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MAY MEETINGS

CROA Board Workshop
Wednesday, May 8 | 6 PM
Town Hall



CCDD Budget Workshop
Tuesday, May 14 | 6 PM
313 Campus St.

CROA Board Meeting
Wednesday, May 22 | 6 PM
Town Hall

Joint CROA & CCDD Board Meeting
Tuesday, May 21 | 6- 8 PM
Town Hall

CCDD Board Meeting
Wednesday, May 28 | 6 PM
313 Campus St.

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Town Hall

CELEBRATION NEWS

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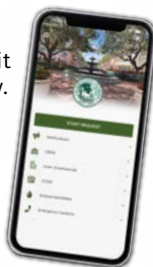


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- Forms to request changes to your property
- Resident's pass
- Community website access
- Community newsletters
- Parks & Recreation information
- Veteran's Memorial Bricks

MAINTENANCE AND SERVICE REQUESTS

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EMERGENCY PHONE NUMBERS

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)
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Yard Waste Day

Thursdays for all villages.

No more than 10 bags or bundles tied up combined per week.
In a container clearly marked, lid open or paper yard waste bags.
No Plastic Bags.
Visit celebrationsanitation.com for more information.

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.

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

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 & Island Village

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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Community Organizations

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Governed by a seven-member Board of Directors, the Association is responsible for maintaining, enhancing, protecting and preserving the common areas and recreational facilities. CROA also provides for the operation, care, upkeep and maintenance and contracts for the repair, additions or improvements to the areas of common responsibility.

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.

CCS - CELEBRATION COMMUNITY SERVICES

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A 501 (c) 4 corporation whose purpose is to provide community events for Celebration residents and the greater community and to enhance a wide variety of community outreach programs, publications and community communication tools. The Board of Directors shall consist of seven (7) Members. Those members being the members of the Board of Directors for the Celebration Residential Owners Association, Inc. as they may change from time to time.

CCDD - CELEBRATION COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

407-566-1935 • admin@celebrationcdd.org

www.celebrationcdd.org

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.

TCC - THE CELEBRATION COMPANY

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A subsidiary of The Walt Disney Company, The Celebration Company designed, developed and marketed the community of Celebration. Working with internationally acclaimed architects, TCC developed a wide range of residential and commercial offerings, managed the Celebration Residential Owners Association and Town Center area until 2004, and worked to create a real and innovative community.

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GrandManors 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. GrandManors works at the direction of the Board of Directors.

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Founded in 1996 by the Walt Disney Company, Celebration Foundation is the philanthropic organization for the town of Celebration. They are a non-profit with 501(c)(3) status and a mission of building better community through arts, culture, and education. Opportunities exist to get involved by attending events, becoming a program member, taking classes, volunteering, donating, and more.

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SHAPING *THE* FUTURE *OF* CELEBRATION:

A STRATEGIC VISION FROM YOUR CROA BOARD

As your community leaders, we are thrilled to share an exciting update from the Celebration Residential Owners Association (CROA) Board of Directors. Our collective vision for the future is taking shape, guided by strategic themes that prioritize resident experience, the maintenance of our existing amenities, and the forward-thinking recommendations of our Master Plan Advisory Group (MPAG).

Enhancing Resident Experience

Our journey begins with a renewed focus on the resident experience. Central to this is streamlining interactions between HOA management and you, our valued residents. Key areas such as the architectural review process and covenant enforcement will be refined for clarity, consistency, and efficiency. Moreover, we are amplifying our efforts in communication and education, ensuring that you are well-informed and engaged through platforms like our website and mobile applications. This initiative is about fostering a community where your voice is heard, and your needs are met with responsiveness and care.

Maintaining and Enhancing Our Amenities

A cornerstone of our strategic plan is the commitment to our existing amenities. From the established landscapes to the communal buildings that we enjoy, ensuring everything is in top shape is paramount. We are not just maintaining but enhancing, considering short-term improvements that can elevate our shared spaces. This focus ensures our amenities continue to enrich our lives and the homeowner value of our community.

Implementing the Vision of the Master Plan Advisory Group (MPAG)

The visionary work of the MPAG lays a foundation for long-term growth and sustainability. Recommendations from this group through community involvement require careful planning, significant funding, and strategic partnerships. Our role as a Board is to steward these recommendations into actionable plans, securing the resources and agreements necessary to bring these ambitious projects to life.

Together, these strategic themes represent a roadmap for a vibrant, connected, and flourishing Celebration. As your community leaders, we are honored to navigate this journey with you, inspired by the promise of what we can achieve together.



ARC



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AN ARC APPLICATION IS REQUIRED FOR ALL EXTERIOR CHANGES TO YOUR HOME.

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- > Community Governance
- > Design Guidelines

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*Make sure to provide all the documents required listed on the first page of the ARC application. If you don't see an application for your request, please complete a general request ARC application.



HELP KEEP OUR PONDS CLEAN

Spring and summer are good months to invest in a healthy lawn, which provides many environmental benefits, including the reduction of soil erosion and the filtering of stormwater runoff.

Celebration CDD ("District") asks residents to remember that what you use on your plant material and the quantities you use inevitably affect the District's drainage system and stormwater ponds. The ponds are part of an interconnected system that works to keep excess water off streets and yards.

Grass clippings and excess fertilizer are the biggest causes of algae and other noxious weeds in the ponds. This disrupts the ecological balance of the pond. If algal growth is kept under control or at a low level, the pond will remain clear. Conversely, if algae are rampant, the pond will look green.

Below are some ways you can help reduce the impact of spring fertilization on the ponds and drainage system.

- Do not allow grass clippings/debris to get into the drainage structures along the curb or alleys. These drains are all connected and flow into the ponds and then into the Central Florida Tourism Oversight District's system ("CFTOD," formerly Reedy Creek Improvement District). The District must follow specific guidelines when it comes to levels of certain chemicals.
- Clippings and debris can also clog the system so that it will not work as intended in the event of a heavy rain or hurricane.
- Do not over fertilize lawns or plant material.
- Make sure sprinkler heads are aimed toward plant material and not street or sidewalks. Irrigation water from Toho Water Authority already contains high levels of nitrogen and phosphorus.
- Do not throw trash in any pond or waterway.
- Do not allow chemicals such as vehicle fluids, paint, weed killers, liquid fertilizers to enter the stormwater system. Remember "only rain down the drain."

For more information on this subject and other helpful tips, please visit our website www.CelebrationCDD.org. You may also contact us at 407-566-1935 or admin@celebrationcdd.org.

Celebration CDD Board of Supervisors

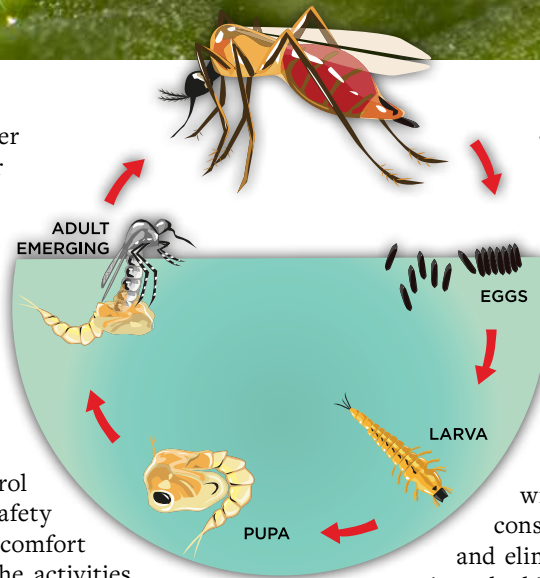


MOSQUITO CONTROL AWARENESS

Mosquito activity was minimal over the winter months due to the cooler temperatures and drier weather. Now that spring has arrived with warmer temperatures and rainfall, mosquitoes will breed more. The wetlands and conservation areas are natural breeding habitats, and in the spring, mosquitoes will fly out of the wetlands to look for a potential breeding site, which is a standing water source.

The District continues its mosquito control activities throughout the year for the safety (from mosquito-borne diseases) and comfort of Celebration's residents and guests. The activities listed below are performed regularly by Clarke Mosquito Control as part of the District's comprehensive mosquito control program within the community. As mosquito activity increases, various components of the treatment plan will also increase.

- **Surveillance and Trap Counts:** determining if the numbers and types of mosquitoes warrant treatment. Once the counts meet the threshold for spraying, then the contractor will perform adulticide treatments.
- **Adulticiding:** spraying a low volume of water-based chemical to reach and eliminate adult mosquitoes on contact.
- **Larviciding:** eliminating the population of adult mosquitoes by treating catch basins and other larval sites throughout the community.



- **Barrier Applications:** providing a "shield" between the wetland and the community.
- **Personal Analysis:** meeting with individual homeowners upon request to identify potential mosquito-breeding areas and how to reduce them.

While the District undertakes a very comprehensive mosquito control program that is quite effective, no program will be 100% effective, residents should also consider taking proactive measures to reduce and eliminate possible breeding habitats for mosquitoes looking to lay their eggs in such potential sites as bird baths, water fountains, pet water dishes, kiddie swimming pools, and other water-collection sites.

- Pellets and other chemical products are available for retail purchase to treat standing water sites and also to apply outdoors to help minimize mosquito activity.
- Clarke Mosquito Control also offers individual treatments and products to homeowners for individual purchase.

For more information on this subject or informational brochures, please visit our website, www.CelebrationCDD.org, under Field Services/Mosquito Control. You may also contact us at 407-566-1935 or admin@CelebrationCDD.org with any questions or comments, or submit a ticket on the My Celebration FL app. ●



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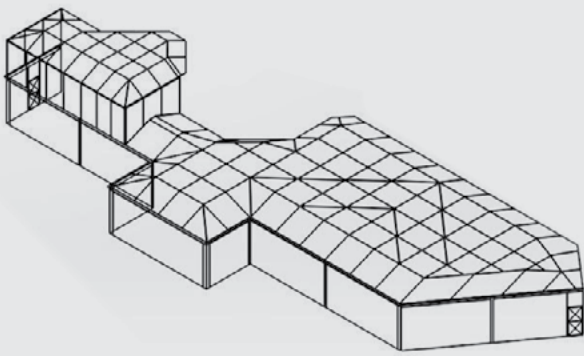
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OSCEOLA COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING
1 COURTHOUSE SQUARE, SUITE 4700
KISSIMMEE, FL 34741

407-742-2000 OR 407-742-2ASK

WWW.OSCEOLA.ORG





One of the benefits of owning property in a planned community is the commitment among neighbors to maintain their property in a neat, attractive, and well-landscaped condition to enhance the community's overall beauty and aesthetic appeal. In Celebration, the primary consideration is the overall "streetscape" each property should contribute, with no single property dominating its appearance.

SCREEN ENCLOSURE & PORCH SCREENING

Only charcoal-colored mesh screens are permitted. Florida Glass screening (a mesh screen laminated with a plastic sheet) is not permitted.

SCREEN ENCLOSURES (most often used to enclose pool areas):

- Pool enclosures shall be located in the Private Zone and should not be closer to the Side Yard property line than the house is.
- The pool enclosure should not be overtly visible from public areas.
- The maximum average height of a vertical surface of a pool screen enclosure shall not exceed 12'-0" in height for a one-story house.
- The maximum [overall] height of a vertical surface shall not exceed 13'-6", measured from the finished ground level at the exterior of the enclosure for a one-story house.
- The height of the ridge line of the screen enclosure may not be greater than the height of the ridge line of the Main Body of a one-story house or the eave line of the Main Body of a two-story house.
- Top surfaces may not be solid; may only be framed with screen.
- The design style shall be Mansard with a consistent slope between the vertical side panels and the flat top panels.
- Bronze-colored framing is required for screen enclosures backing up to the preserve, with charcoal-colored screening.
- A drawing is required with applications for screen enclosures.

- The drawing must show all panels, including crosspieces.
- Screen doors must be composed primarily of screen – no half-screen/half-solid doors or doors.
- Kick plate located at the bottom portion of the door may not exceed 20% of the area of the door. Similarly, there may be no solid surfaces in screen panels.
- Drawings may be either axonometric or "unfold the box" style.
- Often, the edge of a screen enclosure along the home's roofline will incorporate a gutter. To be approved it must be shown on the drawing. Gutters and downspouts may not extend more than 2 feet beyond the wall of the screen enclosure. The downspout must match the material and color of the screen enclosure.
- Landscaping is required along the exterior of the foundation and must be submitted with the application. Choose plants which are well-suited to be near screening. For example, thorny rose bushes may not be a wise selection. Specify any of these standard hedge options or include landscaping details with your plan; Viburnum suspensum, 3-gallon container size, planted 24" on center. Podocarpus, 3-gallon container size, planted 24" on center.
- Include a property survey or plot plan showing the location of the screen enclosure, the drawing, plus (if needed) a landscaping plan.

PORCH SCREENING

- Frame and screening must be installed inside columns and railings which exist on the porch.
- Screen doors must be composed primarily of screen – no half-screen/half-solid doors or doors. Kick plate located at the bottom portion of the door may not exceed 20% of the area of the door.
- Similarly, there may be no solid surfaces in screen panels.
- A drawing is required with applications for Porch Screening. Using a simple piece of graph paper (in addition to being purchased at an office supply store, "free" graph paper may be downloaded from many sites on the Internet) draw each area to be screened, including any details from the above list. Add other components, such as vertical supports required in wide walls. This sketch will be helpful when obtaining accurate estimates from contractors or determining the materials needed for a "Do It Yourself" project.
- The color of aluminum framing for porch screening is determined by the trim of the house it is attached to. Most often, the frame color will be white. Mediterranean homes often have a dark trim which will require bronze-colored framing. The screening is always charcoal color.

On cottage lots, the enclosure shall be set back a minimum of 6'0" from the side property line. •



POWER OF COMMUNITY SERVICES

Angee Vega

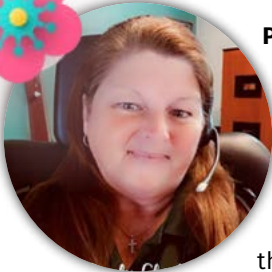
The power of Community Services and bringing the community together. The wonderful mother of 3, married for a total of 37 years. Angee is closing the gap between the public and the Osceola Sheriff's Office, is our very own Angee Vega. Angie has been with the agency for 26 years. Angee has worked diligently to coordinate large events for the Sheriff's Office for events such as "Tip a Cop," "The Torch Run," "Basic and Advanced Citizens Academy," "Bring your kids to work day" "Youth Academy (starting 06/2024)," "Special Olympics," and "Community Appreciation Day" just to name a few!



POWER OF DETECTIVES

Suzanne Clouchete

Detective Suzanne Clouchete works in the Special Victim's Unit. Suzanne who is a mother of two girls wears many hats at Osceola Sheriff's Office. Her tenure with the agency ranks her as the longest standing Female Detective since 1999 of a whopping 25 years! Suzanne is on the hostage negotiation team, mother to K-9 Murphy, which is the agency's first therapy K-9. She also coordinates the RAD program for Juvenile Empowerment self-defense class while managing her case load.



POWER OF COMMUNICATION

Cynthia Gayle Chisholm

Receiving emergency and non-emergency calls in a stressful situation is vital for this single mother of one. Cynthia is a star when it comes to navigating the communications department. Cynthia has managed all emergency and non-emergency calls for the past 35 years with a projected retire date of June 2024! Cynthia mentioned though the road was tough as a single mother she was happy to have the help of her parents. To Cynthia, we thank you for your dedication and many years of service!



POWER OF DEPUTY

Kishbrina Young- Griffen

Kishbrina Young- Griffen is a mother of three children and a motherly figure to thousands of Students who attend Osceola School of the Arts. As a school resource officer Deputy Young-Griffen, is not only the resource officer but acts a guidance counselor to all those at her school who seek counsel and her option on things. Deputy Young-Griffen said "I do it for the students they give me that drive each day". Thank you, Deputy, for protecting our students all year round!

SHERIFF MARCOS R. LOPEZ AND THE OSCEOLA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE WOULD LIKE TO WISH ALL THE INCREDIBLE MOMS A VERY **HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY.** HERE AT OUR OFFICE, WE WOULD LIKE TO RECOGNIZE SOME OF THE OUTSTANDING MOTHERS WHO SHARE A PASSION FOR THEIR JOBS AND THEIR FAMILIES



A MESSAGE FROM YOUR SHERIFF

I want to thank all the mothers in law enforcement, both civilian and sworn who currently work at the Osceola County Sheriff's Office. You are unique and a critical force at our agency. You carry a workload that not only stems from the work you do as public servants, but also as a caring and nurturing mother with your families who depend on you at home. We salute you this Mother's Day and thank you for your sacrifice and dedicated service.

Sincerely,

Sheriff Marcos R. Lopez
Osceola County Sheriff's Office



PARKS & POOLS 2024

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



CELEBRATION POOL HOURS

POOL HOURS ARE ADJUSTING!

MAY 1 THROUGH LABOR DAY

LAKESIDE & SPRING PARK

6 a.m. – 10 p.m.

EAST VILLAGE & NORTH VILLAGE

7 a.m. – 10 p.m.

SPRING LAKE & ISLAND VILLAGE

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 &

Island Village Fitness Center: 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.

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

Interested vendors can apply online at celebrationfarmersmarket.com.

SUNDAYS

9 A.M. - 1 P.M.

PLEASE ADHERE TO HEALTH AND SAFETY GUIDELINES



PARKS & REC PROGRAMS 2024

Participate in one of our many programs

CROA is committed to delivering the community the safest and highest quality recreational programming. A comprehensive process is in place to select approved partner programs that meet essential criteria. Only approved partner programs can conduct group or individual instructions, lessons, or programs at CROA facilities. Unauthorized contractors are strictly prohibited from using the facilities for such purposes. For more information on how to become a partner program, please reach out to the Parks and Recreation team via email at townhall@ciramail.com or **407-566-1200**.

BALLROOM DANCING

7 p.m. | Beginners Salsa

8 p.m. | Intermediate Rumba

Contact: Nanette | 386-532-2624

Nannette@NannettesBallroomDance.com

Classes are on Thursdays.

Cost: \$116 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. Join us for our weekly gatherings in Town Hall on Saturdays from 10 a.m.-11:30 a.m.

Contact: embrace.celebration@yahoo.com

CELEBRATION TENNIS PROGRAM

Location: Lakeside Park

Contact: Darren Holt | 321-320-6383
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. | Spring Lake Pool

AQUA FIT YOGA*

Wednesday

10 a.m. | Spring Lake Pool

A deep water aerobic, cardio, yoga & meditation experience

Contact: Nina Schwitters | 407-764-8510
NinaFlashYoga@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



SARAH COSTELLO IRISH DANCE ACADEMY

Irish Dance for Adults & Children

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.





CELEBRATION CORNHOLE CLUB

A social gathering to get to know neighbors as well as play the sport of cornhole!

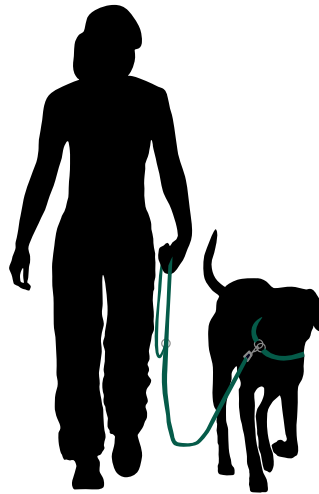
Contact:
Jason Howard | 217-638-8073

CELEBRATION DOG TRAINING AND BEHAVIORAL SOLUTIONS

Positive reinforcement-based training. Private lessons and group classes for all ages and levels:

- Puppy Kindergarten class
- American Kennel Club STAR class
- Canine Good Citizen preparation class and CGC test
- Advance CGC class and test

Contact: Melania Lavezzi
407-433-0720
celebrationdogtrainer@gmail.com
or www.celebrationdogtrainer.com



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 the Lakeside pool. 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



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



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.

PARKS&RECREATION

X-FACTOR DANCE & TUMBLING

Late Afternoon & Evening Classes

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

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.



CELEBRATION BALLERS

Basketball Pick-Up Games
Lakeside Basketball Court
Tuesdays & Thursdays | 8-10 p.m.
Age-appropriate participants.

Open-Play is available for all
ages **Mondays, Wednesdays,
Fridays, Saturdays, & Sundays**



CASTY SPORTS ACADEMY

For more information, please visit
www.castysportsacademy.com and
contact Info@castysportsacademy.com

STAR DIBS

Come learn Self Defense with Krav Maga techniques, which
will improve your physical conditioning, motor coordination,
self defense, self confidence, self esteem and health.

Limited vacancies by groups.

SCHEDULE STUDENT GROUPS

Tuesday and Thursday

Children 7-11 years

4:45 - 5:45 p.m.

Woman (Teen/Adult)

5:50 - 6:50 p.m.

Teens/Adults

6:55 - 7:55 p.m.

Make your membership to the
program now through the email below.

First Lesson Free

Email: celebration@adselfdefense.com

Phone: (407) 978-1004



**CELEBRATION
SOCCER SCHOOL**

CELEBRATION SOCCER CLUB/CELEBRATION YOUTH SOCCER PROGRAMS

All practices located at the CCFC

Monday

OC Soccer School | 5:30-8:15 p.m.
Moms/Daughters | 6:45-8:15 p.m. (*Resident Program*)
Adult Co-Ed 11v11 | 7-9:30 p.m. (*Resident Program*)
Travel Team Practice | Coming Soon!

Tuesday

Adult Co-Ed 7v7 | 8:15-9:45 p.m. (*Resident Program*)
Travel Team Practice | Coming Soon!

Wednesday

OC Soccer School | 5:30-8:15 pm
Moms/Daughters | 6:45-8:15 pm (*Resident Program*)
Girls Only OCSS | 7-8:30 pm
Adult Co-Rec | 7-9:30 pm (*Resident Program*)

Thursday

OC Soccer School | 5:30-8:15 p.m.
Adult Co-Ed 7v7 | 7:30-9:30 p.m. (*Resident Program*)
Travel Team Practice | Coming Soon!

Friday

Family Soccer Night (*Resident Program*) | Coming Soon!

Saturday

Adult Co-Ed, 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. (*Resident Program*)
Travel League Games, Coming Soon!

Sunday

Adult 11v11, 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. (*Resident Program*)
Travel League Games, Coming Soon!

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



May 10 | 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 Driven, Orlando's #1 Teen Rock Band, playing the best hits from the 70s, 80s, and even today, with songs from Lynyrd Skynyrd, Van Halen and Led Zeppelin to Collective Soul, Greta Van Fleet and Dirty Honey, and everywhere in between. Be sure to check them out on the Great Lawn Stage throughout the evening.

A Celebration Lifestyle Event

407-566-1200 | townhall@ciramail.com



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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Aloha

FRIDAY LUAU

FRIDAY, MAY 3
GREAT LAWN | LAKESIDE PARK
631 SYCAMORE STREET

6-7 P.M. | Lei Greeting
**Leis available while supplies last*

6-8 P.M. | Live Music & Steel Drummer

8 P.M. | Traditional Dances & Fire Knife Performance

Traditional dances from Tahiti, Hawaii, and New Zealand, and a fire knife dance from Samoa.
Residents are welcome to bring their own food. Seating is limited, please bring a chair.
This is a resident only event. Valid CROA ID required.

A Celebration Lifestyle Event
407-566-1200 | townhall@ciramail.com

BLOOD DRIVE

MONDAY, MAY 13
9:30 A.M.-2:30 P.M.
TOWN HALL

The OneBlood Big Red Bus returns to Town Hall!
Donors Receive \$20 eGift Card and Insulated Tote Bag.
Appointments available online at oneblood.org.
Walk-ins welcome!

A Celebration Lifestyle Event
407-566-1200 | townhall@ciramail.com



CALENDAR of events

2024
MAY

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
28 FARMERS MARKET Market Street & Front Street 10 A.M.-2 P.M.	29	30 RECREATION COMMITTEE Town Hall, RM 104 5:30- 7 P.M.	1 CELEBRATORS MEETING Town Hall 9:30 A.M. CELEBRATE CINCO DE MAYO! Town Hall Pre-registration only 4- 6 P.M. TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE Town Hall 5:30-6:30 P.M. POOL HOURS CHANGE	2 ROTARY CLUB Artisan Clubhouse 6 P.M. DEMOCRATS OF CELEBRATION Town Hall 7 P.M.	3 ALOHA FRIDAY LUAU Lakeside Park 6-9 P.M.	4 EMBRACE CLOTHING DROP OFF & SORT Town Hall 10-11 A.M.
5 FARMERS MARKET Market Street & Front Street 9 A.M.-1 P.M. CINCO DE MAYO	6	7 MPAG MEETING Town Hall 6- 7:30 P.M.	8 CROA BOARD WORKSHOP Town Hall 6-8 P.M.	9 VETERANS CLUB Town Hall 6 P.M. ARC DEADLINE	10 FOOD TRUCK FRIDAY Lakeside Park 5-9 P.M. DRIVEN THE ULTIMATE TEENAGE ROCK BAND Great Lawn Stage 5-9 P.M.	11
12 FARMERS MARKET Market Street & Front Street 9 A.M.-1 P.M. MOTHER'S DAY	13 ONEBLOOD BLOOD DRIVE Town Hall 9:30 A.M.- 7:30 P.M.	14 SPECIAL EVENTS COMMITTEE Town Hall 2 P.M. CCDD BUDGET WORKSHOP 313 Campus St. 6 P.M. MPAG MEETING Town Hall 6-7:30 P.M.	15 "OPEN HOUSE" FACILITY TOUR North Village Pavilion 4-5 P.M. KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BINGO Town Hall 6 P.M.	16 ROTARY CLUB Artisan Clubhouse 6 P.M. COVENANTS COMMITTEE Town Hall, RM 104 6 P.M. NEW HOMEOWNER ORIENTATION Town Hall, RM 103 6 P.M.	17 SPECIAL OLYMPICS TORCH RUN Market Street 4-7 P.M.	18
19 FARMERS MARKET Market Street & Front Street 9 A.M.-1 P.M.	20 ARC COMMITTEE Town Hall 5 P.M.	21 JOINT CROA & CCDD BOARD MEETING Town Hall 6-8 P.M.	22 CROA BOARD OF APPEALS Town Hall 5 P.M. CROA BOARD MEETING Town Hall 6 P.M.	23	24 TOWN HALL CLOSING AT 3 P.M.	25 MEMORIAL DAY FLAG CEREMONY Founders Park 10 A.M.
26 FARMERS MARKET Market Street & Front Street 9 A.M.-1 P.M.	27 TOWN HALL CLOSED MEMORIAL DAY	28 MPAG MEETING Town Hall 6-7:30 P.M. CCDD BOARD MEETING 313 Campus St. 6 P.M.	29	30	31 HOME IMPROVEMENT EXPO VENDOR REGISTRATION OPEN	JUNE 1 EMBRACE CLOTHING DROP OFF & SORT Town Hall 10-11 A.M.
2 FARMERS MARKET Market Street & Front Street 9 A.M.-1 P.M.	3 SUMMER BREAKOUT CAMP WEEK 1 TEEN DEVELOPMENT SESSION 1	4	5 CELEBRATORS MEETING Town Hall 9:30 A.M. TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE Town Hall 5:30-6:30 P.M.	6 ROTARY CLUB Artisan Clubhouse 6 P.M. DEMOCRATS OF CELEBRATION Town Hall 7 P.M. ARC DEADLINE	7	8

All meetings and events subject to change. Please visit www.celebration.fl.us for the most up to date schedules.

TOWN HALL IS CLOSED EVERY SATURDAY AND SUNDAY.



Scan the QR code to view the most up to date calendar of events.



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RECURRING MONTHLY EVENTS

SUNDAY

CELEBRATION PICKLEBALL | GEORGETOWN TENNIS COURT | 9 A.M.-12P.M.

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. | 8:30 & 10:30 A.M., 12:15 & 5:30 P.M.

CELEBRATION COMMUNITY CHURCH
501 CELEBRATION PLACE | 8 A.M., 9:45 A.M., 11:30 A.M.

FARMERS MARKET | 9 A.M. - 1 P.M.

CELEBRATION ANGLICAN FELLOWSHIP
EUCARIST SERVICES | 1ST & 3RD SUNDAYS | 10:30 A.M.
WINDSOR BUILDING, THE "CELEBRATION CENTER" ROOM
1370 CELEBRATION BLVD. | FOR INFORMATION CALL | 407-566-1195

THERE IS A SOLUTION | CCFC MEETING ROOM | 7 P.M.

MONDAY

CELEBRATION PICKLEBALL | GEORGETOWN TENNIS COURT | 8-11 A.M.

CORPUS CHRISTI CATHOLIC CHURCH | 9 A.M.

CELEBRATION AL-ANON FAMILY GROUP
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH | 9:30 A.M.

RCFIT7 PERSONAL TRAINING | NORTH VILLAGE PAVILION | 10 A.M.

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

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

COMMUNITY CHORUS | 7 P.M.

RECOVERY AT CELEBRATION | CCFC MEETING ROOM | 7 P.M.

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

TUESDAY

RUNNING CLUB | FOUNDERS PARK | 6:30 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 | 10 A.M.

PÉTANQUE | LAKESIDE LAKE | 4-6 P.M.

CELEBRATION ZUMBA | TOWN HALL | 5:45 -6:45 P.M.

CELEBRATION YOGA | 10 A.M. & 6 P.M.

OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS | JONES ROOM | 7 P.M.

WEDNESDAY

CORPUS CHRISTI CATHOLIC CHURCH | 9 A.M.

ATLAS THEOLOGICAL CENTER
CALL FOR CLASS SCHEDULE AND LOCATIONS | 407-566-1195

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

AQUA FIT YOGA | SPRING LAKE POOL | 10 A.M.

RCFIT7 PERSONAL TRAINING | NORTH VILLAGE PAVILION | 10 A.M.

THERE IS A SOLUTION | CCFC MEETING ROOM | 7 P.M.

THURSDAY

CELEBRATION PICKLEBALL | GEORGETOWN TENNIS COURT | 8-11 A.M.

RUNNING CLUB | FOUNDER'S PARK | 6:30 A.M.

CORPUS CHRISTI CATHOLIC CHURCH | 9 A.M.

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

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

AQUA YOGA | SPRING LAKE POOL | 10 A.M.

CELEBRATION ZUMBA | TOWN HALL | 5:45 -6:45 P.M.

BALLROOM DANCE | TOWN HALL | 7 P.M. & 8 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 A.M.

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

RECOVERY AT CELEBRATION | CCFC MEETING ROOM | 7 P.M.

SATURDAY

CELEBRATION PICKLEBALL | 8-11 A.M.

RUNNING CLUB | FOUNDERS PARK | 6:30 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. | VIGIL MASS | 4 P.M.

RECOVERY AT CELEBRATION | CCFC MEETING ROOM
CALL 407-433-1745 OR E-MAIL CELEBRATIONAA@GMAIL.COM | 7 P.M.

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North Village Pavilion

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MAY 15**
4 - 5 P.M.



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Celebrating Community:

DEERWOODS POLLINATOR PARK BEAUTIFICATION

As the spring equinox marked its arrival, volunteers from across the Celebration community rallied together to support Exquisite Lawn Care in enhancing the beauty of Deerwoods Park by planting a pollinator garden. Demonstrating the core spirit of Celebration, residents united in a collective effort to make their community shine.

A special acknowledgment goes out to the following individuals and groups whose green thumbs contributed to this endeavor:

GrandManors:

Town Hall Staff

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Melissa Berrada
Nalani Cummings
Coach
6th, 7th, 8th, and 9th graders

Garden Club:

Brad Wagoner
Bill Silberman
Meryl Rachlin
Jaime Eriks and family
Scott Lussier
Cindy Smith

Residents:

Steve
Don and Nandy Town
Pamela Komara
June Barrett



The collaboration and unwavering dedication of these volunteers illuminate the vibrant community essence that defines Celebration. Their efforts not only enhance the beauty of our surroundings but also weave tighter the bonds that unite us as neighbors and friends. Much like butterflies gracing the garden, we endeavor to capture the names of all involved. Yet, if inadvertently overlooked, please accept our heartfelt gratitude for your commitment to making Celebration a beautiful place to live. ●

INDEPENDENCE DAY *Spectacular*

Get ready to mark your calendars and join us for the Celebration Independence Day Spectacular event that promises to light up the night sky and fill your heart with patriotic pride!

The Celebration Lifestyle Team is putting together the finishing touches on what promises to be another memorable event as we celebrate our nation's 248th birthday.

The celebratory activities kick off at 9 a.m. with the annual Independence Day parade. The route starts at Town Hall, traverses up Celebration Avenue, down Market Street, and ends near Lakeside Park. We invite all residents to line the streets and show off their patriotic spirit. Remember to sign up to march in the parade with your friends, family, and neighbors. Parade applications are being accepted now through June 23.

Following the parade, the star-spangled festivities continue at 5 p.m. on and around Market and Front Streets, as many of Celebration's dining establishments will be vending some of their more popular items. DJ City Beat will start the soundtrack for the evening. At 6:30 p.m., it is time to get your groove on with Audio Exchange, an award-winning party and event band performing 70s to current Top 40, rock, pop, R&B, and country.

As the sun sets and anticipation builds, grab a spot with your loved ones and get ready to witness a fireworks display like no other. Following Audio Exchange's performance, a breathtaking pyrotechnic display will illuminate the sky over Lake Rianhard.

Lakeside Park, a resident-only venue on July 4, offers an exclusive opportunity for Celebration residents to have the best fireworks view in the house. Don't miss the chance to stop by and say hello to DJ Renee Adams, who is bringing exclusive entertainment to the residents on the Great Lawn beginning at 5 p.m.

The event in Town Center, including the fireworks spectacular, is presented by Celebration Residential Owners Association (CROA), Celebration Community Services (CCS), and Celebration Town Center. An additional thank you goes to Gold Sponsor AdventHealth and Silver Sponsor Larsen Slaten PLLC for their generous support in making this event possible.

More details, including a detailed traffic plan, will come in next month's edition of the Celebration News Magazine. For more information about the unforgettable events planned for July 4, contact the Town Hall Lifestyle team at 407-566-1200 or townhall@ciramail.com





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SUMMER BREAKOUT



It is that time of year when school is out for the summer, and you know what that means? Celebration Summer Breakout Camp is back for more adventures and memories this year! Summer Breakout Camp will be offering nine-weeks of camp for ages 6-12 years old. Campers will have the opportunity to use their imagination to create crafts with themed weeks of camp, engage in team building exercises and create friendships that will last a lifetime! At the end of each fun-filled week, campers will fully immerse themselves into that week's topic with Field Trip Fridays. Crayola Experience, Gatorland, IFly, and Chocolate Kingdom are just a few destinations on the nine-week itinerary! During our adventures around Lakeside Park, campers will be able to soak in on the fun at the swimming pool, play at the playground as well as participate in a variety of outdoor games daily.



The Breakout staff creates a balanced schedule of indoor and outdoor activities, so make sure to bring sunscreen and sneakers. Summer Breakout is hosted at Jones Room at Lakeside Park, Monday through Friday from 8:30 am to 5 pm, beginning June 3 and ending August 2. The Celebration Resident rate is \$235 per week and the non-resident rate is \$245. A nonrefundable deposit of \$25 is required for each week. The price includes registration, lunch and snacks, a Summer Breakout t-shirt, and a field trip on Friday. Interested families can visit celebrationparksandrec.com to register their campers. For a complete list of the themed weeks, please call Town Hall at (407) 566-1200, e-mail townhall@ciramail.com or visit celebrationparksandrec.com. The Summer Breakout staff is looking forward to spending another summer laughing, learning, and exploring with your camper. See you in June! •

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THE WEST OSCEOLA LIBRARY HAS SOME AMAZING PROGRAMS FOR THE MONTH OF MAY!

PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS:

Tuesday, May 7 at 6:30 P.M. – Bingo for Books

Find out how lucky you are when you win Bingo and great books!

Saturday, May 11 at 2 P.M.

Maker's Café: Pressed Flower Lantern

Bring a little of the outdoors in! Handcraft a reusable lantern decorated with naturally pressed flowers. Supplies provided. Registration required. This program is in celebration of Asian Pacific American Heritage Month.

Thursday, May 23 at 1 P.M. – Butterfly Garden

Get up close and personal with butterflies to discover fascinating facts about these pollinators! Presented by MAC Camacho-Viera, Curator of Environmental Education and Natural Resources for Boggy Creek Airboat Adventures.

Saturday, May 25 at 1 P.M. – NovelTea Book Club: Banyan Moon

Enjoy a lively book discussion while enjoying teas based on each month's book selection. This month: Banyan Moon by Thao Thai.

PROGRAMS FOR KIDS AND FAMILIES:

Every Tuesday starting at 10 A.M. – Storytime!

Join us for twice the fun with two storytimes for your little ones, with special stories and songs for toddlers at 10 A.M. and babies at 11 A.M.

Every Wednesday morning starting at 9:15 A.M.

R.I.S.E. Up Osceola

The School District of Osceola brings their READ Bus equipped with resources to engage parents of pre-school age children and toddlers with activities to develop their early literacy skills.

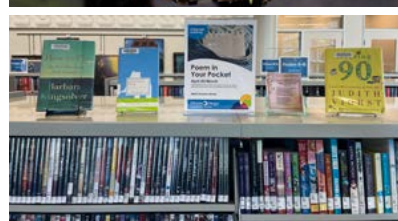
Wednesday, May 1 at 4:30 P.M.

Creativity Corner: José Guadalupe Posada

Express your creativity while learning about famous artists and their style of art. This program is in celebration of Cinco de Mayo.

RESEARCH AND INSTRUCTION FOR EVERYONE!

In addition to these exciting programs, the Library is partnering with the Adult Literacy League to host E.S.O.L. (English as a Second Language) Conversation Hour every Friday at 10 A.M. This is a great opportunity to become more familiar with the English language and meet new people. ●



Check out our May calendar online at osceolalibrary.org, or at the West Osceola Library right here in Celebration!

SNAP SHOTS SPRING FLING

Thank you to everyone who attended the Spring Fling event on Saturday, March 30. A special thank you to our sponsor, Island Village at Celebration by Mattamy Homes! ●



Celebration High School AFJROTC:
Back-to-Back State Champions!

Witness the triumph of Celebration High School AFJROTC as they clinch victory at the AFJROTC Florida State Drill Team Competition, securing their status as back-to-back State Champions!



Color Guards Presenting the Colors at Orlando Magic Games

Step into the spotlight with Celebration AFJROTC Color Guards as they showcase their precision and honor at the KIA Center (formerly Amway Center), presenting the Colors at Orlando Magic Games. Experience the pride and professionalism of these dedicated cadets as they represent our community with distinction by making regular appearances with the Orlando Magic. ●

EPCOT

WALT DISNEY'S DREAM TO ENTERTAIN, INFORM, AND INSPIRE

BY BOBBY SPINA

18 year old Senior at Celebration High School

EPCOT - Walt Disney's original vision for an Experimental Prototype Community of Tomorrow. During its conception, EPCOT would have initially been a "city of the future" where people could live, work, and play. However, with Walt's passing in 1966, that original vision never saw the light of day. It wasn't long before the company eventually revived the idea in the early 1980's, transforming EPCOT into a completely new type of theme park. If the Magic Kingdom was fantasy made a reality, then EPCOT was reality made fantastic.

EPCOT was created surrounding three goals in mind: To entertain, inform, and inspire. And it achieved these goals through special pavilions and attractions that offered guests unique insight into topics that make up the premise of our world. And while legendary attractions like Horizons and the original Journey Into Imagination have since gone by the wayside, I can't help but feel a strange sense of appreciation and nostalgia for them, even though I was never able to experience them myself.

I think the reason behind this feeling is a simple one. These attractions embraced a universal idea that in turn, was able to connect with anyone. Maybe you weren't able to experience Horizons, but the optimistic vision for the future is something that everyone can connect with. It's something we all want, and better yet, it's something we all believe in. Perhaps you couldn't experience the original Journey into Imagination with Dreamfinder and Figment, but the takeaway from this attraction was a powerful one.

Human imagination is our greatest tool in coming up with new ideas, promoting creative thinking, and inspiring others. I could go on. But every one of these attractions shared the common theme of entertaining, informing, and inspiring their audience. In a world

that's always rapidly changing with new ideas, the universal values these attractions were founded on offered a familiar and warm embrace to those who experienced them.

On top of its universal ideas and three main goals that are expressed, I think one of the best things about EPCOT is its "edutainment" factor. Embedded throughout the entire park, the word is exactly what it sounds like: "Education" and "Entertainment" fused together. By combining the first two goals of "entertain" and "inform", the two seamlessly allow the audience to experience a sense of wonder and curiosity. The best part is that you're learning without even realizing it.

We've talked about how EPCOT aims to "entertain" and "inform", but what about its final goal? To "inspire." Well, look no further than the symbol of EPCOT itself.

According to Disney legend Marty Sklar - a legendary Disney Imagineer - the EPCOT logo symbolizes "the unity, fellowship, and harmony around the world. Five outer rings are linked to form the shape of a flower - a celebration of life. The heart of the logo is the Earth, embraced by a star symbolizing hope - the hope that with imagination, commitment, and dedication, we can create a better tomorrow."

For every attraction in EPCOT, past and present, I am left feeling hopeful for humanity. Whether I'm prompted with creativity from Journey Into Imagination or a sense of global unity from the World Showcase, EPCOT instills me with an optimism for a better tomorrow while celebrating the beauty of today. And while I wasn't able to experience EPCOT in what most would consider its prime time in the 80's and 90's, I think it's safe to say that EPCOT continues to pay tribute to Walt Disney's unbridled ambition and innovative spirit. ●



Bobby Spina

ENCOURAGE A YOUNG WRITER:

April 10th isn't just another day - it's an invitation for young writers to unleash their imagination and dive into the world of storytelling. Their vivid imagination allows them to create compelling yet interesting stories, from captivating fiction to thought-provoking non-fiction, their words have the power to transport us to new realms. This April, we called upon all the budding wordsmiths in Celebration - middle and high school students alike - to share their tales, 600 words or less, along with a snapshot of themselves.

Out of the submissions received, one writer stood out: Bobby Spina!

He delves into the magic of an iconic Central Florida gem - Epcot. Bobby, a student at Celebration High School, captured our hearts with his words. Let's celebrate his talent and the boundless creativity of young writers everywhere!

New CEO Amanda Maggard

AIMS TO TAKE ADVENTHEALTH CELEBRATION TO NEXT LEVEL

AdventHealth Celebration has a new leader: Amanda Maggard took over the role of campus CEO in mid-2023. She previously led AdventHealth facilities in Zephyrhills, Dade City and Winter Garden. In 2023, she was named a Becker's Healthcare "Rising Star: Healthcare Leaders Under 40." Amanda and her husband, Michael, have two sons—Griffin and Landry. In their free time, they enjoy staying active, traveling, football, and visiting Walt Disney World.



Amanda Maggard

Q. What do you like about working at AdventHealth Celebration?

A. There's a feeling of family to the place, and we have a number of team members who've been at the hospital since it opened in 1997. The hospital and the team have grown with the community. There's also a personal connection for me. I've been a patient here, and my family members have been treated here too. And as a big Disney fan, I like that the hospital is a part of the greater Disney community here in Celebration.

Q. What would you like people to know about the hospital?

A. We are a unique hospital, thanks to our four founding pillars: we are an exceptional community hospital; we are a modern-day example of the philosophy of whole-person care; we are a living laboratory for health care innovation; and a center for destination medicine for patients on a global scale. And I'm proud that our quality of care is widely recognized. We have been honored for patient safety and overall excellence by organizations including the Leapfrog Group, U.S. News, and Healthgrades.

Q. What types of innovation are you working on?

A. There are many examples. Recently, our team performed a first-in-the-world procedure that targeted kidney tumors with sound beams. This pioneering treatment, known as histotripsy, has the potential to destroy tumors while sparing healthy tissue, helping patients recover and feel healthy and whole. We will soon be the first in Florida to use a similar procedure for liver tumors. We're also a center for utilizing and teaching the latest technology and techniques in robotic surgery, which is why patients from around the world come to Celebration. And our Clinical Research Unit offers access close to home to leading-edge cancer treatments, meaning patients can get the care they need without leaving the Celebration community.

Q. What's next for the hospital?

A. We are continuing to innovate, bringing world-class, whole-person care across all our medical specialties. And we continue to grow to meet Celebration's health care needs. In fact, we are planning the construction of a new, 5-story patient tower! We expect to be treating patients in this tower beginning in early 2027. ●





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Celebration Foundation



Dear Neighbors,

Spring is in full bloom this month in Celebration!

This May, Celebration Foundation is pleased to celebrate our students as seniors graduate and our Celebration “Bookmark Buddies” end their school year.

Porch Parties: What a warm welcome back for this beloved community event! Eight (8) porches participated on Sunday, April 7th. You may have seen lawn signs with lemons, neighbors sipping and socializing – or residents meandering through a village with a scavenger hunt sheet of clues in their hands. Stay tuned for our next porch party date!

Scholarships: Our scholarship recipients will see congratulatory lawn signs planted outside their homes. Feel free to honk your horn if you spot a lawn sign.

Thriving In Place: Our “Friends of Thriving” circle continues to grow! Reach out to Becky Varley, Thriving In Place Program Manager, for more information on how to be a friend of Thriving.

Celebration Lifelong: Spring 2024 session is a wrap and what a wonderful time each member, instructor, and volunteer had being under one roof at the 851 building – you may have seen program members and volunteers in the atrium in between classes – happy to be together again. Bravo to Janet Wheatley, Celebration Lifelong Program Manager, who launched a new registration platform this session that made a difference!

Concert Series: Our 2024-2025 planning is in the works – stay tuned for the full list of Artists coming to the community of Celebration next year.

Annual Fund: YOU have made a difference. Thank you for supporting the Celebration Foundation.

Teacher Appreciation Week: The Celebration Foundation is a phone call or email away from supporting our schools and staff throughout the year. Take the time to join us in showing our gratitude for teachers and support staff by sending a note of thanks to a former teacher, current teacher or staff that made a difference in your life or your family’s life. We love Teacher Appreciation Week to show our teachers & staff that they make a difference in our community!

Warm regards,

Kathleen Sipio,
Executive Director ●

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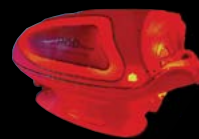
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We Have Some Very Exciting News to Share

In the early morning on January 28, 2024, over 2,000 fitness enthusiasts ran, jogged, and walked through Celebration as participants in the 11th Annual Town of Celebration Marathon and Half Marathon.

You may be asking yourself, “What does this have to do with Thriving In Place?”

Each year the proceeds of this event are distributed by the organizers to benefit the community at-large. In total, over 100,000 dollars were donated this year to various community needs.

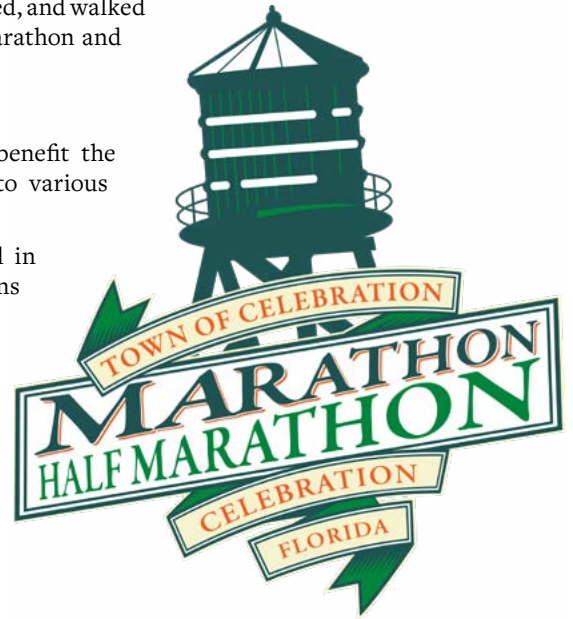
Twenty-one Senior Scholarships were awarded with every public high school in Osceola County receiving at least one \$2000 scholarship. Thirty-four organizations that volunteered their time to man the water stops, aid stations and finish line area were each given \$1,000. These volunteers included service clubs like the Knights of Columbus and The Rotary Club of Celebration, and various athletic teams and student groups at Celebration High School and Celebration K-8 - just to name a few.

This year, The Town of Celebration Marathon & Half Marathon has donated \$15,000 to the Thriving In Place program! This donation makes The Town of Celebration Marathon & Half Marathon a Friend Of Thriving. Friends of Thriving are enthusiastic supporters of the Thriving In Place program who receive recognition for the special role that they play in facilitating the program. Stop by and see our recognition wall, if you are interested in becoming a Friend Of Thriving please contact, Becky Varley, Thriving In Place Manager, 407.572.9850, thriving@celebrationfoundation.org or stop by our office, Johnson Hall, 690 Celebration Avenue, Celebration, FL 34747.

Thriving In Place empowers those who are aging or managing a disability to live in their own homes and lead healthy, safe, independent, and productive lives. This program, as well as all the other services and activities offered by The Celebration Foundation, would not be possible without the support of organizations like The Town of Celebration Marathon and other businesses and residents that are a part of our giving community.

On behalf of the members and staff of Thriving In Place, they would like to take this opportunity to publicly offer their heartfelt thanks to the Board and organizers of this event. Words cannot adequately express how grateful they are for your generous donation. The positive impact your contribution will make to their program is beyond measure!

Thank you, thank you, thank you! ●



Thriving In Place is a community-based membership program of the Celebration Foundation designed to help residents stay in their home and the community they love.

OUR MISSION:

Empowering those who are aging or managing a disability to live in their own homes leading a healthy, safe, independent, and productive lives.

HOW TO REACH US:

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Please contact Becky Varley, Interim Thriving In Place Manager: 407.572.9850

Thriving@CelebrationFoundation.org



CELEBRATION LIFELONG
Announces
Fall-Winter 2024
Schedule

SCHOLARSHIP



It's May and the 2024 Spring Term of Celebration Lifelong is history. Over the summer months their Steering Committee will be busy preparing for the upcoming Fall-Winter Term, and we are excited to share the dates!

Session 1 – September 10 - 26

Session 2 – October 8 - 24

Session 3 – November 5 - 21

CLUB WEEKS

September 3 - 5

October 1 - 3

October 29 - 31

December 3 - 5

January 7 - 9

February 4 - 6

As Celebration Lifelong plans their course offerings and Speaker Series, they are actively seeking instructors who have expertise that will enrich our program. All ideas are welcome. Their course offerings are diverse, from classes on music, fine and applied arts, travel, political thought, religion, sports and so many more topics. Those interested can visit our Want To Teach page at celebrationlifelong.org.

They would also like to thank everyone who took part in the Spring Shredding Event on April 27. All proceeds from the annual community service event and fundraiser, support our Celebration Lifelong program. Celebration Lifelong appreciates Dan Zagata, Celebration Lifelong instructor and Managing Partner of Evershore Financial Group, for his continued sponsorship of this event.

Be sure to visit our website at celebrationlifelong.org and sign up for their Monday newsletter for program updates and details on our upcoming term. ●

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR
Scholarship
WINNERS

Every year, Celebration Foundation partners with the Education Foundation of Osceola County to award multiple scholarships to many young, bright, talented students who have shown us what it means to be a part of our community and why it is so important to them. We want to take a quick moment to congratulate the following students in receiving a scholarship from us:

PAT SCHROEDER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP:

- Malak Rabbani
- Celebration Foundation:
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- Yasmine Chakir
- Karina Espinosa
- Marie Lebron
- Quentin Mootz
- Hannah Moribe
- Diego Perez
- Natalie Simonitsch
- Bobby Spina
- Claire Ziemba

CELEBRATION FOUNDATION ARTS:

- Amy Calvo
- Cassie Glow
- Ayden Hunter
- Venicia Rodriguez
- Hope Whitehead

Once again, a big congratulations to all of our scholarship recipients. We are so grateful to be able to support you in your future endeavors after high school, whatever they may be. ●



CLUBS ORGANIZATIONS & EVENTS

CELEBRATION VETERANS

GRAHAM AND KASZYNSKI SELECTED FOR THE CENTRAL FL HONOR FLIGHT

Honor Flight of Central Florida selected Jim Graham and Dennis Kaszynski to travel to Washington, D.C., for a one-day trip to see Arlington National Cemetery, the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, the war memorials, and monuments on the National Mall. Honor Flight's sole purpose is to express thanks and to honor America's veterans for their sacrifices.



Jim retired after 24 years, from 1961-85, as a Navy Master Chief. He served in Japan, Vietnam, England, and the U.S. aboard two ships, numerous naval stations, and staff, finishing his service after eight years as a Recruiter. Jim assisted the Navy Chief of Chaplains and was awarded a Chaplain's Assistant rating. He and his wife, Janice, moved to Celebration in 2022.



Dennis was commissioned as a 2nd Lt in the U.S. Air Force and became a rated navigator, electronic warfare officer, and crew member in B-52s. Dennis left active duty after six years. In 2008, Dennis joined the Army Reserves, serving seven years of active duty as a missile defense officer, G2 (Intel Lead), G6 (Cyber), and J2 (Operations) Battle Watch Officer in Europe. Dennis retired from the Army in 2021 and became a Celebration Resident. He and his wife, Helen, raised two boys who attended the USAF Academy.

The Veterans Club also sent three Celebration High School JrROTC cadets on the trip as guardians.



Cadet Isabella Zuluago is a senior and fourth-year cadet. She serves as the Operations Squadron Commander, leading the cadets in drill, P.T., and leadership exercises and planning extensive out-of-school activities. She also commands the Color Guard competition team and the Exhibition Drill Team.



Cadet Juan Castaneda is a senior and third-year cadet. He commands a Flight of cadets and instructs them in drill, uniform wear, and P.T. He is a member of the award-winning Drill Team, Commandos Physical Fitness Team, and Varsity Volleyball Team.



Cadet Jasmin Soles is a freshman at UCF AFROTC. A previous senior leader and four-year cadet at Celebration High School, Jasmin earned a \$25k AFROTC scholarship, which allowed her to earn her Private Pilot License. At UCF, she has been inducted into the Arnold Air Society and was recently named the UCF AFROTC Cadet of the Month.

VETERANS CLUB of Celebration

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.

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

MEETINGS

SECOND THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH
6 P.M. | TOWN HALL



CELEBRATION VETERANS CLUB

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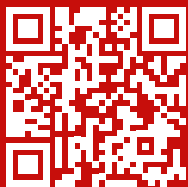
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Come to our next meeting, Thursday, May 2, at 7 p.m. at Town Hall to hear from Florida's Democratic candidate for US Senate, running against Rick Scott: who she is, why she's running, and what she wants to accomplish for us as Senator. In Congress, she wrote the bill to expand seniors' Medicare Advantage coverage, worked with Republicans to provide economic relief to families and small businesses, and secured \$200M for Everglades restoration. See how she compares to incumbent Rick Scott—your other choice this November!

At our April 4 meeting, our US Congressman Darren Soto shared what he's been doing for us all in DC. He led with, "House Democrats delivered the most productive congress in 50 years last session," passing these suitable measures:

- The new Infrastructure Law, the largest "since Eisenhower," is helping fund expansions of I-4, Poinciana Pkwy, Sun Rail, Brightline, and Orlando International Airport. Eventually, a Brightline stop will even be near Disney Springs.
- The CHIPS Act to boost American manufacturing includes over \$500 million in federal grants to make aerospace microchips at NeoCity.
- The Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) lowered healthcare costs and made the most significant investment to combat climate change in history; the IRA:
 - ▶ It makes the Affordable Care Act ("Obamacare) more affordable in Florida, which, at 4.2 million enrollees, is the largest ACA exchange in the nation!
 - ▶ Lowers prescription drug prices for seniors, including capping insulin at \$35 and out-of-pocket costs at \$3500 this year and \$2000 next year.
 - ▶ Is leading to Green Garden Village, a solar panel and EV battery plant, being built in Poinciana, and the largest solar plant in North America being built in Southeast Osceola County.
 - ▶ Lowers costs on clean energy like electric vehicles, solar panels, and energy-efficient appliances.
- The American Rescue Plan helps families and businesses recover from the pandemic.



To subscribe to Representative Soto's well-written e-newsletter, request it at soto.house.gov.

Club priorities for this election year: In small groups, members prioritized possible key campaign efforts and committed to what they were willing to do:

- Voter registration/promoting Vote by Mail/checking voter status
- Poll watching for the August 20th primary and November 5th election
- Community service to promote Dems' image, starting with a litter pick up on Celebration Avenue on April 10th

- Phone banking
- "Lit drop"/canvassing
- Providing refreshments/social support
- Giving rides to voters who otherwise can't get to the polls

Thank you to all who signed up for these important efforts. The Club wants 100% participation this election year! Interested? Contact us at democratsofcelebration@gmail.com.

Our Pat Schroeder Memorial Voter Registration drive continues every month. Meet DOC volunteers at Food Truck Friday on May 10th, the Library on the 11th, and the Farmers Market on the 12th to help people register to vote—electronically only!—renew their vote-by-mail applications, and have many good conversations. We are expanding our voter reg "turf": Look for us in Island Village and locations on 192 TBD; we'd like your suggestions, too.

- 1M voters have been dropped from Florida's active voter rolls, so we are expanding our Voter Registration efforts to help people check their status and register for the first time. QR codes are our friends!

Great new local resource: White Rose Books & More. Erin Decker spoke to the Club last year; now she is co-founder of White Rose Books & More, 113 Broadway, Kissimmee. Members checked out this month's "Boozy Book Fair"—authors doing book signing with wine and homemade chocolates for purchase, in a beautiful shop with great people and a wonderful variety of books for everyone. See for yourself, and support a new, local and progressive biz. Open Tuesday-Saturday, also online. Next "Boozy Book Fair" on April 18, 5-7 pm.



Connect! Find us on Facebook and Instagram—look for "democratsofcelebration." Our Media Maven Jill reports we are now getting hundreds of viewings! Just one more way of getting the good Democratic word out. Since it's a page and not a site, the more you look us up, the more new posts will pop up in your feed. We now also have online options for joining, paying dues (only \$20 per calendar year—a bargain!) and buying a spiffy DOC T-shirt.

Next DOC meeting: Thursday, May 2, 7 p.m. at Town Hall, with US Senate candidate Debbie Mucarsel-Powell, snacks and socializing after—Bring friends! More dates to note:

- June 6: We'll hear from Melissa Vickers, candidate for Public Defender, at our meeting in Town Hall
- July 4: Walk with us in Celebration's parade!
- July 13: DOC Summer Social in Lakeside Park, 11 am – 1 p.m. ●



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By helping, caring, and sharing, the Celebration Community inspires and empowers one another by generously donating their time, talent, and treasure every week to help those in need. Many studies have determined that there are psychological rewards to having a selfless concern for others. Many resources state that volunteering will improve one's happiness. The joyful work completed every week to prepare basic necessities and food bags certainly proves this theory. But, beyond the joy it brings, have you ever wondered how Embrace is making a difference for the people Embrace supports?

Meet Lindsey, a Disney employee (https://bit.ly/Lindsey_story). "Hello, my name is Lindsey. Embrace of Celebration has been helping us. They have linked us up with some organizations that will pay for our first month's rent and deposit to move into the house. We've gotten money, we've gotten food, we've gotten gift cards, the kids are out here getting toys, and I'm really thankful for all of it because we're struggling. We're staying in a hotel and making minimum wage. I work at the theme parks. My kids go to Celebration K-8 and Celebration High School."

Embrace not only provides families living in hotels along 192 with food and basic necessities every week, but it also made Easter special for many children and families with the help of volunteers, both from Celebration and from families living in the hotel. The Church Dog from the Community Presbyterian Church brought the children many Easter baskets, goodies, hugs, and smiles. The community support made the Easter celebration at the hotel possible.

THANKS GO TO:

- Vanessa Alvarez and Commissioner Carlos Alvarez III for the unlimited popcorn
- Pizza Hut for their donation of 80 pizzas
- Second Harvest for healthy food choices
- Captain Ivan Molina and Toys For Tots for some toys
- Texas Roadhouse for donating the lemonade

Embrace supporters who filled over 4000 Easter eggs with chocolate, provided a snow cone machine, a candy cane machine, a DJ, and games to play with the children.

The kids had a day full of joy and enjoyed being kids and having fun. Thanks to everyone who made that event an amazing success. Teamwork makes the Dream work!

One of the kids asked: "YOU DO ALL THAT FOR US???"

Embrace: "OF COURSE WE LOVE YOU GUYS" ❤️

The amazing impact that Embrace is having on our surrounding area has gotten some attention. A reporter from radio channel 90.7 interviewed volunteers last Saturday and traveled to understand firsthand how Embrace's food and basic necessities are helping those families living in hotels along Route 192. In addition, Bettina (Embrace's founder) was recognized for her impact to the community as part of Woman's history of the month. Embrace's good work is being recognized by others.

We can't say it enough - **Thank you again for sharing your love, compassion, and time!**

You may join Embrace of Celebration every Saturday morning at 10AM at Celebration Town Hall and/or 11:30 A.M. at the Community Presbyterian Church.

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The poster is split into two vertical panels. The left panel shows a red barn in a green field under a blue sky. The right panel is dark blue with a white dove in flight. The text "FOLK ROOTS" is in white, bold, sans-serif font, and "SPIRIT WINGS" is in white, cursive font. At the bottom, the event details are listed in white, sans-serif font.

CELEBRATORS

Happy Mother's Day!

Did you know...Part I – “The purpose and intent of The Celebrators is to provide fellowship and comradeship for the senior residents living in Celebration. The organization is committed to furthering and fostering the philosophy of Celebration through education, lifelong learning, volunteer service and recreational activities.” We are all familiar with the club’s focus on education through our monthly speakers and our participation in the Foundation’s Lifelong Learning program. We also enjoy a wide variety of social activities that range from lunches to day trips to cruises. But what about volunteerism?

June 21-30, 2024, U.S. Army Training & Doctrine Command will host the Department of Defense Warrior Games bringing together hundreds of injured active duty and veteran military members to compete in adaptive sports as part of their recovery. This year marks the 14th anniversary of this competition that highlights the exceptional physical skills and mental toughness of our wounded service members. Each branch of the armed forces, including U.S. Special Operations Command, will be represented. AARP needs 3-4 volunteers on each of the 10 days to man their table at the "Sponsor Expo" event and is asking for our help. For more information on how you can assist, please email Yazmin Alfonso at alfonso@aarp.org. Your thoughtful consideration is appreciated.

The votes are in! – It’s time to start planning another cruise! During our April meeting, those that were in attendance were given a choice of 3 cruise options in January, 2025. All were 7 night adventures but with different cruise lines and destinations – Western Caribbean, Eastern Caribbean or Caribbean/ Bahamas. And the winner is...a voyage through the Eastern Caribbean on Celebrity’s Equinox departing on Saturday, the 25th from Port Canaveral. We are in the early planning stages, so more details will be forthcoming. Watch our Weekly Updates for additional information. You can also add your name to the list by responding to the email if you weren’t at the meeting and would like to sail with us!

Did you know...Part II – In my humble opinion, the month of May seems to have an inordinate number of “Days” celebrating all kinds of food and drink. For instance, this month’s calendar includes National observances lauding Apple Pie, Buttermilk Biscuits, Cheese Soufflé, Devil’s’ Food Cake, Empanadas, Fruit Cocktail, Grape Popsicles, Hoagies... the list goes on. Even Pickles have their own day in May! Pucker up! ●

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MEMBER MEETING: 1st Wednesday of the month

NEXT MEETING: **May 1**

Town Hall

851 Celebration Ave

Doors open at 9:00 a.m.

Meeting starts at 9:30 a.m.

Bring your own beverage...we’ll

supply the sweet treats!

Please note that the following “dates” are subject to change or cancellation based on possible scheduling conflicts with other Celebrator events or activities.

LUNCH AT "THE CLUB": 1st Saturday after the month

LET'S DO LUNCH: 2nd Monday of the month

SOCIAL HOUR: 3rd Tuesday of the month
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DINNER OUT: 4th Thursday of the month



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Arbor Day Celebrated

By Sandi Switek and Brad Wagoner
Garden Club Committee

The Celebration Garden Club supports the planting of trees in the community. Next month, they will show and talk about the trees they planted through their Memorial Tree program. Their Club website is Celebrationgardenclub.org, and they welcome anyone in town to join. They meet from September through April at Heritage Hall, usually on the third Wednesday morning. Check the website for other information on the club and the timings of meetings and field trips.

National Arbor Day is the last Friday of April. It is a holiday invented to recognize the importance of trees and promote tree planting, care, and preservation. You can celebrate National Arbor Day by planting a few trees. There is also Florida Arbor Day in January, which has already come and gone.

To most people, planting a tree is a way of beautifying the yard while improving its value. But there are many more advantages to planting a tree. These affect both the homeowner and the environment in general.

Starting with our benefits, we can't deny that trees can help to screen out undesirable views. Who wouldn't rather see a little bit of nature than a lot of concrete and housing?

And what about climate control outdoors? Who wouldn't prefer to sit under a shade tree rather than bake in the summer sun in this climate? Trees also serve a purpose in winter, as plants underneath them are more protected from frost than those planted in the open. The leafy tree "insulation" may even keep them a little warmer.

Trees can provide food and shelter for both humans and wildlife. We can use

various fruits from trees, while animals also appreciate acorns and berries. Butterflies need various native trees for larval food. Birds need a place to build a nest, which a lawn cannot provide. Both butterflies and hummingbirds can use nectar from blooming trees. Almost all wildlife needs some nearby cover.

As if all of this weren't enough, trees even provide some extra benefits to the homeowner. In time, their leaves will create free mulch. Clumps of trees can even reduce hurricane winds when suitable trees are used. And what about flooding in your yard? If part of your yard is on the wet side, your trees can take up excess water.

And what about energy bill savings? When planted on the south, east, or west sides of the yard, trees help to insulate houses from heat. Electric bills can be between 27% and 42% lower.

But what are some of the bigger benefits? Trees absorb carbon dioxide, providing oxygen for all of us to breathe. They also reduce flooding and water pollution by capturing storm runoff before it reaches lakes and ponds. Trees also remove pollutants and particulates from the air, improving air quality.

Considering all of these things, why not go ahead and indulge yourself in a new tree? It is forever exciting to get a new beautiful plant.

Remember to consider the mature height and width of the tree before you plant it. Also to be considered are the light conditions and the soil wetness as you choose the right one for your situation. And if you only have room for a crape myrtle, do not hesitate to plant one. They even come in dwarf forms. ●



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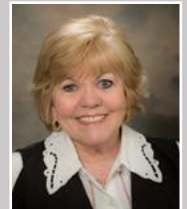
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