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## A Monumental Bierstadt Landscape At The Morse

*The Domes of the Yosemite*, the largest existing painting by Albert Bierstadt (1830-1902), will be exhibited at the Morse this winter and spring through a special loan from the St. Johnsbury Athenaeum in Vermont.

The monumental painting, having just received conservation treatment in Miami, is now on view at the Morse through July 8 before returning to Vermont. The 1867 oil-on-canvas, almost 10 feet by 15 feet, has not been shown outside the Athenaeum since its first installation there in 1873.

"The Domes of the Yosemite," said Laurence J. Ruggiero, director of the Morse Museum, "is a virtuoso performance by one of the most beloved painters of America's natural beauty-sweeping, sumptuous, dramatic and luminous."

He continued, "It is a privilege to be able to make this landmark American painting available to them."

Morse, the Charles Hosmer industrialist and philanthropist for whom the Morse is named, is a native of St. Johnsbury. The Elizabeth Morse Foundation—which Genius provided significant grants to Morse's

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school, the St. Johnsbury Academygave \$100,000 toward the Athenaeum's Domes Project, which includes the painting's conservation as well as the installation of an HVAC system in the Athenaeum, structural repair to a gallery viewing balcony, and the conservation of frames in the collection.

"With age, the canvas had become weak where it wrapped around the stretcher, so much so that there was significant distortion in the upper left corner," said Bob Joly, director of the Athenaeum. "Also, the surface was coated with a synthetic varnish in the 1950s, which becomes harder to remove the longer it remains. When it returns, The Domes will be appreciated for its beauty and its great condition."

Treatment of the work at ArtCare Conservation Studio in Miami, where it arrived in mid- October, has included repairing the tears around the perimeter, flattening the distortions, and removing surface grime and varnish.

Bierstadt, a German-American artist, was lauded for grandiose landscape paintings, particularly those that captured the newly



The Domes of the Yosemite by Albert Bierstadt.

accessible American West. His work represented the maturation of the great American landscape tradition, and his painting Valley of the Yosemite has been called his crowning achievement.

The Morse Museum is known today as the home of the world's most comprehensive collection of works by American designer and artist Louis Comfort Tiffany (1848–1933), including the chapel interior he designed for the 1893 World's Columbian Exposition in Chicago and art and architectural objects from Tiffany's celebrated

Long Island home, Laurelton Hall. The museum's holdings also include American art pottery, late 19th- and early 20th-century American painting, graphics, and decorative art.

The museum is owned and operated by the Charles Hosmer Morse Foundation and receives additional support from the Elizabeth Morse Genius Foundation. It receives no public funds.

For more information about the Morse, please visit www. morsemuseum.org.



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## Publisher's Message



Rick Cable

I can't believe it's already May of 2018! Like most, we are busy juggling spring events, sports, the planning of summer vacations, activities, and camps around our normal daily routines. Planning at this time of year is critical, especially when it comes

to proactively scheduling for our children's summer break.

I learned long ago, in the early years of parenthood, that if you want your child to attend a specific summer camp, you have to register as soon as possible. For the popular camps fill up sometimes within minutes after registration has begun.

Perhaps this hectic summer planning is why we celebrate Mother's Day in May while there is still time to enjoy the calm before the storm. I believe being a mother is the most selfless and most challenging role that anyone could take on. I also believe that when they take on this role they are given superpowers that are beyond my comprehension as a male.

Moms are in most cases the "quarterback" of the household, and can remain calm, cool and collected under the most stressful and chaotic situations. They know every countermove to most of life's challenges, and can heal a boo-boo with just a hug and a kiss. Oh, and they protect their own children, as



well as others, like nobody's business.

If you need a good example of this, just pull off anywhere along the St. John's River and find a baby alligator. Please know that the mama will see you well before you see her, and she'll be approaching in about two minutes. DO NOT FEED, TOUCH, POKE A STICK, OR TOSS ANYTHING AT THE GATOR! And please leave well before mama gets near land, as she can run short distances at up to 35mph!

Yes, mothers are certainly to be admired for their seemingly superpower skills, but more importantly, appreciated for their unwavering commitment to their children. Happy Mother's Day to you all!

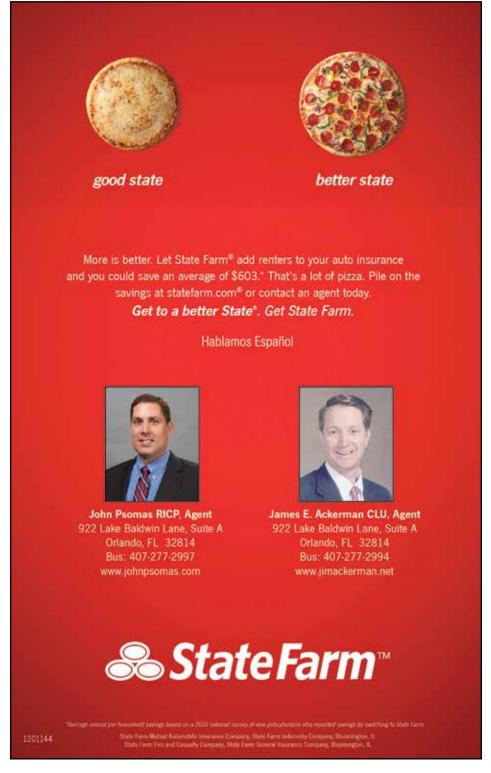
As always, thank you for reading *The Park Press*, and we look forward to the great things to come!

*Rick*Rick Cable
Founder/Owner



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#### O Mother, Where Art Thou? By Tricia Cable

I have been a mom for almost 19 years now, and although I entered into motherhood with my eyes wide open, I have been somewhat ill prepared and flying by the seat of my pants since the 49hour labor began. "Woo woo hee" and "breathe

through the pain" lasted for the first 24 hours, but by the second day, I was pulling out all the stops. Which has pretty much been my maternal motto since. Here's my real parenting philosophy, do what works!

I remember sitting around with all my friends before my first child, mentally preparing and planning for what kind of mother I wanted to be. I had the fantasy of homemade baby food, cloth diaper service and afternoon strolls down the avenue with my sleeping cherub in her stroller enjoying the ride.

Shortly after the emergency C-section, I came to my senses.

Nine months of religiously coating my expanding belly with cocoa butter to ensure that my lifelong dream of gracing (no pun) the pages of the "Sports Illustrated" swim suit issue weren't in vain...the reality of motherhood sunk in.

My greasy hair, pulled up in a ponytail atop my head not having been washed for the two days I half apparently tasked with holding both halves of

attempted to give birth naturally; my face, devoid of any makeup that may have been there at the beginning of this journey long since melted away; and my new hardware...staples across my lower



Photo courtesy of the Cable family.

me together. Literally nothing had gone as I had so painstakingly planned and, I could not have been happier.

What a glorious unexpected gift. For the first 34 years of my life, it had been all about me and in just a few seconds, or as long as it took for this new little human being to take

her first breath, everything had changed. My life, as I knew it up to that point, was forever changed and little to nothing has gone as planned since.

I fought it for the first few years as a parent. "Why won't my baby take naps?" "Why doesn't

> she eat as much as other kids?" Listen, when they are tired, they sleep and when they are hungry, they eat! I got the baby thing down just about the time they started walking and I have mastered the elementary age just in time for puberty. At this rate, I will be ready for puberty about the time they are heading off to college. Good news for me, I have stopped fighting it and I do what works!

So as we pause for a moment

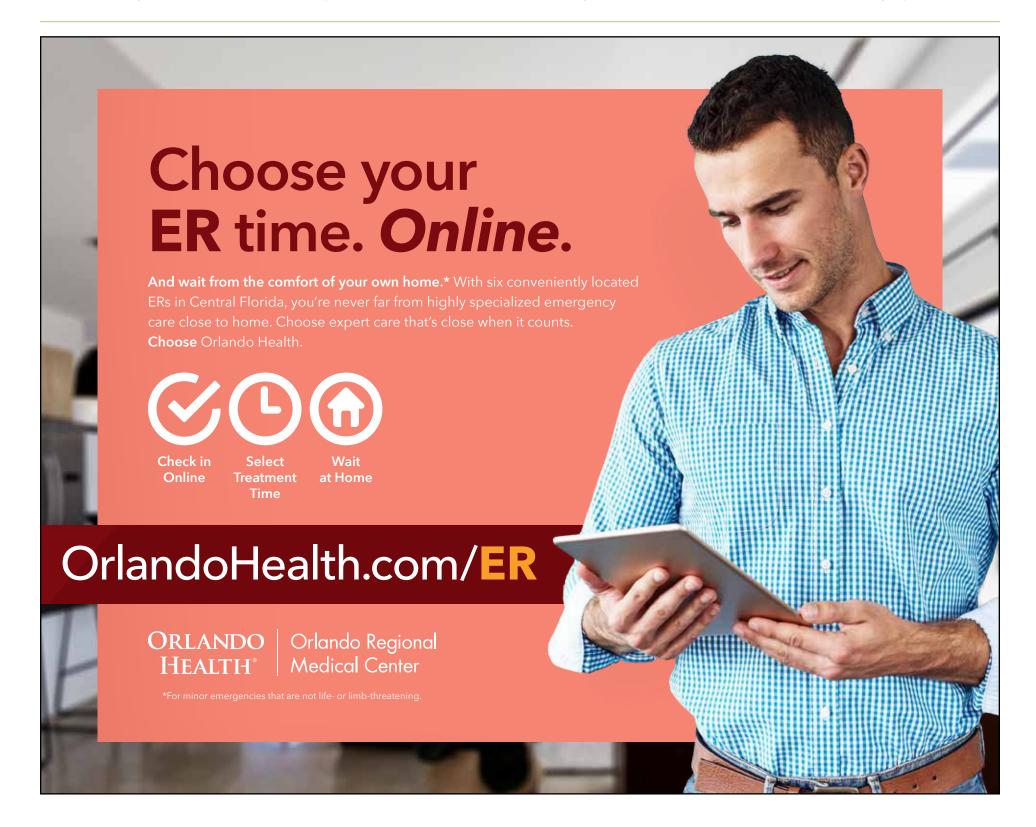
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this month to celebrate the moms of the world, be proud of the kind of mom that you are. Recognize your strengths, bask in your accomplishments and be amazed by yourself, you are remarkable and worth all the glory!



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## City Commissioner's Message

Commissioner Robert F. Stuart, City of Orlando District 3



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May is a month of celebrating and remembering. I want to take a moment this Mother's Day to thank all of the amazing moms out there, especially my mom, my wife, my daughter, and daughter-in-law. I want to give my warm congratulations to all of our high school and college graduates, especially those

graduating from our local high schools and colleges. I hope our graduates continue to choose the Central Florida community as their home as I look forward to hearing about all they accomplish around our region. Let us all also take time in May to remember those who paid the ultimate sacrifice to secure our freedoms, this Memorial Day holiday.

A pastor friend of mine used to say that Mother's Day was always one of the busiest holidays in his line of work- because what moms wanted most on their day was quality time with their families. A great place to spend time with your mom this year is by taking a stroll down the amazing pathways and foliage at Leu Gardens! Admission is free to the gardens for moms on Sunday, May 13. Check out leugardens. org for more information.



Many of our great restaurants are serving up delicious brunch specials. From Baldwin Park to College Park and beyond, take time to eat local on Mom's special day.

Or maybe your mom is a sports fan? The Orlando Pride Women's Soccer team has a home game on Saturday, May 12th at 3:30 p.m. and Orlando City plays on Sunday, May 13th at 6 p.m. Visit orlandocitysc.com for details.

Or maybe your mom values civic participation; Mayor Teresa Jacobs of Orange County will give her State of the County address on Friday, May 18th at 4 p.m. The event is open to the public, but an RSVP is required at ocfl.net. The speech will also be televised live on Orange TV, which is carried on Spectrum Channel 488, Comcast Channel 9, CenturyLink Channel 1081, digital over-the-air on 10.2 and will be live-streamed on newsroom.ocfl.net.

A great way to remember those who have served for us is by visiting the Blue Jacket Recruit at Blue Jacket Park. The newest statue, dedicated last month, was named after the term for an enlisted sailor. The new Blue Jacket Recruit statue, a bronze figure of a female sailor

in uniform, now stands alongside the bronze replica of the Lone Sailor, a statue featuring a man in a sailor's hat and pea coat waiting for his ship to come in, which was installed in the park in 2016. This recent statue honors the 188,000 female recruits who went through boot camp in Orlando, the nation's first co-ed training facility, whose graduation not only proved that women are as capable as men, but

At left: Leu Gardens offers free admission for moms on Sunday, May 13. Check out leugardens.org for more information.

it shows that they are ready to serve our great nation in many different roles.

Visit cfnavyleague.org for all of the wonderful details about this moving memorial that helps us remember our armed forces as well as the history of the Orlando Naval Training Center that used to be located where Baldwin Park is today.

And one housekeeping note-Metro-Plan Orlando is still conducting the Corrine Drive Complete Streets Study. This study seeks to improve transportation options on two miles of Corrine Drive between US 17/92 and Bennett Road. The main goal is to look at ways Corrine Drive may be turned into a complete street, meaning that the road takes all types of travel into account. Phase one and two of the study is complete. Right now, MetroPlan is studying and processing all of the feedback that was provided and planning to present their findings this summer. This will include any additional technical analysis on a final proposed concept (which could be a combination of more



than one of the options on which they received feedback) and best estimates on the long-term strategy need-

ed to implement the plan. Please know that there will be community-wide public meetings prior to any final decisions being made. Please also keep in mind, that at this juncture, funding any changes will be a separate endeavor from the study itself. If you have any questions or would like to receive the regular newsletters to keep up with the study, please sign up at CorrineDriveStudy.org.



## Winter Park Mayor's Message

Mayor Steve Leary



Steve Lear

**Elections In Winter Park** 

Over the years that I have been involved with Winter Park city government, people regularly ask about our elections. Coming on the heels of the latest election, while the information and perhaps interest remains fresh, I thought it may be worthwhile

to share some thoughts, facts, figures, etc.

Each year, the City of Winter Park holds an election for at least one of its city commission seats, if there is more than a single qualified candidate. By our Winter Park charter, city commission members are allowed to serve four consecutive three-year terms, before being "termed-out" (partial terms do count as full terms). In 2018, the mayor's seat was contested. In 2019, city commission Seats 4 and 5, and in 2020 city commission Seats 1 and 2, will be up for contest. While the length of term and holding an annual election is a bit unusual, it does allow the voters of Winter Park to maintain or modify the makeup of their elected body on an annual basis.

Depending on the year and other factors, in ad-

dition to the mayor and/or city commission seat(s), voters may be provided the opportunity to vote on other items such as presidential candidates, charter amendments, or special ballot issues (e.g., library bond offering). This most recent election, the only item offered to voters was the mayor's seat. I was honored to have received 71.99% of the votes (3,313 votes) allowing me to serve my second and final term, as mayor of the City of Winter Park.

Data from the past 60 years, 1958 through 2018, shows that we have an average voter turnout of approximately 36% in Winter Park. This percentage fluctuates through the decades from a low of 6% to a high of 79% depending what is on the ballot. Not surprisingly, the highest voter turnout in the past 60 years with a 79% voter turnout was in 1980, the year Ronald Regan was elected as the 40th president of the United States.

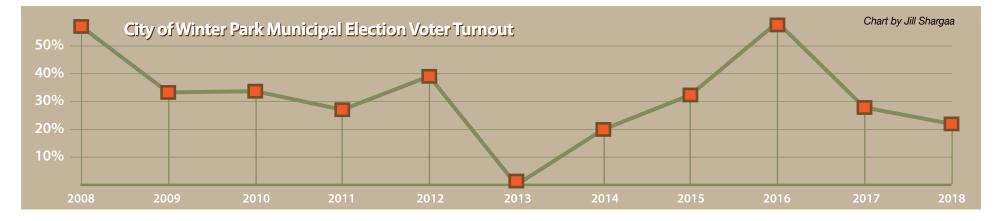
More recently, below is a chart showing our voter turnout trend in the past 10 years. You'll see peaks in 2008, 2012 and 2016 when all our municipal general elections were coupled with the presidential preference primaries. In 2013, the drastic zero percentage was because both city commission Seats 3 and 4 were unopposed

so there was not an election held that year.

To hold a municipal election, it costs the city between \$30,000 - \$40,000. There are currently 21,860 registered voters in the City of Winter Park, as compared to 17,447 registered voters in 2008. As our population has only increased by approximately 400 people in the past 10 years (28,921 in 2008 and 29,317 in 2017), the change in registered voters is not due to population increase, but perhaps more interest in enacting change at the national and local levels.

During this past election Winter Park had a 21.13% turnout of registered voters, which is impressive given that there was only a single item on the ballot. By comparison, Apopka which had three seats being aggressively contested by a total of 10 candidates, had a 20.70% participation for the mayor's seat. While we would like to have 100% participation, our voter turnout demonstrates a highly engaged constituency.

Thank you all for your engagement in Winter Park, this special place that we are privileged to call home.



## **Night On Broadway Another Success**



For the past 19 years, Night On Broadway has become the highlight of the artistic year for Winter Park High School, and in their 20th run last month, the tradition continued. This year, over 250 chorus students with the assistance of Broadway and industry professionals presented "The American Songbook," highlighting popular and jazz standards from the early 20th century as well as a tour through the decades of American jukebox musicals.

Night On Broadway is a professionally-produced musical event performed annually by the entire WPHS Choral Department. Students engage in one month of intense rehearsals in singing, acting, and dancing un-

der the direction of choral directors Matthew Swope and Hollie Pratt as well as Broadway veteran and artistin-residence, Sue Delano.

Proceeds benefit the Tyler Rush Memorial Scholarship Fund, which has awarded over \$141,000 to graduating high school chorus students. NIGHT ON BROADWAY and the Fund were created in memory of former chorus student Tyler Rush (1983-1998) whose life was cut short by a tragic car accident. Each year at the end of the show, the cast honors Tyler's memory with their exclusive performance of "There Is Only One You," an original song by Broadway composer Jason Howland and Dani Davis.

"Night On Broadway is a creative and collaborative effort about the human spirit. Each year, the chorus family honors Tyler Rush's memory as we embark on our own educational, musical, and personal journeys of self-discovery. This year's show allows students and audience members alike to explore and celebrate our American stage heritage. The passion of our students and the dedication of our parent volunteers make this production truly special. Also, our students have the unique opportunity to work with Broadway and industry professionals as well as local businesses to make this show a first-rate production," said Mr. Swope, director of Choral Activities at WPHS.

## 26th Annual Stamp Out Hunger!

On May 12, Central Florida residents are encouraged to leave a sturdy bag

containing non-perishable foods – such as canned soups, pasta and cereal – next to their mailboxes for local letter carriers to collect as part of the 26th annual Stamp Out Hunger! national food drive.

This food drive falls during a particularly critical time for food-insecure families, as children approach summer vacation and will not have access to free or reduced-price meals at school. MAKIN' SURE OUR
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The letter carriers will Your letter carrier will deliver it to Second Harvest Food Bank. drop the donations off at various post office locations, where they will be sorted by hundreds of Second Harvest volunteers. Second Harvest drivers will then transport the donations to the food bank to be distributed to local individuals and families in need.

Stamp Out Hunger! is the nation's largest single-day food drive. Last year, local carriers collected approximately 227,977 pounds of non-perishable food for distribution, translating to about 189,981 meals.

For more information, visit www.FeedHopeNow.org.





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## Cybersecurity awareness by Ron Frechette, The Cyber Guy

## Determining The Risks Of Cloud Computing For Your Small Business

The adoption cloud computing solutions has become extremely popular,

almost to the point of necessity for building a profitable business. This cloud adoption phenomenon will only continue to grow as we journey further into the Digital Age. There are many benefits to be gained by transitioning to the cloud. There are also several security and compliance risks to consider.

#### **Cloud Computing Defined**

Cloud computing is a model for enabling on-demand network access to a shared pool of configurable computing resources such as networks, servers, storage, applications, and services that can be rapidly provisioned and released with minimal management effort or service provider interaction.

#### **Advantages of Cloud-Computing**

• Cost - the most significant benefit to cloud computing is IT cost savings. You can eliminate in-house client server storage and application requirements. This also eliminates associated costs such as power, air conditioning

and administration.

- Accessibility cloud computing allows access to information from any PC or mobile device.
- **Dependability** cloud computing is much more dependable and consistent than in-house IT infrastructures. Most providers offer service level agreement (SLA) guarantees of around the clock access and little to no downtime.
- Scalability On-Demand you can expand and contract your IT needs by simply making a call or sending an email. Makes it easy to add new services, users or locations.
- Shared Security and Compliance most cloud service providers have a full time IT security and compliance staff to ensure they are providing their clients state-of-the-art security and they are up to date on all compliance mandates.

#### **Disadvantages of Cloud Computing**

• Outages - cloud service providers manage several clients simultaneously. This can create support challenges. There is also the risk of the cloud service provider experiencing technical outages. This can lead to services being temporarily suspended.

- Accessibility If your business experiences a power outage, you will not HIRUST certification would be of most have access to applications, server or data from the cloud services provider.
- **Security** Although cloud service providers are mandated to implement the best security standards and industry certifications, storing data and important files on external service providers always opens risks. The ease in procuring and accessing cloud services can also give bad actors the ability to scan, identify, and exploit vulnerabilities within a system.
- Limited Control Since the cloud infrastructure is entirely owned, managed and monitored by the service provider, it transfers minimal control to the customer.

#### Top 6 Questions to ask Cloud **Service Providers:**

- 1. What type of compliance certifications does your company hold?
- **a.** ISO 27001, SSAE 18 (SOC1, SOC 2, SOC 3 Reports) are important to have.
- b. PCI DSS Report on Compliance should be required if they process, store or transmit credit card data on behalf of your practice.

- c. If you are healthcare business, interest.
- **2.** Can you share third-party auditor
- 3. Do you perform annual security risk assessments? Can you provide the
- **4.** Do you perform annual penetration testing? Can you provide the results?
- **5.** Do you have a disaster recovery and business continuity plan in place?
- 6. Is your facility open for a physical walk-through inspection?

The answers to these questions will help you determine quickly if a cloud service provider is worth pursuing as a partner.

In closing, security around cloud computing solutions has improved dramatically over the past decade due to the increased demand for global connectivity. The key is having the knowledge and knowing the right questions to ask... which now you have!

Questions? Tweet me @GoldSkyRon.

Sources: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cloud\_computing\_security

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## live meaningfully by Ayesha G. Shenk, M.A.

## Bodhi Bear...

May always brings with it a time of reflection and renewal for me as it's the

month in which my birthday falls. As such, I usually share with you my most favorite piece of written work, Desiderata... which I will do in an upcoming article, but just not today.

The reason for the deferment is because something interesting happened to my family this last week and it bears sharing.

Let me first introduce you to Bodhi. Bodhi is an adorable 8-yearold Labrador retriever. I've had him since he was eight weeks old and he has become more and more 'human' with every passing day of his life. He has seen me through the very best and the very worst of the last eight years and his gentle nudge, his compassionate heart, and his playful spirit have served me well, even in the hardest of times.

I've had dogs my entire life, all of whom I've loved, but none quite like this one. I have never known a dog who so instantly endears himself to everyone he meets and about whom so many have commented on his "human-like" qualities. Bodhi, albeit not a champ on a leash, offers just about the ultimate set of characteristics you'd want from any member of your family. He has a different but unique relationship with each member of the family and he, in many ways, offers a wholehearted epicenter to our little clan. Always waiting to greet each one of us in a particular and special way, he is the epitome of unconditional love, acceptance, and appreciation.

Now, don't get me wrong, in the hustle and bustle of life and work and crazy sports schedules, Bodhi sometimes gets the short end of the deal. He waits dutifully for us when we are away and marks our return with equal elation each and every time. He sometimes has to log long days of guarding the house and dreaming of our return, only to have us descend upon the house and perhaps not greet him with the same dedication and amorousness with which he greets us. But we love him dearly and do better than average in our appreciation of him... especially now.

This past Saturday, Bodhi suddenly fell ill. When I say ill, I mean unlike anything I've ever seen before. This dog loves food about as much as he loves me and he refused to eat. The tail that could take out plants in a single sweep, labored to wag and the bounce in his gait was completely gone. All of a sudden, this was not the same dog.

Saturday night found us in the emergency vet for three hours with a very weakened, extremely sad-eyed pup. We were sent home with some antibiotics and some well-wishes. Sunday, we stayed home all day in order to watch this altogether unfamiliar furry friend. Barely moving and, again not eating. After two nights of

my husband and I staying up with him, tending to his every groan, sitting on the floor with him and hand feeding him... mercifully Monday

morning came and our favorite vet was back on duty.

After dropping him Monday morning to the great Dr. Newman and hearing back immediately about a preliminary diagnosis and a set of protocols, testings, and treatments, we were terrified about the potential of devastating news but so grateful that our guy was in such capable hands.

Three sleepless, prayerful days later, with Bodhi still in the hospital on IV fluids and antibiotics, we got word while sitting around a tearful breakfast table that it was time for him to come home.

The interesting part about this duration of time is it concurrently brought some very good news and some very loving family time, but there remained a pall on the house. This dog who had, in some ways, become an ambient part of our lives, actually occupies a whole lot more of our hearts and our worlds than we



sometimes realize. This dog, our Bodhi, is one of us. He is a profoundly cohesive agent in our home and our lives and we just weren't the same without him.

I am happy to report, that although Bodhi still has a long course of treatment and antibiotics ahead of him, he is back where he belongs happy, waggy, playful, funny, loving, and perfectly him and we are all a bit better off for having remembered just how easy it is to take one another for granted and just how good it is to have our family whole again.

Take the time, make the extra effort - love and hug and rub and pet your people and your animals. Spend quality time at home together and imagine, even if fleetingly, how different life would be without them so you may remember just how blessed it is with them.

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

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## in the garden by Stephen and Kristin Pategas



Stephen & Kristin Pategas

## **Underground**

It's rarely seen and mostly forgotten. In developed areas it's covered with buildings, roads, and lawns. It's typically called dirt, but

horticulturists and gardeners call it soil. What's in it and under it is constantly walked upon - the Floridian aquifer, potential sink holes, a variety of soil types, plant diseases, creatures that live in the ground (gopher tortoises, earthworms, and more), utilities (gas, water, sewer/septic, electric, phone, cable, and irrigation pipes and valves), debris, hazardous waste, and perhaps relics from previous inhabitants - which creates the need for archaeologists.

Plant roots face challenges as they seek their way through the soil and around a multitude of obstacles – roots are intimate with these things. At times they hit roadblocks such as structures and water-saturated soils without oxygen – roots need oxygen to survive.

A plant's health is typically judged by what is visible aboveground. Yellowing leaves and dieback on branches are signs of an unhealthy plant. The cause of the decline could be caused by what is occurring underground out of sight where the roots encounter what is not visible. Most tree roots are typically in the top 12 – 18-inches of soil and could be constricted by the foundations of houses, walls, and other structures. Compacted

soils from construction equipment make it difficult for roots to penetrate the ground. There are also pathogens that can cause a plant to decline or die. Mushroom root rot is one fungus that lingers in the soil and is usually fatal, especially if a plant is under stress due to pest problems, lack of water or nutrients, or water-logged soil.

The pH (acid/alkaline balance) of the soil affects whether a plant can take in



Above: These soils are contaminated with construction materials.

nutrients. A high pH (alkaline condition) is typically found where concrete or limerock, which both have a high pH is used. The soil adjacent to building foundations is notorious for high pH levels due to the use of construction products. Acid/low pH-soil loving azaleas which are often used for "foundation plantings" suffer in these alkaline locations. Unless they receive frequent applications of an acidic fertilizer or Sulphur which is acidic, they will have yellowish leaves and stunted growth. Prior to installing plants perform a pH soil test. Soil test kits are available, or the Orange County Extension service can provide that service.

There may be underground obstructions that preclude planting in the planned location. We have

witnessed occasions when a tree is already delivered and due to an immovable object, the tree must be planted in a compromised location. It is preferable to plant a smaller tree in the right place than any tree in the wrong place. When planning for the installation

At left: Mushroom root rot fungus (seen here when it is fruiting) often causes stressed plants to die. At right: A soil test kit.



Above: This footer for a retaining wall will block tree roots and stunt growth.

of a tree (especially one with a wide root ball), dig the planting hole before the tree is delivered.

Although out of sight and out of mind, what is underground greatly affects where plants should be planted or how they grow – call it dirt or soil – it is important.



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## Urban forestry update by Jake Burnham, General Manager, Lafleur Nurseries

## Irrigation Tips – Keep Your Yard Green!

Last month in this space, we detailed a spring checklist. One of the main areas was irrigation. Because it is so critical, we have devoted this month's article to outlining the important building blocks of a successful irrigation system.

#### Run through a full system check periodically

- This is especially important in the spring or before you plant new materials.
- Remove any dirt or debris that may be obstructing sprinkler heads.
- Make sure you are watering only plants and grass adjust your sprinkler heads away from sidewalks or driveways.
- Spray should be drops, not a mist.
- Fix any issues immediately (either by yourself if you feel comfortable, or contact a licensed contractor).

## $\square$ Fine-tune for the seasons

- Having one watering approach year-round is like have one wardrobe year 'round it doesn't make sense!
- Many modern irrigation controllers have a seasonal adjustment feature so definitely make use of that element.
- Also think about investing in a rain sensor this can save you a lot of money as it will shut-off irrigation during periods of rain.

#### $\square$ Water between 5 and 10 a.m.

- Watering during the day is inefficient due to evaporation and higher chances of wind.
- Watering too early in the evening increases the amount of time the leaves are wet which can cause fungus to grow.
- Watering during the early morning hours gives the leaves a chance to dry out while also taking advantage of the cool temperatures and lack of wind.

#### Divide into zones and keep balanced

 All your various types of plant material will require different levels of watering – for example, grass needs to be watered more often than shrubs – so it should have a separate zone.



• You also want to check for balance – an easy way to do this is place measuring cups in different places around your lawn and see how much water lands in each area.

#### ☐ Conserve water

• Instead of watering for one continuous session, split it into shorter periods with some breaks to allow for the water to sink in.

#### ☐ Use dripline where appropriate

- Spray heads are the most commonly used equipment, but dripline can be very effective.
- Dripline is a rubber hose-like irrigation equipment that lays in the beds and delivers a constant source of water directly where it is needed leading to more efficient watering.

### ☐ Mulch!

• Adding quality mulch and soil to the plant beds keeps the area wet for a longer period of time – stretching your water bill farther!



## real estate in the parks by Scott Hillman and Sam Hillman

## Considering Renovating?

Scott Hillman and Sam Hillman Spring is most definitely in the air, flowers and trees are blooming, and people begin to look at their homes in a new light. This is a popular time of year for homeowners to consider renovating their homes. Renovating and updating your home can be very financially beneficial, but it is important to not rush in and make snap judgements. If the renovation is done poorly or the design idea is not right or if you concentrated on the wrong space, you may be upset to discover that your return is not at all what you anticipated.

It is very important to look at what your return on investment (ROI) will be; you may be surprised to discover what will get you the most for your money. Current research has shown that updating and renovating your homes' insulation can yield close to 100% return on investment. When looking at your home and deciding where to renovate, don't overlook your outside spaces. Adding in a backyard deck has proven, according to current research, to provide a fairly high ROI.

Another important factor to consider is the level in which you renovate a space. You want to keep the renovation in line with the rest of your home. Additionally, you want to be mindful to not over-improve for your area, you should want your home to "match" the look and feel of its area and neighborhood. You will want to shy away from any

Spring is most definitely in overly fancy improvements as es are blooming, and people well. Typically, buyers do not find overly ornate interiors for homeowners to consider appealing and this could so. Renovating and updating negatively affect your ROI.

Modernizing your home is always a great reason to begin renovations. A positive return on your investment can be achieved by updating your spaces. By simply removing dated wallpaper and old shag carpeting and replacing linoleum flooring will achieve a good ROI. Just be careful not to completely change the use of a room that a potential

buyer down the road may neither understand nor appreciate; such as turning the dining room into a pool hall. Even though you may be renovating your home for your own use currently, if you are thinking that you will be in that home for less than five years, then it is wise to consider how potential buyers will view the changes you are making.

Finally, you want to ensure that the quality of your home renovation is excellent. It is tempting to hire a discounted contractor or have your friends help you on your own but keep in mind



that sometimes you may get just what you paid for; and discounted quality can lead to higher cost fixes down the road. Interview a few contractors, ask friends and neighbors for recommendations, and inquire what they loved about their renovation experience and what they hated.

Renovating your home can be a rewarding experience and provide you with a great return on investment when the time comes for you to sell your home, if you do the proper research. Take your time, ask for recommendations, and you will be happier with the end results.

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## pop culture detours by George McGowan

## Another Podcast To Add That You Don't Have Time To Listen To

For some reason, I believe that podcasts are (to be very impolite) the "red-headed stepchildren" of the pop culture world. They don't get enough attention although they deliver some fantastic information and entertainment, most of them introducing something new each and every week. I know I could not live as happily without the two that I listen to each week without fail. By the way, I am not going to write about those two, but since you insist, they are "Hang Up and Listen" (a sportsfocused delight from Slate.com) "Sound

Opinions"

(a weekly

pop

review

music from WBEZ Chicago). Rather

than go on and on about their merits, I am going to spend this month introducing you to "Cocaine and Rhinestones," a new podcast from Tyler Mahan Coe. As put by the podcast reviewers from theguardian. com, "Within this decadently titled podcast lies a brilliant encyclopedia of country music, which makes the genre accessible even if you've never set foot in a cowboy boot."



If you know some country music history, you would know the famous father of Tyler Mahan Coe is none other than David Allan Coe. You may remember him from his heyday as one of country's "bad boys" and by bad, I mean the several very bad haircuts (or rather the lack of a haircut) that he showcased in the 70s and 80s. (Cue the editors finding a special one to highlight). Hey, I kid because I care. Mr. Coe's son has gifted us with a podcast

> that dives deep into the stories he heard on the road from his father and his father's cohort. In just the first few episodes, Coe explains the context behind Nashville radio banning Loretta Lynn's song "The Pill," tackles the mystery of just what was thrown off the Tallahatchie Bridge in "Ode to Billy Joe," and takes on all comers with his controversial explanation of the real intention behind Merle Haggard's "Okie from Muskogee."

"Cocaine and Rhinestones" is delivered very simply and directly by Mr. Coe, who apologizes endearingly each episode for his selfmade-at-home-on-a-small-budget podcast. But I think the apologies are not necessary because he obviously loves his subject matter and has taken the time and made the effort to find "The Rest of the Story" for each subject, in the style of radiolegend Paul Harvey. Coe admitted to the New Yorker that "he records his vocals overnight, in a basement, when it's quiet outside. 'Just me alone in the dark, talking into a microphone." Well, I would like to thank him for doing so because the simplicity draws attention to the wonderful stories he breaks down. I'm happy to hear that, according to Rolling Stone, Coe is already hard at work on a second season and was recently granted permission to use the archives at the Country Music Hall of Fame for his research. It appears that I now have three podcasts that I will be listening to each week without fail.

## theater in the parks

by Barbara Solomon

Tyler Mahan Coe, host of "Cocaine & Rhinestones" podcast.

## **United We Fringe**

The 2018 Orlando Fringe Theatre Festival runs May 15 -28 with over 100 different shows. Each show is performed a number of times throughout the festival. Shows are at Loch Haven Park and other Orlando venues. The local teaser shows on April 16 showcased 40 shows by local artists.

Some of the highlights in Dance and Burlesque include \*"Gorgeous"- by YOW Dance, "Black Crow Cabaret," "Apt 2C," "The Light Princess," "In Tandem," "Luna," \*"Corsets and Cuties," "Ruminations," and "Awake." (\* Recommended Best Bets.)

For Comedy and Laughs "Bugging Out: A Small Musical," a family show, "Enter Perused by a Whale," "Fringe Family Feud," \* "Save Me, Dolly Parton," by Megan Gogerty, "Taurus Faeces," "Muttnik," about a dog in space, \*"Pianos to the Death," \*"Shakespeare's Ghostbusters,"\*, "To Be Happy" and \*"1 Hour" if you like sketch comedy.

Musical Theatre is well represented by \*"Wanzie's Monorail Inferno," \*"The Companion and Safe Word," directed by Fringe veteran Eric Pinder. \*"Torment: The Musical," \*"EL Wiz," an original Latino musical, "Frogpig," "Xanadu Jr.," and \*"Oh, Hi Johnny," the Roomsical parody musical.

Drama lovers might want to check out \*"Ghosts Among Us,"; \*"For Love, Sir," about the lives, loves, and sacrifices of three service members and their families; and "Jack Kerouac-End of the Road."

And then there are shows you'll only find at Fringe such as "Aquadance" performed off site in a pool, "Vampire Lesbians of Sodom," "Beneath the Bikini" about body advertising, and "Peevira's SCAREavan Sing-Along," a ride in a van with drag, games, trivia, and karaoke.

The Teen Thespian Showcase from area high schools on May 26-27 is always impressive. Tickets are only \$5 per show and they do a great job. There are eight shows and each show is only performed once, including \*"Disenchanted!" the hilarious hit off-Broadway musical and \*"Collected Stories."

Everything you need to know about Fringe is at www.orlandofringe. org or the Orlando Fringe Festival mobile app. And now scheduling shows is much easier with the new Fringe-O-Matic. The National/International Teaser Show is on May 15. For the first timer it can seem overwhelming. But if you give it a try, you'll discover why the annual Fringe Festival is the biggest theatrical event in town. And this year's theme strives to bring our community together and make it stronger.

OTHER BEST BETS FOR MAY: "YO-YO MA" - ORLANDO PHILHARMONIC; "HUNCHBACK OF NOTRE DAME" - GARDEN THEATRE; "BEST OF BROADWAY, 2018 SPRING CABARET" - MAD COW; AND "HELLO AGAIN" - DP-PAC



## schools

## **Baldwin Park Elementary**

PRINCIPAL ANNA FERRATUSCO

Calling all Kindergarteners! Wipe away those tears parents, the time has come for your little one to register for kindergarten for the 2018-2019 school year! As part of this process, Baldwin Park Elementary will be holding a Kindergarten Orientation Pancake Breakfast on May 18, 2018 at 9:00 am in the BPE café. During this orientation, parents will get important information about the school and specifically about kindergarten. Students will get to enjoy delicious pancakes and experience our cafeteria line. Students and parents will also get to visit current kindergarten classrooms to see what it's all about. We hope you and your little ones can make it!

For any new incoming families of any grade level, we will also be holding a New Parent Orientation. This event is put on by our school PTA to encourage new families to get involved with all that Baldwin Park has to offer. It is an informational presentation where families will get basic school information and will also have the opportunity to get additional information about specific grade level curriculum. All families are welcome to attend. The orientation will be held on May 15, 2018 at 6:00 pm in the BPE café. We hope to see you there!



The St. Charles Borromeo Catholic School chapter of the National Junior Honor Society held its annual ceremony to induct new members. The ceremony was in in St. Charles Borromeo Church, followed by a reception in Bishop Grady Hall for students, guests and faculty.

The SCBCS Chapter of NJHS was established in 2008 and inducts new members in the spring of each year. Requirements for nomination include at least two consecutive trimesters of a minimum of 3.5 GPA and exemplary conduct. The students are asked to substantiate, in a 150-word essay, how they demonstrate the qualities of the national chapter -- Scholarship, Service, Citizenship, Leadership and

Character - and how they plan to contribute as a member of the National Junior Honor Society.

President of the SCBCS Chapter, Raissa S., administered the oath to the 23 new inductees;

Principal Nadeau and Ref. Fr. Ralph DuWell congratulated new members and joined the families for the reception.

Each year, the current members also select an Honorary Member of the Chapter. This spring, the chapter members recognized Mrs. Barbara Schirard, SCBCS middle school science teacher, for her guidance and support.

## Winter Park High School PRINCIPAL TIM SMITH

Led by science teacher James Perlmutter, the Winter Park High School Quiz Bowl team has had an impressive year of competition. For a third straight year, they placed first out of 12 teams from central Florida in the Lockheed Martin Engineering Challenge, which features questions in math, computers, chemistry, biology, and physics and their relation to the field of engineering. The Matador Challenge at Valencia Community College consisted of 32 teams of over 120 students from several counties throughout central Florida and the Gulf Coast. WPHS placed third as a team, plus had one individual student who came in third overall. The team also competed in the regional History Bowl, finishing seventh out of 35 teams from throughout the State of Florida and qualified to compete in the national competition. Mr. Perlmutter is also co-coach of the OCPS team which will compete in the Commissioner's Academic Challenge in late April at the WDW Contemporary Resort. Two Winter Park students made the team of only six students to represent Orange County in this statewide tournament. Congratulations to Mr. Perlmutter and all the competing scholars for a successful season, and good luck in the tournament!

# Winter Park Presbyterian PreSchool

We are thrilled to announce that our fundraising efforts exceeded the amount needed to qualify for a very generous grant. Funds from our school Spring Fling event plus the grant will make it possible for us to replace the huge ark that was the centerpiece of our playground. Thank you to all the parents, businesses, staff members, and community members who worked tirelessly to make this a reality. We expect to have the new ark in place in June.

Other recent Pine Playground improvements include a new fence, improving safety and enlarging the play area, a sun shade over the sand box, new swings, and fresh mulch.

Our fabulous parents, their chil-

dren, and grandparents held a spring clean-up day to pressure wash campus sidewalks, windows, walls, awning, sheds, and playground equipment. Three pressure washers were going at the same time! They filled garden boxes with potting soil, gathered leaves and branches. They also cleaned the toddler playground with soapy water and pressure washing, cleaned out both sandboxes of leaves, and added new sand. Parents also evened out the areas where the old fence was removed. What an improvement!

Winter Park Presbyterian Preschool parents rock!



Above: Winter Park Presbyterian Preschool kids and staff enjoy the Pine Playground improvements.



Ages 5 through 14



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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.

Now through September 23 Fairy Doors at Leu Gardens

– It's the great fair migration happening at beautiful Leu Gardens this summer! Explore the 50-acre gardens to find where the fairies live. This whimsical exhibit will feature fifteen one-of-a-kind fairy doors which will inspire your child's imaginative world of mythical forests and secret gardens. All you have to do is find these beautiful doors and let your child's creativity do the rest. For more information please contact the Leu Gardens at 407-246-2620 or visit leugardens.org.

May 13 Free Admission for Moms Leu Gardens - 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at Leu Gardens located at 1920 North Forest Avenue. For more information, call 407-246-2620 or check out our website at www.leugardens. org.

**May 17 Bird Feathers by Bruce Anderson** - 7:30 p.m. at the Camellia Room of Leu Gardens. This event is hosted by the Orange Audubon Society, and is suitable for all ages. For more information, please call 407-637-2525.

June 17 Free Admission for Dads Leu Gardens - 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at Leu Gardens located at 1920 North Forest Avenue. For more information, call 407-246-2620 or check out our website at www.leugardens.org.

## Baldwin Park, College Park and Orlando Area Events

#### **Ongoing Events**

Every Monday and Friday Plant Clinics - 8:00 a.m. to noon; and 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. at the UF/IFAS Extension Orange County, located at 6021 S. Conway Road. Master Gardeners are available. Please stop by with your plant problem or soil for pH soil testing. Call 407-254-9200 or visit http://orange.ifas.ufl.edu/res\_hort/ for more information.

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

**Every Monday and Wednesday Body Pump Express** - noon at Florida Hospital Health Village Fitness Center, located at 2520 North Orange Avenue, Suite 101. General public is welcome, and cost is just \$5. Free for Health Village Fitness Center members. Call 407-303-2552 for more information.

**Every Tuesday and Thursday X-Fit** - 4:30 p.m. at Florida Hospital Health Village Fitness Center, located at 2520 North Orange Avenue, Suite 101. General public is welcome, and cost is just \$5. Free for Health Village Fitness Center members. Call 407-303-2552 for more information.

**Every Tuesday and Friday Tai Chi** - 10:00 a.m. at Florida Hospital Health Village Fitness Center, located at 2520 North Orange Avenue, Suite 101. General public is welcome, and cost is just \$5. Free for Health Village Fitness Center members. Call 407-303-2552 for more information.

**Every Wednesday Plant Clinic** – 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. at Harry P. Leu Gardens located at 1920 N. Forest Ave. UF/IFAS Extension Orange County Master Gardeners are available. Please stop by with your plant problem or soil for pH soil testing. For more information, please call 407-254-9200 or visit http://orange.ifas.ufl.edu/res\_hort/.

**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 Thursday Senior Stretch (Yoga Gold)** – 10:00 a.m. at Florida Hospital Health Village Fitness Center, located at 2520 North Orange Avenue, Suite 101. General public is welcome, and cost is just \$5. Free for Health Village Fitness Center members. Call 407-303-2552 for more information.

Every Thursday College Park Farmers' Market - 5:00 to

#### **MAY HIGHLIGHTS**

MAY 23 AND 24, SPOTLIGHT CABARET SERIES AT THE WINTER PARK PLAYHOUSE – 7:30 p.m. Featuring pianist Carol Stein, pictured at right. For more information and tickets, visit www. winterparkplayhouse.org or call 407-645-0145.



MAY 11-JUNE 10, THE HONKY TONK ANGELS AT THE WINTER PARK PLAYHOUSE – Musical comedy about three gals determined to better their lives and follow their dreams to Nashville. Features 30 classic country tunes. For information and tickets, visit www. winterparkplayhouse.org or call 407-645-0145.

9:00 p.m. located at 1600 Edgewater Drive. 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 Street, Orlando. 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 Saturday Tribe H.I.I.T.: A Total Body Boot-Camp Style Workout – Combining H.I.I.T. techniques with brief recovery periods to give participants maximum fitness results. Class is every Saturday at Florida Hospital Health Village Fitness Center, located at 2520 North Orange Avenue, Suite 101. General public is welcome, and cost is just \$5. Free for Health Village Fitness Center members. Call 407-303-2552 for more information.

**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 Street. 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.

May 11 and 12 One Purse Spring Clearance Sale - 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Junior Achievement Auditorium located at 2121 Camden Road. All funds raised go to our Restore Her Dream Fund. For more information, please visit OnePurse.org or call 407-595-6112.

May 31 Chef's Night - 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. at Disney's Boardwalk Resort Restaurants. All proceeds benefit Second Harvest's Culinary Training Program, which provides students with the skills and inspiration they need to obtain an entry-level position in a food service establishment. Tickets are \$75 per person. Seating is limited. For more information, please visit at www.FeedHopeNow.org or call 407-514-1070.

#### **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 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 – 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 please call 407-645-5311 or visit www.morsemuseum.org.

**Every Wednesday Plant Clinic** – 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. at Harry P. Leu Gardens, 1920 N. Forest Ave. For more information, please call 407-254-9200 or visit http://orange.ifas.ufl.edu/res\_hort/.

Every Friday Gallery Talk - 11:00 a.m. at the Morse Museum located at 445 N. Park Avenue. Learn about the more than 60 objects in the exhibition, which include paintings, pottery, art glass, and works on paper. Together the works reflect the range of the Morse's collection and the values of the museum. Free with admission. For more information, call 40-645-5311, or visit www.moresemuseum.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. The group now includes members who walk exclusively, those who both walk and run, and those who run exclusively. It is very eclectic, and has an age span from people in their 20's through 80's. New participants are always 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.

May 9 Backpacking: How and Why You Should Try It! - 7:00 p.m. at REI located at 430 N. Orlando Avenue. For more information, please call 407-647-0731. To regis ter, please visit REI.com/learn.

**May 14 Mountain Bike Riding Basics** - 7:30 p.m. at REI located at 430 N. Orlando Avenue. For more information, please call 407-647-0731. To register, please visit REI.com/learn.

May 15 League of Women Voters Orange County - Will present its first League Showcase/Orientation Session at 6:30 p.m. at the Winter Park Community Center located at 721 W. New England Avenue. Free session is open to current members, new members and future members. For reservations, go to LWVOC.clubexpress.com. For more information, please call membership co-chairman Pat Grierson at 407-608-2300.

May 23 and 24 Spotlight Cabaret Series - Featuring world-renowned performer and local celebrity Carol Stein at 7:30 p.m. at The Winter Park Playhouse. For more information and tickets, please visit www. winterparkplayhouse.org. or call 407-645-0145.