



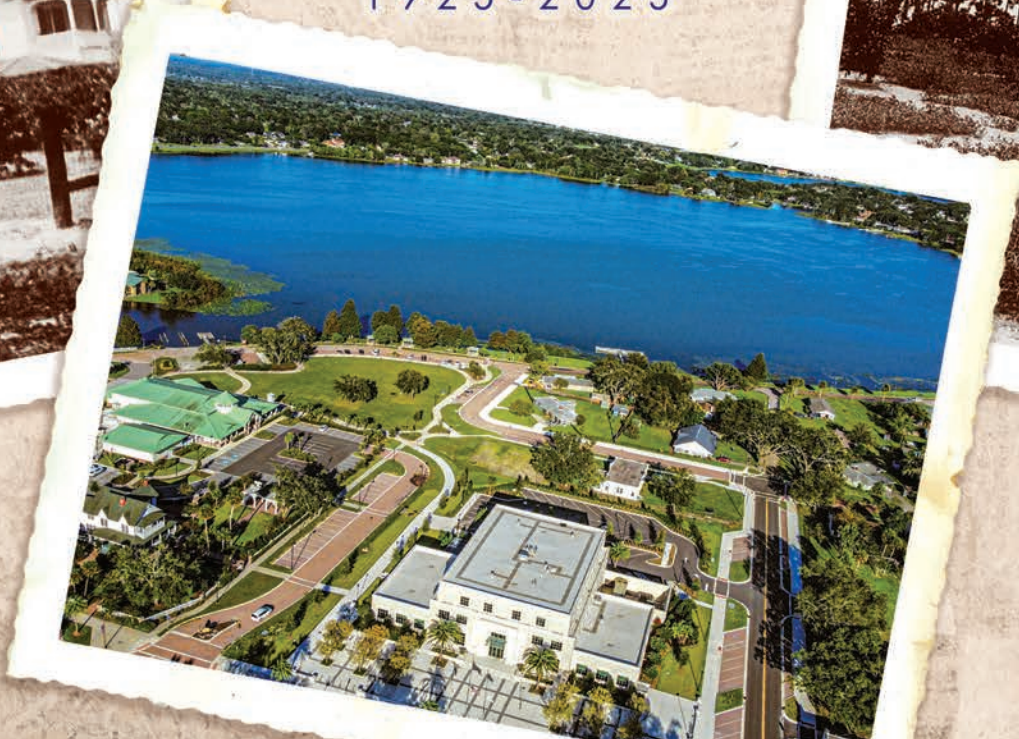
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Your City Commission



STANDING LEFT TO RIGHT: COMMISSIONER SCOTT KENNEDY, DISTRICT 1; COMMISSIONER ROSEMARY WILSEN, DISTRICT 2; MAYOR RUSTY JOHNSON; COMMISSIONER RICHARD FIRSTNER, DISTRICT 3; COMMISSIONER GEORGE OLIVER III, DISTRICT 4.

The City Commission meets at Ocoee City Hall, located at 1 North Bluford Avenue, on the first and third Tuesday of each month at 6:15 pm. Minutes are recorded for all Commission meetings, work sessions, and public hearings and are made part of the city's official records. All City Commission meetings are televised LIVE on the city's television station Ocoee TV and livestreamed online. To watch the City Commission meetings and other informative government programs online, visit Ocoee TV at www.ocoe.org, and watch Ocoee TV's YouTube channel.

100 HAPPY
Birthday
City of Ocoee

We invite the community to join us in celebrating our Centennial Anniversary! As we look toward the next century, the city is poised for continued growth and prosperity. With a clear vision for a vibrant, sustainable community, the city is dedicated to offering a high quality of life for its residents while creating new opportunities for business and development. The centennial celebrations in 2025 will serve as a fitting tribute to Ocoee's remarkable journey, as we chart the course toward an even brighter future for the next 100 years!

Visit www.100YearsOcoee.com
for all of our centennial festivities!

THEN:

In 1891, this photo was taken of McKey Street looking west from Bluford Avenue. The population of the community of Ocoee was approximately 300 people.



NOW:

McKey Street is the heart of downtown Ocoee with several bustling businesses.



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THEN:

The Ocoee City Complex on Starke Lake. On the left is the Gazebo and in the background is the Withers-Maguire House. Pictured in the middle is the Community Center which was the city's venue for events.



NOW:

The Ocoee Lakeshore Center, built in 2014 and renovated in 2019, is West Orange County's premier event destination. The facility overlooks the open lawn area at Bill Breeze Park.



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Built in 1891, the Ocoee Christian Church is a Carpenter Gothic style church. It is the oldest Disciples of Christ denomination in continuous use in Florida. Located at 15 South Bluford Avenue, the church is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.



OCOEE CHRISTIAN CHURCH
Built 1891
Has Been Placed On The
**NATIONAL REGISTER OF
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By The United States
Department of Interior

The windows are all stained glass. The chancel windows, dedicated as a memorial to William T. Withers, were designed and made in Belgium, shipped to New York and then reshipped to Jacksonville. From there, the windows traveled by boat to Sanford on the St. Johns River, and then on to Ocoee by oxcart. A glass artisan from Belgium traveled with the windows, installed them in the church, and returned back to his home. In 1891, the bell was made by the McShane Bell Foundry in Baltimore, Maryland. The church's bell still rings on Sundays and on other special occasions.



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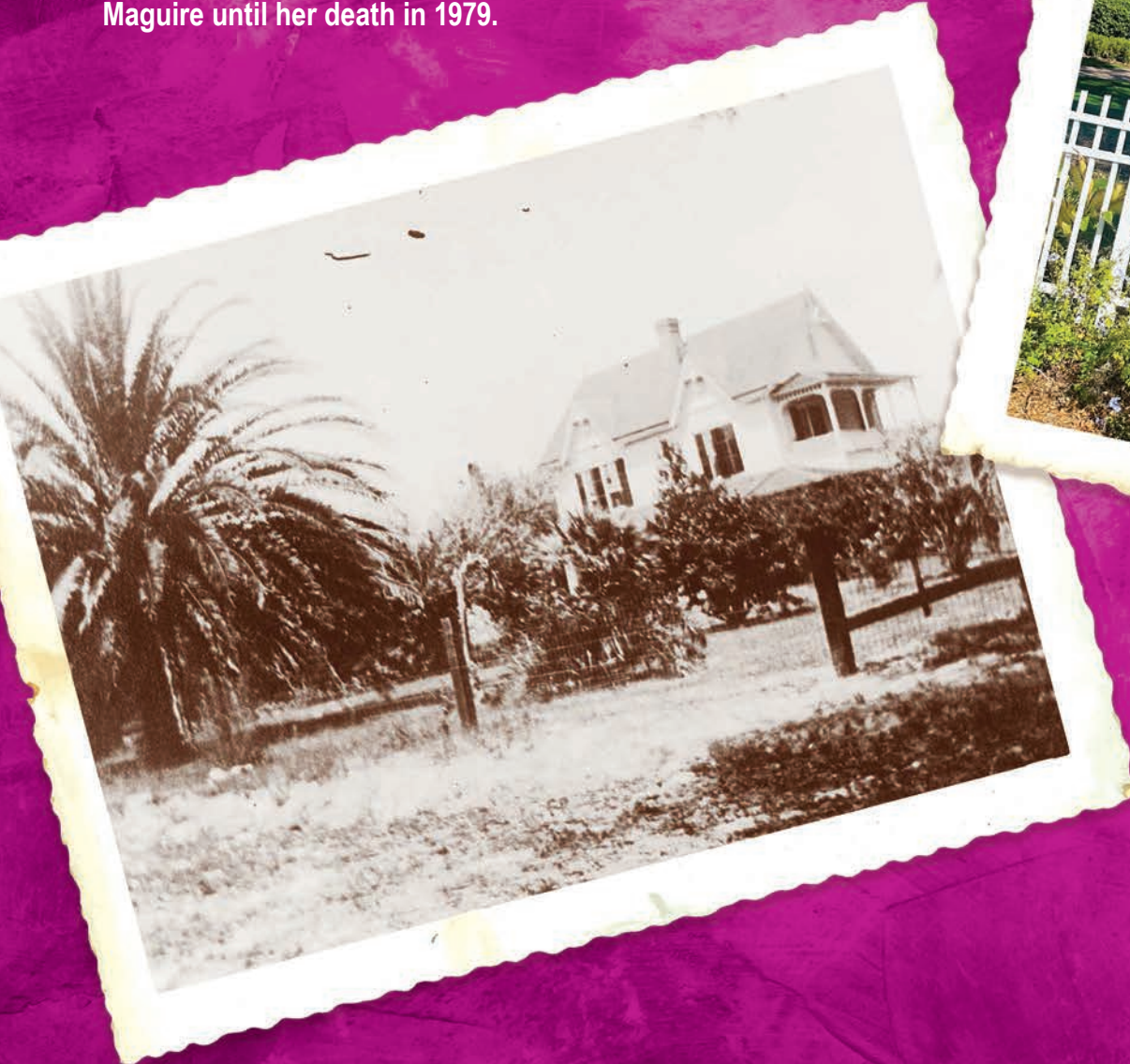
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THEN:

The Withers-Maguire house was built in 1888 by William and Martha Withers as a winter residence. In 1910, David and Maggie Maguire purchased the home and the nine surrounding acres for \$5,000. In 1943, after the death of her mother Maggie, the home was owned by Miss Lillian Maguire until her death in 1979.



NOW:

The City of Ocoee purchased the home in 1984. In 1987 it was placed on the National Register of Historic Places. The Withers-Maguire House is open to the public for tours and is available for rental for weddings and special events.



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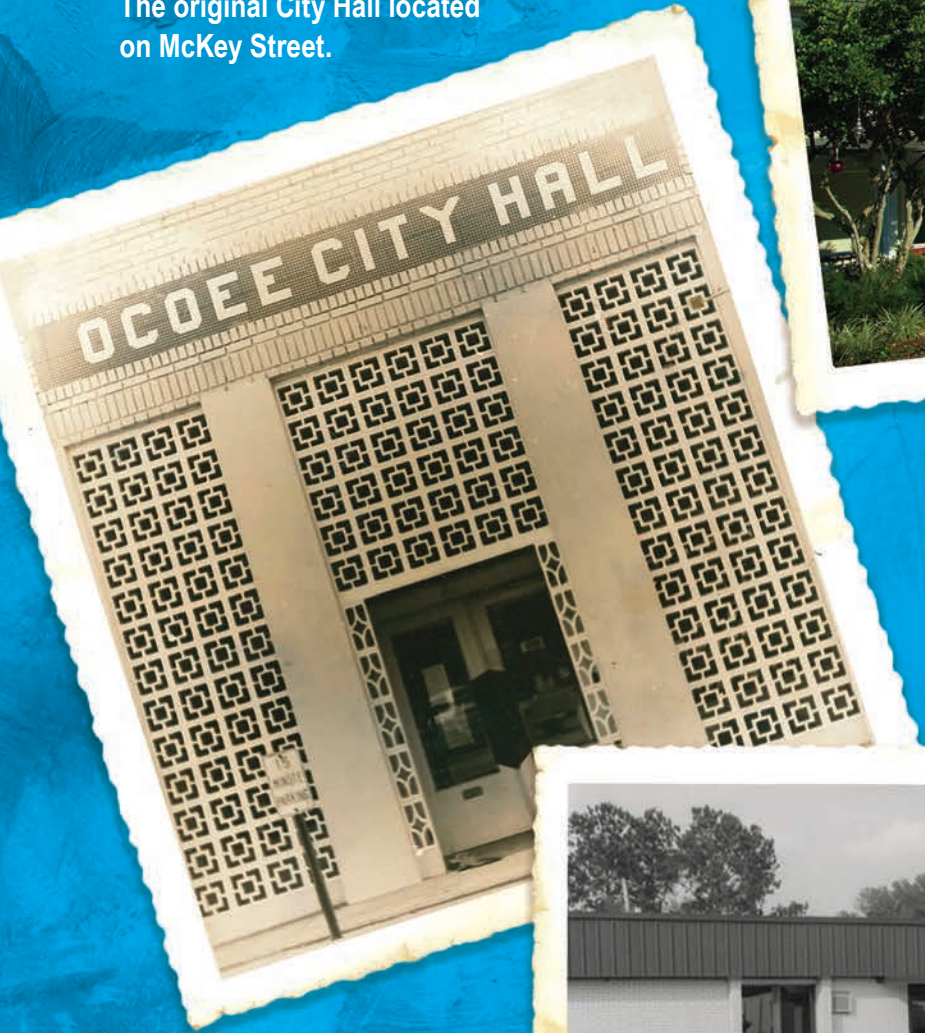
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THEN:

The original City Hall located on McKey Street.



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This City Hall building was located on Bluford Avenue.



THEN:

City Hall on Lakeshore Drive overlooking Starke Lake.



NOW:

Built in 2022, the current City Hall is a three-story building (on Bluford Ave.) designed to accommodate the city's future growth for the next 25 years.



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THEN:

Highway 50 at the corner of Maguire Road looking east. On the left is a sign listing the various civic organizations in Ocoee.



NOW:

The corner of SR 50 and Maguire is part of the city's Community Redevelopment Area (CRA). Established in 2006, the CRA, now known as Fifty West, encompasses 1,070 acres along the State Road 50 corridor.



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THEN:

The first brick building in town was the Bank of Ocoee. The bank was organized in 1919 with a capital of \$25,000. The remaining buildings were built in the early 1920s and were known as the Marshall Block. It housed the post office, a grocery store, hardware store, barber shop and several other businesses.



NOW:

The Marshall Block located on McKey Street in historic downtown Ocoee.



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Human Relations Diversity Board
6:15pm City Hall
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Independence Day
City Hall Closed
July 4th Event
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Planning and Zoning Commission
6:30 pm City Hall
(Live Ocoee TV)
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City Commission Meeting
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Red Light Hearing
9:00 am City Hall
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Family Recreation Day
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Parks and Recreation Advisory Board
6:00 pm City Hall
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Code Enforcement Meeting
7:00 pm City Hall
(Live Ocoee TV)
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Citizen Advisory Council to Police Department
6:15 pm City Hall
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THEN:

The first school was a two-room school built in 1884 and painted red. It was known as the “little red schoolhouse”. That building was torn down in 1923 and a large red brick building was built. The second school building was built in 1908 to help with overcrowding. It was razed in 1927 when a two-story mission style building took its place.



NOW:

Located on the original site of the first schools in the city, Ocoee Middle School was opened in 2000 on Bluford Avenue.



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General Employees'
Pension Board 10:00 am
City Hall

Police/Fire Pension
Board 1:00 pm
City Hall

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Ocoee Community Market
5pm-9pm

Human Relations
Diversity Board
6:15 pm City Hall

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Planning and Zoning
Commission
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Citizen Advisory Council
to Fire Department 6:00 pm
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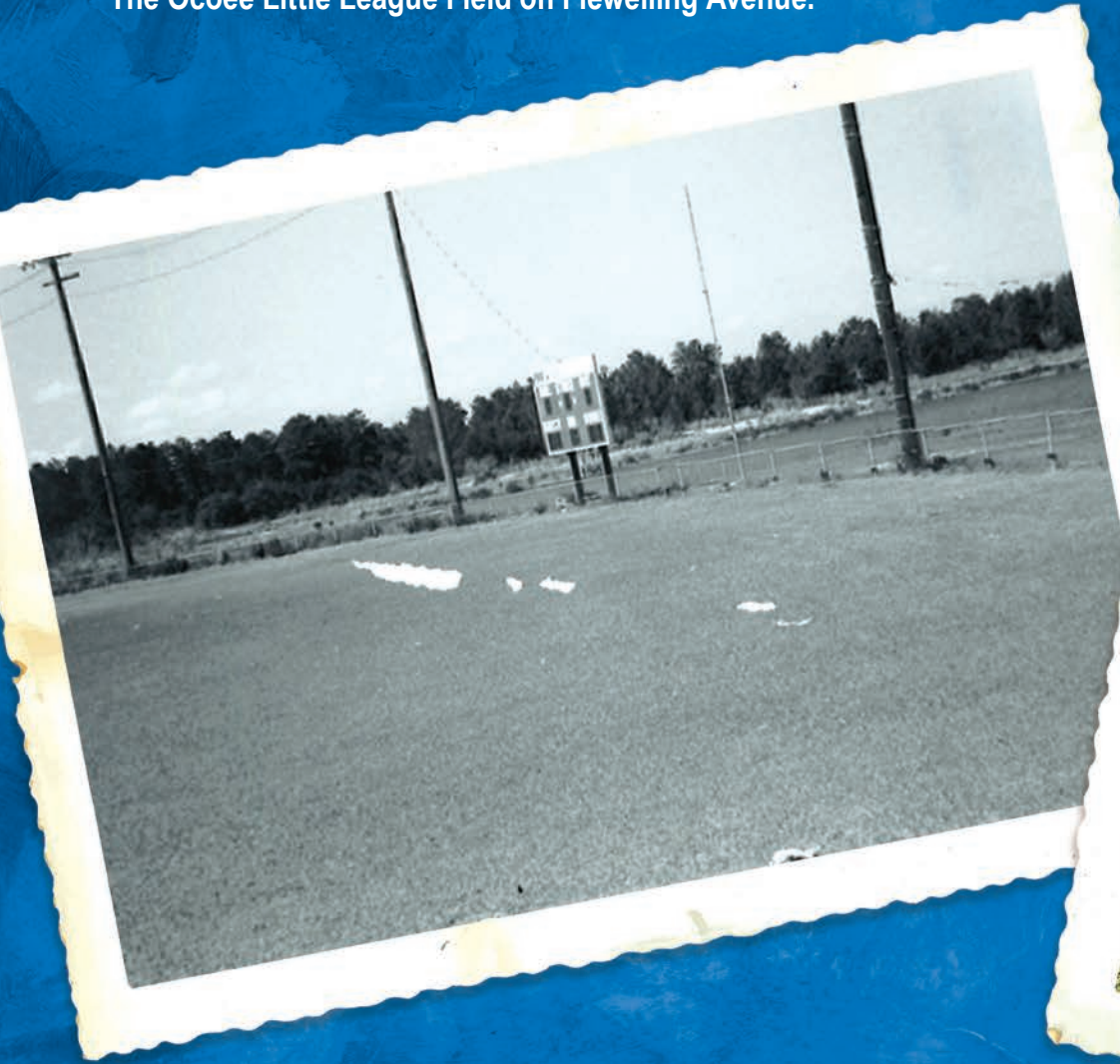
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THEN:

The Ocoee Little League Field on Flewelling Avenue.



NOW:

Vandergrift Central Park features several amenities including lighted baseball fields, Action Sports Park, basketball court, picnic pavilion and a boardwalk.



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In the late 1850s, Dr. James D. Starke established a homestead in the open woods at the edge of a clean, clear lake that still bears his name. The community was known as Starke Lake until May 2, 1883 when it was renamed Ocoee.



NOW:

Now, just as it has been throughout Ocoee's history, beautiful Starke Lake continues to be the center of the community for the city's signature events, boating and fishing.



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THEN:

On Nov. 2, 1920, the Ocoee Election Day Massacre occurred. Julius "July" Perry, an Ocoee resident, was beaten, shot and lynched in Orlando as a warning to other black citizens who tried to vote. African-American residents of West Orange County in and around what later became the City of Ocoee were grievously denied their civil rights, their properties, and their very lives in a series of unlawful acts perpetrated by a white mob and government officials.



NOW:

On November 2, 2024, the city dedicated a Memorial Wall at Unity Park. The wall has the names of the 263 black residents who were killed, injured, driven from their homes and had their property taken from them in 1920. The descendants of the African Americans who lived in Ocoee more than 100 years ago, attended the city's Unveiling Ceremony and Third Annual Descendants Dinner held at the Ocoee Lakeshore Center. The Memorial Wall will give residents and visitors an opportunity to reflect and remember the men, women and children who once called Ocoee home.



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THEN:

In 1952, the City could not afford to purchase a fire truck to replace their 35-year-old truck. Fire Chief Harold Maguire (left) offered to build a fire truck with Walker Creel (an expert welder) if the City provided the Chevy chassis and a new fire pump. City leaders agreed and also provided \$1,000 worth of metal. The two men completed the project in their spare time in six months and at a final cost to the City of about \$3,700.



NOW:

Fire Chief Tom Smothers and Deputy Chief Charles Van Camp stand next to the city's new Aerial Platform Ladder truck. The Sutphen Corporation SP70 is the first of its kind in Ocoee and will elevate the city's fire and rescue operations.



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