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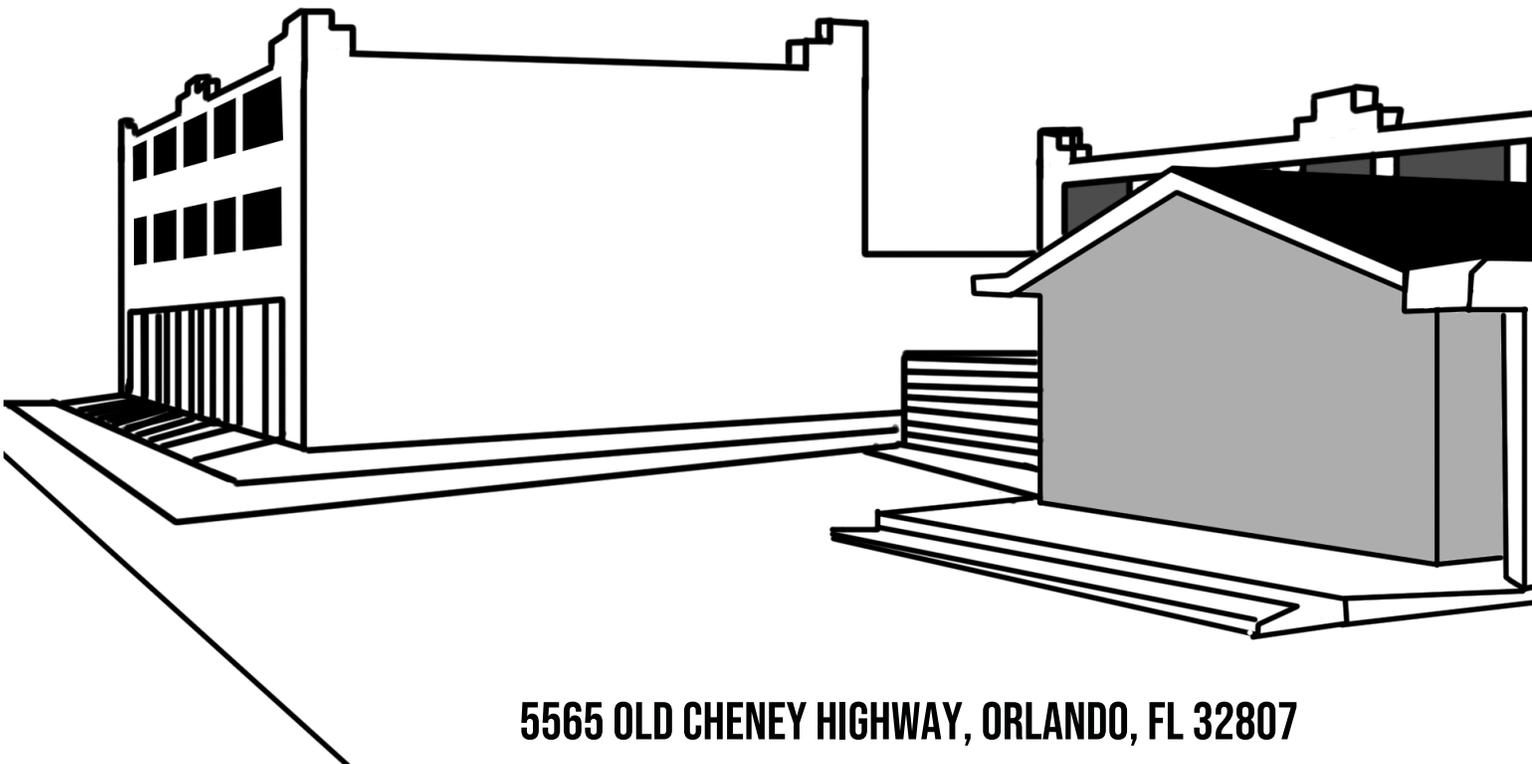
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A century ago Samuel Turrisi and his family settled just east of Orlando in a small village near Lake Barton where they built their family home and planted a citrus grove around their land. Shortly after that, they built a neighborhood store in their front yard and named it Fort Pitt after their former home town, Pittsburg, PA. First opened in 1923 on a dusty dirt road, the Turrisi family sold groceries and gasoline to the neighbors and weekenders who frequented the fish camps that dotted the area. The following year in 1924, Cheney Highway (named after the recently deceased Orlando Judge John Moses Cheney) was completed, being the first “good road” in the area. The brick paved route to the east coast from Orlando brought travelers from all parts through Fort Pitt. Years later as the war effort ramped up, the nearby Naval Training Center increased the neighborhood population and helped the Turrisis expand Fort Pitt on three different occasions, adding more space to the store, a laundromat, and residential units to the complex. In the 1950’s Highway 50 was built, routing traffic over a causeway cutting Lake Barton into two lakes, and returned “Old” Cheney Highway to a neighborhood street once again.



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The Naval Training Center eventually became Baldwin Park as the city of Orlando crept ever closer to the neighborhood now called “Little Lake Barton Shores.”

The Turrisi family moved on years ago and the property has changed hands a number of times since then. An old fireplace out back in the middle of their former citrus grove stands as the only lasting remnants of the original family home. The side street off of Old Cheney Highway, Turrisi Blvd. the only lasting imprint of the family name.

Fort Pitt is now under new ownership with plans to develop the property and a number of neighboring lots into a small enclave of family-sized townhomes with restaurants in and around the original buildings.

Just a ten minute drive from downtown Orlando, Fort Pitt is two blocks away from both Semoran Blvd. and Cady Way Trail, putting it less than half a mile from Baldwin Park. Centrally located with easy access to UCF, Valencia East Campus, and Full Sail, as well as toll roads 408 and 417, it is close to a wide variety of shopping options, and was recently rezoned for the same schools as Baldwin Park (Baldwin Park Elementary, Glenridge Middle, Winter Park High) making it the perfect community for young families, professionals, students, and commuters alike.

