

Okeechobee/Osceola Center

April 2023



Newsletter

Did you Know?

All vote-by-mail ballot requests have expired, voters need to update request. Due to the passage of Senate Bill 90 in 2021, which revised certain sections of the state's election laws, voters now have to renew their request for a mail-in ballot after every General Election cycle for future elections.

That means Vote-By-Mail requests submitted before the November 8, 2022, General Election expired on December 31st, 2022. This affects a lot of people. If you want to renew that request, now's the time to do it.



HAPPY EASTER



Wishing all our residents a Happy Easter season!

Palm Sunday- April 2nd, 2023

Good Friday- April 7th, 2023

Easter- April 9th, 2023

Our office will be CLOSED on Friday April 7th, 2023, in observance of "Good Friday"



Mr. Refugio & Ms. Fidela Lopez

In 1969, Mr. & Ms. Lopez left Mexico in hopes of finding work and a place they could call home. In 1975, the family moved to Osceola Center. Mr. Lopez worked at Talisman as a tractor driver where he received up to \$73.00 a week to provide for his household of 10 children. Mr. Lopez worked for Talisman for 15 years and later begin to work at Okeelanta Corp. Mr. Lopez passed away in 2022. Mrs. Lopez continues to reside at Osceola Center. The Lopez family has 10 children, 48 grandchildren, 62 great grandchildren, and 1 great, great, grandchild.



Mr. Roosevelt Jones

Mr. Jones was born and raised in Lumberton, Mississippi. After graduating the 7th grade his parents moved to Belle Glade with 9 children in 1958. Later they became residents of Okeechobee Center. Mr. Jones can remember living on the corner of Carver Street and Everglades in a house referred to as the “Tin House”. Mr. Jones attended FVH High School that was on the property of Okeechobee Center. As the oldest son he would help his father by going to work after school and in the summers the entire family would migrate to Delaware to continue working. His parents later purchased a home and moved. Later in 1974 Mr. Jones returned to Okeechobee center with his wife and raising their three children on Roosevelt St.



Mr. Sam Jr. & Mrs. Willie R Putman

Mrs. Putman was born in Tifton, Georgia in 1942. And moved with her family to the small town of Belle Glade when she was just a young girl. She attended elementary school and described going to the “wash house” since they did not have bathrooms in the house. Mrs. Putman migrated with her mother and 13 children for work from states to state; North Carolina, South Carolina, New York, and Virginia. She picked corn and tomatoes and traveled as a family of 13 children all sitting in the back of the truck with three seats. Each year they would attend a different school depending on the state they were at when school started. Within time her mother moved to New York, while Ms. Putman stayed behind with her now husband who was already a resident of Okeechobee Center. Mr. Putman also migrated with his family for work from state to state with his parents and his six siblings. In 1971, both Mr. & Mrs. Putman moved in together to raise their family. Married since 1975 both worked for Okeelanta, Corp. Together they raised four children, two sons & two daughters along with 30 grandchildren.

Housing Authority of the City of Belle Glade & Nelson & Associates, Inc.,
Would like to thank our residents for sharing their stories and highlight some of our
long-time residents below!

Johnny Watkins resident since 1976.

Mary Frederick resident since 1977.

Mr. Izear Barber & Mrs. Ida Barber residents since 1978.

Mr. James & Mrs. Patty White residents since 1979.

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