked with the manufacturer to expedite delivery. The new equipment will significantly enhance the plant's odor-mitigation performance and restore the facility to its intended operating standards. "Over the past several weeks, we know that many residents have experienced frustration related to odors from the facility," Norton Bonaparte, City Manager said. "We take this issue seriously, and we are committed to learning from this experience. Moving forward, our teams are strengthening internal processes, improving communication, and taking proactive steps to prevent similar challenges." Public Works and Utilities Director, Brynt Johnson, noted the importance of the new part and the work underway. "This equipment is essential to the facility's odor control system," the Director said. Residents should expect a noticeable improvement as the system

stabilizes. "To ensure transparency, the city is also releasing a brief behind the scenes video documenting the installation.

This footage offers the community a clear look at the steps being taken to resolve the issue as quickly and thoroughly as possible. The City has taken several actions in recent weeks, including:

- Implementing interim operational measures to reduce odors while awaiting the permanent part.
- Engaging directly with the community sharing regular status updates by way of social media, the city's website and even producing an informational video podcast with Brynt Johnson and the Richie Casella, Plants Manager, available on the city's You Tube channel. We appreciate the public's patience. The comfort and trust of our community remain top priorities. For more information stay tuned to sanfordfl.gov

The Mayfair Country Clubhouse Opening



The Mayfair Country Clubhouse's outstanding opening marked a significant milestone. Witnessing the restoration of this historic site to its former glory is truly remarkable. Years of unwavering commitment, patience, and dedication have culminated in a rewarding outcome, demonstrating the transformative power of steady progress for Sanford. Willie Miller, a golfer, shared his story, having begun caddying at Mayfair at 15, during a time of prejudice when he was not allowed into the clubhouse. Seeing him cut the ribbon was inspiring. We express our heartfelt appreciation to all who made this day possible.



Winter Activities

How City Government Works



Learning about the functioning of city government is always valuable, especially for city residents. Understanding how city government operates can enhance our community engagement. The Florida

Cities 101: Florida's Local Governments



Celebrating America 250 Years of Celebration



AMERICA 250 ★
★ **CELEBRATION** ★

The Seminole County 250 Subcommittee is tasked with planning how Seminole County will celebrate the 250th anniversary of the United States. The next meeting is scheduled for October 8th, and Sanford is preparing its own special activities in honor of this significant celebration.

Sanford Soundstage



SANFORD SoundStage

The City of Sanford proudly presents Sanford Soundstage, a new initiative bringing live, intimate musical performances to City Hall. Inspired by nationally popular “desk-style” series, Sanford Soundstage highlights local and regional talent while showing how City government can support the arts and cultural engagement.

Performances feature live music and short artist interviews, shared across YouTube, the Sanford Says podcast, Facebook, Instagram, and the City’s newsletter, The Clockwork Chronicle. Musicians are selected for talent, originality, and local connection, performing pro-bono to promote Sanford’s music scene. Artists gain exposure, professional video content, and the chance to be part of a high-profile City initiative celebrating local culture.

Please let us know how we are doing, if you would like to appear on Sanford Soundstage let us know at communicate@sanfordfl.gov. Happy listening!

Scout Transportation

Please be Mindful



Sanford, get ready for a whole new way to explore Seminole County! Introducing Scout your ticket to scenic rides and incredible destinations, from the serene Lake Monroe to lively local hotspots. Safe, comfy, and super convenient, Scout is here to make traveling a breeze!

Seminole County's on-demand public transportation is officially live. Booking a ride is simple just enter your starting point and destination in the Ride Freebee app. With average wait times of 30 minutes or less and curb-to-curb service, you can relax at home, work, or wherever you are while you wait for your ride.

Recently Opened Businesses



Explore the exciting new businesses that the City of Sanford has to offer, from delicious dining options to various services. Sanford is committed to growth and welcomes new development in our community.



COYOTE SIGHTINGS: With a recent increase in coyote sightings, residents are encouraged to take steps to ensure their pets are safe.


Problems with coyotes can significantly be reduced by removing attractants around your home. This can be prevented by:

- Securing garbage cans
 - Removing pet food outdoors
 - Keeping pets indoors and livestock in predator-resistant enclosures
 - Walking dogs on a short leash less than six feet
- for more information on coyotes, please visit:



Golden Age Games

Golden Age Games Sponsorship Opportunities



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AGE
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Promote your business
at our
Three-day tournaments & competitions!
Sponsorships start
as low as \$250

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FLORIDA

Promote Your Business at the Nation's Oldest Senior Games! The City of Sanford Golden Age Games is celebrating 50 incredible years, and your business can be a part of the legacy! Support active aging, community spirit, and healthy competition by becoming a sponsor for the event.

Thursday, October 30 – Sunday, November 2
Sponsorship packages start at just \$250!

This is a great opportunity to: Showcase your brand Connect with the community

Support a historic event for more information, contact Dom Pascuzzo

dominic.pascuzzo@sanfordfl.gov 407-688-



Sanford Parks & Recreation Department
50th ANNUAL
HOME OF THE NATION'S OLDEST
SENIOR GAMES
**GOLDEN
AGE
GAMES**

AGES 50+
GAMES WILL BE HELD
OCT 30th - NOV 2ND
REGISTER NOW!
REGISTRATION ENDS **OCTOBER 5TH, 2025**

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TRACK & FIELD

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Registration is OPEN for the Nation's Oldest Senior Games! Join us as the City of Sanford Golden Age Games celebrates its 50th anniversary! 🎉

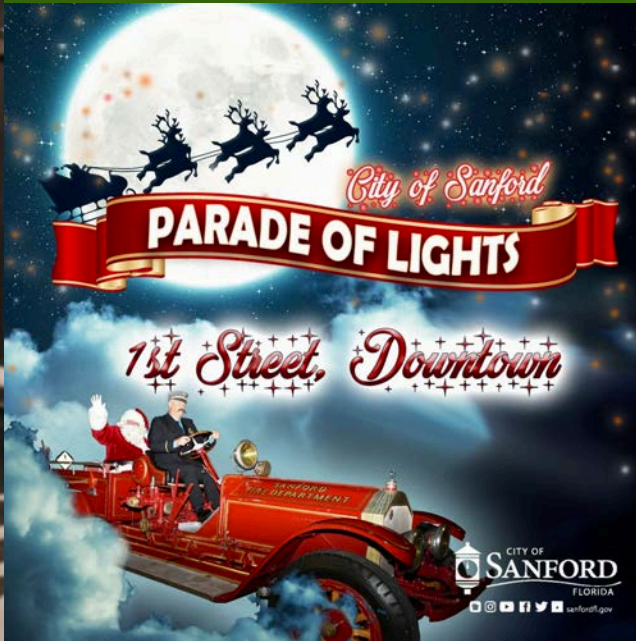
Be a part of the legacy and compete in fun, friendly events like:

📅 Dates:
Thursday, October 30 – Sunday, November 2

🏸 Table Tennis | 🏊 Swimming | 🏀 Basketball
Shooting | 🏹 Archery | 🏌 Golf | 🏃 Track & Field |
🎯 Cornhole | 🎳 Bowling | 🥎 Pickleball | 🌀
Shuffleboard

5120Let's make this 50th celebration one to remember together!

Parade of Lights



Enjoy twinkling lights, festive floats and marching bands as Sanford's Holiday Spirit comes alive in a joyful procession on 1st Street, from San Juan Avenue to Elm Street. Come downtown early to get a bite to eat then get great seating along 1st Street for a glowing good time!

Fangtastic Fest 2025

The Goldsboro Commemorative Quilt



The City of Sanford, through its REEI Advisory Committee, proudly announces the next chapter of the Pathways to Reconciliation Project: The Historic Goldsboro Commemorative Quilt, a collaborative, community-driven artwork that preserves and celebrates the rich stories and legacy of Historic Goldsboro. Lovingly designed and crafted by cherished elder members of the Goldsboro community, the quilt reflects the neighborhood's deep cultural roots, resilience, and unity. Through storytelling sessions and design workshops earlier this year, residents shared memories, photographs, and personal experiences that inspired each meaningful panel.

Sanford Parks and Recreation
presents



This is a FREE EVENT to attend so come out and join us Sunday, October 26th from 2:00 pm to 5:00 pm at the Jeff Triplett Community Center 1211 S Mellonville Ave, Sanford, FL 32771

Get ready for a frightfully fun-filled afternoon with the City of Sanford Parks and Recreation at FANG-TASTIC FEST Don't miss out on the fun!! Kids 12 and under can show off their costumes during the costume contests

Florida Road Trip Sanford



PBS and WGPU Public Media is spotlighting Sanford, Florida, on the latest episode of Florida Road Trip! Dive into a fascinating history lesson

"The Goldsboro Commemorative Quilt is a visual narrative of strength, pride, and community a lasting reminder of the stories that shaped our city and the threads that continue to bind us together," said Barbara Coleman Foster, Co-Chair REEI Advisory Committee.

Sofa and Suds Event

TOM AND DAN SOFAS AND SUDS



SUNDAY NOVEMBER 24TH
RACES START AT 2PM

SIGN UP AND VIP TICKETS AT
WESTENDVENUE.COM



Sofas & Suds is back! This outrageous race pits local businesses—and their creatively customized couches against each other in a wild, high-speed dash for glory... or at least for laughs. Whether they're the fastest team or just the fan favorite,

and celebrate the local community members featured in the show. Buckle up for an adventure through Sanford's vibrant past, shaped by steamboats, citrus, and celery. Discover the inspiring legacy of freed slaves in Georgetown, the delightful Central Florida Zoo, and the intriguing history of a World War II-era airport. This episode uncovers the unique people, places, and stories that make Sanford a must-see Florida destination.

Don't miss the premiere on Thursday, October 2, at 8 PM! You can also stream Florida Road Trip anytime on pbs.org or the free PBS App. Watch on your favorite devices, including iPhone, Apple TV, Android TV, smartphones, Amazon Fire TV, Roku, Samsung Smart TV, and Vizio.

it's all about fun on four wheels! Our City of Sanford staff will also be participating in the race!

Think you've got the squad to take the trophy?

Teams consist of **5 people**, with **one person on the sofa at all times**.

No substitutions—teams must remain the same throughout the event to keep things fair.

You *can* race with fewer than five people if needed, as long as one person is riding at all times.

Mayors Youth Council



Meet the incredible members of the City of Sanford Mayor's Youth Council for the 2025-2026 term! This dynamic group of high school students

is set to embark on an exciting journey of civic leadership and community impact. This program is a fantastic opportunity for students to sharpen their leadership skills, gain hands-on experience in governance, and make a real difference in Sanford. Keep an eye out for the exciting projects and initiatives they have in store this year!

Bridge to the Future

City of Sanford to Unveil “Bridge to the Future” Sculpture in Downtown Ribbon-Cutting Celebration The City of Sanford will host a ribbon-cutting ceremony for its newest public art installation, Bridge to the Future, on Tuesday, September 30 at 5:00 PM at the corner of First Street and Palmetto Avenue in Historic Downtown Sanford. The public and media are warmly invited to attend. Commissioned by the City of Sanford Public Art Commission in partnership with the Sanford Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) and funded by the CRA’s \$87,000 investment, Bridge to the Future is a bronze sculpture by nationally recognized artist James Haire. The artwork depicts three children walking across a symbolic bridge of books, representing imagination, education, and a hopeful journey into the future.

The installation embraces Sanford’s commitment to art as a driver of cultural connection, civic pride, and downtown revitalization. “This is a perfect example of the CRA Board working with another City Board to accomplish great things in the Downtown District,” said Charles Davis, Sanford CRA Chairman. “This investment by the CRA in our

[Learn more](#)



Photo Location: Corner of First Street and Palmetto Avenue in Historic Downtown Sanford

Community Development Block Grant



As an Entitlement Community under the U.S Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), the City of Sanford receives federal funds through the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program and is required to prepare a HUD Five-Year Consolidated

downtown will be a lasting reminder that symbolizes who we are, where we have been, and where we are going," said Mayor Art Woodruff. "Public art brings us together and enriches the heart of our City." Local businessman Javier Ayala generously donated two benches, placed near the sculpture—not as part of the artwork, but as a public invitation to sit, reflect, and enjoy the space.

Plan. This plan is considered the City's official application for funding for CDBG Program Years (PY) 2025-2029. The City will receive funds on an annual basis to address priority housing, homelessness, community revitalization, and economic development needs identified through a comprehensive planning process and through extensive community engagement.

Citizens Academy Class 24 Sign Up



More Info

The 10-week City of Sanford Citizens Academy provides an opportunity for citizens to learn about City government through firsthand experience and gain exposure to the wide range of government functions, services and activities. (This is a free public information program).

The next Citizens Academy class starts February 2026 and is held weekly on Wednesday evenings, 6:00 pm-8:00 pm.

Free Bulk Trash Pickup

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

It's Community Clean Up Day Again Sanford Residents!!

(Citizens not residing within the City limits of Sanford should contact Seminole County for collection information.)

FREE ☺ Bulk Trash Pickup; Take Advantage Of It!!

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2025

Residential units located East of United States Highway 17-92 and North of 20th St

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2025

Residential units located East of United States Highway 17-92 and South of 20th St

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2025

Residential units located West of United States Highway 17-92 and North of 25th St

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2025

Residential units located West of United States Highway 17-92 and South of 25th St

- ALL ITEMS MUST BE CURBSIDE OR ALLEY **BEFORE 7:00 AM**
- MUST BE MANAGEABLE PILES, NOT EXCEEDING TWENTY (20) CUBIC YARDS, ABLE TO BE REMOVED BY TWO (2) PERSONS, WEIGHING NO MORE THAN FIFTY (50) POUNDS EACH OR EXCEEDING FIVE (5) FEET IN LENGTH OR FIVE (5) INCHES IN DIAMETER
- **NO CONSTRUCTION DEBRIS OR HAZARDOUS WASTE**
- **NO YARD WASTE LARGER THAN FIVE (5) FEET IN LENGTH OR FIVE (5) INCHES IN DIAMETER**
- *Appliances and Tires (8 tires maximum) – call 407-688-5089 for removal.*

****CONTACT 407-688-5089 WITH ANY QUESTIONS****



FREE Bulk Waste "Community Clean Up Day" is collected two (2) times per year. Your pickup schedule is in April and October. Please click on the following link for a map of your service area: [Map of FREE Bulk Waste "Community Clean Up Day" Service Area](#)

Every April and October City residents are scheduled for one FREE pickup of bulk waste that is not practical to bag or bundle and tie, including loose yard waste branches that are no longer than five (5) feet or larger than five (5) inches in diameter and other acceptable homeowner generated non-hazardous materials. Tires are limited to eight (8) maximum per residence per pickup. All materials must be manageable and capable of being removed by two (2) persons, cannot weigh more than 50 pounds each or exceed five (5) feet in length. The Contractor will leave behind items not in compliance. A tag indicating the reason will be left.

City Projects



- [2nd Street Streetscape Improvement](#)
- [NEW Fire Station 40](#)
- [Sanford Marina](#)

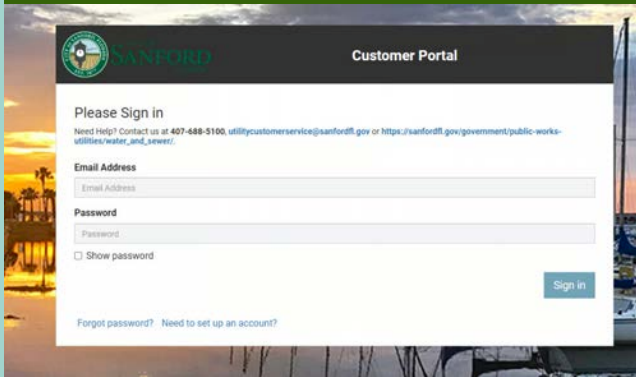
FDOT Projects



The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) is actively working on several projects aimed at improving infrastructure and enhancing transportation across our City. From road expansions to traffic signal upgrades, these initiatives are designed to make travel safer, more efficient, and accessible for all residents and visitors.

Utilities

New Customer Portal



The City of Sanford is launching a new Customer Service Portal to help you manage your Utilities account online. This portal will help accurately track your consumption, set alerts when you go over a certain amount and more.

To get started: Click the [link](#).

Click "Need to set up an account" and enter your email address.

You will receive a confirmation email with a link to complete your registration. Have your account number (found on your utility bill) ready.

Important:

Your account number must be entered as 9 digits. If your bill shows fewer than 9 digits, add zeros at the beginning. Example: If your account number is 12345, enter it as 000012345. Once logged in, you'll be able to explore features such as tracking your water usage and more.

Stay tuned for detailed updates on project timelines, completion milestones, and how these improvements will benefit our community.

[Learn more](#)

Sanford Says Podcast

The Sanford Says Podcast is an official City of Sanford Podcast. A trustworthy source of information that you can tune in to anytime and anywhere. Learn while you listen to a wide

variety of topics related to City government, such as Economic Development, Special Events, Public Works projects, Permitting, and City services just to name a few. Hear the latest and greatest from the source. Special guests from the Sanford community will be featured. If you have any topic ideas for future podcasts, please send them to Communicate@sanfordfl.gov. Happy listening!



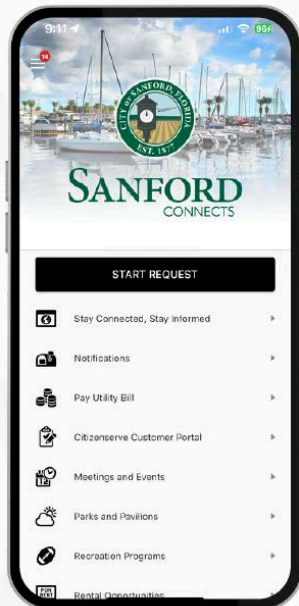
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The City of Sanford actively uses Nextdoor to share timely updates, announcements, and information relevant to residents. By signing up for Nextdoor, you can stay up to date with local neighborhood news, receive alerts about City projects, learn about community events, and even connect with neighbors to discuss shared interests or address local concerns. It's another great way to ensure you're always informed about what's happening right where you live.





Alert Seminole provides voice, text, and/or e-mail emergency alerts and warnings from Seminole County Office of Emergency Management. Register for free emergency alerts at www.alertseminole.org.

Customize alerts to include:

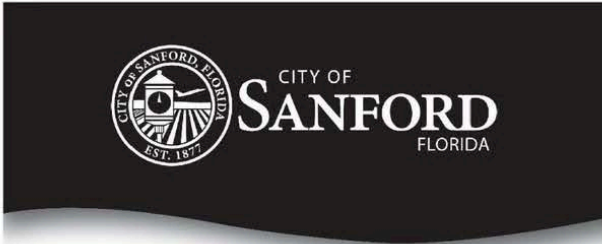
- Boil Water Notices
- Government/School Closures
- Hurricanes - Curfews, Evacuations, Shelter Activation
- Severe Thunderstorm Warnings
- Tornado Warnings
- Wildfire Activity/Evacuations
- Lock-Downs/Shelter-In-Place
- Major Roadway Closures
- Missing Persons

Often referred to as "Reverse 9-1-1", this service is provided to the community at no cost, however unlisted, voice-over-internet, and/or cellular phone are not automatically opted in. Registration is required to receive alerts.

TO SIGN UP, VISIT
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