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# OZONA

## COMMUNITY NEWS



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## Ozona Annual Holiday Golf Cart Parade

Our traditional holiday golf cart parade in Ozona is set to go Sunday, December 11. This will be the 21st year that we have had this parade. Over the years, the golf cart participation has increased quite a bit. The first parade had five golf carts in it, and now for the past few years we have had over 100 participating. With this large number of carts participating, it has become necessary for our community to formally organize this event. That means that a permit is needed with the associated required documentation and commitments. This included an agreement with the Sheriff's Office for traffic management.

Over the years, not only has the event improved in its function, but the golf carts have as well. In the beginning, the golf carts were limited in the decorations as the focus of the cart was basic transportation on the golf course. However, now there are retrofit packages available for people to upgrade their golf cart electrical system to handle this new décor functioning. This has opened the door for some elaborate decorations.

The gathering area for the parade is the section of Orange Street between Tampa Road and Bay Street. This area functions as a community center because it contains the Post Office and some community restaurants. Participation in the parade requires that the golf cart be registered with OVIS. This registration can be accomplished online on the OVIS website with PayPal payments. That can be done easily with a donation to OVIS of \$10. If you are not registering online, then the registration is \$20 and can be done at the event. The link to the website is here: <https://www.ozonavillagefl.us/annual-ozona-holiday-parade>

The parade officially starts at 6 PM with a Sheriff's vehicle with its lights on, heading north on Orange Street followed by the rest of the parade. This parade has become a premier event for the Ozona community and is enjoyed by not only the residents of Ozona, but our many visitors as well.

We are looking forward to seeing everyone and all the decorated carts on December 11!

## President's Message...

As we enter the holiday season, we have many opportunities to enjoy the community and to engage with others in our community. Ozona is a very special place with a long history of community engagement. We not only have the communication opportunities, such as the golf cart parade and the potluck dinner at the Hall, but also the informal contacts we have at the post office, our restaurants and businesses, and in our neighborhoods.

With that said, I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone in the community for making this is such a special place. And I look forward to the coming year as we engage in our various community activities for the benefit of all!

Happy Holidays!

— *Brian Smith, OVIS President*



## Schedule of Events

OVIS regularly meets on the fourth Monday of the month at 7:00 P.M. in the Village Hall on Bay Street. The 2022/2023 schedule along with other community events are as follows:

**Holiday Golf Cart Parade — December 11 6-8 PM**

**Holiday Potluck Dinner—December 13 6PM**

**OVIS Meeting — January 23 7PM**

**OVIS Meeting — February 27 7PM**

**OVIS Meeting — March 27 7PM**

**OVIS Annual Meeting — April 25 7PM**

**Neighborhood Watch (Sheriff) Workshop — TBA**

**Community Clean-up — TBA**



## 2022-2023 OVIS Board Members

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## Community Potluck — December 13

The annual Ozona Community Potluck gathering at the Village Hall is set for Tuesday, December 13. This is a time when people gather at the Hall in recognition of the holidays. A potluck dinner is an old tradition where people gather together bringing food they have prepared or have obtained, and then share this food with others during conversation and networking. In Ozona we also have restaurants as neighbors. They, too, participate in this Potluck, providing some selection from their menu. This does make the Potluck unique for Ozona.

The Hall will be decorated for the holidays and the potluck will begin at 6 PM. Everyone in the community is invited to participate and to bring guests, if you have them. In addition to food, there will be beverages (wine, beer, water and soft drinks), or you can bring your own brand! So, come join your neighbors, network, and get caught up on what is happening in your community.

## Community Cleanup - A Success



The community clean up on Saturday morning, November 5, was a success. The strategy was as a follow-up to Halloween in our community, there was the need to do a little cleanup. At 8 AM that Saturday morning, people gathered at the Village Hall for assignments, and then dispersed throughout the community. Though, it is true there is not a lot of litter within our community, it was still a worthwhile effort. We wish to thank those that participated to keep our community beautiful!

As a follow up to the Christmas Golf Cart Parade, Bob and Dave, our Cleanup Co-Chairs, have made a request that following the golf cart parade people informally (on their own) do a cleanup on the parade route.

*Thank you!*



## Craft Party at the Hall

Sue White & Linda Hagan have organized a craft party at the Ozona Village Hall for Sunday, December 4 at 2 PM. The event is scheduled for approximately two hours. All ages are welcome. There is a five dollar (\$5) fee to cover the supplies for the crafting, with the proceeds after supplies going toward Hall beautification. The participants will get to take home a handcrafted ornament. The idea for this craft party came from the successful and similar party held in the Halloween Open House this year.

**TEXT** Linda @ 727-647-1296 to reserve your spot.



## Lights Added to the Village Hall

Ozona is blessed with businesses in our community, who are engaged and support the community. An example is Sunrise Irrigation, and a project that they just completed. Several months ago, Joe Swett of Sunrise Irrigation contacted OVIS with the offer that he would like to have his company do something to support OVIS in its community role. That meeting resulted in identifying a project to light the parking area in the back of the Hall, where people park for meetings. During this time of the year that area is very dark, and people have difficulty getting back to their cars. As it turns out, there was more done than lighting the area in back of the Hall. Accent lights were added to the front of the Hall, and to the message board in front of the Hall. We wish to thank Joe and his employees for this generous improvement to the community Hall.



## OVIS Membership and Sponsorship

Ozona Village Improvement Society (OVIS) functions primarily from funds obtained through membership dues and sponsorships. OVIS membership is \$20 annually and a sponsor donation is \$100 annually. It is noted that if you are a Waste Connections' customer you will receive a discount if you have an OVIS membership. Also, if you are an OVIS sponsor, your business card is included in the newsletter and on the community website.

The membership and sponsorship run from January 1 to December 31, but OVIS begins open enrollment in September to allow for the logistics of the program. It should be noted, however, that membership or sponsorship actually start from the time of enrollment (there is no delayed effective date). The last page of the newsletter is devoted to an enrollment form, or you can go to the OVIS website and enroll or renew there using PayPal. The website is <http://www.ozonavillagefl.us/membership>.



## Holiday Golf Cart Parade Details

This year's registration donation fee is \$10.00. You can purchase the registration fee online at <https://www.ozonavillagefl.us/annual-ozona-holiday-parade> or by scanning the QR code below. There are also other posters in the area restaurants and the Post Office. Roadside signs will be put up a week before the event.

We are asking that if you want to participate in the prize contest for the best decorated golf cart, then you will need to register online. If you register and pay at the time of the event, then you will not be eligible for the best golf cart contest. Also, if you pay online, it will only cost \$10.00, but if you pay at the event, it will cost \$20.00. Online registration is currently open and allowed until Thursday, December 8, 2022. You can pay online with PayPal along with your registration, or you can pay in person to Donna Green at Green and Associates Real Estate at 410 Orange Street in Ozona. In-person payments can be made Monday thru Friday during their normal business hours and will only be accepted until Thursday, December 8, 2022. Once your payment has been confirmed, then the OVIS Village Treasurer will send you a PDF of your registered Golf Cart Number, which you will need to print out and attach visibly to the front of your golf cart for the event. Your Golf Cart Number is not only needed to show your registration for the event but also for the judging process for the best golf cart contest. ***Be sure to complete the entire parade route and return to the Downtown Ozona area to receive your trophy and any related prizes!*** Any questions, inquiries or follow-up on registration confirmation can be addressed to the OVIS Village Treasurer at [james.wiesner@yahoo.com](mailto:james.wiesner@yahoo.com).

The golf carts should come to the start / gathering area around Molly Goodhead's and the Ozona Pig (*designated by the large Red Star on the map*), where they will prepare to get into position for the parade line-up. Golf carts should be there by 5:30pm, and the parade will start promptly at 6:00pm. Please go to the area between Molly's Goodheads and the US Post Office to register golf carts for the parade, if you have not done so online beforehand. A judges table with trophies will be set up in front of the Ozona Brewery to register.



# Ozona Annual Holiday Golf Cart Parade

**Sunday, December 11, 2022**

**Golf Carts Arrival / Check-In Location:  
Area around Molly's & Ozona Pig**

**Golf Carts Arrival / Gathering Time: 5:30 PM**

**Golf Cart Parade will start promptly at 6:00 PM**



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2. Preserve the historic Ozona Village Hall building on Bay Street.
3. Participate in fun activities for families – golf cart parades, seasonal parties and potluck dinners.
4. Support the unique community identity of Ozona and our nature preserve.

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<u>Donations</u>
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<u>Ozona Newsletter Ad Sponsorship</u>
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Additional donations are GREATLY appreciated!

Note: OVIS is a 501(c) (3) non-profit organization. Your contribution is tax-deductible to the extent allowed by law.

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The official website of OVIS can be found at [www.OzonaVillageFL.us](http://www.OzonaVillageFL.us). On the website, you will find updates to current community initiatives, such as OVIS Programs, the Annual Holiday Golf Cart Parade, the Holiday Potluck Dinner, Community Cleanups, Community Workshops, and notice of upcoming events or other such community interests.

You'll also find:

- A link to OVIS membership information and how you can join, renew or be a sponsor.
- A page on the Village Hall and how to reserve the Hall for your upcoming event you might be planning.
- Historical photos of Ozona.
- OVIS meetings and downloads of previous Ozona News newsletters.
- You'll also find a link to our sponsor section where you can find contact information to our wonderful sponsors.

This website also offers a way to communicate comments you would like to make to OVIS concerning the community.





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