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**Commissioner Kelly Martinez Semrad and Mayor Sheila DeCiccio
Invite Residents to Community Meeting on Living with Coyotes**

Orange County, Fla. – In response to recent coyote sightings and reports of missing pets in the area, Orange County District 5 Commissioner **Kelly Martinez Semrad** and **Winter Park Mayor Sheila DeCiccio** are inviting residents to attend an important **Community Information Meeting on Living with Coyotes**.

The meeting will take place on **Thursday, November 20, 2025**, from **6:00 to 7:00 p.m.** at the **Winter Park Community Center**, located at **721 W. New England Avenue, Winter Park, FL 32789**.

Local experts from the **Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC)** and **Orange County Animal Services (OCAS)** will be on hand to provide information about coyote behavior, safety tips for pets and families, and steps residents can take to safely coexist with coyotes in urban and suburban environments. The evening will conclude with a brief **Q&A session**.

“Our goal is to empower residents with practical tools to keep their families and pets safe,” said Commissioner Martinez Semrad. “Coyotes are part of Florida’s natural landscape, and understanding their habits is key to preventing conflicts.”

Mayor DeCiccio will open the meeting, followed by remarks from Commissioner Martinez Semrad before presentations by FWC and OCAS representatives. This community discussion is open to all Orange County and Winter Park residents, neighborhood association leaders, and anyone interested in learning more about living safely alongside local wildlife.

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