



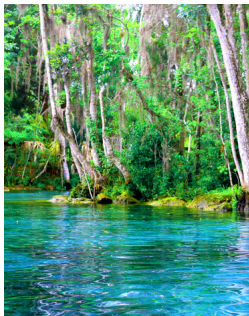
Welcome Home

Summer is a wonderful time to enjoy everything that makes Marion County special—from beautiful parks and local events to time spent with family and friends.

As always, thank you for being part of the Ocala Properties family. We appreciate the care you take with your home and are grateful to have you as a resident.

Know someone looking for a great place to live? We'd love to welcome your friends and family as neighbors! Be sure to check our website for current vacancies and available homes. www.ocalapropertiesllc.com

We wish you a safe and happy July!



Visit beautiful Silver Springs State Park this Summer!

Explore One of Florida's Natural Treasures: Silver Springs State Park

Looking for an affordable way to enjoy the outdoors this summer? Just a short drive from home, Silver Springs State Park offers one of Florida's most beautiful natural escapes.

Famous for its crystal-clear springs, the park is home to the iconic glass-bottom boat tours, where you can see underwater landscapes, fish, turtles, and even ancient artifacts through the clear water below.

If you'd rather get closer to nature, you can rent a kayak or canoe and paddle through the spring run while watching for manatees (seasonally), turtles, birds, and even the park's well-known wild rhesus macaques from a safe distance. Visitors can also enjoy scenic walking trails, hiking, picnicking, wildlife viewing, and educational exhibits at the park's museum.

Whether you're planning a family outing, a relaxing morning on the water, or simply looking for a peaceful place to unwind, Silver Springs State Park offers something for everyone. Pack a picnic, bring your camera, and discover why this Marion County gem has been welcoming visitors for generations!



Recipe for Hot July Days: Quick Orange Cream Freeze

Cool off after your Silver Springs adventure with this 3 Ingredient treat!

Ingredients

- 2 cups orange juice (fresh or your favorite brand)
- 1 cup vanilla Greek yogurt
- 1 tablespoon honey (optional)

Directions

Blend all ingredients until smooth, then pour into freezer-safe cups or a shallow dish. Freeze for 2–3 hours, stirring once or twice for a soft, slushy texture. Scoop into bowls or enjoy straight from the cup.

Tip: Garnish with fresh orange slices or a sprig of mint for an extra summer touch.

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Hurricane Season Is Here: Is your emergency kit ready?

Living in Florida means hurricane season is part of life. While we all hope storms stay far away, taking a little time to prepare now can make a big difference if one heads our way.

One of the easiest ways to prepare for a hurricane is by putting together a basic emergency kit before it's needed. Stores often sell out of essential supplies once a storm is in the forecast, so preparing early helps reduce stress and ensures you have what you need.

What to Include in Your Hurricane Kit

- Drinking water (at least one gallon per person, per day, for three days)
- Non-perishable food and a manual can opener
- Flashlights and extra batteries
- A battery-powered or hand-crank weather radio
- Cell phone chargers and a portable power bank
- First aid kit and any prescription medications
- Personal hygiene items
- Important documents stored in a waterproof container or sealed plastic bag
- Cash in small bills, as ATMs and credit card systems may be unavailable after a storm
- Pet food, water, medications, and supplies for your furry family members
- A change of clothes, blankets, and sturdy shoes

Before the Storm

Take a few simple steps to be prepared:

- Charge all electronic devices.
- Fill your vehicle's gas tank.
- Bring in or secure patio furniture, grills, and outdoor decorations.
- Know where your flashlights are, and test them!

Please report any storm-related damage to us as soon as it is safe to do so. Never attempt to repair electrical damage, downed power lines, or structural issues yourself. **Your safety always comes first.**

Stay Informed

Monitor local weather forecasts and follow guidance from local emergency management officials. If an evacuation order is issued for your area, don't wait—leave promptly and follow the recommended evacuation routes.

Preparing ahead of time gives you peace of mind and allows you to focus on what matters most—keeping yourself, your family, and your pets safe.

From all of us at Ocala Properties, we wish you a safe, happy, and well-prepared summer!



At Home Tip

Change your AC filter this month — it helps keep your home cooler and your energy bill lower. If you're not sure how to change it, let us know! Contact pete@ocalapropertiesllc.com