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### **Community Canopy Program Delivers Free Trees** To Winter Park Residents' Doorsteps

The City of Winter Park's Urban Forestry Division has partnered with the National Arbor Day Foundation and Florida Forest Service to present the Community Canopy Program, where Winter Park residents can order a FREE tree from Urban Forestry at cityofwinterpark.org/urbanforestry. City residents have the option to choose from several different tree species including bald cypress, chaste tree, dahoon holly, and sweetbay magnolia. The one-gallon tree will then be delivered directly to the resident's doorstep along with instructions on planting and care.

The National Arbor Day Foundation is the world's largest membership non-profit dedicated to planting trees. Its Community Canopy Program is designed to offer cities an easy solution for providing trees to residents in their communities.

Please join in the city's efforts to expand and maintain Winter Park's storied tree canopy by beautifying your property with a free tree that Continued on page 5



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### Firefighters Host Superheroes In New Superpower Tour

The Winter Park Fire-Rescue Department held its first "Superpower Tour," a unique fire station experience designed specifically for those individuals living on the autism spectrum. The tour, which is a traditional fire station tour, was modified to make it more sensory-friendly to those living with autism or related disorder.

The idea behind the "Superpower Tour" was partially inspired by the division chief of training, Jeff Spinelli, whose son lives with autism. Spinelli helped bring additional training to firefighters in recent years which focused on communication and interaction with patients living with autism.

"Visiting your local fire station is an experience all kids should have, but we realized there might be families not coming in because touring a station could be overwhelming with the lights, sirens, dispatch tones, and loud air brakes. The re-



ality is, visiting the station is more than just fun, it's educational with tours that include fire safety and prevention tips. Every families should have the opportunity to gain this knowledge," explains Fire Chief Dan Hagedorn. "Our hope is that it inspires other fire departments."

In consultation with UCF Center for Autism and Related Disabilities (UCF CARD), firefighters prepared a short video tour so families could preview it in advance. Details such as air curtains (which produce a loud burst of air when walking through door jams) were disengaged and quiet rooms made available.

The name "Superpower Tour" was adopted as a compliment to what are often described as the "superpowers" that individuals with autism may hold. These superpowers are the same powers which could make a traditional sensory experience overwhelming.

The "Superpower Tour" was launched in April in recognition of Autism Awareness Month but is available throughout the year. For more information or to schedule a tour in advance (required), please email WPFDPubEd@cityofwinterpark.org.

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### Publisher's Message



Rick Cable

This month we honor perhaps the most important, influential, and unselfish person who has ever been a part of our lives. Sure, as we get older we have others who might take over that role, but mothers are first, and the ones who really set the stage for how we will handle

things throughout our entire journey in life. I view being a mother as being perhaps the most

unselfish thing a person can do. Mothers, especially when their children are young, place their children in higher importance than anything else, and they become blessed with great awareness and unseen eyes in the back of their head. They are the

constant protectors, caregivers, teachers, rule setters, and the ones who, when something is not going right, are to whom we need to talk. For we all know that one of the quickest ways for any child to begin solving a problem is to say- "I'm telling mom!"

In most situations just saying these three powerful words alone immediately solves the problem.

This led me to ask the origin of this holiday. I've always assumed that it was created by Hallmark and 1-800-Flowers, but no. The holiday was

first established by Ann Jarvis in 1868 as a "Mother's Friendship Day" to help bring families together who had sons who had fought or died on opposite sides during the Civil War. These gatherings became sporadic at a local level up until her death on May 9, 1905. Her daughter, Anna Jarvis, continued her efforts with the help of John Wanamaker. He was a Philadelphia merchant, and they held a large celebration at his store on May 10, 1908. Five hundred carnations were at this ceremony which is why carnations are associated as the flower of this holiday.

Jarvis worked hard to establish this day as an annual national holiday, and on May 9, 1914 President Woodrow Wilson delivered the official

proclamation.

Ironically, after nine years the commercialization of the holiday had become so rampant that Anna Jarvis herself became a major opponent of what the holiday had become. So much so, that she spent all her inheritance and dedi-

cated the rest of her life fighting what she saw as an abuse of the celebration.

Thankfully, the holiday has stood the test of time, and continues to honor she who, I believe, is the most important, influential, and unselfish person in our lives.

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

*Rick*Rick Cable
Founder/Owner

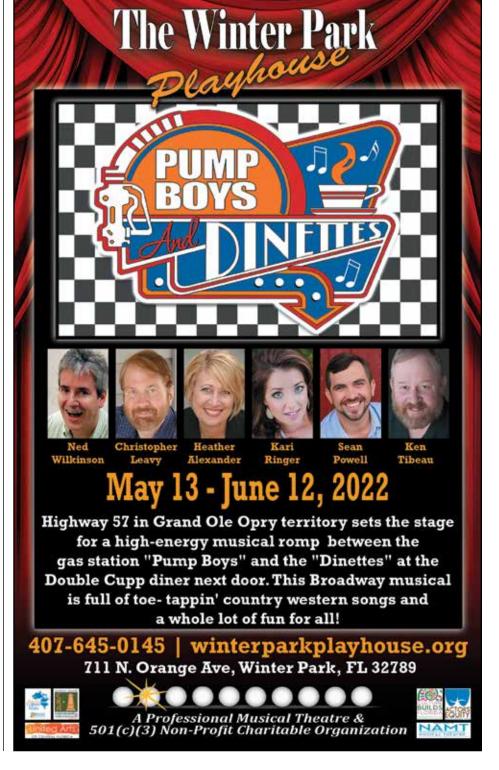
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### City Commissioner's Message Commissioner Robert F. Stuart, City of Orlando District 3



May is a wonderful month to celebrate in the City of Orlando. Whether you are celebrating a mom in your life or a recent grad, there are lots of great ways to enjoy time together having fun

and making a difference.

Watching

my wife of more than 42 years, Ann, in her role as mom to our two children and now watching my daughter and daughterin-law in their roles as mom to my five amazing grandchildren, is truly inspiring. And one thing I have learned from all of the moms in my life are that they truly appreciate the gift of timequality time with their families.

And there are so many ways and so many great neighborhoods where you can spend quality time with moms, families, and friends this and every month in our Great City.

Every week, AudubonPark (@audubonmarket) and the Packing District (@pdfarmersmarket) host homegrown, volunteer-led markets that are perfect places to find unique Mother's Day and graduation gifts or make a great place to take mom. The Packing District hosts a farmers' market located at 2310 N Orange Blossom Trail that brings together an awesome variety of vendors every Saturday from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Then on Monday evenings from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m.,

head over to the Audubon Park Community Market, located at 1842 E. Winter Park Road, for food items, unique crafts, and so much more.

Then in the thriving Ivanhoe Village and Mills/50 Main Streets, enjoy Virginia Drive Live on May 7th. This long-standing event allows patrons to stroll through the

> two districts enjoying vendors, drink and food specials and more. Visit ivanhoevillage.org or mills50. org for details.

Another reason May is an awesome month in Orlando is because of the unique International Fringe Theater Festival, which takes place in

and around Loch Haven Park from May

17th through May 30th. In its 31st year, Fringe brings accessible uncensored performance art to our community through

different numerous kinds of shows. For our younger audiences, there is also Kids

and May 28/29 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. inside and outside of the Orlando Garden Club (located in Loch Haven Park). Kids Fringe includes arts, crafts, musical performances and much more, which are all free and open to the public. Visit orlandofringe.org for more information about

all things Fringe.

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If the mom in your life likes the outdoors, take her to Leu Gardens, where all moms get in free on their day. Visit leugardens.org for a listing of everything that is happening at the gardens

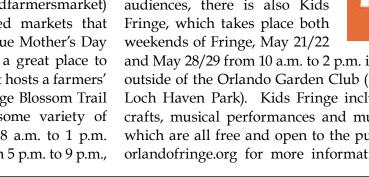
If your mom or the grad in your life has their own green thumb, maybe they would consider volunteering with our Green Up program. Or maybe there is a site in your neighborhood, school or business that could use a little beautification that you would want to nominate for a Green Up project. Since 1985, GreenUp Orlando has been encouraging citizens and volunteer groups to plant trees & shrubs, beautify their neighborhoods, and instill pride in our City. Visit orlando.gov and search under

> Parks and the Environment for all of the information you need to become a volunteer or organize a Green Up near you. They truly make a difference.

> To keep all our moms safe out there as summer creeps up on us, don't forget that our Orlando Fire Department hosts free Hands Only CPR training to all of our citizens. To request OFD come to

your next event and teach your group the basics so they can join the more than 150,000 residents trained in Hands Only CPR, visit orlando.gov/fire.

As always, thank you for your continued support and I look forward to seeing you around our District!



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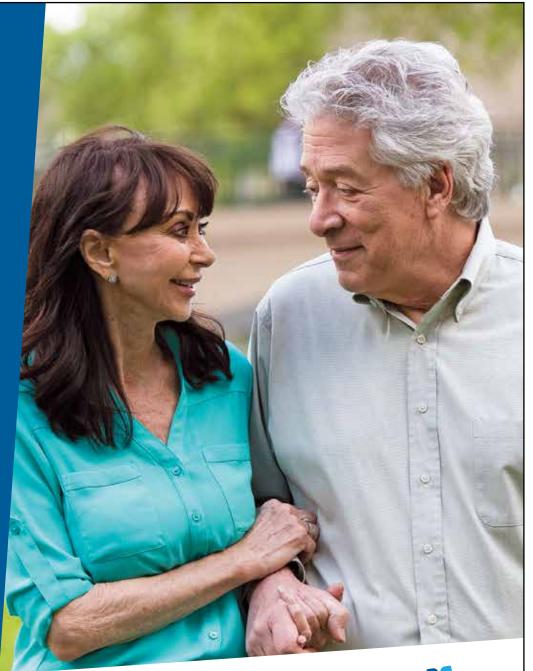
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### Winter Park Mayor's Message Mayor Phil Anderson



#### **Celebrating Historic Preservation**

In Winter Park, we value our history and celebrate Historic Preservation Month annually in May. When asked in 2016, residents said Winter Park's "History and Heritage" were the MOST important

values that makes Winter Park special.

Almost 140 years old, Winter Park is full of history and stories. Mrs. Amelia Walker's story came to light last year when her 1910 home was placed on the Winter Park Historic Registry. Mrs. Walker was a champion of women's rights. Jailed in 1918 in Washington DC while marching to get the constitutional amendment giving women the right to vote, she went on to write a book, Jailed for Freedom, about the suffragette movement. Hard to believe women only received the right vote in 1920, a little over 100 years ago! And thanks to people like Mrs. Walker that led the way.

Through Winter Park's Registry of Historic Homes, we link stories like Mrs. Walker's and Women's right to vote, to something tangible. Built in 1910, her historic home on Lake Sylvan helps tell a story. She comes from an earlier time, but is like us, working for a better future.

Keeping historic homes and districts alive helps us remember the stories of those before us. And how they created a sense of scale, a sense of community, and a sense of quality. It gives us a reference book as we adapt and change, and it illustrates how things can change and evolve.

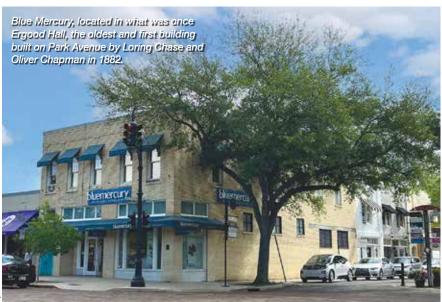
Winter Park is proud to be home to over 200 historically designated homes and four "historic districts." Our most famous historic district is the Downtown Winter Park Historic District. Keeping the historic scale and gardens is one reason why Park Avenue and Central Park seem so comfortable, so timeless, and so appropriate for a relaxed experience that lets you "exhale" from urban stress. Our oldest home is Eastbank, which dates back to 1871 and the city celebrated its 150th anniversary in 2021.

Possibly our most famous historic homes are Casa Feliz (1920 by Gamble Rogers) and the Capen House (1930, which was literally floated across Lake Osceola to its new home at the historic Albin Polasek Museum & Sculpture Gardens). But to really connect to Winter Park and Park Avenue's slower paced history, look for the original horse hitching post in the park across from Arabella Boutique on East Morse Boulevard and imagine riding your horse from the orange grove on Lake Sylvan to Park Avenue to pick up your mail. Blue Mercury is another current business located in what was once Ergood Hall, the oldest and first building built on Park Avenue by Loring Chase and Oliver Chapman in 1882.

And of course, Rollins College, the oldest college in Florida, established in 1885, has its share of historic significance. Pinehurst Cottage on campus has been preserved and dates back to the 1800s. For "old" history, walk the path from the 1930's on Mills Lawn which features pavers and building stones from history

around the word. If you want "new history," visit the Fred Rogers sculpture, a tribute to the impact that Rollin's favorite son has made to generations of young people. The first 50 years of Rollins history is on view at the Winter Park History Museum's current exhibit.

To learn more about Winter Park's history, please visit the Winter Park History Museum and our new Winter Park Library's phenomenal histori-





cal archives center. Access their historical portal at winterparklibrary.org or talk to our expert librarians and let them help in your search.

To learn about all of our historic homes or putting your home on the historic registry, contact Jeff Briggs, Director of Planning & Transportation, at jbriggs@cityofwinterpark.org, access cityofwinterpark.org/historicpreservation, or contact Susan Omoto, Executive Director of Casa Feliz Historic Home & Museum, at casafeliz.us.



### Five Local Celebrities Compete In "Dance Dream & Inspire"

One of Central Florida's most entertaining dance competitions will return to the main stage at Hard Rock Live on Saturday, May 7 with a goal of raising \$100,000 to support programs that help youth in foster care.

Dance, Dream & Inspire matches five local celebrities with professional ballroom dancers to perform live, demonstrating choreographed routines ranging from the Viennese waltz to the Argentine tango. The annual gala benefits Embrace Families, the tri-county area's leading nonprofit organization overseeing foster care, adoption, and other services for childhood victims of abuse and neglect.

This year's celebrity dancers include:

- David Arce, Business Development Manager, Karma Roofing
- Sarah Hohman, Executive Director of Market Strategy, AdventHealth

- Joe Kepner, Sports Anchor, WFTV
- Anna Vasquez, Account Manager, IPRG
- Chassity Vega, CEO, Greater Orlando Builders Association

"Everyone is excited to be back in person this year," said Glen Casel, president and CEO at Embrace Families. "These community and business leaders - including our presenting sponsors Junonia and Sunshine Health - are united in bringing positive change to our community. The funds and awareness raised by this event can inspire a young person to dream of a brighter future."

Tickets start at \$50 for individuals; sponsorship opportunities are still available. More information can be found at www. DanceDreamInspire.com.

### Johnathan Lee Iverson Premieres New Solo Cabaret

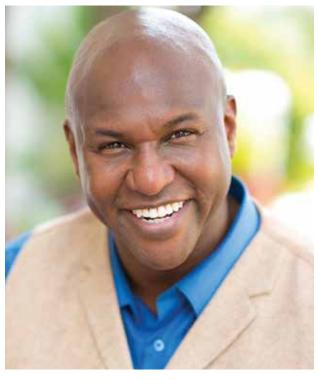
Johnathan Lee Iverson brings his commanding presence and noteworthy professional vocals to his new solo cabaret - The Last Ringmaster: A *Musical Journey from Choirboy to the Big Top -* in The Winter Park Playhouse Spotlight Cabaret Series, May 18 and 19, 2022. Musical Director Christopher Leavy will accompany on piano.

Fresh off of The Winter Park Playhouse Critic's Choice production run of Trav'lin: A 1930's Harlem Musical Romance, Johnathan Lee Iverson presents a remarkable evening of song and storytelling. From his youthful days with The Boys Choir of Harlem through to his notable historic tenure as Ringmaster of the original Ringling Brothers and Barnum and Bailey Circus, Johnathan will delight the audience with a wide selection of music from Opera (*Turandot, Fedora*) to standards (Duke Ellington) to Broadway (Jekyll and Hyde, Man of La Mancha, Sideshow) and more!

Locally, Johnathan has graced The Playhouse stage in both Crazy For Gershwin and Trav'lin and was voted Broadway World's best actor for his portrayal of Reverend Moore in A Tennessee Walk (Garden Theatre). He has also been a featured performer with Opera Orlando. Johnathan serves as board chair for Omnium Circus. He has been named one of Barbara Walters 10 Most Fascinating People and is most proud of being a question on the game show JEOPARDY!

"We are so thrilled that Johnathan has chosen to debut his new solo cabaret at The Playhouse! His outstanding talent along with his fascinating life stories and charm guarantee an extraordinary evening," said Heather Alexander, Playhouse executive director.

Tickets are \$20 plus a one-drink minimum. Cabarets are currently being performed on the theatre Mainstage and masks are required throughout the duration of the performance. Assigned seating is limited and performances sell out quickly, so advance reservations are strongly recommended.



Johnathan Lee Iverson photo courtesy of Winter Park Playhouse

### HypGames Raises \$46k For Charity

Local company HypGames' latest in-game charity event in partnership with Arnold Palmer's Bay Hill Club and Lodge and The Arnold & Winnie Palmer Foundation raised over \$46,000 for charity.

The virtual event offered Ultimate Golf players the chance to tee off against a digital version of legendary golfer Arnold Palmer in a series of 9-hole "Boss Battles" for a chance to win valuable in-game prizes. It ran concurrently with the iconic golf tournament, the Arnold Palmer Invitational, in March. Ultimate Golf players raised over \$46,000 in four days via entry fees that ranged from \$.99 to \$2.99. These results well exceeded expectations and set the stage for more exciting opportunities to follow.

"We're always looking for new ways to engage with our players and to make a difference in our community," said Mike Taramykin, CEO and co-founder of HypGames. "As an Orlando-based business, it's especially meaningful to team up with an organization that has such an impact in our local community. We're already planning our next initiative and look forward to unveiling it soon."

Jamie Cason, executive producer at Miniclip game publisher added: "We're extremely proud of the good that our games and our player community can achieve. To be a positive force in the real-world sport of golf and make a meaningful contribution to the charitable fundraising that is partand-parcel of the professional and amateur game. Thank you to all our play-

ers who continue to help make a difference."

In 2021, HypGames and Miniclip joined forces with Childhelp for a week of celebrity tournaments including participants such as Seinfeld's John O' Hurley, rock legend Alice Cooper and NFL Hall-of-Famer Steve Young. The team also collaborated with The Spirit Golf Association during their signature charity event at Whispering Pines Golf Club.

HypGames is a mobile sports game developer that creates innovative, engaging, competitive experiences for sports fans and gamers around the world. Its founders have worked as a team for over 25 years while developing best-selling sports games including Tiger Woods PGA TOUR, Madden NFL Mobile, Outlaw Golf, Outlaw Volleyball, Deer Avenger, and most recently Ultimate Golf on iOS and Android. HypGames is known for bringing quality graphics, rich, immersive gameplay, and a touch of ir-

reverent humor to their products.

For more information, visit https://www.hypgames.com/

### Lighthouse Central Florida Honored With Hope Award

Lighthouse Central Florida, a nonprofit that provides vision rehabilitation services to Central Floridians living with vision impairment or blindness, was named one of the recipients of UCF's inaugural Hope Award. Presented by the UCF Nonprofit Management Advisory Board, the Hope Award was presented to three Orlando-area nonprofit organizations for exceptional demonstration of resil-

iency and creativity in the face of adversity during among the first the COVID-19 pandemic.

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"At the beginning of the pandemic, we knew it inaugural Hope was critical that our clients (of all ages), who are vision impaired or blind, continue receiving vision rehabilitation services to ensure they stayed awards were preon pace," said Kyle Johnson, president and CEO of Lighthouse Central Florida. "Our team imme- by the UCF School

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The inaugural virtually sented istration's tor, Doug Goodman, during the 20th Annual UCF Nonprofit Partners



Conference. Other recipients include iDignity and The Sunshine Foundation.

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### New Research Shows 70 percent of Central Florida's Hispanic And Black Children Lived In Financial Hardship Pre-Pandemic

The majority of Central Florida's Hispanic and Black children — 71% and 69% respectively — lived in households that couldn't afford the basics in 2019, compared to 57% of all Central Florida children, according to a new report from Heart of Florida United Way and its research partner United For ALICE.

ALICE in Focus: Children reveals the disproportionate impact of financial hardship on the state's Black and Hispanic children, while also challenging the reliance on federal poverty guidelines for eligibility for assistance programs. The report finds traditional measures of poverty have severely undercounted the number of children of all races ages 18 and younger in Florida who are growing up in financially insecure households.

While 18% of all Central Florida children were deemed in poverty in 2019, the report shows that 39% – more than twice as many – lived in families defined as ALICE (Asset Limited, Income Constrained, Employed). ALICE households earn more than the Federal Poverty Level, but less than what it costs to live and work in the modern economy. Combined, 57% of Central Florida's children lived in households below the ALICE Threshold, with income that doesn't meet the basic costs of housing, childcare, health care, transportation,

and a smartphone plan.

"Undercounting the number of children who are at risk can have lifelong consequences," said Jeff Hayward, president & CEO of Heart of Florida United Way. "Thousands of children are locked out of receiving critical supports for stable housing, food, and quality education, all of which can inhibit healthy child development."

Because ALICE households often earn too much to qualify for public assistance, the report finds that more than 147,238 Central Florida ALICE children did not access the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program or SNAP. Likewise, 99,734 Central Florida ALICE children did not receive medical assistance.

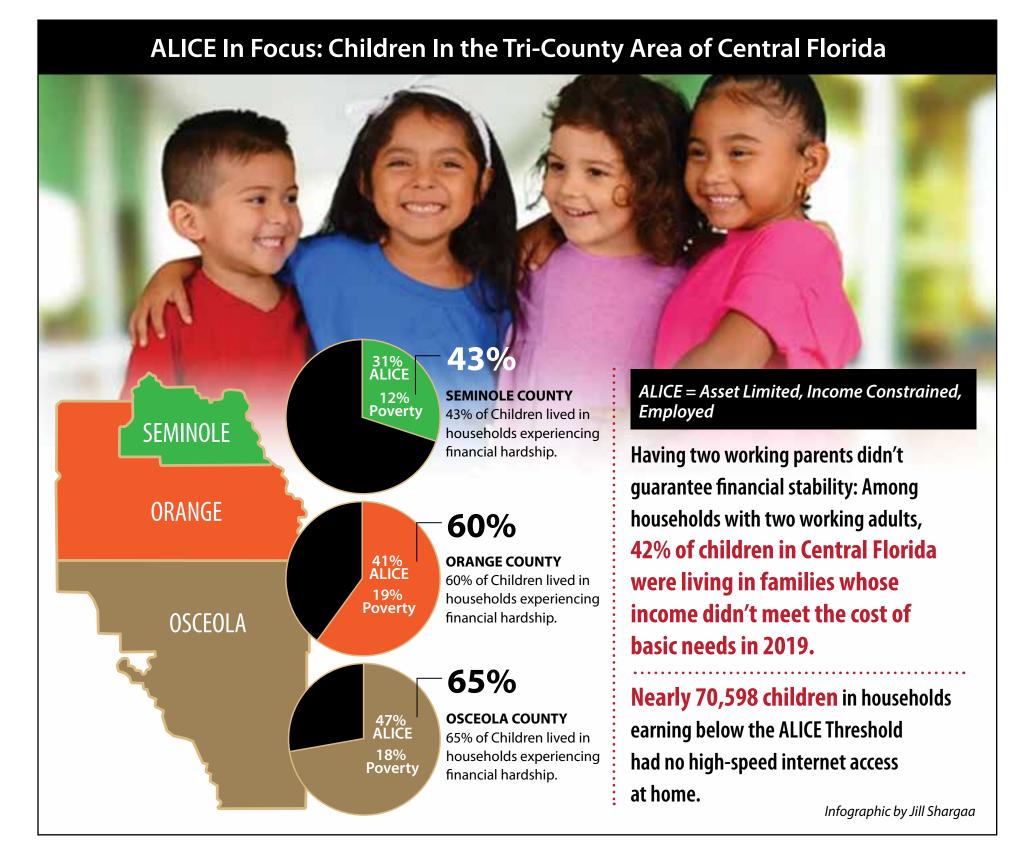
Other findings from *ALICE in Focus: Children* include:

- Among the tri-county area, children experiencing financial hardship was farreaching:
  - o Osceola County 65% of children lived in households experiencing financial hardship (47% ALICE, 18% poverty)
  - o Orange County 60% of children lived in households experiencing financial hardship (41% ALICE, 19% poverty)
  - o Seminole County 43% of children

- lived in households experiencing financial hardship (31% ALICE, 12% poverty)
- Having two working parents didn't guarantee financial stability: Among households with two working adults, 42% of children in Central Florida were living in families whose income didn't meet the cost of basic needs in 2019.
- Nearly 70,598 children in households earning below the ALICE Threshold had no high-speed internet access at home.

"Having accurate, complete data is the foundation for designing equitable solutions," said the United for ALICE national director, Stephanie Hoopes, Ph.D. "COVID-19 hit ALICE families so much harder than others because they struggle to build savings yet often don't qualify for financial assistance."

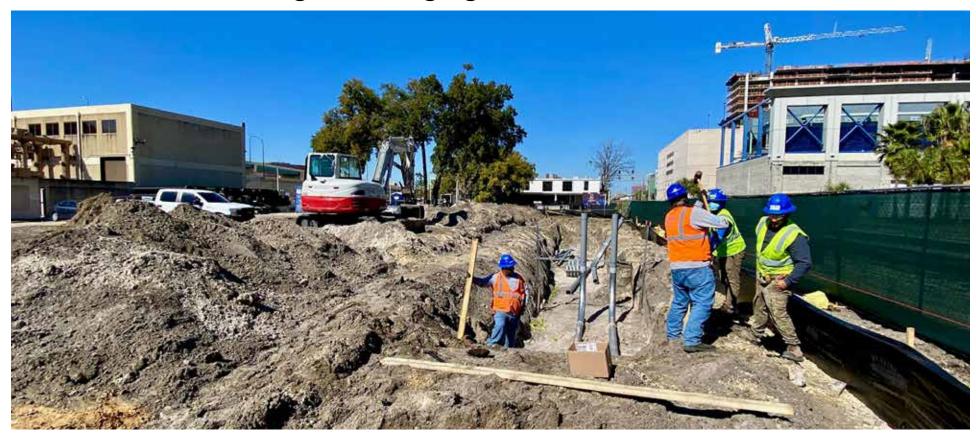
More data is available through the *ALICE* in Focus: Children interactive data dashboard – which provides filters for regional and local geographies, age, race, disability status, living arrangements and household work status. Visit UnitedForALICE.org/Focus-Children to learn more. Visit hfuw.org to learn more about or to get involved in the work of Heart of Florida United Way.



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### Work Starts On Building EV Charging Hub

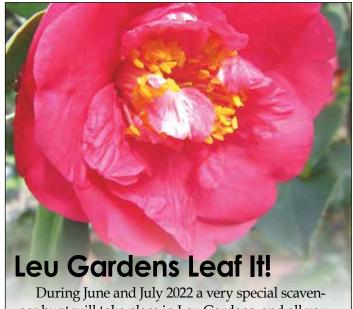


Construction work began in early February on the Robinson Recharge Mobility Hub, the OUC-led electric vehicle (EV) project that will feature up to 20 Level 3 charging stations. Expected to be completed later this year, the facility will be the largest of its kind in Florida, with the capability to charge all makes of battery-powered vehicles.

Located on Robinson Street near the I-4 overpass in downtown Orlando, the hub will offer EV drivers convenient access to fast chargers that can power up a low battery in 20 to 60 minutes. The \$1.8 million project is partly funded by a \$500,000 grant from the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (DEP). OUC is covering most of the remaining costs of the project and donated the land for the hub.

Aireko Energy Group US is the general contractor of construction.



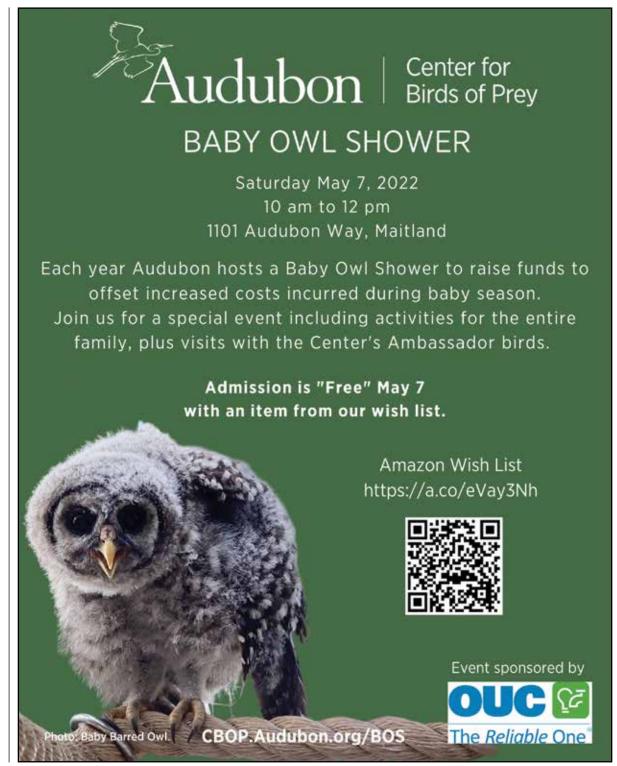


During June and July 2022 a very special scavenger hunt will take place in Leu Gardens, and all you have to do is find a leaf. Well, not just any leaf. Over 20 distinct leaves will be placed in different areas of the gardens. Find each leaf and you will be rewarded with fun facts about the gardens. It's a great way to learn about some of the plants, a little bit of history, and more!

This is a scavenger hunt for all ages. It's a great teaching tool for children. Kids can come dressed up in their favorite explorer or detective costumes. We will give you a special map to help you find the leaves. Good luck!

Daytime garden admission: \$15 adult, \$10 child (ages 4 – 17 years) which includes this scavenger hunt. Leu Gardens' Members and all children 3 years of age and under receive free admission. Leu Gardens is located at 1920 North Forest Avenue. Visit leugardens.org or call 407.246.2620 for more information.

Harry P. 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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# Purposeful Architectural Design Sets Tone For Orlando's New Holocaust Museum For Hope & Humanity



Photo from sfi.usc.edu website

The Holocaust Memorial Resource and Education Center of Florida (HMREC) unveiled architectural renderings for the new Holocaust Museum for Hope & Humanity in downtown Orlando, which will be the world's first Holocaust museum designed around survivor and witness testimonies. Housed in a landmark lakefront structure, the museum will serve as a distinctive and meaningful destination for the region and a bridge to local students and residents of Central Florida.

USC Shoah Foundation—The Institute for Visual History and Education (USC Shoah Foundation), established by Steven Spielberg in 1994 and a world leader in testimony-based research, education, and interactive experiences, serves as a content and creative partner in the development of the new museum. The Holocaust Museum for Hope & Humanity marks the first time USC Shoah Foundation has teamed with a Holocaust Museum to design and implement a ground-up and permanent museum-wide exhibition.

The new 43,000-square-foot museum, which has an estimated construction budget of \$45 million, is located on the site of the former Orlando Chamber of Commerce building at 75 South Ivanhoe Boulevard. Internationally renowned and award-winning architectural firm Beyer Blinder Belle Architects and Planners (BBB) is overseeing the building design and will collaborate with museum experts Ralph Appelbaum Associates (RAA), Dr. Stephen D. Smith of Memory Workers, and Carolynne Harris Consulting on the interior design and overall guest experience, joining forces to create and imagine a first-of-its-kind museum.

The centerpiece of the museum will be luminous at night, symbolizing a beacon for humanity. Encompassing it is a ramp bathed in natural light that wraps around a cylindrical auditorium. The open end includes a large, glazed aperture—a window of hope.

"This museum will serve as a literal beacon of light for all who visit—shining a spotlight on issues that can divide us so we can seek ways to create a world free of all forms of hatred, bigotry, and prejudice," said Monte Starr, president of the HMREC Board of Directors.

The City of Orlando has agreed to lease the land on which the Holocaust Museum for Hope & Humanity is located for \$1 per year for 99 years. "This new space will be more than just a destination; it will be a perfect fit for our community as Orlando continues to send a powerful message to the world that we will always honor history and ignite hope," said Mayor Buddy Dyer of Orlando.

In addition, Orange County has pledged \$10 million in tourist development tax grants toward the construction of the Holocaust Museum for Hope & Humanity. "We are proud that our ten-million-dollar commitment will help ensure the Holocaust Museum for Hope & Humanity's bright future and its global impact," said Mayor Jerry L. Demings of Orange County.

The new museum will include innovative exhibits such as Dimensions in Testimony, pioneered by USC Shoah Foundation, which enables visitors to ask questions to specially-recorded interactive testimonies of Holocaust survivors and hear real-time responses in lifelike conversation.

"Storytelling is one of the oldest educational tools; it is a universal language. Building a museum with testimony integrated into the fiber of its being, with connection and interactivity woven in, will revolutionize museum experience and ensure lasting relevance of the stories of the Holocaust for generations of visitors," said Kori Street, Finci-Viterbi Interim Executive Director of USC Shoah Foundation.

Images of the new museum are available at www.holocaustedu.org/new-museum/

### **Polasek Museum Announces Summer Exhibition**

The Albin Polasek Museum & Sculpture Gardens is pleased to announce its summer exhibition, *Playfully Artistic: Florida Sculptors Guild*. The exhibition will run from May 10 to August 21, 2022.

As artists know, play can be an integral part of the creative process. As the world recovers from the events of the past few years, we invite you to escape reality and enter a world of colorful excitement and contemporary art! *Playfully Artistic* is a collaboration between the Albin Polasek Museum & Sculpture Gardens and our community partners, the Florida Sculptors Guild. Their members comprise a diverse cross-section of different cultural, geographic, and socioeconomic perspectives and, as such, represent the color and whimsy of the ever-evolving State of Florida.

"This exhibition promises to be a delightful exploration of contemporary art presented by talented members of the Florida Sculptors Guild. I look forward to visitors experiencing these pieces in person," said Polasek Museum curator Emily Coughlan.

Founded in 1961, the Albin Polasek Museum and Sculpture Gardens preserves the 200+ piece collection of world-renowned Czech-American sculptor Albin Polasek (1871-1965). Listed on the National Register of Historic Places, the museum offers guided tours of Polasek's home, studio, and



Albin Polasek Museum and Sculpture Gardens' Capen House.

sculpture gardens. Thousands of visitors each year come from all over the world to be inspired by Polasek's story of emigrating to the United States in 1901, becoming a celebrated artist, and continuing to create monumental works of art from his wheelchair after suffering a debilitating stroke at age 70. The museum is also home to the historic 1885 Capen House that was saved from demolition, renovated, and opened to the public in 2015. For more information, visit polasek.org or find us on Facebook and Instagram. The Polasek is proud to be a part of #wpinspires, arts and culture in the City of Winter Park.

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### **Lakeview Surgery Center Opens**

As part of its commitment to offer patients access to high-quality healthcare closer to home, the physicians at the Orlando Health Digestive Health Institute Gastroenterology - Dr. Phillips now have a new ambulatory surgery center where they provide general gastroenterology outpatient procedures. The Lakeview Surgery Center, an affiliate of Orlando Health, recently opened in the busy Southwest Orlando corridor on the Orlando Health Dr. P. Phillips Hospital campus.

"The new gastroenterology ambulatory surgery center reflects our core value—supporting the growing needs of our patients in the communities we serve," said Thibaut van Marcke, senior vice president, Orlando Health Southeast Region, and president of Orlando Health Dr. P. Phillips Hospital. "How healthcare is being delivered today is ever-changing and keeping ahead of these changes is key to providing the best care. We believe the center will be very beneficial for our patients who need this service."

With approximately 10,000 square feet of space, the Lakeview Surgery Center is located at 7448 Docs Grove Circle, Suite 108, which is a short walking distance from the hospital. There are three state-of-the-art procedure rooms and 12 pre-op/recovery beds for patients in the center. With regards to the types of gastroenterology surgery procedures performed, patients can expect highly skilled, board-certified physicians to deliver procedures such as screening colonoscopy, colonoscopy procedures, upper GI endoscopy, and upper GI procedures.



The Lakeview Surgery Center will be Medicare certified and fully accredited by the Joint Commission. The medical team at the center is led by Christina Covelli, MD, the medical director for general gastroenterology, Orlando Health Digestive Health Institute. In addition to the center, Dr. Covelli oversees gastroenterology practices at multiple Orlando Health campuses including Orlando Health Dr. P. Phillips Hospital, Orlando Health – Health Central Hospital and Orlando Health St. Cloud Hospital.

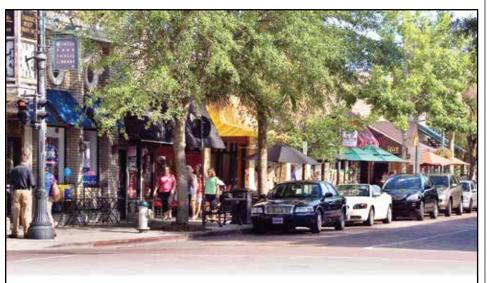
"By thoughtfully expanding access to critical gastroenterology-related screenings and innovative treatments in a facility that's modern, safe and convenient, will make it easier for patients to get the care they need and deserve," Dr. Covelli said. "We are excited to offer our patients the best medical care which utilizes clinical medicine, cutting-edge innovations and compassionate care that places the patient at the center of the healthcare experience—where they absolutely belong."

### **Acupuncture And Herbs: A Recipe To Help Pets**

Acupuncture, herbal medicine and other non-traditional options are growing in popularity for treating pets with cancer, chronic renal failure, severe pain associated with chronic arthritis and other ailments, even extending life for geriatric patients and improving quality of life. An April "Level Up" virtual summit for veterinarians explored these topics.

"As many people are open to integrative medicine to treat illness in humans, the same approaches are now being applied to help our pets live longer and enjoy a better quality of life," said Dana Varble, DVM, CAE, the chief veterinary officer of the North American Veterinary Community. "The Level Up virtual summits are another example of how the NAVC is opening the door for veterinary professionals everywhere to learn about advances in animal healthcare that can be used immediately in their practices."

Acupuncture offers an alternative treatment option for geriatric patients where conventional treatments may be difficult. During the session "Integrative Approach to Geriatric Patients," Huisheng Xie, BSvm, MS, PhD, professor of the Chi University, and emeritus professor at the University of Florida and the China Agricultural University, discussed how acupuncture can relieve pain, alleviate other illness and extend an animal's life with a better quality of life.



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"Quality of life in geriatric animals is one of the top concerns for pet owners and their veterinarians. Acupuncture works on the whole body by stimulating multiple internal systems that help the body respond to help with pain and even repair damaged



A cat undergoes electroacupuncture treatment.

tissue," said Dr. Xie. "What we achieve with acupuncture is that the animal maintains the highest quality of life as long as possible before the end of life which we can often extend another three to five years."

Deanne Zenoni DVM, CVSMT, CVMRT, CVA, an associate veterinarian at Tops Veterinary Rehabilitation and Chicago Exotics Animal Hospital as well as an instructor at the Healing Oasis lead an in-depth discussion about how exercise and hydrotherapy can be used to treat patients with degenerative myelopathy, a disease affecting the spinal cord which can lead to lameness, difficulty with stairs or reluctance to do certain activities.

"Just like in people, we target weak areas and work to help the dog maintain or regain independent mobility. Hydrotherapy is a whole body strengthening due to the resistance of the water but the buoyancy and warmth helps with improved weight bearing and range of motion of the pet," said Dr. Zenoni. "Exercises are something that can be done at home as part of the daily routine as well."

Additionally, summit attendees learned how herbal medicine and diet can help a pet with a cancer diagnosis. Nicole Sheehan, DVM, CVA, CVCH, CVFT, MATP, owner of Whole Pet Animal Hospitals explained how they are used, in addition to conventional treatments, to improve quality of life, maximize survival times, and provide practical strategies for pet owners to contribute to the healing process at home.

"Level Up" is a new series of virtual events developed by the NAVC and hosted on their virtual education platform, VetFolio, to help veterinary professionals take their careers to the next level. Registrants can receive up to four hours of continuing education.

The NAVC was founded in 1982 and is headquartered in Orlando, FL. Since 2017, the NAVC has been recognized annually as one of the Top Workplaces by the Orlando Sentinel. To learn more about the NAVC's products and brands, visit https://navc.com/.

### pop culture detours by George McGowan

### A Smorgasbord Of Pop Culture Diversions For This Month

The last couple of months have been good for new music. There are four albums out by artists who I have listened to over the years, that are among the finest of their careers; and one album by a new band that is a "must listen." The four albums are "Time Skiffs" by Animal Collective, "Lucifer on the Sofa" by Spoon, "LIFE ON EARTH" by Hurray for the Riff Raff, and "Laurel Hell" by Mitski. Regular readers of this column know that I have already raved about two

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of these artists in the past. So, I will concentrate on the two others. Animal Collective have been around since 2003 and have at least one masterpiece to their credit, "Merriweather Post Pavilion" released in 2009. But this listener would put "Time Skiffs" up there as another of their great albums. Who is Animal Collective? Along with their interesting tunes, the band has four members who each have a "pen name" for their contributions to the group. They call themselves Avey Tare, Panda Bear, Geologist and Deakin. Three of these four have also issued solo albums and all of them combined to do all this as they continued throughout some challenging academic studies at various universities. "Time Skiffs" earned an 8.4 (out of 10.0) from Pitchfork where Stuart Berman noted the album's "... inviting ambiance, unhurried vibe, and ebullient group



harmonies ..." I can echo this assessment as I find it to be the most "sing-along-able" album of theirs when I usually find that the band can be too experimental for my ears.

Spoon is the best rock and roll band in America that nobody knows about. With their latest, they should become more than a fringe act that regularly fills mid-size performance spaces. (At the time you read this, I will have seen them perform at the Shaky Knees Festival in Atlanta, at which I expect to be wowed). Spoon have been around since 1993, if you can believe that musicians this talented can fly below the mainstream radar for that long. I become a fan of the band in 2005 when their album "Gimme Fiction" became my primary listen on the headphones that came with my new groundbreaking iPhone. Since then, my wife and kids have become fans with one song

in particular (2007's "Don't You Evah) a family favorite. "Lucifer on the Sofa" shows the band at its best and many reviewers have ranked in as one of their best. Michael Hann of The Guardian writes "Just 10 songs long, and without a single surplus inch around its narrow waist, Lucifer on the Sofa simply refuses to countenance the notion of having a single dull second." This reviewer couldn't put it any better.

Other thoughts from this month: the best picture Oscar awarded to the film CODA (available on Apple TV+) was well-deserved. I enjoyed the movie and was quite touched by its story and characters. The French TV series "Lupin" (available on Netflix) is a worthy diversion. Its two seasons features a dynamic protagonist who stays one step in front of his pursuers with great panache.

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

"May The Road Rise To Meet You..." It's May now and, as I do every year, I've been reflecting

May brings my birthday, my late father's birthday,

Mother's Day, and a nice almost half-way point to the year. The months seem to always come racing around the corner after the holidays and, before I know it, it's May.

So nevertheless, I've been thinking. I've actually been thinking about you... I've been writing this article for quite a long time now. How long?



Since 2011.

(That's over a decade for those of you (like me) who still forget we're no longer in the early 2000s.) What?... Where has the time gone?

I've meandered and rambled and taken a

left turn here and there - but for over a decade Rick Cable and *The Park Press* have believed my contemplations have merited your time and this

It's hard to believe and makes me wonder... just how many of you have I taken for granted?

Life moves fast. I talk about it all the time, but perhaps I haven't stopped to really think about it... and you... often enough.

I know, I'm a therapist. I have been invited into a number of people's innermost thoughts and worries. I've been a part of homes, families, marriages, secrets, trials, triumphs and fears for a very long time now. But those people seek me out and we have a contract of sorts. They want to be seen and guided and connected to me. They are explicitly asking for my partnership and my

But you... that's different. You've allowed me into your homes, to interrupt your morning coffee or punctuate your evening wind down. You've set these words aside either never to get to them or at least to give them a second longer when you have more time. You've littered your coffee tables and lined your birdcages... all without me ever really knowing it or acknowledging it.

You've witnessed my thoughts, humored my opinions and allowed me entry into your belief systems.

Without you, I'm an echo into the abyss. I have a lot of thoughts. (My husband would say 'opinions.') Many of them are actually based in sound psychological thought and research. But all of them, I admit, have been translated through my own filter and thereby are not necessarily objective.

And yet you, my beloved reader, have given me space and time and latitude to think, believe and, oftentimes, even try to compel you to see things from my perspective and 'live meaningfully' in the way that I believe that could happen.

You have trusted me and opened your mind to

I am humbled.

I've now lived long enough to know just how much I don't know. But...I am truly hopeful that, in some small way, with some properly guided word, I have found you and I have helped. Even if for but a moment between the array of worthy preoccupations.

Thank you for listening. Thank you for honoring my thoughts. Thank you for inviting me in. I wish you all of the peace and balance and space to be and feel and love, that you have offered to me.

This May... May the road rise to meet you, as you have met me.

May the road rise up to meet you. May the wind be always at your back. May the sun shine warm upon your face; the rains fall soft upon your fields and, until we meet again, May God hold you in the palm of His hand.

With my gratitude 'til the next time... Be Well; Live Meaningfully. Ayesha

### in the garden by Stephen and Kristin Pategas



Stephen & Kristin Pategas

### A Search For Native Plants

Participation in a field trip organized by the Tarflower Chapter of the Florida Native Plant Society (FNPS)

is one of the best ways to be introduced to native plants in their native habitats. Canaveral National Seashore's Apollo Beach, accessed by way of New Smyrna Beach, was the site of a field trip where three different habitats were explored. The group assembled at the Canaveral National Seashore Visitor Center and headed south to Parking Area #3. The sound of the Atlantic surf drew everyone to the boardwalk dune crossover. Discoveries in that sunbaked, salt laden, super harsh environment for plants included beachgoers, surfcasters, and the native beach sunflower, railroad vine, silver saw palmetto, and sabal palm.

Due west from the beach, Castle Windy Trail extends to the inter-coastal waterway's Indian River/ Mosquito Lagoon. Upon descending into the tunnel of vegetation, experienced plant lovers called out the names of plants they spotted while novices took notes and photos. When a bird called, binoculars rose to the eyes and plants were momentarily forgotten - field trips welcome bird watchers too! A brightening light foreshadows the end of the trail at the mangrove cloaked edge of the river. Oyster

shells from a towering shell midden/mound (closed to visitors) kiss the trail and the water lapping the shore. Native plants noted include wild lime, marlberry, shoestring fern, resurrection fern, lyre-leaved sage, air plant (Tillandsia), Gulf Coast swallowwort vine, and sixangle foldwing.

For the final leg of the trip, a short drive north just past the Visitor's Center took us to the renowned Turtle Mound https://www.trailoffloridasindian-heritage.org/turtle-mound/. There, oysters and refuse from the prehistoric Timucuan people created a mound that extends for over 600 feet along the Indian River shoreline. This full sun environment with a boardwalk that winds its way to the top of the 50-foot-tall mound is not quite nosebleed worthy for Floridians but is spectacular for breezy views over the inter-coastal and the Atlantic Ocean.

The higher light levels show how the same plants found along the shady and sheltered Castle Windy Trail respond to sunny conditions exhibiting a more compact growth and smaller leaves. Different natives found there include wild

plumbago and yaupon holly.

About one-half of the 34 chapters of the Florida Native Plant Society https://www.fnps.org// are named after the common or botanical genus name of a native plant. The Tarflower Chapter https:// tarflower.fnpschapters.org/ covers Orange County and meets monthly at Mead Botanical Garden in Winter Park where habitat restoration projects are in progress and many native plants along the bike trail are labelled. The namesake tarflower, which is a low water use fragrant flowering shrub, but is not tolerant of salt spray, was as expected nowhere to be found on the field trip to the Atlantic Coast.







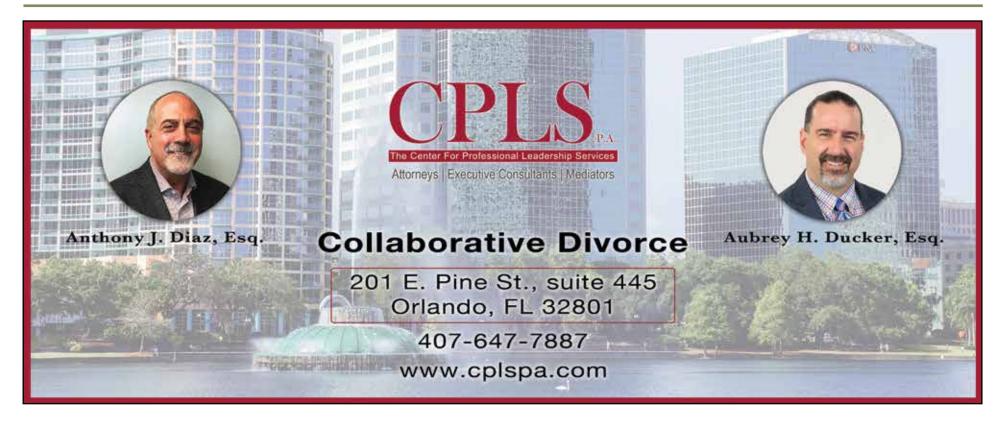
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   An air plant (Tillandsia) thrives in a shady environment.
- **3.** A portion of Canaveral National Seashore's Apollo Beach.
- **4.** The boardwalk to the Turtle Mound provides a different vantage point.
- **5.** Wild lime (Zanthoxylum fagara) is not a true lime but has fragrant blossoms.





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### schools

### Orlando Science School Student Wins National STEM Awards

Orlando Science School student Atreya Manaswi recently competed as a finalist at Broadcom MASTERS, a national science and engineering competition for middle school students.

Manaswi won the first place Science Award for the project, "Finding the Best Novel, Safe, and Organic Treatment to Attract Small Hive Beetles and Improve Honey Bee Strength (Year 2 Study)." First place winners demonstrated acumen and promise in science, and were awarded \$3,500 to be used toward a STEM summer camp experience.

Manaswi was also part of the team that won the Team Award, awarded to the team that best demonstrates their ability to work together and solve problems through shared decision making, communication, and scientific and engineering collaboration. Team Award winners received a gift card to a science supply company to support their interests in STEM.

The Broadcom MASTERS (Math, Applied Sci-communication, creativity and collaboration in ence, Technology and Engineering for Rising

Stars), a program of the Society for Science, inspires middle school students to follow their STEM passions through to exciting college and career paths. Thirty finalists took home more than \$100,000 in awards.

The competition took place virtually to keep the finalists, their families and the Society staff safe during the ongoing coronavirus pandemic. Each of At left: OSS student Atreya Manaswi. the 30 finalists participated in

online team challenges in addition to being judged on their science research projects. The challenges leveraged project-based learning and tested their mastery of 21st Century skills of critical thinking,

each of the STEM areas. The finalists analyzed bio-

diversity in their local communities, designed clinical trials, constructed gliders and developed functional programs using Raspberry Pis.

Broadcom MASTERS winners were chosen from the 30 finalists selected from 1,841 applicants from 48 states, Washington, D.C. and three U.S. territories (Puerto Rico, Guam and the Virgin Islands). Winners were selected by a panel

of distinguished scientists, engineers and educators. Each finalist's school will receive \$1,000 from the Broadcom MASTERS program to benefit their STEM initiatives.



### Winter Park Presbyterian PreSchool

Our campus has been bustling with special activities as the school year comes to an end. The children in all age groups enjoyed splash parties with a sprinkler tunnel plasma car wash (some call it a kid wash!), water games and experiments, shaving cream painting, obstacle courses, refreshments, and other celebratory activities.

On Sunday, May 15th, Winter Park Presbyterian Church will honor our VPK graduates. During the church service, students from all four VPK classes will come together to sing . After the service, families are invited to join in outdoor activities on the preschool campus. There will be a bounce house, hot dogs, ice cream, PJ the Clown, and special activities.

On Wednesday, May 18th, we are welcoming our VPK parents back to Chapel with our very special VPK Chapel Celebration. Each of the four VPK classes will perform lovely songs Children in the Winter Park Presbyterian Preschool Ladybugs three-year-old class relax with frozen juice pops in the garden after a busy splash day.



they have learned during the school year. Then all four classes will join together to sing one last song. The director and the associate pastor will present each child with a Bible and a cross necklace. We will close with prayer and adjourn to

the Fellowship Hall for cake and juice.

Registration for the 2022-2023 school year is now open, and a few spots may still be available. Please call us at 407-629-0727 to check availability for your child.

### protection and service by Jim Whitman, Winter Park Police Department

### Deja Vu?

There is a saying when it comes to fashion, that if you wait long enough, every thing comes back around to being "in fashion" again. Unfortunately, this applies to crime as well. The National Insurance Crime Bureau estimates that roughly 25,000 catalytic converters were stolen across the nation between 2008 through 2016. Furthermore, the NICB saw claims for 3,389 thefts in 2019 and 14,433 in 2020. So, as you can see, we are seeing a "come back" in the theft of catalytic converters. If you are like me, you are probably asking 1.) What's a catalytic converter? And 2.) What is the reason why people are taking them?

The simple answer to the first question is, a catalytic converter is part of your

vehicle's exhaust system. If you have a vehicle that was made anytime after 1975, your vehicle most probably has one. The purpose of a catalytic converter is to break down toxic vehicle exhaust into water, nitrogen, and carbon dioxide. In 1990, the Clean Air Act was passed making it a violation of federal law to remove a catalytic converter from your exhaust system without replacing it.

The same law makes it illegal for any person to sell or to install any part that would bypass, defeat, or render inoperative any emission control system. Most vehicles will not pass any emissions test without a functioning catalytic converter. As you know, Florida no longer has vehicle inspections, so until you bring your vehicle into an automotive repair center to deal with the "check engine" light that has probably illuminated, you most likely would not know it was missing- until you try to trade your car in towards the purchase of another. Of course, if the converter is removed and nothing is put back in its place, your exhaust would be very noisy.

The answer to the second question is a little more straightforward. Catalytic converters contain several precious metals, including platinum, rhodium, and palladium. These metals help the converter to function and depending on the model of the car (hybrids contain more of these metals), the value of the converters vary. The most popular car to have its catalytic converter stolen is the Toyota Prius. Other vehicles that experience the most thefts are large pick-up trucks and commercial vehicles (as it is easier for criminals to get under them to remove the converters in a very short period of time). So how much can a crook get for a used catalytic converter? At the time of this writing, a second-generation Toyota Prius Catalytic converter was worth \$1,022 and a third generation Prius converter was worth \$548. So, you can see why thieves are targeting these items.

How do you protect yourself from becoming a victim? Start by securing your

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vehicle in a garage whenever possible. If you must park outside, park in a well-lit area ideally with camera surveillance. There are several anti-theft devices on the market

to attempt the theft of catalytic converters. Some are as simple as cables that are welded to the converter and then welded to the frame of the car or as complicated as a steel plate which is riveted to the frame of your vehicle and covers the catalytic converters. Remember that although the above-mentioned devices may deter or slow thieves down, nothing is fool-proof and the previous parking suggestions should be your primary means of deterring theft.

As always, if you see anyone "slinking" around a parking lot late at night, please pick up the phone and call the police to come and check it out. The two minutes it takes to report a possible theft in progress is a lot less than the aggravation someone will experience if they have to pay to have their catalytic converter replaced.