



The Arrington Articles

July 26th - August 8th

Hello <<First Name>>,

It's almost time for the new school year!

Students in Osceola County Public Schools return to class on August 10, and Orange County Public Schools begin the new school year on August 11. Make sure you and your family are ready for the first day by visiting your school district's website for important information, including school supply lists, bus routes, start times, and other back-to-school resources.

Osceola County School District
Orange County Public Schools

Our team will be out in the community throughout the month, hosting remote office hours and community town halls. We hope you'll stop by, say hello, and share your thoughts with us. If you missed out on our 2026 edition of *Inside the Chamber*, you can read the digital version **[HERE](#)**.

PARA ESPAÑOL

Weekly Question

Did you know it is currently tax free month (July 20th-August 20th)?

Yes

No

Back-to-School Sales Tax Holiday



KRISTEN ARRINGTON
Florida Senate District 25

BACK TO SCHOOL TAX HOLIDAY

July 20th to August 20th, 2026

ITEMS EXEMPT FROM SALES TAX:

- CLOTHING & ACCESSORIES**
Clothing, footwear, wallets, bags, handbags, backpacks, fanny packs, and diaper bags
\$100 OR LESS PER ITEM
- SCHOOL SUPPLIES**
Certain qualifying school supplies
\$50 OR LESS PER ITEM
- LEARNING AIDS & PUZZLES**
Learning aids and jigsaw puzzles
\$30 OR LESS PER ITEM
- COMPUTERS & ACCESSORIES**
Personal computers and certain computer-related accessories for noncommercial home or personal use
\$1,500 OR LESS PER ITEM

 **Stock up on back-to-school essentials and enjoy tax-free savings!**

OUR TEAM IS HERE TO SERVE YOU.
For questions or assistance, please contact our office.

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Florida's Back-to-School Sales tax holiday is going on now! Through August 20th, families can save on qualifying clothing, accessories, school supplies, learning aids, personal computers, and certain computer-related accessories.

For a complete list of eligible tax-exempt items, visit Florida Department of Revenue's Back-to-School Sales Tax Holiday page [HERE](#).

Property Tax Townhall

HOSTED BY

PROPERTY TAX TOWN HALL



Senator
Kristen Arrington



THURSDAY,
AUGUST 20TH, 2026



6:00PM
TO
7:30PM



2900 Parkway Boulevard
Kissimmee, FL 34747



Representative
Leonard Spencer

SPECIAL GUESTS



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SCAN TO RSVP



Join our team and Representative Leonard Spencer for a Property Tax Town Hall to learn more about Amendment 3 and its potential impact on Central Florida.

The discussion will also feature Osceola County Chairman and District 3 Commissioner **Brandon Arrington**, Osceola County Property Appraiser **Katrina Scarborough**, and Osceola County School Board District 4 Member **Heather Kahoun**.

Hear directly from state and local leaders, ask questions, and share your perspective before the November election.

Property Tax Townhall

When: **Thursday, August 20, 2026**

Time: **6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.**

Location: **Delta Hotels by Marriott Orlando Celebration,
Egret Room**

2900 Parkway Boulevard, Kissimmee, FL 34747

Registration is **required** and residents can submit questions using the following link: [**https://bit.ly/CelebrationTH26**](https://bit.ly/CelebrationTH26).

Remote Office Hours



Need assistance with a state agency or benefit program? Our office is available to help constituents navigate issues related to Medicaid, SNAP, unemployment benefits, housing resources, professional licensing, and other state services.

Kissimmee City Hall

When: Monday, August 24, 2026

Time: 1:30 p.m. – 3:30pm

Location: 101 Church Street, Kissimmee, FL 34741

Appointments are encouraged, but walk-ins are welcome.

To schedule an appointment, visit: **bit.ly/RemoteOfficeHours**

District Updates



It was wonderful to visit [Lighthouse Works](#) to learn more about the work they do to empower Floridians who are blind or visually impaired through meaningful employment, vocational training, and innovative assistive technology. Their work helps foster independence, expand opportunities, and improve the quality of life for individuals with vision loss. Thank you for the warm welcome and for the incredible impact you make in our community!



I had the pleasure of attending the grand opening celebration of the new UCP Kissimmee Dr. Don & Cindy Diebel Campus!

This new campus represents an exciting investment in the future of our community. From expanding access to resources and providing support for children and families, it was wonderful to celebrate this milestone and explore the new facility. It was incredible to witness the dedication of UCP's team and partners in creating a welcoming space where every student has the opportunity to learn, grow, and succeed.



In honor of National Health Center Week, our team had the opportunity to tour the Meadow Woods Health Center! We enjoyed

meeting the dedicated healthcare professionals and staff and seeing firsthand the new adult care and on-site pharmacy services that will make it easier for families to access quality care in one convenient location. Thank you to Meadow Woods Health Center and all of our community health centers for the outstanding care you provide to Central Florida!

Upcoming Community Events



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Historic Community

AWARENESS DAY & WATER DRIVE

SUPPORTING CLEAN WATER
BUILDING STRONGER COMMUNITIES

COMMUNITY EDUCATION | CLEAN WATER ACCESS | NEIGHBORHOOD ADVOCACY | STRONGER TOGETHER

**SATURDAY
AUGUST 29, 2026**
10:00 AM – 2:00 PM
NARCOOSSEE COMMUNITY CENTER
5354 RAMBLING ROAD, ST. CLOUD, FL 34771

SCAN TO:
BECOME A VENDOR | SPONSORSHIP INFORMATION

FOOD TRUCKS | VENDORS | COMMUNITY RESOURCES | LIVE ENTERTAINMENT | KIDS ACTIVITIES

WATER DRIVE
DONATE BOTTLED WATER AND WATER FILTERS

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QUESTIONS?
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Join us at the Whitted Historic Community Awareness Day & Water Drive!

When: **Saturday, August 29th**

Time: **10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.**

Location: **Narcoossee Community Center - 5354 Rambling Road, St. Cloud, FL 34771**

Non-Profit Spotlight



I had the pleasure to attend a *Hope Cares Day* with our team to learn more about the work they do to help those who are houseless and live in poverty through holistic and client-centered care.

These are weekly events that are a great way to volunteer in the community and help out those in need. Want to participate? Here's how!

Hope Cares Day happen every Monday from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at 2420 Old Vineland Rd, Kissimmee, FL 34746.

If you would like to volunteer, click [HERE](#).

Can't make it out to a Hope Cares Day? That's okay! Help out by donating to the Amazon Wishlist by clicking [HERE](#).



HOPE PARTNERSHIP
EMPOWERING NEIGHBORS. STRENGTHENING COMMUNITIES. BUILDING HOPE.

HOPE CARES DAY

Hope Cares Day is a weekly initiative where we come together to support our community.

EVERY MONDAY, FROM 10 AM - 1 PM
2420 OLD VINELAND RD., KISSIMMEE, FL 34746
HCD IS CLOSED ON FEDERAL HOLIDAYS

Services provided by Hope Partnership include:

- Homeless Outreach and Navigation
- Shower services
- Hope Identification - Hope IDs assists by navigating the complexities of obtaining personal identification.

Services Include:

- Florida Identification Cards
- Birth Certificates

Let's connect:    

HOPE CARES 

HOPE IDENTIFICATION **Service Dates for Hope Identification (Hope IDs) at Hope Cares Day 2025:**

HopeID@thehopepartnership.org
ID services provided 2nd & 4th Mondays of the month:

May 12,	Sept 8, 22
June 9, 23	Oct 27,
July 14, 28	Nov 10, 24
August 11, 25	Dec 8,

Other community partners to provide additional services include:

- ✓ Hot meals
- ✓ SNAP through Second Harvest Food Bank
- ✓ Community Resource Spot - 3rd Monday of the Month
- ✓ Osceola Community Health Services - includes dental and medical

Contact Us:  321-677-0245  moreinfo@hope192.com

Have questions? Email moreinfo@hope192.com or call (321) 677-0245.

Helpful Links

Visit www.flsenate.gov to “find your Senator” and to sign up for alerts on specific legislation, committees, senators, or keywords

To view our Legislative page which includes our office contact information, sponsored legislation, along with the committees I serve on: <https://bit.ly/Arrington25>

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Watch committees or legislative session live or afterwards at www.TheFloridaChannel.org



It is an honor to serve as your voice in Tallahassee and represent Central Florida. Thank you for the trust you place in me. If you have any questions or need assistance, our office is always here to help.

Senator Kristen Arrington



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