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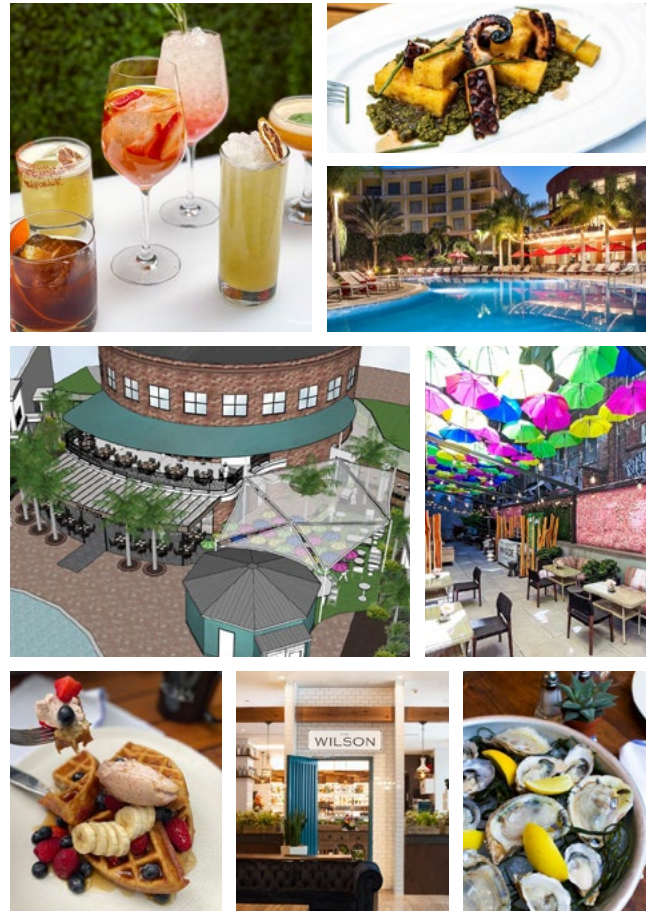
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NOVEMBER MEETINGS

CROA Board Meeting
Wednesday, November 10, 6 P.M.
In person/teleconference

CCDD Board Meeting
Tuesday, November 16, 6 P.M.
313 Campus Street

CROA Board Meeting
Wednesday, November 17, 6 P.M.
in person/teleconference



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- Community website access
- Community newsletters
- Parks & Recreation information
- Veteran's Memorial Bricks

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Town Hall Emergency Number: 866-621-4337 (after hours)
Emergency: 911
Osceola County Sheriff: 407-348-2222 (non-emergency)

TRASH & RECYCLING

Trash Schedule

Trash needs to be within 4 feet of the alley or curb before 7 a.m. on the scheduled day. Recycle bins are to be kept in your garage except on the scheduled trash day. Call Celebration Sanitation Services (trash) at 321-939-1805 to arrange for bulk pickup or for more information on trash totes and recycle bins. Thank you for your continued cooperation!

Trash Pick-up

Mondays & Thursdays

North Village, Celebration Village, Lake Evalyn, West Village and parts of East Village

Tuesdays & Fridays

Aquila Reserve, parts of East Village, Artisan Park, South Village, Spring Lake and Island Village.

Recycle Day

Wednesday for all villages

1. Glass (bottles and jars only)
2. Aluminum cans (no scrap metal or foil type material)
3. Bi metal cans (soup, vegetable cans and alike)
4. Clean cardboard (no take out or delivery pizza boxes)
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Discard all screw caps and lids.

Please, no plastic bags of any kind.

Yard Waste Day

Wednesday for all villages

Yard waste is no longer accepted in any type of plastic bags. Place waste in up to four (4) 32 gallon containers that are clearly marked "Yard Waste" stenciled on both sides, in paper yard waste bags, or you can use your regular totter as well, just leave the lid open on Wednesday's. If yard waste is not disposed of properly, it will not get collected.

IRRIGATION SCHEDULE

ZONE 1:

Day 1: Monday 4 p.m. to Tuesday 10 a.m.
Day 2: Thursday 4 p.m. to Friday 10 a.m.

Celebration Village and Downtown, West Village, Lake Evalyn, North Village, Water Tower Place

ZONE 3:

Day 1: Wednesday 4 p.m. to Thursday 10 a.m.
Day 2: Saturday 4 p.m. to Sunday 10 a.m.

• Artisan Park

ZONE 2:

Day 1: Tuesday 4 p.m. to Wednesday 10 a.m.
Day 2: Friday 4 p.m. to Saturday 10 a.m.

Celebration Place, Celebration Boulevard from Campus Street to the high school (includes Emerson, Spring Lake, and other areas along Celebration Boulevard in South Village), South Village, Roseville Corner, East Village, Aquila Reserve

ID BADGE POLICY

The Celebration Residential Owners Association (CROA) Board approved the following resolution to the current ID Badge policy:

A passholder may bring no more than four non-resident guests outside of their immediate family on any given occasion unless under a scheduled event, private party, etc. The passholder must remain with the guest(s) at all times. In order to avoid conflicts or disappointments, please contact Town Hall if you are having a party in one of the parks or playgrounds.

HOA ASSESSMENTS

Celebration Residential Owners Association assessments are due on the first day of every January, April, July and October. After the last business day of those months, payments not posted to accounts will begin to accrue late fees and interest. Please allow 10 business days for mailing and processing. Statements are mailed out 30 days prior to the due date. If you do not receive a statement or if you have a question regarding the balance of your account, please contact Town Hall at 407-566-1200 between 9 a.m. and 5:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. You can make a one-time payment using eCheck (electronically debited from your checking account), Visa, MasterCard, American Express, or Discover*. Log in to www.GrandManors.com, click on Resident Portal and choose "Make a payment" or call 1-855-947-2636 to pay over the phone.



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CNOA - CELEBRATION NON-RESIDENTIAL OWNERS ASSOCIATION

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This organization is comprised of all commercial land owners within Celebration. Governed by a five-member Board of Directors, there are currently three declarant members and two placed landowners. This Association is responsible for preserving, protecting and enhancing the non-residential areas of the community and the value of the community.

CJC - CELEBRATION JOINT COMMITTEE

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This administrative Committee is comprised of representatives from both the CROA and CNOA boards. The Committee administered services that are used jointly by both CROA and CNOA, such as management, communications, accounting and security. Currently, the make-up of the Committee is five spots of which CROA holds two seats.

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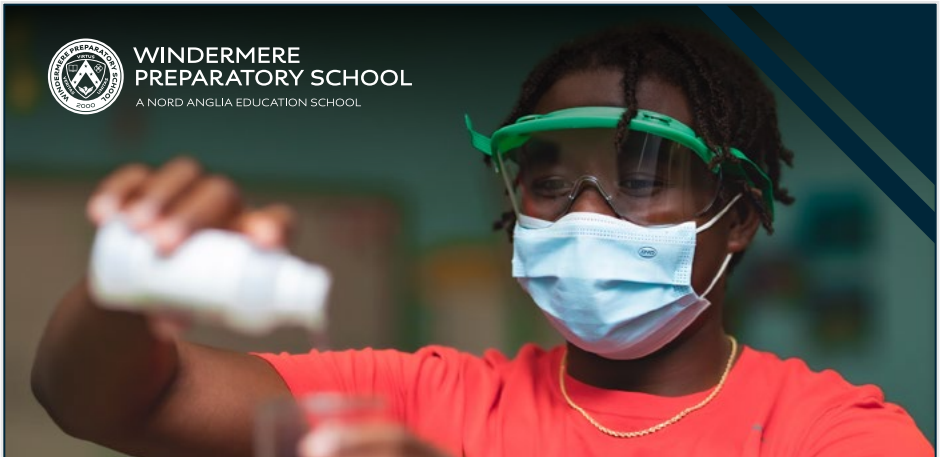


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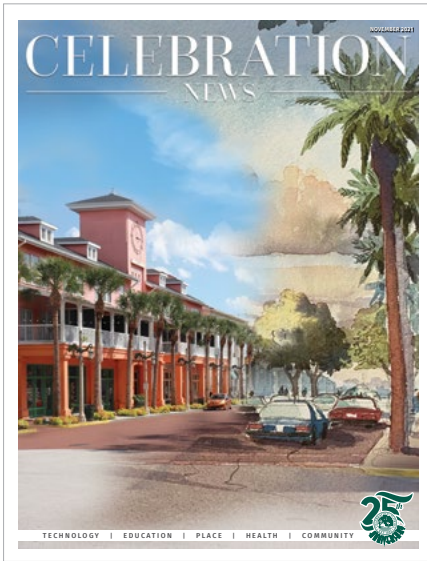


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CELEBRATIONS *of Silver and More!*

Welcome November!! We welcome the cooler temperatures (although hurricane season remains through the end of this month). We also welcome World Kindness Day (the 13th), Small Business Saturday, Cyber Monday and of course, Thanksgiving. Further, our community celebrates its silver anniversary, representing 25 years! For Celebration this year, we mark our special anniversary with many activities – and our skies will light up during our Founders Day Weekend festivities! This promises to be a most memorable celebration of all we have and are becoming – join your neighbors and friends, and experience true community!

As you read this monthly article prepared by the Board of Directors of the Celebration Residential Owners Association (CROA), you will see highlights of much of what is happening throughout Celebration. We encourage you to stay engaged and involved by attending Board meetings (twice monthly – virtually) or committee meetings, all posted on our website's Events calendar with log-in information on the resident-only section.

Two major things are happening this month. First, November 1 marks the start date for our **new management company, GrandManors!** After a yearlong search, we identified this company as the best to lead Celebration forward with our Town Hall staff and services (see prior monthly articles about this thorough process). Amber Orduno is serving as the Acting Executive Director while GrandManors searches for a permanent person. One major enhancement is an individual resident portal, using their CiraNet system. We are excited that our residents will have this helpful, personalized resource; GrandManors staff is providing various opportunities for learning about the system. Please check it out, and ask questions!

With this transition, your Board and the leadership team of GrandManors have worked hard to maximize a **smooth transition**. The returning and newly hired staff members have been going through training with new systems and procedures, as well as a new culture of management of our

community. We hope that disruptions for residents are minimal; if these do occur, we encourage you to let the staff know and also be patient.

The other major thing is the annual **Founders Day Weekend** on November 12-13. While we celebrate Founders Day every year, this will be like no other. With gratitude to our Lifestyles Staff and our Special Events Committee, and as highlighted on our website, the Friday Flash and past and current editions of the Celebration News, a wide array of celebratory activities are scheduled. These include the virtual Founders Dash, Party in the Park, the Founders/Veterans Parade and Veterans Ceremony, the community photo, performances in Town Center and the Fireworks display. This promises to be a celebration worthy of our silver anniversary. Check out details on the website (under "Events").

While the Board's primary focus has been on the management company transition, we have continued other **planning for the immediate and longer-term future**. Our Finance Committee and Board have worked hard on our 2022-2024 budgets; our Recreation Committee, two task forces, and Board have worked on pickleball and lawn sports; and our Board is active with numerous other future-oriented planning discussions to sustain and enhance our community.

Finally, we give thanks this month for the service, the dedication, the stewardship and the leadership of Diana Vassallo, who recently resigned from her position on the Board of Directors. She served our community on the CROA Board for three and a half years, most recently as President. She offered countless hours working with our committees and management team, with additional time and commitment to ensure a thorough and sound RFP process for our management contract. We are grateful for her service!

As we enjoy November and celebrate Thanksgiving, we are thankful for all we have and thankful all we are in Celebration. Further, we are thankful for all we are becoming. Happy Thanksgiving!!



GRANDMANORS INTRODUCTION



Dear Celebration residents,

November is finally here, bringing delightful weather, pumpkin spice everything and heartwarming Thanksgiving gatherings with dear friends, neighbors and loved ones.

Here at GrandManors, we have something else to celebrate. On November 1, we officially became Celebration's management company – and we couldn't be more excited and proud! By now, you should have received our Welcome Letter and we'd like to tell you a bit more about some things we've been up to – and some exciting things to come!

But first, a special shout out to the GrandManors team, the CROA Board and everyone who worked so hard to ensure a seamless and successful management transition. Our goal was to be ready to spring into action on November 1, and thanks to everyone's dedicated efforts, we were – and we're already working hard to make a big difference for you.

And many thanks to the Celebration community for already making a big difference for us!

All of us at GrandManors appreciate your warm welcome and how you've made us feel right at home. It's been a pleasure getting to know so many folks who live, work and spend time in this amazing community and learning firsthand why Celebration is the very best place to be.

Over the past few weeks, we've met dozens of residents, as well as over 60 community volunteers, committee members and Board members who play a key role in Celebration. Special thanks to all of the dedicated volunteers who devote so much more than just their personal time and elbow grease to this community – they also give their hearts and for that we're very grateful.

We can truly say that if first impressions mean anything – and we know they do – this is the start of a wonderful, long-lasting, and mutually rewarding relationship!

Now that GrandManors is officially on board, we want to share some additional news and updates:

- Our national search continues for an Executive Director with the right combination of skills, experience and talent to help take Celebration to the next level.
- Last month, we held a successful Job Fair to fill open Town Hall positions.
- Over the past few weeks, we hosted a series of trainings to familiarize Town Hall staff, Board members and ARC and Finance committee members with our procedures and systems, including our state-of-the-art CiraNet technology.

And now it's your turn. We're eager to introduce CiraNet to Celebration residents, and show you how you can instantly connect, perform tasks, and obtain community information through your personalized portal.

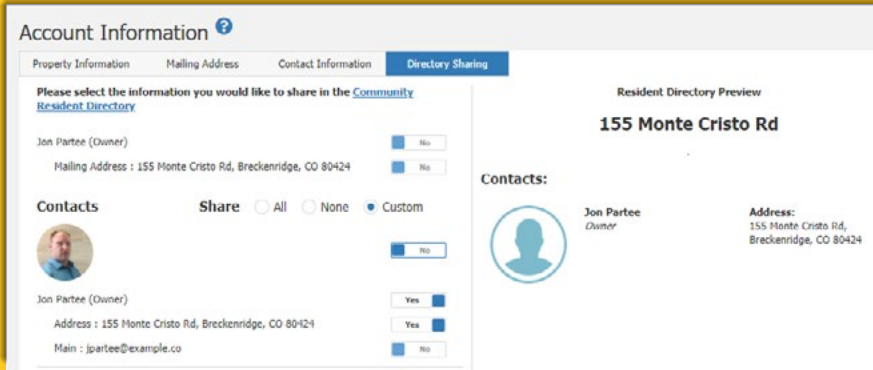
To help get up to speed, check out the CiraNet tutorial on the following pages and be sure to check out our "How To" guide for more information, by visiting celebration.fl.us – choose the Community Governance tab from the menu and select Getting Acquainted with the Resident Portal.

And please join us this month at one of our virtual CiraNet Trivia & Training events for residents. We think you'll find them a fun and informative way to become familiar with CiraNet's user-friendly capabilities – and discover how it can enhance your resident experience. You may have seen these events advertised in the Friday Flash, so be sure to register!

We also hope to see you at the Founder's Day weekend festivities on November 12 – 13. We look forward to honoring Celebration's 25th anniversary, and sharing this memorable event with everyone who's chosen to be part of this one-of-a-kind community. This festive silver anniversary weekend will feature activities for all ages and interests, and we can't wait to celebrate this important milestone with you and your neighbors!

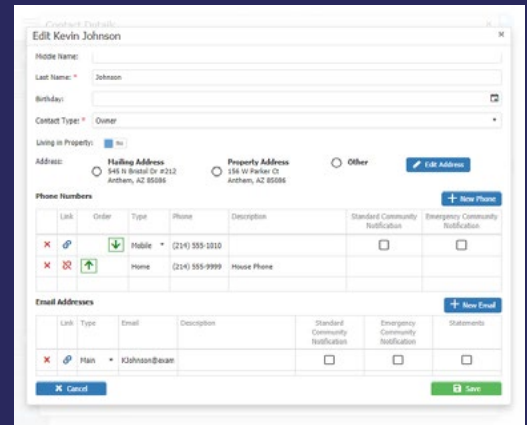
And finally, from our GrandManors family to yours, our sincerest wishes for a happy, healthy, and peaceful Thanksgiving holiday. We're thankful for your good wishes and support, and grateful for the opportunity to help enhance your lifestyle... and the extraordinary community you call home. ●

ALL NEW RESIDENT DIRECTORY



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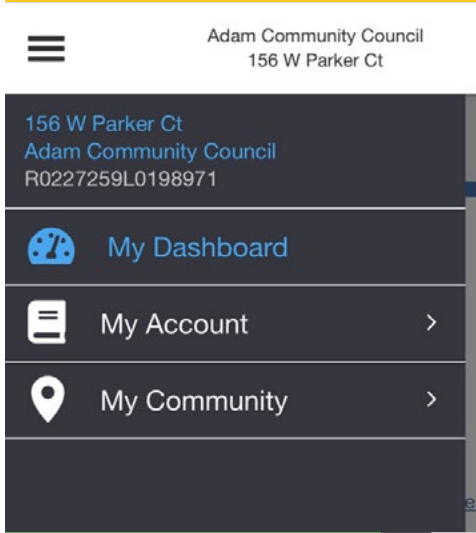
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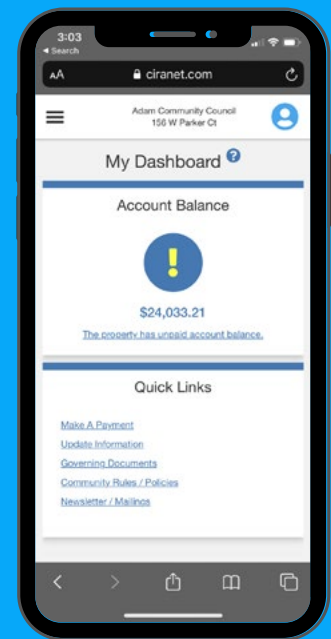
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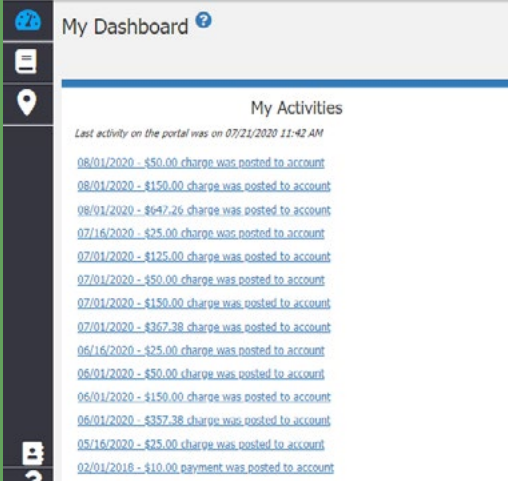
All design updates were made with you, the owner, in mind. While the CiraNet Owner / Resident Portal has always been a powerful and robust tool for community association members, our latest improvements focus on usability.

As a compliment to our CiraMobile apps, available on iOS and Android devices, the modernized design and streamlined interface are now mobile device friendly making your information available anywhere and everywhere you might need.



DASHBOARD HOME PAGE

The new dashboard home page for owners allows quick access to information in your account. Quick access to the "My Activities" list on your dashboard gives you a detailed view of your history. Simply click the dashboard item or the hyperlink to access more detailed information.





BY PEGGY CHOUDHRY
Osceola County Commissioner District 1

THE HOLIDAYS ARE NEAR!

During this holiday season I want to thank all the residents of Osceola County that have or will give their time, efforts or donations towards helping others. I will be volunteering throughout the holiday season with various non-profit organizations in Osceola. If you would like sign up to receive updates on food drives, toy distribution events, and other county-related information, please email me or contact my office.

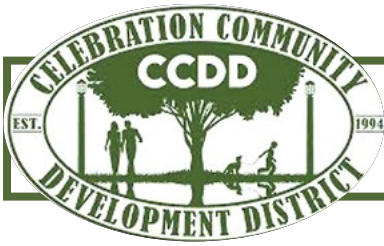
We are still working on a re-opening date of our County Administration Building, and will provide an update as soon as it becomes available.

County offices will be closed on Thursday, November 11 in observance of Veterans Day and on Thursday, November 25 and Friday, November 26 in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday.

Osceola County recognizes the continuous work of our local food pantries to assist our residents impacted by Covid-19. We have provided gap funding to key organizations, and support these non-profits in their dedication to feed those in need in our community. Residents in need are encouraged to contact the following organizations to determine availability and distribution times. Hours of operation will vary and resources are limited:

- **Anointed Victorious Outreach**, 1901 S. Poinciana Blvd., Kissimmee 34758, 954-393-9768
- **Church of Agape Love**, 1548 Tallahassee Blvd., Intercession City 33848, 863-651-6878/407-319-7876
- **Community Hope Center**, 2198 Four Winds Blvd., Kissimmee 34746, 321-677-0245
- **One United Mission**, 1751 Ball Park Road, Kissimmee 34741, 407-766-4749
- **Iglesia Cristiana Renuevo**, 290 Competition Drive, Kissimmee 34743, 407-870-0083
- **Iglesia De Dios Pentecostal M.I.**, 2519 Fortune Road, Kissimmee 34744, 407-922-1671
- **Living Water Fellowship**, 4101 Pleasant Hill Rd., Kissimmee 34746, Pastor Figueroa 407-600-9534
- **St. Rose of Lima**, 3870 Pleasant Hill Road, Kissimmee 34746, 407-932-5004
- **Advanced Senior Center**, 2260 E. Irlo Bronson Memorial Highway, Kissimmee 34744, 407-350-3311
- **Church and Community Assistance Program**, 10 S. Orlando Ave., Kissimmee 34741, 407-750-6017
- **Osceola Council on Aging**, 700 Generation Point, Kissimmee 34744, 407-847-2144
- **Salvation Army**, 700 Union Street, Kissimmee, 34741, 407-944-9968
- **St. John Episcopal Church-Trinity House**, 1709 N. John Young Pkwy., Kissimmee 34741, 267-650-0622
- **Summit Bible Church**, 1901 S. John Young Parkway, Kissimmee 34741, 407-483-1688
- **St. Cloud Community Pantry**, 901 Missouri Ave., St. Cloud 34769, 407-892-7070

You may still qualify for rental, mortgage, utility and/or eviction diversion assistance. Please contact Human Services directly at 407-742-8403 or visit www.osceola.org/agencies-departments/human-services/housing/ for additional updates. We continue to encourage everyone that can be vaccinated to get vaccinated and have resources for finding a vaccine location available at www.osceola.org/covid19/. You may also visit our website at www.osceola.org for daily updates. If your business is interested in hosting a vaccination event, you can work with the Department of Health to schedule one. Visit osceola.floridahealth.gov to make a request. Wishing everyone a healthy and safe Thanksgiving holiday. As always, please feel free to share any of your concerns, ideas or information by calling my office at 407-742-2000, or by email to Peggy.Choudhry@osceola.org.



CELEBRATION COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT



Certain times of the year, we seem to notice more algae, duckweed and other nuisance plants in the ponds. Some ponds seem to be fine, while others are not as pretty. Part of the reason for this growth is warm weather and lack of rainfall. Rain helps flush the ponds and reduces the visibility of nuisance plants. The age of a pond is also a factor, since more mature ponds have fewer problems and generally look nicer throughout the year.

The Celebration CDD is responsible for managing and controlling the aquatic weeds within the ponds and canals. *Sitex Aquatics* performs these maintenance functions as the District's aquatics contractor. Maintenance includes any of the following: hand removal, grass carp, plant material to help absorb the excess nutrients in the pond, and chemical treatments as needed. All the ponds are interconnected and subject to various governmental permits (such as South Florida Water Management District or Osceola County), which control and regulate certain kinds of treatments and how frequently chemicals can be applied.

One of the biggest contributors causing algae and other noxious weeds in the ponds is grass clippings and excess fertilizer that wash into these ponds. We ask residents to assist in this maintenance effort through the following suggestions:

- Do not fertilize the pond or lake or apply fertilizers closer than 20 feet from the shoreline
- Do not blow lawn clippings or other plant material into the ponds or into the street where it can run through the drainage system

Please visit our website www.CelebrationCDD.com for more information related to the aquatic maintenance activities and other services of the Celebration CDD. You may also contact us at 407-566-1935 or admin@CelebrationCDD.org with any questions, comments, or concerns. ●

Celebration Maids \$20 OFF 1ST TIME CLEANING
Professional Cleaning Services 407-864-5650
LICENSED-BONDED-INSURED contact@celebrationmaids.net



By Deputy Jerry Weiland
Osceola County Sheriff's Office

THE HOLIDAYS ARE COMING

The holidays are coming. The holidays are coming. Much like Paul Revere made similar announcements about an impending approach by the British Army, I am sending out a loud and clear announcement, a warning if you will, that the holidays are coming. Why a warning about the holidays? Well, the approach of the holidays mean another sort of invasion, the invasion of thieves and criminals. Just as Mr. Revere's warning was meant to protect the townspeople, I want to warn you of the approaching perils of the holiday season.

The information I provide to you is truthful, so I hope you heed warnings and take appropriate actions to help avoid being a victim of a crime, especially during the holiday season. Does crime increase around the holidays? Yes and no. According to reports from the National Crime Victimization Survey (NCVS), two specific types of crime increase in December: robbery and theft of property.

Thousands of deliveries made in Celebration alone on a weekly, or daily basis, make for loads of opportunity for someone seeking easy targets. Now add in the additional visitors to drive around looking at decorations, shopping, dining or just visiting with families. All the extra people coming into town, along with those delivered parcels at your doorsteps make for the easy opportunity criminals desire.

That's just for theft. Now lets consider all the gifts, purchases and purses left visible and sitting in vehicles. Add to that, the often unlocked cars with the key fobs left inside them. Easy targets, right? You may laugh, but this has happened in Celebration on several occasions.

HOME SAFETY TIPS

- Call the Sheriff's Office or your local police immediately if you see suspicious vehicles or persons around your home or cars.
- Schedule package deliveries when you are going to be home or have them delivered to a trusted neighbor, relative, temporary PO Box, your job or at your condo or apartment offices. (if they allow it). Amazon Hub is a resource to consider for a safe delivery option.
- Keep gifts out of sight of windows or leave the curtains closed.
- Always lock your doors and windows, even if you plan to be out for a short while. Also make sure doors and windows will still lock with any Christmas light extension cords running through them.
- Set your home alarms and make sure the monitoring company has your current phone numbers.
- Don't "advertise" your new high-dollar purchases after the holidays. Break down the boxes of TVs, stereos, computers, etc. Turn them inside out or cut them up before putting them in the trash or recycling. Look for cardboard recycling dumpsters. Thanks Ken and Celebration Sanitation!
- Document and photograph the model and serial numbers of electronic or high valued items for later reference.
- DO NOT run extension cords across sidewalks or cover the streetlights outside your homes. You may be sued for someone being injured if someone trips as a result. Damages to the streetlight poles could also be billed to you.



SHOPPING SAFETY TIPS

LOCK YOUR CAR DOORS!

- Keep full attention on your surroundings. A distracted person is especially vulnerable to attackers. Have your keys handy to enter your car.
- Park in well-lit areas or ones that will have lighting when you exit the mall after a day of shopping
- Put packages in locked trunks and out of view. Thieves do their own form of window shopping, looking in parked cars for gifts and other merchandise. Keep your receipts with you.
- Carry purses strategically with zippers closed and large openings facing towards you.
- Put wallets in front pockets or zippered in coat linings
- Keep large amounts of cash hidden. Robbers love those who like to show off their wads of cash and will follow you until the opportunity to strike happens.
- Use caution and be aware at ATM's. Avoid an ATM in an isolated or dimly lit area and look for skimmers.
- If shopping alone, request store security, an employee or a manager to escort you to your car. If that's not possible, wait until another shopper exits the store. Remember there is usually safety in numbers.

VACATION SAFETY TIPS

- Many people take trips this time of year and leave their homes. Make sure all doors and windows are secure and properly locked. Set your alarms. Have a trusted friend, neighbor or relative periodically check your home. A few additional tips are listed below.
- The Osceola County Sheriff's Office can also be contacted using the non-emergency number of 407-348-2222. Advise the dispatcher that you would like to request "vacation checks" of your home. They will obtain information from you and your request will be sent to the deputies working in the area to conduct extra patrols when possible. This is a free service.
- Lights, a radio and/or televisions can be put on timers to give your home an occupied appearance. Make sure to adjust timers to accommodate the earlier sunsets
- Avoid "broadcasting" to everybody on social media that you will be gone. It's nice to brag about the two week trip to Iceland, but criminals are tech savvy and use all forms of social media to check when you'll be gone. Plus I'll bet that you probably don't know all the friends of friends that may have access to seeing your itinerary.
- Finally, delay posting pictures on social media until you return home.

I don't consider myself a bearer of bad news. I think of it as spreading reality in hopes of reducing crime and helping you make sound decisions at all times, especially this time of year. There is never a guarantee of you never being a victim, but by taking some extra precautions and watching your surroundings, we hope to reduce those chances. I hope you all have a crime free, happy and healthy holiday season. Please stay safe. ●



PARKS & REC PROGRAMS 2021

Participate in one of our many programs

BALLROOM DANCING

7 p.m. | Beginners Rumba

8 p.m. | Intermediate Foxtrot

Contact: Nanette | 386-532-2624
Nannette@NannettesBallroomDance.com

Classes are on Thursdays.
Celebration Town Hall
851 Celebration Avenue

Cost: \$96 per person

Price includes the entire eight-week class that meets for one 55-minute lesson per week.



CELEBRATION EMBRACE BECAUSE YOU MATTER



Mission Statement: We believe in building relationships within our community. We provide information, support, and encouragement. By helping, caring, and sharing, we work to inspire and empower one another.

Contact: embrace.celebration@yahoo.com

CELEBRATION TENNIS PROGRAM

Location: Lakeside Park

Contact: Darren Holt | 407-421-0977
darrenDH@aol.com

Tennis courts available to residents.
For more information and class schedules, please call Darren or visit celebrationtennis.com.



GROUP AND PRIVATE TENNIS RESERVATION SCHEDULE

Tennis court reservations are subject to change. For an updated tennis court schedule, please visit us at celebrationparksandrec.com

AQUA YOGA

is practiced in the pool, offering all the benefits of stretch, relaxation and deep breathing with buoyancy and water resistance. It is super low impact, making the class ideal for anyone with joint pain to improve strength and range of motion. Aqua Yoga will help build body awareness, improve balance, increase flexibility, reduce stress and anxiety. Become absorbed in the aquatic experience with playful flows and fun music.

Tuesday & Thursday

10 a.m. | Lakeside Pool

Thursday

5:30 p.m. | Spring Park Pool

Contact: Nina Schwitters | 407-764-8510
AquaTerraYoga@gmail.com

Reservations required with limited space. A simple text or email will do it.

Cost: \$10 Residents, \$12 Non Residents

For more information, please visit AquaTerraYoga.com

NEW "AQUA FIT YOGA" - a boost of cardio, yoga & meditation



CELEBRATION PHOENIX LACROSSE

Boys & Girls Youth Lacrosse for grades K-12.

For more information, please visit celebrationlacrosse.org.

CELEBRATION LITTLE LEAGUE

For more information, please visit celebrationlittleleague.com





CELEBRATION SOCCER CLUB

Soccer for all ages and levels

Celebration Soccer Stars Adults (coed)

Celebration Soccer Stars Pride | Moms & Daughters

Orlando City Soccer School Celebration | 3-7 yo

Mondays & Wednesdays

5:30 - 6:45 p.m. | Moms/Daughters cross soccer exercises evening

Kids 9 - 13 yo | Orlando City Soccer School

7 - 9:45 p.m. | Adults (coed)

Youth 14 - 17 yo | Orlando City Soccer School

Thursdays

5:30 - 6:45 p.m. | Moms/Daughters cross soccer exercises evening

Kids 9 - 13 yo | Orlando City Soccer School

7 - 9:45 p.m. | Adults (coed)

Youth 14 - 17 yo | Orlando City Soccer School

Saturdays

8:30 - 10:30 a.m. | Adults (coed)

Sundays

8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. | Adults (coed)

For more information, please contact:
ocss-celebration.com | 407-815-5777

Marco Meccia
407-483-6336 | soccer@celesoccer.com



CELEBRATION TROPICS SOCCER

For more information, please visit celebrationyouthsoccer.com.

IRISH DANCE FOR ADULTS & CHILDREN

Mondays

Town Hall

3:30 - 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday

Jones Room

7-9 p.m.

Thursdays

Jones Room

5:15 - 8:15 p.m.

Contact: Sarah Costello

321-200-3598

info@centralfloridairishdance.com

centralfloridairishdance.com

\$10 MONTHLY DISCOUNT FOR CROA RESIDENTS.

An enjoyable and exciting class that explores all aspects of Irish Dance. Focuses on stretching, posture, timing, rhythm and movement, basic Irish Steps and Ceili (traditional Irish folk) team dancing. Students will be introduced into the different types of solo Irish dance and the traditional music for each dance.

Benefits include balance, timing and coordination. Students should wear shorts/t-shirt (exercise wear) and sneakers. All classes taught by professional and award-winning Irish Dancer Sarah Costello from Belfast, North Ireland. Sarah has toured extensively worldwide for the past nine years performing the leading roles in world-renowned Irish Dance shows like *Riverdance* and *Lord of the Dance*. She qualified as a TCRG (Teacher of Irish Dance) in 2008 and has produced and choreographed many Irish dance productions and shows in both Ireland and abroad. Please visit www.facebook.com/centralfloridairishdance.



CELEBRATION CYCLONES

Year Round USA Swimming club team providing youth swimming to the Celebration community. Competitive and non-competitive groups offered based on ability and commitment. The team trains at both the Lakeside and Spring Park pools. We also offer private swim lessons ages 4 to adults: Learn to swim, stroke development, personal swim training and competitive stroke improvement. Visit our website www.swimccst.com Contact us for more info:



Swim Team | celebrationcyclones@gmail.com

Swim Lessons | celebrationswimlessons@gmail.com

CELEBRATION LITTLE FINS

Little Fins Survival Swim Lessons for infants, toddlers and children. Parents can book one-on-one private lessons.

For more information, please contact Ms. Dianne Ojeda, 407-489-6695 or celebrationlittlefins@gmail.com



MOMS ON THE MOVE

Thursday 9 a.m. | Lakeside Park;
10 a.m. | Lakeside Park;
10:30 a.m. | Lakeside Park

Saturday:
9 a.m. | Lakeside Park

Contact:
Jen | 407-584-7693
MomsontheMove3@gmail.com

Website:
vagar.com/momsonthemove

We offer fitness classes, FREE play dates, community & more for moms, babies, and beyond! Classes offered include Parent/Child Yoga, Little Movers Music & Movement, FREE Walk/Run meet ups, Crunch Classes, Nature Play Dates, and more! Please visit the website or contact Jen for more information. First class is free to try!



RCFIT7 PERSONAL TRAINING Family Fitness for Adults & Children (5-12)

Resident Price: \$10 per class

Non-Resident Price: \$12 per class

Contact: Ryan Clarke
321-278-6523 | RCFIT7@gmail.com or
visit Instagram, Facebook or YouTube
[@RCFIT7](https://www.instagram.com/RCFIT7).



X-FACTOR DANCE & TUMBLING

Late Afternoon & Evening Classes

Location: Celebration Town Hall

Contact: Lindsay Taylor
407-329-4200 | info@xfactordance.com

Dance Classes

- Combo
- Lyrical/Contemporary
- Ballet
- Hip Hop
- Jazz
- Acro
- Tumble Gym

Visit the X-Factor website for more information and complete class schedules at xfactordance.com. Registration can easily be done online or contact Lindsay.



CELEBRATION YOGA

Monday - Friday:
Morning Yoga | 10 a.m.
Online Only

Tuesday & Thursday:
Slow Flow Yoga | 6 p.m.
Now Available In-Person

Reservations are required for limited in person classes.

Contact: Laurie Croft
321.689.7452 | laurie@wholisticjourney.com

Visit wholisticjourney.com for more information and class schedule.



CELEBRATION ZUMBA

Contact: Ana Martinez | 407-517-8874
mvzcanino_felino@hotmail.com

Ditch the workout and join the party! This fun and easy to follow cardio dance class combines high energy and motivating music with unique moves and combinations that make you feel like you are partying on the dance floor. Easy to follow and something everyone can participate in. Celebration Zumba is the best way to "dance away your worries." We promise exercise has never been so fun.



CALENDAR of events

2021
NOVEMBER

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
31 FARMERS MARKET Market Street & Front Street 10 A.M.-2 P.M. TOWN HALL CLOSED HALLOWEEN	1	2	3 CELEBRATORS MEETING Town Hall 9:30 A.M. CROA BOARD OF APPEALS 5 P.M.	4 ARC DEADLINE ROTARY CLUB Artisan Clubhouse 6 P.M.	5	6 ALFA ROMEO SHOW Town Center 8 A.M. - 4 P.M.
7 FARMERS MARKET Market Street & Front Street 10 A.M.-2 P.M. TOWN HALL CLOSED	8	9 SPECIAL EVENTS COMMITTEE Town Hall 2 P.M.	10 CROA BOARD MEETING via teleconference 6 P.M.	11 TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE 5 P.M. VETERANS CLUB Artisan Clubhouse 6 P.M. COVENANTS HEARING via teleconference/ Town Hall 6 P.M. VETERANS DAY	12 FOUNDERS DAY PARTY IN THE PARK Lakeside Park 5 P.M. - 9 P.M. ROTARY CLUB POKER NIGHT FUNDRAISER Artisan Clubhouse 6:30 P.M.	13 VETERANS/FOUNDERS PARADE Community Wide 10 A.M. VETERANS CEREMONY Founders Park 11 A.M. COMMUNITY PHOTO Founders Park 12 P.M. FOUNDERS COMMUNITY CELEBRATION Town Center 4-9:30 P.M. JOHN FRINZI & FRIENDS 4 P.M. CAROLINE JONES IN CONCERT 7:30 P.M. FIREWORKS SPECTACULAR 9 P.M.
14 FARMERS MARKET Market Street & Front Street 10 A.M.-2 P.M. TOWN HALL CLOSED	15 ARC MEETING Town Hall 6 P.M.	16 CNOA BOARD MEETING via teleconference 4 P.M. CJC BOARD MEETING via teleconference 4:30 P.M. CCDD BOARD MEETING 313 Campus Street 6 P.M.	17 GARDEN CLUB Heritage Hall 9 A.M. BINGO Town Hall 6 P.M. CROA BOARD MEETING via teleconference 6 P.M.	18 DOG PARK COMMITTEE via teleconference 4 P.M. ROTARY CLUB Artisan Clubhouse 6 P.M.	19	20 MOVIE NIGHT FREE GUY Lakeside Park 6:30 P.M.
21 FARMERS MARKET Front Street 10 A.M.-2 P.M. TOWN HALL CLOSED	22	23 RECREATION COMMITTEE Town Hall 5:30 P.M.	24 TOWN HALL CLOSING AT 3 P.M.	25 TOWN HALL CLOSED THANKSGIVING	26 TOWN HALL CLOSED	27 TREE LIGHTING CEREMONY Town Center 6 P.M. NOW SNOWING NIGHTLY THROUGH 12/31 Town Center 5-9 P.M. COMMUNITY CHORUS HOLIDAY CONCERT Community Presbyterian 7 P.M.
28 FARMERS MARKET Front Street 10 A.M.-2 P.M. TOWN HALL CLOSED	29	30	DEC 1 CELEBRATORS Town Hall 9:30 A.M. CROA BOARD OF APPEALS 5 P.M.	2 ROTARY CLUB Artisan Clubhouse 6 P.M.	3 HOLIDAY FEST Lakeside Park 5-9 P.M. WINTER WONDERLAND VIP Town Hall 6 P.M. MOVIE NIGHT - ELF Great Lawn 7 P.M.	4 WINTER WONDERLAND & MARKET PLACE Town Hall 10 A.M. - 8 P.M.

PARKS & POOLS 2021

"Why float through life, when you can swim!"



CELEBRATION POOL HOURS

Labor Day through April 30
Lakeside & Spring Park
6 a.m. - 8 p.m.

ALL OTHER POOLS EXCEPT SPRING LAKE
7 a.m. - 8 p.m.

SPRING LAKE
Opens 1/2 hour after sunrise
Closes 1/2 hour prior to sunset

CELEBRATION PARK HOURS

Passive parks: sunrise - dusk
East and North Village: 7 a.m. - 8 p.m.
Dog Park: Sunrise- Dusk
Lakeside Basketball & Tennis Courts: 7 a.m. - 10 p.m.
Spring Lake Fitness: 6 a.m. - 10 p.m.

Please visit www.celebration.fl.us
for the latest information.

CELEBRATION'S

FARMERS MARKET

ART | CRAFTS | FOOD | FUN | MORE

The Celebration Farmers Market is located in the heart of Celebration. The market is a weekly, year round market held every Sunday from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Come on out every Sunday and support the Celebration Farmers Market.

Interested vendors can apply online at celebrationfarmersmarket.com.

SUNDAYS

10 A.M. - 2 P.M.

PLEASE ADHERE TO HEALTH AND SAFETY GUIDELINES



RECURRING MONTHLY EVENTS

SUNDAY

COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN CELEBRATION

SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE, 511 CELEBRATION AVE. | 8, 9:30 & 11:11 A.M.

CORPUS CHRISTI CATHOLIC CHURCH

1050 CELEBRATION AVE. | 7:30, 9, 10:30 A.M., 12:15 & 5:30 P.M.

CELEBRATION COMMUNITY CHURCH

501 CELEBRATION PLACE | 9 A.M. & 11 A.M.

FARMERS MARKET | 9 A.M. - 2 P.M.

CELEBRATION ANGLICAN FELLOWSHIP

BOHEMIAN HOTEL CONFERENCE ROOM | 1ST & 3RD SUNDAYS

COFFEE AND BIBLE Q & A | 9:30 A.M.

WORSHIP SERVICE | 10:30 A.M.

FOR INFORMATION CALL | 407-566-1195

ILLUMINATE CHURCH | CELEBRATION HIGH SCHOOL | 9 & 11 A.M.

RECOVERY AT CELEBRATION

CALL 407-433-1745 OR E-MAIL CELEBRATIONAA@GMAIL.COM | 7 P.M.

MONDAY

CORPUS CHRISTI CATHOLIC CHURCH | 9 A.M.

ATLAS THEOLOGICAL CENTER | 1134 CELEBRATION BLVD. | 9 A.M.

RCFIT7 PERSONAL TRAINING | NORTH VILLAGE PAVILION

10 A.M. & 6:30 P.M.

THRIVING IN PLACE | CALL 407-566-1234 | 9:30 A.M.-3 P.M.

X-FACTOR DANCE | TOWN HALL | 4-8:30 P.M.

TABLE TENNIS CLUB | HERITAGE HALL | 6:15-8:15 P.M.

CELEBRATION SOCCER CLUB | 6:30-7:30 P.M. LADIES, CCFC

COMMUNITY CHORUS | 7 P.M.

CELEBRATION SOCCER CLUB | 7:30-9:30 P.M. ADULT CO-ED, CCFC

TUESDAY

RUNNING CLUB | FOUNDERS PARK | 5:45 A.M.

CELEBRATION WALKING GROUP | FOUNDERS PARK | 6:30 A.M.

CELEBRATION PICKLEBALL | GEORGETOWN TENNIS COURTS | 8:30-11 A.M.

CELEBRATE RECOVERY AL-ANON FAMILY GROUP

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH | 9 A.M.

CORPUS CHRISTI CATHOLIC CHURCH | 9 A.M.

THRIVING IN PLACE | CALL 407-566-1234 | 9:30 A.M.-3 P.M.

AQUA YOGA | LAKESIDE POOL | 10 A.M.

PÉTANQUE | LAKESIDE LAKE | 4-6 P.M.

X-FACTOR DANCE | TOWN HALL | 4:45-9 P.M.;

HERITAGE HALL | 4:30-7:30 P.M.

CELEBRATION ZUMBA | JONES ROOM, LAKESIDE | 5:45 -6:45 P.M.

CELEBRATION YOGA | TOWN HALL | 6 P.M.

WEDNESDAY

CORPUS CHRISTI CATHOLIC CHURCH | 9 A.M.

THRIVING IN PLACE | CALL 407-566-1234 | 9:30 A.M.-3 P.M.

RCFIT7 PERSONAL TRAINING | NORTH VILLAGE PAVILION

10 A.M. & 6:30 P.M.

X-FACTOR DANCE | TOWN HALL | 4-8:30 P.M.; HERITAGE HALL | 4-9 P.M.

RECOVERY AT CELEBRATION | NORTH VILLAGE MEETING ROOM

CALL 407-433-1745 OR E-MAIL CELEBRATIONAA@GMAIL.COM | 7 P.M.

THURSDAY

RUNNING CLUB | FOUNDER'S PARK | 5:45 A.M.

CELEBRATION WALKING GROUP | FOUNDER'S PARK | 6:30 A.M.

MOMS ON THE MOVE | LAKESIDE PARK | 9 A.M.; LAKESIDE PARK | 10 A.M.;

LAKESIDE PARK | 10:30 A.M.

CORPUS CHRISTI CATHOLIC CHURCH | 9 A.M.

THRIVING IN PLACE | CALL 407-566-1234 | 9:30 A.M. - 3 P.M.

X-FACTOR DANCE | TOWN HALL | 4-8:30 P.M.

IRISH DANCE | JONES ROOM | 5:15-8:15 P.M.

AQUA YOGA | LAKESIDE POOL | 10 A.M.; SPRING PARK POOL | 5:30 P.M.

CELEBRATION ZUMBA | CELEBRATION TOWN HALL, ACTIVITIES ROOM

5:45 -6:45 P.M.

CELEBRATION YOGA | HERITAGE HALL | 6 P.M.

RCFIT7 PERSONAL TRAINING | NORTH VILLAGE PAVILION | 6:30 P.M.

BALLROOM DANCE | TOWN HALL | 7 P.M.

COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN CELEBRATION

CONTEMPORARY SERVICE | 511 CELEBRATION AVE. | 7:30 P.M.

FRIDAY

CORPUS CHRISTI CATHOLIC CHURCH | 9 A.M.

THRIVING IN PLACE | CALL 407-566-1234 | 9:30 A.M.-3 P.M.

RCFIT7 PERSONAL TRAINING | NORTH VILLAGE PAVILION

10:30 A.M.-11:30 A.M.

COMPANY DANCE WARM UPS | 4-4:30 P.M.

X-FACTOR DANCE | TOWN HALL | 5-7 P.M.

AA MEETING | NORTH VILLAGE MEETING ROOM | 7 P.M.

SATURDAY

CELEBRATION WALKING GROUP | FOUNDER'S PARK | 6:30 A.M.

MOMS ON THE MOVE | LAKESIDE PARK | 9 A.M.

CELEBRATION PICKLEBALL | GEORGETOWN TENNIS COURTS | 8:30-11 A.M.

PÉTANQUE | LAKESIDE PARK | 9 A.M.

CELEBRATION SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST

ADULT STUDY GROUP | NICHOLSON CENTER | 9:30 A.M.

FAMILY STORY HOUR | CREATION KIDS VILLAGE | 9:30 A.M.

WORSHIP | NICHOLSON CENTER | 11 A.M.

WORSHIP SERVICE | ED CENTER 2 | 11 A.M.

CORPUS CHRISTI CATHOLIC CHURCH | 1050 CELEBRATION AVE. | 4 & 5:30 P.M.

CELEBRATION COMMUNITY CHURCH | 501 CELEBRATION PLACE | 6 P.M.

RECOVERY AT CELEBRATION

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PARTY IN THE PARK

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 12
LAKESIDE PARK | 5-9 P.M.

(Resident Only Event)

Celebrate with your friends and neighbors. Activities include Silent DJ Party, authentic boardwalk games, midway attractions, live music and complementary light fare.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 13

FOUNDERS/VETERANS PARADE | 10 A.M.

VETERANS CEREMONY | FOUNDERS PARK | 11 A.M.

COMMUNITY PHOTO | FOUNDERS PARK, 12 P.M.

COMMUNITY CELEBRATION | TOWN CENTER

JOHN FRINZI AND FRIENDS | 4 P.M.

CAROLINE JONES | 7:30 P.M.

25TH ANNIVERSARY FIREWORKS SPECTACULAR 9 P.M. (Approx.)





NO FOOD TRUCK IN NOVEMBER

December 10 | 5 to 9 p.m.

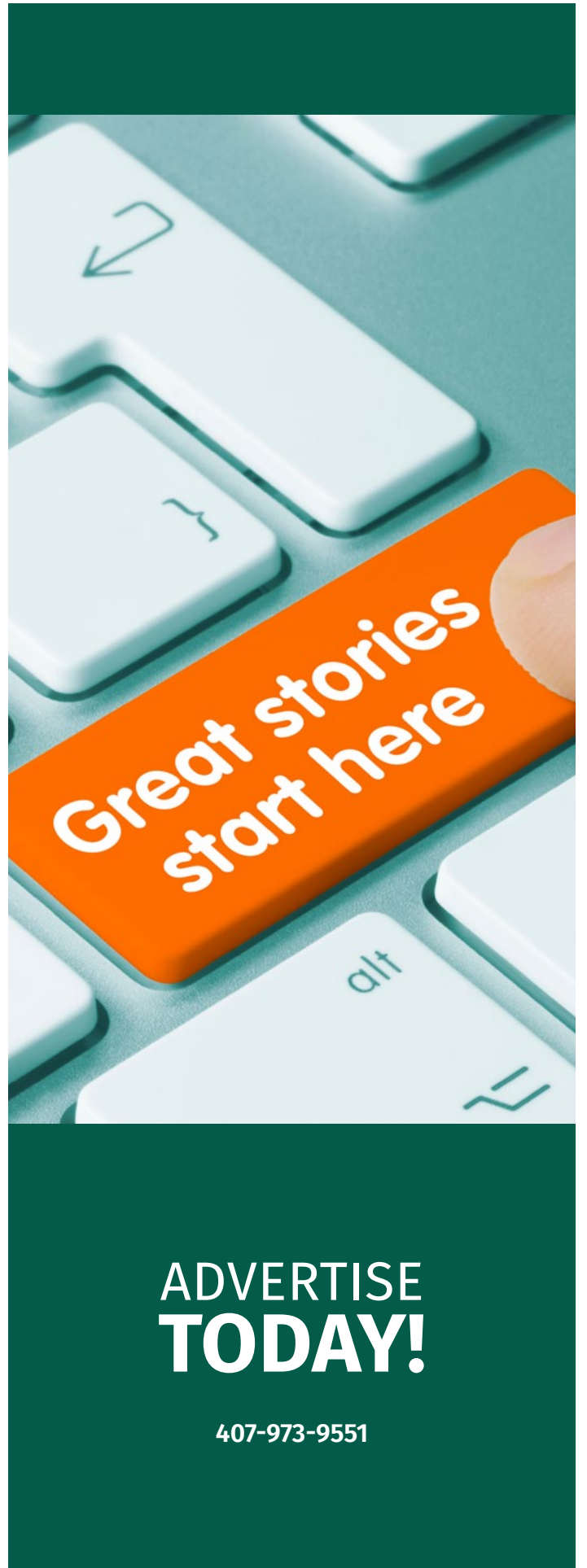
Lakeside Park

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As always, admission is free for all. Seating is limited, so we do recommend everyone to bring a folding chair or a blanket to sit on. Join us on the Great Lawn as we present the Celebration High School Jazz Band performing holiday favorites.

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*Please note:
Please follow all health and safety guidelines in place. Most food trucks accept cash and credit cards. There will be limited tables and chairs available, so you may want to bring your own blanket or chairs to make sure you have a comfortable place to dine. These are some of the best food trucks around and they will be sure to draw in lots of hungry people. *Participating food trucks are subject to change without notice.*



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FOUNDERS DAY

Weekend 2021

November is the gateway month to the holiday season, but before we string holiday lights, carve up turkey and seek out bargains, the community will come together to celebrate our 25th anniversary.

On Friday, November 12, it's an evening to meet-up with old friends and get acquainted with new friends. Residents are invited to stop by and dance, sing, ride, play or just enjoy the evening at the Party in the Park.

This resident only event inside Lakeside Park will feature a Silent DJ Party on the Great Lawn. We provide the illuminated wireless headsets you supply the fun. Choose between different music options as on-site DJ's keep you dancing and grooving alongside your friends and neighbors.

Residents will also be able to enjoy authentic boardwalk midway games, carnival rides, live music, complimentary lite fare and libations (*for purchase*) as we 'party in the park.' The fun goes from 5 – 9 p.m.

Saturday, November 13 will see a day (and evening) full of activities.

Saturday begins with our Founders/Veterans parade in the community. Stepping off at 10 a.m., the march begins at Lakeside Park, moving along Front Street to Market Street, turning onto Celebration Avenue, before ending at Founders Park.

At 11 a.m., in Founders Park, join us for a community salute to our Celebration veterans and all veterans across this great land. Held in conjunction with the Veterans Club of Celebration, this event, along with the Memorial Day Flag Ceremony, are excellent ways to say 'thank you' to our Veterans. The ceremony traditionally features participation by community groups, such as Garden Club of Celebration, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts and Cub Scouts and songs by the Celebration Chorus. We are also excited to welcome the Celebration K-8 wind ensemble, who will entertain attendees prior to the Veterans Ceremony.

Say cheese! Following the Veterans ceremony, at noon in Founders Park, residents are invited to grab a spot, flash a smile and forever be immortalized in the community photo.

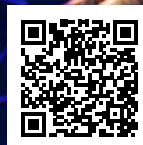
Kicking off at 4 p.m. in Town Center, stop by and enjoy some tasty morsels or maybe a libation or two, as our downtown establishments will be set up in true street party fashion. Enjoy the music of John Frinzi & Friends from 4 – 7 p.m. on the stage at Market and Front Streets.

Then at 7:30 p.m., we heat up the night with our headline performance, featuring the multi-talented national recording artist Caroline Jones.

There will be limited table seating available on a first come basis for residents (CROA ID required). However, everyone is invited to bring along their own chairs to stake out a spot to enjoy the evening.

Immediately following Caroline's performance, turn your sights upward as we paint the night sky with a special 25th anniversary fireworks spectacular.

For more information, please contact the Town Hall lifestyle office at 407-566-1200 or Townhall@ciramail.com. Be sure to visit celebration.fl.us/2021-founders-day-weekend/ for the latest Founders Weekend information. ●



Local author publishes biography on local hero



“Colonel” is US Army Colonel William Arthur Connelly’s life story. It is both heartbreaking and heartwarming, filled with childhood and personal memories, difficulties with dyslexia, WWII, and US Army experiences.

Penned by new author, Patricia McGoldrick, she is a resident and local realtor of Celebration since 2004. She retired four years ago and is enjoying writing; “Colonel” is her first published biography. “Writing Col. Connelly’s story taught me about a different world, an unfamiliar one, and I am grateful I had the opportunity to learn and write about his life,” expressed McGoldrick.

This is US Army Colonel William Arthur Connelly’s life story of living through the Great Depression and beyond. His loving mother passed away when he was six years old, then his childhood became a string of one sadness after another. He was abandoned shortly after his mother died, and he was later raised on a farm overseen by the Society to Prevent Cruelty to Children. As a young adult he was drafted into the US Army, he stormed Omaha Beach on D-DAY, and served as both an enlisted man and then as an Officer. He was a member of Counterintelligence and earned his way through the ranks to become a US Army Colonel. His life has been and is a continual battle to conquer his dyslexia. A true American, Colonel Connelly is always making the best of his life. He has overcome obstacles and struggles which have resulted in his many achievements and profound accomplishments.

Col. Connelly is 96 years old and has breakfast every morning with two other WWII veterans in Celebration. He is one of the last survivors of D-Day. His memory of June 6, 1944 is that “D-Day was a horrific day of bloodshed and deafening screams. Though the pain of my war years has lessened, my memories of climbing the cliffs, of all the men we couldn’t save and all the men we lost stay with me today.”

A soldier for 27 years, he made a career in the military. Most of his Army life was spent working with CIC, Counterintelligence. After being promoted through the Army ranks, he retired as a US Army Colonel, one of the highest and most respected offices in our country. Originally, from Pennsylvania, he now calls Celebration home.

“Colonel” has been published on Kindle and is also available on iPad, etc. The link to view or purchase “Colonel” can be found at www.amazon.com/Colonel-Patricia-McGoldrick-ebook/dp/B09FNX3ZND/ref=sr_1_10?



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In addition to the everyday fun at Now Snowing Nightly, you can catch A Countdown to Christmas on December 11 - an evening filled with young talent from across the United States and featuring talent seen on national television and radio and more. These free concerts are in addition to the everyday fun already a part of Now Snowing.

The event is brought to you by Lexin Capital and sponsored in part by the Celebration Town Tavern and Experience Kissimmee. Now Snowing Nightly parking and admission are free.

For more information on Celebration Town Center visit us on the web at www.celebrationtowncenter.com or call (407) 566-4007. ●



COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING

NEW YORK, 3 OCTOBER 1789

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA. A PROCLAMATION.

Whereas it is the duty of all Nations to acknowledge the providence of Almighty God, to obey his will, to be grateful for his benefits, and humbly to implore his protection and favor...I do recommend and assign Thursday the 26th day of November next to be devoted by the People of these States to the service of that great and glorious Being, who is the beneficent Author of all the good that was, that is, or that will be—That we may then all unite in rendering unto him our sincere and humble thanks...

—George Washington

Thanksgiving enriches all of life. It has a positive impact on our attitude, our relationships, our emotions and even our physical health. It's uplifting to be in the company of people who live in constant amazement at the blessings around them. Perpetual complainers can be such a drag!

Cultivating the quality of gratitude in your life will keep you mindful of all that you have been given to enjoy and guard you from becoming obsessed with what you do not have in life. It thus proves a powerful antidote to the ever-encroaching pride, jealousy, and disappointment that can infect even the most favored among us.

To be perfectly frank, while it's a helpful annual reminder and most delicious of all our holidays, we do not need the father of our country to direct us to be thankful. It's the most fundamental response of a heart convinced that our lives are governed by a generous creator.

The Hebrew Scriptures give very specific instructions for thanksgiving offerings in Leviticus 7. The Psalms say that expressing thanks is how we enter into God's very presence (100:4). The Apostle Paul goes so far as to urge that we learn to "give thanks in all circumstances" (1 Thessalonians 5:18).

The late Clyde Kilby used to prime the pump for thanks this way: "At least once every day I shall look steadily up at the sky and remember that I, a consciousness with a conscience, am on a planet traveling in space with wonderfully mysterious things above and about me." One thing for which I am particularly grateful is the sustained spirit of unity and cooperation we have enjoyed among the churches of Celebration in my 15 years of ministering here. Other communities are not so fortunate.

In an age of polarization, we set aside an evening once each year to gather for the sole purpose of singing and praying and declaring our thankfulness to God for his blessings upon our lives and community. Please join us. Let our unity be expressed in our thanks!



Pastor Gregg

CELEBRATION COMMUNITY SERVICE OF THANKSGIVING, COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 7 P.M.

GLIDING, SLIDING, LAUGHING & DANCING *into the holiday season*



As you flip through the calendar, you may have come to the realization, it's almost December, the most magical time of the year.

Celebration truly embraces the holiday spirit, as residents go all out to show their love of the season with many incredible decorations and displays, showing off the elegant and occasionally the whimsical side of homes and condominiums. An entire neighborhood takes holiday light displays to a new level (think the Griswald's, but better)! It even 'snows' nightly in the heart of Town Center. Yes, Celebration definitely is the place to be during the holiday season and best of all, no biting wind chills.

We go under the lights for some 'wintertime' fun at CROA'S annual holiday fest. There will be an incredible lineup of 'winter' fun for all ages, including a holiday movie and a visit from the North Pole's number one resident.

Join us on Friday, December 3 from 5-9 p.m., as we transform Lakeside Park into a 'snowy' and 'icy' treat for both young and old. Get ready for the sensation of sliding down a mountain of snow, thanks to a portable slide – complete with snow! Grab an inner tube and prepare for the 'coolest' ride around.

Perhaps skating is your thing. We've got you covered!

Slip on the blades and glide across our very own 'ice' rink in the heart of the park. Whether you're an expert, a novice or somewhere in between, this is your chance to show your stuff...and best of all, no freezing temperatures. This is the closest we will get to a frozen pond in Celebration (residents from New England and the upper Midwest know what we mean).

Does the holidays have you bouncing with excitement? How about expending some of that energy in a 30-foot tall snowman bounce house. For those who have been really good this past year and even for those who have not, don't forget, Santa will be on hand as well to hear your Christmas wish list. Of course, no holiday season is complete without a classic movie. Beginning at 7 p.m. on the Great Lawn, take a break from sliding and gliding and enjoy ELF on the big screen. And, no holiday movie experience would be complete without a hot chocolate bar.

On December 10, take in the final Food Truck Friday of the year from 5-9 p.m. at Lakeside Park. We are also thrilled to welcome the Celebration High School Jazz Band for their annual holiday performance. Be sure to stop by and get into the spirit of the season with these talented performers.

Then on Sunday, December 19, the Celebration Community Field Complex (CCFC) is the place to be as we welcome The Legendary Count Basie Orchestra as the headliner for the annual CROA Holiday Concert. While reserved VIP tables are sold out for the 7 p.m. performance, residents are invited to bring along their own seating options to enjoy this memorable performance.

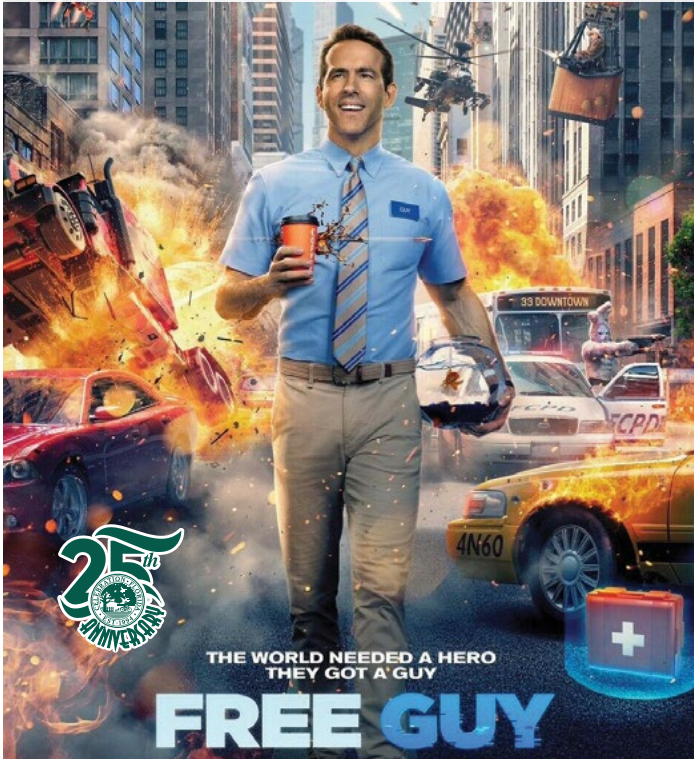
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SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 20
6:30 P.M. | GREAT LAWN | LAKESIDE PARK

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FRIDAY, DECEMBER 3
7 P.M. | GREAT LAWN | LAKESIDE PARK

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HOLIDAY FEST

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 3
5-9 P.M. | LAKESIDE PARK

Residents are invited to slide down a snow slide, glide across an "ice" rink, bounce in a house of holiday fun, visit with Santa Claus and share a holiday chuckle with ELF on the big screen.

Complimentary hot chocolate bar. Lite snacks available for purchase



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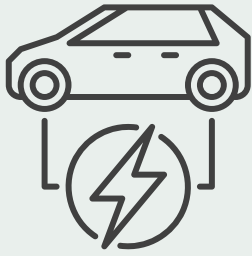
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SUNDAY, DECEMBER 19
7 P.M. | CELEBRATION COMMUNITY FIELD COMPLEX

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WHAT ARE THOSE ELECTRIC CHARGERS BEHIND TOWN HALL?

BY JIM SIEGEL



Have you noticed what appear to be funny-looking parking meters behind Celebration Town Hall? Here's the backstory and why they potentially could be of value to you.

Earlier this year I joined Mike Jackson, Debie McDonald and a number of other Celebration residents as an owner of an electric vehicle (EV). EVs are increasingly making a lot of practical sense, especially for Celebration households. If you will be contemplating the purchase or lease on a new vehicle in the next year or so, here's why you might want to consider an EV.

Types of Electric Vehicles. There are three types of electric vehicles: a) hybrid (HEV): conventional internal combustion engine plus electric motor, the electric motor's battery recharges itself through energy dissipated during braking; b) plug-in hybrid (PHEV): a hybrid that recharges the electric batteries by plugging into an electrical outlet; and c) all-electric battery (BEV): powers itself entirely by one or more electric motors, no gasoline or diesel-powered engine, it recharges itself by plugging into an electrical socket.

Brief History. EVs are nothing new. William Morrison's 4-horsepower, 24-cell-battery, front wheel drive car was a sensation at the 1893 Chicago World's Fair. But by the 1920s, gasoline-powered cars had won the technology war. Gasoline engine cars were much cheaper, gasoline was plentiful and inexpensive and while drivers could refill a gasoline powered engine in a matter of minutes, recharging batteries was difficult and could take hours if not days.

The auto companies, General Electric and even NASA (the lunar rover) tinkered with electric cars over the years, but old-fashioned battery technology, very limited range and lack of a recharging infrastructure held back successful widespread sale and use of new EVs.

Enter the innovative lithium ion battery. Tesla and their principal investor Elon Musk put their electric motor and lithium ion batteries into a 2008 British sports car and later in 2011 models. Despite the \$109,000 price tag, this got some other companies thinking. Nissan introduced its plug-in Leaf in 2011. Chevrolet came to market with its Spark in 2016.

However, credit goes to Elon Musk and Tesla, which changed

the name of the electric vehicle game. Tesla solved two major problems associated with PEVs: the range problem with an innovative lithium ion battery and the infrastructure problem with a nationwide system of Tesla-only recharging "pumps" at gas stations and Walmarts. That finally woke up the major auto companies and they have been racing to catch up ever since.

Vehicle choice and price. There are more new EVs for sale at Central Florida dealerships than you might think, including 35 plug-in hybrids and 19 all-electric BEV's (evadoption.com/ev-models/bev-models-currently-available-in-the-us/). They range in price from the Hyundai Ioniq at about \$27,000 to the Bentley Bentayga at \$166,000.

Electric-powered light trucks are coming as well. Ford has begun pre-production of its F-150 Lightning and already has 100,000 orders. The GM Hummer is slated to be available in early 2022 and the highly publicized and radical-looking Tesla Cybertruck is expected in 2023.

Now, EVs are generally more expensive than comparable gasoline-powered vehicles. But there's a \$7500 federal tax credit for buyers of new EVs, except for Tesla and General Motors (which have exceeded the number of vehicles sold that was specified in the original tax credit legislation).

Charging locations and cost. Electricity is not free. BEV owners have three recharging alternatives: a) Level 1: ordinary 120-volt household current; b) Level 2: 240-volt current at home (the same used for electric ovens and dryers); and c) Level 3 (DC Fast): public high-voltage charging stations, operated by four companies in competition with each other.

After I personally found Level 1 charging too slow and Level 3 too expensive, I had an electrician install a Level 2 240-volt line in my garage. I plug in my Mustang Mach E each evening, and by morning it is fully charged with a range of about 220 miles, (an extended range option has a 300-mile range). Using the rates on my Duke Energy bill, I calculated my cost of operation at about \$.03 per mile. If I were driving a vehicle getting 25 miles per gallon and with a gasoline price at \$2.99 per gallon, that's about \$.14 per mile. Consequently, electric propulsion costs me 1/3 that of a conventional gasoline or diesel powered vehicle. And I save money because there's no oil to change.

The author "pumps" electricity into his all-electric vehicle at the charging stations behind Town Hall. The stations are provided by Duke Energy, and the fee is about the same as charged Celebration residents for their residential electricity.

Further, starting in January, Duke Energy customers will be able to register for a new Off Peak Electric Vehicle Charging Credit, thus saving more money. See duke-energy.com/newrates.

Suppose I want to get a quick charge at a local public charging station. Conveniently, there are two such stations in the rear parking lot of the Celebration Town Hall (851 Building) and several more at the library; the fee is about what I pay Duke Energy for my residential service, \$0.15 per kWh. For Mike Jackson and his Tesla, there are Tesla-only charging stations at the Bohemian Hotel and eight DC Fast Chargers behind Applebee's. For Debie McDonald and other non-Tesla owners, there are charging stations at the AdventHealth Celebration Hospital parking garage and the Melia Hotel, as well as 24 on Disney World property. Download the PlugShare app or the Department of Energy App (www.energy.gov/) to find Level 2 and Level 3 DC Fast Charge station locations anywhere in the USA.

Range. Some people prefer hybrid electrics because they also have a gasoline engine that can be quickly refueled on a long trip. However, an all-electric is not as limiting as you might think. Suppose I want to drive to Atlanta, 450 miles away. No problem. My Mustang Mach E displays all the public charging stations along the route. Fast charge stations will take the Mach E's charge from 10% to 80% in 35 minutes, about the time to get a meal or wander around Walmart. That gets me another 165 miles of vehicle range. So, with two 35-minute stops, I'm in downtown Atlanta. Not quite as convenient as an internal combustion engine (ICE) or a hybrid, but not bad.

Of the new BEVs available today, range on a single charge goes from 110 miles for the \$30,000 Mini Cooper to 405 miles for the \$79,000 Tesla S Long Range. Most are in the 200s.

Where are the batteries? Like most other BEVs, my Mustang Mach E has an array of 10 battery modules, side-by-side, roughly 4 inches high, located under the passenger compartment. Charging time and battery temperature are sensitively related, faster charging time could increase battery temperature to dangerous levels. To their credit, GM has been quick to market with a number of EVs. As a matter of caution, GM is recalling all of its Chevrolet Bolt BEV small sedans, which could have dangerously high battery temperatures and in some cases actual fires; fixing them involves new onboard diagnostic software and/or new redesigned battery modules.

There's no question that EV's are the wave of the future. All the auto companies predict that most if not all their new vehicles will be electric by 2040 if not sooner. In 20 years, our grandchildren will be sitting with us on our front porches, sipping lemonade, and asking, "Why in the world did you drive those smelly, noisy, dangerous, complicated gasoline-powered cars?" •



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ISLAND VILLAGE CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

Island Village is Celebration's newest neighborhood, carefully designed to complement the existing feel of the town. Builder Mattamy Homes emphasized walk ability, curb appeal and friendly feel while drafting distinct and exclusive architectural options. Island Village offers a fresh and unique take on the New Urbanism ideals that Celebration originally made famous. The following is a brief update on construction progress at Island Village.

With site development for Phase One now complete, townhomes and single-family homes are under construction. Several homes are complete, with Island Village's first homeowners already enjoying their new surroundings. Progress on amenities is well under way, with a clubhouse currently under construction by Streetlights Residential. Two promenades are also under construction around the ponds. A fitness trail with equipment is being installed around the water's edge, as well as a yoga lawn and scenic seating areas.

Conceptual planning for a proposed elementary school has begun. Picturesque Celebration Boulevard is now being beautified, with solar streetlights scheduled for installation soon — the first of their kind in Celebration. Meanwhile, Island Village's alleyways (which residents will use to access their rear garages) will also boast their own new variety of solar streetlights using innovative wraparound solar panels.

Looking ahead, site planning for Phase Two of Island Village is now under review by The Celebration Company and Osceola County. •



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It's the MOST wonderful time of the year!

Those of us who live in Celebration are surrounded by magic all year round. We live in an idyllic community many can only dream of residing. We're serenaded nightly by the pop-pop-popping of fireworks coming from the Mouse House. And, best of all, who else can say that their next-door neighbors are princes and chimney sweeps, fairies and princesses, genies and pirates? Not to mention an assortment of life-sized rodents and mammals magically transformed into plush toys suitable for squeezing!

And that's on a "normal" day! During the holidays, there's always an extra dose of things to see and do that conjure up feelings of wonder and enchantment. Where else could you find a place where it snows on schedule? This year will be no different as the Celebration Community Chorus prepares to kick-off the season with their annual holiday concert. In fact, this year's concert is so early that chances are you'll still be finishing off the last of your Thanksgiving leftovers!

Staying true to tradition, the program will be a seasonal mix of holiday favorites ranging from beloved sacred classics to secular time honored melodies like "White Christmas" to the comical "I Want a Hippopotamus for Christmas." This year's performance also includes the charming "Yes, Virginia, There is a Santa Clause." This song memorializes the true story of Dr. Philip O'Hanlon and his eight-year-old daughter, Virginia, who asked him if Santa Clause was real. Not knowing how to answer, he suggested that she send her question to the New York Sun because "If you see it in The Sun, it's so." The editor's printed a response became the lyrics of this song that is now a beloved part of holiday folklore.

Best of all, Conductor Kristopher Schave and the chorus will lead the audience in an old-fashioned community sing-a-long after the formal program. If you've attended the holiday concerts in the past, you'll remember how this simple activity spreads a feeling of joy and well-being throughout the room. Adults head home wearing a smile, children leave giggling as they continue to sing even though the music has stopped. It truly is a magical experience and one you won't want to miss!



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Sawdust

By Veryl Kroon

If you are a regular reader of these articles then you will already know that I am big advocate for customization in wood projects, especially furniture. Why? Because we are all individuals in varying size, likes & dislikes, for the aesthetic as well as the functional fit in its future surroundings, and how things function. In this article, we are going to look at some retrofitted wood items in addition to projects that were created to fill a need.



1 is a cuckoo clock where the roofline was looking a little bare so the light-colored wood is a carved addition that fits the motif and gives a fuller and more completed look to the clock. A matching paint to the existing clock and the viewer will never suspect the clock has been enhanced.

2 is a camelback clock where on the left you see the original key-wind mechanical works that are worn to the point where it would no longer run. In the center, you see the cabinet that has a light colored wood addition to accommodate a new and very accurate battery Quartz clock works on the right.

3 shows the camelback clock back together with the Quartz works looking much the same as the original clock.

4 is a new artist canvas-painting easel that is adjustable to accommodate most any sized stretched canvas an artist would want to work on. It is made of hard maple so strong and stable with no wobbling during work sessions. It was also designed with storage or transporting in mind and folds up so it is only seven inches thick at the widest part.

5 is a custom corner table so the chair projects out from a corner at angle for the perfect reading corner. The shape of the table gets the light shining right where it is needed. The table is just the right height for this chair so the reader can also enjoy a beverage or a pencil for writing in the margins while reading.

6 is an iPad raised stand for digital meetings on Zoom, Microsoft Teams, or Apple FaceTime. The shelf is convenient for reference materials or note taking supplies.

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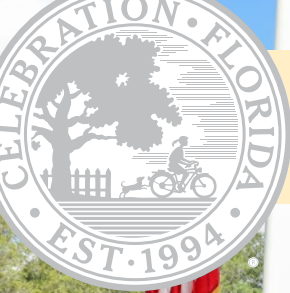
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We are organized as a non-profit organization with the intent and purpose to promote awareness and interest in veterans' affairs and activities. All honorably discharged veterans are welcome.

We meet the second Thursday of the month, 6 p.m. at Town Hall, 851 Celebration Ave.

For further information, contact Celebrationvets@outlook.com, (845) 551-2213 or visit www.celebrationveterans.org.

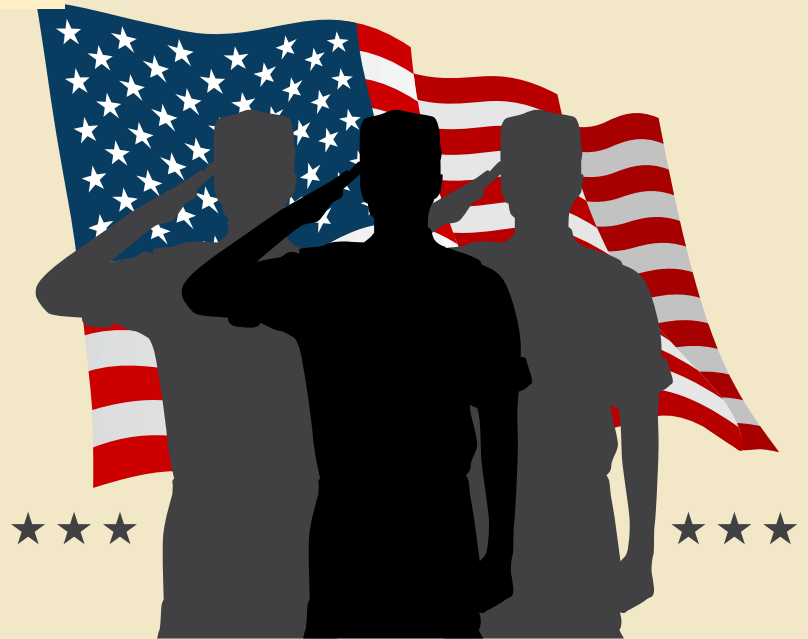
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SALUTING OUR VETERANS

BY WENDY HUPP

Veterans Club of Celebration, Treasurer

November traditionally brings a salute to the troops. We are fortunate to know so many wonderful veterans in Celebration and surrounding areas. The Veterans Club of Celebration now has about one hundred members, including vets from the World War II era through the Korean Conflict, Vietnam, Desert Storm, Enduring Freedom and on to today. Our favorite Seabee, Petty Officer Second Class Carl Abinuman, is actually on active duty now in Africa. Keep him and all the rest of our service members in your thoughts and prayers. Any honorably discharged veteran is eligible to join our ranks. Please contact Vice Commander Bill Boyle at 845-551-2213 for more information.

This month we look forward to Veterans Day, which also marks the fourteen-year anniversary of the club's start. Watch for us in the Founders Day Parade on November 13, from Lakeside to Founders Park. We are happy to hear your greetings and see your waves.

Again, this holiday season, the Veterans Club is promoting the Celebration Holiday Decorating Contest. Judging will take place on approximately December 12, with winners to be announced on December 15. To enter, please email wendyhupp@bellsouth.net and provide your address and the type of property, for example, bungalow, apartment, estate home, etc. Entries must be received by December 8 and there are no entry fees. Winners of each category will be published in the Friday Flash, Town Hall social media channels and on Facebook Back Porch, offering bragging rights for their accomplishments. Please note that Celebration residents can begin decorating 40 days before the holiday. Let's see that home town holiday spirit! ●

DEMOCRATS OF CELEBRATION



The Democrats of Celebration were all on Cloud nine when we learned that Desmond Meade accepted our invitation to be our guest speaker at our Wednesday, October 27 meeting. As the Democrats of Celebration (DOC) work constantly on the issue of combatting voter suppression in Florida, hearing the additional news from Mr. Meade about how we came to where we are today was very interesting.

In a continuing effort to inform voters around the state how to get a vote by mail ballot now that SB90 has passed, a large group of volunteers is continuing to write postcards. The short message, handwritten and sent to voters here in Florida can truly make a difference next year in the election. If you can volunteer to write 14 cards or more, even if it is just one time, please contact Steph at democratsofcelebration@gmail.com, we would love to have you join our team.

The Democrats of Celebration do not meet in either November or December, but the work will continue during those months, as always. Please join us in January to start the new year with the determination that the state really needs to go BLUE! We can only do it with your help.

The January 26 meeting is really coming up soon. In January, like in every month from January-October, we meet the fourth Wednesday of the month from 7-8 p.m., which is currently being done in a hybrid manner. Those that are vaccinated and willing to wear a mask may meet in person if they wish. Our meetings are in Town Hall or join us on zoom. Every member and guest must be pre-registered. It is the same registration link each month but you do need to register for each month at <https://us02web.zoom.us/join/register/tZYvcuuhqjwoHtWUruO3tCQgz1ltyACUimFR>. ●

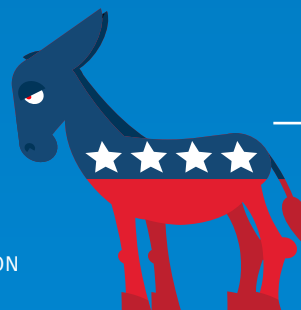


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- Voting rights activist
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- Led the successful effort to pass Florida Amendment 4
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- Featured in April 2019 Time Magazine issue: 100 Most Influential People in the World



NEXT MEETING
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 26
7:00 P.M. | ZOOM/ IN PERSON



CELEBRATORS

MEET ME IN THE KEYS

Now that we have our first meeting and day trip under our belt, it's time to start slowly returning to life as we knew it. Starting with...

ANOTHER GREAT TRIP TO KEY WEST! – Join us as we return to the Oceans Edge Resort, Tuesday, January 11 – Thursday, January 13, 2022.

COST: \$249 + tax / per night per room - **INCLUDES:** free hotel shuttle to downtown Key West and one free breakfast per person (\$30 value) - **WAIVED:** resort fees (normally \$50 per night you pay zero and parking fees (normally \$25 per night) you pay zero!

If you're interested in going or would like more information, please contact Nancy Jones at 401-602-3200 or njones3200@gmail.com

CAN WE TALK? - The Celebrators are always looking for new and interesting speakers for our monthly meetings. Are you one of those people with an unusual career (opera singer, professional athlete, archeologist, etc.)? Maybe you've just returned from a vacation to some exotic destination and are dying to share the details of your trip. Or, perhaps you have a unique talent or hobby. If you or someone you know fits the bill, we'd love to have you attend one of our monthly members meetings and tell us all about it! Interested? Contact our newly elected Vice President, Celia McFadden, at cmcfad3650@yahoo.com to find out how to sign up for your "15 minutes of fame." ●



REGULAR MONTHLY SCHEDULE

MEMBER MEETING: 1ST WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH

NEXT MEETING: **NOVEMBER 3**

851 CELEBRATION AVENUE (Town Hall)

DOORS OPEN AT 9 A.M.

MEETING STARTS AT 9:30 A.M.

HAPPY HOUR: 1ST WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH

NEWCOMERS LUNCHEON: 1ST SATURDAY OF THE MONTH

LET'S DO LUNCH: 2ND MONDAY OF THE MONTH

SOCIAL HOUR: 3RD TUESDAY OF THE MONTH
(subject to change)

DINNER OUT: 4TH THURSDAY OF THE MONTH

Please note that the above dates and activities are subject to changes based on CDC guidelines and restrictions...watch your Weekly Update for current information..

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BRIGHTEN UP THE HOLIDAYS WITH THE GARDEN CLUB POINSETTIA SALE



BY BRAD WAGONER
Club President, 2022

Happy Thanksgiving

The Celebration Garden Club wishes all a happy and healthy holiday season. Let's hope the whole country starts getting along together once again. I would be very thankful for that!

The club started its fall season with a great speaker on bees and then a field trip to see bees being raised, along with dozens of different types of pollinator plants at Island Grove Wine Company. In October, we enjoyed a lecture on edible greens in the world around us, by Florida School of Holistic Living. This was followed by a super field trip to Leu Gardens where we visited one of the best gardens in the area. The annual jazz and blues concert was very enjoyable and we were lucky to listen to three wonderful groups that serenaded us as we picnicked and lounged in our chairs on the beautiful grounds. This month's lecture presentation will be on bonsai trees. A local expert showed us the intricacies in growing these miniature trees that can live for hundreds of years! The meeting will be held in Heritage Hall on November 17, 9 a.m. All are welcome to attend and if you like, join the club. Dues are \$30 a year, \$40 for a couple and can be paid online while you check out the rest of our website at celebrationgardenclub.com.

We are happy to be holding our first Poinsettia sale right now. We are selling four sizes of plants that are available in red and white colors along with a special color called Ice Crystal. You can order them on our website, mentioned above, or purchase at the Celebration Farmers Market held on Sundays in downtown Celebration. Wouldn't it be nice to get a nice Poinsettias for your office, your classroom or for a friend? Proceeds sponsor the club scholarships and community projects that benefit the town.

Now that November is here, what should be thinking about planting in our gardens right now? Here are a few ideas.

VEGETABLES: Beet, broccoli, Brussels sprouts, cabbage, carrot, v, celery, Chinese cabbage, collard, endive, kale, kohlrabi, lettuce, mustard, onion, pea, radicchio, radish, rhubarb, rutabaga, spinach, Swiss chard and turnip.

FLOWERS: Ageratum, alyssum, baby's breath, black-eyed Susan, bush daisy, calendula, California poppy, candytuff, carnation, cat's, chrysanthemum, cleome, cornflower, delphinium, dianthus, dusty miller, foxglove, gaillardia, geranium, goldenrod, heliotrope, hollyhocks, Iceland poppy, impatiens, larkspur, lobelia, ornamental cabbage & kale, pansy, petunia, phlox, salvia, shasta daisy, snapdragon, stock, sweet pea, verbena, viola and wax begonias.

HERBS: anise, arugula, basil, borage, chive, cardamon, chervil, cilantro, coriander, dill, fennel, garlic, ginger, lavender, lemon balm, lovage, Mexican tarragon, mint, nasturtium, oregano, parsley, rosemary, sage, sweet marjoram, thyme and watercress.

Thank you for keeping our town looking so beautiful. It is always a pleasure to hear visitors say how nice our yard plantings look. ●



Chinese Cabbage



Cauliflower



Black-eyed Susan



California Poppy



Basil

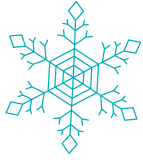


Lavender





WINTER WONDERLAND & *The Market Place*



DECEMBER 3 & 4

In 2016, Winter Wonderland was created as an additional Holiday Event for Celebration. After one year of no sparkle and glitter at Town Hall, the decorators and designers are busy at work creating something special for everyone to enjoy. It is sure to be a “December to Remember” and put you in the holiday spirit.

What can you look forward to seeing at this year’s Winter Wonderland?

Beautifully decorated themed Christmas trees of all sizes. Tablescape designed for 2 to 12 place settings. A new addition for this year is vignettes that feature not only the decorated trees or centerpieces, but also furniture pieces to add to your homes. All trees, tablescapes and vignettes will be available for purchase.

Also new this year is “The Market Place,” a one-stop shop for you to purchase those gifts on your holiday list.

By popular demand, our “Tree Lot” with undecorated trees in all shapes and sizes will still be available for those looking for a new tree to replace their old one.

Be the first to see this year’s event by attending the VIP evening, on Friday December 3, 6 p.m. The ticket price includes holiday cocktails, a catered dinner buffet, live music in the Snowflake ballroom to dance the night away and a chance to win a \$500 gift basket.

VIP tickets are limited at \$50 per person and are available in advance only.

Saturday, December 4, 10 a.m. - 8 p.m., Winter Wonderland tickets are \$10 per person in advance, or at the door. ●



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FOUNDATION *Founders* EVENTS

FOUNDER'S DAY NEW URBANISM WALKING TOUR

Learn about Celebration's unique history and architectural style through a walking tour with New Urbanism!

DATE: Saturday, November 13

TIME: Please arrive at 10:15 a.m., Tour will depart promptly at 10:30 a.m.

MEETING LOCATION: Market Square Fountain

COST: \$10, per person

The tour is approximately 1.4 miles long and lasts approximately 1 ½ hours, "rain or shine."



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REMEMBRANCE CEREMONY AT THE CELEBRATION MEMORIAL GARDEN

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2021, 10 A.M.

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For more information, please call the Celebration Foundation at 407-566-1234 or visit celebrationfoundation.org/events ●



COMMUNITY CONVERSATION WITH RAY GINDROZ, FAIA

Join the Celebration Foundation's New Urbanism Committee for a Founders' Day Community Conversation with Ray Gindroz, FAIA.

DATE: Saturday, November 13

TIME: 6 p.m.

LOCATION: Community Presbyterian Church

COST: Tickets are \$10 per person. Tickets can be purchased at celebrationfoundation.org

To sign up and for more information, please visit our website at www.celebrationfoundation.org/events ●

CELEBRATION FOUNDATION ESTABLISHES THE ROCKING CHAIR MEMORIAL



Tom Lewis



Dorothy Johnson

The Celebration Foundation and its New Urbanism Committee wanted to recognize those individuals that made a significant mark on Celebration in its early stages of development who have since passed away. The Foundation felt that purchasing a rocking chair that would sit overlooking Lake Rianhard would best symbolize our appreciation for what they have done to build this wonderful community in which we are fortunate to live. The first two people to be recognized are Tom Lewis and Dorothy Johnson.

Tom Lewis was the first person hired by Peter Rummell, President of Disney Development Company, to work on the Celebration project. In 1987, Tom was Secretary of the Florida Department of Community Affairs when he got a call from Peter asking him to “take on the most significant, complicated damn planning assignment you’ve ever faced.” In 1987, a full 7 years before ground was broken, Tom became the Director of Community Development. Tom led the effort to get local and state support for Celebration and the realignment of highway 417. Even more difficult was getting The Disney Company to agree to move forward with Celebration. It wasn’t until 1991 that Tom and Peter were able to convince Disney to build Celebration. Tom and his wife Cynthia loved Celebration, built a home on Golfpark Drive and became active in the community helping to build Community Presbyterian Church. Tom passed away in 2019.

Dorothy Johnson moved to Celebration in 1996 at the age of 81. She was a librarian and when she moved to Celebration made it her passion to pass along her love of reading to this community. In 2002, she inspired Mary McMahon to convert a

14x14-storage space at Lakeside Park into a makeshift library. Mary and Dorothy’s advocacy for a public library led to the temporary library at Water Tower Place in 2006 and several years later to our permanent library. In to her 90’s, Dorothy would still lead story time readings for young kids at the library. Dorothy was also active in supporting the arts. She had a wonderful collection of African art, supported the Celebration Foundation Concert Series and supported many efforts to bring quality jazz music to Celebration. Dorothy symbolized one of the great hopes of Celebration – which Celebration would be a community for all ages that we would have the opportunity to interact and learn from people of all ages and regardless of age; you could be active and engaged in the community. Most people’s memory of Dorothy is watching her ride her 3-wheel cycle all through town well into her 90’s. Dorothy passed away still living in Celebration at the age of 100 in 2015.

Tom and Dorothy will be recognized at the Foundation’s New Urbanism speaker event on Saturday, November 13, 6 p.m.





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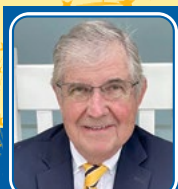
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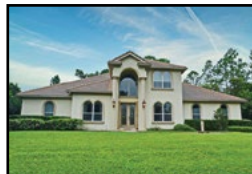
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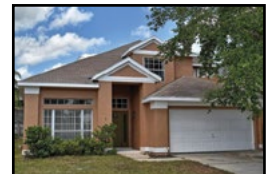
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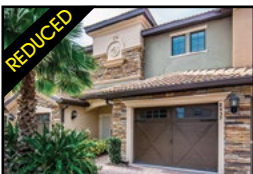
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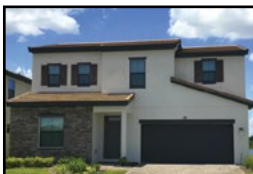


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