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Green Matters: Finance & the Environment

Gaining Financial Control of Your Divorce

Alafaya Branch

Tuesday, April 7, 6:30 p.m.

Avoid some common financial mistakes made during the divorce process. Learn about the sources of money that may be available to you as a result of your divorce. Each attendee will receive a copy of the Institute for Divorce Financial Analyst's *Divorce Survival Guide*. For more information, please visit **OrlandoAdvisors.com**.

Best Landscape Practices for Central Florida

Windermere Branch

Tuesday, April 7, 6 p.m.

Southeast Branch

Tuesday, April, 28, 6 p.m.

Learn the principles of Florida Friendly Landscaping to save water and money by putting the right plant in the right place, grouping plants together based on watering needs, fertilizing appropriately and mulching to retain moisture. To pre-register, go to **ocls.info/landscape** or call 407.254.9850.

Showerhead Exchange Day

Alafaya Branch

Monday, April 13, 3 - 6 p.m.

Winter Garden Branch

Wednesday, April 29, 3 - 6 p.m.

During *Water Conservation Month*, Orange County Utilities water customers are eligible to exchange old, high-flow showerhead for a new, low-flow device. Fixed showerheads will be exchanged for fixed showerheads only. Handheld showerheads will be exchanged for handheld showerheads only. Please bring your most recent Orange County Utilities water bill and your old showerheads with you. Maximum of three showerheads per household will be exchanged while supplies last. For more information, please e-mail **water.division@ocfl.net** or visit **occonservewater.net**.

Essential Oils: Cleaning Green

North Orange Branch

Wednesday, April 15, 6 p.m.

Marylou Morris will demonstrate how to avoid toxic cleaners in your home by sharing what essential oils are and how their properties can be beneficial for cleaning and health. She will also provide recipes for natural cleaners. To receive a sample of all-purpose essential oil cleaner, please call 407.835.7323 to register.

Budgeting Made Simple

Orlando Public Library, Albertson Room

Saturday, April 18, 11 a.m.

South Creek Branch

Tuesday, April 21, 6:30 p.m.

Join representatives from Ledger 2 Ledger, Inc. to learn what a budget is and the purpose and benefits of following a budget. Tips to reduce expenses will also be shared.

Natural Cleaning Solutions

Herndon Branch

Saturday, April 18, 2 p.m.

Windermere Branch

Tuesday, April 28, 6:15 p.m.

When it comes to cleaning house, the products we use off the shelves too often contain toxic and harmful ingredients that can have negative effects on our health and the environment. Natural Solutions Consultant Stephanie Jorian explains the benefits of non-toxic DIY cleaners and provides recipes and instructions to naturally clean your home for minimal cost.

Morningstar Personal Finance Success

Orlando Public Library, Melrose Center

Monday, April 20, 6 p.m.

Learn about library services such as Morningstar Investment Research Center designed for everyday people.

Starting Your Own Non-Profit

Orlando Public Library, Albertson Room

Monday, April 20, 6:15 p.m.

Have you ever wanted to start your own non-profit but aren't sure where to start? Get your questions answered by De Lisa Bonaparte, founder of the non-profit organization Patricia's Rock. Learn tips and tricks for navigating through the process and where to find local resources to assist you with the process.

Making Your Mortgage Work for You

Windermere Branch

Monday, April 20, 6:30 p.m.

Hiawassee Branch

Tuesday, April 21, 6:30 p.m.

Jeff Hess, licensed mortgage broker and owner of Blue Stripe Mortgage, shares valuable tips on making the best home mortgage choice for your next home purchase or refinance. Learn how choosing the proper mortgage product can potentially save you tens of thousands of dollars over the life of your loan. For more information on Jeff Hess and Blue Stripe Mortgage, visit

BlueStripeMortgage.com.

Retirement Plan Alternatives for Small Businesses

Herndon Branch

Tuesday, April 21, 6:30 p.m.

For many small businesses, offering a qualified retirement plan is an ideal way to attract and retain qualified employees as well as to help owners plan for their own futures. Whether you are a single owner with no employees or have multiple personnel, selecting the right retirement plan for your small business is a crucial step. This workshop will discuss what you need to know in order to decide which plan is right for your business. For more information, please visit **raymondjames.com**.

Preventing Identity Theft

Southeast Branch

Tuesday, April 21, 11 a.m.

West Oaks Branch

Wednesday, April 22, 11 a.m.

During this informative workshop, learn how to protect yourself against identity theft, lottery scams, social security scams, tax fraud and sweepstake scams. Other topics include the resources available if you've been victimized and how to report identity theft. More information is available at **myfloridalegal.com**.

Managing Your Money: Budgeting and Savings Strategies

Alafaya Branch

Thursday, April 23, 6:30 p.m.

Learn tools you can use to help develop a financial plan and manage your money. Having control over your financial situation can help you meet your financial goals. Presented by Wells Fargo.

The Green Horizon: How Millennials Are Going to Solve the Global Climate Crisis

Orlando Public Library, Albertson Room Tuesday, April 28, 6:30 p.m.

Think the millennial generation is going to destroy the planet even worse than the boomers? Get the scoop from the Executive Director of IDEAS For Us to hear about how young people around the world are innovating sustainability action around the world. This talk will leave you hopeful for the future and inspired to get involved in all the groundbreaking action in Central Florida.

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