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Your Key to Florida's African-American Community

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FDOT SET TO BEGIN "THE I-4 ULTIMATE PROJECT"

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ORLANDO - President Dwight Eisenhower signed into law the Federal Aid Highway Act on June 29, 1956, creating a 41,000 mile system of connected

highways, which alleviated transportation woes for Americans. Fifty-six years on, the interstate highway system nationwide is more than 46,000 miles long. Today, the widening of one of Central Florida's

largest highways is the most talked about among Central Floridians, the widening of I-4. Interstate 4 was originally completed in 1965, upping Florida's popularity as a tourist attraction, bringing sixty new industries to the sunshine state by the early

1970s. Prior to the construction of I-4 in Florida, a traffic study identified that there were 195,000 vehicle trips in and out of the Orlando and Winter Park metro areas, causing excessive traffic buildups.



Current I-4



Future I-4

Building Orlando's expressway began in 1958, spanning seven years of development. The total cost was \$42 million. This transportation fix created a forty year migration of movers that had moved from up north, with an estimated

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Florida Residents Urged To Get Vaccinated Against Measles

Contacts of measles cases being followed in Florida

TALLAHASSEE — The Florida Department of Health is working with other state and federal officials to monitor individuals who may have been exposed to measles cases across the state. In the past two weeks, four cases of measles have been identified and reported among travelers with unknown or no measles vaccinations who visited Florida. Two cases involved international travelers.

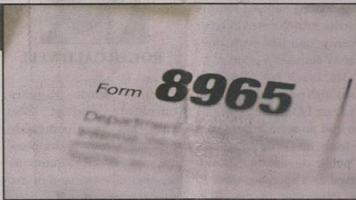
"It's important all Floridians make sure they

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STUDY:

INSURERS MAY BE USING DRUG COSTS TO DISCRIMINATE

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In this photo taken Aug. 21, 2014 shows health care tax forms 8965, in Washington. (AP Photo/Carolyn Kaster)

A NEW STEP IN HELPING HOMELESS MEN IN CENTRAL FLORIDA

Mayor Jacobs Joins Coalition for the Homeless to Open its New Men's Service Center

ORANGE COUNTY - Orange County Mayor Teresa Jacobs recently joined more than 200 members of the community to celebrate the grand opening of the Men's Service Center at Coalition for the Homeless of Central Florida. The new two-story, 32,000-sq-ft. residential facility focuses on accommodating homeless men and providing case-managed services to assist 250 men at any one time on their journey to independence. The non-profit - which serves more than 600 men, women and children on an average

night - now provides them with case management, access to mental-health services, job-skills training, education and life skills, along with an initiative directed to homeless veterans. In addition, there are beds for the physically disabled and 50 beds are dedicated to substance- and alcohol-abuse recovery. Conveying Orange County's backing of the project, Mayor Jacobs said, "This is going to be more than just a shelter where men can sleep for the night. This will be a full-service center that will

help these men transition to self-sufficiency." Mayor Jacobs considers homelessness in the community a priority and is working with the Board of County Commissioners and a wide network of community partners to boost funding and expand initiatives to impact homelessness, including housing, prevention and related family programs.

The opening of the Men's Service Center represents a dramatic shift in how the

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From left: Victoria Siplin, Orange County Commissioner District 6; Regina Hill, City of Orlando Commissioner District 5; Orlando Mayor Buddy Dyer; Orange County Mayor Teresa Jacobs; and Brent Trotter, president/CEO of Coalition for the Homeless of Central Florida celebrate the grand opening of the Men's Service Center.



CEO of Habitat Greater Orlando, builders and local dignitaries (Mable Butler and Mayor Buddy Dyer in the center)

ORLANDO - Habitat for Humanity of Greater Orlando Area recently dedicated eight homes in Butler's Preserve - the nonprofit's new community located in Greater Washington Shores. The event took place at the conclusion of Habitat Greater Orlando's Home Builders Blitz, where seven homebuilders came together to build eight homes in just five days.



Single mother and Army veteran Julie Fleming and her two children (Photo credit: Brian Klocke, Visiting Assistant Professor at Rollins College)

Habitat For Humanity Of Greater Orlando Area Dedicates Eight Homes To Conclude Butler's Preserve "HOME BUILDERS BLITZ"

With teams totaling more than 800 builders and subcontractors, participants included Emerson International, Jack Jennings & Sons, Park Square Homes, Pulte Homes, R L Burns, Standard Pacific Homes and Walker & Company. More than 100 guests attended the closing ceremony, including Habitat staff and partner families, local dignitaries, Mayor Buddy Dyer and former City Commissioner Mable Butler, the community's namesake.

"We are proud to be carrying out the vision of former Commissioner Mable Butler to transform this community - and in the process, transform lives," said Catherine Steck McManus, president and CEO of Habitat Greater Orlando. "Eight individuals and families received the keys to their first home this past weekend. In about four years, a

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total of 59 families will experience the rewards of homeownership."

In addition to the construction at Butler's Preserve, Habitat Greater Orlando has partnered with Universal Orlando to provide revitalization services to neighboring owner occupied homes, with the goal of serving 100 households over

the next two years.

Butler's Preserve is slated for completion in 2018. For more information, visit www.habitat-orlando.org/butlers-preserve/.

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