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Howey-in-the-Hills is north of Montverde and Minneola.

# Howey grows out of citrus groves

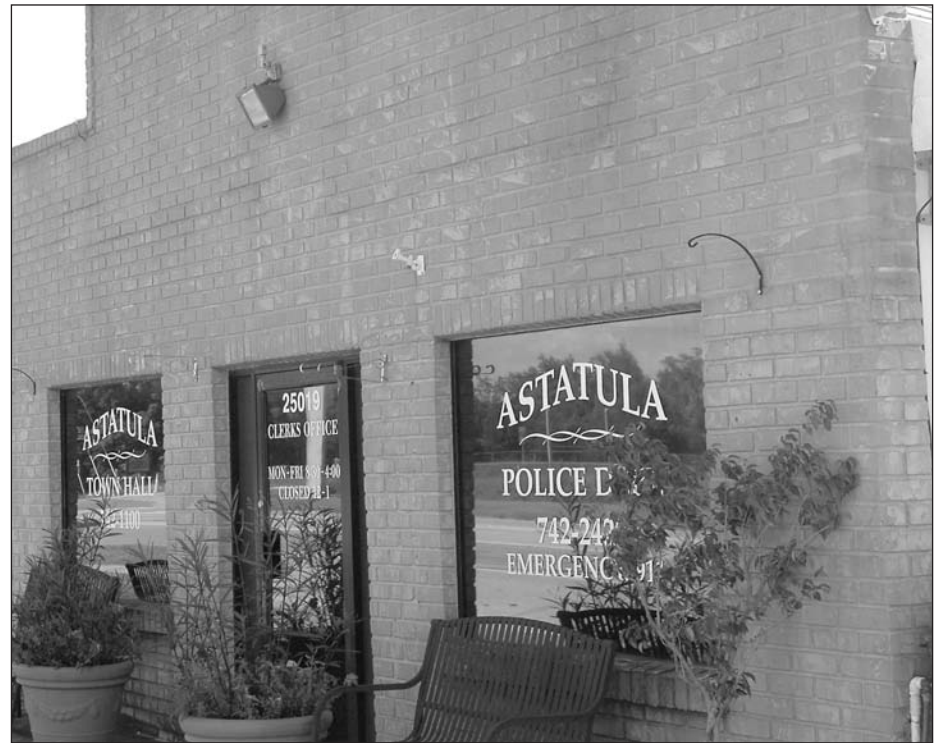
STAFF REPORT

**HOWEY-IN-THE-HILLS** — Howey-in-the-Hills is a fast-growing community with a long history. The town gets part of its unusual name from its founder, William John Howey. The name was later changed to Howey-in-the-Hills to pay tribute to the rolling hills and clear lakes that mark the area.

The first citrus juice plant in Florida was built by Howey in 1921 and sold canned juice under the "Lifeguard" name. Howey-in-the-Hills is best known now as the home to the Mission Inn Golf and Tennis Resort. Nick Beucher bought the former Floridan Country Club and Golf Course in 1964 and worked for over three decades to turn it into the very popular Mission Inn.

Lt. Rick Thomas of the Howey-in-the-Hills Police Department says it's the small-town atmosphere that draws a lot of people to the area.

"Howey is a small, quaint town. People here are very friendly and it's clean. It also has a low crime rate; neighbors look after each other here."



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Astatula is one of Lake County's historic towns. Founded in 1872 by Civil War veteran T.A. Hux, it was not incorporated for another 55 years.

## Howey-in-the-Hills

**Population:** 1,150  
**Incorporated:** 1925  
**Town Hall address:** P.O. Box 128  
101 North Palm Ave.  
**Town Hall phone:** 324-2290  
**City Motto:** Beautiful Howey-in-the-Hills  
**Type of government:** Town Council

**Mayor:** Kenneth Green  
**Mayor pro-tem:** Chris Sears  
**Council member:** Fred Johnson  
**Council member:** Bonnie Nebel  
**Council member:** Robert Olsen  
**City Clerk:** Brenda Brasher

## Astatula a town full of history

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**ASTATULA** — The town of Astatula was founded in 1872 by T.A. Hux, one of three Civil War veterans living in Lake County. First listed as Astabula at the U.S. Post Office in 1882, Astatula officials briefly considered changing the town's name to East Howey because of its proximity to Howey-in-the-Hills.

Oranges and vegetables were the main export at that time and land sold for \$5 to \$100 an acre.

The small town is growing. A traffic light was installed last year at the intersection of County Road 561 and County Road 48 — an Astatula first.

The town's community building, the Olive Ingram Community Building, houses the town council meetings the second Tuesday of every month at 7:30 p.m. The building was built in the 1930s as one of Franklin D. Roosevelt's Work Programs. It was later named after Olive Ingram, who served

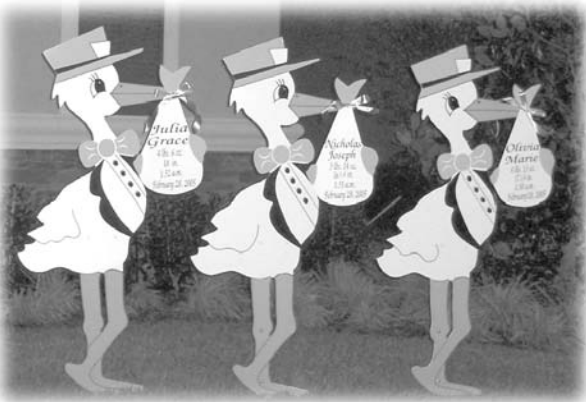
### Astatula

**Population:** 1,400  
**Incorporated:** 1927  
**Town Hall Address:** 25019 C.R. 561  
**City Motto:** "Lake of Sunbeams"  
**Type of government:** Town council  
**Mayor:** Mary Ward  
**Mayor pro-tem:** Bill Catron  
**Council Member:** Steve Cross  
**Council Member:** Wally Taylor  
**Council Member:** Mary Ward  
**Council Member:** Norman Bertrand  
**Council Member:** Bill Catron  
**Town Clerk and Town Manager:** Maria Montalvo

as town clerk for 42 years beginning in 1960.

The town's police department has four full time police officers and one canine officer.

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