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## City And Keller Williams Partner Host "RED Day" In Winter Park



At left, the house before renovation. Same house on the right shows the beautiful makeover completed.

Keller Williams Realty Winter Park Market Center, in partnership with the City of Winter Park Fire-Rescue Code Compliance Section, hosted "RED-DAY" May 14, 2015. More than 60 agents and staff from the Market Center painted, made needed repairs, removed unwanted items, and improved landscaping to two Winter Park houses for homeowners who are physically or financially unable to do this type of work themselves.

In addition, the following sponsors also joined

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## **Publisher's Message**



cion that Sir Paul Mc-Cartney would be in town again recently, but for all the right reasons, I didn't hit Park Avenue to seek a glimpse of him. Sure, I'm a huge Beatles fan, and their musical talents have certainly had

I had strong suspi-

Rick Cable

an impact on my life, but he was here for personal reasons. My hope was that he could stroll along and enjoy the charm of our community without all the crazy fanfare as he's done in the past. As it turns out, he did. Many friends said they saw him enjoying Park Avenue like he lived here. I think this is a big reason why he keeps coming back. The other reason is his stepson has been living here while attending Rollins College and McCartney really comes here to see him. His most recent visit was to attend his stepson's graduation. He sat at the commencement ceremonies just like every other parent, but I'm sure he hears the constant whispers of, "Hey, that's Paul McCartney!" everywhere he goes. Later, he attended the private graduation party at Interlachen Country Club. There I'm told he was one of the first to hit the dance floor, and then during a break he asked the hired band for the evening, Phase 5, if he could do a few songs with them. One was a special impromptu song for his stepson, and the others were a few legendary Beatles

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tunes. Certainly a priceless moment for his son, as well as for all of those in attendance!

This brings me to another person who has had an impact on my life, Mr. David Letterman. While he's not known to visit Winter Park, he's been on my TV for years. That counts, right? I've been a huge fan. He was the guy that I think most in my generation could relate to. His show grew and we all grew with him. NBC, CBS, 12:30 a.m., 11:30 p.m., it didn't matter. He carried a dry and sarcastic sense of humor to the top by doing a combination of really silly stuff, making fun of himself A LOT, and then asking the tough questions of his guest that only he could ask. For a record 33 years, in a callus industry, he did it in his own unconventional way. And his way helped countless others reach their pinnacle of success. He made it all look so easy, but it's not, and that's his genius! I'm selfishly sad to see him retire, but he's retiring for the right reason. He wants to spend more time with his family.

Carpe Diem with your children and Happy Father's Day!

In closing, thank you for reading *The Park Press*, and we look forward to the great things to come.

Rick

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#### Summer Of '69 By Tricia Cable

I've seen a slew of articles lately written with the sole purpose of encouraging a shift in how we spend our summers. The goal of these very wellintended authors is not only to promote the slow moving, lazy summer days of our youth, but also to remind us all just what the purpose of the summer months has been and, in hopes, will always be.

Although it is believed that initially the purpose

of summer was generally to release the children from school to assist their families with the harvest of crops, thankfully it morphed into somewhat of a break from learning for the kids and a chance to reconnect families in varied traditional ways before the start of a new year had everyone going full steam ahead and in ten different directions.

When I reflect on my summers throughout the years, I have very fond memories of cross country road trips exploring unchartered territories with both family and

friends. Keep in mind of course, that I am certain there was plenty of yelling and fighting on those trips too. After several hours in a confined space together, even the slightest altercation could set someone off: "She's on my side of the seat!" or "Are we there yet?" But, those minor exchanges have no place in my memory bank. I simply remember laughing, and enjoying time well spent with my parents and siblings.

Additionally, the benefits of no alarm clocks, daily bike rides to the community pool, neighborhood cookouts with homemade ice cream, topped off by the dreaded summer chore projects assigned by my well intended father (re-tarring the driveway was my personal favorite). No schedsummer season...to RELAX!

Do yourself and everyone else in your house a favor this summer, slow down. Don't get sucked in to thinking that every waking moment of the day needs to be scheduled. Let the kids sleep in and spend a few days in their pajamas watching a movie; The Sandlot or Stand By Me are two of my favorites.



uling, just an overall game plan for the warmest days of the year.

Recapturing the summers of our youth is not a new concept. Just thinking about those days and taking the time out to reminisce, have me breathing deeper, thinking clearer, and feeling less stressed. And therein lies the real purpose for the

Put air in the tires of their bikes before you leave for work and let them spend the day riding around the neighborhood with friends enjoying the adventures that await them in their own back yard. What's the worst thing that could happen? And for those of you who answered that question with, "a trip to the emergency room", some of my best summers involved a trip (or two) to the emergency room and I have the scars to prove it!

And don't forget about the "Summer Chore Chart"!

I encourage you to put pen to paper and let your offspring take a little responsibility for a few of the items on your "things to do" list this summer. Don't you have a fence that needs to be painted, a garden that needs to be weeded, a pool deck that needs some pressure washing, or a garage that needs cleaning? You get the idea....



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## **City Commissioner's Message**

Commissioner Robert F. Stuart, City of Orlando District 3



June is a month to celebrate... our graduates, our dads and summer vacation for our students. I had the privilege of speaking at the Edgewater High School Baccalaureate last month and I focused on a message of how gratitude can change your perception. Author Melody Beattie said,

Robert F. Stuart

"Gratitude unlocks the fullness of life. It turns what we have into enough, and more. It turns denial into acceptance, chaos to order, confusion to clarity. It can turn a meal into a feast, a house into a home, a stranger into a friend."

As we think about gratefulness, I know many of us are grateful to have fathers or a father-figure who has made a difference in our lives. As we celebrate them this month, take a moment to express your gratitude and if you are a dad, renew your commitment to being the best one you can be for your children. My father passed away almost 40 years ago and not a day goes by when I'm not grateful for the short time we spent together, and for the legacy he left my family and me.

Orlando boasts many great ways to spend time together as a family in honor of Father's Day and throughout the summer. Besides all of the new attractions in the tourist district, like the Orlando Eye and the Sea Life Aquarium, there is plenty to do on our side of town as well. Spend a day at Loch Haven Park visiting the Orlando Science Center, the Orlando Museum of Art or The Mennello Museum of American Art. The Orlando Science Center is bringing the nationally-acclaimed Mummies of the World to our city beginning on June 13th. Visit osc.org for more information on this "magical and mythical" exhibit, according to the New York Times. Or check out the Orlando Shakespeare Theater's family-friendly, interactive summer show, The Frog and the Princess. Also, the Orlando Repertory Theatre has extended its run of Shrek the Musical from June 9th through the 19th.

And not only does Orlando have some of the best pocket parks and playgrounds around, but larger parks such as Bill Frederick Park at Turkey Lake or Orlando Wetlands Park offer activities such as hiking, wildlife tours, fishing and camping... all great, economical ways to spend quality time with friends and family. We are excited to have been awarded a \$20,000 grant by The National Recreation and Park Association along with the Walt Disney Company to build a nature connect trail at Bill Frederick Park in order to enhance visitors' experience. The trail, based on a program created by the Arbor Day Foundation, will include learning stations where participants can discover more about many aspects of nature, from birds, to trees, to gardening and beyond.

Just a friendly reminder if you are going to be traveling this summer to please let a neighbor know when your house is going to be vacant so that they can keep an eye out for anything out of the ordinary, as we tend to see a spike in crimes of opportunity during the summer months. Also, don't forget to put a hold on your mail and stop your newspaper delivery so that it isn't obvious that you aren't home. And consider leaving on a few lights or even a t.v. inside your house to keep it from looking empty. If you do get home and something looks suspicious, don't be embarrassed to call the Orlando Police Department, either by using 911 or the non-emergency number, 321-235-5300.

Also, if you are a seasonal resident or maybe spend the summer months on an extended vacation,

please know that both our city's Solid Waste and Wastewater Departments have programs that allow you to suspend your services and receive up to two months credit on your bills. For more information on these programs, please call 407-246-2314 (Solid Waste) or 407-246-2213 (Wastewater).

As you finalize your summer schedule, it isn't too early to start planning your street or your neighborhood's National Night Out party! The City's 31st annual National Night Out will take place on Tuesday, August 4, 2015. National Night Out is celebrated all across America and is an evening when neighbors come together in a united stand against drugs and crime in their community. District 3 continues to hold the most parties every year and this is a tradition that I hope we can continue for many years to come! I believe strongly that getting to know your neighbors through National Night Out block parties and Neighborhood Watch meetings can have a direct effect on reducing crime in our City.

To get ready for National Night Out, join us at Orlando Fashion Square Mall from 6-8:30 p.m. on Wednesday, June 24th for a District 3 National Night Out Kick-off party where we can join with our Orlando Police Department to learn ways to prevent crime in our own community. This event is free and open to the public and will feature free food and drinks, giveaways and entertainment.

Hope you and your family have a fun, safe summer. I look forward to continuing to work together to bring positive change to our shared community.

Robert F. Stuart | Commissioner, District 3, City of Orlando | 400 S. Orange Avenue, Orlando, FL 32801 | 407-246-2003 | Robert.Stuart@CityofOrlando.net



Before and after photos of a house that shows the results of Keller Williams Realty's annual day of service called "RED Day."

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Chief White said, "These two lead homes had been identified as not out being in compliance, and in desperate need of repair. They could fine them and put the burden of repairs ist on the homeowner, but this coordinated community effort allowed for them to offer a friendly solution." Mu Introduced in 2009, RED Day, Kee which stands for Renew, Energize and Donate, is Keller Williams Realty's annual day of service. Team cal

leader Zola Szerencses says, "It's our way of saying thanks to our friends, neighbors and clients."

Karen Arlick, marketing specialist for Keller Williams said, "This day of community service was established to honor the birthday of Mo Anderson, vice-chairman of Keller Williams. All of our offices are closed nationwide today so we can do something positive in our local communities."





"Umi, located towards the Rollins College end of Park Ave. in Winter Park, offers guests a fresh look at Japanese cuisine in a stylish way, which truly differentiates them from others in the area in their menu offerings...

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The Park Press, Winter Park The Educated Palate Column Scott Richardson



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## Winter Park Mayor's Message

Mayor Steve Leary



Steve Leary

Plant Today For Shade Tomorrow

I am grateful to all of those who participated in the latest election and shared with me their perspective of our city, and I am proud to serve as the 54th mayor of Winter Park. Our tree canopy has long

been a "hot topic." The canopy, created by our majestic oaks, is one of our most prized assets. It is multigenerational and must be cared for with a long-term vision. In January 2014, the city commission took a deliberate step in that direction by adopting our Urban Forest Management Plan (UFMP). This is the first, and most comprehensive, proactive plan that the city has ever approved to manage and protect our urban forest.

The plan includes a GIS mapping system to document location, species, health, and maintenance needs of each tree. In addition, the city recently launched a new feature on cityofwinterpark.org that uses GIS data to identify the areas in the city that are ideal for new trees to be planted. Users are able to find exact locations and the type of tree that would thrive in that particular place. These systems work synergistically with the UFMP to ensure the longevity, vitality, healthy growth, and management of the urban forest.

The UFMP was initiated because the city is at a critical point. Many of our trees are reaching the end of their lifespan. For the past two years, the Urban Forestry Division has been putting the plan in motion by conducting risk-based assessments on each tree and developing an exhaustive tree inventory. Each of these projects is funded partially by an Urban & Community Forestry Grant from the U.S. Forest Service.



Due to the age and condition of our canopy, we are in hazard mitigation mode to address trees which are most distressed and could pose a threat to individuals, traffic and structures. While some trees may appear healthy (e.g., large, green, etc.), our arborists' assessments are done on an individual basis to determine the best course of action for public safety and canopy benefit.

The Urban Forestry team is also replanting trees in areas with sufficient space for long-term healthy growth. Planting trees in areas not suitable for the long-term health of the individual tree is simply an unacceptable short-term fix. Future generations deserve the long-term perspective of the UFMP.

Sixty percent of our urban forest is on private

property. To assist in enhancing the community's urban forest, the Urban Forestry Division has given away more than 1,500 trees to private property owners since January 2015 at various events including the annual Run for the Trees, Earth Day, Arbor Day, Trees for Peace, and school plantings.

Other aspects of the UFMP include a central database and wireless apps, pruning and planting standards, surveys, species diversification, coordination with our electric undergrounding plan, categorization by methodologies, and more.

I encourage each of you to log on to cityofwinterpark.org/urbanforestry to learn more about the UFMP, the city's efforts and what you can do to help keep our canopy lush, vibrant, and healthy.

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## Maitland Mayor's Message

Mayor Howard A. Schieferdecker



### As Storm Season Approaches, It's Time To Prepare As we all know here near the

tropics, we occasionally receive unwanted visitors. No, not your long-lost cousin and his ten kids -- we're referring to hurricanes or tropical storms. The season officially runs from June 1 to November 30 every year.

You may want to have any large trees on your property inspected by a reputable tree service. Tree service employees are familiar with the signs of weakness in trees such as rotten or weak limbs. They also can prune the trees of any overgrowth in a tree canopy.

### Interior

### Exterior

Howard A. Schieferdecker

It is very important to keep any potentially airborne items during a storm event inside your home or tied down. Items such as cans, lawn furniture, swing sets, or yard waste like tree branches should be secured. If you live in an apartment or condo, remove balcony furniture and other items.

If you are not sure if your garage door will stand up to hurricane force winds, you can add some stability to it by simply backing your car up tight against the door in an emergency. Similarly, door reinforcement kits are available for purchase.

The next most vulnerable openings in a house, apartment, or condo are the windows. Windows could be covered with hurricane shutters or you

could use plywood.

Additionally, identify an interior area without a window within your home that could function as a shelter for you and your family.

Along with preparing your home for storms, you should remember to prepare your family or business through education and development of an emergency plan. Such a plan is essential and should include procedures for personal or business disaster recovery. Remember to include any pets in your plan. Planning resources are available at www.floridadisaster.org/index.asp, www.ready. gov/are-you-ready-guide, and www.fema.gov.

Your Maitland Fire Rescue Department realizes such planning may seem daunting at first and stands ready to provide guidance and assistance as needed at (407) 539-6226.



Hurricane preparedness experts say that there should be enough food, water, and supplies to last each member of the household for roughly 72 hours. Don't forget to include your pet's needs. Suggested items include:



## **City Of Orlando Installs New Bike Repair Stations**

Keeping Orlando moving continues to be a priority for the City of Orlando. By providing multi-modal forms of transportation, those who live, work and play in Orlando have a variety of options for getting around the city.

Part of this effort includes the City's commitment to investing and improving our biking amenities. Currently, Orlando is home to more than 300 miles of urban bicycling trails, signed routes and lanes and has been a designated Bicycle Friendly Community since 2000.

In the past year the City has:

- Added more way finding signage for cyclists at intersections high-use corridors like Delaney Avenue, Highland Avenue and Summerlin Avenue.
- Completed the Orlando Primary Bicycle Route Study which identified preferred corridors to close existing gaps in the overall trail network.
- Launched a bike rack request program to allow businesses to request a bike rack to be installed in front of their business.

To further this effort, the City has installed four bike repair stations at strategic locations throughout the City to accommodate commuter and recreational cyclists in Orlando.





The repair stations feature an air pump and set of tools so that cyclists have a convenient place to perform basic bike repairs or maintenance without the

need to go to a bicycle shop or return home. The stations will allow riders to do things like pump up their tires, fix a flat, or adjust their bike seat.

The locations of the bike repairs stations are:

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## County Commissioner's Message

OVERNMENT Commissioner Ted B. Edwards, Orange County, District 5



Commissioner Ted Edwards As the Orange County Commissioner for District 5, I am proud to represent the rural community of

Ted B. Edwards

Bithlo, located along East SR 50 east of the Econlockhatchee River and Chuluota Road. Bithlo is a historic Orange County community dating back over 100 years and was originally built along a railway line owned by Henry Flagler's Florida East Coast Railway. Lumber companies built facilities in Bithlo in 1915 and by 1918 the town was large enough to merit its own school. By 1922, Bithlo was an incorporated municipality complete with a city council. Bithlo's prosperity was short-lived, however; the onset of the Great Depression led to hard times for the community. The school closed in 1929 and the town government ceased functioning in the early 1940s. In 1944, the vital railway link to Bithlo was abandoned. Bithlo's status as a town was revoked by the Florida Legislature in 1977. In the years since then, Bithlo residents have faced hardship and a lack of economic prosperity enjoyed by other residents in Orange County.

Orange County has been working hard to improve the quality of life for Bithlo families and children. Orange County funds the Bithlo Neighborhood Center for Families. The NCF provides a wide array of services including health screenings, nursing assessments, health education, backto-school immunizations, support to families with chronic and acute health problems, and other types of family support services. In addition, the NCF partners with the Center for Drug Free Living and Children's Home Society to provide individuals and families with counseling, crisis intervention services, and parent/family education. Only 13 such Neighborhood Centers for Families currently operate in Orange County and we are fortunate to have a such great asset in the community to serve families in need.

Orange County's Parks and Recreation maintains an outstanding facility in Bithlo for use by residents. Bithlo Community Park includes outdoor basketball courts, baseball fields, a skate park, fishing area, and a community center. In 2013, Orange County added a splash pad to the park to give local children a fun way to cool down during the warm summer months. The splash pad is a wet play area with fountain jets, but

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no pool. The \$500,000 splash pad is a more cost-effective facility to operate than traditional pool and has proven to be popular with local children.

Orange County has worked to improve access to healthcare for Bithlo residents. With the assistance of a \$66,000 matching grant from Orange County, the Bithlo Community Health Clinic opened its doors in 2012. This clinic offers full service care for its patients and reduces the need to transport patients to the emergency room to receive routine care. The Community Health Clinic offers its services for free or on low cost sliding scale for those without insurance or with limited insurance. Insured residents can also access healthcare services through this clinic.

Bithlo has struggled with a lack of adequate housing for many years. Many residents currently live in manufactured homes not designed for long-term habitation. Our office has been working to bring higher quality, permanent housing to Bithlo. Our initiative will partner Orange County with Habitat for Humanity or other affordable home builders to build permanent housing for existing Bithlo residents. We have identified land suitable for a project and are in talks to acquire it. The land will be able to accommodate up to 10 homes. We hope to break ground on this project in the next twelve months.

Orange County has worked with our partners to improve Bithlo residents' access to the rest of the county. LYNX, the public transit authority serving Orange, Seminole, and Osceola counties, has expanded service into Bithlo through the addition of a NeighborLink bus. This bus offers curb-to-curb service within the Bithlo and Wedgefield communities. In April, LYNX extended the fixed route portion of Neighborlink 621 to include a leg south via Avalon Park Boulevard and back north on Golden Isle Drive and Sunflower Trail. NeighborLink 621 provides access to the rest of the LYNX network through a connection to Link 104, the bus route from LYNX Central Station to UCF.

Bithlo is also blessed to have many not-for-profits, churches, and charitable organizations working to improve the quality of life for residents. Once such organization is Global Outreach let by Tim McKinney who was my District 5 Citizen of the Year in 2014. Mr. McKinny and Global Outreach have focused their efforts on bringing much needed services directly to the people of Bithlo. His operation has grown to include a school, library, community center,

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### Protection And Service The Winter Park Police Department Let Information Power Your Perceptions

The Winter Park Police Department has always had the philosophy that the more informed the community is, the better prepared it is to make decisions that preserve a superior quality of life for today's residents and for future generations. Part of that is being aware of the crime trends within the city. We are diligent in providing the community information on current crime trends and incidents utilizing numerous outlets. Our Neighborhood & Business Watch Programs have regular meetings and, through the program coordinators, receive regular alerts about current trends city-wide and individualized statistical reports for their area. Raidsonline, our crime mapping program is available on our website and is updated with the latest crimes to provide the community with the most up-to-date information available. Our Facebook page, WinterParkPD, Twitter account (@winterparkpd), and

our department "smartphone" app are constantly updated not only with crime trends, but also with our current initiatives and events. Another way our community receives information about the crime trends in our city is via the Uniform Crime Reports (UCR) collected and disseminated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI). Every year the UCR is released to the public and it is often referred to by the media as an accurate picture of the crime occurring in jurisdictions nationwide. UCR numbers are developed by the FBI to be universal nationwide, however, all states are different in terms of how they define specific crimes. For example, in some states, what they call a "terroristic threatening" we in Florida call an "assault." What the State of Florida may classify as a "burglary," the FBI UCR may classify as a "theft from a structure." You can see how deciphering the UCR in terms of accurate

portrayal of crime statistics in a jurisdiction can be difficult.

Official Annual and Semi-Annual UCR statistics for Winter Park and all cities and counties in Florida are available at http://www.fdle.state.fl.us/ fsac/ucr/ and official annual Uniform Crime Report statistics for all reporting cities nationally are available at the FBI Uniform Crime Report link at http://www.fbi.gov/stats-services/ crimestats. These links are the only official UCR sites to obtain the guidelines or statistics for the city of Winter Park, Orange County or any other city or county.

The U.S. Department of Justice cautions against accepting the statistics at face value as "many entities—news media, tourism agencies, and other groups with an interest in crime in our Nation—use reported figures to compile rankings of cities and counties. These rankings, however, are merely a quick choice made by the data user; they provide no insight into the many variables that mold the crime in a particular town, city, county, state, region, or other jurisdiction. Consequently, these rankings lead to simplistic and/ or incomplete analyses that often create misleading perceptions adversely affecting cities and counties, along with their residents."

No meaningful comparisons or valid assessments of crime can be made unless all variables that can affect crime in our city are examined. As the crime statistics for Winter Park are published by the UCR, the Winter Park Police Department encourages its citizens and extended community to participate in the Neighborhood & Business Watch programs and visit the FBI website to compare with our crime mapping program to seek accurate statistics that are gathered using Florida definitions of crime.

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salon, and aquaponics facility collectively known as Transformation Village. Mr. McKinney has done a great job partnering with service providers ranging from hospitals to domestic violence shelters to expand their services to Bithlo. Another great community orga-

nization is Iglesia De Dios. This church, led by Pastor Lizette Torres, has focused on giving back to the community. The church holds a weekly community food pantry that distributes food, clothing, and toys to local families. The pantry was created in 2011 but already has a large impact. In 2014 alone, the pantry served over 3,000 families.

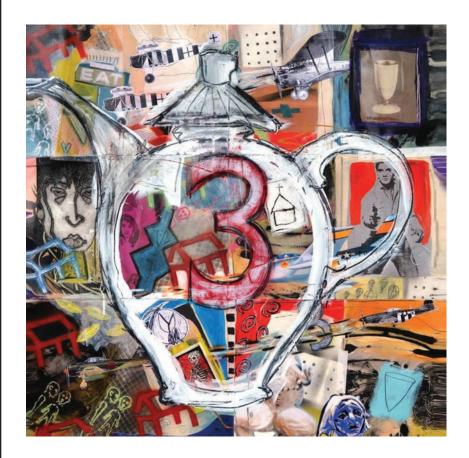
Although Orange County and our partners have accomplished much in Bithlo, much work remains to be done. Orange County is committed to improving the quality of life for Bithlo residents. Should you have any questions about our progress in Bithlo or any other county issue, please do not hesitate to contact me or my staff, Edgar Robinson and Lynette Rummel. We can be reached at 407-836-7350 or by email and district5@ocfl.net.

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## fiscal fitness by John Gill

## The Fiscal Fitness Of Children

The advent of summer signals the end of another school year. And

John Gill

while children do not believe that summer is a time for learning, it may be the perfect time to learn about money. The summer may be a great time for parents to begin imparting knowledge of money and budgeting

through discussions, projects for pay, and other ways to learn and earn.

In the United States there has been a blurring of the lines between needs and wants. There is the constant saturation marketing which promotes items and lifestyles that are either unnecessary or unattainable for most people. Delayed gratification is challenged in today's culture of instant gratification. Parents today, even compared to parents of just ten years ago, grapple with the instantaneousness of life. It appears as though everything is available

online as soon as it is envisioned or conceived. Children see the lifestyles, the phones, the latest gadgets and want it. Now! It looks like some basic financial education and training may help turn the tide and neutralize some of these issues.

A family focus on financial learning and literacy is needed, and at the most basic level. The emphasis should be on needs versus wants,



delayed gratification, general savings, and philanthropy. The challenge is that family life is so harried these days; few parents have time for even basic financial instruction. The following statistics tell the story. Three in ten parents never talk to their children about money or have had just one big talk with their children on the subject, according to a U.S. telephone survey conducted for the American Institute of Public Accountants (AICPA) by Harris Interactive. On average, children are 10 years old when their mother or father has their first conversation with them about money. Just 13% of

> parents surveyed talk daily with their children about financial matters.

"Based on our findings, parents seem more concerned about the politeness of their children than their financial fitness," Ernie Almonte, CPA, vice chair of the AICPA's National CPA Financial Literacy Commission, said in a statement. "Dollars and cents should get the

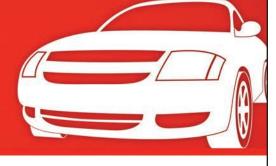
same attention as 'please' and 'thank you' at home. Financial education builds critical skills that help put life goals within reach and strengthen the economy. Parents must make financial lessons a priority in both conversation and action as early as possible."

The National Financial Literacy Commission offers the following tips for parents in financially educating their children: start early. As soon as children are able to express a want, discuss basics like delayed gratification, that are the foundation for budgeting and saving for a goal. Require children to save some of their birthday cash and money earned in after-school jobs. Give them small jobs to earn an allowance to pay for toys, gadgets, or other wants. Make saving fun by giving them a grocery list, and have them clip coupons and comparison shop by reviewing store fliers. Split the savings with them to reward their effort. Speak in their terms: A child might not care about money for college and may be more interested in money to buy a toy or spend with their friends. Create teachable moments around things your children care about.

Incorporating some of these suggestions into a child's daily life will put them on and keep them on the road to fiscal fitness.

If you have questions, comments, or an area of financial interest you would like to see discussed in The Park Press, please call John at 407-353-0594 or send email to FiscalFitness@ymail.com. Follow John on Twitter, @john\_gill1.

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generation in the next few decades. In addition to the wealth that is scheduled to transfer, the leadership position in many family businesses is also scheduled to transition in the next few decades as well. Many of these businesses will transfer from an environment with a single controlling shareholder to multiple children, some of whom are active in the family business and some who are inactive. Often times the transfer of stock in a family owned business is accomplished via an estate plan wherein parents endeavor to treat all of their children equally. Sounds logical and reasonable, wouldn't you agree? The net result of this good intention is that siblings are thrust into a partnership under the assumption that they will work things out, make the best of it, and remain close as a family. Unfortunately, this is wishful thinking. The truth is, there is more than meets the eye when it comes to preparing siblings to successfully navigate a partnership together.

Let's take a look at some of the questions that have been asked by business owners over the years:

- Should my children work together?
- Should my children own the real

estate together? Or, should actively involved children receive operating company stock and in active children receive the underlying real estate?

Successfully Navigating Sibling Partnerships

family business perspective by David Ciambella, CFP CSP

- Which child should I pick to be my successor? What criteria should I use to make my decision?
- Who should inherit the controlling interest in my business?
- How do I deal with the child not selected?
- If an heir is not interested in assuming the risk inherent in a closely held business, are there provisions for the heir to be bought out? If so, at what price? What terms?
- How should compensation be determined for active family members?
- How long should benefits (auto mobile, insurance, cell phone, gas etc.) continue for family members?
- What if one child wants to grow the business and one or more siblings do not?

The fact is, sibling partnerships are not easy and navigating a sibling partnership requires a tremendous amount of work in advance to function effectively and successfully in the future.

Here are some best practices that may assist you in increasing the odds your children will be able to successfully manage a sibling partnership and still like each other at the end of the day:

1. Select the most capable person to lead and operate the business regardless of family ties, age or gender.

Restrain from selecting a successor solely based upon being the oldest child or the oldest male in the family. If you are blessed to have a capable, mature, experienced and committed family member successor, consider yourself fortunate. If not, recruit or promote the talent necessary to preserve your "golden goose" so that family members can continue to reap the benefits/ rewards of family business ownership.

## 2. Compensate family members based upon the role they are fulfilling in the business.

Equal compensation for family members making an unequal contribution to the business is a breeding ground for resentment.. Recognize active family members through their respective pay plan. The distribution of business profits should follow stock ownership.

3. Develop ironclad Shareholder Agreements or Operating Agreements that siblings will be bound by once dealership stock is inherited at death or transferred during lifetime.

Developing a Shareholder Agreement that addresses multiple contingencies such as death, disability, divorce, bankruptcy etc. minimizes the possibility of negotiations among family members and also ensures the business will remain in the family (typically two high priorities of family owned businesses). Align expectations and create Operating Covenants.

Siblings often have varying definitions of success, different family circumstances, different financial goals, different hobbies, different levels of motivation etc. It is critical that siblings in partnership together develop reasonable expectations of each other which will serve as the foundation of their business relationship.

The family business oxymoron: family and business are in constant conflict with family representing "unconditional love and acceptance" versus business which represents "conditional performance" Successful sibling partnerships remain constantly aware of this dynamic and utilize best practices to enjoy a healthy and lasting family and business relationship. Like anything worthwhile in life, sibling partnerships take hard work, sacrifice and commitment to succeed.

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## critical mass by Jim Hasley

During our working years many focus on accumulating money by push-

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ing most of their wealth into assets designed in one form or to deliver the highest returns possible. While in the accumulation phase of life most accept there will be a few bumps along the way where their money will lose more that it gains, but are comfortable expecting that the increased 'average' return is worth the risks assumed.

What many fail to realize is that the timing of negative returns can have disastrous results on an investment portfolio during the distribution phase of life. The risk associated with the timing of negative returns is called 'sequence of returns risk' and it is a very real risk indeed.

Most will find it difficult to believe that a person taking a 6% annual withdrawal from a portfolio with assets that 'average' a 10.8% return over 20 years could go broke. Perhaps the best way to explain sequence of returns risk is with the example illustrated in the graphic.

A retiree starts out with a balance of \$500,000 and at the beginning of each year takes a distribution of \$30,000 with the annual distribution increasing each year by 3% to account for inflation. The returns used in Portfolio 1 reflect the S&P 500 calendar year returns from 1969 to 1988 with dividends reinvested. The returns used in Portfolio 2 simply reverse the order of the returns used in Portfolio 1. Keep in mind we're using this data as an example and the date is not designed as prediction for any particular

portfolio. Those years were selected simply because the average return of 10.8% is fairly high and demonstrate how portfolios can fail despite high average returns. We advise anyone considering an investment strategy to seek the council of a licensed investment professional.

Sequence Of Returns Risk: A Retirement Killer

In both scenarios the average rate of return for the retiree's portfolio is 10.8% over the 20 year period. Unfortunately for the retiree in Portfolio 1 the negative returns during the early years of retirement adversely affected the portfolio so severely in never recovered. While most dream of being the retiree in Portfolio 2 where early positive returns propelled the portfolio balance to over \$1.3 million over 20 years we don't actually know when market adversity will strike. Unfortunately for many taking distributions from retirement accounts they don't realize the damage from early negative returns until it is too late.

Given the likelihood of at least one spouse in a retired couple living into their 90's is about 50% with about one in four seeing age 97, running out of money simply isn't an option. When planning for retirement, prospective retirees should plan to rely on lower withdrawal rates. Retirees should have access to ample cash reserves for use following negative investment years thus providing opportunity for market recovery. Another prudent strategy is to convert a portion of assets into a life time income annuity providing guaranteed lifetime income as a sound tactic to reduce or eliminating market risk, sequence of return

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Portfolio 1			Portfolio 2			
Year	Investment Return	Withdrawal	Account Balance	Investment Return	Withdrawal	Account Balance
1	8.4%	\$30,000	\$430,520	16.8%	\$30,000	\$548,960
2	4.0%	\$30,900	\$415,605	5.2%	\$30,900	\$544,999
3	14.3%	\$31,827	\$438,658	18.6%	\$31,827	\$608,622
4	19.0%	\$32,782	\$482,993	32.0%	\$32,782	\$760,109
5	14.8%	\$33,765	\$383,742	6.1%	\$33,765	\$770,651
б	26.5%	\$34,778	\$255,753	22.4%	\$34,778	\$900,708
7	37.3%	\$35,822	\$301,966	21.1%	\$35,822	\$1,047,378
8	23.7%	\$36,896	\$327,891	-4.9%	\$36,896	\$960,968
9	7.3%	\$38,003	\$268,727	32.1%	\$38,003	\$1,219,237
10	6.6%	\$39,143	\$244,736	18.6%	\$39,143	\$1,399,591
11	18.6%	\$40,317	\$242,440	6.6%	\$40,317	\$1,448,985
12	32.1%	\$41,527	\$265,406	-7.3%	\$41,527	\$1,304,714
13	4.9%	\$42,773	\$211,724	23.7%	\$42,773	\$1,561,021
14	21.1%	\$44,956	\$203,046	37.3%	\$44,056	\$2,082,793
15	22.4%	\$45,378	\$192,987	-26.5%	\$45,378	\$1,497,500
16	6.1%	\$46,739	\$155,169	-14.8%	\$46,739	\$1,236,048
17	32.0%	\$48,141	\$141,276	19.0%	\$48,141	\$1,413,610
18	18.6%	\$49,585	\$108,745	14.3%	\$49,585	\$1,559,080
19	5.2%	\$51,073	\$60,671	4.0%	\$51,073	\$1,568,327
20	16.8%	\$52,605	\$9,421	-8.4%	\$52,605	\$1,388,401

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In the book 1001 Gardens You Must See Before You Die, gardens are organized by geographical region. Each garden is summarized and the accompanying fact box provides information including the designer, owner, garden style, size, location, and climate. Alas we've only visited 93 of these gardens and we have 908 to go. May we live to be 200.

To find private gardens, check out Garden Conservancy Open Days www.gardenconservancy.org as well

It doesn't as garden tours in Charleston and many other cities. Locally the Lake Eola Heights and Lake Lawsona Fern Creek neighborhoods have garden tours every other year.

in the garden by Stephen and Kristin Pategas

Prior to departure - Load addresses in navigational systems before you head out the door. Confirm the address is the physical location of the garden. Have a map and phone number for backup. Always confirm with a live person that the garden is indeed open and that major features are not under construction or in an uproar with an exhibit installation. We pack camera, notepad, comfortable shoes, clothing layers, hat, insect repellent, sun block, refillable water bottles, compact umbrellas, and membership

cards. At the garden, needed items are carried in shoulder bags and fanny or backpacks.

Day of the visit -We check the day's weather and arrive at the garden early

to beat the crowds and find soft light for photography. Grab a garden tour guide and ask what is looking its best. In the garden, do not remove tags that identify plants, step on plants, or take cuttings or blossoms unless expressly allowed. Assume some plants will have sharp or spiny parts and may cause an allergic reaction. Never place any plant parts in your mouth since the plant or sprays on the plants may be harmful. Keep the kids close at hand but let them wander in a designated children's garden.

And, remember to look down. We learned gardens do inspire and often the inspiration is not only the plants and the design, but even the surfaces we walk upon.

"I never saw a garden from which I did not learn something." – Russell Page





Above, A spring 2015 trip included the Naples Botanic Garden and its bluebird vine in full glory. At left, Hollister House garden in Washington, CT. Below left. animatronics dinosaurs at the Naples Botanic Garden. Below right, creative water feature at the National Orchid Garden in Singapore. All photos by Stephen G. Pategas/Hortus Oasis.





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## real estate in the parks by Scott Hillman Existing Home Market And Consumer Confidence Heating Up

School is out, summer camps and family vacations are underway, and the existing home market in Orange and Seminole counties continues to heat up as we move into the

Scott Hillma

typically busy summer months.

Through the first four months of 2015 the median price for sold properties and active listings were up over the first four months last year along with sales and pending sales, while the percentage of distressed properties under contract was down. The numbers are all trending in the right direction as is consumer confidence.

The median price for sold properties for the first four months of 2015 was \$179,000, up 6.5% from the same period last year, while the median price for active listings was \$269,000 as of May 13. Those numbers should continue to rise slightly as we move through the summer. The local market continues to demonstrate an ability to maintain a 4-6-month supply of homes which typically defines a market balanced by buyers and sellers. Orange and Seminole counties had just a 3.2-month supply on May 13 which can be

> attributed to a bump up in closed transactions the past few months. That's still a good number.

There still is some affordability in the market as nearly 61% of the inventory was priced under \$300,000, which creates a number of opportunities for first time buyers and investors alike. With shoppers more competing for homes during the summer months, buyers should be prepared to act quickly by

being pre-approved for a loan. That will speed up the offer process and show sellers that yours is a viable offer.

Inventory in Winter Park, Baldwin Park, College Park, Maitland, Colonialtown and downtown Orlando – totaled 1,152 on May 13, ranging from a two-month supply in east Winter Park (32792) to a 5.1-month supply in Winter Park (32789).

The recent rise in closed transactions can be attributed to rising home prices and mortgage rates: the average rate on a 30-year fixed-rate was 3.80% on May 7, up from 3.68% the previous week. That has created some urgency to purchase amongst some prospective buyers who'd been waiting for prices to level off or perhaps dip. I don't expect we'll see a drop in prices anytime soon.

Of the 5,680 pending sales on May 7 in Orange and Seminole counties, 39.9% were distressed properties, down from 52.5% last May. Even more promising is the fact that distressed properties accounted for only 17% of all active listings in the two counties this May, down from 24% last May. Although the process of moving these properties off the books is taking longer than we'd hoped, significant progress has been made in the last two years.

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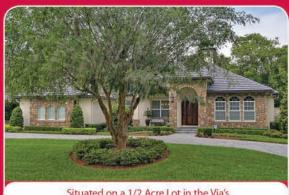
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## pop culture detours by George McGowan Some Steam For Your Summer (Indoor) Viewing

Earlier this year, Netflix debuted a new series, "Bloodline." It has not received as much hype as their other original programming such as "Orange is the New Black" and "House of Cards" – which are both in their way awesome. I admit that I tried "Blood-

line" chiefly because of the cast, which stars Kyle Chandler (most notably from "Friday Night Lights") and Linda Cardellini (from many previous shows, including "ER" and "Freaks and Geeks"), and in minor roles as the family matriarch and patriarch, Sissy Spacek and Sam Shepard, respectively. In addition to these names,

I tuned in because the series is set in the Florida Keys, a rather unique setting for a family drama.

I can report that the series is a winner. However, it does take some effort to keep the various threads of the family drama story together as the series creators love to flash forward and backward in time. But the intense and knowing family dynamics are not the only reason I can recommend the series. More than any story, I was blown away by the performance of one of the actors, and someone with whom I was unfamiliar, Ben Mendelsohn.

Mendelsohn plays the "black sheep" of the Rayburn family, Danny. The family looks to be a happy, loving family. However, some secrets



lurk beneath the surface and Danny coming back into their lives brings these secrets to the forefront of the drama. As the "bad seed," Mendelsohn commands the screen in every scene and leads the viewer deep-

er into his conflicted relationship with every other member of his family.

My rudimentary research revealed that Mendelsohn is a big star in his native Australia and is a peer of other more well-known Australian actors who have had more success in Hollywood films, such as Russell Crowe and Guy Pierce. Mendelsohn broke out in Australia in 1987 with his performance as an ill-fated juvenile delinquent in the acclaimed coming-of-age film "The Year My Voice Broke" which earned him the best supporting actor award from the Australian Film Institute.

If Mr. Mendelsohn can get more roles in Hollywood productions, I ex-



Above, Kyle Chandler and Linda Cardellini At left, Ben Mendelsohn from the Netflix show "Bloodline.

pect that we will begin to see more of him. I wouldn't be surprised if he receives an Emmy nomination for this work on "Bloodline." You should check it out. It has been renewed by Netflix for a second season.

The writers and producers behind "Bloodline" are a three-person team of Todd A. Kessler, Glenn Kessler, and Daniel Zelman. They broke out themselves by helming the FX series "Damages" which recently ended its five season run. Since I enjoyed "Bloodline" so much and "Damages" is also available on Netflix, I checked out season one. "Damages" stars Glenn Close as a high profile attorney who recruits a young protégé played by another Australian, Rose Byrne. This show also pops back and forth in time, and you can't miss the "previously on" section at the beginning of each episode to refresh your memory of the action. Close won an Emmy and a Golden Globe for her work in season one and she commands the screen much like Ben Mendelsohn does. You don't know whether to love her or hate her, but you are compelled to watch her.

I hope you enjoy these two shows as you escape from the summer heat and humidity this month!

## theater in the parks by Barbara Solomon Abra Kadabra -A new Venue Appears

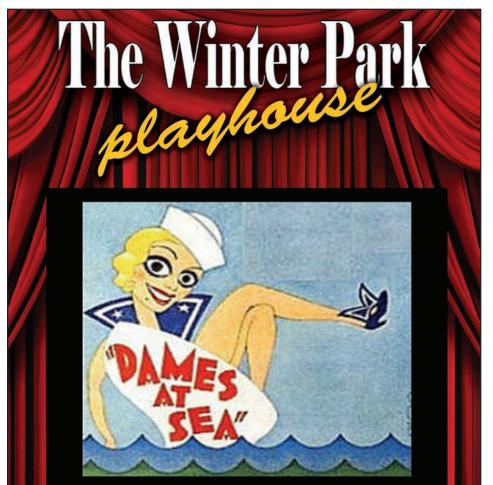
Finding performance space in this town is no easy task. Frank Ciano has come up with a novel idea--use the small stage in the Persian Room of the Ali Bab Restaurant. An added plus is that you can have a great meal while you enjoy wonderful cabaret. There is a cabaret there every other Tuesday.

I was fortunate to see Natalie Cardone and Shawn Kilgore perform. Their voices blend so well together that it is pure pleasure listening to them. The duo began with "Hello Young Lovers," a beautiful ballad from "The King and I." Natalie and Shawn incorporate a salute to Steve John La with the music of Mercer on

Some of those numbers were: "Portrait of My Love," "Blame It On the Bosa Nova," and "You've Got What It Takes."

Natalie's operatic prowess was showcased in her solo rendition of an original work, "New York." And Shawn's high baritone is simply amazing, It's always a pleasure to attend any cabaret they do around town. They finished with two of my favorites, "Together Wherever You Go" from "Gypsy" and "All I Ask of You" from "Phantom of the Opera."

Future cabaret performers include



and Edye Gourmet in their routine. June 2 and Happy Pink Girl on June 30.



Natalie Cordone and Shawn Kilgore. Photo by Julia Reilly Images.

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## live meaningfully by Ayesha G. Bullock, M.A. You Didn't Think I'd Actually Forget The Fathers, Did You?

Given May offered an opportunity celebrate

that

to

the bright, beautiful, gracious, and divine beings we call mothers, it seems only fair that June allows for a little bit of Papa pride.

Tonight I'm thinking of a man whose shadow offers the necessary cool from the sun, whose neck smells like a combination of leather and sandalwood, whose shoes are well preserved by the use of a shoehorn and whose hands heal even the cruelest wounds of the world when they brush your hair from your face.

Tonight I'm thinking of a man who believes in what it means to be a man.

Tonight I'm thinking of a man whose light has been ignited by the pride of his children's smiles and whose acceptance and understanding can surpass all others.

Fathers must have wide shoulders to bear the brunt of our expectations, our hopes, our dreams, our hurts, and our disillusionments. Fathers have to learn what it means to both protect as well as set free. Fathers must accept that their little ones are growing up, while always allowing them a place to curl up and still be small. Fathers, sometimes, must be both parents all at once to some of us. In the particular case of my father, he had to carry

both the responsi-

bility of appropri-

ately intimidating my potential suitors, while also taking me to the mall for makeup and jewelry on those still special teenage occasions.

Most of you may never know my father, so what I will say is this: there are tomes that could be filled with the legend and the levity that my father's life and humor has offered to my worldview. I could tell you of his charitable heart and his belief in service. I could extoll his virtues as a father and a grandfather. I could disarm you with his stories of prank and purpose as a young one. Or I could just tell you



this...he is my Papa. He has set the stones on which I sturdily stand. He has lifted my heart on the days into which the clouds of doubt have rolled. He has humbled me when I'd lost my center and guided me when I forgot the way. Most of all, he has empowered his children with the knowledge, wisdom, meaning, understanding, acceptance and love necessary to go forth and make a difference in some small corner of their world.

My father - like so many of the honorable, kind, and solid men in the world - has elucidated the way of truth, duty, authenticity and integrity. He taught me how good life feels when you 'do the right thing even when nobody is watching, because then the mirror is always a friend.'

So, this June, I'd offer an invitation to extend yourself a bit beyond the barbecue and the tie, and take a few moments with your father (if you're lucky enough to still have him) or with his memory if you're not. Honor him for who he is and how he's made you feel. Be the best father (or uncle, friend, brother or guide) you can to those around you. And lift those younger ones in your life atop your shoulders (whether literally or figuratively) who may need to be built up and shown the way, if even only for today.

May the fathers reading this feel as much respect, love and admiration as they deserve and may the sons, daughters, grandchildren and mothers/wives enact their gratitude to facilitate just that...

Happy Father's Day, Pops...

Be well; Live Meaningfully. Till the next time, Ayesha

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## schools

School District Update by Nancy Robbinson, Orange County School Board Member, District 6



Nancy Robbinson

students to read while they are out of school. Try checking out the public library and all they have to offer for summer!

The original Audubon Park Elementary on Falcon Drive will start construction this summer on the brand new K-8 facility planned for overcrowding relief for Glenridge Middle, Audubon Park in Baldwin Park Elementary, and Fern Creek Elementary. The 30% Design Community meeting is scheduled for June 17 at 6:00p.m. and will be held in the cafeteria of the existing Audubon Park in Baldwin Park school. This meeting will be an informational meeting for the community to learn more about the construction plans for the school. Congratulations to the 2015 high school graduates, hopefully everyone has determined what their post graduation plans will be. Whether it is to continue to advance their studies at a technical school or four-year institution or to join the military or start a new job, I wish all graduates much success with their future plans.

June is here Prize for Urban Education back in and school is September it established OCPS as the out for sumleading urban school district in the mer!! Be sure nation. The financial reward attached to find time to the Broad Prize win is \$500,000 in for your famscholarships for this year's graduating class. The Broad Foundation anily to rest and relax but please nounced this week the names of the 31 continue to en-OCPS students who won these college courage your scholarships. Congratulations to the scholarship winners and best wishes for your college careers.

Thank you for allowing me to serve our community and I look forward to continuing to work with you. Please feel free to contact me anytime with any thoughts, questions or concerns you may have regarding the school district.



On May 6, Brookshire Elementary observed National Bike to School Day.

a summer of relaxing and reading!

When OCPS won the 2014 Broad

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## Brookshire Elementary PRINCIPAL SUSAN MULCHRONE

May 6th was National Bike to School day, an event that is celebrated by schools across the country. Brookshire has been a proud participant in this event since its inception in 2012. This is a great way for students to practice the bike safety habits learned in our Physical Education classes. The bike racks were overflowing due to the strong support from the community.



Students and staff, both past and present, along with families and community members celebrated Dommerich Elementary's 50th anniversary in a big way in May. School Board representative Nancy Robbinson, as well as Joie Cadle, a past Dommerich parent, attended along with the Winter Park mayor, Steve Leary, and former principals Robbie McNabb and Robin Matthes. Sonny's BBQ and Kona Ice were there with food and shaved ice. Music, dancing, games for the kids and years of memorabilia to examine made it a night to remember!

Now we are looking forward to

Everyone is encouraged to visit their local library; Maitland, Winter Park and Eatonville libraries will be looking forward to visits by our Dommerich families and ready to help select books for all tastes and reading levels!

In May, please mark your calendar for the following important dates: Dommerich's 50th Anniversary event, May 1st at 5:30p.m. on the Dommerich PE Fields; Spring Chorus and Strings Concert, May 5th at 6:30p.m.; High School Seniors' Reunion, May 6th at 3:30 in the Dommerich Media Center; National Bike to School Day and Walk n Roll Day, May 6th; Kindergarten Registration Event, May 12th at 9a.m.; Memorial Day (no school), May 25th; and Last Day of School, June 3rd.



Wow! The summer is already here! The students of Killarney are gearing up for a well-deserved break! Throughout the summer, we will be busily preparing for the upcoming school year. We are fortunate to offer Summer Reading Camp to students in grades kindergarten through third to keep sharpening their reading skills. Teachers will also be participating in a wide variety of professional development opportunities to keep their skills sharp, too!

Parents of incoming kindergartners, you are encouraged to bring your soon-to-be Shamrock for a brief screening of kindergarten readiness skills over the summer break. This screening will help us to determine your child's strengths and areas for growth, as well as to get to know your child before the school year begins. Please contact the main office at 407-623-1438 to schedule an appointment.

Thank you to all the parents, students, teachers, and community members who helped to make this another great year at Killarney!



**Carlos Silver Elementary** PRINCIPAL SARA BIGALKE

It is hard to believe this school year is over. It has been a great year and I would like to thank our community partners for their never-ending support. Our PTA members have spent hours raising money, supporting teachers, helping with every event off and on campus. Our Teacher Appreciation Week was over the top!

The Lake Silver Foundation's mission is to promote and encourage the advancement of LSE by funding specific projects to improve the learning experience of its students and 2014-2015 was a record year. The Foundation funded over \$30,000.00 in equipment and supplies this year through funds raised from the Read-A-Thon, Family Kickball Tournament, Taste of College Park, social at the Lucky Lure, concert with Giti and Sam, celebration at Palmer's Garden & Goods, and through donations from the community. The funded projects include 25 laptops, science supplies, school uniforms, class libraries, math

supplies, computer extras, and more. Thank you for your support of the Foundation and these projects!

Thank you to our Partners In Education for everything that you do from being an Oration Contest judge to donating food to working in the school gardens.

Have a safe and fun summer! Read a lot of books!

### Lake Sybelia Elementary PRINCIPAL DR. JULIE PARADISE

Our school year has ended and now we are getting ready to begin our summer preparation for the 2015-2016 school year. We will be hosting the YMCA Summer Camp for this area. It will be a busy summer.

Our summer hours will be Monday through Thursday from 7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. If you need us, just come to the front office or you can call (407) 623-1445. We will be registering children all during the summer and encourage you to register as soon as possible.

Please mark these very important dates on your calendar:

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 19 Class lists are posted on the front doors after 4:00 p.m.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 21 **Meet Your Teacher** 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.

MONDAY, AUGUST 24 First Day of School for 2015-2016 8:15 a.m.



It's the time of year we begin recognizing some of our outstanding students. Our Disney Dreamer and Doer is Breanna Lima, who was chosen for her community service and inspiration to others. Jasmine Gonzalez was chosen for the OAR Award: Outstanding Achievement Recognition. Jasmine is an excellent candidate for the CFE Federal Credit Union OAR Award, as she is an incredibly responsible student, who goes above and beyond to help her classmates. Michelle Perez was chosen for the Spirit of Excellence Award, which goes to a student who is acquiring English while also demonstrating outstanding academic success.

We have also recognized students through two service organizations, the Winter Park Rotary and the Kiwanis Club. The Winter Park Rotary Club recognizes fifth grader Mia Marillia for her exceptional response to the 4-Way Test prompt which asks users to question the truth, fairness, ability to foster good will and friendships, and overall benefit of a situation. The Kiwanis "Outstanding Student" Award recognizes students who demonstrate academic accomplishments, leadership, and good character and goes to Abby Samelson, a member of the Lakemont WLOS morning new crew, the National Elementary Honor Society and the Lakemont Student Council.

Our school Chess Club took part in the first annual OCPS Elementary Chess Tournament, which was hosted by our school May 9. Over 225 elementary students took part in the competition and it was a day full of thinking and fun! Lakemont Leopards participating included Keith Constantine, Chess Club Advisor; Julian Dalton; Jacob Scanlon; Antonio Brown; Ella Anderson; Tamera Lane; Aahil Baloch; Arden Manos; Colin Anderson; Jack Sullivan; Matthew Ladd; Phi Dao; Alberto Diaz; and Francisco Diaz. Congratulations to these students!

Another group of students also participated in the Battle of the Books Competition held on May 13. Congratulations to Madison Batten; Connor Bryant; Hope Engilis; Andrea Ignjatic; Idella (Ella) Jones; and Cole Myers.

We are proud of all of our Lakemont Leopards!

### Maitland Montessori DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE FROM ADELE FONDO AND MURIEL OWENS

The celebration of Maitland Montessori School's 28th birthday began May with excitement. Directors Adele Fondo and Muriel Owens became owners and directors in 1987, and have grown the school ever since it came under their leadership.

The naming contest for our butterfly and vegetable gardens yielded two new monikers: Mrs. Beresheim's "Maria's Meadow" for the butterfly garden and Summer Owens' "The Giving Garden" for our vegetable garden. Mrs. Beresheim is a Red Room teacher and Summer is a fifth-grade student. They each won movie tickets.

The Morse Museum visited our 3 to6-year-old classes and our 1st-3rd grade classes, and the students all made peacocks using clay pots, feathers, and decorative elements. We loved seeing their inspiration turn into acts of creativity. The students took their sculptures home to be added to their personal "art galleries."

The Honey Lady provided a Show-and-Tell about the life cycles of bees for our 1st-3rd graders. She showed us why bees are important to our existence and brought delicious samples of honey to taste. With our recently expanded gardens, our students will experience the lives of bees as they buzz around our plants.



It's hard for me to talk about tradition without thinking of "Fiddler on the Roof" and Topol's deep voice belting out the song, "Tradition!" The song rings true in that when we have similar experiences to celebrate and pass down it creates a feeling of belonging and "roots." Those of you who have been part of the Park Maitland family for any length of time are familiar with the many honored traditions established here in each grade level and as an entire school. Some of these traditions give way to new ones so that they are still relevant and meaningful. Nonetheless, they are one of the things that make Park Maitland School such a special place to be!

This week, we celebrated the "QU Wedding" in K-4! It happened to be on the same day as our sixth grade Sports Fest (two highly revered traditions here)! It was so sweet to see the K-4 students arrive for the big event dressed to the "T" to celebrate their year of learning how to read and the merging of two of their beloved letter people, "Mr. Q and Ms. U." I couldn't help but overhear the sixth-grade parents and students oohing and ahhing as they began having flashbacks of their own earliest days at Park Maitland at the QU Wedding!

It's the common values, morals, customs, and general culture that help bond members of a school family. These highly anticipated traditions bring students, teachers, and parents together to celebrate learning



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Park Maitland K-4 students celebrated the "QU Wedding."

in a relevant, fun, and engaging way! How can they possibly be forgotten?

Each year, more and more Park Maitland alumni send their own children to our school. One of the things that they delight in doing is to celebrate these much loved traditions with their children! They are always so happy to hear that we have held on to these celebrations. They are also relieved and pleased to see that the "old fashioned" values so important to our founder, Nell Cohen, such as good manners, morals, and character are as important as always!

I think that one of the problems plaguing our fast paced and everchanging society today is the "rootlessness" of so many people and the lack of common values. It is so important for families, schools, and the workplace to establish traditions and values that allow for a coming together of all to reflect, learn, connect, and celebrate!

I've decided to dedicate the month of May to "traditions" at Park Maitland School! I will ask students to send me their favorite Park Maitland tradition and tell why! I think we will all enjoy reading about these from a child's perspective!

### St. James Cathedral School PRINCIPAL MRS. GERRI GENDALL

St. James Cathedral School Drama Club enchanted their audiences with their outstanding performances of Disney's "Peter Pan"! Congratulations students on your creative rendition of this cherished story! Thank you to our faculty, staff, parents, and volunteers for sharing your time and talent to make this dream come true. It was obvious that our students put their heart and soul into this play as they brought smiles and laughter to our audiences.

Our 5th-8th grade students went above and beyond to create this play for our community. Mrs. Fay, our art teacher, and Mrs. Bailey, our music teacher, worked with their classes to create beautiful costumes, props, and set pieces for the performance. Ms. Willard, our drama teacher, directed the students while also teaching them advanced acting techniques. Mrs. Harrison made sure that every piece of the puzzle was in place so Peter Pan would come to life on our stage. Parents have been wonderful helping out with all of the details. We are all excitedly anticipating what our drama club has in store for us next year!

Our school offers an organized summer program to enrich children's social and life skills the "fun way." Come and be part of an exciting summer of fun and learning at St. James. Invite your friends and neighbors to a fun, safe, and exciting summer!

We start every day with a prayer and thank Him for the opportunity to come together to learn and we look forward to each and every new adventure that awaits us. For further information about our Blue Ribbon School, please call 407-841-4432 or visit our web site www.stjcs.com.

## The Christ School HEAD OF SCHOOL JASON POWELL, ED.D.

An important component of our curriculum at The Christ School is our annual middle school class trips. In May, our sixth-grade students travelled to North Florida for a two night team-building excursion. Our seventh-grade students travelled to Asheville, NC, to serve rural mountain families in need and to strengthen relationships between each other and their teachers. Our eighth-grade students travelled to the Dominican Republic to serve together at Mission Emanuel.

The progression and purpose of these trips are to illustrate the importance of serving others, starting in our students' immediate community of their peers, expanding their

community across state borders, and eventually serving their international community. Each trip is a developmentally appropriate experience for each grade level.

I once again had the privilege of travelling with our eighth-grade students, teachers and parents to the Dominican Republic. This trip is a unique experience in which many lessons are learned as we work together to serve in an underprivileged nation. The experience strengthens our students' focus of being others-oriented and deepens their understanding of what it means to put their faith in action. I was proud to see our students' initiative and enthusiasm as they worked to help build a home for a family in need, played with village children, and brightened the day for new friends who live in a leprosoruim. In addition to the service aspect of this trip, our students experience international travel and learn about passports, currency exchange rates, language barriers, and the thrill of commuting on the streets of Santo Domingo! Perhaps the greatest blessing of all to their Head of School was seeing them spend a week enjoying one another and the relationships they have formed at The Christ School over the past nine years. They will all soon graduate and go in many directions; however, they will always be TCS Lions at heart and share a special connection formed during these most important foundational years of life.

As our eighth-grade students prepare to move on to high school, our sixth and seventh-grade students are preparing to step up to their roles as leaders at the school next year. These class trips have enabled them to experience activities that strengthen their character and nurture an othersoriented perspective. These students understand their important role of being good examples for the younger students. It is a role they take seriously. I look forward to watching their confidence emerge further as they embrace even more leadership opportunities over the coming year.

St. James Cathedral School Drama Club performed Disney's "Peter Pan."



## WPHS Odyssey Of The Mind Team Places Sixth In The World!

or Junior Thespian Honor Society: Greg, Rachel, Will, and Stu. Because this team is very musical, Will also writes song mashups with custom lyrics that he and Stu Thomas accompany on dueling guitars, their long-standing signature element. Although the music



Winter Park High's Odyssey of the Mind team placed sixth in the world at the World Finals at Michigan State University in late May. They represented Florida among 800 teams from 25 countries. They competed with 59 other teams in their long-term problem, as well as, met a spontaneous challenge that they only learned about a few minutes before being expected to "solve" it on the spot.

Team #32540, made up of six students from WPHS and GMS, was the 2015 First Place State Champs. They won out of 19 other teams at UCF in April (after also coming in First Place for the Magic Center Region at Edgewater High back in February).

The team has been together for five years. The core group has been competing since they were at Glenridge Middle School together. Each year, the team has invited new members based on area of specialty and contribution to overall production values. The team is student-inspired and run.

Odyssey of the Mind is the world's largest creative problemsolving competition. Founded in the late 1970s, the competition consists of two components for which the team creates unique solutions: a long-term problem and a spontaneous problem. The team always chooses the classics for their performance-based longterm problem, because they naturally gravitate toward staged entertainment. Four of the six students are standing members in Thespian and/

is not required, they all love it! The two members who aren't Thespians are in Marching Band: Rosa and Delaney. All six chose to participate in a performing art (or two) as their extracurricular elective(s).

Besides meeting their interest in performing original material, Odyssey has given these gifted students

From left to right. Back Row: Stuart Thomas Will Hornbeck (team captain), Anna Long (Magic Center regional director), Rosa Shuman, Rachel Loughman. Front Row: Delaney Kristofek, Greg Hornbeck, Ronda Hornbeck (coach), John Hornbeck (coach).

the option for creative and circuitous thinking that they wouldn't normally encounter in their regular school day.



### Audubon Park Garden District Events

### **Ongoing Events**

**Every Monday night Community Market** – 6:00 to 10:00 p.m. at Stardust Coffee parking lot located at 1842 E. Winter Park Rd. For information call 407-590-8776.

### Baldwin Park, College Park and Orlando Area Events

#### **Ongoing Events**

**Every Monday Smarty Pants** - 10:15 a.m. Storytime for children ages birth-5 years old at the Edgewater Branch Library located at 5049 Edgewater Dr. For more information call 407-835-7323.

**Every Wednesday Belles and Beaus Dance Club** has dances every Wednesday from 7:00 to 9:30 p.m. at the Marks Street Recreation Complex located at 99 E. Marks Street. Join in for an evening of fun and dancing to music by the Soft Touch band. Refreshments are available. Singles and couples are welcome. Cost: \$5.00 per person. For more information please call 407-277-7008.

**Every Thursday College Park Farmers' Market** – 5:00 to 9:00 p.m. located at 1600 Edgewater Dr. For information call 407-999-5251.

**Every Sunday Downtown Orlando Farmers' Market** – 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at Lake Eola. For more information call 407-246-3625.

Monday - Friday Each Week Seniors' Program in College Park – 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the College Park Community Center located at 2393 Elizabeth St. For information call 407-246-4361.

**First Friday of Each Month** The Art Stroll of Ivanhoe Village – 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. on Orange Ave. between Princeton and New Hampshire.

#### Third Thursday of Each Month Eunice's Healthy Cooking and Baking Workshop – 10:30 a.m. at the Edgewater Branch Libary located at 5049 Edgewater Dr. Food samples

will be provided. For more information and to register please call 407-835-7323.

June 18 - "Open Your Heart" Breakfast - 8:00 a.m. at Country Club of Orlando located at 1601 Country Club Drive. This event is to benefit Community Based Care of Central Florida - the lead agency overseeing foster care and adoption in Orange, Osceola and Seminole counties. Please register in advance by contacting Debbie Leon at 321-441-2322 or Debbie.Leon@cbccfl.org.

June 19 and 20 - 22nd Annual Mascot Games - 12:30 p.m. on Friday and 2:00 p.m. on Saturday at the Amway Center. This event is presented by Wawa with proceeds benefiting New Hope for Kids. For tickets and more information please visit amwaycenter.com or call 800-745-3000.

June 23 - "Open Your Heart" Breakfast - 8:00 a.m. at Heathrow Country Club located at 1200 Bridgewater Dr. in Lake Mary. This event is to benefit Community Based Care of Central Florida - the lead agency overseeing foster care and adoption in Orange, Osceola and Seminole counties. Please register in advance by contacting Debbie Leon at 321-441-2322 or Debbie.Leon@cbccfl.org. Every Thursday Healthy Maitland Walk 6:30 a.m.; Babytime 10:30 to -11:30 a.m. and Adventures w/Books Club 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. at the Maitland Public Library.

### June 7 - "My Favorite Things" by the Maitland Symphony

Orchestra - 7:30 p.m. at the Maitland Presbyterian Church located at 341 N. Orlando Ave. This free concert is to celebrate the 10th anniversary of the Performing Arts of Maitland. Donations are appreciated. For more information please visit www.pamaitland.org.

### Winter Park Events

**Ongoing Events** 

Every Monday "Sit-to-Be-Fit" Chair Exercise Class – 10:15 a.m. at the Winter Park Community Center. This free class is designed for all ability levels and

sponsored by the City of Winter Park. For more information please call 407-754-6190.

Monday - Friday "Art in Chambers" exhibit – Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. This free exhibit is on display at the City Hall Commission Chambers located at 401 Park Avenue South.

**Every Tuesday – June 30 through July 28 Family Tours at the Morse** – a 45-minute guided tour through several galleries on five Tuesdays: June 30, July 7, 14, 21, and 28. The program includes an activity to take home with all the supplies needed for an art project inspired by collecting. Registration begins May 1. All children must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. A \$5 refundable deposit per child is requested when securing a reservation for this program. Call 407-645-5311, ext. 136, to make a reservation or request more information, or visit www.morsemuseum.org.

**Every Tuesday and Thursday "Hands-on Gardening"** – 9:30 a.m. – noon at the Albin Polasek Museum & Sculpture Gardens. For more information regarding this free year-round event please call 407-647-6294.

**Every Tuesday and Thursday Beginning Pilates Class** – 5:15 p.m. at the Winter Park Community Center. For more information please call 407-671-9599.

**Every Tuesday, Friday and Saturday Winter Park Benefit Shop** – The shop is located at 140 West Lyman Avenue and is open from 9:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. on Tuesdays and Fridays, and from 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. on Saturdays. Donate or purchase clothing, bedding, jewelry, kitchenware and more. Proceeds benefit various children's programs and the local branch of Orlando Blind. For more information please call 407-647-8276.

**Every Tuesday and Thursday Curator Tours of Louis Comfort Tiffany's Laurelton Hall** – From 11:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the Charles Hosmer Morse Museum of American Art located at 445 N. Park Ave. Space is limited and free with museum admission. To learn more about this event with Curator Donna Climenhage please call 407-645-5311 or visit www.morsemuseum.org.

**Every Wednesday** Mills50 MidWeek Group Runs – 6:00 p.m. at Track Shack located at 1104 N. Mills Ave. This event is free to runners of all abilities. For more information please visit www.TrackShack.com.

### JUNE HIGHLIGHT



June 11 - Popcorn Flicks in The Park 8:00 to 10:00 p.m. featuring the film "Batman" For more information, please visit cityofwinterpark.org

more information please call 407-592-7835.

**Every Sunday Music at the Casa** – This free event featuring professional musicians and performers is hosted at Casa Feliz every Sunday from noon – 3:00 p.m. For more information call 407-628-8200 ext. 3 or visit www.casafeliz.us.

June 5 - Winter Park Diamond Dawgs Season Opener vs. Sanford River Rats - 7:00 p.m. at Alfond Stadium at Harper-Shepherd Field. For more information and schedule please visit floridaleague.com

June 6 - First Time Homebuyers and Veteran Education Workshop - 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Winter Park Community Center. For more information please visit cityofwinterpark.org.

June 6 - Summertime Kickoff - Noon to 6:00 p.m. at the Winter Park Community Center Pool. For more information please visit cityofwinterpark.org.

**June 11** - Winter Park Sip, Shop & Stroll - 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. along Park Avenue. For more information and tickets please visit cityofwinterpark.org.

June 11 - Popcorn Flicks in The Park - 8:00 to 10:00 p.m. featuring the showing of "Batman" in Central Park. For more information please visit cityofwinterpark.org.

June 6 - Coffee Talk - 8:00 to 9:00 a.m. featuring Mayor Steve Leary at the Winter Park Welcome Center. For more information please visit cityofwinterpark.org

**June 22** - City Blood Drive - 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at City Hall. For more information please visit cityofwinterpark.org.

June 26 Leadership Winter Park Class XVII Application Deadline

- Leadership Winter Park is a program of the Winter Park Chamber of Commerce that identifies and promotes potential leaders from the business community who desire to become involved in making a difference in Winter Park. The program is an adaptation of a nationwide community-awareness, leadership preparation effort and offers a behind the scenes look at and study of the critical issues and challenges facing Winter Park. For more information please visit http://www.winterpark.org/content/ leadership-winter-park.

June 25 - Free HIV Testing - 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at Walgreens located at 408 E. Michigan St. For more information and additional locations, dates and times, please visit www.hfuw.org.

**July 3** - **Red, Hot and Boom** - 4:00 to 11:00 p.m. at Cranes Roost Lake in Altamonte Springs. For more information, please visit www.redhotandboom.com.

**July 4** - Fireworks at the Fountain - 4:00 to 10:00 p.m. at Lake Eola Park. For more information, please visit www.cityoforlando.com.

**July 4 - Independence Day Bash** - 5:30 to 9:30 p.m. at Harbor Park in Baldwin Park.

### **Maitland Events**

**Ongoing Events** 

Every Sunday Maitland Farmers' Market at Lake Lily

**Every Tuesday Preschool Stories** 10:30-11:30 a.m. at the Maitland Public Library located at 501 S. Maitland Ave.

**Every Thursday Walk With A Doc** – Enjoy a rejuvenating 30-minute walk with Florida Hospital physicians. This free event is held at 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. at the Crosby YMCA. For more information, or to reserve your spot, please call 407-303-1700.

#### Every Friday through July 3 through July 31 Friday Family Films

at the Morse - A short film, gallery tour, and art activity inspired by collecting on five Fridays: July 3, 10, 17, 24, 31. This program lasts about 90 minutes. Registration begins May 1. All children must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. A \$5 refundable deposit per child is requested when securing a reservation for this program. Call 407-645-5311, ext. 136, to make a reservation or request more information, or visit www. morsemuseum.org.

**Every Saturday Winter Park Farmers' Market** – 7:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

**Every Saturday** Line Dance Class – 10:00 a.m. at the Winter Park Community Center. Beginners are asked to come at 9:30 a.m. to learn the basic steps. For **June 27 Old School Pool Pary** – 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. at the Winter Park Community Center Pool. For more information please visit cityofwinterpark.org.

July 4 - Hunter Vision Watermelon 5K - 7:00 a.m. at Park Avenue located at 251 Park Avenue South. This annual family-friendly 3.1 mile run/walk benefits the Track Shack Foundation. For more information and to register please call 407-898-1313 visit www. trackshack.com.



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