

Great American Self Storage Celebrates Ocala Opening With BBQ & Grand Opening Event

New State Road 200 facility brings climate-controlled drive-up storage, Bluetooth smart locks, and business-ready spaces to Ocala.

OCALA, FL, UNITED STATES, September 10, 2026 /EINPresswire.com/ -- [Great American Self Storage](https://www.GreatAmericanSelfStorage.com) is officially open in Ocala and invites the community to help celebrate with a BBQ & Grand Opening celebration on Wednesday, September 16, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at 9190 SW State Road 200.



Lobby of Great American Self Storage of Ocala

The free event will feature a ribbon-cutting, champagne toast, tours of the new facility, and BBQ prepared by Great American Self Storage's own facility manager, Rodney Peska. Guests can stop by, grab lunch, meet the team, and get a firsthand look at a facility built to rethink what self-storage can offer in Central Florida.

For decades, storage customers have faced a choice between the convenience of backing a vehicle right up to a unit and the protection of climate control. The new Ocala facility ends that standoff with climate-controlled drive-up storage units that combine both.

Customers can pull directly up to an air-conditioned unit, a difference that matters not only for household storage but also for contractors, small businesses and online sellers who regularly move inventory, tools and equipment in and out. Select units feature multi-door access for faster loading, and on-site trailer parking is also available.

"Florida humidity doesn't care whether it's ruining a family photo album or \$40,000 in business inventory," said David Gandolfo, CEO of Great American Self Storage. "That's why our drive-up units are climatized. You get the convenience of pulling right up to your door, and your belongings get protection from the heat, the moisture, and everything else Florida throws at them. We're excited to open our doors in Ocala, meet more of our neighbors, and become part

of this community."

Every unit has Bluetooth-enabled smart locks, eliminating the need for traditional padlocks and keys. The property also features 24/7 camera monitoring throughout the facility, multiple layers of access control, and on-site storage specialists who can help customers choose the right unit for their needs.

The facility also tips its hat to its hometown with climate-controlled tack storage, giving residents of the Horse Capital of the World a temperature-controlled option for storing saddles, riding gear and other equestrian equipment.

As part of the Grand Opening, Great American Self Storage will also welcome a representative from Operation Christmas Child. Guests can visit the facility's gift tree, select a tag, and purchase requested items to help fill gift boxes for children this holiday season.

The Ocala facility was developed in partnership with RSG Development, which specializes in Class A self-storage and boat/RV storage facilities.

BBQ & Grand Opening Celebration

Wednesday, September 16, 2026

11 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Great American Self Storage

9190 SW State Road 200, Ocala, FL 34481

The event is free and open to the public. Guests can enjoy BBQ prepared by facility manager Rodney Peska, attend the official ribbon-cutting and champagne toast, tour the new facility, meet the Great American Self Storage team, and learn more about Operation Christmas Child.

Come hungry. Rodney's making BBQ.

For unit availability and rates, visit GreatAmericanSelfStorage.com or call (352) 247-4080.

About Great American Self Storage

Great American Storage is a vertically integrated real estate company that develops, builds and operates best-in-class Self-Storage, RV/Boat Storage and Garage Suites facilities. Its mission is to deliver lasting value to investors, partners, customers and the communities its facilities serve. Great American Storage strives to be the most "desired to work with" and valuable private self-storage brand in the marketplace. The company believes collaboration, creativity, experience and speed to market through proven processes are key to its success.

About RSG

Founded in 2021, RSG was born out of a vision to develop Class A Self Storage and Boat/RV Storage facilities in target markets with unmet needs. With more than 30 years of real estate

experience between them, Erik Johnson and George Hristodoulou combined their complementary skill sets to create an opportunistic, creative and analytical approach to investing in the self-storage real estate sector. From the beginning of the process to the end, Erik and George remain part of each decision being made.

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