

# Economic Drivers – Ocala

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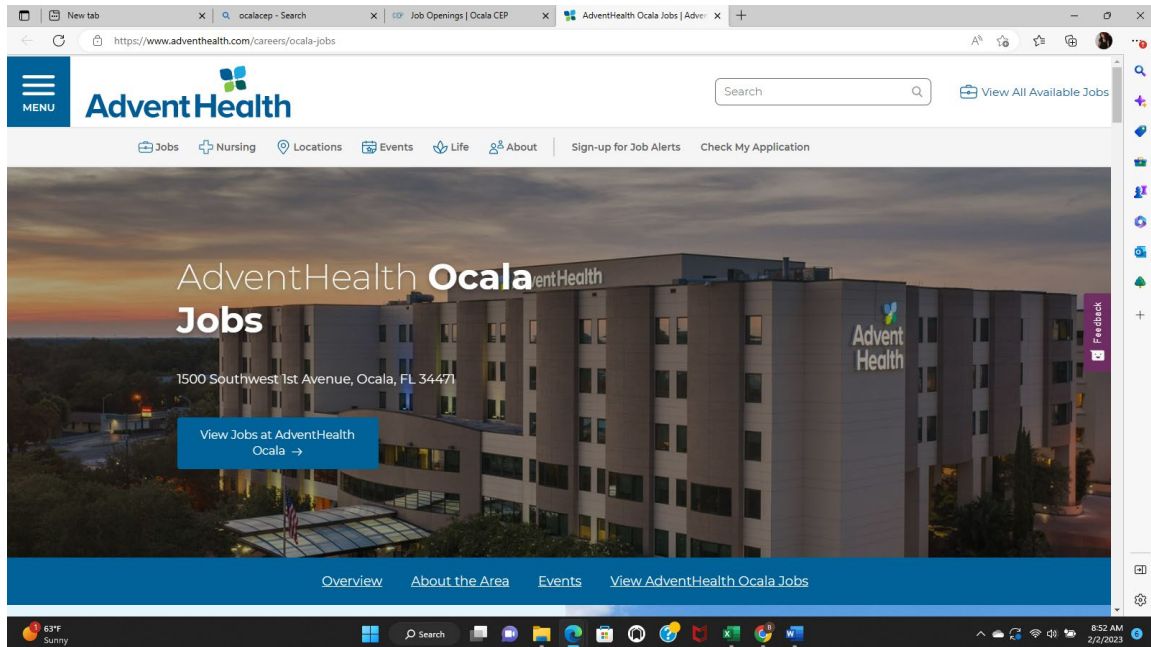
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Companies Hiring in the Ocala Metro 2022

The following is a list of businesses who have notified the CEP they are currently hiring. It is not an exhaustive list of all employers but of those who have asked to be listed here.

- [ABCO Transportation](#)
- **[AdventHealth Ocala](#)** *(see below)*
- [American Panel](#)
- [Ansafone](#)
- [Arnette House](#)
- [AT&T Call Center](#)
- [AutoZone Distribution Center](#)
- [Boot Barn Ocala](#)
- [Brookdale Senior Living](#)
- [Cardinal LG](#)
- [Center for Independent Living of North Central Florida](#)
- [Chariot Eagle](#)
- **[Chewy](#)** *(see below)*
- [CHW](#)
- [City of Ocala](#)
- [Closet Maid](#)
- [College of Central Florida](#)
- [Cox Business](#)
- [Crippen](#)
- [Cone Distributing](#)
- [Dollar Tree Distribution Center](#)
- [D.R. Horton](#)
- **[Encompass Health Ocala](#)** *(see below)*
- [E-ONE](#)
- [Evergreen Private Care](#)
- [Express Pros](#)
- [FastTrack Staffing](#)
- [FedEx Ground Hub](#)
- [Fidelity Manufacturing](#)
- [Florida Express Environmental](#)
- [FM Meat Products](#)

- [Gill Logistics](#)
- [GML Industries](#)
- [Groups Recover Together](#)
- [Home Instead](#)
- [Hospice of Marion County](#) - Over 60 positions open, many with sign-on bonuses
- [IMA Medical Group](#)
- [JR Plastics](#)
- [Kids Central, Inc.](#)
- **[Lockheed Martin Missles & Fire Control](#)** *(see below)*
- [Lugano Diamonds](#)
- [Marion County Government](#)
- [Marion County Public Schools](#)
- [Marion County Acceleration Academy](#)
- [Marion Technical College](#)
- [Meadowbrook Church](#)
- [Mid Florida Agencies](#)
- [Miller & Sons Plumbing](#)
- [NASH Plumbing & Mechanical](#)
- [Neurological Specialists of Central Florida](#)
- [Nona Scientific](#)
- [Ocala Regional Medical Center](#)
- [On Top of the World Communities](#)
- [Publix](#)
- [R&L Global Logistics](#)
- [RANK Quality Restaurants](#)
- [RealTruck](#)
- [Recharge Clinic](#)
- [Renstar Medical Research](#)
- [RL Global Logistics](#)
- [Signature Brands](#)
- [Southeast Milk](#)
- [Star-Banner](#)
- [Steering Creations](#)
- [Tri-Eagle Sales](#) - Management & General Positions Available
- [Trinity Insurance of Ocala](#)
- [Trinity Surfaces](#)
- [United Way of Marion County](#)
- [WaWa](#) - hiring for all locations, all shifts
- **[Walmart](#)** *(see below)*
- [WCJB TV 20](#)
- **[West Marion Community Hospital](#)** *(see below)*
- **[World Equestrian Center](#)** *(see below)*



## **Advent Health**

**1500 SW 1<sup>st</sup> Ave (0.5 miles away from site)**

2400 Team Members

650 Nurses

425 Beds

18,000 Inpatient Admissions

**297 Employment Opportunities**

## **Other Employers**

### **Chewy**

Program Manager, FC HR Analytics

Operations Finance Manager

Manager, Automation and Engineering

Area Manager

Accelerated Leadership Program Operations Manager

### **Encompass Health**

16 Employment Opportunities

Dialysis Program Manager

Occupational Therapist

Hemodialysis RN

CEO – Hospital

**Lockheed Martin**

26 Employment Opportunities  
Manufacturing Supervisor  
Facilities Engineer  
System Integration / Test Engineer Sr  
Manufacturing Engineer Level 2  
PC Coordinator

**Walmart**

34 Employment Opportunities  
Pharmacist (2 Positions)  
Senior Facilities Manager  
GM Coach Manager

**West Marion Community Hospital**

133 Employment Opportunities  
Operating Room Nurse  
Registered Respiratory Therapist  
Laboratory Supervisor  
Internal Medicine Chief Resident  
Manager Neuro ICU

**World Equestrian Center**

43 Employment Opportunities  
Pastry Cook II  
Stewarding Manager  
Chef Tournant  
Sous Chef  
Culinary Supervisor

## Forthcoming Multifamily Apartment Projects

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## Pointe Grand Ocala South seeks rezoning for proposed 584-unit apartment complex

By **Daniel Tozzi**

November 29, 2021

Pointe Grand Ocala South is seeking approval to rezone a 38-acre property for the construction of a 584-unit apartment complex in southwest Ocala.

The request will first be presented to the Marion County Planning and Zoning Commission during its regular meeting scheduled today.

The 38.48-acre site is located on the west side of SW 60th Avenue, approximately one-half of a mile north of State Road 200.

The owner, Hillpointe LLC, seeks a rezoning of the land to PUD (Planned Unit Development). The land is currently zoned as R-3 (Multiple Family Dwelling), B-1 (Neighborhood Business), and A-1 (General Agriculture).



The conceptual plan for the proposed 584-unit apartment complex

Hillpointe is proposing a 584-unit multi-family apartment complex. There would be 17 proposed residential buildings with three floors in each building. Each unit would be 1,150 square feet with two bedrooms and two bathrooms.



The apartment complex would have 17 residential buildings with three floors

A dog park, clubhouse with a pool, and exercise building are planned, and the proposed apartment complex would keep around 17 acres of open space. All four sides of the complex would be buffered, including 30-foot tall natural



foliage on the south and west sides, and 15-foot tall buffers on the southern and eastern perimeters.



The proposed clubhouse for the apartment complex

The City of Ocala recently extended the SunTran Silver Route south on SW 60th Avenue, and county staff feels that this would allow for transit service to be accessible to the proposed complex.

The area surrounding this site has been designated as Urban Density Residential to accommodate the construction of multi-family housing. Longreen Farms, a 288-unit multi-family complex, was recently approved for re-zoning and is located slightly to the north and east of this proposed site.

County staff is recommending approval, and the commission will make a recommendation on whether to approve this request during today's meeting.

The commission's recommendation is not final, as that decision is left to the Marion County Board of County Commissioners. That board will determine whether to accept or deny the planning and zoning commission's recommendation during its regular meeting on Tuesday, December 21.

## 329-unit Parkside Oaks plan approved by Ocala Planning and Zoning Commission

By Jeremiah Delgado

August 11, 2021

Parkside Oaks, a 329-unit multifamily apartment complex, moved one step closer to construction of its new southwest Ocala development.

The Ocala Planning and Zoning Commission approved the plan for the Parkside Oaks Planned Development, during its regular meeting on Monday, August 9.

The 35.7-acre, undeveloped site is located in the 5000 block of SW 49th Road, and fronts a portion of Tartan Road and Southwest 49th Road. It is located within the Heath Brook Planned Development.



Parkside Oaks apartment complex conceptual photo



The Heath Brook PD was conceptually approved by the Ocala City Council in September 2018. The plan originally included 429 multifamily units and 396 single-family units.

The new plan calls for 329 multifamily units that comprise Parkside Oaks and 391 single-family units that comprise the Ridge at Heath Brook.

[The plan and plat for the first 99 units in Phase 1 of the Ridge at Heath Brook were also recommended for approval during Monday's commission meeting.](#)

[Parkside Oaks will be located just south of the new VA Clinic currently under construction in Ocala.](#)

The Ocala Planning and Zoning Commission makes recommendations that are accepted or rejected by the Ocala City Council. The city council's decisions are final.

The Ocala Planning and Zoning Commission will next meet on Monday, September 13, at 5:30 p.m. at Ocala City Hall, which is located at 110 SE Watula Avenue. For more information, visit the Ocala Planning and Zoning Commission webpage.

The Ocala City Council meets on the first and third Tuesday of every month, at 5 p.m. at Ocala City Hall. In September, the council will meet on the second and fourth Tuesday.

## 360-unit Pointe Grand Apartments seeking city's approval for southwest Ocala site

By Jeremiah Delgado

July 17, 2021

A developer is hoping to gain approval from the Ocala City Council to move forward with a new 360-unit, multi-family apartment complex in southwest Ocala.

The Pointe Grand Apartments will come before the Ocala City Council during its regular meeting on Tuesday, July 20 at 5 p.m. at Ocala City Hall (110 SE Watula Avenue). City council members will vote to adopt or deny two ordinances and a resolution providing for the future land development of the apartments, which will be located at 3527 SW 20th Street.



In 2005, the property underwent a land use change and a policy was adopted to limit the number of units developed on the property to 161 single-family residential units. In 2013, with the adoption of the new 2035 Vision Plan, the land use was changed to Neighborhood.



Pointe Grand Apartments conceptual design



The pool and recreation center at Pointe Grand Apartments

The property owner is currently proposing a 360-unit apartment complex. During Tuesday’s meeting, council members will listen to an associated future land use policy amendment that will remove a restriction limiting development on the property to 161 residential single-family dwelling units. This amendment



has been reviewed by the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO), who had no comments on the amendment.



The proposed apartment complex will be built on this property located in southwest Ocala

The new planned development site is 34.92 acres and comprises three parcels.

According to city records, the developer will be required to submit a traffic study to determine necessary transportation improvements.

If approved, the new apartment complex will join a long list of new commercial and residential developments that are sprouting up in Ocala.

During their July 6 meeting, Ocala City Council members approved the construction of the new 16-unit Brick City Lofts and Shops along SE 1st Avenue.

Earlier this summer, the council approved the Lamplighter Legacy Apartment complex for 100 units to be located in downtown Ocala as well.

Those projects joining ongoing ones like the [Tuscawilla Artpartments](#), which are currently preregistering tenants, the Watula South townhomes, and the One Fort King row homes, which will be located at 111 W Fort King Street.

Friday, January 27, 2023

## 102-apartment development projects \$30 million economic impact in downtown Ocala

By Jeremiah Delgado

June 20, 2021

The Lamplighter Legacy Apartments, which will bring 102 multi-family units for rent to downtown Ocala, will impact the city to the tune of \$30 million.

The complex, which was approved by the Ocala City Council earlier this year, was one of the many topics that City Manager Sandra Wilson addressed during a "State of the City" presentation to business owners and staff.



Ocala City Manager Sandra Wilson speaks briefly about the Lamplighter Legacy Apartments coming to downtown Ocala



The \$19.8 million investment will see a complete reshaping of the area, with the city partnering with the developer to improve utilities and infrastructure. According to Wilson, that includes the installation of underground electric systems, stormwater systems, and sidewalks.

The development is one of many that look to open locations in and around downtown Ocala. The Tuscawilla Artpartments are currently leasing their 1, 2, and 3-bedroom apartments located across from Tuscawilla Park.

One Fort King is hoping to build a dozen row homes in a space across from La Cuisine in downtown Ocala.

Watula South, which Wilson says is still “undergoing some refinement,” hopes to open an additional nine townhome units across from Ocala City Hall.