



**FOR A LIVABLE, HEALTHY AND PROSPEROUS ORANGE COUNTY**

## **Citizen Planner Academy 2024**

**Do you want to become more actively involved in making Orange County a sustainable community?**

You can help make our community a more prosperous, livable, and healthy place for all our citizens and guests both now and in the future. Citizen Planner Academy is a series of classes designed to promote and increase citizen engagement in sustainable decision making by developing knowledge of the planning process, and to introduce various planning disciplines.

Each year, the core courses: "Planning Basics" and "Sustainability" along with a series of special topics will be offered. The Academy is open to all Orange County citizens; however, registration is required. All classes are held at **Orange County Internal Operations Center 1 - 450 E. South Street, Orlando, FL 32801**, unless otherwise noted.

*Those who attend Planning Basics, Sustainability and three Special Topics courses will be recognized as graduates of the Citizen Planner Academy. The classes are being offered on the following dates (9:00am -11:00am):*

### **Planning Basics**

Saturday, January 27

### **Sustainability**

Saturday, March 23

### **Planning Basics & Sustainability – (Make-Up Workshop)**

Saturday, September 28

### **Special Topics**

#### **Urban Design – Baldwin Park**

Saturday, February 24

#### **Community Place Making**

Saturday, April 27

#### **Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design**

Saturday, May 25

#### **The Path to Affordable Housing**

Saturday, June 29

#### **Journey to Safer Roads**

Saturday, August 24

**To register for classes, visit:**  
[www.ocfl.net/CitizenPlannerAcademy](http://www.ocfl.net/CitizenPlannerAcademy)

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**Neighborhood  
Services  
Division**

"Engaging and Strengthening Neighborhoods"

# Citizen Planner Academy 2024 Descriptions

## CORE COURSES

### **Planning Basics**

Have you ever wondered why apartment complexes are built in certain areas? Why was a liquor store opened down the street, instead of a local supermarket? How are school and park locations determined? Participants will learn about the Orange County land development process, its importance and who is typically involved throughout the process.

### **Sustainability**

What is a sustainable environment? How do we preserve Orange County's vast natural resources while accommodating for growth in the region? Sustainable and resilient communities are focused on public health, inclusion, natural resources, and innovation. Participants will learn about how they can help to ensure long term preservation of water, green space, food systems, waste diversion, and energy needs. Participants will also learn about homeowners, neighborhood, and business programs available to beautify neighborhoods and save on utility bills.

## SPECIAL TOPICS

### **Urban Design – Baldwin Park**

Ever wondered how the process of open spaces, building design, and the public amenities contribute to the overall functionality, sustainability, and attractiveness of a neighborhood? This workshop will take a deep dive into the process of designing neighborhoods with a walking tour of Baldwin Park.

### **Community Place Making**

When is a community ready for change? What is the process needed for a community to redevelop? This class will educate you on how to build a community's capacity for revitalization to create prosperous, livable, and healthy communities.

### **Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design**

Crime prevention through environmental design uses a variety of tools to analyze environmental conditions and implements different methods to improve space and how it is used. Want to gain a better understanding of physical design strategies and how they can influence human behavior, reduce crime, and improve the quality of life then the Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design Workshop is for you.

### **The Path to Affordable Housing**

Affordable housing can mean different things to different people. Housing cost burdens can mean fewer resources available for many households. In this workshop you will learn about tools and resources available to assist residents in acquiring affordable housing.

### **Journey to Safer Roads**

Road safety is everyone's responsibility: Passenger vehicle motorists, truck drivers, bus drivers, bicyclists, and pedestrians. In August 2022, Orange County adopted "Vision Zero", a strategy to eliminate traffic fatalities and severe injuries by focusing on designing safer roadways. This workshop will outline the specific strategies for Vision Zero and its goal to eliminate roadway casualties and dangerous conditions for motorists, pedestrians, and bicyclists by 2040 through its "4E" approach: engineering, enforcement, education, and emergency services.