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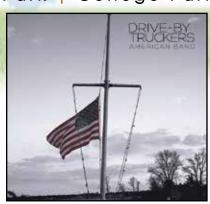
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Orange County Launches "Think 5" **Recycling Education Campaign**

To reduce the amount of garbage in the recycling stream, the Orange County Utilities Solid Waste Division announces the launch of a recycling education initiative, "Think 5."

By focusing on the top five recyclable items - plastic, metal, and glass containers, as well as cardboard and paper - the overall goal is to help raise awareness about good recycling habits.

"Recycling has been a staple in our community for more than 25 years, and we've always

had a great deal of support," said Jim Becker, manager of Orange County Utilities' Solid Waste Division. "To make



recycling more efficient, we're asking residents to only think about five items, and to place those in the blue lid roll cart."

As part of the new Automated Curbside Collection Program that started January 1, residents of unincorporated Orange County were issued 95-gallon blue lid roll carts for single-stream recycling that are collected once a week. The roll carts replaced much smaller 18-gallon bins that previously required sorting of materials. While

these new carts have the potential to boost recycling to higher levels, the success of the program hinges on the new education effort so customers can learn how to maximize the potential and minimize the amount of wrong materials that might go in the roll cart.

Like many Florida counties, Orange County, which ranked in the Top 20 last year with a 52 percent recycling rate, is working toward the state target of 75 percent by 2020.

> Asking more than 200,000 households in Orange County to concentrate on five items increases the

likelihood that more of the right materials get recycled in the blue lid roll carts.

Elements of the Think 5 campaign will be seen online at ocfl.net/recycles and on Facebook and Twitter.

The community can learn more about the campaign at Orange County Recycles Day, Saturday, November 12 at the Orange County Landfill from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. located at 12100 Young Pine Road in east Orange County.

Florida's Exceptional **Employer Award**

Orange County Public Schools and Quest, Inc. are proud to announce the selection of Rosen Shingle Creek as a 2016 Exceptional Employer Award recipient. OCPS and Quest collaborated on the nomination. The Agency for Persons with Disabilities (APD), Blind Services, Vocational Rehabilitation, and other partners recognized Rosen Shingle Creek for its commitment to employing individuals with disabilities.

Quest, Inc. works as a partner with Orange County Public Schools Exceptional Student Education (ESE) Transition School by providing a job coach.. OCPS provides a teacher and an employment specialist, with a job coach provided by Quest, Inc. The job coach works with teachers to assist students aged 18-22 with achieving employability skills. Rosen Shingle Creek, owned by hotelier Harris Rosen, is one of the partner sites where students go to obtain and implement employability skills.

The purpose of the program is to provide job training to students with disabilities, allowing them to obtain employment in that industry after program completion. Rosen Shingle Creek was nominated because not only do they partner with the school district to allow students to obtain the

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Publisher's Message



I think I can hear a sigh of relief as the 2016 general election finally comes to an end. As residents of an allimportant swing state, we have certainly been through the political grind for a couple of years and great focus by both parties has been

relentless over the past ten months. Don't get me wrong, I enjoy the campaigning process of a general election, however I'm thrilled that November is finally here. I also take great pride in exercising our right to vote, and strongly encourage everyone else to do so.

I'm writing this prior to the election, so the result is unknown. I would not be surprised if this period of American history is referred to as the Divided Parties of the United States. Every campaign has opposing sides, but for some reason neighbors, family, and friends have appeared to be more divided during this election, unlike any I remember in my lifetime. I've actually overheard discussions that led to personal insults because of party differences. During these discussions regarding the highest office in the land the words "stupid, idiot, ignorant" have been tossed around just because someone didn't agree with another when they expressed who they felt had earned their vote.

I greatly respect the democratic process, and feel thankful that I have the right to vote. Sometimes I've voted for the winner, and sometimes I've voted for the loser. However, regardless of whether my candidate wins or not, I always settle in under the new president and leaders of this great nation, as they were the ones who got the majority. I dislike gridlock, and those who are unwilling to compromise and show disrespect to the office when their minority choice didn't make the cut. Majority rules, and I totally support that.

If you're reading this prior to the election, make sure you go out and vote. Seriously, don't miss exercising this right for ANY reason. If you're reading this after the election, then make strides to unite as Americans under the new leadership. This recent campaign has put the office through the ringer, and We The People must play the lead role in helping to restore the commanding respect that the office deserves. For this respect is ultimately necessary in making any historical changes that will positively impact our future.

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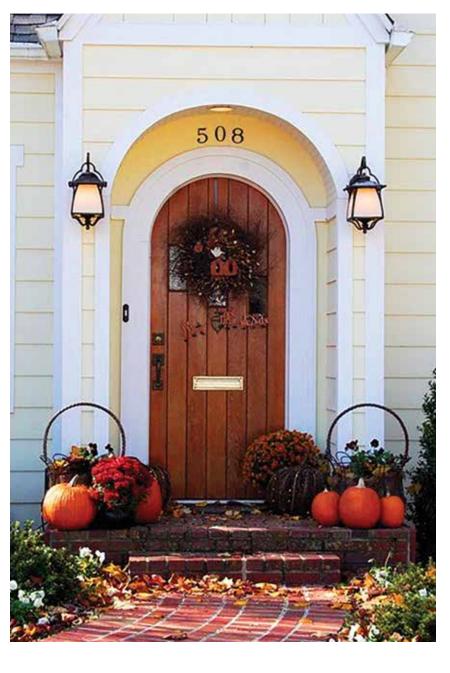
There's No Place Like Home! By Tricia Cable

One of my favorite times during a vacation, or any travel for that matter, is the beauty of returning home. No matter how fabulous the vacation destination is or how wonderful the people you have spent it with have been, the warm and fuzzy feeling of returning home after time away is simply the best. Whether it is the comfort that you find in familiar surroundings, the loved ones that you may have missed, or the wagging tail that greets you at the door, there truly is, no place like home.

Home, to me, has always been a safe place. A place where there is no judgment, where you are encouraged to be yourself, and there is no question too embarrassing to ask. Home is also where mistakes are made and forgiveness is among our daily rations. We talk openly about our shortcomings and put plans in place to right our wrongs.

Home is also where dreams are cultivated. Where we, as a family, have encouraged each other to conquer that fear, overcome that weakness, and accept challenges with respect and determination. Home is where "Whatever you think will happen, probably will" and "Just do it" will be heard multiple times a week and can either be referring to winning a game or making your bed...we don't discriminate!

There is a circle of trust and undeni-



able loyalty provided to me in our home that I have come to depend upon greatly through the years as I grow as a person, wife, and mother.

Home is a powerful place. You feel confident and strong because of the support that you have come to depend on. And while I consider my home the structure that surrounds and protects us, my children consider their home this community. They have extended their comfort zone to stretch beyond the walls that contain our possessions to include not just family, but friends, neighbors, teachers, coaches, doctors and even a few servers at our favorite restaurants. They have incorporated those they trust and places that they find comfort in, as home.

I have said it before and I will say it again, today more than ever, it takes a village. I guess my girls have taken that statement that I make quite regularly to heart, extending their reach past our 1960s Florida ranch and into the aisles at Publix, on the clay at the ball fields, and throughout the shady oak-lined streets of our city.

Home is where your heart is. So whether you are like me and consider that a fairly small place or you are like my children and have knocked down a few walls to increase your square footage, there truly is, no place like home!

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City Commissioner's Message

Commissioner Robert F. Stuart, City of Orlando District 3



As you read this, our community and our nation are just completing what has probably been the most divisive election cycle as it relates to the top of the ticket. But let us not forget all of the important races down the ticket, which much more directly affect our day-to-day lives in so many ways. Let me express

my personal gratitude especially to those local candidates who made the brave decision to place their names before the voters in order for a chance to serve our region. Their shared willingness is a testimony to the staying power of the principles set forth by our Founding Fathers and a continuation of the clear vision our country first realized long ago.

And let me thank those who believed in the principles of their candidate or their position on an issue and got involved in the process. But even more importantly, thank you to those who voiced their opinion by casting their vote and participating in the very core of our citizenship.

Let us remember the values of our country and celebrate the gift that we all share, the gift of living in America, by joining to work toward a better community and nation. This is the "special genius" of our process...that following contention, we can join our hearts and minds together to move forward, unified in our goal to better our community, our country and ourselves, continuing to be an #OrlandoUnited.

And what better holidays to celebrate after an election than Veterans Day and Thanksgiving, where we can all focus on those who have selflessly risked their

lives to ensure our freedoms and then focus on the many blessings in our lives?

Even though the lives of these heroes may not make the front page of the news much anymore, we are reminded that soldiers are still sacrificing their lives defending our country. With their memories in mind, we can also come together to support our military families as well.

Organizations such as the Camaraderie Foundation (camaraderiefoundation.org) are working hard to

make a difference in the lives of our service men and women as well as their families. If you are thinking of donating your valuable time or monetary resources this holiday season, please consider giving to a charity that im-

pacts the lives of those who are fighting or have fought to protect our invaluable gift of freedom.

Camaraderie Foundation

Also, please join us on Saturday, November 12th as we celebrate our veterans with the City's Annual Veterans' Day parade in Downtown Orlando at 11 a.m. For more details, please visit cityoforlando.net.

If you are looking for a way to balance out the calories from the many traditional indulgences of the day, consider participating in the

27th annual Turkey Trot 5K benefitting Seniors First, a wonderful charity in our community. For information check out, seniorsfirstinc.org. And if you want to share your blessings with others on this day, there are many other worthwhile charities that will be serving meals to those in need—the



Coalition for the Homeless, Salvation Army and Ronald McDonald House just to name a few.

While many head to the malls on the day after Thanksgiving to make a dent in their holiday shopping, consider starting a new tradition with your family this year by shopping locally in some of our great commercial districts on Small Business Sat-

> urday! You can still get some great deals and support our local economy in the process.

District 3 also boasts a few other unique events where residents can enjoy holiday festivities and do a little shopping on the

side as well. First, the 30th Annual Festival of Trees will take place at the Orlando Museum of Art from November 12-20th. Enjoy the Toyland Town and Shop, the Holiday Boutique and Garden, as well as all of the wonderful decorated trees and displays. For more about this event, go to omart.org. Also, on November 13th, Leu Gardens' Holiday House opens, offering visitors a chance to tour the 11 themed rooms that

> make up this amazing holiday showcase. For more information on this and other upcoming events, visit leugardens.org.

This month, I want to say a special thanks for the opportunity to serve you. While the job is always challenging, I feel truly blessed every day to play a small role in building community throughout our Great City. Happy Thanksgiving to you and your family!

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Winter Park Mayor's Message Mayor Steve Leary



City Celebrates **New Fiscal Year**

October was a month of celebrations in the City of Winter Park! We celebrated the grand reopening of our newly renovated Winter Park Golf Course that now offers

new challenges to even the most skilled golfer. We welcomed our new Police Chief Michael Deal to the City family to lead our men and women in blue who keep our city safe. The \$1.1 million turf renovation at Showalter Field was completed with the assistance of community partners. October 1 also marked the first day of the city's new fiscal year. I am proud to share that this is the ninth year in a row that we have kept the operating millage rate steady at 4.0923 and remain one of the lowest millage rates in Orange County.

The city's total budget of \$158.5 million is comprised of multiple funds that make Winter Park the best place to live, work, and play in Florida. Although each fund plays a significant role in your quality of life, the fund that is the most visible and impactful to your daily life is the General Fund. This year we have some important Capital Improvement Projects and items that we will be concentrating on as part of the approved budget that I'd like to share. Our approved budget:

funds efforts to support sustainability efforts

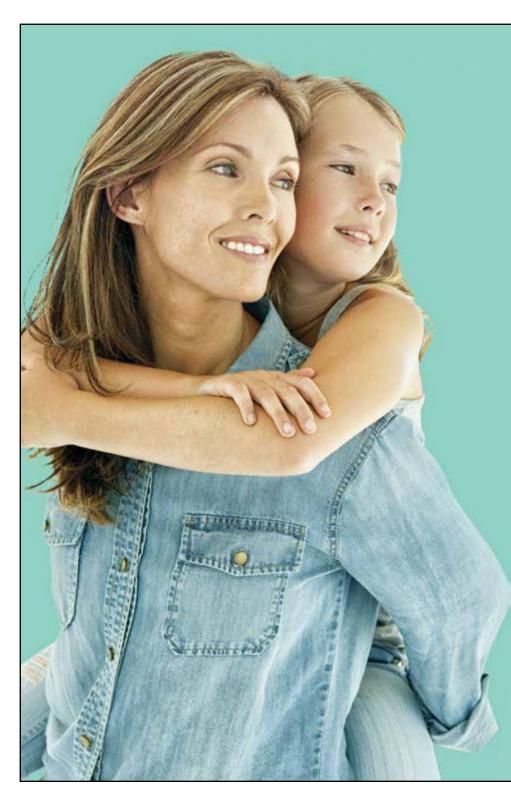
through the hosting of Earth Day and other community awareness activities.

- continues the ambitious \$3.5 million dollars per year electric undergrounding program with no rate change.
- allows Urban Forestry Services to complete a full tree-maintenance cycle within seven years and increases the funding by 38 percent to pur chase trees for new plantings.
- funds the third year of contribution to replace the city's outdated 1988 operating software known as an Enterprise Resource Program.
- expands city-owned fiber optic deployment to city facilities and supports the upgrade of the critical IT network and security infrastructures to ensure confidentiality, integrity, and avail ability of essential electronic data.
- includes the return of the responsibility of the maintenance and upkeep of Showalter Field and Stadium to the city.
- increases funding for major maintenance of parks facilities and equipment which will cover minor capital repairs, equipment replacement, facility upgrades, and golf course equipment.
- funds efforts to support the updating of the city's Comprehensive Plan.



- offers incentives that promote protection of historic places.
- increases funding for pedestrian and bicyclefriendly initiatives, road, brick streets, side walk/bike path repair and improvements, facilities replacement, and intersection signals.
- expands wayfinding on Howell Branch Road and US Highway 17-92.
- continues to support outside organizations such as Mead Botanical Garden, the Winter Park Historical Association, United Arts, Dr. Phillips Center for Performing Arts and Winter Park Day Nursery.

As you can see, the Fiscal Year 2017 budget is a comprehensive vision of the city's future needs with significant investments in infrastructure, recreational areas, strategic initiatives and much needed technology advancements. Your city staff has made every effort to maximize our resources to continue to provide a superior quality of life for our residents, businesses and visitors. Many blessings this Thanksgiving and the upcoming holiday season.



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Maitland Mayor's Message

Mayor Dale McDonald

City Hires New Assistant City Manager

The City of Maitland is very pleased to announce that Mark Reggentin has joined City staff as assistant city manager.

"We are delighted Mark is joining our staff," said City Manager Sharon Anselmo. "Mark is no stranger to municipal service with his decades of experience in building and improving communities in Central Florida. His skills, experience, and professionalism

are a match for the duties of assistant city manager. I look forward to working with him."

In his new role, Reggentin will support the city manager in overseeing operations. Specifically, he will serve as project manager for a variety of special projects; provide leadership and direction in the development of short- and long-range fiscal plans; collaborate with the City's department heads; assist in resolving council, citizen, and operational issues with the City's electrical franchise agreement; aid in the compilation, preparation, and presentation of data to the city council; be involved in the City's communications program; and perform the duties and responsibilities of the city manager during absences of the incumbent.

Reggentin, a Maitland resident, comes to the City of Maitland from the City of Apopka, where he has served as the community development director since March. Previously, he served residents in the City of Mount Dora in a number of roles for 23 years with the

majority of that time spent at the helm of planning and development. He served as Mount Dora's interim city manager and as deputy city manager from 2015 through 2016.

"My home for the last 17 years has been in Maitland. It is where my children grew up and where my wife and I have built strong bonds with friends and neighbors. I am humbly honored by this opportunity and I know it is a rare opportunity to serve my home community in a manner that is meaningful and long lasting," he said.



County Commissioner's Message

Commissioner Ted B. Edwards, Orange County, District 5



Ensuring the health and safety of you and your family is my top priority as an Orange County Commissioner. One area the county has

been focusing on lately is the spread of the Zika virus. This virus has affected many in the developing world and county staff has been working diligently to prevent the virus from affecting Orange County residents. This month, I would like to inform you on our Zika prevention efforts and share some tips you can use to help us control the spread of this virus.

Zika is an illness primarily spread by bites from the Aedes ageypti and Aedes albopictus species of mosquitos. It was first identified in 1947 in animals living in Uganda. The first human cases were detected in East Africa in the 1950s and the first large outbreak of the disease occurred in 2007 on the Island of Yap in Micronesia. Zika can also be transmitted sexually. In adults, the virus typically produces mild symptoms including fever, rash, joint pain, conjunctivitis, muscle pain, and headaches for up to a week. However, recent outbreaks in Latin America have shown increased risk of birth defects for children should their mother contract the virus while pregnant. Scientists now believe Zika

infection during pregnancy can lead to severe birth defects for a child, including microcephaly (a condition due to lack of brain development), and impaired vision, hearing, growth, and other nervous system impairments.

Orange County Mosquito Control conducts regular abatement efforts to reduce the general presence of nuisance mosquitoes. The county is focused on removing the breeding habitats in order to disrupt the life cycle of the Aedes albopictus and Aedes aegypti mosquitoes. We also perform controlled/localized spraying from the ground level in areas where there is a high risk. Abatement efforts are conducted at night when mosquito activity is at its peak. The materials used in abatement efforts are similar to the ingredients found in most flea and tick treatments and quickly break down in sunlight. Orange County concentrates efforts in areas where the two mosquitoes known to carry the Zika virus have been identified as well as in areas where other mosquito populations are high. In contrast to other species of mosquitoes, Ae. ageypti and Ae. albopictus mosquitoes often breed in small containers of water such as bird baths, flower pots, garbage lids and even bromeliads.

Orange County has recently received questions regarding aerial spraying and the use of a chemical called naled which is used for controlling adult mosquitoes. Naled is only



used in aerial spraying. At this time, Orange County Mosquito Control is not employing aerial spraying. Aerial spraying can be an effective tool under certain circumstances and is used in many communities, especially for the control of mosquitoes known to transmit West Nile Virus and Eastern Equine Encephalitis, as well as other nuisance species. All materials used in aerial spraying are approved by the Environmental Protection Agency and the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services. However, Orange County has not used aerial spraying since 2010.

You can help control the spread of the Zika virus. Be sure to "tip, toss, and cover" containers or lids which hold even a small amount of water. Be sure to empty both outdoor and indoor containers. Wearing long sleeved shirts and pants will also help reduce bites from Ae. ageypti and Ae. albopictus. Be sure to apply insect repellent should you plan to spend time outdoors. Use

screens on windows and doors. Repair holes in screens to keep mosquitoes outside. Currently, there are no reported locally transmitted cases of the Zika virus in Orange County. However, county staff will continue to monitor this and other mosquito-borne illnesses closely.

Please visit www.ocfl.net/zika for the latest information as well as a helpful three-and-a-half minute mosquito safety video that demonstrates how you can safeguard your home or business. In addition, frequently asked questions, a flier, and a variety of other materials are available in four different languages to help educate you and others on ways to mitigate the spread of the Zika virus and other mosquito-borne illnesses. As always, if you have any questions about Orange County's efforts to combat Zika or any other county issue, please feel free to contact me or my aides, Edgar Robinson and Liz Roby. We can be reached at 407-836-7350 or by email and district5@ocfl.net.



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skills, but they also hire some of the students once they complete the program.

Over the last few years, Rosen Shingle Creek Resort has hired 26 individuals with disabilities. The hotel also hosts Project Search, which is a national model program for preparing individuals with disabilities for the job market. This partnership with the Orange County Public Schools is a valuable program for students who need to learn new skills to enter the workforce. The hotel staff treat the interns as regular employees. They participate in employee orientation, staff meetings, and special events to learn what it is like to be a hotel employee.

Pictured left to right: Dr. Cannon Cameron, OCPS ESE program specialist; Dorea Mays, Rosen Single Creek associate HR director; Elizabeth Gonzalez, Rosen Shingle Creek HR manager; and Sue Kozoil, VP for Quest, Inc.



Showcase Your Talent Show

Join the Maile Image, Modeling & Acting School and The West Oaks Mall for the Showcase Your Talent show on Saturday, November 19, 2016 at 1p.m.

The talent show is open to singers between the ages of 6 to 17 years. Each contestant will have 90 seconds to perform a song. There will be one winner per age group (6 to 11 years & 12 to 17 years). It's free to enter. The application deadline is November 12th or once limit is reached.



Winners will receive a full tuition

acting scholarship to The Maile Acting School (up to a \$610 value) and a future live show performance, as well as signing with a local Screen Actors Guild agent (upon completion of the acting program).

Our panels of judges will score all performers on stage presence, originality, singing range & technique.

The Maile Image, Modeling & Acting School has been working with students and training talent since 1982. Some successful grads include pop star Mandy Moore, Jack Griffo as Max Thunderman on Nickelodeon's The Thundermans, Norm Lewis on ABC's Scandal, Michael Campion on Fuller *House* and Stefanie Scott on *Disney's Ant Farm*.

The West Oaks Mall is located at 9401 W. Colonial Drive, Ocoee, FL 34761. For more info or an application call The Maile School at 407-628-5989



Bach Festival Society Awarded Grant

The Edyth Bush Charitable Foundation awarded the Bach Festival Society of Winter Park a \$35,000 grant to support strategic planning and artistic programming in the 2016-17 season, pushing the Foundation's cumulative giving to the Society over the \$1 million mark.

The Foundation's very first grant, awarded in 1976, supported the Bach Festival Society's programming in the amount of \$10,000. Over the years, the Foundation has made a total of 53 grants and contributions, which have

underwritten choral and orchestral concerts, brought world-class chamber ensembles and soloists to Winter Park, and supported the purchase of equipment such

as choir risers and orchestra platforms.

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"Without the generosity of the Edyth Bush Charitable Foundation, the Bach Festival Society would not be the vibrant musical organization it is today," said the artistic director and conductor, Dr. John V. Sinclair. "We are deeply grateful for this gift

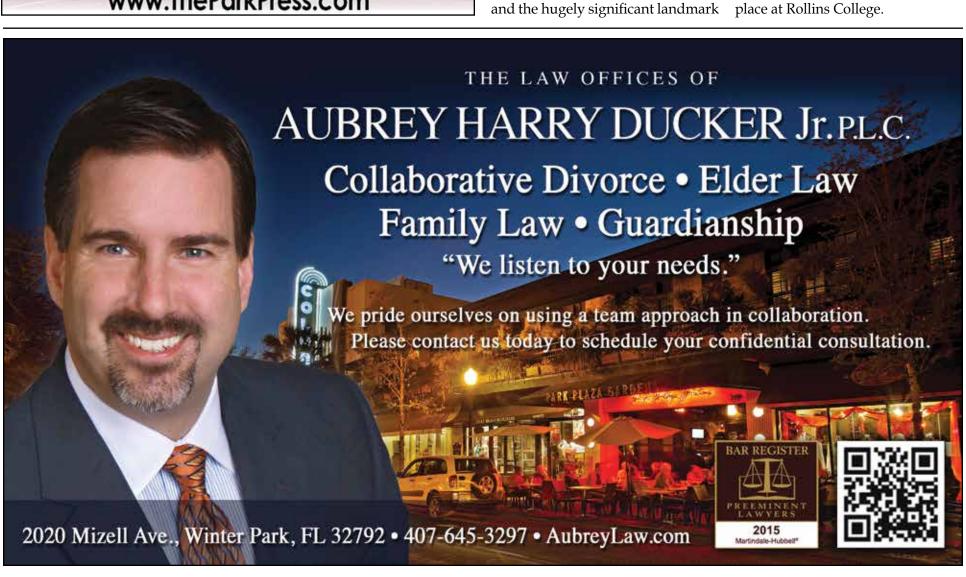
it represents. The role this Foundation has played in the encouragement of excellence in both artistic pursuits and sustainability cannot be overstated."

David Odahowski, president and CEO of the Foundation, commented on the long and trusted relationship with the Bach Festival Society, "Great grant-making is like a great symphony; you can't do it alone. You need to work with outstanding organizations like the Bach Festival Society, who know how to hit all the

> high notes with the singers, musicians, audience, and donors."

The Bach Festival Society's 82nd season begins in October, with Visiting Artists Trio Solisti perform-

ing on October 17, followed by the Bach Festival Choir and Orchestra, led by Dr. Sinclair, performing Puccini's Messa di Gloria, Saint-Saëns's Symphony No. 3 (Organ), and three pieces by Pulitzer Prize-winning composer Paul Moravec on October 22 and 23. All performances take place at Rollins College.



The Mayflower Toastmasters Club **Earns Top Award**

The Mayflower Retirement Community's Toastmasters club recently received the President's Distinguished Club Award from Toastmasters International, an organization that helps members in over 100 countries develop speech, communication and leadership skills. This is the eighth time The Mayflower has achieved this award, which is the highest level of recognition possible.

Since 2003, The Mayflower has had a Toastmasters chapter open to both residents and nonresidents. This recent recognition places the chapter in the top 20 percent of Toastmasters Clubs worldwide.

"Our club is unique," said Elizabeth Brothers, Mayflower resident and Toastmasters chapter founder. "It brings people from different generations together. Members range in age from their 30s to their 80s, and you don't have to be a Mayflower resident to join. It's a perfect example of how you are never too young or too old to grow and learn."

Wahlburgers Support Victims And Families Of Pulse Tragedy

has ended its fundraiser and will donate \$50,403 to the #OneOrlando Fund. The restaurant raised \$25,402 in t-shirt sales, and Donnie Wahlberg personally contributed additional funds. A check presentation ceremony with the mayor and city officials is planned, and will be held at a future date pending Donnie Wahlberg's schedule.

Donnie Wahlberg said, "I'm so grateful to the many generous guests of Wahlburgers who purchased

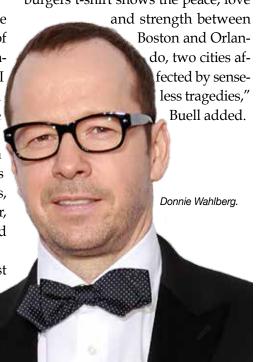
#OrlandoStrong t-shirts to help the victims still struggling in the wake of the horrible Pulse tragedy. Your generosity has inspired me so much that I am personally donating an additional \$25,000 raising the total sum to the victims and their families to \$50,000."

"As a society, we often move on very quickly from such tragedies while the victims and their loved ones, most of whom will be affected forever, continue on the long and painful road to recovery and healing.

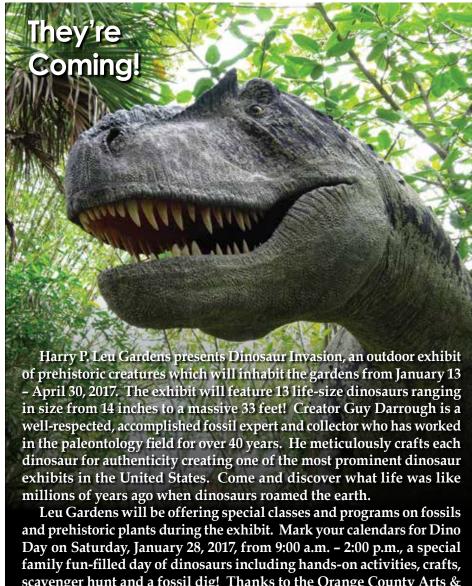
Hopefully this donation will assist in that healing, and also serve as a reminder that there are still many victims struggling to rebuild their lives who need our con-

Wahlburgers Downtown Orlando tinued financial and emotional support," concludes Wahlberg.

"My family has a long history in this community, and our thoughts and prayers are forever with the victims and their families," says Wahlburgers franchisee Gina Buell. "We want to personally thank our guests who purchased the t-shirts, our community for coming out in such strength, as well as our Wahlburgers family for their support. The logo that was designed for the #OrlandoStrong Wahlburgers t-shirt shows the peace, love







scavenger hunt and a fossil dig! Thanks to the Orange County Arts & Cultural Affairs grant and the Friends of Leu Gardens for their generous support of this project.

Harry P. Leu Gardens is located at 1920 N. Forest Avenue, Orlando, Florida 32803. Leu Gardens' mission is to provide a cultural resource that promotes the awareness and understanding of plants, the environment and the Gardens' history. For more information please contact the Leu Gardens at 407.246.2620 or visit leugardens.org.



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Changes In Financial Aid For College

For students enrolling in college, applying for financial aid just got a little easier. Starting with the 2017-18 school year, two major changes will impact the Free Application for the Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) process.

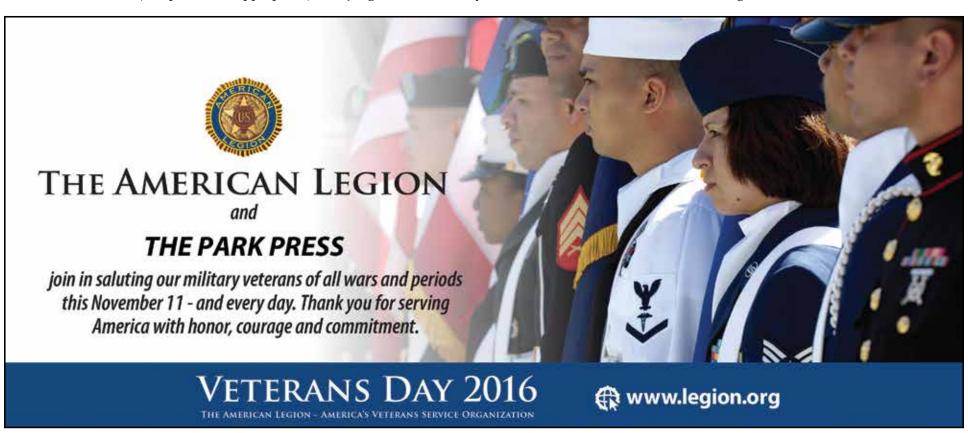
- First, FAFSA forms can be filed as early as Oct. 1, 2016, instead of Jan. 1, 2017. In addition to relieving deadline pressure for high school seniors and returning college students, this allows more time to explore financial aid options and meet state and school deadlines. Students and parents are encouraged to use this extended period to apply early to increase their chances of securing funding.
- Second, students (and parents, as appropriate)

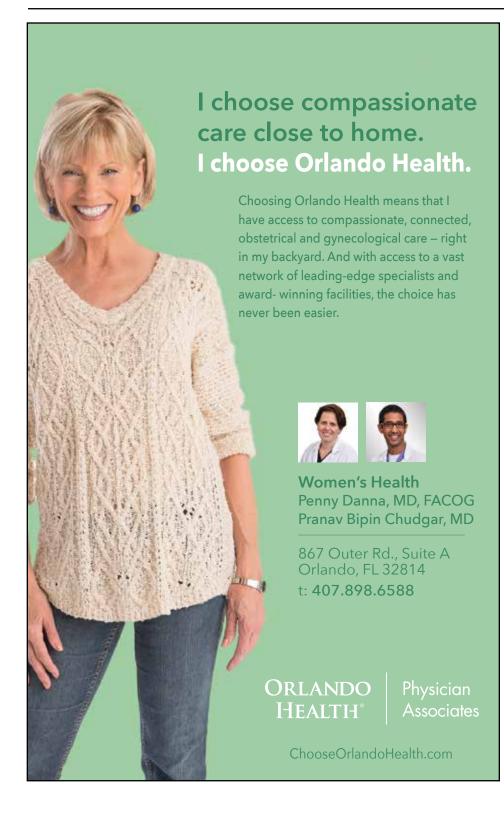
will be required to report income and tax information from an earlier tax year. For example, on the 2017-18 FAFSA, filers will report their 2015 information. Estimating current-year taxes – and then re-entering the correct numbers at a later time – is now a thing of the past.

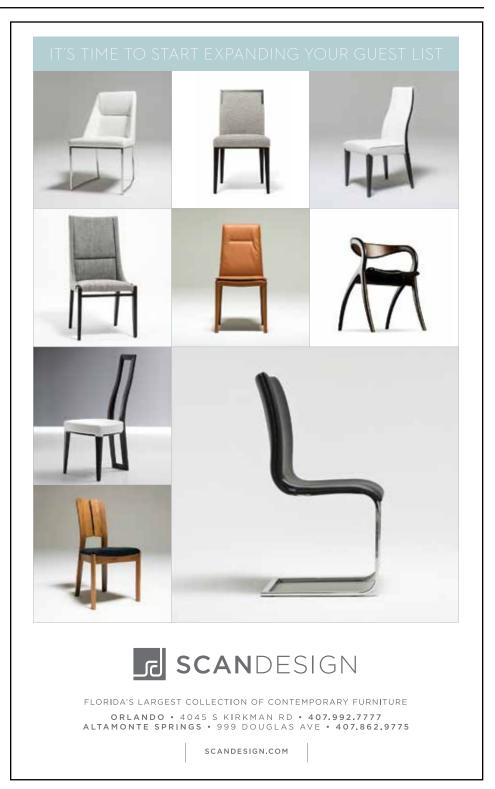
"Submitting FAFSA paperwork is a crucial first step for students who need monetary assistance, so we're glad to see these changes taking effect," said Ray Larsen, vice president for collective impact at Heart of Florida United Way. "By making the process more user-friendly, more students will be able to achieve access to higher education – and that's a major goal at United Way." Throughout America, there is a need for more awareness about the financial aid process. Locally, fewer than half of all high school seniors completed a FAFSA application last year. In Central Florida alone, that resulted in nearly \$17 million in need-based Pell Grants being left on the table.

To combat this problem, in 2014 Heart of Florida United Way launched its "Going to College" program, which uses text messages to help students, parents, guardians and counselors keep track of important financial aid and college-specific deadlines. To learn more, visit www.HFUW.org/going2college.

For additional details on the FAFSA process, including state and school financial aid deadlines, visit www.FAFSA.gov.







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fiscal fitness by John Gill

The Fiscal Fitness Of Children

In the United States there has been a blurring of the lines between needs and wants. There is the constant saturation marketing which promotes

items and lifestyles that are either unnecessary or unattainable for most people. Delayed gratification is challenged in today's culture of instant gratification. Parents today, even compared to parents of just ten years ago, grapple with the instantaneousness of life. It appears as though everything is available online as soon as it is envisioned or conceived. Children see the lifestyles, the phones, the latest gadgets and want it. Now! It looks like some basic financial education and training may help turn the tide and neutralize some of these issues.

A family focus on financial learning and literacy is needed and at the most basic level. The emphasis should be on needs versus wants, delayed gratification, general savings, and philanthropy. The challenge is that family life is so harried these days; few parents have time for even basic financial instruction. The following statistics tell the story.

Three in ten parents never talk to their children about money or have had just one big talk with their children on the subject, according to a U.S. telephone survey conducted for the American Institute of Public Accountants (AICPA) by Harris Interactive. On average, children are 10 years old when their mother or father has their first conversation with them about money. Just 13% of parents surveyed talk daily with their children about financial matters.

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Graphic by Jill Shargaa

concerned about the politeness of their children than their financial fitness," Ernie Almonte, CPA, vice chair of the AICPA's National CPA Financial Literacy Commission, said in a statement. "Dollars and cents should get the same attention as 'please' and 'thank you' at home. Financial education builds critical skills that help put life goals within reach and strengthen the economy. Parents must make financial lessons a priority in both conversation and action as early as possible."

The National Financial Literacy Commission offers tips for parents in financially educating their children. Start early: as soon as children are able to express a want, discuss basics like delayed gratification that are the foundation for budgeting

and saving for a goal. Require children to save some of their birthday cash and money earned in after-school jobs. Give them small jobs to earn an allowance to pay for toys, gadgets or other wants. Make saving fun by giving them a grocery list, and have them clip coupons and comparison shop by reviewing store fliers. Split the savings with them to reward their effort. Speak in their terms: a child might not care about money for college and may be more interested in money to buy a toy or spend with their friends. Create teachable moments around things your children care about.

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

If you have questions, comments, or an area of financial interest you would like to see discussed in The Park Press please call John at 407-353-0594 or send email to FiscalFitness@ymail.com. Follow John on Twitter, @john_gill1.

family business perspective by Kendall Rawls

People Are Our Biggest Competitive Advantage

Competition in business is what helps to keep us focused on strategic growth. However, in today's landscape, competition is bigger, stronger, wider, and more present than ever. Innovations in technology give your customers access to similar products and services from companies that are not located in their geographic footprint. With a click of a button, an order can be placed, shipped and received to a buyer that should have been yours.

There is no doubt that innovation plays a huge part in the growth of competition going after our buyers. However, another real threat to competition, is with our employees. Sure, our customers generate the profits, however our employees help build the core and foundation of our business, as well as the future, as potential leaders and successors. They are our value proposition and they are what will take our business into the future.

It is no secret that turnover costs a business money. It is also no secret that recruiting the right talent can be difficult. So then, why do many business owners find themselves in a situation where their strong talent leaves to go to a competitor? More often than not, our employees leave due to not being satisfied.

Employee satisfaction comes in many forms; it is not a one size fits all. Motivations differ by employee and it means that they can either fuel your business, or weigh it down. For one employee their motivation might be in the amount of money you

are paying them, for another it could be their trajectory to leadership, and for others it could be a work/life balance program.

Key for building a strong culture and recruiting the right talent for your organization is identifying the types of people you want to shape your business. Behaviors and attitudes of those motivated by money are different than those motivated by growth and opportunity. Identifying the core values of your organization as well as the targeted Behaviors, Attitudes, Skills, Knowledge and Experience of every role clarifies the types of people who qualify as a candidate for your organization. In recruitment, in-

clude your core values and identified BASKE criteria to develop job descriptions and postings to better filter for the applicants you are seeking.

Regardless of the motivation, if you have done your homework to identify the motivators of the talent you want to recruit, you are now equipped to build programs to sustain the satisfaction of your

employees. In addition to being good for keeping your people, your people programs along with the reputation of staff longevity, help with your recruiting efforts. Thus, decreasing hefty costs in turnover, and creating a very strong competitive advantage.

As a business owner, you want your business to grow, but you also need to have a strong foundation to sustain future growth. Focusing and investing on your people and people programs can generate great returns for your business. It can also help you identify and motivate your highly-qualified supporting managers who could be the key to your future succession.



Kendall Rawls knows and understands the challenges that impact the success of an entrepreneurial owned business. Her unique perspective comes not only from her educational background; but, more importantly, from her experience as a second-generation family member employee of The Rawls Group - Business Succession Planners. For more information, visit www.rawlsgroup.com or email info@rawlsgroup.com.

real estate in the parks by Scott Hillman



Why I Choose To Wear Pink

You might have been expecting this column to focus on the state of the real estate market in Metro Orlando. But this month, I wanted to write

about something more personal.

While buying and selling homes is our business at Fannie Hillman + Associates, supporting the local charitable community is really at the heart of what we do every day. For the last 35 years, our company's philanthropic arm, Hillman Cares, has raised tens of thousands of dollars for non-profits and other organizations. It's our way of giving back to the organizations and people who have supported our business. Previous recipients have included The Foundation for Foster Children, the Winter Park Housing Authority, the Coalition for the Homeless of Central Florida, and New Hope for Kids.

This month, alongside 13 other community leaders, I am supporting the American Cancer Society for Breast Cancer Awareness month with "Real Men Wear Pink." This initiative promotes early detection, prevention, and raises funds for breast cancer research that saves lives right here in Orlando. Those lives could be your wife, your sister, or your mother.

According to Florida Hospital Orlando, more than 200,000 new cases are found each year, making breast cancer the second most commonly diagnosed cancer among women in the United States. And yes, some of those new cases also include men.

When organizers asked me to participate in the fundraising event, I didn't hesitate. Breast cancer is an illness that has hit very close to home for me. I've watched my mother battle the disease, as well as several friends and fellow agents at Fannie Hillman + Associates. I'm ready to stand up, create awareness, and support the American Cancer Society in making strides against breast cancer. It's my small - but significant contribution – to give back to an organization that has helped my family, friends and make a tremendous difference in our community.

Since mid-September through the end of this month, I am wearing pink to raise awareness about breast cancer in Orlando. You may have seen me around town

sporting pink shorts, a pink tie, or shirt. My team is also posting pictures on social media to help spread the word. I started with my fundraising goal at \$2,000, and generous donors helped me reach that figure in just one week! Then I expanded it to \$5,000 and within two weeks, I received \$4,600 in con-

tributions. The generosity of this community continues to be overwhelming, and I hope to reach my new goal of \$7,000 by the end of the campaign. Thank you to everyone who has supported this cause!

Last month, we also sponsored and participated in the 5K Halloween Hustle, an event hosted by the Junior League of Greater Orlando to help end childhood hunger in Central Florida. Hillman Cares continues its philanthropy as one of the sponsors of the Autism Speaks Walk on November 12 and Dogfest on November 19. We hope that you will join us at these events and meet our associates who are doing their part to make our com-

munity a better place to live, work and play.

Scott Hillman is president of Fannie Hillman + Associates, a 35-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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live meaningfully by Ayesha G. Bullock, M.A



Stormriding...

The last couple of months have been altogether unexpected and have certainly not gone according to plan. New

realities have had to be accept-

ed, changes have had to be made, and expectations have had to adjust. However, it remains a good opportunity to practice riding the waves with grace and agility.

Human beings have a significant desire for stability, order and ritual. This is much of the reason that birthdays and holidays not only seem delightful and important to us, but also have a sense of nostalgic reassurance. Even the most adventuresome of us have a deep need for a construct of home base. A sense of belonging and an undercurrent of steady flow allows us to feel anchored whether in still waters or storms.

As I sit now with a house full of people and a category 4 storm wailing outside the window, I remind myself that these are the moments when home base is a representation of what we've created and what is important to us. The scenery may change as we travel through the various ages and stages of life; and the people may even look a little different, but our sense of home and belonging is paramount and must be a solidly constructed base.

There are a lot of storms that will visit throughout the years and the winds of change blow relentlessly, but where and with whom do you find your sense of home? What does the landscape of your life look



like, even when hurricanes blow? And who are the gentle gardeners tending to the blooms outside your relational window after the squall has passed?

If these are answers that come easily and by which you are eased, then you are more-than-likely doing what is necessary to tend to your own garden and keep up your own property. If, instead, you feel overwhelmed or distressed by the unchartered landscape post-storm, perhaps there is an opportunity to repair relationships and shore up the structure of your emotional home before the next storm arrives.

No matter where this finds you or what storms have passed or are yet on the horizon, I pose these

questions... Where do you feel your greatest sense of acceptance, belonging, love and understanding? With whom do you feel your whole and authentic self? For whom would you do absolutely anything and without whom would you never want to take the next step?

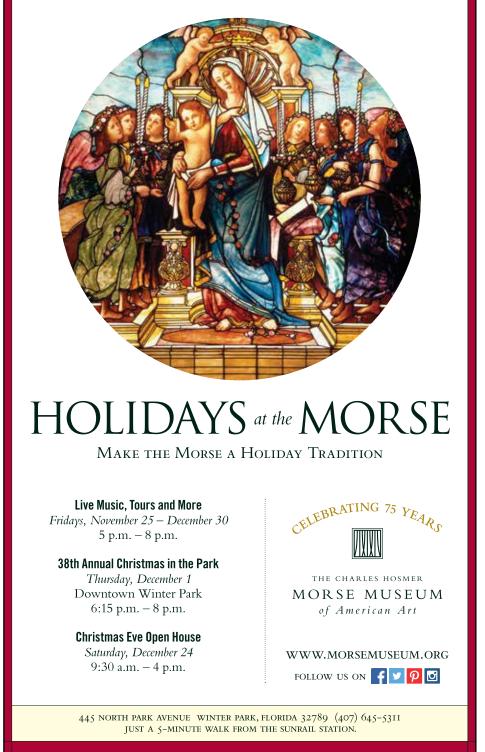
Perhaps these questions are obvious and easy for you. Or perhaps you find yourself answering as you 'should' or always have, but take a moment and really consider the practice of crafting life and your sense of home intentionally and mindfully. Make sure that the home you have created as an adult adequately and appropriately reflects the man, woman, husband, or wife you truly are and aligns with the kind of per-

son you strive to be. If it does not, make changes. Stretch, grow, exceed expectations, have hard conversations and embrace change, because living authentically is the gift and the privilege awarded to us as adults if only we embrace it.

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

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n the garden by Stephen and Kristin Pategas



Locally Grown And Harvested

Warning read no further if you are hungry! Many

plants are crops that are grown and harvested to feed us. They provide breakfast foods, salads, appetizers, entrées, desserts, and of course, the in-between meal snacks. How many edibles can we successfully grow in Central Florida? With the right amount of land and growing conditions can the produce department become obsolete?

One challenge is having a wide variety of edibles ripening throughout the year. The stretching of harvest times for some plants is achieved with succession planting. Plant lettuce, spinach, radishes, string beans, and other vegetables a few weeks apart. Freezing, drying, or canning produce saves the harvest for future use. We dry cherry tomatoes and store them in the refrigerator in plastic bags. After reconstituting them in the microwave (covered in water for one minute in a Pyrex bowl) they find their way into many meals. One year they were a hit when given as home grown holiday gifts.

Other challenges include the weather which can delay, speed up, or wipe out a crop. When the heat comes on strong, lettuce bolts and most tomatoes stop setting fruit. Insect and disease problems can reduce or eliminate a yield. Regular scouting for these problems and prompt treatment helps maintain plant vigor. When calculating harvest times, don't reference what is in the produce department unless it is grown locally. A greenhouse is ideal for extending the growing season since tender crops can be grown through frosty winters.

The following fruits or vegetables successfully grow here if there are proper growing conditions and care. They are not inclusive of what could be grown.

Breakfast - A bowl of fruit could include any of these fruits if they are in season: bananas, peaches, plums, strawberries, blueberries, pineapple, blackberries, citrus (oranges, grapefruits, kumquats, etc.), star fruit, persimmon, and papaya. Making a cereal from corn would be a major stretch so add fruit to store bought cereal or serve with yogurt.

Lunch - Try a salad with lettuce, spinach, tomato, cucumber, pepper, radish, olives, and avocado.

Dinner - A casserole including a bevy of vegetables: eggplant, string beans, squash, okra, scallions, and leeks. A side of beets, carrots, kale,

Swiss chard, cabbage, broccoli, or Brussels sprouts.

Dessert - Unless you have mastered growing cacao to make your own chocolate, see breakfast above.

Snacks - Mix up some guacamole from avocados or cure olives. Take ripe veggies and dry them to create savory snacks such as tomatoes and tomatillos and fruits such as bananas, peaches, blueberries, pineapple, and strawberries for sweet ones.

Growing a diversity of crops is the best strategy to obtain edibles throughout the year. However, even with multiple strategies in place to overcome the vagaries of growing edibles, produce departments (or many neighbors with green thumbs) are still needed to round out meals.

To determine planting dates use the Florida Fresh Veggie app. Enter your zip code, and the free app tells you what vegetables to plant at that time of year. Then tap photos for more information. Android: https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=edu.ufl.ifas.planting. iOS:https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/florida-fresh/id1061646911?ls=1&mt=8





Left: Star fruit grows on a medium sized tree. Middle: Broccoli is a good cool season crop. Small inset photo: Harvest pineapples when fragrant and turning golden in color. Right: Bright Lights Swiss chard adds pizazz to the garden. Photos by Stephen G. Pategas/Hortus Oasis.

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Philanthropy On A Mission

not think you're a "philanthropy person," but what does that

really mean? We hear the word "philanthropy" used often, and it can mean different things to different people. Philanthropy is defined as a desire to promote the welfare of others, expressed by generous donation. As I've engaged with philanthropists in our community, I've realized it's not just about the money.

More importantly, it's about how the money is invested in an issue to get the best results – it's philanthropy on a mission.

I like to think of it in terms of building a fence. First, you realize you need to either keep something or someone in or out of the fence, in order to make your life simpler and easier. Then you make the plans

You might - measurements, surveys, permits, HOA approvals and so forth. Once you purchase the supplies, you're ready to start digging holes for the posts and nailing up the slats one by one. It's tough work, and it's hard on your hands and entire body. But it's rewarding to see the progress and success as you go. It's a lot like how philanthropy on a mission works. Conversations, plans, research and collaboration all combine to make an impact. Once you're able to see progress, the reward is huge.

So, what issues matter to you? Things that come to the top of my mind are arts, education, healthcare, homelessness, and the environment, among others. Our community has made huge progress in helping to house nearly 100 of the most vulnerable homeless men and women in Central Florida. As a result, a complete system change is happening in our approach to homelessness as we implement a "Housing First" model. Our arts community is growing and continuing to bring vibrancy to our lives. Our community is talking about issues like education, healthcare and

> the environment more than ever before. But moving

beyond discussion, how can we move the needle in these areas?

It takes people who can bring passion, ideas, strategy and money to the table to make real change happen. It takes "philanthropy people." Working with others across our community makes issues that seem monstrous more solvable. When we look at issues and then make the tough decisions to do things differently from how we've always done them, that's when change happens. Change isn't perfect, and it doesn't happen overnight, but it's crucial to start. When we put philanthropy on a mission, the results are always worth it.



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pop culture detours by George McGowan

Modern Day Protest Albums For Your Collection

The history of rock and roll includes many instances of protest songs or, in some rare cases, entire albums of protest songs. The songs are easy to recall: a certain recent Nobel prize winner by the name of Dylan wrote a few and many folks from my generation recognize "Sunday Bloody Sunday" by U2 and "Rock the Casbah" by the Clash as in that vein. The first full album of protest songs that comes to my mind is "What's Going On" by Marvin Gaye, released in 1971. This album is overtly political and questions the state of America through the eyes of a soldier from the Vietnam War. During this time when politics takes center stage, two widely diverse music artists have released what I would consider modern-day protest albums.

by Solange. Solange Piaget Knowles is the younger sister of mega-star Beyonce and has put together an interesting music career of her own, well outside the large shadow cast by her sister. Her latest album uses several musical styles, including funk, soul, and R&B, to present songs that express both the deep despair and call to empowerment experienced by the African American community. I can attest to the fact that the album is sleek, soulful, and mesmerizing.

best melodies you will hear this year. Interspersed throughout the album are spoken word capsules by her parents and mentors which really propel the ideas she presents to the forefront.

The second is "American Band" by Drive-By Truckers. Drive-By Truckers is a Southern Rock powerhouse led by two of the best songwriters of their generation, Patterson Hood and Mike Cooley. I will let Greg Kot of the Chicago Tribune describe

> "American Band" - "This is a record about the notion that the socalled melting pot

that is America is in reality more often like a collection of cul de sacs, a country divided by suspicion and fear." The Truckers don't hesitate to dive into some of the more divisive subjects of our time - but they present them along with the "meatiest" rock and roll being played anywhere today.

Since we are close to the holidays and some of you shop early, I will leave you with a list of other albums and musicians whom you should consider for your holiday shopping. For lovers of beautiful female voices in the style of Cat Power, Joni Mitchell, or Karen Carpenter, you can't go wrong with three ladies who use interesting names for

their artistry: Natalie

Mering, who performs and records as Weyes Blood, Jenn Wasner who is known as Flock of Dimes, and Kayla Cohen who goes by Itasca. And - I can't believe I am writing this - I really like the new album "Joanne" by Lady Gaga! Happy listening!

At left, singer Solange. Drive-By Truckers second album "American Band."



theater in the parks by Barbara Solomon

A New Take On An Old Story

DR. JEKYLL AND MR. HYDE WRITTEN BY JEFFREY HATCHER **DIRECTED BY CYNTHIA WHITE**

STARTTING TIM WILLIAMS AND STEVEN LANE

How can you go wrong when you have two of the best actors in Orlando on the stage? The characters are monstrous but the show is superb. Part of its effectiveness lies in a twist on the usual story---there are four, yes four, Mr. Hydes; he has multiple personalities, all of which are evil. For those of you unfamiliar with this classic, Dr. Jekyll (Tim Williams) is experimenting in his laboratory on mind transformation, the results of which are Hyde, evil incarnate. By the end of the story Jekyll is unable to control what he has brought up from his subconscious.

Tim Williams is amazing as Je- taking over? The answer, according

kyll. Every time he took the stage he had me mesmerized. I can state without reservation he is the best actor in Orlando now that Russ and Dennis have moved on to Hollywood. A close second is Steven Lane, playing one of the Mr. Hydes. Steven usually plays the good guy, so I was impressed by how well he handled the role of the bad guy. He was downright scary! The spooky set, music, and costumes added to the evil ambiance.

The question remains "Is there a soul?" And if so, how does the normal person hide his rage without it

> to the play, is that no one is wholly good or wholly bad, but most of the time we wear the white hat.

> Playing through November 13 at Orlando Shakes in Loch Haven Park. For more information call 407-447-1700 or visit orlandoshakes.org.

BARB'S BEST BETS FOR NOVEMBER: "A MARVELOUS PARTY" AT THE WINTER PARK PLAYHOUSE, "PYGMALION" AT MAD COW, AND "CLOUD



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Family Matters

THE GOD GAME WRITTEN BY SUZANNE BRADBEER **DIRECTED BY TONY SIMOTES** STARRING BRIAN BRIGHTMAN, CYNTHIA BECKERT, AND ROBERT PIGOTT

Two of the other best actors in ing in this play. Robby's verve and be-Orlando are in Mad Cow's production of "The God Game." The title is somewhat misleading as this piece is about fundamental loyalty-both familial and political. Tom (Brian Brightman) is an upstanding junior senator who is asked by his best friend Matt (Robert Pigott) to run for vice president on his party's ticket. His stance on the issues are really good for America, but there is one fly in the ointment-he is an atheist. On the opposite end of the spectrum is his wife Lisa (Cynthia Beckert), a true believer in God and Jesus. Can this be resolved? Come see for yourself.

Brian was the perfect actor for his role of Tom. His demeanor exudes integrity and capability. He is outstandliefs ring true due to his great acting.

At the conclusion Tom says "We do the best we can while we're here."

Everyone involved in this show certainly did that. Playing through Nov. 20 at Mad Cow, Church Street.

At the other end of town, we have a dysfunctional family in Tennessee William's "The Glass Menagerie." Cami Miller plays Amanda, a crazy mother living in the past, and unable to function in the present. Anneliese Moon is Laura, the crippled daughter living in a make-believe world of glass animals. And Anthony Pyatt, Jr. is Tom, wanting to escape in the bottle and the Merchant Marines. When Tom invites his friend Jim to dinner, we see insights beyond the fam-



Actor Robert Pigott is performing in the play "The God Game" at Mad Cow Theatre, now through Nov. 20.

ily dynamics. This play is Tennessee Williams at his most depressing. But the director and producer, Beth Marshall, always puts on an outstanding

production, and this is no exception. Very well acted by all, it is worthwhile the trip to The Garden Theatre. Playing through Nov. 6.

Orlando Shakes Holiday Lineup

Orlando Shakespeare Theater (Orlando Shakes), in partnership with UCF, is thrilled to present Every Christmas Story Ever Told (And Then Some!) from November 30 - December 30, 2016 in the Margeson Theater. Originally developed at Orlando Shakes' PlayFest, Every Christmas Story Ever Told (And Then Some!) remains one of the Theater's most hilarious and successful holiday shows to date.

What begins as an annual production of "A Christmas Carol," soon devolves into an irreverent look at numerous holiday classics including "It's a Wonderful Life," "Frosty," "Rudolph," "Charlie Brown," and more. Three actors (with the help of Santa) send up everything from Dickens to Dr. Seuss in 90 minutes of high-octane jollity and frivolity.

"We knew instantly that it was hilariously funny and the perfect treat for the holiday season. We are so happy to be bringing it back this year," said Jim Helsinger, the artistic director for Orlando Shakespeare Theater.

Orlando Shakespeare Theater is supported by United Arts of Central Florida. The Theater is also sponsored in part by the Department of State, Division of Cultural Affairs, the Florida Council on Arts and Culture, and the State of Florida.

PERFORMANCE INFORMATION AND RELATED EVENTS

Preview Dates: November 30 & December 1 at 7:30 p.m. Opening Date: December 2 at 7:30 p.m. Senior Matinees: December 7; 14; 21 and 28 at 2 p.m. Student Matinees: December 2; 6 and 13 at 10:30 a.m. Talk Back Performance: December 18 at 2 p.m.

Tickets are available now by calling (407) 447-1700 ext. 1, visiting www.orlandoshakes.org, or in person at the John and Rita Lowndes Shakespeare Center (812 East Rollins Street).



Pictured above: Timothy Williams, Mark Lainer, and Paul Kiernan star in Orlando Shakespeare Theater's production of Every Christmas Story Ever Told (And Then Some!). Photo by Tony Firriolo.

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Dommerich Elementary students have been extremely busy enriching themselves in all ways this month. They collaborated with other OCPS schools in this year's National Anthem Project. Thanks to our music teacher, Mrs. Krulick, our students gathered around the flag pole, dressed in red, white, and/or blue to show their patriotism as they sang. They also huddled together in the Media Center to listen as Geoff Rodkey, New York Times bestselling author of the Tapper Twins books, shared experiences in his life that lead him to reading, writing, and creating.

Not only did they creatively enrich their minds, they also enriched their bodies. We had a total of 385 students participate in the first Walk N' Roll! Running Tribe had 180 runners on its opening day to try out the new PTA-sponsored path. The students ran a total of 258.16 miles that day. Thank you PTA for helping promote and sustain a healthy lifestyle in Dommerich students.

Lastly, the Dommerich students and families showed their caring by donating books to Westside Elementary School in Scott, Louisiana. This school suffered severe flood damage, plus the school library lost many books and K-5 teachers lost most of their classroom libraries. Within just a few days, Dommerich students were able to collect over

400 books to send to this school. The students and families also showed caring by fundraising for this year's technology enhancement initiative. The theme was: Be A Chief: Be a Champion and I am impressed by the Caring, Healthy, Imaginative, Effort-ful, and Fellowship-rich ways students and families fundraised in the community. Students held garage sales, lemonade stands, made crafts for donations and so many other creative ways to show their support for the programs at Dommerich Elementary School.

Thank you to the staff, students and community for making DES the BEST!



We have had many exciting events take place this first nine-week period. We had our annual Open House in September with many parents and students in attendance. Our first PTO Movie Night and Skate Night were Milburn is a fourth-grade teacher who has a passion for math and science. She has taught at Lakemont Elementary for eight years and is proud to be a Lakemont Leopard. Prior to joining the team at Lakemont, she was a mental health counselor for young children. On October 11, 2016, she was recognized at the OCPS School Board meeting. We



Pictured above center, Dianne Bauer was honored with an all-expense paid trip on the Cabot Community Celebrity Alaskan Cruise for being the Orange County Public School Outstanding Senior Volunteer.

also big successes. Additionally, the students had a great time raising money for our school at our annual PTO Fun Run!

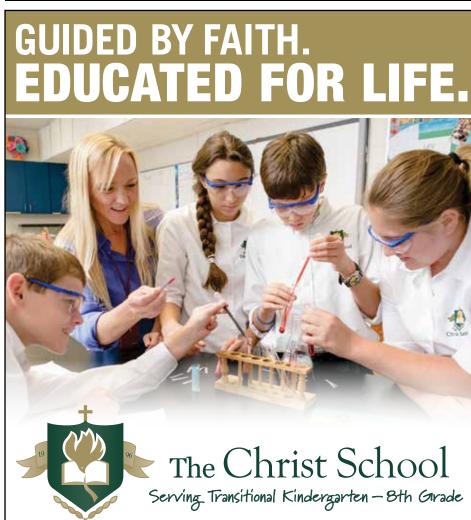
Our students have been hard at work on achieving their academic goals and many of them are achieving great success. Recently, our teams of Mathletes competed at the East Learning Community Mathletes Competition and one of the Lakemont teams won Third Place! We are also very proud of staff and volunteers. Among the many wonderful teachers and staff at Lakemont, we are proud to say that

are so proud of her accomplishments and are happy to have her on staff here at Lakemont.

Additionally, on September 30, Dr. Jenkins and School Board Member Joie Cadle surprised Dianne Bauer, named OCPS Outstanding Senior Volunteer, with an all-expenses paid trip on the Cabot Community Celebrity Alaskan Cruise. Mrs. Bauer and her guest will cruise with 50 other community volunteers for eight days and seven nights. Thank you, Cabot, for your support! Mrs. Bauer volunteers at Lakemont Elementary in the Science Lab with her team of students who help fill teacher orders for science experiments and deliver the supplies to classrooms.



Pictured far right, OCPS School Board member Joie Cadle honors Lakemont Elementary teachers.



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St. Charles Borromeo Catholic School provides students with a variety of after-school activities that go beyond the rigorous curriculum.

Open Computer Lab – Every Tuesday/Thursday students can come complete projects, take Accelerated Reader tests, or conduct research.

GA Premier Junior Golf - A six-

week course for beginning and experienced players. All equipment is provided. The beginning levels focus on the basics and learning the rules. The higher levels work on ball positioning, making contact with the ball, controlling the ball, understanding the importance of distances, and club selection.

Band – Beginning band is for students who want to start learning an instrument. The program continues with Concert Band for those students who have at least one year of experience. The band performs a Christmas Concert and Spring Concert and students are also able to play for our school Mass.

Chorus - The Voices of St. Charles is a chorus group. They sing at our weekly Mass, perform in the community at Holiday on the Drive, Winter Park Parade and Festival of Trees. The Voices also perform a Christmas Concert and Spring Concert.

Sports Teams – The girls' basketball and boys' soccer seasons have ended. Future teams will be selected for track, volleyball, girls' soccer and boys' basketball.

YMCA and Aftercare – These programs provide supervision for the students until 6:00 p.m.

Homework Help – Middle School teachers are available to help with make-up work and offer additional support.

Come check out the Bulldogs at Open House, Sunday, November 6th 9:30-12:30



St. Charles Borromeo Catholic School's Concert band will perform a Christmas show this year. Pictured above are some of the music students.

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

Our vision for graduates of The Christ School is that they are committed to being others-oriented. We accomplish this vision by providing students with hands-on and age-appropriate leadership and service opportunities throughout their K-8 journey. These experiences provide valuable lessons that will shape their hearts for their entire lives.

Every year, students at TCS have numerous opportunities to serve through our Student Ambassador program, as reading and Bible buddies, as members of safety patrol, student government, National Junior Honor Society, Chapel Planning Club, Lower School Service Club and more. One of the most cherished traditions at The Christ School is One Great Day of Service, when our students, staff, and parents serve for an entire day at organizations throughout Central Florida.

The Lower School Service Club is a new opportunity introduced to students in grades TK-5. They had their first service event on October

4. Over 100 students and 30 parents and staff members came together to assemble 300 snack packs for the Christian Service Center. The packs included Scripture cards, complete with drawings and notes written by our students to the families who will receive the bags. Fifth-grade students strengthened their leadership skills as they led the younger students through the assembly of the bags, the card creations, and even the "quality control" of each bag. Each bag received a special prayer by the students and leaders. As the event began, the Christian

Service Center executive director and TCS grandfather, Commissioner Robert Stuart, spoke to the students about how the Christian Service Center serves those in need in our community and how our service project will make a difference.

It was heart-warming to see the students' excitement. They were eager to serve, and performed their tasks carefully and happily. I look forward to seeing this club thrive, allowing our students many opportunities to benefit our community through service.





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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Audubon Park Garden District Events

Ongoing Events

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

Baldwin Park, College Park and Orlando Area Events

Ongoing Events

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

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

Every Wednesday Belles and Beaus Dance Club has dances every Wednesday (except November 23) 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 Friday Your Adult Club Socials (Y.A.C.S.) Dance – 7:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. at the Marks Street Recreation Center, 99 E. Marks St., Orlando, FL. Admission is \$4.00 for members and \$5.00 for guests. Dress code of no jeans, tennis shoes, or tee-shirts. Singles and couples are welcome. For more information, please call Joan at 407-339-5393.

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.

November 12 Orange County Recycles Day 2016 – 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Orange County Landfill located at 12100 Young Pine Road. Enjoy exhibits, children's activities, refreshments (while supplies last), tours, a truck display, and entertainment. For more information, please visit www.ocfl.net/OCRecyclesDay.

November 14-21 Operation Christmas Child National Collection Week – Through colorfully wrapped, gift-filled shoeboxes, children in need in more than 100 countries can experience hope this year. Simply pack a shoebox with toys, hygiene items, school supplies and notes of encouragement. To find a drop off location near you, please visit www.samaritanspurse.org/occ.

November 18-January 7 Light Up UCF – This annual event includes ice skating, light shows, music, photos with Santa and more. For more information, please visit www.lightupucf.com.

November 18 Florida Hospital's Annual Thanksgiving Celebration – 7:00 p.m. at Calvary Assembly Church located at 1199 Clay Street. This free event features performances by award-winning musicians Natalie Grant, Michael English. Doors open at 6:00 p.m.

November 19 Showcase Your Talent Show – 1:00 p.m. at The West Oaks Mall located at 9401 W. Colonial Drive. The talent show is open to singers between the ages of 6 to 17 years. It's free to enter. The application deadline is November 12, or once limit is reached. For more information, please call The Maile School at 407-628-5989.

November 21 Florida Hospital Distinguished Lecture Series – 5:30 p.m. at the Florida Hospital Orlando Werner Auditorium located at 601 E. Rollins Street. Event features Dr. Kathryn Kirsh-Pasek. For more information, please visit FloridaHospitalDLS.com or call 407-303-9239.

November 27 44th Annual Performance of Handel's "Messiah"

NOVEMBER HIGHLIGHT

MORSE MUSEUM OF AMERICAN ART DAFFODIL TERRACE COLUMNS c.1925 445 N. PARK AVENUE, WINTER PARK

The design was quintessential Tiffany, embodying so many of his lifelong themes: the beauty of nature, his love of Eastern decorative ideas, his almost stubborn preference for humble materials, his taste for elegance, and above all, the combination of all this into a coherent whole of awesome aesthetic power. On display at the Morse Museum.

- 3:00 p.m. at the Bob Carr Theater located at 401 W. Livingston Street. Doors open at 2:15 p.m., and admission is free.

December 1 The Orange County Retired Educators Meeting – 10:00 a.m. at the College Park United Methodist Church, 644 W. Princeton Street. Anyone who has worked in education is invited to join. For more information, please call 407-677-0446.

Maitland Events

Ongoing Events

Every Sunday Maitland Farmers' Market at Lake Lily.

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.

Winter Park Events

Ongoing Events

Every Monday (October 17 - November 21) Free Living Healthy with Diabetes Workshops – 1:00 to 3:30 p.m. at the Winter Park Fire-Rescue Department located at 343 W. Canton Ave. To register for this free six-week workshop or for more information, contact the Senior Resource Alliance at 407-514-1806 or livinghealthy@sraflorida.org.

Every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday through April 14 Free Tax Assistance Free Tax Assistance – 11:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Winter Park Library.

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

Every Tuesday, Friday and Saturday Winter Park Benefit

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

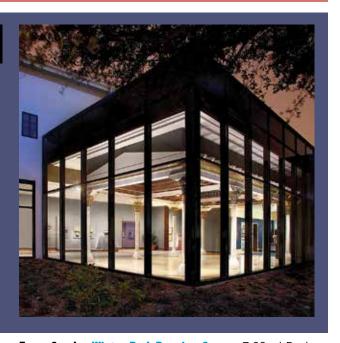
Every Tuesday and Thursday Curator Tours of Louis Comfort Tiffany's Laurelton Hall – At 11:00 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. at the Charles Hosmer Morse Museum of American Art located at 445 N. Park Ave. Space is limited and free with museum admission. To learn more about this event with Curator Donna Climenhage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

Every Thursday "Walk With A Doc" – Enjoy a rejuvenating 45-minute walk with Florida Hospital physicians. This free event is held at 6:00 p.m. at the Crosby YMCA. For more information, or to reserve your spot, please call 407-644-2300.

Every Friday (November - April) Free Friday Nights At The Morse – 4:00 to 8:00 p.m. at the Morse Museum located at 445 N. Park Avenue. This event includes live music, curator tours and art demonstrations. For more information, please call 407-645-5311, or visit www.morsemuseum.org.

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

Every Saturday and Sunday Line Dance Class – 10:00 a.m. Saturday for experienced dancers, and 3:00 p.m. Sunday for beginners at the Winter Park Community Center located at 721 W. New England Avenue. Enjoy music, make new friends, and get some fun exercise at the same time! For more information please call 407-592-7835.



Every Sunday Winter Park Running Group– 7:00 at Park Avenue and Welbourne. New participants are welcome to join. For more information, please email jackgallagher@gmail.com.

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.

November 9 Florida's Famous Plants - You Can Grow Them Too

– 10:00 a.m. at the Winter Park Garden Club located at 1300 S. Denning Drive. Featuring Tom MacCubbin - urban horticulturist, noted garden writer, and University of Florida Extension Agent Emeritus. For more information, please call 407-644-5770.

November 10 Popcorn Flicks – Featuring the showing of "Aladdin" at 7:00 p.m. in Central Park. For more information, please visit www.winterpark.org.

November 11 6th Annual Veterans Day Celebration – 10:00 a.m. at the Winter Park Community Center Ruby Ball Amphitheatre located at 721 W. New England Ave. The city calls all veterans who have served in any military campaign or branch, in honor of our nation's freedom. For more information, please call 407-599-3428.

November 12 7th Annual Haiti Benefit Pumpkin Run – 7:30 a.m. at Mead Gardens. This event is sponsored by St. Margaret Mary Catholic Church and St. Stephens Catholic Community. For more information, or to register, please visit www.pumpkin5krun.com.

November 13-14 9th Annual Parings Party and Celebrity Golf Tournament – This two-day event is hosted by the Florida League at Interlachen Country Club. For more information, please visit www.floridaleague.com or call 321-206-9174.

November 17 Sip, Stroll and #ShopSmall – 5:00 - 8:00 p.m. along Park Avenue. For more information, please visit www.experienceparkavenue.com

November 25 Live Music Featuring the Harpist Bizarre Quartet – 5:00 - 8:00 p.m. at the Morse Museum located at 445 N. Park Avenue. For more information regarding this event, please call 407-645-5311, or visit www.morsemuseum.org.

December 1 38th Annual Christmas In The Park – 6:15 to 8:00 p.m. in Central Park. This event includes the lighting of century-old Tiffany Windows by the Morse Museum, and a free outdoor concert of holiday favorites by the Bach Festival Society and Brass Ensemble.

December 2, 3, 4, 9, 10 and 11 "The Best Christmas Pageant Ever" – Show times depending on day are at 2:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. at the Orlando Repertory Theater. For more information, please visit www.circletheatrecompany.com.

December 2 Popcorn Flicks In The Park – Featuring the showing of "The Santa Clause" at 7:00 p.m. in Central Park. For more information, please visit www.winterpark.org.



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