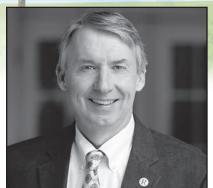
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56th Annual **Winter Park** Sidewalk Art Festival Guide



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Opening day of the Winter Park Babe Ruth 2015 spring season.

Babe Ruth Opening Day

The Winter Park Babe Ruth 2015 spring season opened on February 21 with a memorable Opening Day ceremony at Ward Park. After a couple of days of very chilly temperatures, on Opening Day the weather turned gorgeous as the baseball gods intervened on behalf of the 630 players registered in the league. The president of Winter Park Babe Ruth, George McGowan, presided over the

ceremony and presentations, which included recognizing two District Champions (in baseball the first-ever district champion for the league from the Juniors age group, and in softball the 12U district champions which also participated in the Babe Ruth world series). The league also boasted of several other District runners-up from both baseball with District Championship banners!

The ceremony included a rousing rendition of the National Anthem played on solo trumpet by UCF student Alex Lewis while the City of Winter Park Honor Guard presented our nation's colors. Outgoing Mayor Ken Bradley of Winter Park and

newly-elected State Representative Mike Miller threw out first pitches for the baseball divisions and long-time softball volunteer Willson McBurney threw out the first pitch for the softball divisions. A wonderful invocation was made by Pastor Custer of St. Andrews United Methodist Church.

Opening Day was a rousing success and a great and softball. The fields at Ward Park are filling up event to "kick-off" the season for all the players and their families. The league president also stressed in his remarks that the league could not be made possible without the hard work of many volunteers and the dedication of the members of the board of directors. Of course, the ceremonies ended with a rousing call of "Play Ball!"



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Publisher's Message



Rick Cable

Our community, within Central Florida, is rich in history, and subtle reminders regarding our local history are all around us. Sure, we have historic buildings, a few world class museums, but this month I'm talking about how some of our history ties to our street

names. Many are tied to our past, and some are for those who had a vision to build it.

Take Maitland for instance. Many of the streets are named to honor its original Native American ancestors. The city is named after Fort Maitland which was built in 1838 on the western shore of Lake Maitland during the Second Seminole War. In 1873 George H. Packwood (Packwood Avenue) signed the first deed for property in Maitland and built a large hall for town meetings and social gatherings.

Winter Park's first residents were the Muscogee Native Americans which eventually evolved into the Seminole Tribe. The area's first European resident was David Mizell Jr. (Mizell Avenue). He purchased eight acres between Lakes Virginia, Mizell, and Berry. A settlement, known as Lake View, grew up around Mizell's land.

The area had modest growth until the arrival of Loring Chase (Chase Avenue) and Oliver E. Chapman (Chapman Circle) in 1880. Chase had come down from Chicago to recuperate from a lung disease, and noticed the land with several

lakes just west of the railroad tracks. He shared his interest in this land with Chapman, a wealthy New Englander. Together they purchased 600 acres of land for a whopping \$13,000, and over the next four years they plotted, planned, and built the beginnings of Winter Park. They aptly chose this name to mean a park you want to be in during the winter.

In 1885 Chase and Chapman sold their land to the Winter Park Company. This newly-established company was owned by Loring Chase, Oliver Chapman, J. F. Welborne (Welborne Avenue) of Winter Park, and Orrison Marden and Frank Webster (Webster Avenue) of Boston, Massachusetts.

In 1883 Charles Morse (Morse Avenue) and Franklin Fairbanks (Fairbanks Avenue) moved from their hometown of St. Johnsbury, Vermont to Winter Park. In 1905 Morse bought out the Winter Park Company and changed the name to the Winter Park Land Company. With this company, he gave employment to hundreds of men who cleared out, replanted, and re-fenced the orange groves that had been hit by a big freeze.

Here's to our founders who had a vision that has led us to the communities we enjoy today!

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

Rick

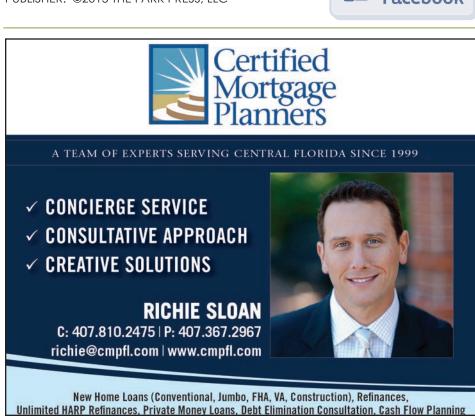
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March Madness

I am a big believer in fate; in my world, there is no such thing as a coincidence. So, a few months ago when I crossed paths with what appeared on the surface to be a very angry person, I welcomed the challenge to learn more about the woman behind the scowl.

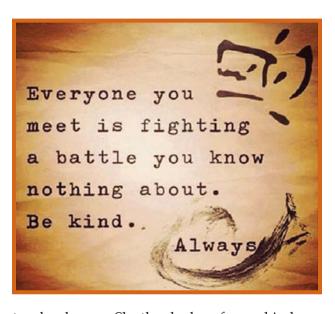
Lucky for her, she was the late-night front desk clerk at a South Florida hotel. Upon check in, she was efficient, but not at all friendly. It was very late, so on day one I attributed her attitude to the fact that it had apparently been a long day, for both of us.

Day two was another long one for me. I made it back to the hotel around 12:40a.m. and was greeted yet again by Katherine at the front desk. I had misplaced my room key at some point during the day and had to make a stop to pick up another one. Katherine seemed disgusted with me. I even cracked some joke about me being blonde, and there was literally no response from her at all. That night when I got up to my room, there was a leak in the bathroom and the carpet in the room was soaked. I made a call to my friend Katherine at the front desk to let her know. She sent up someone to check it out and the decision was made for me to change rooms. Another trip down stairs to get my new room key from Katherine and nothing had changed; still efficient, but not the least bit conversational or friendly. She By Tricia Cable

was actually assisting another guest who was being less than kind to her and she seemed absolutely unable to deal with his verbal attacks. I got my key, thanked her and bid her a good night.

Day three, and thankfully, I got back to the hotel earlier than the two previous nights. Katherine was on duty and I decided to sit in the lobby and get caught up on emails prior to going up to my room. About 30 minutes after I sat down, someone relieved Katherine from her post at the front desk. She was obviously getting off work early. I watched as she very quietly gathered her belongings and headed for the door.

A few weeks later during my next trip to South Florida, I once again checked into my hotel. Although the young woman checking me in had a name tag that read Katherine, nothing about her was the same. She was very talkative and almost bubbly. She remembered me and welcomed me back with a big smile. I waited in the lobby for a colleague who was due to arrive and while I was waiting Katherine approached me. She informed me that she had been going through a difficult time in her life and had been struggling to cope with the impact of her situation for months. Her sadness and anger about her predicament took over all aspects of her life. Normally a happy-golucky girl, she morphed into Debbie Downer and it took her quite some time to claw her way back



to who she was. She thanked me for my kindness towards her in spite of the fact that she had been less than kind to me in return.

I will admit that is not always the case with me to meet rudeness with kindness. Often times, if someone throws an attitude in my direction, I give it right back to them. And really, where does that get us? If we as humans learned to show compassion in any situation, the end result would have to be a more positive and expeditious resolution. Interestingly enough, later that week I ran across a quote; "Everyone you meet is fighting a battle you know nothing about, be kind, always." Like I said, no coincidences....I met Katherine for a reason and she taught me a very important lesson. Slow down, deep breaths, be kind, and enjoy the ride!



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City Commissioner's Message

Commissioner Robert F. Stuart, City of Orlando District 3



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As sunset gets later with daylight savings time taking effect on March 8th, there are many great ways to have fun with family and friends, enjoying the many amenities of our City. Whether you are an

enthusiast of the arts, sports, outdoors or another

pastime, there is something happening for everyone.

In its 103rd year, the Central Florida Fair runs through March 8th. With something for everyone, the fair is truly an economic asset to our community, running debt-free without financial assistance from the City of Orlando or the county. For more information on this local tradition, visit centralfloridafair.com.

On Saturday, March 7th, enjoy an event that has quickly become a mainstay in our city- the Orlando Chili Cook-off (orlandochilicookoff. com). Taking place again this year at

our city's Festival Park (2911 E. Robinson Street), this is a great day of food and fun with proceeds going to great local charities! Also that weekend, on Sunday, March 8th is the College Park Neighborhood Association's annual Sunday in the Park from noon to 5 p.m. This event, brought to you entirely by neighborhood volunteers, will take place at Dartmouth Park and admission is free. Check out collegeparkorlando.org for more information

As sunset gets later with about this wonderful College Park tradition.

March is also the month when the traditional meets the inaugural... yes it is finally time for Orlando City Soccer's Major League debut. The first game will take place on March 8th against fellow expansion team New York City FC at the Citrus Bowl. Home games will also take place on March

13th, 21st and 28th. Visit orlandocitysc.com for more information.

And it's time once again for the hugely popular Leu Gardens Annual Plant Sale taking place on March 14th and 15th. Admission to the gardens is free both days. Don't forget to bring a wagon or cart to help you get all of your plant purchases to your car! For more information, go to leugardens. org.

Another great March tradition is a profession-

al golf tournament that began in Central Florida in 1966 as the Florida Citrus Open and has been steeped in Orlando history ever since. Now aptly named the Arnold Palmer Invitational for a man who has given so much of himself and his resources to our community, it takes place from March 16th through the 22nd at the Bay Hill Club and Lodge. Another one of the great benefits of having this tournament annually is the wonderful charitable connection they

have to the Arnold Palmer Medical Center campus in downtown Orlando. For more information, visit arnoldpalmerinvitational.com.

Finally, March brings to most of our school-aged youth the great tradition of Spring Break! If you are staying close to home this year, there are many great Spring Break camps being offered around town. Not only does every City community center offer camps, but our Orlando Skate Park also offers camp for our skateboard enthusiasts. Also, most of our Loch Haven amenities, including the Orlando Science Center (osc.org), Orlando Museum of Art (omart.org), and the Orlando Repertory Theatre (orlandorep.com) also offer fun, specialized camps for residents. Also, if you work downtown, the Orange County Regional History Center (thehistorycenter. org) is offering a "Folk Art" themed camp. And if you are just enjoying a staycation this year, there are many ways to enjoy quality time with your family without breaking the bank. With more than 100 City parks, including our downtown signature destination Lake Eola, our unique Orlando Wetlands Park, or our scenic Bill Frederick Park at Turkey Lake as well as Leu Gardens, you could plan a field trip every day of Spring Break and see something new right in your own backyard.

As a lifelong resident of our Great City, I truly appreciate your continued support of our one-of -a kind community and look forward to seeing you around the district this spring!

ROBERT F. STUART | COMMISSIONER, DISTRICT 3, CITY OF ORLANDO | 400 S. ORANGE AVENUE, ORLANDO, FL 32801 | 407-246-2003 |

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Maitland Mayor's Message

🔊 Mayor Howard A. Schieferdecker



Howard A. Schieferdecker

Citizens Invited to
Participate in Fiscal Year
2016 Budget Process

The City's budget year begins on October 1 and the fiscal year 2016 budget must be adopted in September. The 2016 budget period runs from

October 2015 through September 2016, and is sometimes referred to as the 2015-16 budget.

The City takes great pride in the amount of citizen and staff participation that occurs in the budget process. In February, staff members are provided with a "Budget Preparation Guide" which provides guidelines and instructions related to submitting operating budgets, capital improvement program items, and budget recommendations.

Once staff has completed their departmental assignments, the staff liaisons to various boards meet to discuss the prioritization of various projects with the respective boards. Initial operating and capital budgets are submitted by staff in March, and budget season formally kicks off with the issuance of the draft five year capital improvements program ("CIP") in April.

The CIP provides a five year funding plan for all of the city's infrastructure elements, including paving; sidewalks and bicycle trails; entry feature and streetscape; stormwater and drainage; parks and recreation improvements; water and wastewater; and City facilities. This process begins with a workshop at a Planning & Zoning Commission meeting in April.

In order to provide many opportunities to gain resident feedback prior to budget adoption in September, the City hosts a number of workshops and public meetings at City Hall from April through September. Citizen feedback from these workshops and meetings provides valuable direction to the City Council and city staff prior to finalizing the budget. All budget documents are posted to the City's website and available for citizen review prior to meetings and workshops. Below is a calendar outlining the public process used in developing the budget.

April 16, 2015:

The Central Florida Fair celebrates its 103rd year and

runs through March 8.

Planning & Zoning Commission Workshop

• Capital Improvements Program, Fiscal Years 2016 – 2020

May 7, 2015:

Planning & Zoning Commission Public Hearing

- Capital Improvements Program, Fiscal Year 2016 – 2020
- Recommendation to City Council

July 20, 2015:

City Council Workshop

- General Fund Workshop
- Presentations by City Departments

July 23, 2015:

City Council Workshop

 Cultural Partner & Maitland Public Library Budget Workshop



July 27, 2015:

City Council Meeting

- Set tentative millage rate for ad valorem taxes
- Council Decision Item
- First Reading CIP Draft

August 3, 2015:

City Council Workshop

 Budget Workshop – Community Redevelopment Agency, Stormwater Fund, Water & Sewer Fund, and Solid Waste Fund

August 24, 2015:

City Council Meeting

• Council Decision: Set Stormwater Rate

September 14, 2015:

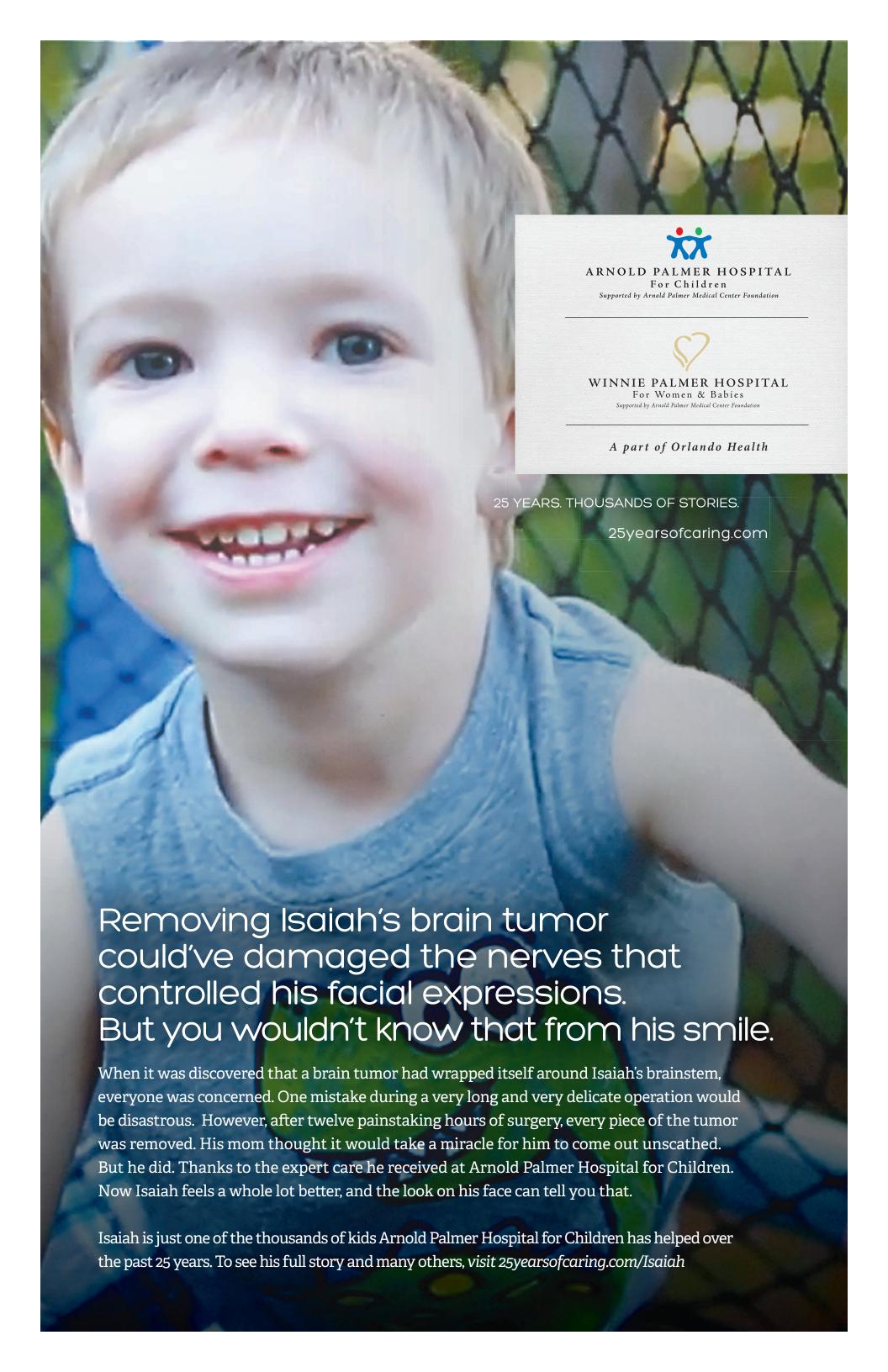
City Council Meeting

- Council Decisions Truth in millage compliance
- First Reading of Tentative Budget and Solid Waste Rates

September 28, 2015:

City Council Meeting

Public Hearing and Second Reading –
 Millage Adoption, Final Budget Adoption,
 Solid Waste Rates, Adoption of Capital
 Improvements Program FY 2016-2020.



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County Commissioner's Message

Commissioner Ted B. Edwards, Orange County, District 5



Ted B Edwards

Orange County government offers many services with which taxpayers may not be familiar. Last month, I highlighted several of these programs

available for communities through Orange County's Neighborhood Preservation and Revitalization Division. This month, I will highlight lesser-known programs and services that may be of use to you and your family.

Orange County has assistance available to victims of consumer fraud. The county's Consumer Fraud Office reviews citizen complaints and works to resolve these complaints through mediation. Consumer complaints are assigned to an investigator for review and mediation. If warranted, complaints may be referred to the State Attorney's Office for criminal prosecution. However, the Consumer Fraud Office is not able to mediate all types of consumer complaints; these cases are forwarded to the correct agency for further review. To learn how more about the Consumer Fraud Office or to file a claim, please call 407-836-2490.

Orange County partners with area public schools, government agencies, churches, grassroots organizations, and non-profit service providers to operate the Neighborhood Center for Families. The centers are funded through the Orange County Citizens' Commission for Children and provide services such as health screen-

ings, nursing assessments, health education, counseling, back-to-school immunizations and other types of family support services. Two NCF facilities are located in the District 5 communities of Union Park and Bithlo. For more information on services and the location of a Neighborhood Center for Families near you, please visit http://www.orangecountyfl.net/Families,HealthSocialSvcs/

FamilySupportServices.aspx.

Orange County also operates afterschool and summer programs for children. The After School Zone provides a safe, educational environment for middle school students that stresses both prevention and early intervention of negative behaviors such as alcohol and tobacco and crime. This program has been extremely popular with parents and has grown from 17 locations in 1999 to 28 in 2012.



The After School Zone is offered free of charge throughout first and second semesters of the school year and a similar program, Summer Zone, is available for a nominal fee for five weeks over the summer. Orange County funds and operates the After School and Summer Zone programs in collaboration with Orange County Public Schools, Boys & Girls Clubs

of Central Florida, Central Florida

YMCA, and the Federation of Con-

gregations United to Serve (FOCUS),

a faith based initiative. For informa-

tion on eligibility, enrollment, and program locations, please contact the Orange County Family Services Department at 407-836-7658.

Orange County is dedicated to protecting and enriching the lives of its residents. As always, if you have any questions or concerns about any these county programs or any other issue facing Orange County, 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. Have a safe and healthy month of March!





Citizen Police Academy At The Winter Park Police Department

WINTER PARK

The Winter Park Police Department is taking applications for its upcoming 2015 Citizen's Police Academy. The Citizen's Police Academy is a commitment of every Tuesday night for eleven weeks. In addition to the eleven weeks of

classroom training during the Academy, a patrol ride-along is scheduled at the participant's convenience and a Saturday class is conducted that focuses on firearms training. A Citizen's Police Academy experience is

an all-encompassing view of the daily operations of Winter Park's Police Department and while getting to know various members of the agency, participants will learn about Patrol and Special Operations, Criminal Investigations, Street Crimes, Community Services, Traffic and Parking Enforcement, K-9, SWAT and Hostage Negotiations and School Resource among

many others.

The class is open to all Winter Park residents, business owners and community stakeholders and is limited to 30 participants. A minimum background check must be completed satisfactorily. The Citizen's Police Academy will be held from

March 24 through June 2, 2015 from 6p.m. – 9p.m. All classes are held at the Winter Park Police Department.

Upon successful completion of the classes and training you will receive a certificate of atten-

dance and various complimentary treasures from the Winter Park Police Department.

This is just one of the many special programs offered free of charge to the community; please consider joining us! To sign-up for the Citizen's Academy please visit www.wppd.org/csd/cpa.asp. We look forward to seeing you there!

Sign Up



Grant H. Cornwell Named 15th President Of Rollins College

The Rollins College Board of Trustees has elected Grant H. Cornwell as the 15th president of Rollins College.

Cornwell, who currently serves as president of The College of Wooster in Wooster, Ohio, will begin his Rollins presidency July 1. President-elect Cornwell was officially introduced to the Rollins faculty, staff and students on Friday, February 20, in front of Mills Memorial Hall on the Rollins College campus.

"Grant Cornwell is a national and international champion of liberal education, an education especially tuned to Rollins' mission of global citizenship and responsible leadership," said David Lord, chairman of the Rollins College Board of Trustees. "He comes to Rollins after eight years as president of The College of Wooster, a top liberal arts college, where he was able to build a common vision through strategic planning and a collaborative approach that involved the entire college community. Cornwell's skills will build on Rollins' successes and grow the College's reputation as a distinguished liberal arts college."

Cornwell has been president of Wooster since 2007. Under his leadership, Wooster developed an ongoing approach to strategic planning that has helped the college adapt to the changing higher education environment. He is credited with advancing Wooster's diversity and global engagement and with greatly



Rollins College President Grant H. Cornwell - photo courtesy of Rollins College

strengthening new student recruitment efforts that have led to new records for admission applications for the last three years.

"Rollins is situated to be a global liberal arts college," said Cornwell. "We bring faculty, students and staff together from very diverse backgrounds and points of view, and that is what creates excellence in liberal learning in the 21st century. What we understand to be liberal education is a much more dynamic and globally engaged project than it has been in the past, focusing on preparing students for lives of responsible leadership in a diverse and interdependent world. Rollins' location provides educational opportunities that speak directly to this evolving mission. Everyone I've

talked to has expressed a passion for the College and a driving desire to see it thrive and succeed. Rollins, with its four schools, resources and organizational structure, is positioned to make bold, forward progress."

Cornwell's appointment is the culmination of a national search that began last summer, following President Lewis Duncan's stepping down as president in June. Craig McAllaster, former dean of Rollins' Crummer Graduate School of Business, will continue his service as acting president until Cornwell takes office.

Nationally recognized for his work in defining a liberal arts education in a global environment, Cornwell serves on the Council on Foreign Relations' Global Literacy Advisory

Board. He is a member of the board of directors of the Association of American Colleges and Universities. He has also served on the American Council on Education's Commission on International Initiatives and the national advisory panel for the Association of Governing Boards' project on Faculty and Institutional Governance. He is a co-author of "An Education for the Twenty-First Century: Stewardship of the Global Commons," which appeared in AAC&U's Liberal Education, and has written extensively about multiculturalism, comparative race and racism, diversity, and global citizenship.

Cornwell is married to Marguerite (Peg) Kelsey Cornwell, who brings 23 years of professional college administration experience. At St. Lawrence, Peg served as director of career planning and subsequently as director of the Leadership Academy, a program devoted to developing students' capacities for responsible leadership. At Wooster, Peg served as associate to the president for community, trustee and parent relations, creating a 250-member Parents Leadership Council and playing an active role in the college's internal and external relations. The Cornwells approach his presidency as a partnership and look forward to becoming a part of the Rollins and Winter Park communities. They have two sons, Tosh and Kelsey.

STEVE LEARY

In the case of the Cynthia MacKinnon camp's recent mailer battering opponent Steven Leary for donations seemingly linked to a prominent Winter Park development, some of the statements — sourced from an article from the Observer — have already been corrected in the original article online, yet were still used in the mailer.

One substantial correction to the article that was left out of the MacKinnon campaign's mailer, which relieves Leary of a charge that he voted to add density to the Ravaudage project, is that the vote he participated in concurrently removed building height from another part of the project, effectively nullifying any density changes to the project.

Quotes from Ravaudage developer Dan Bellows and Steven Leary, also part of the online version of the story before the MacKinnon mailer went out, included statements from Leary that he had actively avoided campaign donations directly from Bellows, and from Bellows, stating that the story overstated connections between him and the LLCs in question. Voters should know that they're not getting the whole story in the MacKinnon mailer.



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Winter Park Cheerleaders Named National Champs!

More than 15,000 of the country's top high school cheerleaders and dancers competed in the National High School Cheerleading and Dance Team Championships in February and the Winter Park High School cheerleaders won the Medium Varsity Division I title. The cheerleading championship took place Feb. 7 - 8 and the dance championship the previous weekend of Jan. 31 - Feb. 1, both at Walt Disney World Resort in Orlando, Florida.

The two-day events hosted 12,000 cheerleaders from 645 teams and nearly 5,000 dancers from 345 teams. Cheerleading teams are judged on their stunting and tumbling skills, crowd-leading abilities and overall performance, while the dance competition is judged on choreography, technique, execution and overall effect. Teams competing in the championship had to qualify at a regional event in order to participate.

"The growth in championship participation each year is a testament to the popularity of cheerleading and dance, and we are honored to continue to provide this showcase for such hard work and dedication," said Jeff Webb, CEO of Varsity Spirit, the organization that has hosted the events since the early 1980s.

Varsity Spirit will be posting segments of each performance on www.varsity.com so fans can watch



Bottom row (L to R): Jayssa Cayo, Meghann Vick, Ally Rose, Monique Dyer, Maegan Feeser, Morgan Vick, Paige Stafne, Cristina Cristy. Top Row (L to R): Head Coach Angela Austin, Walker Legler, Rebecca Klafter, Hailey Adams, Kyra Ashcraft, Elizabeth Hunpatin, Serena LeMand, Alexa Ben-Zeev, Bailey Cain, Brittney Strait, Coach Robin McCormick.

their favorite teams. The competitions will also air on ESPNU and ESPN2 starting in late March and will continue through mid-April. Viewers can check their local listings for air times.

More than 50,000 spectators attended the national championship events, with performances at four different venues within the ESPN Wide World of Sports Complex and one stage at Hollywood Studios, all on the grounds Walt Disney World Resort.

The Universal Cheerleaders Association and Universal Dance Association are dedicated to the safe and responsible practice of cheerleading and dance, and all teams participating in the National High School Cheerleading and Dance Team Championships comply with the American Association of Cheerleading Coaches and Administrators' safety guidelines.

ADVERTISER SPOTLIGHT

New Active Senior Living Community Coming To Baldwin Park

Over the next five years, the population of senior adults in Orlando is expected to grow at nearly twice the rate of overall population growth, according to a Nielsen Claritas report. In Orange County alone, the number of senior adults age 75 and older is expected to increase by 3.3 percent. In this growing cohort of older adults, many wish to downsize or avoid the headaches of home ownership, as well as enjoy the peace of mind of knowing that additional care is available. Westminster Communities of Florida, the largest not-for-profit provider of senior living communities in Florida, is pleased to announce a new community in Baldwin Park to offer older adults in Winter Park and Orlando active, maintenance-free senior living with amenities like a state-of-the-art fitness center, outdoor swimming pool, and beautiful dining room.

This new campus - Westminster Baldwin Park will be located on the shore of Lake Baldwin. Westminster Baldwin Park will feature 165 spacious apartment homes with stunning water views. As a satellite campus to Westminster Winter Park, formerly known as Winter three-bedroom apartment homes, will be available. Park Towers, residents will also have access to all of the just half a mile away.

phases, with the first phase projected to open in early 2017. The first phase will offer 80 new apartment homes. A variety of floor plan options, including spacious one-, two- and

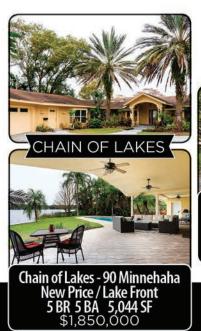


Residences at Westminster Baldwin Park will have acgreat amenities and services the main campus offers, cess to supportive services and the added assurance of a full continuum of health care services. The community Westminster Baldwin Park will be developed in two will also include 40 private, state-of-the-art accommodations for short-term physical rehabilitation or recovery stays following hospitalization.

Working on the project with Westminster Winter Park

are architecture firms Fugleberg Koch, PLLC, and Bessolo Design Group, Inc.

"We are so delighted to be extending our Mission of service at Westminster Winter Park to serve senior adults in Baldwin Park," said the Westminster Communities of Florida's Chief Executive Officer Roger Stevens. For more information please visit www.westminsterretirement.com



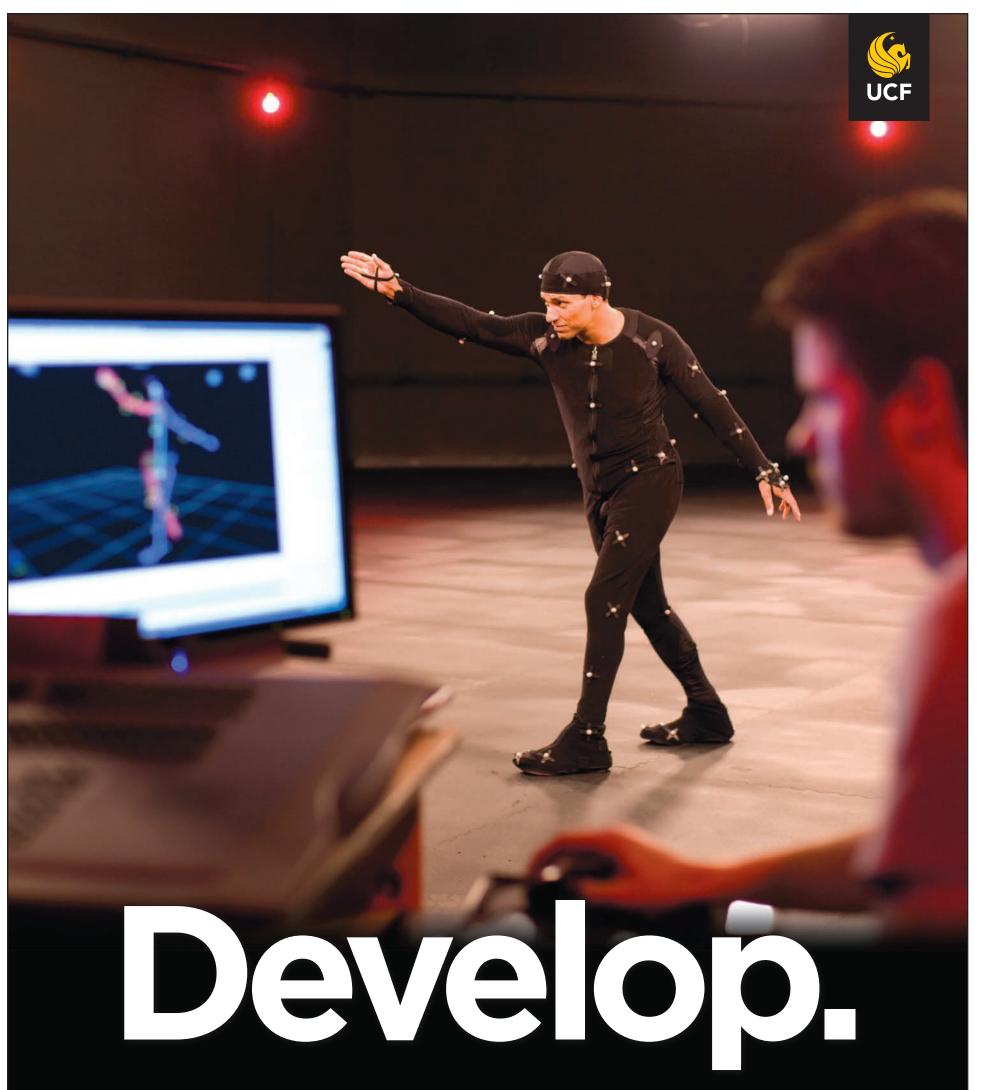






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Created in partnership with Electronic Arts to develop a digital media workforce, UCF's Florida Interactive Entertainment Academy in downtown Orlando is ranked the No. 2 graduate game design program in the country. Its graduates find jobs at Electronic Arts as well as Google, Lockheed Martin, Disney, Sony and Microsoft — earning an average salary of \$60,359.

To learn more about how Orlando's hometown university is fueling the region's creative economy, visit ucf.edu/partnerships.

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CHECK <u>THE RECORD</u>

WHO OPPOSED A LARGER APARTMENT COMPLEX ON DENNING?

Cynthia MacKinnon NO

Out of 3 public meetings, MacKinnon never spoke at a single one, nor did she write the Commission to protest the development.

(Planning & Zoning Minutes 9/11/2012) (City Commission Minutes: 9/24/2012) (City Commission Minutes: 10/8/2012)

Steve Leary



Steve worked with City staff to negotiate a reduction of 74,000 square feet from the apartment complex property. A prior Commission and plan gave the developer entitlements to a much larger project, <u>before</u> Steve was even elected.

(City Commission Minutes: 9/24/2012)

Steve Leary is the <u>only</u> candidate that worked to reduce the size of the high density apartment building.



Mayflower President And CEO Named Winter Park Citizen Of The Year



David McGuffin, president and CEO of The Mayflower Retirement Community (center) with Tom Kelley (left) and Patrick Chapin (right) of the Winter Park Chamber of Commerce.

David McGuffin, president and CEO of The Mayflower Retirement Community, was recently named the Lydia Gardner Citizen of the Year by the Winter Park Chamber of Commerce. The chamber's Membership Awards Celebration, held Feb. 6, honored the members and volunteers who make the organization and Winter Park community exceptional.

Since taking the helm of The Mayflower as executive director in 1989, Mc-Guffin has nurtured the relationship between the continuing care retirement community and the City of Winter Park. Over the years, McGuffin has forged ties through strategic partnerships, civic involvement and philanthropy.

Under McGuffin's leadership, The Mayflower formed an innovative, award-winning lifelong learning program with Rollins College; has supported projects to preserve Winter Park history and help those in need; and fostered an active partnership with the Winter Park Chamber, which honored The Mayflower as "Business of the Year" in 2010.

"David is a doer, an innovator, a visionary and a relationship builder," says Jana Ricci, The Mayflower's marketing director. "But, at the same time, he is caring, humble and down-to-earth. There's nobody like him! This honor is a testament to the impact David has made on our community."

Mayor Dyer Announces New Fire Chief

Mayor Buddy Dyer of Orlando announced the retirement of Orlando Fire Chief John Miller after 27 years of service to the citizens of Orlando. Mayor Dyer has appointed Roderick Williams, a 19-year OFD veteran, to succeed Miller and serve Orlando as the new chief of the Orlando Fire Department.

"Chief John Miller has a long and outstanding history with our fire department," said Mayor Dyer. "He has provided strong leadership over the past five years as fire chief, leading the department to a renewal of its Class 1 rating from the Insurance Services Office (ISO) and achieving International Accreditation from the Commission on Fire Accreditation International (CFAI) – making the Orlando Fire Department one of only 15 departments in the nation to have both."

Effective April 1, 2015, the newly-appointed Fire Chief Roderick Williams will oversee the day-to-day operations of the depart-



ment and serve as chief counsel to the mayor in matters of public safety. During his 19-year tenure with the Orlando Fire Department, Williams has worked in many capacities including

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Phone Scams

By Georgeanna Butler - Neighborhood & Business Watch Specialist for the Orlando Police Department

Every year, thousands of people lose money to telephone scams – from a few dollars to their life savings. Scammers will say anything to cheat people out of money. Some seem very friendly – calling you by your first name, making small talk, and asking about your family. They may claim to work for a company you trust, or they may send mail or place ads to convince you to call them.

If you get a call from someone you don't know who is trying to sell you something you hadn't planned to buy, say, "No thanks." And if they pressure you about giving up personal information – like your credit card or Social Security number – it's likely a scam. Hang up and report it

to the Federal Trade Commission at ftc.gov/complaint.

For more information about specific scams and topics, check out these FTC resources:

- ftc.gov/scams
- ftc.gov/robocalls
- ftc.gov/charityfraud
- ftc.gov/travelscams
- ftc.gov/bizopps

The Orlando Police Department offers free Neighborhood Watch training to all City of Orlando neighborhoods, apartment complexes, and condominium communities. For information on how to start or join Neighborhood Watch please call the Orlando Police Department Neighborhood Watch Unit at 407-246-2369.



Anchors Away!



Quartermaster 3rd Class Alexander Kovac, a native of Orlando stationed aboard the amphibious assault ship USS Makin Island (LHD 8), hoists the ship's flag as the ship departs Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam after a scheduled port visit. Makin Island, the flagship of the

Makin Island Amphibious Ready Group, is returning to homeport San Diego from a seven-month deployment to the Western Pacific and the U.S. Central Command areas of responsibility. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 3rd Class Dennis Grube/Released)

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serving as deputy chief for both the Fire Administrative Services Bureau. He has also served as assistant chief in Administration focusing on key technology upgrades and improvements, worked in the Field Operations Bureau directly serving Orlando citizens, and in the Training Division with responsibilities over recruitment, hiring and the Field Training Officer Program.

Williams was born and raised in Orlando and is a graduate of Jones High School.

Filling the vacancy left by Chief Williams, Mayor Dyer is appointing Keith Maddox to the role of deputy chief. Maddox has been with the Orlando Fire Department for 22 years and previously served as assistant chief.

The appointment of Chief Williams went before the Orlando City Council on February 23, 2015 for confirmation.



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A "Call To Action" For Great American Cleanup

Keep Winter Park Beautiful (KWPB) is proud to announce a "Call to Action" for community volunteer groups for two events on Saturday, April 11. Please join us for the "Drive it Home - Keep Our Paradise Litter Free Trash Off" and the Lake Virginia Watershed Cleanup. All groups that participate in these efforts will be recognized at the annual Earth Day event planned for Sunday, April 19.

In conjunction with the Great American Cleanup, the city is hosting a local event in support of the Florida

As part of Earth Month this April, Department of Transportation's "Drive it Home - Keep Our Paradise Litter Free Trash Off" campaign on Saturday, April 11. Businesses, neighborhoods, church groups and sports teams are encouraged to coordinate their own "Trash Off" with activities such as beautifying parks, cleaning waterways, removing graffiti, planting trees, and picking up litter. In other words, anything that keeps your community beautiful! KWPB will provide supplies, based upon the expected number of participants, including t-shirts (limited supply available), trash bags,

litter grabbers, gloves, and safety vests. Group leaders will receive all details and a reporting form when they register by calling 407 599-3364 or emailing sustainability@cityofwinterpark.org.

In addition to the "Trash Off," The the Lake Virginia Watershed Cleanup is Saturday, April 11, from 8 to 11 a.m. Volunteers willing to help clean up litter in and around the lake shoreline are encouraged to register at cityofwinterpark.org/kwpb by clicking on the Volunteer tab.

The Great American Cleanup is a nationwide program that encourages individuals and organizations to get involved in their communities. Each spring, millions of citizens volunteer to clean and beautify their community. The City of Winter Park has an extensive history of enthusiastic residents volunteering and giving back to their community. As a result, future generations will be able to enjoy the beauty of the "City of Culture and Heritage" for vears to come.

For more detailed information regarding the cleanup events, please call the 407-599-3364 or email agulden@ cityofwinterpark.org.

Rollins College Is A Top Producer Of U.S. Fulbright Students

The Fulbright Program is the U.S. government's flagship international educational exchange program. Top-producing institutions are highlighted annually in The Chronicle of Higher Education. Eight students from Rollins College won Fulbright awards for 2014-15, and according to The Chronicle's list, Rollins produced the second highest number of student recipients based on institution type - more than any other university in Florida. Since receiving its first Fulbright Award in 1951, Rollins has produced a total of 57 recipients (32 of whom have been named since 2006). This is the fourth time in six years that Rollins has been one of the top producers of U.S. Fulbright Students among master's institutions.

"We're delighted that Rollins has once again been identified as a top producer of Fulbright Students," said Rollins' acting president, Craig McAllaster. "It is a point of pride that our students have been successful in competing for such prestigious international awards, and it is a testament to the quality of a Rollins education."

The Fulbright competition is administered at Rollins College through the Office of External and Competitive Scholarships under the direction of Jay Shivamoggi.

"Rollins mission of global citizenship and responsible leadership definitely makes our students naturally qualified applicants," Shivamoggi said. "In addition, our faculty develop close and collaborative relationships with students and work closely to guide them during the competitive scholarship application process."

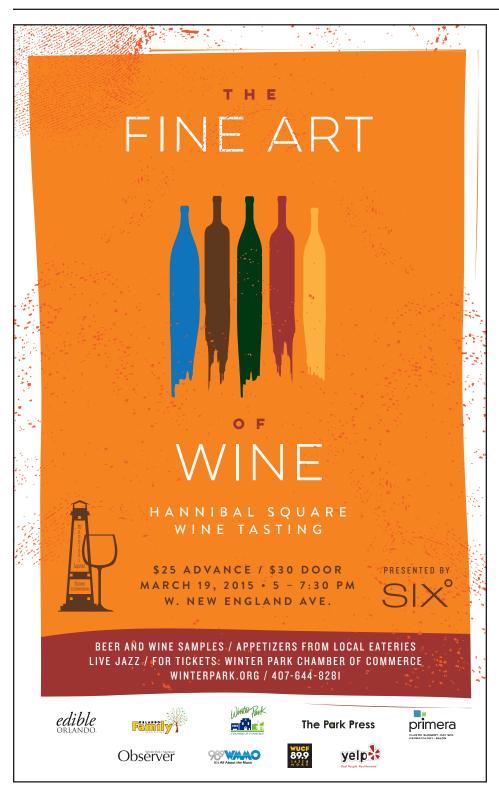
Since its inception in 1946, the Ful-



bright Program has provided more than 360,000 participants—chosen for their academic merit and leadership potential — with the opportunity to exchange ideas and contribute to finding solutions to shared international concerns. Over 1,800 U.S. students, artists and young professionals in more than 100 different fields of study are offered Fulbright Program

grants to study, teach English, and conduct research annually. The Fulbright U.S. Student Program operates in over 140 countries throughout the world. Lists of Fulbright recipients are available at: www.fulbrightonline.org/us.

For more information about the Fulbright Program, visit http://eca. state.gov/fulbright.





Winter Park Sidewalk Art Festival

March 20, 21 and 22, 2015

About The Artist John Carollo

John Carollo began studying watercolor at the University of North

Texas under the instruction of the internationally-renowned artist Rob Erdle. His initial goal of producing realistic works changed after a summer study trip to Europe. During the course of the journey, and continuing upon his return, John's work took on an increasingly expressive, stylistic flair, meant to convey the mood, emotion, and essence of a scene rather than a literal interpretation of what the eyes might be recording. His loose, free-flowing style allows the water and paint to often move on its own with minor guidance, in a technique he calls Controlled Chaos. The end result showcases watercolor's unique properties of translucency and atmospheric effect.

Since 2005, John has shown his work at numerous venues in Texas, Georgia and the Central Florida area, including the CityArts Factory, Maitland Art Center, and Mount Dora Center for the Arts, as well as through collaboration with Voci modern dance company. In both 2007 and 2012 he was awarded United Arts of Central Florida Artist Development Grants, for his work with large-scale watercolor (over 6') and 3D kinetic sculpture. The latter area has been a continuing source of exploration for the artist, with his work evolving from shaped paper and wire constructions to very large suspended pieces



created from hand-painted silk, twisted aluminum and stainless steel.

Beginning in 2010, much of John's creative energy has gone into *The Figure As Vehicle*, a traveling two-person collaborative exhibition with sculptor Marsha De Broske. Containing nearly 50 works by the two artists, all featuring the human figure in various interpretations, the show portrays the body as a vehicle for conveying messages to the viewer through mood, contemplation, personal connection and understanding.

The creation process of Emily's Light, the painting used on the poster of the 56th Annual Winter Park Sidewalk Art Festival was recorded, and will be viewable on John's Youtube channel: www.youtube.com/user/nakedeye32801 before the festival begins.

John currently lives on Lake Killarney in Orlando. For more information please visit www. nakedeyestudios.com.

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The 56th Annual

Winter Park Sidewalk Art Festival

About The Festival

he Winter Park Sidewalk Art Festival is one of the nation's oldest and largest outdoor art festivals. The show is held in Central Park, and surrounding streets are closed during the festival to allow for foot traffic only. Artists' booths nestle under large oak trees in the park and line Winter Park's Park Avenue, the heart of downtown with brick streets, boutique shops, and outdoor cafes and bistros. The first Winter Park Sidewalk Art Festival debuted in March 1960 as a community project to bring local artists and art lovers together. The festival is produced by an all-volunteer board and draws more than 350,000 visitors each year. This year, more than 1,100 artists from around the world applied for entry. An independent panel of three judges selected the 225 artists exhibiting their works. The festival was also recognized as "Central Florida's Best Festival" Orlando Magazine, 2013; "Can't Miss" Arts Event," Orlando Life, 2013; and "Best Winter Park Event/Festival" The Winter Park Chamber of Commerce and Winter Park/ Maitland Observer, 2013.

The wide variety of art is grouped into categories that include clay, digital art, drawing & pastels, fiber, glass, graphics & printmaking, jewelry, leather, metal, mixed media, painting, photography, sculpture, watercolor, and wood.

The artists in each of these categories are competing for 63 awards totaling \$72,500, with the Best of Show being awarded \$10,000. The Winter Park Sidewalk Art Festival Committee purchases the Best of Show art and donates it to the City of Winter Park, and all previous Best of Show winners are on permanent display at the Winter Park Public Library. There are also 10 Awards of Excellence; each is \$2,000. There are 20 Awards of Distinction; each is \$1,000 and there are 30 Awards of Merit; each is \$500. In addition, a \$2,500 Award for a Distinguished Work of Art is presented through the Charles Hosmer Morse Museum of American Art. A \$5,000 "Art of Philanthropy" purchase award is presented by the Edyth Bush Charitable Foundation.

The panel of judges for this year's festival includes Kate Maury, full-time professor in the School of Art and Design at the University of Wisconsin – Stout who resides in St. Paul, Minn.; Phyllis Stapler, nationally recognized artist for paintings of reductive compositions and flattened forms of animals and plants and resides in the Southwest; and Blair Ward Doubet, who has been focused professionally on craftsmanship in the visual arts for over 30 years and has exhibited ceramic sculptures both nationally and internationally, and is a professor of art on Tennessee Tech University's main campus.

2014 Festival Schedule

Friday, March 20 and Saturday March 21: 9 am - 6 pm

Sunday, March 22: 9 am - 5 pm

Entertainment Schedule March 20 – Friday:

4:30-4:45 p.m....TBA 4:45-5:15 p.m....Kenny McKenzie 7:15-9:00 p.m...Sisaundra Lewis

March 21 – Saturday:

10:00 to 10:45 a.m. Paint it Black (classical)
11:00 to 11:30 a.m. TBA
11:45 to 12:30 p.m. TBA
12:45 to 1:45 p.m. The Sidewalk Concert Band
2:00 to 3:00 p.m. Biana Pinchuk
3:15 to 4:15 p.m. TBA
4:30 to 6:00 p.m. Shades of Gray

March 22 - Sunday:

10:00 to 10:45 a.m. TBA
11:15 to 11:45 p.m. Makeshift
12:00 to 12:30 p.m. Bach Children's Choir
12:45 to 1:00 p.m. Biana Pinchuk
12:45 to 1:30 p.m. Matt Weimuller
1:45 to 2:30 p.m. Patchouli
3:00-4:30 pm The Benny Goodman Band

Parking

There are no designated parking lots for festival attendees. Parking is available on all of the side streets surrounding the downtown area where the festival is held. There are also a number of parking lots on the surrounding streets that charge a nominal fee by the day and are run by charitable organizations (Boy Scouts, church youth groups, etc.).

Disabled Parking

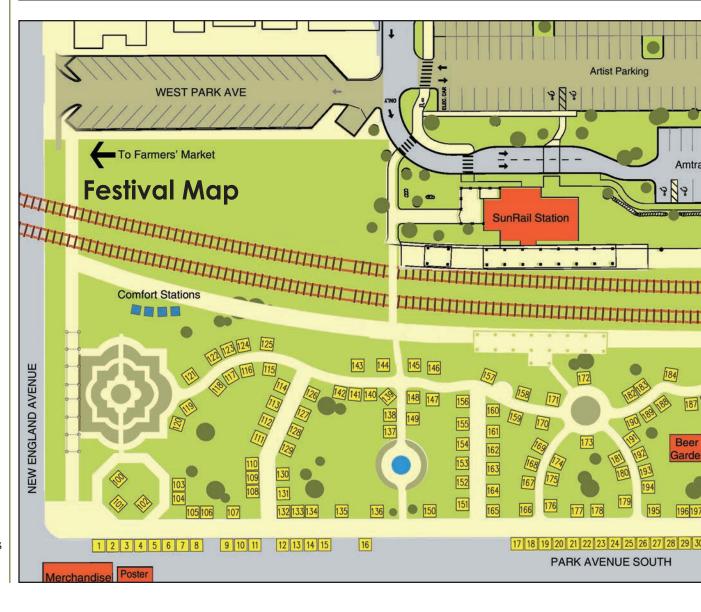
A limited number of disabled parking spaces are available on North Park Avenue between Canton and Garfield. This area is barricaded and a Winter Park police officer will allow entrance to anyone with a disabled parking hang tag.

To access this area, proceed north on New York Avenue and turn right onto Canton Ave. or proceed north on Interlachen Avenue and turn left onto Canton Ave.

Complimentary Bike Valet

Enjoy the festival while your bike is safely monitored. Located on Morse Boulevard across the street from the Amtrack Station parking lot, a free bike valet service is provided during festival hours by the Winter Park Pedestrian and Bicycle Advisory Board.





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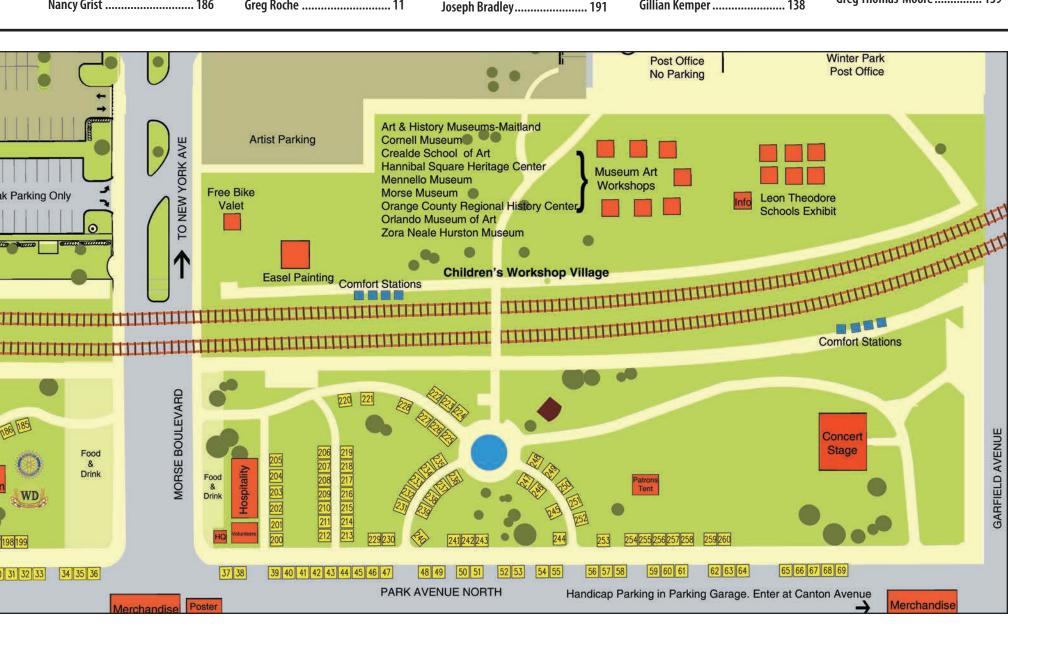
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pop culture detours by George McGowan

Better Call George For Your More Obscure Pop Culture Ideas

After a month packed full of award shows and the Saturday Night Live 40th anniversary special, it is up to me to restock your shelves with some more obscure picks for your March pop culture. Some are so obscure that you may need to borrow a CD from me. But you better not scratch it up or lose it!

Many of you who read me regularly know about my ardor for a good cover song - songs originally and distinctively by one artist but "covered" in a unique and interesting way by another. Well, I hit the covers jackpot recently when I stumbled (metaphorically) onto a cover of the old Donovan tune, "Season of the Witch," by my favorite guitarist and folk icon Richard Thompson on You Tube. After hearing this slow-burn version of the tune, I began my obsessive look to find the song online for streaming. Alas and alack, it is not available on Spotify! So, where did this tune come from? Amazingly, it is on an album of music from the old NBC television series, "Crossing Jordan," which aired from 2001 to 2007. In 2003, a soundtrack album (primarily of cover songs) was executive produced by T Bone Burnett, better known as the curator of music for movies such as "Oh Brother, Where Art Thou?," "Crazy

Heart," and "Walk the Line." The album also includes Alison Krauss singing the Blind Faith song "Can't Find My Way Home" and Lucinda Williams singing Tom Waits' "Hang Down Your Head." I was able to find this obscurity for sale on Amazon and I quickly gobbled it up for the covers collection.

2015 is the 30th anniversary (!) of the daily comic strip "Calvin and Hobbes" which was only in print for ten years before its creator Bill Watterson removed himself from public view in 1995. Like J.D. Salinger

before him, Mr. Watterson does not do any publicity and remains unavailable for interviews or anniversary celebrations Mr. Watterson remains silent about his life and is one of the very few cartoonists who has never licensed

their creation for use on tee shirts, lunch boxes, or an animated television series or special. Some have estimated that such licensing would be worth hundreds of millions of dollars. Those stickers of Calvin doing nasty things to car logos on the

back of certain trucks driving down the road are an unlicensed use of the beloved Calvin. For an interesting look into Calvin and Hobbes and its creator, check out the movie "Dear Mr. Watterson" which is available on Netflix. While it is an unauthorized look at the man and his creation, it is interesting enough for those of you who miss the irascible Calvin and precocious Hobbes.

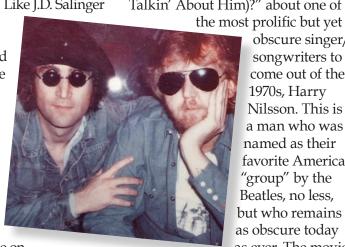
Back to the music front, Netflix offers streaming of the movie "Who Is Nilsson (And Why is Everyone Talkin' About Him)?" about one of

> obscure singer/ songwriters to come out of the 1970s, Harry Nilsson. This is a man who was named as their favorite American "group" by the Beatles, no less, but who remains as obscure today as ever. The movie covers the man and

his music in great detail and you will be surprised to learn exactly how far-reaching his legacy has been. Just a quick look at his Wikipedia page reveals that he

has won two Grammys, one for his cover of "Everybody's Talking" for the movie Midnight Cowboy. His music was sprinkled throughout the 70s in many forms – he wrote many songs for the TV show The Monkees, his song "One" was made famous by Three Dog Night, and perhaps most infamously he and his good buddy John Lennon were ejected from the Troubadour nightclub in West Hollywood for drunken heckling of the Smothers Brothers. For anyone with an interest in the 1970s and the madness that can manifest itself in the tortured artist, the life and times of Harry Nilsson is a prime example.

Finally, another month, another amazing album of music is released. In February, it was "Tomorrow Is My Turn" from Rhiannon Giddens. Ms. Giddens is a founding member of the Grammy award-winning band the Carolina Chocolate Drops, who has been resurrecting country, blues and old time standards for reinterpretation and reintroduction to today's audiences. Her first solo album is close to perfect, and interestingly, she is also being guided in this stage of her career by T Bone Burnett. Her cover of the Dolly Parton tune, "Don't Let It Trouble Your Mind" is masterful.



John Lennon and Harry Nilsson

theater in the parks by Barbara Solomon

Close But No Cigar

HENRY V WRITTEN BY WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE **DIRECTED BY JIM HELSINGER** STARRING JOHN KELLER

Orlando Shakes continues its winning season of great shows! Henry V takes place in the early 15th century in both England and France. It is the historical telling- as only Shakespeare can- of how the British army, led by Henry, conquers part of France against all odds. They are ill and outnumbered, and yet they prevail. Maybe because they have such a great leader in Henry, who is brave yet gentle. His famous battle cry, "Once more into the breach" is still used today, 500 years later.

The acting was top notch! Three outstanding performers were John Keller as Henry V, Kate Ingraham as the Duke of York, and Stephen Lima as the Duke of Bedford. John Keller is one of my favorite Shakes actors, starring in Dracula last year. His forceful portrayal of Henry and the comic portrayal of the fopish French Dauphin made this a memorable show. Stephen Lima's strong voice and wonderful cadence was Shakespeare at its best. However, my favorite was the

incomparable Kate Ingram. Whether emoting emotionally as Mistress Nell, comically as a lady-in-waiting, or regally as the French King, she takes center stage and makes it her own.

The set was perfect, reminiscent of the Globe. The costumes were amazing, right down to the leather belts and mail gauntlets. I love the idea of red accessories for the British and blue for the French--it made the duality of the roles much less confusing for the audience. But, as usual, Director Jim Helsinger could not leave well enough alone, and by that I mean he has to take Shakespeare and make it something it should not be. What do I mean by that? Modern tennis balls rolling around the Shakespearean stage and into the audience. Pictures from 20th century wars on movie screens. Jim, at least you set this in the 15th century instead of mid-century America or the Wild, Wild West. When can we have a truly straight Shakespearean play at the Orlando Shakespeare Theatre? I'm praying it will be my favorite, The Tempest, next season.

Playing through March 22 at Orlando Shakes, Loch Haven Park. For more information call 407-447-1700.



The Winter Park

BARB'S BEST BETS FOR MARCH: A DAY IN HOLLYWOOD, A NIGHT IN THE UKRAINE AT THE WINTER PARK PLAYHOUSE; BOEING, BOEING AT THE GARDEN THEATRE; AND THE PHILADELPHIA STORY AT THE MAD COW THEATRE.

Orlando Shakespeare Theater Unveils Its 27th Season

Artistic director, Jim Helsinger, and managing director PJ Albert announced the nine productions that will comprise Orlando Shakespeare Theater in Partnership with UCF's upcoming 2015-2016 season. Featuring a riotous Broadway musical, two re-imagined Shakespeare classics, and stories ripped from the pages of today's most popular children's books, the nationally acclaimed theater's 27th season offers something for every audience in Central Florida and beyond.

Monty Python's SPAMALOT will headline the upcoming season. Winner of three Tony Awards



including "Best Musical", the saucy musical parody tells the legendary tale of King Arthur and the Knights of the Round Table on a quest for the Holy Grail. Phantom of the Opera veteran Davis Gaines returns as King Arthur, following his celebrated portrayal of Javert in 2014's Les Misérables.

Keeping to its roots as a classical Shakespeare festival, the Theater will offer The Tempest and Pericles during its Classic Repertory Series in spring 2016. Audiences haven't seen the fantastical favorite The Tempest since 2002, while Pericles has never before been produced by Orlando Shakes, bringing the Theater closer to its goal of finishing William Shakespeare's canon.

Following up 2014's acclaimed production of The Best of Enemies, Orlando Shakes has teamed up once again with playwright Mark St. Germain to produce another moving new play, Dancing Lessons. Two other contemporary plays Vanya and Sonia and Masha and Spike (2013 Tony Award for Best Play) and Bakersfield Mist (2012 Elliot Norton Award for

Best New Play) are also included in the 27th Season.

The 2015-2016 Children's Series includes family-friendly productions: the updated fairy tale The Frog and the Princess, a time traveling adventure Magic Tree House: A Ghost Tale for Mr. Dickens, and the toetapping new musical Elephant and Piggie's: "We're in a Play!".

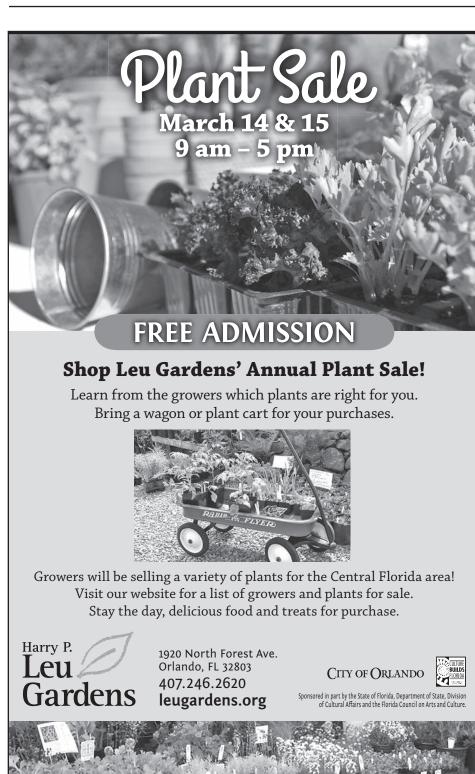


"We're thrilled to continue our partnership with Mary Pope Osborne and her beloved Magic Tree House series," said Director of Education Anne Hering. "Our record-breaking production of A Night in New Orleans: A Magic Tree House Adventure entertained over 15,000 guests in 2013. We can't wait to go back in time on another adventure with Jack and Annie next season."

Orlando Shakespeare Theater is supported by United Arts of Central Florida, host of power2give. org/centralflorida, and the collaborative Campaign for the Arts. Orlando Shakespeare Theater is also sponsored in part by the State of Florida, Department of State, Division of Cultural Affairs, and the Florida Council on Arts and Culture.

> Single tickets to all other productions in Orlando Shakespeare Theater's 27th season go on sale Tuesday, June 16, but subscriptions can be purchased now by calling (407) 447-1700 ext. 1 or in person at the Box Office (812 East Rollins Street). Subscriptions may not currently be purchased online. 2015-2016 titles and dates are subject to change; additional information about the season, including creative team and casting, will be announced at a later date.







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John Gill

As many of us move about our days we focus on the activities

that are before

us. Because so many of our lives are filled with many responsibilities we tend to underestimate the impact of what does not appear to be typical or necessary. For example, a large number of people fail to consider the consequences of becoming disabled, especially the financial consequences. While a number of people can purchase disability insurance through employer plans, many will pass because they fail to

consider the possibility of becoming incapacitated in some fashion. Well consider purchasing disability insurance because it could become a key component of your fiscal fitness.

One of the misconceptions about the need for disability insurance is that there is some devastating accident which triggers the insurance and the associated disability payments. In reality, most of the time it is a medical issue that triggers a disability. According to Unum, the leading long-term disability insurance company by market share, most (90%) long-term disability claims are for illnesses, not accidents.

The primary cause of disability is chronic disease — cardiovascular, musculoskeletal problems and cancer are leading diagnoses — rather than work-related mishaps or non-workplace accidents, according to a 2007 study for the Life and Health

Insurance Foundation for Education, a nonprofit organization that informs the public about insurance needs.

Disability insurance protects an individual's income against the risk that a disability will prevent them from working. Disability insurance can almost be thought of as living life insurance. I say this because, if you remember from past columns, life insurance really protects the covered person's income for the remaining family when the covered person dies. Disability insurance provides that income while the covered person is living and still has income requirements while being incapacitated.

In 2011, the Social Security
Administration estimated that a
20-year-old had a 30% chance of
being disabled for at least six
months before retirement. Another
misconception is that disabling
injuries happen primarily to older
individuals. This is not true.
According to Unum, 41% of their
long-term disability recipients over
the 2009-2012 time period were
younger than 50, with a third of
those under 40.

There are two types of disability coverage, short-term and long-term. Short-term coverage is often provided in employer group insurance plans and covers the first part of a disability situation. The coverage may provide income from a week up to a year or two, depending on the policy.

Long-term insurance begins when the short-term coverage ends and helps to replace income between two or five years or when the disabled person retires. The plans pay up to 70% of the covered individual's salary depending upon the coverage selected and the structure of the plan.

Most disability insurance is bought through employer sponsored plans although individual plans can be purchased. Individual plans are much more expensive than group employer plans.

If disability insurance is an option, I would strongly recommend purchasing the coverage. If your employer does not offer disability coverage in their plan, consider an individual plan. The cost/benefit must be considered, but the peace of mind gained will be an added bonus to your continued 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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lence in operation, maintenance, innovative treatment, waste reduction, pollution prevention, recycling and other special achievements. The award was presented to one recipient in each drinking water and domestic wastewater categories at the annu-

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we look forward to their ongoing leadership for decades to come."

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The law firm of Winderweedle, Haines, Ward & Woodman, P.A. recently named attorneys Michael C. Caborn, Michael P. Carolan, Nicole Latham Carolan, Timothy J. Kiley, Vanessa J. Skinner, and Richard B. Weinman as firm shareholders. According to James E. "Trippe" Cheek, III, firm president/CEO, "This group of shareholders is representative of a fresh, new generation of talent at WHWW. Their professionalism, community service and commitment to excellence in the prac-

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The American Cancer Society recently celebrated the opening of their new offices in the Winter Park area. After being located in the W. Colonial Dr. area nearly 20 years, they have found a new home in the Elevation Plaza building located at 507 N. New York Ave., Suite 100 in Winter Park.

Hold-Thyssen, Inc. recently closed the sale of the Winter Park Albors Building at 5971 Brick Court to **Trinity Preparatory School** of Florida for \$1,840,000. Trinity Preparatory School acquired the 11,912 square foot office building which is adjacent to their Winter Park property, for future expansion. Darby Hold and Monroe Booth, transaction specialists at Hold-Thyssen, Inc., brokered the transaction representing the seller, Albors Properties, LLC. Christopher Gardner with Condev Realty, LLC represented the buyer. Hold boosted occupancy of the Albors Building to 75 percent prior to putting it on the market. Major tenants include Integrative Counseling & Wellness, LLC, KOI Counseling

LLC, Albors & Alnet Languages and Transportation, Beringer Accounting, the Wayne Leland CPA firm, and John Barrett Insurance.

The Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) has awarded the City of Winter Park the "2014 Plant Operations Excellence Award" for its Magnolia Water Treatment Plant, a large community water system that serves more than 50,000 people. The award recognizes excelal "Focus on Change" seminar. The City of Winter Park's Magnolia Water Plant consistently provides citizens with the highest water quality possible. The city has made numerous upgrades to the plant over the past 10 years, resulting in a significant decrease of hydrogen sulfide and chlorine odor complaints. The FDEP is the lead agency for environmental management and stewardship. It ensures the quality and quantity of Florida's water resources. For more information regarding the FDEP, please visit dep.state.fl.us. Tony Massey, president



Jennifer Pharris

and COO of Massey **Services**, is pleased to announce that Jennifer Pharris has been promoted to the position of human resources director. Jennifer joined Massey Services in June 2007. "She has done a great job over the years in supervisory and management

positions," said Tony Massey. "We are confident she will bring the same skills to her new position." As human resource director, Jennifer will be responsible for developing, implementing and managing programs and technologies to accomplish staffing goals and to further enhance Massey Services' hiring process.

NAI Realvest recently negotiated a new lease agreement for 3,001 rentable square feet in suite 245 at 2420 S. Lakemont Ave. in Baldwin Park that will be the marketing center for a new Winter Park Towers development on the shores of Lake Baldwin. Jason G. Toll, director of the industrial services group at



Jason G. Toll

NAI Realvest, brokered the transaction representing the local tenant, Westminster Services. The landlord, IX WR 2420 South Lakemont Dr, L.P. C/O Starwood Capital GroupTiger Investment Group, Inc. of Washington, D.C. was represented by Natalee Gleiter of Jones Lang LaSalle.



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real estate in the parks by Scott Hillman

Optimism Grows As Distressed Properties Decline Considerably

ing out the champagne just yet, the state of the local existing home market in Orange and Seminole counties is looking very good on a num-

ber of fronts as we head into the typically active spring months for residential real estate listings and sales.

For starters, this past December new contracts were the highest they've been in the past five De-

cembers, up 17.5% over December 2013 and 5.2% over December 2012. Even more encouraging, distressed properties, which includes short sales and banko w n e d properties,

Although we're not break-represented only 43% of all pending sales on February 9th, down 18% from a month earlier and down 40% from April 2012. In addition, short sales were the lowest they've been in five years (1,120), thanks to banks streamlining the process of contracts that had been backlogged as many as 18 months or more and expediting the closing of newer contracts, thereby reducing their numbers considerably. That's an extremely good sign and the main reason there has been a decrease in the total number of pending sales.

> Even so, homebuyers considering a move to Central Florida will find lots of choices in the Orlando area. While many begin their house hunting by shopping

on the Internet, a word of caution when shopping electronicallyalthough Internet shopping has grown considerably in

popularity, information on house-search sites of some national real estate companies and organiza-

tions is all too often misleading and/ or unreliable, and quite often lacks the specificity and current data required to help make a prudent purchase decision. Worse yet, buyers sometimes find a listed property they like, only to later learn it's no longer on the market. Moving is stressful enough without having to deal with outdated or incorrect information.

Buyers are much better served by going to websites of real estate agencies in the area in which they'd like to live to find more relevant information. Then it's important to engage the services of an experienced realtor who knows the local market inside and out and can help you consider all the costs involved with your move and your new home purchase. You'll also need to select a lender who can help you determine the maximum amount you can borrow, and make sure your loan approval is in place. This will prove especially helpful should you find yourself dealing with competitive bids.

With the continued uptick in key market indicators and the on-going recovery of the local existing home market, there is every reason for buyers and sellers to remain optimistic and to keep the champagne on ice. 2015 may well be a year to celebrate.

Scott Hillman is president of Fannie Hillman + Associates, a 34-year-old Winter Park-based real estate company specializing in residential real estate sales and producer of The Hillman Report, a semiannual look at residential real estate in Orange and Seminole counties that can be viewed on the company's website (fanniehillman.com) or by calling (407) 644-1234 for a copy.

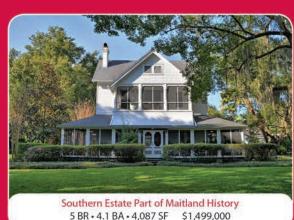
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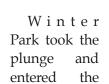


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in the garden by Stephen and Kristin Pategas

March 2015 Winter Park Blooms



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America In Bloom national competition in 2013 and 2014. They will also enter this year with judging to take place again in early May. America in Bloom was started in 2001 and hundreds of cities in 40 states have entered. The benefits include encouraging cooperation among government, businesses and residents and a detailed evaluation with many recommendations. For communities that want to be the best they can be, America In Bloom is a valuable community development tool.

The Keep Winter Park Beautiful and Sustainable Board sponsors the entries and Stephen, as a member of the board, leads the effort. Our local effort is called Winter Park Blooms. Communities in the competition are judged along with three other communities within their population range which varies slightly from year to year. In 2014 the other three cities included Henderson County, NC; Holland, MI; and Santa Paula, CA. Each community is scored in the areas of Municipal, Business and Residential in the following criteria: Environmental Efforts, Urban Forestry, Heritage Preservation, Landscaped Areas, Floral Display and Overall Impression. Community involvement is also considered in each criterion so the residents' participation is critical.

Prior to the judges' arrival a Community Profile is created that provides background on the six criteria. Following a detailed itinerary the judges are toured around Winter Park during two very full days. Numerous locations are visited (how many of these have you visited?): Morse Museum of American Art, Winter Park Historical Association Museum, Central Park and Park Avenue, Casa Feliz, Winter Park Public Library, Albin Polasek Museum and Sculpture Garden with the relocated Capen House, Rollins College campus, Mead Botanical Garden, Hannibal Square Heritage Center, Cady Way Trail and Ward Park, Kraft Azalea Garden and numerous neighborhoods.

Executive directors, staff and volunteers from these organizations and the City of Winter Park provide presentations and answer questions. In 2014, City of Winter Park employees Kris Stenger and Lindsey Hayes helped tour while sharing their expertise about the City. The Alfond Inn provided complimentary accommodations and the Winter Park Chamber of Com-

merce arranged complimentary meals at Park Plaza Gardens and Marlow's Tavern. For a special treat for the judges, our neighbors Ann and Bill Legg piloted their boat for a magical evening tour on the chain of lakes.

Along with winning three awards including 'Best In Population Category,' each year Winter Park receives comments and suggestions from the judges. They are reviewed and shared with participating organizations. Having expert eyes view our

community and offer recommendations is enlightening.

If you wish to join the Winter Park Blooms committee, or volunteer, please contact us. Making sure your homes and yards are looking their best is a great contribution. If you are traveling nationally, look to see if there are any cities that are competing (www.americainbloom. org). They, along with Winter Park, will be looking particularly spiffy as their judging dates approach.



Pictured at left: Sue Foreman instructs the judges at Mead Botanical Gardens while Lindsey Hayes looks on. Top of page: (Left to right) Kris Stenger, the judges, Patrick Chapin and Debra Hendrickson at the Winter Park Chamber of Commerce. Large photo: City Forester Dru Dennison (center) speaks with a judge at Central Park. Photos by Stephen G. Pategas, Hortus, Oasis.

Hortus Oasis (FL26000315) in Winter Park is a boutique garden design company specializing in residential, commercial and specialty gardens. Stephen is a registered landscape architect and Kristin is a certified landscape designer. Contact them at 407-622-4886/garden@hortusoasis.com

here are priceless," she says.

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a lifestyle with more security, she visited The Mayflower on the recommendation of friends. "Everyone there was so friendly and interesting, and the amenities were so far beyond what I saw at other communities. In the end, the choice was clear." Now living only a mile apart, Ruth and her three granddaughters enjoy cultural outings and Sunday brunches in The Mayflower's dining room. "The memories we've made

"We couldn't ask for anything more.

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the educated palate by Scott Richardson

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Mi Tomatina Paella - Tapas - Vino

Have you ever walked by a restaurant a hundred times and thought you should go ahead

and try it? Next time you walk by mi Tomatina, located towards the Hannibal Square end of New England Ave, don't walk by- go in and enjoy the moments when the service staff truly takes care of you with Spanish hospitality.

I have to confess, I have been eager to experience this "upscale" approach to Spanish cuisine for a while, so I ventured down on a chilly Friday evening recently and was delighted to discover while it was cold outside, there was plenty of warm hospitality inside this restaurant paying gastronomic homage to all things Spanish and more specifically, the coastal region of Valencia, Spain.

I wanted something familiar to my palate to start with, so I ordered the croquetas (\$6.50); three deep fried po-

Above, Croquetas. Below, pan roasted octopus.

tato croquettes that came with a tangy chive aioli, or as the Spanish call it, matic sweet pea puree. The puree had just the slightest hint of coriander that complimented the sweetness, and yet contrasted the charred flavors of the octopus that also had a dusting of cayenne pepper on it; a pleasant surprise for my taste buds.

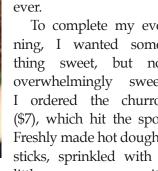
For my entrée, I was torn between the slow roasted lamb chops (\$28) or their infamous pan-roasted

duck breast (\$24). I chose the duck rest home, but I was concerned they breast due to the wine-poached diced pears and diced butternut squash garnished with fresh cilantro, a perfect accompaniment with the duck breast. Let me make this perfectly clear, the duck breast was seasoned and cooked flawlessly. There was some saltiness on the outside of the duck skin, which gave way for my palate to enjoy the tenderness of the breast meat. I have

> not had a more delectably tasting duck breast...

> To complete my evening, I wanted something sweet, but not overwhelmingly sweet. I ordered the churros (\$7), which hit the spot. Freshly made hot doughy sticks, sprinkled with a little sugar, came with

semi-sweet chocolate dipping sauce. I could only handle one little churro, and probably should have taken the





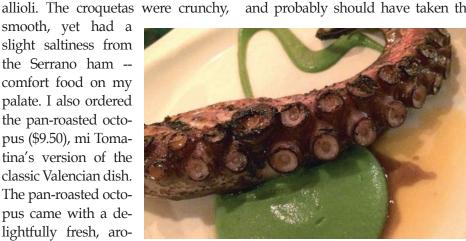


Pan roasted duck. Photos by Scott Richardson.

wouldn't make it home! Silly me.

Kudos goes to Chef Jose Baranenko and his staff. He knows his flavor combinations very well. I was not disappointed with the food or service at any level. The only major disappointment was that it took me so long to visit this little gem of a restaurant, which won't happen again!

Mi Tomatina is located at 433 W New England Ave, Winter Park. Call for reservations: (321) 972-4881 Check their website out for hours of operation and their full menu.









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live meaningfully by Ayesha G. Bullock, M.A.

March To The Beat Of Your Own Extraordinary Drum...

"The privilege of a lifetime is to become who you truly are." - Carl Gustav Jung

March could be about the advent of spring,

about the thawing of a winter slumber or about a new rhythm for the coming season... but perhaps we should discuss a different rebirth of sorts. And by rebirth, I don't mean the kind that comes in an egg or via bunny-post, but rather the emergence of a true self.

That is to say, the uncanny and extraordinary opportunity we have to become our authentic selves.

"Authentic Self"... sounds like a therapy term, right?

My dad would agree.

However, becoming one's authentic self is about differentiation, it's about actualization, it's about the friction necessary and the momentum derived from (usually) the hardest parts of life. It's the crossroads that allow for you to choose that which is who you truly are and into who you will become.

Accepting the good, the bad and the sometimes seemingly inache of false realities, disentangling necessary to propel yourself forfrom those enmeshed in your life...

all of these are necessary stepping stones in the journey towards self-actualization. Painful ones, for certain-but these provide the necessary traction for the wheels to turn.

March dawns the break of a new day. The holidays have closed, a new year has begun, the champagne has gone flat and the candy hearts stale. March breathes new life into all of those quiet, whispering 'what ifs' about who you are, who you could be, what people expect from you, what you expect from

yourself; what you could accomplish if you believed you could not

This March, I'd ask you to allow

ward into the unfinished thoughts,

"Because true belonging only happens when we present our authentic, imperfect selves to the world, our sense of belonging can never be greater than our level of self-acceptance."

Brené Brown, Daring Greatly: How the Courage to Be Vulnerable Transforms the Way We Live, Love, Parent, and Lead

> beliefs and reflections about yourself, about the life you're leading, about what it means to be you. Offer yourself the permission and the

surmountable, enduring the heart- spring to offer you the momentum freedom necessary to enact that which you truly are. Recognizing that freedom comes with responsibility and life as you (and others) know it may have to change in order to allow for the emergence and enactment of this congruence...

> Authenticity, vulnerability, evolution, finding meaning, truly connecting and feeling real belonging- these things don't exist in a vacuum. When you start working on one of these, you almost necessarily work on all... and that's a beautiful thing.

> Make no mistake - life is complicated and this existence an intricate tapestry, but some would say it's our power and our purpose to navigate it with grace, humility, vulnerability and authenticity. Make this March the month in which you set sail. Life around the corner is a profound and extraordinary thing.

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

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schools



This month Audubon Park Elementary has been very active within the community. The PTA hosted its very first father/daughter dance, which resulted in an overwhelming number of special dates for daddies and daughters. It was the first event to ever sell out prior to the date of the event. What a special evening it was for all the daddies and daughters who attended.

Congratulations to the APE chorus who performed the National Anthem at the Solar Bears game on January 30th. This special honor highlighted the talents of the students to over 6,000 attendees. This is the first year for this chorus and the music program, congratulations to the chorus!

For the past several years, Audubon Park Elementary has been involved with the charity Bicycle Blessings. Bicycle Blessings collects old and used bikes, refurbishes them, and donates them back to the communities. This month, they are celebrating their 2000th bike donation. Audubon Park Elementary is responsible for 400 of these donated bikes. Many of these refurbished bikes return back to the Audubon community and serve as transportation for students and parents. Audubon Park Elementary is proud to participate with this organization each year!

Audubon Park Elementary looks forward to many more exciting opportunities and events this year!



We've had some exciting things taking place this week at Brookshire. On Thursday, January 29th, several of our students (Veronica Cabrera-Lopez, Vivian Roby, Justin Hill, Jake Fritz, Michael Knauf, and Caleb Weeden) were selected to participate in the OCPS Elementary Honor Music Festival. This is a prestigious honor for our students and we are very proud of their accomplishments. The concert was well-attended by parents across the county as more than 70 elementary schools participated in the performance.

And the winner of our Winter Break Reading Challenge is Nathan Smith. Nathan is now the proud owner of a new Kindle Fire and was very excited to receive the fruit of his efforts. More than 100 students participated in the challenge and thanks to the generosity of the Brookshire Fund, instructional momentum was not lost over the break.



As we "March" toward spring, we are excited about our upcoming celebration of 50 years of learning together at Dommerich! Dommerich first opened in March 1965. Please save the date for our 50th Anniversary event at our school – May 1st 2015 at 5 p.m.

Please also mark your calendar for the following important dates in March: Florida Standards Assessment (FSA) begins for 3rd, 4th, and 5th-grade students this month; Dommerich Chiefs will be Walking n' Rolling to school on March 11th; our PTA will host their annual Big Chiefs Night Out at the Winter Park Racquet Club on March 12th; the end of our third marking period is March 19th; there is no school for students from March 20-27th; and report cards go home on April 3rd. Enjoy Spring Break!



Old Florida Bank and Fern Creek team up for CommYOUnity Giving!

Fern Creek Elementary School received a \$6,000 Corporate Award from Old Florida Bank in late January as part of their CommYOUnity Giving Campaign. Over the winter holidays more than 3,000 people voted for Fern Creek, over 35 other non-profit organizations, to receive the big prize. There were \$2,500 awards given to ten other groups, representing each of the branch offices.

The extra-large check was delivered to the school at a school-wide Family Assembly.

Fern Creek plans to use the funds to support our weekend snack pack program, purchasing healthy nonperishable foods that come in childfriendly containers. A typical snack pack includes two proteins, fruits and vegetables, snack bars and single serving cereals.

Fern Creek accepts in-kind donations such as single serving cereals,



Photo below of Fern Creek Elementary School CommYOUnity Giving Campaign. Back Row - Jason Fritz, principal; Trey Barnes, Holly Vanture, Alyson Bass, Ruth Nagy, Jennie Webster and Eileen Gregory. Front Row – Cayenne Sap, Addison Lange, and Kevin Le.

small cups of fruits, small pop top entrees such as ravioli, beef stew, mac 'n cheese, granola bars, and canned vegetables. Donations can be dropped off at the school, located in the Mills 50 area, 1121 N. Fern Creek Avenue, Orlando, FL 32803.

Killarney Elementary PRINCIPAL KELLY STEINKE

The students and teachers at Killarney Elementary are gearing up for testing season! On February 3rd, parents were invited to attend our Parent University in which they learned about the new Florida Standards Assessment (FSA) as well as other assessments that the students will take in the upcoming months. In addition to testing updates, parents and students had the opportunity to participate in family-friendly learning games that can be done at home to reinforce the learning that has taken place at school. As an extra bonus, our Killarney PTA even treated all families who attended to a free spaghetti dinner, and one family was the lucky recipient of a Publix gift card from our raffle! It was a fun night had by all!



Thank you to all involved in the dedication of our new building. It was a beautiful day.

FSA testing is around the corner. Fourth and fifth grade students are taking the FSA Writes the first week of March. They have worked hard preparing for these tests, including attending a Writer's Academy held on two Saturdays at Princeton Elementary.

Saturday FSA Boot Camp will continue through March and April as the students prepare for the reading, math and science tests.

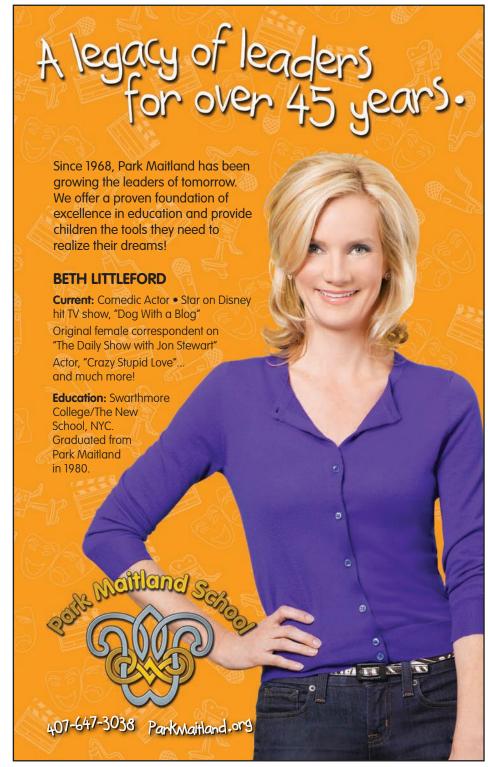
We celebrated Family Literacy Night off campus at the Heart of Mercy Church in conjunction with our monthly PTA, SAC and MPLC meetings. Family involvement at our recent Report Card Conference Night, first semester Award's Ceremony, and Curriculum Night for FSA, FAA and CELLA testing information was huge! Thank you for attending these very important events.

If you haven't taken the School Improvement Survey, yet, please do so. Your input to our school is invaluable.

The Lake Silver Running Club, Tigers on the Run, made quite an impact at the annual Edgewater High Eagle Flight 5K Walk/Run. Portions of the proceeds will come back to Lake Silver!

I am forever grateful to our families, our PTA, the Lake Silver Foundation and our community partners. Thank you, Lawton Printers and College Park Sunoco.

Go Tigers!



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Lakemont Elementary PRINCIPAL DR. BRENDA CUNNINGHAM

This month's article is written by our media specialist and former Teacher of the Year, Mrs. Evangeline Scivally.

Why do we read? Readers read for many reasons. Students at Lakemont Elementary School are looking for information while others are reading for enjoyment and entertainment. We all know books can take you places you have never been and the more kids read, the farther they will go. To ensure success as a reader, we must form a foundation of literacy. Lakemont continues to make literacy the cornerstone of our day. During the fall book fair we held our annual literacy night that included not only the book fair but sessions for the parents to attend and guest author/presenter Chip Huddleston.

The Florida Department of Education hosts an annual "Celebrate Literacy Week" in January. Our students and teachers enjoyed reading contests with prizes, character parades and "booknics" in the patio area. We look forward to charting our reading minutes again from the fourth annual "READ the MOST COAST to COAST 2015" reading challenge.

Another way we promote literacy is with our monthly book trading

program. We know our students also have a great desire to own books as well. On the third Thursday of each month, students come to the library and trade their personal books for books other students have brought to trade. Many times the student is ready to read at a higher level so he or she is trading up a reading level.

In addition to book trading, our students have already checked out more than 12,000 books this school year from the school library media center. Our Accelerated Reader (AR) program continues as a great motivator to encourage students to read a book, take a short quiz, gain points on correct answers, and spend those points on prizes like gumball machines and Barnes and Noble gift cards. The students with the most AR points on each grade level for the second nine weeks are Cooper Tochinski (K), Madison Malaret (1), Hailey Kelsey (2), Claire Clark (3), Andrea Ignjatic (4), and Idella Jones(5).

We have more exciting news! Six of our fourth and fifth graders will be competing in the second annual Elementary School Battle of the Books on Wednesday, May 6, 2015. We have begun meeting once a week to prepare for this exciting event using the 3rd - 5th grade Sunshine State Young Reader Award titles.



Pictured above, Maitland Middle School's all-female a cappella group.



Maitland Middle School

PRINCIPAL DR. STEFANIE C. SHAMES

There are so many great things happening at Maitland Middle School! We currently have undefeated boys and girls basketball teams. Many of our sixth-grade students competed at the Nelson Ying Science fair hosted by Rollins College and we look forward to the results of that competition.

Ms. Fletcher and Ms. Dunham (teachers), along with 96 of their students, received a grant to attend a performance of the Broadway show "Newsies" on January 28th. The next day, January 29th, several cast members came to the school to teach our students a dance from the show and to have a question-andanswer session with them. Mrs. Fletcher's classes created a newspaper from the era (1898-1899) with 31 of our students featured in it. The Orlando Sentinel published 3,000 copies of the paper, which were then sold at our school and at the show for \$1.00. All proceeds benefited the Broadway Cares fund. This has been an incredible experience for our students.

We were also visited by international singing sensation Delilah, runners-up from season three of "The Sing-Off." The ladies from Delilah came to listen and give feedback to Maitland Middle School's all-female a cappella group (the only one in the state!). Delilah then wowed our girls by singing a few songs for them.

Federation of Color Guard Circuit show at Lyman High School. The Chess Club has advanced to using tournament rules and is playing mini-tournaments during club sessions. Rehearsals are ongoing for our spring musical and everyone is having lots of fun learning songs and choreography for "The Little Mermaid."

We are very excited about our upcoming field trips. Our 1st-5th graders are taking an adventurous trip to the Ft. Christmas Historical Festival where they will experience the different eras of Florida's history. In the meantime, the 7th-8th graders will appreciate the new SunRail system for a visit the Orlando Museum of Art's Maya Lin exhibition. A visit to Orlando Rep is also an upcoming excursion for our 4th and 5th graders to see the play, "The Mostly True Adventures of Homer P. Figg," which will provide an opportunity for learning more about Florida history.

We are looking forward to celebrating the Chinese New Year with a "Dragon Dance," taking part in Jump Rope for Heart, and honoring our founder, Maria Montessori, during Montessori Week and expanding our knowledge of working animals (companion dogs and the police department K-9 dogs).

Maitland Montessori's families will also enjoy a Spirit Night with the Solar Bears and will welcome the Birds of Prey for a school visit -- all before Spring Break!



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DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE FROM ADELE FONDO AND MURIEL OWENS

Our after-school programs are in full swing. Maitland Montessori recently started its first Robot Club in January and students are eagerly learning how to program the robots they will build. Our Winter Guard continues to improve their flag-handling skills in preparation for performing in the Florida



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With all the negative hype about politicians, our country's dismal economic stature, and the strong divide between parties, it's refreshing to see that love and pride for our country is still strong! This week, I journeyed to Washington, D.C. with over 100 sixth- grade students and their parents on the annual Park Maitland School field trip!

Some of the many experiences we enjoyed included a trip to Arlington National Cemetery, where our students laid a wreath on the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier as we all watched in somber awe at the reverence shown by the soldiers there in their ceremonial tribute. At the Capitol building, we had the unique opportunity to visit the House of Representatives, thanks to our local congressman, John Mica, who spent nearly an hour with our students and parents, giving them a hands-on history of our government right in the House chambers! Another momentous occasion was having the opportunity to meet our Attorney General, Eric Holder. He brought the entire group into his office and even allowed students to sit around his huge conference table where dignitaries from all over the world often gather.

As we all toured the many wonderful memorials and paid respect to those people who have died for our country or who were instrumental in making our country what it is today, I couldn't help but notice the sincere pride and respect that our sixth grade future leaders showed towards everything they saw. Of course, it's a lot to take in when you are only 11 or 12 years old, but I do feel that these experiences help to shape our students and

give them the opportunities to understand and appreciate our forefathers and the great historical events that shaped our country. Everywhere we went the docents and/or tour guides remarked at how articulate, knowledgeable, and interested our students were. They were truly amazed that these young children had such a vast knowledge and understanding of our government and history! I am so very proud of our teachers for filling their young minds with such advanced, interesting, and pertinent information in a way that they will always remember. A textbook could never duplicate these experiences.

Patriotism and respect for our country and its history remain a valuable and integral part of our school curriculum as we work to prepare our students to be productive and successful leaders of tomorrow. Yes, patriotism is alive and well at Park Maitland School!



St. James Cathedral School

PRINCIPAL MRS. GERRI GENDALL

St. James Cathedral School (SJCS) was honored to be part of another wonderful Eagle Scout leadership project. St. James Cathedral Rector Father John Mc Cormick blessed the beautiful new statue of the Virgin Mary donated by Eagle Scout Tommy Burnes, SJCS Class of 2012. Tommy and his two older brothers are Eagle Scouts from Troop 200. Tommy's siblings, mother, grandparents, aunts and uncles attended SJCS as well!

We enjoy hosting communitybuilding events. Our Panther Parent Association sponsored a Food Truck Night. It was a successful evening of fellowship as over 150 people braved the cold! Students, parents, faculty and parishioners enjoyed games

LEMORY OF ABRAHAM LINCOLD

More than 100 sixth-grade students and their parents traveled to Washington, D.C. on the annual Park Maitland School field trip. They visited the Lincoln Memorial, Arlington National Cemetery, and the Capitol building. They met with Congressman John Mica who gave them a hands-on history of the governement inside the House of Representatives chambers.

in the gym and on the field, music and contests from DJ Jordan, and, of course, delicious food from the food trucks! Thank you to all of the trucks VooDoo Kitchen, Kona Dog, The Big Cheese, Le Crepe, Monsta Lobsta and Yum Yum Cupcakes- for donating over \$220 back SJCS!

The first Middle School Dance of 2015 was huge success. The students arrived dressed up in button-down shirts/bow ties and gorgeous dresses to see the gym transformed into a Mardi Gras party. It was non-stop action for three hours as DJ Freddy spun the latest hits and kept all the students moving with fun line dances. Thank you to all of the teachers, faculty, parents, and chaperones who contributed to the dance and for organizing this successful event!



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

At The Christ School (TCS), we believe that participation in sports is an important part of a child's education. Our comprehensive K-8 ath-

letic program supports our students' exploration of a variety of sports in a manner that builds their athletic skills and teaches them life lessons. Our goal is to mold our athletes into gracious competitors who embrace challenges, win with humility, handle defeat with dignity, and seek to glorify God in all circumstances.

In addition to regular PE classes, The Christ School offers basketball, cheerleading, cross country, flag football, golf, soccer, swimming, tennis, track and volleyball. These sports are distributed across the K-8 program.

An advantage of our small school size allows our lower and middle school students to experience any sport in which they have an interest. All students who are interested are added to teams and receive playing time. This supports our belief that it is important that students in grades K-8 have the opportunity to try different sports so they can discover which sport they most enjoy. We value exposure to many sports during the formative years instead of deep specialization in one sport. Our school-wide participation in athletics at TCS is high and our athletes compete with a wonderful spirit of community and sportsmanship.

We are thankful for the incredible coaches who invest their time and talents in building our young athletes. Our coaches are mostly parent volunteers, who not only instill in our athletes the values of good sportsmanship and the importance of a healthy lifestyle, but also foster The Christ School's sense of community.

Our teams are playing well and we are proud of our athletes. This year we have brought home trophies in volleyball, cross country, basketball, and flag football. The lessons learned through participating in sports are invaluable for building a foundation for flourishing throughout our students' lives.



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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.

Now - March 31 A.J. Cobb's Ribbit the Exhibit at Leu Gardens – The exhibit will feature over 20 large scale, copper frog sculptures located throughout the gardens. Leu Gardens is located at 1920 N. Forest Ave., Orlando, Florida 32803. For more information please contact the Leu Gardens at 407-246-2620 or visit www.leugardens.org.

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.

Now Through May 9, 2015 - Vintage Flea Market - 8:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. at 2000 Alden Road. For more information please visit www.thecarouselemporium.net.

March 12 "Walk A Mile in Her Shoes Orlando" - Registration at 5:00 p.m. and walk starts at 6:00 p.m. at the Orange County Courthouse in the west courtyard downtown. Cost is \$25 with all proceeds to benefit Harbor House of Central Florida. For more information please visit www.harborhousefl.com.

April 2 The Orange County Retired Educators Meeting - 11:30 a.m. at College Park United Methodist Church, 644 W. Princeton St. for a program on "Everything You Want To Know About The Orlando Museum of Art." Anyone who has worked in eduction is invited to attend. For more information please visit www. ocrea-fl.org. or call 407-677-0446.

March 14 The 8th Annual Doggies Derby - 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Corrine Commons located at 1913 Meeting Place. For more information please visit www. doggiederby.com.

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 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.

March 7 The J Ball - 7:00 to 10:00 p.m. at the Rosen Plaza Hotel located at 9700 International Dr. This event is the largest fundraiser for the Roth Family Jewish Community Center of Greater Orlando, featuring entertainment, food stations, open bar and silent auction. This event also honors community leaders, Susie and Ed Kleiman, Pearl and Howard Lefkowitz, and their families. For more information and tickets please call 407-621-4042.

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

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 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 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.

Every Friday through April Friday Nights at the Morse - 4:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. at the Charles Hosmer Morse Museum of American Art located at 445 N. Park Ave. This event offers free admission to the galleries. For more information please 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 more information please call 407-592-7835.

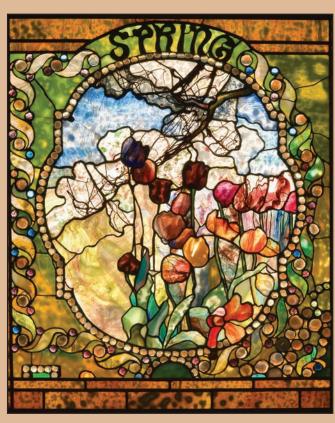
Every Sunday Music at the Casa – This free event featuring professional musicians and performers is hosted at Casa Feliz every Sunday from noon – 3:00 p.m. For more information call 407-628-8200 ext. 3 or visit www.casafeliz.us.

March 8 36th Annual St. Patrick's Day Parade - 2:00 p.m. along Park Ave. For more information please visit www. cityofwinterpark.org.

March 10 General Election - Vote from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. at various precints. For more information please visit www.cityofwinterpark.org.

March 11 Free Lecture at the Morse - 2:30 p.m. featuring "19th-Century Eclecticism: Creating Victorian

MARCH HIGHLIGHT



March 20-22 The Morse Museum Winter Park Sidewalk Art Festival Open House

Friday, 9:30 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.; Saturday, 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.; and Sunday, 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

For more information please visit www. morsemuseum.org.

Modern" by Richard Guy Wilson. The Morse Museum, 445 N. Park Ave., is home to the world's most comprehensive collection of works by American artist and designer Louis Comfort Tiffany. For more information please visit www.morsemuseum.org.

March 14 Zimmerman Kiser Sutcliffe Winter Park Road Race 10K and 2 Mile Presented by Florida Hospital - 7:00 a.m. at 251 Park Ave. South. This event includes a Run/Walk 10K, Run/Walk 2 Mile and a free kids run. Earn a medal for taking on the Distance Dare with 8.2 miles. VIP Area, Souvenir swag, 10K Finisher's Medal and more. Proceeds benefit the Meridian Club of Winter Park Scholarship Fund. To register online please visit www.trackshack.com, or call 407-1160.

March 19 Hannibal Square Wine Tasting - 5:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. at W. New England Ave. (between Virginia and Pennsylvania Aves.) A celebration of fine wine, this street party event features 40+ varieties of wine and beer, plus appetizers from local eateries and live music. Cost: \$25 in advance and \$30 at the door. For more information and tickets please visit www.winterpark.org.

March 20-22 56th Annual Winter Park Sidewalk Art Festival - 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Sunday along Park Ave. and in Central Park. For more information please visit www.cityofwinterpark.org.

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March 23 W.R.A.P. Beginning Walk Run Training Session Starts - 6:00 p.m. at Blue Jacket Park. For more information and to register, please visit www.trackshack.com.

March 23 Track Shack Jr. Running Club (kids) Training Session Starts - 5:30 p.m. at Blue Jacket Park. For more information and to register please visit www.trackshack.com.

March 24 Five & Dime 5K & 10K Training Session Starts - 6:00 p.m. at Blue Jacket Park. For more information and to register please visit www.trackshack.com.

April 3-5 Easter Weekend Open House at the Morse Museum -

Friday, 9:30 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. (with classical guitarist Joshua Englert from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.; and a curator tour of Louis Comfort Tiffany's Laurelton Hall at 7:00 p.m.); Saturday, 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.; and Sunday, 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. For more information please visit www.morsemuseum.org.





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