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CROA/CNOA/CJC Executive Session
Friday, July 2, 9 a.m.

CCDD Board Workshop
Tuesday, July 13, 6:30 p.m.
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CROA Board Meeting
Wednesday, July 14, 6 p.m.
in person/teleconference

CCDD Board Meeting
Tuesday, July 27, 6:30 p.m.
313 Campus Street

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 and Spring Lake

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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Wednesday for all villages
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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 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

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

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. Please visit ccmcnet.com to pay your statement online.
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**CROA - CELEBRATION RESIDENTIAL OWNERS ASSOCIATION**
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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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www.cjcfl.org

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.

**CCS - CELEBRATION COMMUNITY SERVICES**
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**CCDD - CELEBRATION COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**
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A five-member Board of Supervisors, who were elected by registered voters in the Celebration Community Development District, governs this District. This unit of special-purpose government is authorized to provide certain infrastructure improvements. Services include maintenance of roadway lights, street sweeping, common area landscaping, maintenance of street trees and turf, alleyways, public parks and trails, aquatic weed and mosquito control. The Celebration CDD also maintains the lakes, storm water retention areas and drainage system within Celebration.

**ECDD - ENTERPRISE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**
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Governed by a five-member Board of Supervisors, this unit of special-purpose government is authorized to provide certain infrastructure improvements including potable water, reclaimed water and sewer utilities as well as maintenance of roadway lights, street sweeping, common area landscaping, maintenance of street trees and turf, aquatic weed and mosquito control.

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407-562-1138 (Eastern Division Office)
480-921-7500 (Corporate Headquarters)
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CCMC is the managing agent for the Celebration Joint Committee, Celebration Residential Owners Association, Celebration Non-Residential Owners Association. They were hired by the CJC to handle, on behalf of CROA, CNOA and the CJC Boards, the administration, operation and maintenance of Celebration. CCMC works at the direction of the Board of Directors.

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July marks the halfway point of the year – the beginning of the second half of the year. The days remain long, the heat and humidity are high and our enjoyment of “all things Celebration” continues to excel. Many residents are traveling near and far, many are enjoying the beauty of our pocket parks and our pools, many have backyard barbeques with family and friends and many are enjoying front porches and park benches to relax as well as meet others. Of course, July 4 marks our nation’s Independence Day – in Celebration, we enjoy (on Saturday, July 3) our annual parade and festivities later that day with “Red, White, Blue and You!”

As we do every month, the Board of Directors of the Celebration Residential Owners Association (CROA) prepares some highlights regarding our community. Since the Celebration News has so much to offer each month – some items are very timely and some are more timeless – we highlight some of CROA’s decisions and activities. This year, the summer is much more active than other years, primarily due to the RFP process for the management company contract and discussions about amenities. In addition, the Board is involved with its ongoing initiatives, its seven committees, a revitalized Condo Council, and much more. All Board meetings are open virtually to residents; all committee meetings are also open for resident participation or viewing. In addition, you may find that there’s a committee with which you’d like to be more involved as a member in the future (applications are always welcome!).

With health and safety issues surrounding the COVID-19 pandemic, Celebration continues to transition, just as our nation and state are transitioning. Our facilities have largely opened up, with indoor activities reviewed on a case-by-case basis. We maintain a careful watch on national, state and local data, and follow CDC guidelines with our decisions and appreciate the greater engagement and interaction. And we rely on residents to make healthy and safety-based decisions for themselves and their loved ones.

A significant undertaking is with the RFP process for the management company contract, a process that has been highlighted regularly in this column and in monthly articles by the RFP Task Force. This process culminates with interviews of finalists later this month and a decision in August. We have a new scope of work, effective January 1, 2022 and we look forward to the finalization of this for our residents and larger community.

Another major undertaking surrounds pickleball, lawn sports, and the Celebration Community Field Complex (CCFC). We are engaging in a “preconstruction services bid” process for various locations, options and costs for the two sports. Management personnel have met numerous times with residents involved with these sports and the Board is confident we will have quality amenities for residents. Our Recreation Committee is also looking at ways the CCFC can be made more widely available for residents on a regular basis.

July – midyear - is a great time to pause and reflect. We are grateful for our neighbors and friends, our community and our spirit, and our opportunities to create even more and even better. Happy July!!!
Management TEAM

Often in our monthly articles, we as a CDD Board talk about the responsibilities the Celebration CDD and the services we provide to you as a community. This month I would like to take a moment to focus on how we are able to fulfill those responsibilities. In my personal life experiences currently as a VP in private industry, and formerly with almost 20 years as a first responder, I learned early in my career that as a leader of an organization, you are only as good as your team. While the CDD’s elected Supervisors provide guidance and oversight for the decision making on behalf of the District, the true work of daily operations is fulfilled by the CDD staff who endeavor each day to ensure all aspects of the vision set forth by the District Supervisors are executed efficiently and properly. From infrastructure maintenance to engagement with county leadership, to budget development, to the transitioning of assets from the new Island Village development, your CDD management team is what ensures that Celebration is a premier community. As the Chairman of the Celebration CDD, one of my key objectives is to provide regular interaction with our management leadership to ensure they have what they need to make that happen.

Since the beginning days of the Celebration CDD in the 1990s when our community was in its infancy, one name that has been ever-present has been Mr. Gary Moyer. Known by many as “The Godfather of CDDs,” Gary spent much of his career not only running several CDDs like Celebration’s across the State, but also developing the State laws by which CDDs operate. Here in Celebration as our District Manager, his responsibility has been to provide the daily oversight of the staff for all aspects of operations including Field Management, Financials, Legal and in the interaction with all of the CDD’s partners including the CDD’s multiple contractor support companies, Osceola County leadership, CROA and many others. After his many years of service to Celebration and the CDD and with his eyes toward retirement, Gary has spent the past several months working with the CDD Supervisors and our management team to begin the transition to a new District Manager.

During this time, Ms. Angel Montagna has begun her transition-in to become Celebration CDD’s new District Manager. Coming to us with over seven years of experience in managing and running multiple CDDs in the Central Florida area, Angel quickly jumped in to all aspects of the CDD’s business including daily operations, budgeting, planning, and personnel management. As part of the gradual phased transition period of responsibilities, Angel has spent countless hours with staff, Supervisors, and other stakeholders to familiarize herself with all aspects of the unique challenges of Celebration CDD’s operations. Her experience and leadership have already had a positive effect and will continue to have a greater impact as she progresses towards taking over the reigns as Celebration’s District Manager. Your Celebration CDD Supervisors will continue to work with the entire management team to ensure that Angel is set up for success to best support the residents of Celebration. On behalf of the entire Board and our community, I welcome Angel to the team and look forward to her skills and experience benefitting all of us.

As for Mr. Moyer and his many years of commitment to Celebration, our many thanks for his efforts, commitment, knowledge, time and dedication which will be greatly missed. Gary has been a key player to making Celebration the home that we all love and enjoy.

If you have any questions, comments, or concerns about the District or services, it provides, please contact one of your Board members, contact information is available on the website, www.CelebrationCDD.com. You may also contact staff at admin@CelebrationCDD.org or 407-566-1935.

Greg Filak
Chairman, Seat 3

“The strength of the team is each individual member. The strength of each member is the team.”

– Phil Jackson, NBA Coach

from the CCDD Board of Supervisors
Boardwalks: As an accompaniment to the trail system in Celebration, boardwalks enhance the walking/biking experience and allow the trail system to be expanded over canals and waterways. While they are a beautiful asset to the community and the nature experience, they can also be very dangerous when wet, especially going around corners. Signs are posted at the beginning of most boardwalks to alert everyone to this possibility, and we ask that you exhibit safe walking/biking practices. In some cases, it might be best to walk your bicycle around some curves, especially on the long boardwalk from Artisan Park to the high school.

WHAT YOU CAN DO:

- Exercise extreme caution on the boardwalks, especially in the mornings or anytime it has rained since the boardwalks are very slippery when wet
- Always be aware of your footing and use the boardwalk hand railings when necessary
- Contact the District Office if you notice uneven sidewalk panels or damaged boardwalk panels

Please visit website www.CelebrationCDD.com for more information related to the maintenance services and activities of the District. You may also contact us at 407-566-1935 or admin@CelebrationCDD.org with any questions, comments, or concerns.
With the beginning of the new hurricane season, it is that time of year when planning for your safety should become somewhat of a priority. Disaster preparedness is stressed this time of year, but it really should be on your mind year round. In addition to hurricanes, there are fires, severe storms, civil unrest, tornados, flooding or even a power outage, which should all be thought about regularly. How many of you are really prepared for an unplanned incident? If you needed to rely on your own wits without outside assistance for a period of time, are you and your family prepared?

If you listen to media reports, we are in for an active tropical storm season. Now, I am not one to believe all the typical media hype, but I do like to make sure I am prepared for this or other types of disasters that may come our way. Getting ready for a hurricane is thought of as much easier, as we usually have a week or more to get prepared, but it’s really only easier if you have already planned ahead and are ready. The other common maladies happen with little to no notice. I want you to become prepared for any number of things, but for this month, the tips I provide will center more on storm preparedness, although they will help you be ready for many incidents.

Being prepared does not mean that I want you to go to the Army/Navy Store or Costco to spend thousands of dollars on things you’ll take years to use. Being prepared also doesn’t mean to go to the grocery store and buy all the toilet paper. Some people probably still have a year’s supply of that sitting around the house. Being prepared simply means being ready for any unforeseen circumstance that presents itself. Being prepared may make the difference between surviving or not. Ask yourself are you really ready? Basic survival needs should be your first consideration. Basic survival skills are kind of like camping in a tent, rather than in a $300,000 motor home. Basic needs would be having food, clothing and shelter, so those are the main topics I’ll discuss.

Having a supply of food is a good start. I’ve written before about the in-store craziness which ensues as a storm nears. People will buy gallons of milk, eggs, lunch meat, etc. So when the power goes out, how long will those items last? It’s not wrong to have some perishable items available, but you should concentrate on food items that will last. Now is a great time to build a food kit. This kit should have a minimum seven day supply of non-perishable, packaged or canned food and drinks for each person in your household. This includes snacks, juices, baby food and any special dietary items. You can go buy most of these items now and they will last until the end of the storm season. In fact I just checked my storage bin and found the “best used by” date of juice boxes to be 2022, peanut butter in December 2021, a box of Captain Crunch at November 2021 and cans of vegetables at October 2021. Now I am obviously not a nutritionist, but I give these examples to show how long non-perishable things will last. I use my BOGO coupons and stock up regularly and rotate these things as the expiration nears. Go shopping now and begin to make your kits. Buy a strong plastic/rubber tote with a solid lid to store them in a cool, dry place. Don’t forget the pet food and supplies also.

Clothing, last time I checked, is sort of a requirement to have. I think there is a law against running around without it. We all have
How about being ready for power outages? If this is a concern, now is a good time to start looking for a power source. Generators of all types require gas, gas cans, and extension cords. They also come with an assortment of dangers in operating them. Various portable electric power stations are a safer consideration to research ahead of time. Check with your insurance agent now to make sure proper insurance policies and coverages are in place.

If you’ve followed the above tips and once a storm is approaching, you’ll be in a better position and have more time to prepare the exterior of your home. When that time comes, remove and stow away all the loose stuff which high winds make into projectiles. I like those Mickey lamps, just not at 50 mph flying down the road. Prepare your window coverings if needed. Make sure the car has gas, but don’t be foolish and please use only approved canisters for transporting or storing the fuel.

The state of Florida has a great website which offers checklists and more detailed information on how to prepare for storms or other disasters. There are also family, business and special needs registries that you can fill out. Check out this site www.floridadisaster.org/ for information and click on the apps.floridadisaster.org/getaplan/ to complete the safety plans.

I hope this basic preparedness information helps you to get ready ahead of time for the storm or other incident with may affect you and your family. We always hope we never have to implement these plans. A little bit of planning ahead now will go a long way in the event of a disaster. Please be ready and continue to be safe.
MOVING FORWARD!

Things have finally started getting back to normal. Thank you to everyone who has been vaccinated. If you haven’t already, PLEASE do so. This will help us make a faster and safer comeback. I’m so looking forward to this summer. I know we’re all happy that we can now meet face-to-face again in some cases. As many businesses and government offices reopen, there will be some private entities that may still require the use of face masks. Please be respectful to all establishments and their requirements regarding face masks, and social distancing.

Anyone wishing to receive a vaccine can pre-register at state-supported sites, by visiting myvaccine.fl.gov. You may also visit our website at www.osceola.org for daily updates, changes and requirements.

Please join me, in collaboration with The Salvation Army, for a free, back-to-school backpack giveaway event on Saturday, July 31 from 10 a.m. – 12 p.m. (while supplies last). This will be a drive-up event, and child must be present to receive a free backpack with supplies (one backpack per child). The event will be held at The Salvation Army located at 700 Union Street in Kissimmee.

SAVE THE DATE: Friday, August 27. My Student Committee is working hard to put together a fun, outdoor event. Join us for a “Glow-in-the-Dark, Chalk Away Hate” evening in Osceola County. There will be entertainment, amazing raffle prizes as well as special guest appearances. For up-to-date information, and future events, please be sure to sign up to my email distribution list.

RELATED TO COVID-19 HOUSING/MORTGAGE, UTILITY AND EVICTION DIVERSION ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS: You may qualify for rental, 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 on program(s) availability for 2021.

REMINDER: Please let’s try to remember to follow CDC guidelines with regards to COVID-19 safety protocols, and continue working together to help stop the spread of the virus. Happy Independence Day!

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.
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The Celebration Bylaws amendments approved by owners in March 2020 require the Celebration Residential Owners Association (CROA) Board of Directors “to solicit competitive bids through a Request for Proposal (RFP) process for the Association management agent(s).” Further, “The first competitive bid RFP process shall be conducted to enter into a community association management contract by the end of the current management contract in December 2021.”

At this point in the RFP process, the CROA Board had selected six management companies to receive the official RFP. These companies had the opportunity to bid on the management contract for an on-site, full-service community management company for Celebration. In alphabetical order, with their headquarters locations, the six management companies under consideration are:

- Castle Group, Plantation, FL
- CCMC (Capital Consultants Management Corporation), Scottsdale, AZ
- Community Management Professionals, Orlando, FL (an Associa company)
- GrandManors, Plano, TX
- Inframark, Horsham, PA
- Sentry Management, Longwood, FL

The RFP document asked management companies for specific information including organization, management and operations approach, personnel staffing, hiring and vetting procedures, financial management and accounting systems, IT infrastructure, deed and covenants compliance, community
engagement strategy, experience with other communities as well as commercial settings, transition plan details, cost/fees for services, insurance coverage, and more.

THE SELECTION PROCESS

During the month of June, the CROA Board, RFP Task Force, Finance Committee and Technology Committee conducted an extensive analysis of the RFP submissions, contacted references and evaluated each management company’s online resident portals. The evaluations considered the best combination of services, experience and price, among other factors outlined in the RFP. The CROA Board will also consider the impacts and costs of a transition period in the decision regarding the recommended management company for the future.

Prospective management companies will be selected to continue through the RFP process with an invitation to company executives and representatives for an on-site interview in late July.

At the August CROA Board meeting, the Board plans to choose the applicant to recommend as Celebration’s future management company. In accordance with CROA By-Laws 3.19: “The selection of a management agent shall be subject to the prior approval of the Celebration Joint Committee.” While CROA is taking the lead on this project and established the RFP Task Force, the contract will be for the Celebration Joint Committee, Celebration Non-residential Owners Association and CROA (the Associations) with all three Boards involved in the decision. The management company contract for Celebration will be finalized before the end of 2021 and will begin on January 1, 2022.

TRANSITION PERIOD BETWEEN MANAGEMENT COMPANIES, IF NEEDED

If a new management company is selected, a transition period will occur in the fall of 2021 to transfer financial records, accounting and homeowner databases, and to introduce and train management company personnel. CROA will attempt to minimize inconveniences and disruptions, but in every transition period, some unforeseen issues can be expected.

NEW ASSOCIATIONS MANAGEMENT CONTRACT WILL REFLECT A REVISED LEVEL OF SERVICE

Our community is growing in population and with expanded amenities. The level of service to support our community is growing accordingly. Some examples are:

• Additional services are required to implement and operate homeowner desired activities and amenities, especially along the Civic Corridor.
• Accounting and financial requirements have increased along with the number of residents in single-family homes, multi-family homes, and apartments.
• Multi-family home (Service Area) contracts are more numerous as buildings age and require repairs/replacements.
• There are additional CROA-approved committees than in the past. The Finance, Technology, Dog Park, and several Service Area committees were added in recent years.
• Community-wide events and sponsored programs were added or modified over the years to benefit the diverse interests in Celebration.
• The Charter and By-Laws defined functions of the Architectural Review Committee and Covenants Committee require more resources today with the 4,321 homes/units (with more homes as Island Village becomes a reality) and additional commercial buildings that make up Celebration today.

As Celebration has grown, and now progressing beyond 25 years, nearly everything the Association and the management company does has become more complex and time-consuming. The Association recognizes the need for management personnel and services commensurate to fulfill the current and future activities for Celebration. The community has also been operating with reduced management company staffing and increased workloads due to the above noted items and Covid for some time, therefore, the Association also seeks a positive work/life balance for its management company personnel.

This RFP process has allowed the Association to “reset” a level of service that will sustain our community going forward. Consequently, the revised management company contract may require additional resources (personnel and services).

Celebration residents can view the RFP, Statement of Work, and other documents on the Celebration website at celebration.fl.us by selecting the tab for Community Governance and looking for the “Management Company RFP Resident Briefings” in the pull-down menu. Celebration residents have the ability to access this page with their username and password.
BALLROOM DANCING
7 p.m.  |  Beginners Hustle
8 p.m.  |  Intermediate Tango
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 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.

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  Thursday
9:30 a.m.  |  Spring Lake Pool  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

CELEBRATION LITTLE LEAGUE
For more information, please visit celebrationlittleleague.com.

GROUP AND PRIVATE TENNIS RESERVATION SCHEDULE
Tennis court reservations are subject to change. For an updated tennis court schedule, please visit celebrationparksandrec.com

FITNESS FIRM UP
Offering online classes
Contact: Linda Fulton
919-623-7231
Lindacarolpf@aol.com
Workout with our Fitness Firm Up class. This fun and effective group exercise class combines strength, cardio, core training and it is designed for all age groups and fitness levels. ALL of the equipment is provided. Bring a bottle of cold water to drink and wear comfortable clothing. The cost is $5 each class.
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

A new competitive and recreational swim club that offers opportunities for swim training, conditioning and stroke refinement. For more information, contact Kelly George Walton, celebrationcyclones@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:
vagaro.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.

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
mvzcanina_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.
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All meetings and events subject to change. Please visit www.celebration.fl.us for the most up to date schedules.
**PARKS & POOLS 2021**

“Why float through life, when you can swim!”

**CELEBRATION POOL HOURS**

May 1 through Labor Day

ALL POOLS EXCEPT SPRING LAKE
7 a.m. – 10 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](http://www.celebration.fl.us) for the latest information.

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The Celebration Farmers Market is located in the heart of Celebration. The market is a weekly, year round market held every Sunday from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

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

Interested vendors can apply online at [celebrationfarmersmarket.com](http://celebrationfarmersmarket.com).

**SUNDAYS**

9 A.M. - 1 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 | SPRING LAKE POOL | 9:30 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 | 7 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 | SPRING LAKE POOL | 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
ROTARY CLUB | EDUCATION CENTER, FLORIDA HOSPITAL | 7-8:30 A.M.
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
CALL 407-433-1745 OR E-MAIL CELEBRATIONAA@GMAIL.COM | 7 P.M.

All times are locations are subject to change, cancellation or postponement. Please visit www.celebration.fl.us for the latest schedules. Thank you for your understanding and patience.
July 9 | 5 to 9 p.m.  
Lakeside Park  
631 SYCAMORE ST.  
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. Enjoy the sounds of DJ Joe Magic on the Great Lawn.

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.
It never ceases to amaze us how local residents use their talents to benefit our Celebration community.

Joyce Nutta exemplifies how that kind of professional knowledge and work is having a broader reach for teachers and students here in town.

Joyce is a long-time educator of teachers, previously as a state consultant and faculty member at USF and now as a professor at UCF. UCF has a highly respected vision in educational innovations, especially with its use of cutting-edge technologies in educating future teachers. These advancements have made UCF’s School of Teacher Education the largest teacher preparation program in Florida and one of the largest in the nation.

It is of special note that teachers have used the technologies they learned at UCF to work heroically during the pandemic, whether the learning was remote, combined in face-to-face teaching and internet learning and/or ongoing individualized support for students who lost precious ground because of COVID restrictions. A number of Joyce’s former students contacted her during the pandemic to share how the many apps and other technology tools they began using while at UCF had become lifesavers as they transitioned to online or hybrid instruction.

Another new program now in process of implementation at UCF is the use of simulation in a virtual classroom known as TeachLivE, including real-time teaching skills coaching, in the teacher education curriculum. That technique involves having future teachers work with five avatars, or virtual students, to learn how to address different needs and learning styles. UCF professors Lisa Dieker, Charles Hughes and Michael Hynes developed the virtual classroom technology, and Joyce worked with them and other UCF faculty to create a unique variation with virtual students who are learning English as a second language. This has been instrumental in preparing teachers to work with immigrant students in their classrooms.

Yet another innovation from UCF is the Dual Language Education program. In conjunction with the School District of Osceola County, Joyce is facilitating professional development for dual language teachers. Dual language education is a research-based language immersion program providing instruction in two languages (currently English and Spanish); it includes students from English-speaking homes as well as students from Spanish-speaking homes. This fall, Celebration K-8 will implement its new dual language program and Joyce is very excited that families in Celebration will have this option.

Having moved to Celebration in 2007, Joyce used her knowledge of technology and online learning to help her local church, Celebration Anglican Fellowship, during their bimonthly Zoom Sunday Morning Prayer Services, another innovation that arose during the pandemic.

To learn more about the Celebration Anglican Fellowship, its services, special interest groups and community outreach you may contact The Rev. Dr. Susan Bubbers at (407) 566-1195. The Anglican Fellowship meets in person 1st and 3rd Sundays of each month at 10:30 a.m. in the Conference Room of the Bohemian Hotel, and 2nd and 4th Sundays via Zoom for Morning Prayer Services, also at 10:30 a.m.
CELEBRATION HIGH SCHOOL graduates team up to create National Pre-Health Conference

Alejandra Bahena and Alexia Childress were very involved in the Celebration community throughout their high school years. Having graduated in 2018, they served as youth group leaders at the Community Presbyterian Church of Celebration and were part of the cross country and soccer teams at Celebration High School (CHS).

After they graduated from CHS they moved to different states to attend college. Alejandra moved to Pennsylvania and Alexia to Arizona. Both of them thrived at their respective universities and continued to develop their leadership and professional skills by participating in research, leading clubs, serving their community and working towards their dream of becoming the first ones in their family to work in the healthcare field.

Founded in June of 2020, the National Pre-Health Conference is a student-led organization that provides free and accessible resources to individuals of any background who are interested in pursuing a career in healthcare. The annual conference takes place virtually every August and includes a variety of guest speakers from all specialties of medicine, a research exposition, and special topics surrounding professional and personal growth. Furthermore, the monthly newsletter and social media platforms provide opportunities for students to continue learning about healthcare careers all-year round, with the goal to inspire self-confidence into the next generation of healthcare professionals, one student at the time.

As a first-generation, low-income student who experienced a variety of obstacles during the COVID-19 pandemic, Alejandra envisioned an event that would bring together students around the nation and provide them with access to a network of healthcare professionals and free academic resources. Throughout her journey as a pre-health student at the University of Pennsylvania, Alejandra learned the power of education in furthering life opportunities and the role that mentors play in supporting students to achieve success in their respective careers. Alejandra believed that the shift to online education prevented many students from accessing such resources that would otherwise be available to them during a traditional school year. Therefore, Alejandra saw the need for a virtual event that would provide students with access to expert advice about navigating healthcare careers, while also teaching them about resilience in the face of adversity.

On June 19, 2020, Alejandra reached out to a group of close friends and presented her ideas for the event. After the initial meeting, Alexia demonstrated an immense interest in the event and over the next two months, Alexia and Alejandra worked together tirelessly with the rest of the leadership team to organize the inaugural conference of 2020.

When the COVID-19 pandemic began, Alexia was studying abroad in Switzerland working on a cancer research project at the University of Geneva. Her research was cut short six months because of the pandemic, leading to the cancellation of multiple networking and event opportunities that would have influenced her career. Upon returning home, Alexia felt hopeless in finding other programs online. Therefore, when Alejandra came to her with this extraordinary idea to unite and empower pre-health students during this time of uncertainty, she could not resist the opportunity.

Alexia worked as an event planner for over 3,000 honors students at Arizona State University, planning large-scale community service events to promote personal and professional growth. Due to her success, she was selected to represent her honors college at the National Collegiate Honors Council conference where she shared her expertise in event planning. Alexia’s skills in event coordination combined with Alejandra’s vision gave rise to the National Pre-Health Conference, a free and online event for anyone interested in a career in healthcare. Alexia is honored to be a part of such an innovative and inspirational organization that supports the future careers of pre-health students around the globe.

If you are or anyone you know is interested in collaborating or partnering with the National Pre-Health Conference, please reach out to Alejandra and Alexia at NPHC@nationalprehealthconf.org. They are also on Instagram @nationalprehealthconference and twitter @nphc2021, as well as LinkedIn and Facebook. Register for NPHC 2021 at www.nationalprehealthconf.org/register-now.
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On Saturday, May 29, the community came together at the Veterans Memorial in Founders Park for the annual Memorial Day Flag Ceremony. Special thank you to the Celebration Veterans Club, Garden Club of Celebration, Boy Scout Troop 125, Cub Scout Troop 125 and the Celebration Community Chorus.
This HOLIDAY SEASON will be LEGENDARY

AS THE COMMUNITY CELEBRATES ITS 25TH ANNIVERSARY THROUGHOUT THE YEAR, PUTTING THE BOW ON THE SILVER ANNIVERSARY DURING THE HOLIDAY SEASON CALLED FOR SOMETHING EXTRA SPECIAL, PERHAPS, LEGENDARY.

Message received!

On Sunday, December 19, Celebration residents are invited to what has become the must do event of the year – the CROA Holiday Concert - to take in the sights and sounds of The Legendary COUNT BASIE ORCHESTRA® Directed By Scotty Barnhart (The Count Basie Orchestra mark appears under license from Rutgers University Institute of Jazz Studies).

Celebration Sanitation Services (CSS) presents the performance, slated for a 7 p.m. show time at the Celebration Community Field Complex (CCFC).

The event is free to all residents with a valid CROA ID; however, a limited number of reserved VIP tables will be available for sale beginning on Wednesday, July 7. Tables of six will be available for $35, with tables of four going for $25. Reservations can be made at celebrationparksandrec.com beginning at 9 a.m. on the seventh. Please contact the Lifestyle Office at 407-566-1200 or lifestyle@celebrationtownhall.com for additional information. Residents who choose not to purchase reserved seating are welcome to bring along their own seating to enjoy the evening.

In the history of Jazz music, there is only one bandleader that has the distinction of having his orchestra still performing sold out concerts all over the world, with members personally chosen by him, for over 30 years after his passing. Pianist and bandleader William James “Count” Basie was and still is an American institution that personifies the grandeur and excellence of Jazz. The Count Basie Orchestra, today directed by Scotty Barnhart, has won every respected jazz poll in the world at least once, won 18 Grammy Awards, performed for Kings, Queens, and other world Royalty, appeared in several movies, television shows, at every major jazz festival and major concert hall in the world. The latest honors are the 2018 Downbeat Readers Poll Award as the #1 Jazz Orchestra in the world, and a Grammy Nomination for their 2018 acclaimed recording, All About That Basie, which features special guests Stevie Wonder, Jon Faddis, Take 6, and Kurt Elling among others. It follows their critically acclaimed release in 2015 of A Very Swingin’ Basie Christmas!, the very first holiday album in the 80-year history of the orchestra. Released on Concord Music, it went to #1 on the Jazz charts and sold out on Amazon! Special guests include vocalists Johnny Mathis, Ledisi, our own Carmen Bradford and pianist Ellis Marsalis. A BBC TV produced documentary on Mr. Basie and the orchestra entitled Count Basie: Through His Own Eyes premiered on PBS in the US and UK in 2019 coinciding with the orchestra’s 85th Anniversary. It features interviews by Quincy Jones, Scotty Barnhart, Dee Askew, John Williams, and several other important members and associates of Mr. Basie and the orchestra.

Since Basie’s passing in 1984, Thad Jones, Frank Foster, Grover Mitchell, Bill Hughes, Dennis Mackrel, and now Scotty Barnhart, have led the Count Basie Orchestra and maintained it as one of the elite performing organizations in Jazz. Its next recording, Live at Birdland, was recorded at the historic New York club in January 2020 and celebrates the first 85 years of the orchestra as well as the 60th Anniversary of the original Live at Birdland recording. It will be released on Candid Records in 2021 and was produced by Scotty Barnhart.

Current members include musicians hired by Basie himself: Frequent guest vocalist Carmen Bradford (joined in 1983) and trombonist Clarence Banks (joined in 1984). Long-time members include Doug Miller (1989, formerly w/Lionel Hampton), and members who have joined in the last 15-25 years; trombonists David Keim (formerly w/Stan Kenton), Alvin Walker and Mark Williams, guitarist Will Matthews, trumpeters Shawn Edmonds and Endre Rice, saxophonists Doug Lawrence (formerly w/Benny Goodman, Buck Clayton) and returning on lead alto, David Glasser. Newer members include bassist Trevor Ware, lead trumpeter Frank Greene III and trumpeter Brandon Lee, pianist Glen Pearson and the youngest members still in their 20s, drummer Robert Boone, baritone saxophonist Josh Lee, and Markus Howell on alto sax and flute.
COMMUNITY

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A HULA GOOD TIME
Residents didn’t let a little rain dampen their Polynesian spirit, as they were transported to that one particular harbor for an Aloha Friday Luau on Friday, June 4.
Independence Day Parade

SATURDAY, JULY 3 | 9 A.M.

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The Chairman of the Board. Ol’ Blue Eyes. The Sultan of Swoon. The Voice. These are multiple names depicting the same person, Frank Sinatra.

The music of Frank Sinatra continues to serenade and entertain still today, CROA will add to the legacy of memorable standards by presenting David Roberts and The Sounds of Sinatra live on the Great Lawn on Wednesday, October 20 at 7 p.m.

Backed by a bass, drums, sax and keyboards, Roberts will take attendees on a trip down memory lane belting out many of Sinatra’s memorable hits.

Born in New York City, growing up as a singer in the city that made Frank Sinatra famous, Roberts has been crooning the great Jazz Standards of Frank Sinatra, Tony Bennett, Bobby Darin and more for the past 20 years. Recent Central Florida appearances have included Bay Hill Country Club, Isleworth Country Club, Orlando World Center Marriott, Walt Disney World, Sea World, and Universal Studios Orlando Resort.

This is a resident only event. A limited number of tables will be available on a first come basis and residents are invited to bring along their own seating for the event. For more information, please contact the Town Hall Lifestyle Office at 407-566-1200 or lifestyle@celebrationtownhall.com.
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Sawdust

By Veryl Kroon

When a wood worker cannot find the best product to solve a functional or decorating problem they create their own solution. An earlier article covered jigs (devices for facilitating wood work was explored with examples), while this time we will focus on end products.

PICTURE ONE is by club member Jeff Howe building a chair for their grandchildren to join the table and feel more a part of family activities. Jeff notes how this is a prototype for more chairs in the future as the grandchildren grow and will need larger chairs until they ready for an adult sized chair.

PICTURE TWO is for Monica Leiberbacher, Celebration resident folk art enthusiast and docent who needed authentic needles for her rag rug weaving. Three are from freshly cut branches dried slowly to prevent splitting and cracks. The fourth is from already cured wood.

PICTURE THREE is by Jeff Howe making a custom coat rack in their house back entry coat/dressing room. Sometimes a wood worker also works in related media for the right effect.

PICTURE FOUR is a rebuilt table top for Carol Ann Swagler, so she can now get into the drawer of this dressing table. The front overhang was too big.

PICTURE FIVE is of custom-built shutters with a moveable arm for the louvres for three adjoined windows where a clear window ledge was desired. Commercially available solutions were not available in the current size or configuration and required middle posts that would clutter the ledge.

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Memorial Day 2021 has passed and is part of our memories. Memorial Day is a time to remember and honor the military members who have died in the many wars and battles they fought to keep our great country free. A total of 1,342,903 did not survive the major wars. Many have perished in the Indian wars and other minor skirmishes; these are the people we honor.

July 4, 1776 is the day we became a united nation. Twenty-five thousand Americans died during the fight to preserve that freedom. Fifteen thousand more perished in the war of 1812, protecting that freedom. Many living with battle injuries received in combat for the rest of their lives.

There are about 171 national and state cemeteries and more in the villages and towns of America as their final resting place for these heroes.

The American Battle Monuments Commission (ABMC) maintains 24 sites overseas, resting places for almost 125,000 deceased American Military personnel. ABMC also cares for tablets inscribed with the names of 94,000 missing men and women.

Memorial Day is when we pause, remember, and give thanks to those heroes who made the ultimate sacrifice for the freedoms that we cherish and enjoy today.

The Veterans Club of Celebration was organized in 2007 to provide support to honorably discharged Veterans (any military service branch) and to participate and support community events.

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.

MEETINGS
SECOND THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH
6 P.M. | TOWN HALL
851 CELEBRATION AVE.
We will be marching in Celebration’s Independence Day parade on July 3. Celebrating our independence and proudly wearing red, white and blue, a large contingency is expected to march with our group and as in past years, we will be having our large Democrats of Celebration banner making us easy to find.

We heard an important presentation in late May from State Senator Vic Torres. This was our last exclusively virtual meeting. In June, we had the first of our hybrid meetings; allowing those who wish, to attend in person at 851 Celebration Ave (Town Hall) or to continue to join the meeting by Zoom. We are in our infancy with this meeting format and ask all to bear with us. Pre-registration is still required.

Terry Costello, our Osceola School Board member, gave us an update at our June meeting regarding our schools and upcoming developments. She will be running for her position again. As Democrats, we like to continue to be informed about all candidates and invite as many as we can to speak to us throughout the year. If you have a suggestion for a future meeting, or questions of any sort, please contact us at DemocratsOfCelebration@gmail.com.

We are looking forward to our monthly meeting again in July, on our usual day - the fourth Wednesday of the month, July 28, 7 - 8 p.m. Dave Finnigan, past President of the DOC, will speak about our efforts and initiatives. We are in alignment.

Embrace: Backlots Apartments, how did it start, and why Backlots?

Vengroff: I was CEO of a large multi-national Business Process Outsourcing company, in nineteen countries. Housing wasn’t affordable, so my father bought apartment complexes to house our employees. Fast forward, we sold the company and I headed into private equity. My father got a call from USF. “Please buy this hotel in front of our property in Sarasota and we will buy it next year.” My dad bought it for the college. Two years later, he was sitting on this vacant hotel. My dad decided to rent to homeless people. He charged a little bit of rent and provided utilities. He was onto something: profitable yet affordable. My stepmother organized a theater group in the back lot of our property. When we bought a complex in Kissimmee, my brother named it “Backlot” on her behalf and Backlot was born!

Embrace: Love this backstory! The housing climate is competitive. Take the Kissimmee hotels. People move in and can’t pay rent. The landlords go bankrupt and lose the hotel. Meanwhile, people go to work and pay day-to-day. They have no money to save to exit the cycle, and they aren’t able to save anything, sadly. Embrace challenges this cycle.

Vengroff: In 3-5 years, we forecast an influx of inventory. We’ll buy properties and offer even more affordable housing. When we buy, we completely renovate - brand new - full kitchens - all the conveniences - fire suppression, to bring the unit to a multi-family standard for safety. It’s costly. Owning our construction company keeps costs down. But this moment is competitive! Keeping costs down...

Embrace: Please tell us about your non-profit, One Stop Housing Care.

Vengroff: One Stop Housing Care coordinates our non-profit efforts. We work with Salvation Army and numerous charities. They’re all fantastic organizations with requirements and restrictions. Embrace Celebration is the first non-profit to morph its model to prioritize the tenant over corporate initiatives. We are in alignment.

Embrace: Embrace of Celebration loves our partnership. We use the Backlots office for staging, planning, storage, and outreach.

Vengroff: Bettina, you have been amazing. Your heart is in the right place. You’re a go-getter. The work you do for our residents at the Backlot has been life altering. People are grateful; I know I am. Many people were so far down and out, ready to call it quits. You’ve saved a lot of souls.

Embrace: It’s a team effort, thanks to our Celebration Community including the Celebration Foundation, The Rotary Club of Celebration and so many more who come together to support our outreach program. Where will we take this co-venture?

Vengroff: I think we’ll add another 1-2 properties in Kissimmee we can grow together. And we’re exploring Orlando. We have 240 units in Orlando and this next acquisition is 500. That’s almost 750 within a year or two around Orlando. Big things!

Embrace: We bring change when everyone works together. As far as we know, this unique partnership is the first of its kind. Perhaps we’ll make history!

Vengroff: As far as I know we are the only ones.

For more information and the entire interview, please visit Embraceofcelebration.org.
**Celebrators to Celebrate Independence Day**

Slowly but surely, the Celebrators are coming back! While we won't be participating in the community parade this year, we will be getting together to mingle and munch while we wet our whistles and share some giggles! If this outing is news to you, but would like to attend, you can check the reservation status by emailing us at thecelebratorsfla@gmail.com. Seating is limited. Hope to see you there!

In the meantime, enjoy some snap shots we thought you might enjoy!

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The Celebration Garden Club wishes to recognize and thank the families that decorate their homes in patriotic flags and bunting. There were so many of you that decorated your homes so nicely and these are just a few of them. Thank you to the whole town for keeping your yard, house and plantings looking so pristine. The town looks so wonderful this summer.

Garden Club activities ended in May with a trip to Southern Hills Farms to pick blueberries. This was our first field trip this year. In the fall, we hopefully will be back in live face-to-face meetings at Heritage Hall on the third Wednesday of each month, with September 15 as our first scheduled meeting. Please consider joining us for our new year of lectures and field trips. Some of our fall lectures will let us learn about bee keeping and Bonsai trees. Come along and learn something about the world around us while in the company of nice people having a good time. You don’t have to have a green thumb to join us!

Have a great summer holiday
Brad Wagoner
Docwags@gmail.com
Take a stroll through East Village and Aquila Reserve and see how well you know our town! In May, we featured a Scavenger Hunt for Lake Evalyn, South and West Villages. Celebration Town Hall and Celebration Foundation have teamed up once again to create a scavenger hunt for East Village and Aquila Reserve. This is a great opportunity to spend time outdoors, strolling our sidewalks or driving around to find these town landmarks.

1. Concerts and weddings happen here; Rain gives brides something to fear. In the winter you may need a heater, if your event is at the _______________.
   How many lights line the path? _______________

2. This game is not played in a hall; find a court to play ________________.
   How many benches are here? ______________

3. On Mosaic Drive you will find a miniature one of these; It is a ________________ _____________ that needs no keys.
   How many are there and what colors are they? _________________

4. The color of St Patrick’s Day is ________________.
   Go to this street and find a park that is keen.
   What shape do you find at its center? _______________

5. Our namesake park has an entrance from the south; There are lots of ________________ that line its mouth.
   How many are there? ______________

6. The ________________ ________________ _____________ is special for sure. With a restaurant, hot tub, exercise room and more.
   How many pillars are on the front porch? ______________

7. It is fun driving in a circle, there are no doubts; Find Artisan Parks’ ________________
   How many are there and on what streets are they located? _________________

8. On the walkway next to the lake do not turn on a dime; A sign says, “______________ may be slippery at any time.”
   What is the picture on this sign? ______________

9. You are doing great and setting the tone, Find an avenue of townhomes named ________________.
   How many townhomes are on this avenue? ______________

10. A gazing ball is an artistic feat; they number _____ on an aptly named street.
    What is the street’s name? ______________

11. Glad you do not have to climb a tree or a mountain; Find a giant ________________ in a fountain.
    From what type of tree is this? ______________

Congratulations, you did it! The challenge is complete! Don’t forget to upload your selfies and tag the Celebration Foundation and Celebration Town hall and use #cfths.scavengerhunt. Remember to follow us on Facebook and Instagram, @celebration.foundation, @celebrationtownhall, @celebrationth (Instagram and Twitter). Be on the lookout next month for our final scavenger hunt: Spring Lake.
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This will be a memorable and magical night as Winter Wonderland returns to our town, our social calendars and our hearts with the new addition of “The Marketplace.” What a wonderful tradition as volunteers design and donate their themed trees, elaborate tablescapes, elegant vignettes, gift baskets and holiday décor for purchase.

**VIP WINTER WONDERLAND THE MARKETPLACE RECEPTION**

**DATE:** Friday, December 3

**TIME:** 6 p.m.

**LOCATION:** 851 Celebration Avenue, Celebration Florida

**PRICE:** $50 per person

VIP tickets are limited and required for admission. Tickets will be on sale at the Celebration Foundation office beginning October 1, 2021. VIP Ticket purchasers will have a chance to win a $500 gift basket!

**Winter Wonderland & Marketplace**

**DATE:** Saturday, December 4

**TIME:** 10 a.m. – 8 p.m.

**LOCATION:** 851 Celebration Avenue, Celebration, Florida, 34747

**PRICE:** $10

Tickets will be available for purchase at door.

Annual tree lot will also be back at the 851 Building with the now famous, Buddy the bear, with green and flocked undecorated trees in various sizes for purchase.

*All events are subject to COVID conditions and guidelines.*

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If you would like to participate in this event, please contact Kathleen Sipio at the Celebration Foundation office via 407-566-1234 or email Kathleen.sipio@celebrationfoundation.org.
We’ve reached our goal!

The Celebration Foundation is pleased to announce its recent $20,000 donation to Celebration K-8 School’s library in partnership with the residents of Celebration. The check presentation took place in May, upon the conclusion of the spring 2021 Virtual Book Drive.

At the beginning of this year, after showing immense support through Operation Uplift and its heart signs, the Foundation knew the community would be up for a new challenge. The Foundation asked residents to show that same love and support for the school’s students.

“We learned the school was in need and we wanted to do everything we could to help,” said Celebration Foundation Executive Director Kathleen Sipio. “The school is the heart of our community. These children deserve to have the resources they need to be successful both in school, and when they walk outside those doors.”

The most needed resource? Books.

The Foundation pledged to match every dollar raised — up to $10,000. After months of donations of all sizes, big and small, the goal was met. This is community.

Celebration K-8 School Principal Rhonda McMahon is excited to begin remodeling and redesigning the library. From new hardcover, paperback and electronic books, to updated furniture and technology — the library will be redesigned to meet the needs of the elementary and middle school students who visit on a regular basis.

“Principal McMahon and her team have all the passion in the world to make our library a better place for our students,” said Holly Terry, Celebration K-8 Teacher and Celebration Foundation Executive Board Member. “The redesign will not only add books to the shelves, but give students a comfortable space to gather, read and - ultimately - to learn.”

For more information about the Celebration Foundation’s Virtual Book Drive to benefit Celebration K-8 School, visit CelebrationFoundation.org.
Our Thriving In Place program goals are to help build a community of mutual support for those over the age of 50 and/or person with a disability at any age. We connect members with volunteer services and vendor resources to assist independent living. Engaging members in building a community of support through social, cultural and educational activities.

We are currently offering many virtual activities, (Yoga/Bingo/Trivia/Coffee Talk with Friends). Please visit us at www.celebrationfoundation.org for our calendar. Lots to do!

You are welcome to join us three times a week for Zoom yoga! Mondays & Wednesdays, 9:30 a.m. and Fridays at 1 p.m. This is a benefit of our program, but anyone can join by paying $5 a class. Please contact me for the link.

Our members can enjoy trivia while wearing their thinking caps and enjoy a little competition amongst friends. Don't forget we play BINGO too and our members can win awesome gifts baskets donated by JJ Taylor and Debi Jackson.

One more service we are currently offering is Doormat Delivery Services, delivering treats and lunches to our member’s doorsteps twice a week!

Local rides for errands and medical appointments are available for our members as part of the program.

Volunteers make this all possible! Neighbors helping neighbors.

Interested in learning more about the program or joining Thriving In Place? Please contact Becky Varley, Thriving In Place interim manager at 407-572-9850.
Celebration Lifelong's Summer Lecture Series has engaged members in a variety of topics since May. There's still time to participate and see for yourself how much fun lifelong learning can be! Join us as a guest for an upcoming lecture in July – it might be hard to decide which one. Lectures take place on Tuesdays from 3 – 4:15 p.m. via Zoom.

**JULY 13 – A Twist on Ice Cream by Dr. Wilhelmina Korevaar**
A great way to get ready for National Ice Cream Day on July 18! Explore the history, lure and even ice cream's health benefits.

**JULY 20 – Paris, Where Art Thou? I Miss You… by Daniel Zagata**
Join Paris travel connoisseur Dan on a journey back to the City of Love as it was…and as you may find it today.

**JULY 27 – Phone Photography Fun 101 by Dr. Genell Ferrell**
Discover why the best camera is the one you have in your hand as the moment unfolds...your Smart Phone! Professional photographer Genell will provide creative tips on how to capture great pictures.

For information on obtaining a “Summer Lecture Guest Pass,” contact Celebration Lifelong at Lifelong@CelebrationFoundation.org or call 407-595-5905. And please, visit our website [www.CelebrationLifelong.org](http://www.CelebrationLifelong.org) for more information related to Celebration Lifelong and for details on the Summer Lecture Series.

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