

2024 Historic Preservation Board Calendar

Lake Lawsona Historic District



1321 E Pine Street • Photo by Steven Madow
Built 1925



122 N Hyer Avenue • Photo by Mark Cechman
Built 1923

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	<i>1</i> New Year's Day City Hall Closed	<i>2</i>	<i>3</i> Historic Preservation Board Meeting at 4 p.m.	<i>4</i>	<i>5</i> Full Moon Downtown Historic Walking Tour, 9:30 a.m.	<i>6</i>
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<i>14</i>	<i>15</i> Martin Luther King, Jr. Day City Hall Closed	<i>16</i> Lake Eola Heights National Register of Historic Places District Established (1992)	<i>17</i>	<i>18</i>	<i>19</i>	<i>20</i>
<i>21</i>	<i>22</i>	<i>23</i>	<i>24</i>	<i>25</i> Full Moon	<i>26</i>	<i>27</i>
<i>28</i> Colonialtown South Historic District Established (2000)	<i>29</i>	<i>30</i>	<i>31</i>	<p>Florida Vernacular Architecture is rooted in the practical responses to the state's humid, subtropical climate. Distinguished by its steeply pitched roof to shed rain, large windows to allow breezes to sweep through the house, and wrap around porches offering additional protection from the sun, Vernacular homes had an intimate understanding of the local environment.</p> <p>This home was constructed for Nelson J. and Annie F. Mathes in 1923. The Mathes' came to Orlando from New Hampshire in 1879 when there were just 28 families living here. Mr. Mathes owned a shoe repair shop on Church Street before retiring in 1919. Mr. Mathes passed away in the home in 1929 at the age of 80. His widow continued to live there until her passing in 1933.</p>		



800 E Robinson Street • Photo by Allyssa Taylor
Built 1927

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<p>Built in 1927 as the Orlando High School, this building has helped educate thousands of children for almost a century under various names. It became Howard Junior High in 1952 before rebranding as the Howard Middle School in 1987. Designated as a local individual landmark in 1989, the building continues to be used by Orange County Public Schools as an Academy of the Arts magnet school. Designed by renowned local architect Howard M. Reynolds, the building exudes the classic Greek Revival Style with its dominant temple front, six ionic fluted columns, heavy entablature, regal medallions, swags, and sheaths. Mr. Reynolds was the principal architect for all but one of the county's school buildings during the 1920s including the Marks Street School and the Cherokee School.</p> <p><i>Interesting Fact: The original mascot for OHS was the Tigers.</i></p>				1	2	3
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City of Orlando Incorporated (1885)			Historic Preservation Board Meeting at 4 p.m.		Downtown Historic Walking Tour, 9:30 a.m.	
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	Lincoln's Birthday		Valentine's Day			
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	President's Day					Full Moon
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1917 E Washington Street • Photo by Julianna Russo
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<p>Constructed in 1925 for Frank G. Monroe and his wife Effie. Mr. Monroe was an auditor of Orlando Utilities Commission (OUC). Their home is a Tudor Revival. Identifying features of this style are the steeply pitched roofs, tall narrow windows in groupings, front entry with round arch, and decorative half timbering. These beams are not structural as they would have been during the original Tudor era of the 1600s in England. It is estimated that 25% of the homes constructed in the 1920s were of this style. This style was extremely popular in England as well during this time as there was a new appreciation for historic domestic English architecture.</p>					1	2
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State of Florida Founded (1845)			Historic Preservation Board Meeting at 4 p.m.		Downtown Historic Walking Tour, 9:30 a.m.	
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Daylight Saving Time Begins "Spring Forward"						
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Saint Patrick's Day		Vernal Equinox				
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31 Easter	Full Moon					



1819 E Central Boulevard • Photo by Danielle DeGuglimo
Built 1928

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	1	2	3 Lake Lawsona National Register of Historic Places District Established (2019) Historic Preservation Board Meeting at 4 p.m.	4	5 Downtown Historic Walking Tour, 9:30 a.m.	6
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14	15 Tax Day	16	17	18	19	20
21	22 Earth Day Passover Begins	23 Full Moon	24	25	26 Arbor Day	27
28	29	30 Passover Ends	<p>The City Directory of 1928 lists Harold and Kathryn Duggan as the first owners. Mr. Duggan was the district manager for The Texas Oil Company. Mrs. Duggan was active in the society pages hosting tea parties, soirées, and serving on the boards for several civic organizations. Mr. Duggan was killed in a tragic car accident on December 9, 1930. He was just 32 and left behind his wife and 3-month-old daughter. The widow sold the home and relocated to Winter Haven the following year.</p> <p>This Spanish Revival home is part of the eclectic architecture movement of the 1920s. Homebuilders borrowed freely from historic precedents to create new twists on residential designs. This home features a low sloped roof in clay tile, an arched entry portico, and tall narrow, arched windows grouped prominently on the front façade. Note the braided or rope columns in between the windows.</p>			



114 S Lawsona Boulevard • Photo by Jim Hobart
Built 1928

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<p>HAPPY HISTORIC PRESERVATION MONTH! Since 1973, the National Trust for Historic Preservation has promoted community pride, heritage tourism, and proved the social and economic benefits of historic preservation. The City of Orlando celebrates each year with our Historic Preservation Awards to recognize property owners who preserve and protect the integrity of their historic structures.</p> <p>The first occupants of this house were listed as Edgar and Eula Albert in 1928. Mr. Albert worked as a mortgage broker for Colonial Realty which was located at 19 Wall Street.</p> <p>While the Lake Lawsona Historic District is well known for its bungalows, there is another housing type found nestled amongst the towering oaks, a foursquare. So named because it has four rooms on each floor and always has two floors making a house that is very box like in massing. Home typology differs from style as it describes the shape or floor plan of a particular structure. This home still has the popular craftsman elements applied to the exterior like decorative ribbon shingles, 4:1 windows, exposed rafter tails, and box column posts on brick piers.</p>						
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			Historic Preservation Board Meeting at 4 p.m.		Downtown Historic Walking Tour, 9:30 a.m.	
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Mother's Day						
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
			Lake Eola Heights Historic District Established (1989)	Full Moon		
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	Memorial Day City Hall Closed					



131 Kennison Drive • Photo by Bob Egleston
Built 1931

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<p>The original owners of this residence were Ralph and Dorothy M. Parks. Mrs. Parks was an accomplished pianist and was known for playing for the Omaha Symphony before she moved to Orlando and continued to play for charities and benefits. The couple moved here in 1931 and had two children, Sally and Morton. Mrs. Parks worked for WDBO as the head of programming for many years. WDBO was formed in 1924 as a part of Rollins College. In the '30s, a transmitter was relocated to Dubsread Country Club. By the '40s when Mrs. Parks worked there, the studios were in the Angebilt Hotel before relocating to South Ivanhoe Blvd where they would remain until 1986.</p> <p>Constructed in the 1930s during the depression, this home is the unique Storybook Cottage style. The playfulness and whimsy of the undulating siding in the gable that transitions to the flat straight siding, the scrolled brackets that support the copper dormer over the front window, and the small decorative vents into the attic all contribute to the charm and character of this home.</p>						<i>1</i>
<i>2</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>5</i> Historic Preservation Board Meeting at 4 p.m.	<i>6</i>	<i>7</i>	<i>8</i>
<i>9</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>11</i>	<i>12</i> Orlando United Day Pulse Tragedy (2016)	<i>13</i>	<i>14</i> Flag Day	<i>15</i>
<i>16</i> Father's Day	<i>17</i>	<i>18</i>	<i>19</i> Juneteenth City Hall Closed	<i>20</i> Summer Solstice Lake Lawsona Historic District Established (1994)	<i>21</i> Full Moon	<i>22</i>
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125 James Avenue • Photo by Dan Kirby
Built 1923

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<i>14</i>	<i>15</i>	<i>16</i>	<i>17</i>	<i>18</i> Griffin Park National Register of Historic Places District Established (1996)	<i>19</i>	<i>20</i>
<i>21</i> Full Moon	<i>22</i>	<i>23</i>	<i>24</i> Lake Cherokee Historic District Established (1981)	<i>25</i>	<i>26</i>	<i>27</i>
<i>28</i>	<i>29</i>	<i>30</i>	<i>31</i> Town of Orlando Incorporated (1875)	<p>This home was constructed in 1923 for Samuel S. and Cora A. Ferguson. Contemporary city directories also list Elmer E. and Lucy B. McElhaney as residents. Both gentlemen owned Ferguson & McElhaney Motor Company. Mr. Ferguson was the director of a bank in Pennsylvania before moving to Orlando in 1931. He formed the motor company with his son-in-law, Elmer McElhaney, who had experience working for Ford in Detroit, Michigan. Mr. Ferguson also speculated in real estate and orange groves. The home stayed in the Ferguson/McElhaney family until 1997.</p> <p>This home is a cross between the common local Craftsman style and the less common Prairie style. While it showcases the exposed rafter tails, wide siding, and tapered columns of the Craftsman style, it also has the hipped roof, long horizontal lines and two-story massing of the Prairie style.</p>		



Washington Street Bridge • Photo by Lynn Albanese
Built 1926

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<p>The Washington Street bridge spans Fern Creek, a natural feature, at the 1700 block of East Washington Street. The steel and concrete arch-supported bridge is guarded by concrete balustrades and coach lamps. The bridge was constructed in 1926 by the Concrete Steel Bridge Company of Miami, Florida for a cost of \$10,400. Making access easier to the area east of Fern Creek, the bridge played a major role in the development of the residential housing in the Rosarden Plat, Seminole Park, and other subdivisions late in the Florida Land Boom period. In fact, it was Mr. Rose who donated the land surrounding Fern Creek to the city for a public park to beautify his subdivision. Without a parks department at the city to maintain the 5 acres, the park quickly become overgrown. During the Depression, the local Civitan Club, headed by Mr. Dickson, brought forth plans to restore the park with natural trails, plants, and trees. Their plan was adopted and implemented by local volunteers. The park was re-christened Dickson-Azalea Park on November 3, 1935 in his honor. The park became the most popular place to socialize in the late '30s.</p>				1	2 William J. Brack elected 1st Mayor of Orlando (1875)	3
4 First Orlando Council meeting held (1875)	5	6	7 Historic Preservation Board Meeting at 4 p.m.	8	9	10
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18	19 Full Moon	20	21	22	23	24
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1114 E Washington Street • Photo by Kevin Drinan
Built 1920

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1	2 Labor Day City Hall Closed	3	4 Historic Preservation Board Meeting at 4 p.m.	5	6	7
8 National Grandparent's Day	9	10	11 Patriot Day	12	13	14
15	16	17 Full Moon	18	19 Orlando Post Office Established (1857)	20	21
22 Autumnal Equinox	23 Holden Parramore National Register of Historic Places District Established (2009)	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	<p>The 1924 City Directory lists Joseph C. and Jessie F. Fish as the first residents at this address. Their daughter, Helen is listed as a music teacher. It appears the Fishes rented this house while their home was being built at 1001 E Jefferson. The home was a rental for the first decade of its existence as the city directory occupant does not match the property owner's records. It was the Clawson Family in 1933 that became the first owner occupants.</p> <p>This lovely Craftsman style home showcases the exposed purlins under the porch gables, extensive shingles, and square columns on decorative concrete block bases. Sears & Roebucks had a concrete block stamping machine that could be ordered for just \$46 in the 1920s that allowed local homebuilders to create different patterns with interchangeable plates.</p> <p><i>Interesting Fact: Purlins are roof beams that project through the front gable.</i></p>				



1905 E Washington Street • Photo by Gierwin Alagano
Built 1925

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Constructed in 1925 for Walter and Helen Moorman. Mr. Moorman was a salesman for Silas Dolive and close friends with his son Charles, even serving as pallbearer at his funeral. Mr. Moorman moved to Orlando in 1896 as a toddler with his parents. Mrs. Moorman, née Phelps, was from Winter Garden. They had two daughters and lived in the home until 1954. This property showcases the Tudor Revival style. Note the tall center gable and low sloped roof, prominent brick chimney, stucco exterior with brick accents and even an arched doorway tucked behind the landscaping.		1	2 Historic Preservation Board Meeting at 4 p.m.	3	4 World Architecture Day Downtown Historic Walking Tour, 9:30 a.m.	5
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13	14	15	16	17 Full Moon	18	19
20 Downtown Historic District Established (1980)	21 Rosemere National Register of Historic Places District Established (2009)	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31 Halloween	Interesting fact: This home was built in the Rosarden plat recorded by Walter Rose in 1919. Mr. Rose was a successful developer who also platted and named the streets of College Park. His real estate office was based in a building he owned at 47 N Orange Ave, next to the Angebilt that still stands today. Mr. Rose steadily rose in prominence in the community eventually serving in the State Senate from 1933 to 1948.	



1817 E Washington Street • Photo by Katy Magley
Built 1925

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<p>Constructed in 1925 for R.L. Merker, he immediately sold the house to his daughter and son-in-law, Harry and Virginia Kucher. Mr. Kucher was an accountant for Mason and Potters located on the 8th floor of the Metcalf Building. The Kuchers didn't live here long though as they lost the house to foreclosure at the start of the Great Depression. Lake Lawsona is known for its stunning Craftsman Style homes and this home does not disappoint. Exposed rafter tails, and purlins at the gable ends, battered column bases with double posts and crossing capitals, 4:1 windows on the first floor and multiple windows grouped on the second floor all sing in perfect harmony.</p> <p><i>Interesting Fact: Battered Column is when a support structure is wider at the bottom and then narrows at the top.</i></p>				<p>1</p> <p>2</p> <p>Downtown Historic Walking Tour, 9:30 a.m.</p>	
<p>3</p> <p>Daylight Saving Time Ends, "Fall Back"</p>		<p>4</p>		<p>5</p> <p>Election Day</p>	
<p>6</p> <p>Historic Preservation Board Meeting at 4 p.m.</p>		<p>7</p>		<p>8</p> <p>9</p>	
<p>10</p> <p>Veteran's Day</p>		<p>11</p>		<p>12</p> <p>13</p> <p>14</p> <p>Full Moon</p>	
<p>15</p>		<p>16</p>		<p>17</p> <p>18</p> <p>19</p> <p>Fort Gatlin Established (1838)</p>	
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<p>24</p>		<p>25</p>		<p>26</p> <p>27</p> <p>Thanksgiving Day City Hall Closed</p>	
<p>28</p>		<p>29</p> <p>City Hall Closed</p>		<p>30</p>	



220 S Lawsona Boulevard • Photo by Steven Sibbald
Built 1925

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<i>8</i>	<i>9</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>11</i>	<i>12</i>	<i>13</i>	<i>14</i> McCoy Federal Credit Union Established (1954)
<i>15</i> Full Moon	<i>16</i>	<i>17</i>	<i>18</i>	<i>19</i>	<i>20</i>	<i>21</i> Winter Solstice
<i>22</i>	<i>23</i>	<i>24</i> Christmas Eve City Hall Closed	<i>25</i> Christmas Day City Hall Closed	<i>26</i> First Day of Hanukkah	<i>27</i>	<i>28</i>
<i>29</i>	<i>30</i> Lake Adair - Lake Concord National Register of Historic Places District (2011)	<i>31</i> New Year's Eve	<p>Built in 1925 for Oscar Hurley and Pearl Lewis. Mr. Lewis worked at the Lewis Candy and Tobacco Company located at 310 W Church Street, possibly for a relative. He eventually went into business for himself and was quite successful. They had four children and moved to Lakeland in 1944. The couple loved travelling the world and Mrs. Lewis collected porcelain dolls wherever she went. After retiring to Citrus County, the couple opened a doll museum in Homosassa. This Colonial Revival home was built by prominent builder E.D. Kenyon for \$6500. The garage with apartment was constructed at the same time for an additional \$1500. The style is most evident in the rigid symmetry of the facade with paired windows, multiple paned windows and small projecting entrance with a gable roof and Tuscan columns.</p> <p><i>Interesting Fact: S Lawsona Blvd was originally called Fern Creek Blvd. It was changed in 1926 to avoid confusion with Fern Creek Avenue just one block to the east.</i></p>			



Historic Preservation Board

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ORLANDO 100 YEARS AGO



View of Orlando Bank and Trust circa 1924

1924 Orlando Facts and Statistics

- Population: 18,000
- Millage: 21mill
- Mayor: James LeRoy Giles (second time)
- The Original Lake Eola Bandstand opens. Designed by Isabel Roberts and Ida Ryan.
- The Orlando Museum of Art was founded.
- \$3 million in building permits were issued, equivalent to \$51 million today.
- Orwin Manor, "Central Florida's first million dollar subdivision" was platted.
- First traffic lights installed.
- The Orange Court Hotel with the city's first indoor pool opened.
- WDBO went on the air from Rollins College.
- The Orlando Bank and Trust Company opened in its new 10 story skyscraper, now known as the Metcalf Building.
- On December 31, 1924, Orlando celebrated the opening of the Cheney Highway that connected the city to the east coast. The road was 38 miles long and 16 feet wide carved through virgin forest to make Orlando a pivotal transportation hub. It is now known as State Route 50.

The City of Orlando has produced this popular calendar since 1991 as a depiction of Orlando's treasured historic resources. The Historic Preservation Board has actively pursued the recognition and protection of the significant buildings, neighborhoods, objects, and landscapes of our diverse city since 1976. The HPB has designated 47 individual landmarks and six local historic districts. Orlando also has seven districts and thirteen individual sites listed on the National Register of Historic Places. For more information on the City's Historic Preservation programs, contact Jennifer Fritz-Hunter, Historic Preservation Officer, at 407.246.3416. Please visit our website for expanded information about our historic preservation efforts: <https://www.orlando.gov/Our-Government/Departments-Offices/Economic-Development/City-Planning/Historic-Preservation>.

Cover Photo: 1321 E Pine Street by Steven Madow. The cover photo shows a look north up Kennison Drive to this beautiful craftsman style home constructed in 1925. The first owner was Wade W. Shidler and his wife, Hazel. Mr. Shidler was a civil engineer with his office in the Elijah Hand Building located at 23 W Pine Street. Mr. Shidler was also Vice-President of the West Orlando Development Company formed in 1925 which purchased and developed the land between W Central Blvd, Texas Ave, Sunset Lake, and Sun Court into 216 lots for individual sale. Prior to moving to Orlando, Mr. Shidler had been the City Engineer for Alliance, Ohio and he retained a home in northeast Ohio. It is possible his Orlando residence was only for the winter months.

The Craftsman style is noted through the paired casement windows with the unusual muntin pattern, exposed rafter tails, purlins under the front gable roof, and the details of the projecting front porch.

The 2024 Historic Preservation Board calendar celebrates the unique historic structures of the Lake Lawsona Historic Districts which has been a locally designated district since 1994. The area is comprised of more than one historical subdivision with the majority of plats recorded between 1919 and 1924. It was during this time that Central Florida experienced a Land Boom that was affecting the entire state. Orlando's population tripled in just 5 years and the land surrounding downtown that had formerly been orange groves, wooded acreage or open space was subdivided into lots and new houses in all the latest styles were constructed. Those styles included Colonial Revival, Craftsman, Mediterranean Revival, Minimal Traditional, Mission, Neoclassical Revival, and Tudor Revival.

The Lake Lawsona Historic District is bound by Robinson Street on the north, Jackson Street on the south, Summerlin Avenue to the west and Hampton Avenue to the east.

I would like to thank the members of the Historic Preservation Board for their continued commitment to preserve our city's historic landmarks and districts. Thanks also to McCoy Federal Credit Union for sponsoring the Historic Preservation Board Calendar for the past 14 years.

A key part of our city's plan for strategic growth is recognizing, preserving, and celebrating our past. We continue to support our city's historic preservation efforts by showcasing our city's history with programs such as this annual photo competition and calendar, which helps educate residents and visitors about the different themes, neighborhoods, and historic landmarks that make up the rich history of Orlando.

I hope you enjoy this year's calendar as we honor Lake Lawsona, one of the neighborhoods that helps make Orlando, "The City Beautiful."

Sincerely,

Buddy Dyer
Mayor

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