

The Arrington Articles

October 25th - November 7th

Hello <<First Name>>,

Thank you to everyone across Senate District 25 who took the time to make their voices heard on Election Day! Whether you voted early, by mail, or on Election Day, your participation is an important part of shaping the future of our communities.

While the election may be over, **civic engagement doesn't stop at the ballot box!** Staying informed, participating in community discussions, and making your voice heard on the issues that matter most are all ways to stay involved.

In this newsletter, we're looking back at recent community events, sharing important district updates, and highlighting some of the work my team and I have been doing across Osceola and Orange counties. Thank you for staying connected and allowing us to continue serving you!

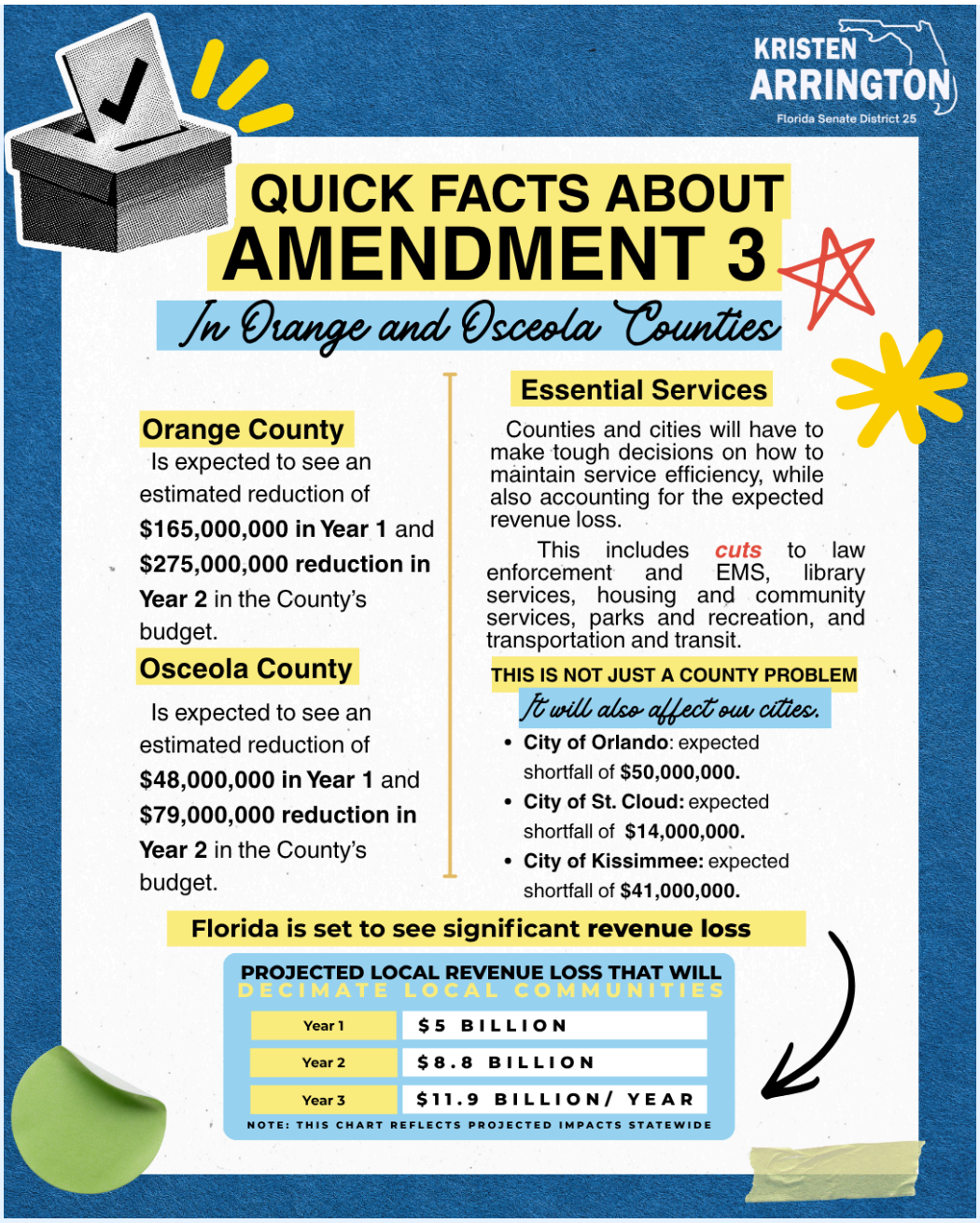
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Weekly Question

Did you vote in the November 3rd General Election?

Yes **No**

Amendment 3 Passes: What Does This Mean for Florida Property Owners?



On November 3, Florida voters approved Amendment 3, bringing about significant changes to the state's property tax system and our cities and counties beginning on January 1, 2027.

Amendment 3 strips away home rule from local governments. This means that our cities and counties must operate at a budget shortfall with no proposed solution from Republican lawmakers in Tallahassee. Local governments must now heavily rely on the state to continue to fund our communities, rather than using tax dollars wisely on emergency and public safety services, libraries and

community events, animal shelters, and essentials like trash pickup and road repair.

The Basics of Amendment 3:

- **Increased Homestead Exemption:** The exemption for qualifying primary residences will increase to $150,000 in 2027 and $250,000 in 2028 for non-school property taxes.
- **Changes for Other Properties:** The annual cap on assessment increases for non-homestead properties, including rental and commercial properties, will decrease from 10% to 5% for non-school taxes.
- **New Residency Requirements:** Individuals who were not Florida residents as of December 31, 2026, will need to wait until their fifth year of qualifying for a homestead exemption to receive the increased benefit.
- **Impact on Local Services:** The amendment changes how counties and municipalities may use property tax revenue and could affect funding available for local services.

To learn more about Amendment 3 and its implications for Orange and Osceola counties, explore our informational guides:

Osceola County Guide: https://bit.ly/Amendment3-OsceolaCounty
Orange County Guide: https://bit.ly/Amendment3-OrangeCounty

Remote Office Hours


REMOTE OFFICE HOURS
KRISTEN ARRINGTON
Florida Senate District 25
November
South Creek Library
1702 Deerfield Blvd,
Orlando, FL 32837
In partnership with Representative Rita Harris.
TUESDAY NOVEMBER 17
1:30PM TO 3:00PM
@Arrington4FL

Need assistance with a state agency or benefit program? Our office is available to help constituents navigate issues related to Medicaid, SNAP, unemployment benefits, housing resources, professional licensing, and other state services.

South Creek Library
In Partnership with Representative Rita Harris
When: **Tuesday, November 17th, 2026**
Time: **1:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.**
Location: **1702 Deerfield Blvd, Orlando, FL 32837**

Appointments are encouraged, but walk-ins are welcome.
To schedule an appointment, visit: bit.ly/RemoteOfficeHours

District Updates



I had the opportunity to tour the CVS Orlando Distribution Center and get a firsthand look at the operations that help keep CVS stores across Central Florida stocked and running smoothly. This tour was both informative and exciting, as I got to meet many dedicated team members who keep thousands of products moving every day. Thank you to the CVS team for the warm welcome!



Brandon and I had the opportunity to visit Osceola Community Health Services in Poinciana to tour their facilities, learn about the resources available to residents, and discuss opportunities for community partnerships and fundraising to further support their mission.

From primary care and pediatrics to dental care, women's health, and behavioral health, their team provides a wide range of essential services to individuals and families throughout our community. They also serve insured, uninsured, and underinsured patients, offering a Sliding Fee Discount Program to help make healthcare more affordable for those who qualify.

A special thank you to the entire team for welcoming us and for their continued dedication to making quality healthcare more accessible! I encourage you to explore the resources available to you and your family!

Learn more about their services, locations, and appointment options HERE.



Our team had the pleasure of participating in Valencia College's Poinciana Mini Career Fair, connecting with students and alumni exploring career opportunities throughout Central Florida. Thank you to Valencia College for organizing this event and bringing together students, alumni, and local employers to support professional growth and career development.

Interested in gaining hands-on experience in public service? Contact Francis Briones at **Briones.Francis@flsenate.gov** to learn more about upcoming internship opportunities with our office!

Upcoming Community Events



Give your pumpkins a second life this fall! Osceola County's Office of Sustainability is collecting pumpkins and other fall gourds to turn into compost. Residents are encouraged to participate by dropping

off their pumpkins at designated locations throughout the county. Please ensure pumpkins are free of paint, glitter, decoupage, and other decorations.

Pumpkins with a Purpose
When: **November 1 – November 14, 2026**

Drop-Off Locations:

- **Celebration Town Hall:** 851 Celebration Avenue, Kissimmee, FL 34747
- **Extension Services at Osceola Heritage Park:** 1921 Kissimmee Valley Lane, Kissimmee, FL 34744
- **Poinciana Library:** 101 N Doverplum Avenue, Kissimmee, FL 34758
- **Osceola County Fleet Services:** 3860 Old Canoe Creek Road, St. Cloud, FL 34769
- **Sunbridge Basecamp:** 6197 Cyrils Drive, St. Cloud, FL 34771
- **Veterans Memorial St. Cloud Library:** 810 13th Street, St. Cloud, FL 34769



Get ready for kindergarten! The School District of Osceola County invites families to the **2027–2028 Kindergarten Choice Fair!** Explore school choice options, connect with educational resources, and enjoy an evening filled with activities, surprises, and giveaways. This is a great opportunity for parents and guardians to learn more about available programs and prepare for their child's next educational milestone!

Kindergarten Choice Fair

When: **Thursday, November 19, 2026**

Time: **5:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.**

Location: **Osceola Heritage Park, 1875 Silver Spur Lane, Kissimmee, FL 34744**

For more information, call **407-870-4847** or visit **www.osceolaschools.net/choice**.

Non-Profit Spotlight



This week's nonprofit spotlight is Give Kids The World Village!

Located in Kissimmee, Give Kids The World Village is an 89-acre nonprofit resort dedicated to creating magical memories for children with critical illnesses and their families. Since 1986, the organization has provided weeklong, cost-free vacations where families can enjoy time together, experience joy, and create unforgettable memories away from medical treatments and everyday challenges.

Give Kids The World Village offers families a variety of experiences, including:

- **Wish Vacations**
  - Weeklong stays featuring accommodations, meals, transportation, and tickets to Central Florida attractions.
- **Magical Experiences**

- Accessible rides, themed activities, entertainment, and special celebrations for children and their families.

- **Volunteer Opportunities**
  - Community members can help by serving meals, assisting with attractions, supporting activities, and welcoming families.
- **Fundraising and Donations**
  - Individuals, businesses, and community organizations can support the Village through donations, fundraising events, and partnerships.

Did you know? Give Kids The World Village has welcomed more than 205,000 families from around the world!

You can help make a difference by volunteering, donating, or participating in community fundraising events. To learn more about Give Kids The World Village and how you can get involved, click **HERE**.

Helpful Links

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It is an honor to serve as your voice in Tallahassee and represent Central Florida. Thank you for the trust you place in me. If you have any questions or need assistance, our office is always here to help.

Senator Kristen Arrington

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