

# WEKIVA TERRACE

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## FROM YOUR HOA BOARD OF DIRECTORS...

Your board of directors met on May 6, 2026 and discussed several issues impacting our neighborhood. The following is a basic summary of those topics with additional information included in some supplementary articles.

- ✓ Parking on the street. Cars are blocking passage through the neighborhood. Cars parked incorrectly should always be in the direction of traffic. Cars are too close to stop signs. Commercial vehicles are improperly parked.
- ✓ Drivers are not stopping at the stop signs.
- ✓ Dogs are off owners' properties without leashes and have injured other dogs and people.
- ✓ Garbage and recycling cans are to be hidden from sight except for the days of pick up (Tuesday for recycling and Wednesday for garbage).
- ✓ Playground tables have been damaged and will be removed for safety reasons. The possibility of replacing the play equipment will be investigated for the next budget year.
- ✓ The banner is damaged and will be removed.
- ✓ Renovation/replacement of the mailbox cluster is being researched.
- ✓ Yards need attention to fix damage from winter freeze. Houses need to be cleaned because of mildew or mold.

Violators will be facing warnings

**Parking Regulations:** Orange County's **Chapter 35, Article II** of the Orange County Code, along with local enforcement guidelines, uphold state parking rules.

- **No double parking** – even briefly – in front of or behind another vehicle.
- **No parking in fire lanes, in front of fire hydrants, or in "no parking" zones**.
- **No blocking driveways, sidewalks, loading zones, or entrances**.
- **Time restrictions** may apply (e.g., no overnight parking, limited hours for certain lots).
- **Gated communities** have their own rules; check signage before parking.
- **Event parking** may be limited; confirm with the business or event organizers.

### Enforcement & Penalties

- Violating a "no standing/parking" rule near a stop sign can result in a **nonmoving violation fine** (often \$30 in Orange County) and possible towing if the vehicle is left unattended.
- **Orange County has increased fines for certain violations (e.g., \$150 for commercial truck parking in the roadway)**

### Practical Tips

- Always check for **stop sign markings or signs** indicating the 30-foot buffer.
- If you must stop near a stop sign, do so only for a momentary passenger pickup/drop-off.
- Avoid parking in adjacent driveways or on the side of the road within the buffer zone.
- If in a gated or multi-tenant area, follow posted visitor parking rules.

**Bottom line:** In Orange County, you must stay **at least 30 feet away from the side of a stop sign** when standing or parking, except for a brief passenger load/unload. Follow both state law and local ordinances to avoid fines or towing.

### TRASH CANS NEED TO BE OUT OF SIGHT!!

AFTER THE TRASH HAS BEEN PICKED UP, TRASH CANS ARE TO BE STORED OUT OF SIGHT! THEY ARE NOT TO BE SEEN FROM THE STREET.

Remember: **BLUE LID:** Tuesday – Recycling (And Yard Waste! Bundled and on the curb)

**GREEN LID:** Wednesday – Trash/Large Item

Remember: **Lids need to shut!** If your can is too full, the collector has the right to skip you! Lifting an over-full can may end up spreading trash throughout the neighborhood!

**If you have items that do not fit in the can,** contact Orange County to arrange a pickup...(Call 311)

Do not put items on the curb (without a pickup arranged through the county!)

\*\*There have been a few issues with on time collections...If our neighborhood is missed, leave cans out. It will be picked up—unless you get a notice from Orange County stating otherwise. Once the pickup has occurred, remember to put your cans out of sight from the street!\*

If your cans need to be repaired or replaced, contact Orange County Water Garbage and Recycling link at <https://www.ocfl.net> (You will need the serial number located on the front of your cans)

Remember...keep your pets on a leash!!  
(Orange County Requirement) The retention area is not a pet run. To let them run, have an adventure at one of the area's great Dog Parks!



### ORANGE COUNTY DOG LEASH LAW SUMMARY

Orange County Code Chapter 5 requires all dogs to be on a leash no longer than 8 feet whenever off the owner's property. Off-leash activity is only permitted inside designated Orange County dog parks.

Running at large is prohibited countywide. Orange County Animal Services operates impoundment at 2769 Conroy Road. Rabies vaccination and county license are required for all dogs 4 months or older. Designated off-leash parks include Doctor's Park Apopka, Barber Park, Dr. Phillips Dog Park, and Meadow Woods. Leash violations in county parks result in immediate citation.

#### Violations & Fines

First offense: 100 dollars. Second: 250 dollars. Third and subsequent: 500 dollars plus impoundment fees of approximately 85 dollars plus 20 dollars per day.



### Do your part!

Our neighborhood is aging...let's make sure that it is aging with dignity! All of our homes are more than 20 years old. Whether you are a homeowner or a renter, please do your part in maintaining your property (house and yard)...

Memorial Day is an American holiday observed on the last Monday in May that is meant to honor and remember those who died in the military while serving their country.



#### Facts About Memorial Day

Memorial Day, originally called Decoration Day, was first observed on May 30, 1868 at Arlington National Cemetery when flowers were placed on the graves of fallen Union and Confederate soldiers.

260,000 small American flags are placed by U.S. soldiers on the gravestones of fallen soldiers at Arlington National Cemetery.

On Memorial Day, at 3 p.m. local time, all Americans are asked to pause wherever they are for a minute of silence to remember and honor those who have died in service to the nation.