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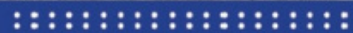
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MAY MEETINGS

CROA Board Workshop
Monday, May 6, 9:30 a.m.
851 Celebration Ave

CCDD Workshop
Tuesday, May 14, 6:30 p.m.
313 Campus St.

CROA Board Workshop
Monday, May 20, 9:30 a.m.
851 Celebration Ave

CNOA Board Meeting
Monday, May 20, 3 p.m.
851 Celebration Ave

CJC Board Meeting
Monday, May 20, 3:30 p.m.
851 Celebration Ave

CCDD Meeting
Tuesday, May 21, 6:30 p.m.
313 Campus St.

CROA Board Meeting
Wednesday, May 22, 6 p.m.
851 Celebration Ave



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- Resident's pass
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- Community newsletters
- Parks & Recreation information
- Veteran's Memorial Bricks

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 and Spring Lake

Recycle Day

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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 May, 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 ccmnet.com to pay your statement online.



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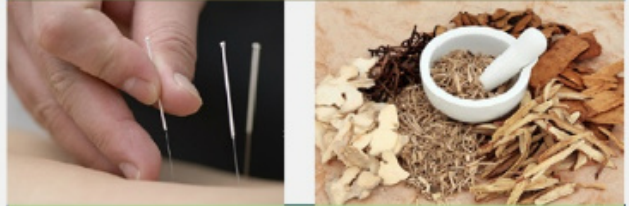
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Governed by a seven-member Board of Directors, the Association is responsible for preserving, protecting and enhancing the common areas and recreational facilities and value of the community. CROA also provides for the operation, care, upkeep and maintenance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

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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, the administration, operation and maintenance of Celebration. CCMC works at the direction of the Board of Directors.

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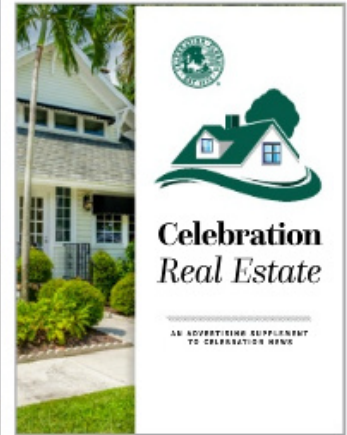
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Welcome to May!

Whether you're enjoying the weather, getting out and walking or bicycling throughout town before the summer's heat, preparing for the end of the school year, thinking about summer travel, or other festivities, May is a marvelous time of year in Celebration.

As you will find in this edition of the Celebration News, many activities and resources exist for families and individuals of all ages. This article from the Board of Directors of the Celebration Residential Owners Association (CROA) provides helpful information and updates for our residents and guests.

First, Celebration is preparing to unveil the new athletic and recreation facility. Just approved by CROA's Board of Directors 15 months ago, the quality and pace of construction is going well. With three athletic fields (one with synthetic turf and two with grass), a concession building with restrooms, parking, and lighting, this spectacular resource is just about ready to open. The Recreation Committee is working hard with finalizing policies and procedures, including priorities, costs, hours and logistics. The CROA Board has approved additional resources for this facility, including some benches, tables, and a lightning prediction system. Watch for details regarding the grand opening of this facility on our website and Friday Flash.

Second, the current parks and facilities master plan process moved forward during April. The on-line survey has two audiences: a randomly selected group of homeowners, and all homeowners (these two data points help with understanding the results). The consultant hired for this process is currently analyzing the data. The CROA Board is looking forward to receiving their report and will be actively conducting discussions about capital improvements initiatives, both large and small. The long-awaited athletic and recreation facility for our community, noted above, cost approximately \$4.5 million; while CROA's current and future funding is strong, this investment essentially drained the capital reserves that had been saved over many years.

Third, the CROA Board for 2019-2020 began its service with multiple workshops and discussions in March and April; the monthly Board meeting and various workshops are open to all residents and are available via live streaming. In addition, the CROA Board is active with multiple other initiatives, including a new Technology Committee, a newly formed Condo Council, and continued opportunities for participation in our other five standing committees. The Board is discussing expansion of the recently relocated, and highly successful, Farmers Market; also scheduled is an external review by a UCF team regarding efficiencies and sustainability with management tools and procedures. The CROA Board continues to identify ways of improving the experiences and overall quality of life in Celebration. So please attend or review meetings on-line, share your ideas, and engage staff and Board members in this process.

Fourth, you may be interested in knowing about an initiative on the horizon this year. As you may know much of Celebration's policies and procedures are governed by our Charter, established with the founding of Celebration 25 years ago. Periodically, changes are proposed to keep the Charter current and appropriate for changing needs. Homeowners through voting must approve any changes. The CROA Board is now starting the process for this review, the most recent of which occurred in 2014. More details about opportunities for participation and input will be forthcoming, with notices in the Celebration News, website and Friday Flash.

Finally, special events and activities for the near future include the Summer Breakout, Community Chorus Concert, the Memorial Day Flag Ceremony, and a special welcome to our next season (Aloha to Summer!). In addition, July 4 calls for some fun and patriotic events in town. You can read more about each of these – and more – in this edition of the Celebration News, as well as in the Friday Flash and on our website.

As always, there is a lot going on. Enjoy the merry month of May in Celebration! •



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GUIDELINES:

- Alleys may not be blocked at any time, which includes staging materials, parking by residents, and parking by construction or maintenance contractors. All vehicles must be legally parked on the roadways, on your private driveway, or elsewhere but never in the alleys.
- While they are public access thoroughfares, they should not be used to bypass stop signs or slower traffic since the speed limit is lower and alleys are generally narrower than the main roadways.
- Obey one-way alley signage, both for your safety and that of your neighbors.
- Speeding and going the wrong way in the alleys are ticketable offenses, and alleys may be patrolled for these violators.
- If you notice contractors or residents not complying with these guidelines, contact the sheriff's non-emergency number, 407-348-2222, while the offense is occurring.

SAFETY TIPS:

- Pedestrians always have the right-of-way.
- Children often play in or near the alley areas, so be careful when driving in the alleys.
- Keep your back gate, back door, and garage doors locked to prevent theft.
- Report any alley lighting outages to the District office for prompt repair.
- Enhance alley lighting with your own porch light or landscape light to reduce places where someone can hide.
- Include your address on the rear of your house to assist emergency vehicles and law enforcement in finding the right location in cases of emergency.

Please visit www.CelebrationCDD.com for more information related to other 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. •



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PART TIME RESIDENTS

Whether you reside here full time or only live in Celebration part time, community standards apply to your Celebration residence all the time. Community-wide inspections are conducted throughout the year and you may receive an emailed notice for a violation(s) or mailed notice to your "away" home. Owners/residents living outside of Celebration have a responsibility to comply with the governing documents and uphold the community standards described in the Celebration Charter and Design Guidelines. Please ensure your property is taken care of during your absence. Should you receive a notice of violation, make arrangements to correct the issues before your return to Celebration if your return is beyond the correction timeline described in the notice. Your neighbors will appreciate your attention in these matters.

RENTERS

If you are a renter in a Celebration single family home, you probably worked out an agreement with your landlord regarding routine home maintenance, general upkeep, cleaning, landscaping, and repairs. All single family homes are inspected on a routine schedule. Community standards violations, when noted, are emailed or mailed to the owner who then contacts the renter. As a renter, you should discuss with the homeowner regarding which of you will take care of the noted violation(s) and agree on a plan of action to correct the issues within the timeline described in the notice. The community of Celebration benefits from the cooperation of all renters and owners in upholding landscaping, cleaning, repair, and aesthetic standards.

OWNERS

Homeowners who live in Celebration full time already know the value of upholding community standards. It is one of the reasons you moved into Celebration. As per the Celebration Charter, each owner shall maintain his or her Unit, including all structures, parking areas, landscaping, and other improvements (including, but not limited to fences, mail boxes, play equipment, yard art, and exterior equipment) comprising the Unit, in a manner consistent with the governing documents and the Community-Wide Standard, unless such maintenance responsibility is otherwise assumed by or assigned to the Celebration Residential Owners Association (CROA) as part of a Service Area (Charter 6.1).



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Each owner shall also be responsible for maintaining, mowing, replacing sod, pruning, and irrigating the landscaping within that portion of any adjacent common area or public right-of-way, street, or alley lying between the Unit boundary and any wall, fence, or curb located on the common area or public right-of-way, street, or alley in a manner consistent with the governing documents and Community-Wide Standard, unless responsibility for maintaining such landscaped areas has been assigned to or assumed by CROA (Charter 6.1).

UNITS WITHIN SERVICE AREAS

In certain specific cases, Units may be assigned to Service Areas where CROA provides maintenance to the townhome, duplex, triplex or single family unit as specified in the Supplemental Declaration of the Service Area. (Charter 3). As applicable, costs associated with maintenance, repair, replacement, and/or landscaping are assessed as a Service Area assessment against the owners of the Units in a Service Area (Charter 3.1).

CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATIONS

Condominium associations maintain common property and any other property for which the condominium association has maintenance responsibility in a manner consistent with the governing documents, the Community-Wide Standard, and all applicable covenants (Charter, Chapter 6.2).

CATEGORIES FOR COMMUNITY STANDARDS

Community standards apply to all site work, painting, landscaping, structures, improvements, and other items placed on a Unit in a manner or location visible from outside of any existing structures on the Unit, as well as modifications to the interior of screened porches, patios, and any other portions of a structure visible from outside of the structure (Charter, Chapter 5.1).

Community standards are defined in the Celebration Charter within Chapter 5 (Architecture, Landscaping, & Aesthetic), Chapter 6 (Maintenance, Repair, & Replacement), and Exhibit "C" Rules, as well as various CROA Board-approved Design Guidelines. For inspection purposes, community standards were defined in six categories with examples as follows: (examples are not all inclusive)

- **LANDSCAPE:** lawn, plants, mulch, lawn art, landscape screening, pavers, trellis, potted plants, hose storage.
- **CLEANING:** house exterior, roof, sidewalk, driveway, porch, steps, fence.
- **PAINTING:** house, garage, trim, porch, steps, chimney, exterior lights, doors, garage doors, mailbox and post, foundation and stem walls.
- **REPAIR:** stucco / siding damage, wood deterioration, fences, screens, railings, columns, garage doors, shutters, mailbox and post.
- **ARCHITECTURAL:** shutters, awnings, fans, door hardware, flags, fountains, mailbox and post, dormer windows, gutters & gutter extensions, address number on house and mailbox, light fixtures.
- **MISCELLANEOUS:** signs, debris pick-up, garbage and recycle bin storage, unapproved changes, holiday lights and decorations, cameras, satellite stands, cables, storage of items, vehicles, leases, home businesses, and items not categorized into above groups.

Celebration homeowners and residents are thankfully responsive to Community Standards' emails and notices, there is always room for improvement. Articles regarding community standards are published in Celebration News to help homeowners and residents become familiar with specifics and serve as a reminder when we undertake home maintenance and improvement projects. Additional information on Community Standards and Design Guidelines may be obtained at www.celebration.fl.us or contact the Community Standards Department at 407-566-1200.

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THE HOMEOWNERS' role in crime prevention

BY DEPUTY JERRY WEILAND
Osceola County Sheriff's Office

Would you go to the bank, take out wads of cash, and then leave the money on a seat in the movie theater? Would you go to Best Buy and purchase a computer then purposely leave it on the roof of your car as you drive away? How about purchasing a Rolex watch and leave it on the counter of the Denny's bathroom and walk out? Fortunately, these exact situations haven't occurred in Celebration, but similarly some make it just as easy for "criminal opportunists" to take your stuff, by leaving doors unlocked or expensive items lying about. Just the other day a resident called in a suspicious vehicle in front of their home with the engine running. I found the doors unlocked and the keys in the ignition. Besides being illegal, when I found the owner and explained the easy theft opportunity, they stated "Oh not in Celebration."

In a perfect world, or many decades ago, you could actually leave things unlocked. It's a sad reality, but in 2019 and in an area with a high transient (not homeless or needy) population, things cannot be left unlocked or unattended. Yes, even in Celebration! The cops can't be everywhere, all the time. This is where you come in. Homeowners and citizens are really the first line of defense in crime prevention. Here are some easy tips and ideas to consider and implement.

TIP #1: LOCK YOUR DOORS.

It may seem obvious, but I've mentioned this many times before and we still see people leaving doors unlocked on homes and cars. Many burglaries don't have any forced entry, meaning people are leaving doors and windows unlocked. Make sure ALL doors and windows are closed and locked. Homes should have deadbolt locks on exterior doors, which extend at least one inch into the frame. Double cylinder locks, requiring a key on both sides of the door are not recommended because they can trap people inside in the event of a fire or other emergency. Door frames can be easily reinforced to help prevent or hamper kick-ins. Shut your garage door when leaving home or not in direct sight. Remember to lock the door leading from the garage to the house, even if the garage door is down.

TIP #2: KEEP VALUABLES OUT OF SIGHT.

Even with doors locked and windows shut, anything, which looks like a purse or computer bag, is likely a target for a broken window. In broad daylight the other day, at CVS right across the street, a workout bag left on the seat was taken from a vehicle after the window was broken out. Please keep all valuables, or anything looking valuable, out of sight.

TIP #3: CASE THE JOINT.

Take a walk around your home and think like a burglar or thief. Look for ways that you could get into your home. All points of entry, including sliding glass doors, windows or any opening that could be broken or forced open should be your first check. Outside of your home, take note what pricey items are in view, tempting would-be burglars and thieves. This includes bikes left on the porch or any other valuables left outside. Also peek through your own windows to see what a criminal may see when looking inside further tempting them. Do this during the day and night, with your normal lights on. In most cases, items in your homes are much more visible when it is dark outside.

TIP #4: TRIM YOUR LANDSCAPE.

Check your yard and think like a bad guy. Look at your home from the street and around the yard during both day and nighttime hours. Can you clearly view the front door and all windows? Are the shrubs trimmed to below the window sill? Can they also see around your home? I know privacy is important, but if you or a neighbor can't see a door or window, it means a burglar also has a nice hiding spot to take their time getting inside. Trim bushes and trees to discourage burglars from using them as hiding places and keep shrubs in front of windows trimmed to below the window sill. Trees should be trimmed up to have at least a six foot clearance. Consider planting thorny shrubs for an added deterrent.



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TIP #5: CHECK YOUR LIGHTING AND INSTALL CAMERAS.

Lighting is a great method to deter criminal activity. The use of proper lights and lighting techniques doesn't have to cost a lot of money. LED lights cost pennies a night to operate. Check the street and alley lights around your home. Report any outages or the need for tree trimming to the CCDD, proper authority or management company. Camera system prices have come down and provide clear footage.

TIP #6: KNOW YOUR NEIGHBORS.

Often, crimes, suspicious persons or activity is reported by your neighbors. If you know each other, and know which people or vehicles belong in the neighborhood, you are better able to report what doesn't look right. We still get calls about suspicious cars that end up belonging to your neighbors. Remember your neighbors are usually your best ally in protecting your home.

TIP #7: USE THE ALARM SYSTEM.

Most, if not all homes, in Celebration have an alarm or the ability to activate or install one. Alarm companies have systems for all price points. An effective alarm should include contacts at all entry points, motion sensors inside the house, and a loud outdoor siren that alerts the entire neighborhood when someone has unlawfully entered. There are options for pet sensors also. When investigating crimes, we find many alarms were not used or activated. A burglar most often won't stick around long if a siren is blaring alerting neighbors and/or the police. Also make sure your alarm company has the correct contact information to call you in the event of an emergency.

TIP #8: ENGRAVE IT, LOCK IT OR LOSE IT.

To help keep your belongings safe and secure, you should write down and photograph the make, model and serial numbers of your bikes and other valuables. We have been able to recover stolen items simply by having them entered in a database using their serial numbers or matching pictures of recovered items. Engrave other valuables by using your driver's license or identifying marks. Never use a social security number as an ID number. When parking your bike in public, lock it to a bike rack or other large object. Run the lock cable through the frame, not just a tire.

TIP #9: REGISTER YOUR CARS.

It is required by law to have the correct address on your vehicle registration and driver license. For those just moving to Celebration, you have only a short time to obtain a Florida registration or to update your address. While not required by law, it's also a good idea to register your car with Celebration Town Hall and obtain a Celebration sticker. By having the correct address on your registration and having a Celebration sticker, it helps us determine that your car belongs in town. Also remember if there is a natural disaster or other emergency, without a local address, you may not be allowed back in the area.

While there aren't any definitive answers to prevent all crimes from occurring, if you follow all these tips and others I've written about, you can certainly lessen your chances of being a victim.

Specially trained crime prevention deputies will come to your home and conduct a free security survey. They will offer you recommendations and suggestions how to better prepare and secure your house. Please take the proper steps to help avoid becoming a victim. Please be safe and call 407-348-1190 to schedule your survey. •



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By Peggy Choudhry
Osceola County Commissioner District 1

Hello fellow citizens, I wanted to emphasize the importance of using your voice to be heard by voting. On May 21, 2019, there will be a special election. The single-subject ballot will allow voters to decide whether or not to increase the local sales tax by 1% for the purpose of funding transportation projects.

Some questions I have received from citizens regarding this sales tax:

- *Has the County Commission voted to increase ad valorem tax if this sales tax does not pass?*

No, the Board of County Commissioners has not voted to increase the ad valorem tax. However, there has been a commissioner that brought up a discussion on the board has expressed the possibility of increasing property tax if this sales tax does not pass. As a solution to increase transportation revenue, I encourage citizens to reach out to their commissioner and voice your opinion and thoughts on potential increases of property tax. You can find the contact information for the commissioners at www.osceola.org. If this sales tax does not pass, I commit to you that I will be

voting NO on increasing property taxes. If brought forward as a vote to the board, instead I would insist that our board focus on re-evaluation of our current 1.2 billion budget in detail to find potential revenue.

- *Does this tax also cover Public Transportation?*

Yes, Lynx and Sunrail would be allowable expenses under the proposed ballot language. In addition, road widening, improved intersections, sidewalks, bike paths, etc. The SunRail is scheduled for 2021, which means we take over costs at that time and we currently do not have funds set aside for this.

- *Can the Board guarantee that the funding will go 90% toward roads?*

No, there is no guarantee on what percentage will be going towards only roads as this referendum is written. I have expressed concerns on this during our public meeting. You are welcome to watch the meeting of February 18 on www.osceola.org.

I do believe in the people's right to make this decision. Please know that I am hopeful that many citizens will come out and express their vote. You can vote early and by mail. Please log into The Supervisor of Elections website at www.VoteOsceola.com or call 407-742-6000. Also, For more information, including a list of eligible roads, please visit www.osceola.org and click on the "One-Cent for Transportation" banner (direct link: <https://www.osceola.org/one-cent-surtax-for-transportation/>) or call 407-742-ROAD (407-742-7623).

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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Location: Heritage Hall

Contact: Richard Shultz | 863-588-2102
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Location: Lakeside Pool

Contact: Linda Fulton | 919-623-7231
Lindacarolpf@aol.com

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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.



BALLROOM DANCING

7 p.m.: Beginners Tango

8 p.m.: Intermediate Swing

Location: Celebration Town Hall

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

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FITNESS FIRM UP

Wednesday: 1 p.m. & 6 p.m.

Friday: 1 p.m.

Location: Jones Room

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.



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IRISH DANCE FOR ADULTS & CHILDREN

Mondays
Location: Town Hall Activities
 851 Celebration Ave.
4:15-5:15 p.m.: Beginners
Thursday
5:15-6:15 p.m.: Ages 4-6, Beginners
6:15-7:15 p.m.: Ages 9-16, Beginners-Advanced
7:15-8:15 p.m.: Adult, All Levels
Location: Jones Room
Contact: Sarah Costello | 321-200-3598
sarah13May@hotmail.com



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 [facebook.com/centralfloridairishdance](https://www.facebook.com/centralfloridairishdance).

TRADITIONAL IRISH MUSIC CLASSES ON TIN-WHISTLE AND FLUTE

Mondays
5:30-6:15 p.m.: Students from age 5 upwards
Location: Town Hall, 851 Celebration Ave.
Contact: Miss Sarah | 321-200-3598
info@centralfloridairishdance.com

Central Florida Irish Dance is delighted to offer traditional Irish music classes on the tin-whistle and flute. The Tin-whistle is a popular Celtic instrument, which is widely played in Ireland for traditional music and is a great starter instrument for anyone wishing to learn the traditional Irish style of music. Students will learn to read and play music in the traditional Irish style.



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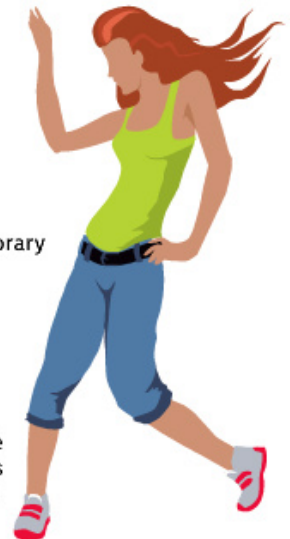
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CELEBRATION ZUMBA

Tuesday: 5:45-6:45 p.m.

Location: Jones Room at Lakeside

Thursday: 5:45-6:45 p.m.

Location: Celebration Town Hall

Contact: Laura Gollub-Brooks | 917-647-4066
laura@lauragollub.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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Tuesday: 7-8 p.m.

Location: Jones Room

Contact: Laurie Croft | 321.689.7452
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MAY IS NATIONAL WATER SAFETY MONTH

May is National Water Safety month and with summer quickly approaching most of us will find ourselves enjoying some relaxation time by the pool or at the beach.

No matter your age, it is important to stay alert and be mindful if you are in or around water. Even though swimming is one of summer's most popular activities, it unfortunately increases the number of unintentional drownings or near-drowning accidents and injuries.

There are plenty of ways to be proactive and demonstrate water safety precautions in our own community. An emergency can happen at any time, so it is important to be able to recognize and respond to any emergency. Be vigilant and maintain constant supervision at all times, if you see something say something. Before visiting the pool with family and friends, discuss a safety plan in case of an emergency. In addition, many of us who live in Florida have pools right in our backyard. When not using your pool at home, make sure you have safety procedures set in place.

When visiting a community or public pool please read and obey all rules and posted signs, they are displayed to keep you, your family and friends safe. At the pool please be watchful of any non-durable flotation devices such as, inflatable tubes, inflatable floats, swim rings, noodles, water wings, inflatable vests, and blow-up rafts. These items are not considered a life saving device, tend to not be very sturdy, and are likely to fail without warning. Water wings can float off a child's arm, a belt float can unhook, and anyone can easily slide out of a noodle or inflatable tube. It is recommended by safety experts to utilize a US Coast Guard approved life jacket if a flotation device is needed.

A great way to learn about policies and procedures when it comes to water safety is to enroll in a water safety course, such as swim lessons, a CPR certification class, or by participating in community events such as the World's Largest Swim Lesson. Luckily, residents can take advantage of these opportunities right here in Celebration. Our aquatics program offers swim lessons for all ages and more recently began coordinating a community CPR class twice a year. Residents also have the opportunity to participate in the World's Largest Swim Lesson at Spring Park pool on Thursday, June 20, at 10 a.m. The event focuses on drowning prevention and the importance of teaching kids to swim and learning basic water safety skills. •



TIPS:

Do not swim alone; even at a public pool or lifeguarded pool, use the buddy system

Teach family members basic water safety tips, and share safety instructions with family friends

Have a telephone close by when visiting the pool with family and friends

Keep small children away from pool drains, pipes and other openings to avoid entrapments

Learn to perform CPR on children and adults, and know when and how to call 9-1-1 or a local emergency number in the event of an emergency

Maintain constant supervision

If not a strong swimmer, always wear a life vest

Stay within designated swim areas.

COMMUNITY CHORUS TO PRESENT *You Raise Me Up*

Albert Einstein once said, "If I were not a physicist, I would probably be a musician. I often think in music. I live my daydreams in music. I see my life in terms of music."

You don't have to be a genius to recognize how music, in one form or another, appeals to everyone. Music crosses ethnic and cultural divides. It has the power to evoke a wide range of memories and emotions. Music enhances milestones in our lives - religious rituals, graduations and marriages. Many social activities revolve around music - from karaoke nights to playing in an amateur rock & roll band to singing in the Celebration Community Chorus. And dancing, let's not forget dancing.

Music speaks to all of us, although each of us may hear a different message.

As the name "You Raise Me Up" suggests, Chorus Director Kristopher Schave, has purposefully chosen compositions to engage the audience. Selections vary in tempo, texture and topic making the program interesting and thought-provoking. Listeners will be taken on an emotional journey guided by their own, personal interpretation of each piece.

The program is a mix of classical and contemporary selections woven together by vivid imagery, pleasing harmonies and lingering melodies. This is another challenging performance for the chorus featuring two pieces (one in Latin and one in French) by Gabriel Urbain Fauré who is considered one of the foremost French composers of his generation. Titles also include: "No Time," a choral version of a traditional camp meeting song; "Gabriel's Oboe" the theme from the movie *The Mission*; "Wonder" from Mack Wilberg's Dances to Life and of course, "You Raise Me Up" made famous by recording artist Josh Groban.

The Celebration Community Chorus is excited about this performance and looking forward to seeing all our friends and neighbors attend. We invite you to come and share the music with us. Let it speak to you. You may have a message waiting.

Do you attend community chorus concerts regularly? Do you wish that you could participate, but don't quite have the vocal range? Then we may have an alternative for you. Consider becoming a Chorus Lovers Extra Funding Sponsor (CLEFS), where your donation will aid in defraying the cost of musicians and other performance enhancements. There are benefits that go with your donation, including preferred seating. For more information please contact parks.rec@celebrationtownhall.com and tell them you want to be a CLEFS member. ●

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It's officially the time of year we all look forward to, school's out and summer's in!

Celebration's summer camp, Summer Breakout, is back with more fun in the sun this year for campers ages six through 12. Summer Breakout campers will travel through the decades, explore life under the sea, blast off into space, and more during nine exciting weeks.

Campers will create and extend lifelong memories, friendships and knowledge as they engage in themed arts and crafts, games and activities. At the end of each fun-filled week, campers will fully immerse themselves into that week's topic with Field Trip Fridays. Splitsville, SeaWorld, Kennedy Space Center, and the Orlando Science Center are just a few destinations on the nine-week itinerary!

What about enjoying the summer weather? Not to worry; campers will soak up the sun by swimming in the Spring Park pool, playing at the playground and participating in a variety of outdoor activities each day. The Breakout staff creates a balanced schedule of indoor and outdoor activities, so make sure to bring the sunscreen.

Summer Breakout is hosted at Heritage Hall in Spring Park, Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., beginning June 3 and ending August 2. The Celebration Resident rate is \$200 per week, and the non-resident rate is \$225. A non-refundable deposit of \$25 is required for each week. The price includes registration, lunch and snacks provided by Osceola County schools, a field trip on Friday and a Summer Breakout t-shirt. Interested families can visit www.celebration.fl.us to register their campers online. For a complete list of the themed weeks or a daily schedule, please call Town Hall at (407) 566-1200 or e-mail parks.rec@celebrationtownhall.com.

The Summer Breakout staff is looking forward to spending another summer laughing, learning and exploring with your camper. See you in June. ●

AQUATICS PROGRAMS 2019

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



Celebration Parks and Recreation Aquatics is offering a water aerobics class – referred to as Aqua Fit. This class is designed for health seekers, athletes or anyone looking to work towards their health and fitness goals while keeping cool and having fun! This is intended for adults who are looking for a different type of exercise, without strain and injury to joints. Classes will be held in the shallow end of the pool and are open to all residents who are at least 18 years of age.

WHY TRY AQUA FIT?

- It will help build and maintain healthy muscles and joints.
- Improves your cardiovascular and cardiorespiratory function
- It decreases the risk of developing high blood pressure
- It is a low-impact exercise, ideal for anyone who cannot have strain or stress on his or her joints.
- The unique properties of water enable your heart to work more efficiently.
- Have fun while working out and staying cool!

HELPFUL TIPS FOR THOSE ATTENDING

- Please arrive in your swimsuit
- Please plan on arriving 10 minutes prior to the start of class. This will allow you sufficient time to sign the required waiver and prepare for Aqua Fit.
- Please bring a bottle of water and a towel.
- It encourages that participants apply sunscreen 30 minutes prior to the start of class.
- A hat or visor will assist in providing additional sun protection.

Class sizes are limited; pre-registration at Town Hall, 851 Celebration Ave., is required.

For more information or questions please contact the aquatics office at 407-566-1698 or aquatics@celebrationtownhall.com.
Hope to see you soon!

GROUP LESSONS:

May 2 - May 30 | Tuesday & Thursday
3:30 p.m. Preschool
4 p.m. Beginner
4:30 p.m. Advanced Beginner

FEE: Total of 8 classes
\$65 for residents
\$75 for non-residents

AQUA FIT DAYS AND TIMES:

Every Monday and Thursday, 12–12:45 p.m.

PLACE:

Celebration Lakeside Pool,
631 Sycamore Street

FEE:

12 classes
\$40 for residents
\$50 for non-residents

CELEBRATION POOL HOURS

April 30 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

Lakeside
Lifeguard hours for May: 12- 8 p.m.

CELEBRATION PARK HOURS

Passive Parks: sunrise - dusk

East & 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.

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To register, contact Ms. Dianne Ojeda, owner
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www.celebrationlittlefins.com



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SUNDAYS

9 A.M. - 3 P.M.



Tennis lesson court reservations are subject to change.

For an updated tennis court schedule, please visit celebrationparksandrec.com

Group Tennis RESERVATION SCHEDULE

MONDAY

8-11 a.m.
Active Adult Ladies
Over 50 Tennis
(Court 1)

8-11 a.m.
Active Adult Ladies
Over 50 Tennis
(Court 2)

8-11:30 a.m.
Tennis Lessons by
Darren Holt
(Court 3)

TUESDAY

4-7:30 p.m.
Tennis Lessons by
Darren Holt
(Court 4)

4-7:30 p.m.
Tennis Lessons by
Darren Holt
(Court 5)

5:30-8:30 p.m.
Tennis Lessons by
Darren Holt
(Court 3)

WEDNESDAY

8-11 a.m.
Men's Open Play
(Court 1)

8-11 a.m.
Men's Open Play
(Court 2)

8-11:30 a.m.
Tennis Lessons by
Darren Holt
(Court 3)

6:30-8:30 p.m.
Celebration Men's
Open Doubles
(Court 1)

6:30-8:30 p.m.
Celebration Men's
Open Doubles
(Court 2)

THURSDAY

8-11 a.m.
Active Adult Ladies
Over 50 Tennis
(Court 1)

8-11 a.m.
Active Adult Ladies
Over 50 Tennis
(Court 2)

8 a.m.-12 p.m.
Tennis Lessons by
Darren Holt
(Court 3)

6:30-7:30 p.m.
Tennis Lessons by
Darren Holt
(Court 3)

4-7:30 p.m.
Tennis Lessons by
Darren Holt
(Court 4)

4-7:30 p.m.
Tennis Lessons by
Darren Holt
(Court 5)

FRIDAY

8-11 a.m.
Men's Open Play
(Court 1)

8-11 a.m.
Men's Open Play
(Court 2)

9-11 a.m.
WAIT Ladies
Clinic & Play
(Court 4)

9-11 a.m.
WAIT Ladies
Clinic & Play
(Court 5)

10-11 a.m.
WAIT Ladies
Clinic & Play
(Court 3)

11 a.m.-3 p.m.
Tennis Lessons by
Darren Holt
(Court 3)

SATURDAY

8-11 a.m.
Tennis Lessons
by Darren Holt
(Court 3)

SUNDAY

8-11 a.m.
Tennis Lessons by
Darren Holt
(Court 3)

Interested in tennis lessons?

For more information and to register, contact:

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Dog Park Etiquette

Being safe and learning to appreciate the rules

If you are living in Celebration and own a dog hopefully, you are familiar with our beautiful, perhaps best in class, Dog Park: Celebration Unleashed.

Here our dogs can run free, smell all the smells there are to smell, and play with their dog pals. Some dogs have favorites that they look forward to visiting with. We humans are able to chat with the friends we have made in the park, and meet new ones. However, like any gathering place it is important to know some basic dog park etiquette. Most of the basic points of etiquette tie directly back to rules for use of the dog park that your citizen volunteer dog park committee worked so many months to put into place. Not complying with these rules can put your dog or someone else's dog at risk. The rules in place are designed to help keep all dogs and patrons as safe as possible.

BASIC DOG PARK DO'S:

- Make certain your vaccinations are up to date. This is in fact a requirement to have access to the park.
- Keep your dog leashed until you have completely entered the park.
- Train your dog to enter the park calmly.
- Keep your dog on the appropriate dog side based on the guidelines...small dog side 35 pounds and under, and large dog side 35 pounds and up. Although small dogs may enjoy the large dog side, large dogs are not allowed on the small dog side.
- If play gets too rough, stop it.
- If your dog poops, scoop it up. Plenty of bags are available on both sides.
- Above all, enjoy this beautiful space!

BASIC DOG PARK NO NO'S:

- Every responsible dog owner knows the personality of his or her dog. If your dog is aggressive please do not bring he or she to the park. The dog park is not a place to socialize an aggressive dog.
- Please do not bring children under the age of six to the park. They are not permitted at all to be in the park even with a parent.
- Distraction can pose a problem, whether it be with your phone or conversation. This can lead to an unsupervised dog. Constantly monitor your dog.
- Please do not bring food for yourself or your dog into the park.

Good dog park manners will go a long way to ensure we all enjoy this wonderful space. The most important dog park rules are posted at the entrance to both parks. A full set of the rules are found on the Celebration web site and at Town Hall. Please know these rules were developed using best practices from all over the country. Dog park etiquette doesn't just happen, but rather it must be practiced and implemented each and every time we enter the park. Now, get out there and enjoy the dog park! •

Dog Park Fundraiser



Is your dog born to be a star? The Celebration Unleashed Dog Park is hosting its first 'Dog Days of Summer' banner fundraiser this month. Residents who have their dogs registered with Celebration Unleashed can customize a dog park banner with a favorite photo of their dog. Each banner is \$250 and will be displayed at the dog park from June 20 to October 1. After the display period, banners will be given to the owner as a lifelong keepsake! All proceeds will benefit improvements and amenities at the dog park. Residents can visit www.celebration.fl.us to submit an application before the registration deadline of May 20. Additionally, application forms can be picked up at Town Hall. A minimum of five applications must be submitted in order for the banner order to be placed. A maximum of ten applications will be accepted for this fundraiser and the banners will be available on a first-come, first-serve basis. For more information, please contact Celebration Town Hall at (407) 566-1200 or parks.rec@celebrationtownhall.com. We look forward to seeing your furry friend's face displayed at Celebration Unleashed this summer! •





CALENDAR of events

2019
MAY

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
28	29	30	1 CELEBRATORS Town Hall 9:30 A.M. MATTAMY HOMES/ OSCEOLA COUNTY MEETING Town Hall 6 P.M.	2	3	4 CAF CASINO NIGHT FUNDRAISER & LUAU Artisan Clubhouse 6-11 P.M.
5	6 CROA BOARD WORKSHOP Town Hall 9:30 A.M.	7 SPECIAL EVENTS COMMITTEE MEETING Town Hall 2 P.M.	8 UNITED WE STAND Town Hall 6 P.M.	9 VETERANS CLUB Town Hall 6 P.M. ARC APPLICATION DEADLINE	10 FOOD TRUCK FRIDAY Lakeside Park 5-9 P.M.	11 COMMUNITY CHORUS CONCERT Community Presbyterian 7 P.M.
12 MOTHER'S DAY	13	14 CCDD WORKSHOP 313 Campus Street 6:30 P.M.	15 BINGO Town Hall 6 P.M.	16 DOG PARK COMMITTEE MEETING Town Hall 9:30 A.M. COVENANTS HEARING Town Hall 6 P.M.	17 SPECIAL OLYMPICS TORCH RUN Town Center 7 P.M.	18 VETERANS CLUB PIG ROAST
19	20 CROA BOARD WORKSHOP Town Hall 9:30 A.M. CNOA BOARD MEETING Town Hall 3 P.M. RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING Town Hall 3 P.M. CJC BOARD MEETING Town Hall 3:30 P.M. ARC MEETING Town Hall 6 P.M.	21 CCDD MEETING 313 Campus Street 6:30 P.M.	22 CROA BOARD MEETING Town Hall 6 P.M. DEMOCRATS OF CELEBRATION Town Hall 7 P.M.	23	24	25 MEMORIAL DAY FLAG CEREMONY Founders Park 10 A.M.
26 TOWN HALL CLOSED	27 TOWN HALL CLOSED MEMORIAL DAY	28	29	30 ALOHA TO SUMMER Lakeside Pool 4-6 P.M.	31	JUNE 1
2	3 SUMMER BREAKOUT WEEK 1 CROA BOARD WORKSHOP Town Hall 9:30 A.M.	4 SPECIAL EVENTS COMMITTEE MEETING Town Hall 2 P.M.	5 CELEBRATORS Town Hall 9:30 A.M.	6 TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE MEETING TOWN HALL 6 P.M.	7	8

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



BEAUTY BUZZ

The experts at The Institute of Aesthetic Surgery answer your questions about cosmetic and reconstructive procedures.

Q What is a mommy-makeover?

Answer “Mommy makeover” is a term that is used to describe procedures that women typically want to address unfavorable changes to their body after being pregnant. It usually includes something to address their breasts and belly.

Many women feel their breasts have lost their shape after pregnancy and nursing. These problems can be addressed with either breast augmentation (typically breast implants), a breast lift (mastopexy), or a combination of both.

Typical belly complaints include excess fat, bulges, or loose skin. Procedures include liposuction (removal of fat only), abdominoplasty (tummy tuck), or a combination of both. Liposuction removes fat, but does not address excess skin issues. Abdominoplasty removes the lower belly skin and fat, and best addresses excess skin, especially if there is excess above and below the belly button. This is often combined with liposuction of the flanks or waist to help create a more flattering figure again. It can also tighten stretched out abdominal muscles, which often occur after pregnancy and can contribute to a protruding belly.

As every woman’s body recovers differently from pregnancy and nursing, it is important to consult a board-certified plastic surgeon to discuss which options would best address your concerns.

Q How do I know if I need a breast lift or implants?

Answer If you are happy with the size of your breasts, but not happy with the shape or sagging of the breast, a breast lift may be enough to help restore your breasts. However, if you are not satisfied with how full they are, even when wearing a bra, then you may need implants. Many women choose both procedures to help them achieve their goal, or they may compromise to avoid scars or implants.

When meeting with a board-certified plastic surgeon to discuss your goals, be clear and honest about what features bother you. An honest discussion will help you achieve your desired look.

About Dr. Roxanne Sylora, MD

Dr. Roxanne Sylora is known for her expertise in breast enhancement, reduction, and body contouring. Before moving to Orlando, she spent several years in the Chicago area performing breast augmentation and body sculpting. Certified by the American Board of Plastic Surgery, Dr. Sylora has been recognized as a “Top Plastic Surgeon” by Consumers Checkbook, and as one of ‘America’s Top Plastic Surgeons’ by Consumers Research Council of America.

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RECURRING MONTHLY EVENTS

SUNDAY

COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN CELEBRATION
SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE, 511 CELEBRATION AVE.
8 A.M., 9:30 & 11:11 A.M.

CORPUS CHRISTI CATHOLIC CHURCH
1050 CELEBRATION AVE. | 8:30, 10:30 A.M., & 5:30 P.M.

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

FARMERS MARKET | 9 A.M. - 3 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 | 10 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.

YOGA | HERITAGE HALL | 9:30-10:45 A.M.

FIT4MOM | GREAT LAWN, LAKESIDE PARK | 9:30-10:30 A.M.

BABY AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE | TOWN HALL | 9 A.M.-12 P.M.

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

AQUA FIT | LAKESIDE POOL | 12-12:45 P.M.

X-FACTOR DANCE | 4:30-9 P.M.

ACADEMY OF MARTIAL ARTS | HERITAGE HALL | 5-7 P.M.

IRISH DANCE | ACTIVITIES ROOM | 4:15-6:15 P.M.

COMMUNITY CHORUS | 7 P.M.

TUESDAY

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

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

FIT4MOM | GREAT LAWN, LAKESIDE PARK | 7:30-8:30 & 9:30-10:30 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.

RCFIT7 PERSONAL TRAINING | NORTH VILLAGE PAVILION | 6-7 P.M.

PÉTANQUE | LAKESIDE LAKE | 4-6 P.M.

X-FACTOR DANCE | 4:30-9 P.M.

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

YOGA | JONES ROOM, LAKESIDE | 7-8 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
11 A.M.-12 P.M., & 6-7 P.M.

FITNESS FIRM-UP | JONES ROOM, LAKESIDE | 1-2 P.M. & 6-7 P.M.

X-FACTOR DANCE | 3-9 P.M.

FIT4MOM | GREAT LAWN, LAKESIDE PARK | 5:45-6:45 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.

FIT4MOM | GREAT LAWN, LAKESIDE PARK | 7:30-8:30 A.M. & 9:30-10:30 A.M.

CORPUS CHRISTI CATHOLIC CHURCH | 9 A.M.

YOGA | HERITAGE HALL | 9:30-10:45 A.M.

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

AQUA FIT | LAKESIDE POOL | 12-12:45 P.M.

BEGINNERS' DUPLICATE BRIDGE | 1-4 P.M.

ACADEMY OF MARTIAL ARTS | HERITAGE HALL | 5-7 P.M.

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

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

RCFIT7 PERSONAL TRAINING | NORTH VILLAGE PAVILION | 6-7 P.M.

BALLROOM DANCING LESSONS | 7-9 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.

FIT4MOM | GREAT LAWN, LAKESIDE PARK | 9:30-10:30 A.M.

YOGA | HERITAGE HALL | 9:30-10:45 A.M.

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

ACBL BRIDGE | 10 A.M.-1 P.M.

RCFIT7 PERSONAL TRAINING | NORTH VILLAGE PAVILION | 11 A.M.-12 P.M.

FITNESS FIRM-UP | 1 P.M.

MAH JONG | 1:30-4:30 P.M.

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

X-FACTOR DANCE | 4:30-7 P.M.

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

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

SATURDAY

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

FIT4MOM | GREAT LAWN, LAKESIDE PARK | 8-9 A.M. & 9-10 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.

X-FACTOR DANCE | 10 A.M.-2 P.M.

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

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

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THE MAGIC OF MAY



By Eileen Crawford, MS, LMHC

In many cultures, especially some of the chillier climates of Europe, May 1 is a day to celebrate. May Day announces the official arrival of spring, even though the calendar tells us it came six weeks before. By May, we can be confident that birds will be singing, trees will be lush, and flowers will be fragrantly blooming. We have months of summer to look forward to, when livin' is easy and life settles into its gentle saunter through long, steamy days.

What's not to love about May? To me, it is an especially exciting month, with drama swirling everywhere. This marvelous month is not only one of a disproportionate number of family birthdays, but boasts a cavalcade of bittersweet endings and new beginnings for just about everyone.

Just like in nature, when our beautiful perennials bloom and appear to die, so too do our children rise to the pinnacle of achievement in May. From crossing the pre-K stage, to fifth grade, then eighth, and finally high school and college, walking proudly toward the next chapter in their promising lives, only to find themselves the next day either unemployed, or heading toward a variety of new adventures where they will once again start from the bottom and work their way up.

Endings and new beginnings. School years end, but summer begins. Clubs and sports seasons finish their schedules, but planning for the following year almost always commences quietly when no one is looking. The hectic pace of highly scheduled lives succumbs to the easy rhythm of a quieter, more relaxed time when many of us do not have to be quite as responsible as we have been for the past eight months. May is a month of super-charged emotional energy, and I love every day of it.

So what is the lesson of May? That's easy: to love and appreciate all of its glory – the school field trips, graduations, weddings, First Communion, and those notable days when we celebrate our mothers, our margaritas, and our favorite horses racing 'round the track in Kentucky. Merry, merry May to all! •

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IS IT A MOLE OR SKIN CANCER?

BY ADVENTHEALTH

Our friends at AdventHealth asked us to share some information...for your health's sake!

If you are like the average person, chances are you have moles somewhere on your body. They're common and usually not a cause for concern," says Tace Rico, MD, dermatologist, with AdventHealth.

A changing mole, however, can be one of the first signs of skin cancer. Yet, if caught soon enough, it is almost always curable. However, how do you know what to look for?

Dr. Rico recommends that you check your skin monthly and refer to the ABCs that dermatologists use when checking for melanoma, the most serious form of skin cancer:

- A - Asymmetry. Does one-half of any mole on your body not match the other half? The mole does not have to be a perfect circle, but it should be symmetrical in shape and color, Dr. Rico says.
- B - Border. Are the borders/edges of any mole on your body irregular, jagged or notched?
- C - Color. Are there parts of a mole that are varying shades of black, brown, or tan, with white, pink, red, or even blue splotches? A mole with multiple colors, especially if the colors are asymmetric, is concerning, says Dr. Rico.
- D - Diameter. Are any moles you have larger than 6 millimeters (the width of a pencil eraser) in diameter?
- E - Elevated/Evolving. Has your mole grown? Does it itch, bleed or burn? Alternatively, is it changing, with new colors, a new size or shape?

Your ABCs should include F for Feeling. Sometimes people just have a strange or bad feeling about a lesion, even if they are not sure, it fits any of the ABCDE categories, she says.

Dr. Rico also points out that the ABC rules don't usually apply to children because they're still growing, which means their moles will grow, too. However, if your child has a mole that is growing rapidly, see your pediatrician immediately, she says.

The goal of putting your moles through the ABCDEs and Fs is to catch melanoma early, Dr. Rico says.

Melanomas don't all look like they do on the posters, and it's important to catch it in the early stages because it is extremely aggressive and can spread easily, notes Dr. Rico. You know your body better than anyone does so if you have a mole that violates any of the ABCDE guidelines, or if you just have a worrisome feeling, see your dermatologist immediately. •

It's Going to BE HUGE!

By Gloria Niec



Okay, I confess, my husband makes me crazy. It never fails that when we go to the AdventHealth gym, he wants to park in a certain area, if not the same parking spot. Up the ramp and close to the elevator bank on the second level. He starts to grumble when there are no spots available and he has to go up the ramp searching. I am always curious about this because, are we not going to the gym? Is it not okay to walk? Nevertheless, logic does not prevail.

He was over the moon happy when I told him the hospital was building a new garage that would open in 2020, "seven levels of pure parking pleasure." Yes, parking makes the man happy.

I learn about what is happening at the hospital as a member of the AdventHealth Celebration's Patient Family Advisory Council. Led by Deb Laughon, Director of Professional Development and Clinical Excellence we meet monthly to learn about the hospital, offer suggestions and serve as advocates in the community.

They are rapidly expanding the network, besides parking, with a new patient tower, yes, I know you have seen the cranes; Radiation Oncology will be opening later in 2019; they just received approval for Open Heart Surgery, and they are creating a Pediatric Emergency Department.

Our hospital staff are proactive and care about patient experience. They recently received Magnet Certification, which is the "highest and most prestigious distinction a healthcare organization can receive for nursing excellence and high-quality patient care. With only 8% of U.S. hospitals earning the Magnet designation, it's clearly the gold standard."

We have information available in the Celebration Foundation office if you are curious or you can always reach out to staff at AdventHealth for more information. ●

STORM RACKING UP THE HARDWARE

In the past two seasons, the Celebration High School boys' soccer team brought home a pair of district and regional titles while advancing to the state semi-finals. As a result, members of the Storm have collected some accolades for their stellar play.

Luis Mora, a senior forward, was named the Florida Dairy Farmers/ FACA 5A Boys Soccer Player of the year, in addition to being named 2018-19 Orlando Sentinel boys soccer player of the year, joining two other Storm players on the all-area first team.

Mora, who is now also a finalist for Mr. Florida (State POY), tallied 29 goals to go along with 16 assists in just 24 matches.

Fernando Abreu, a senior mid-fielder, who led the Storm with 24 assists and Matheus Machado, another senior mid-fielder, who recorded 20 goals with 15 assists, rounded out the Storm's first team selections. ●



Creation Village Preparatory School HELPS OUR EARTH

By Naiya Wise-Beaumont

The fourth and fifth graders at Creation Village Preparatory School have been busy saving the Earth.

In the beginning of the school year, each student planted a tree to create a fruit orchard on campus. Fourth grader Illiana stated, “It was so fun to plant a tree. I take care of my persimmon tree and check on it weekly.” The students also noticed our school did not have a recycling program and were eager to implement a weekly collection in collaboration with Celebration Sanitation Services. Logan shares, “We created a rap song and wrote a play together as a class. Then we went to each classroom to teach the students items that can and cannot be recycled.”

Students in grades 2nd – 5th also worked together to build a hydroponics plant system. Sarah shares, “It is so fun to watch the plants grow so quickly.” Shakur added, “Building the hydroponic system was really fun and easy to do.” Along with the hydroponics plants, the students worked together to design and germinate seeds in a garden tower. Fifth grader Cayden accounts, “I loved planting and even tasting the plants as they grow in our garden.” The Garden Club of Celebration assisted with the funding of the hydroponic system.

Another project some of the fourth graders did was to help the local mason bees. Several classes worked together to create beehive structures. The University of Central Florida will be observing these bees for ways to help them thrive more successfully in their natural habitat. The fourth and fifth graders are also working with a professional animal behaviorist for hands on experience to train our new goat. The animal behaviorist meets regularly with the students to teach basic skills for training Sadie the goat to respond to their commands. Salvatore eagerly states, “Sadie is so playful and I love to hear her bleep.” All the students at Creation Village Preparatory School agree, “Sadie is a joy to be around, it is so fun to train her and see her grow. She is the best part of outdoor exploration time!”

These amazing opportunities offered at CVP have given the students insight into the importance of taking care of our planet and the wildlife that exists in their very own backyard. ■





COMMUNITY

SPRINGING INTO FUN

Residents had the opportunity to welcome the start of the spring season with a special dueling pianos presentation on the Great Lawn on March 20. Attendees sang, clapped and danced their way through the two-hour performance. There was some obvious talent observed that evening, who knows, maybe the next big star walks amongst us. •





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For more information, contact the lifestyle department at Town Hall, at 407-566-1200 or lifestyle@celebrationtownhall.com.



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COMMUNITY

Star Spangled Fourth Awaits

Celebration enjoys its Rockwellesque community events and July 4 is no exception. The 2019 edition promises to bring pageantry, community, rock n' roll and of course, fireworks, all part of a Star Spangled Fourth of July.

The Celebration Residential Owners Association (CROA) is putting the finishing touches on what promises to be another memorable day, as we celebrate our nation's 243rd birthday.

The day kicks off at 9 a.m. with our annual parade through the community. Following a route that begins at Town Hall and traverses up Celebration Avenue, down Market and ending near Lakeside Park, residents are invited to line the streets and show off their patriotic spirit. Better yet, why not corral your friends and neighbors and participate as part of the march. Parade applications are available at Town Hall.

Following the parade (and transformation of Town Center), the fun resumes at 4 p.m. in and around Market and Front Streets, as many of Celebration's dining establishments will be vending some of their more popular items.

At 5 p.m., we welcome Sonny Ferguson to the stage. Sonny, whose credits include being a former member of the Box Tops, boasts a diverse song list, covering every genre of music, including Classic Rock, Oldies, Tropical and Top 40.

At 7:30 p.m., it is time to check into the Hotel California, as it promises to be One of Those Nights, when we welcome **7 Bridges: The Ultimate Eagles Experience**. Dubbed "the best Eagles tribute on Earth," by *Rolling Stone Magazine*, these six gifted musical artists out of Nashville, Tennessee, blend their extraordinary talents to honor their musical heroes and rock legends. The band uses no backing tracks or harmonizers, as they faithfully re-create the experience of an Eagles concert, note for note. Featuring one brilliant hit single after another, their perfect blend of songs, musicianship and onstage charisma will leave attendees with that Peaceful Easy Feeling.

Of course, no July 4 event would be complete without painting the night sky. Following the 7 Bridges performance, the sky over Celebration will be illuminated with a breathtaking pyrotechnic display, which is sponsored by Lexin Celebration Commercial, LLC.

Celebration residents will have a front row seat to enjoy the fireworks from the closest vantage point in the town. Lakeside Park will be a resident only venue on July 4, ensuring residents the best seat in the house. Remember those CROA ID'S.

Look for additional events details, including a detailed traffic plan, in the June edition of the Celebration News and on the Celebration website (www.celebration.fl.us).

For more information about the Star Spangled Fourth of July, please contact Town Hall at 407-566-1200 or lifestyle@celebrationtownhall.com.





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GUARDIANS OF THE FLAME OF HOPE

Special Olympics Torch Run coming to Celebration

All around the world, Special Olympics has a formidable and caring legion of protectors and supporters: the law enforcement community. The signature event of the law enforcement community's year-round support is the annual Final Leg of the Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics Florida.

Since 1987, law enforcement officers from around the world have participated in the Final Leg of the Law Enforcement Torch Run prior to the Special Olympics World Summer and Winter Games. The tradition of the Final Leg Torch Run is for law enforcement officers representing their country, state and Torch Run Program, to act as "Guardians of the Flame" and carry the Special Olympics Torch and "Flame of Hope" to the Opening Ceremonies of the Special Olympics Games.

This Torch Run event is called the Final Leg because it represents the culmination of Torch Run events that have occurred previously throughout the World. The Torch Run Final Leg is not only a salute to the athletes from around the World who will compete in the Special Olympics World Summer Games, but also an honor for the participating law enforcement officers and Special Olympics athletes who comprise the Torch Run Final Leg Team.

The Olympic flame symbolizes the light of spirit, knowledge and life. With identical power and majesty, the Special Olympics "Flame of Hope," in the entrusted care of the law enforcement community, symbolizes the courage and celebration of diversity that the Special Olympics movement represents.

The Florida Law Enforcement Torch Run is the largest annual public relations and fund-raising event for Special Olympics Florida. Statewide, the participating chiefs, officers, sheriffs, deputies, agents and cadets from virtually every branch of federal, state, county and municipal law enforcement, represent a total of over 300 different agencies.

Funds are generated through the sale of the popular Torch Run T-shirts and hats, and through various local fundraising events. You can support Special Olympics Florida and your local law enforcement agency by taking part in one of the many fun events they hold throughout the year or by buying this year's Law Enforcement Torch Run commemorative t-shirt or hat.

The 2019 Final Leg of the Law Enforcement Torch Run will again take place on May 17 in Celebration on Market Street, beginning at approximately 7 p.m.

Please come out along the route along Celebration Avenue towards U.S. 192 to cheer on and support the law officers, as they make their way running from Celebration to the ESPN Wide World of Sports Complex for the lighting of the flame at the Special Olympics Opening Ceremonies. The Special Olympics Summer Games will be held at ESPN Wide World of Sports on May 17 and 18. This police escorted torch run is truly a sight to see and hear. Hope to see you there. ●



DEMOCRATS

PROVIDE OPPORTUNITY TO GET TO KNOW COUNTY COMMISSION CANDIDATES



Currently there are three Democratic Candidates for County Commission District 1 who have filed to run in 2020. The Democrats of Celebration are proud to be hosting each of them in the next three months. The three candidates are listed in order in which they will be speaking to our group: Michael E. Harford, spoke April 24; Peggy Choudhry speaking this month, May 22 and Jose A Alvarez, coming June 26

Mr. Harford served our country in the US Army, prior to entering the field of political service to our community of Osceola County. He initially served on the county school board and then two terms as a county commissioner, with one year at Vice Chair. He believes in "equality, labor rights, and a steadfast belief that government can and should help the people it represents." He feels "unlimited and uncontrolled growth" needs to be addressed with a cohesive vision. He has numerous accomplishments he facilitated while serving on the County Commission in the past and will review with us his hopes and goals for a new term.

Ms. Choudhry currently serves as County Commissioner for District 1. Born in Providence, Rhode Island she eventually worked for the U.S. Department of Homeland Security as an Immigration Officer. Next, she became a business owner as her dad had been and owned a hotel here in Osceola on Rt. 192. She was elected to office in November 2016 and her current term will be up November 2020. Like with other candidates, she will be presenting to our club members and guests her plans for the future of Osceola County.

Mr. Alvarez will be joining us at our June meeting. He has lived here in Osceola County for 20 years and currently serves as the Mayor of Kissimmee. Coming to the US as a child in 1971, he grew up in Miami and worked for the Florida Department of Transportation. He is now a real estate broker and was elected to serve as president of the Osceola County Association of Realtors. In addition, Mr. Alvarez has five daughters and four grandchildren. He will tell us about his variety of committees, boards and task force positions, where he spends a lot of time.

Please join us at our free and friendly meetings where we educate and inform about what is happening with the Democratic Party and give attendees numerous opportunities to help get Democrats elected. We meet the fourth Wednesday of every month, January through October from 7 – 8 p.m. at Town Hall, 851 Celebration Ave. You do not have to live in Celebration to attend our meetings. In the meantime, check out our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/democratsofcelebration/.



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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. at Town Hall, 851 Celebration Ave.

For further information, contact celveterans@aol.com, (321) 276-2380 or visit www.celebrationveterans.org.

MEETINGS

SECOND THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH
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**CELEBRATION
VETERANS CLUB**

Celebration VETERANS in the community

Over the past several months, the Veterans Club of Celebration has been involved in fundraising projects as well as membership activities that promote camaraderie and fellowship between the club members and auxiliary members.

We started the month of February off with our annual breakfast brunch at the Shades of Green. Over 40 club and auxiliary members attended. We had the opportunity to honor two of our members as they celebrated their birthdays, Joe Beam and Joe Gallego, son of Tony Gallego.

Spring-cleaning came early as club members and auxiliary members cleaned out their garages, closets and sheds of items that could be used to sell at the March Celebration Porch and Yard Sale. Judy and Robert Hager generously volunteered the use of their front porch and home to the Veterans Club to sell items. The Gary Sinise Foundation's Snowball Express will receive 100 % of the proceeds from the sale. The Snowball Express will occur again at Disney this year. Funds received from the general sale are going to benefit Veterans programs as well as food and supplies for our BBQ/Pig Roast in May.

The Veterans Club of Celebration was represented at "Honoring Our Heroes," the 18th Annual Osceola Veterans Council Dinner and Award Ceremony in April.

One of our busiest months, May, starts with our annual BBQ/Pig Roast on the 18th. The Celebration High School JRAFROTC Detachment once again will assist us with the food preparation, cooking, serving and cleaning. By assisting us, the cadets earn a certain amount of credit to meet their requirements for completing the cadet program and graduate.

We support the community of Celebration by participating alongside the Boy Scouts of Celebration in the Memorial Day Flag ceremony at Founders Park. This year we will be dedicating a veteran brick to Herman Zanoni, a WWII Veteran, who fought in the Pacific Islands such as Ohau, Okinawa and Leyte. Herman passed away on February 28 at the age of 95.

As you can see, the Veterans Club of Celebration is actively doing various projects to support our Veteran Community. Therefore, the next time you see a Veteran, thank them for their service and remember as well all the fire, police and EMT's. ●





Photo credit Barbara Ingraham

Bicycles, baseball and blarney



IT WAS A BIKE-O-RAMA! – Our thanks to fellow-Celebrator Dick Larke who presented “The History of the Bicycle” at our April membership meeting. Did you know that the first “bicycle” appeared in the 1600’s or that bikes for tikes weren’t a thing until the early 20th century? Originally developed for adults as an alternative to the horse and carriage, they quickly became a popular mode of transportation. So much so that property owners were encouraged to pave the section of road in front of their homes with smooth surfaces - not for cars - but for bicycles! (They were not called “boneshakers” for nothing). The incentive? Free postal delivery right to your front door. Who knew? Well, we all do now thanks to Dick.

WHY SHOULD YOU NEVER IRON A FOUR-LEAF CLOVER? – Because you don’t want to *press* your luck. A group of lucky Celebrators joined together to spread a bit o’ blarney and to share a traditional Irish meal at our pre-St. Patrick’s Day féasta. Participants took the “wearin’ o’ the green” very seriously, so much so that it was hard to tell the difference between our members and the leprechauns seen dancing around the room. Okay, maybe there were not any real leprechauns, just a little too much Guinness. Slainte!

TAKE ME OUT TO THE BALL GAME... - Sixty of our members took advantage of the beautiful weather and made the short trek to Champions Stadium to watch the Atlanta Braves take on the Detroit Tigers. Even though most of us didn’t have a (hot)dog in the fight (GO CUBS GO!) the experience was well worth the trip. Who can resist the smell of popcorn and roasted peanuts wafting through the bleachers? Or ignore the elusive call of the “vendor foul” (a species native to ball parks also known as “*persona sellitas beerious tu fansiums*”) as it swoops by squawking “BEER HERE – BEER HERE!” Food, drink, the “crack” of the bats and the roar of the crowd made this outing a definite home run.

COMING IN MAY! Meet Debby Guertin, CMP, Director of Community Relations for Experience Kissimmee. Did you know that Kissimmee/Celebration hosts 8.9 million overnight visitors from all over the world each year? With over 30 years of experience in the central Florida hospitality industry, including 26 years at Experience Kissimmee, Debby has helped promote Kissimmee through a variety of sales, marketing, and event planning roles. As Director of Community Relations, she has the pleasure of connecting the hospitality industry and visitors to the local community by sharing the hearts of tourism. Learn more about the value of tourism and the roll of Experience Kissimmee in promoting the destination and connecting the hospitality industry, visitors and community. ●

REGULAR MONTHLY SCHEDULE

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Explaining a rational approach to an emotional issue

Few issues spark greater emotional response than when individuals and families are faced with critical medical decisions. In recent years, the concept of patient autonomy, that is, the rights of patients to choose treatment free from pressure by physicians and others, has been gaining prominence in American society.

At first glance, who could argue with that? However, what happens if a patient is emotionally traumatized, impaired by illness or multiple factors, lacks an understanding of a potential medical procedure and its consequences, or if the decision affects others? Procedures such as abortion on demand, aggressive treatment for life-threatening diseases, and even immunization of children are just a few examples in which autonomy and well-being need to be carefully balanced.

We have invited nationally known medical doctor and author, Dr. John Littell, to return to Celebration to discuss the issue of patient autonomy, including as it relates to the rights of the unborn and to the elderly. Mark your calendars for our upcoming May 8 meeting, 6:30 p.m. at Celebration Town Hall.

Four years ago, Dr. John Littell explained to a full house at Heritage Hall some of the pros and cons of Obamacare. Many of his predictions have proven to be correct.

Continuing his fight for the reinstatement of the “do no harm” oath of physicians, Dr. Littell will explain the perils of patient autonomy, including as it affects the training of future physicians. Locally, Dr. Littell is a medical director of five crisis pregnancy centers in Central Florida, and has been outspoken about the opening of a Planned Parenthood office in Kissimmee.

After earning his MD from George Washington University, Dr. Littell served in the US Army, receiving the Meritorious Service

Medal for his work in quality improvement; he also served with the National Health Service Corps in Montana. Dr. Littell has been on the faculty of the UCF School of Medicine, and was President of the County Medical Society and the Chief of Staff at the Florida Hospital. His practice (Kissimmee and Ocala) focuses on family medicine. He authored the book *The Hidden Truth: Deception in Women's Health Care A Physician's Advice to Women – and all who care for them*. Dr. Littell views his chosen vocation of family medicine as an offshoot of his faith, thus his emphasis on basic values, not protocol or popular culture.

Another issue that has attracted attention recently is the constitutionally mandated use of the Electoral College to elect our United States President. Everyone has been talking about it - so we did too. On April 10, noted constitutional expert Ron VonBehren explained the essential rationale for the Electoral College to UWS-CF. It is very simple: the Constitution guarantees a voice to all sectors of the country, Wyoming as well as the behemoths of California and New York. Those two states could skew the entire vote to reflect only two coastal and urban populations. Without the Electoral College, America would no longer be a Constitutional Republic.

Continuing our support of America's peacekeepers, we donated to the Kissimmee Police Department for National Police Week in memory of Sgt. Richard “Sam” Howard and Officer Mathew Baxter. We continue to support Wounded Warriors monthly.

Our meetings are held the second Wednesday of the month at the 851 Building on Celebration Ave., Celebration, 6:30 p.m. All Central Florida residents and their guests are welcome regardless of political, religious, or ethnic affiliation. For more information or to be added to our mailing list please email anne@unitedwestandcf.com.



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Sawdust

By Veryl Kroom

In the March issue of the Celebration News, we reviewed one of the most popular activities for wood workers, which was to make case goods (cabinets, clocks, shelving units, desks, tables).

This article will cover the LEAST favorite activity for wood workers, but we still do it if we cannot find someone else to do it to our satisfaction. The subject of this article is staining and putting a finish on our built projects.

Wood workers like to build. We like nicely stained and/or finished wood because it enhances the beauty of the wood we selected for the project. As messy as we like to get is wiping the glue off our fingers when we put projects together even though we usually emerge from our workshops covered in sawdust. Stain and finishing strains our tolerances. In addition, there are a myriad of finishes from lacquer, shellac, varnish, milk wash, paint, polyurethane, etc. Now days you need to know which will work with the stain being used so it does remove it and there is the choice in appearance when choosing between an oil-based finish (which will "golden" over time) or water-based (which will keep truer colors of the original wood but may not be as hard a finish).

In the accompanying pictures, you see a drop leaf table built by club member Jeff Howe. He chose black paint to match a decorating scheme. After the paint was applied (primer is a first coat which acts as a glue for the finish paint coats that follow) the finisher needs to sand between each coat just like any other finish so that pleasing tactile sensation of a smooth surface can be enjoyed by all who can't keep their hands off it. Jeff went the next step and had a tole painter (single stroke flowers, leaves, and ribbons) to add that touch of distinction.

If you have questions you would like addressed in this column or have a comment please address them to ArtistryInWood999@gmail.com. •



PICKLEBALL

club enjoys league play

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The Celebration Pickleball Club, made up of nearly 60 residents, participated in the Amateur Athletic Union (AAU) Central Florida Pickleball Winter League.

Competing against five other teams from the greater Orlando area, seven men and seven women from our club, ranging in age from the mid-20s to the mid-70s took on the challenge. League play involved two meets, 1 home/1 away, against each of the other teams for a total of 10 meets in the season. Each meet included four matches, Women's Doubles, Men's Doubles and two Mixed Doubles, with one point awarded for each match won.

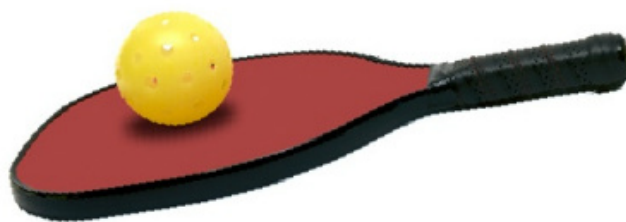
Celebration started the season a little slow losing the first two meets 3-1, but by week 6, we had fought our way into third place. Week 7 matched us up against the strongest team in the league and despite the home court advantage; we lost all four matches dropping us to 4th place. Celebration rallied for the final three meets of the season and finished in a 3-way tie for 2nd place in match wins but ended up fourth in games won. A great showing for our first season in the league.

Overall, this was a great experience for 14 players of our growing pickleball club. We enjoyed the sport we love in five new places and met other pickleball players from across Central Florida. We are looking forward to our participation in the fall league starting in September.

Some facts about the sport with the funny name. Pickleball is the fastest growing sport in America. It is a racquet sport, played on a badminton-sized court with a tennis sized net. A paddle slightly larger than a table tennis paddle and a plastic ball with holes. Primarily played as doubles, it is a very social and addicting sport.

Our club is welcoming new players 16 and older, we have a mix of skill levels and ages. If you are interested in being more active in a very social environment or becoming competitive in a sport, competing in tournaments and leagues, Pickleball is for you.

Please visit the Celebration Pickleball website (www.CelebrationPickleball.com/) and Facebook page (www.facebook.com/CelebrationPickleball) for more details on how to start playing pickleball in Celebration. ●



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WINGS...STEM...POLYTECH... 21st CENTURY LEARNERS... YOUR FUTURE!

By Melanie Hummel

On Friday, March 8, a group from the Celebration Foundation had an exciting opportunity to visit Florida Polytechnic University just west of Celebration off I-4 in Lakeland.

Many people have noticed the avant-garde architecture of the school's main academic building, designed by famed Spanish architect, Santiago Calatrava, without even realizing the wonderful opportunities that exist there for students in our community.

Florida Polytechnic University is Florida's only accredited public university with an exclusive focus on the core STEM disciplines of engineering, technology, and applied science. Florida Polytechnic offers six undergraduate engineering degree programs and two graduate-level engineering degree programs. The school's mission is to prepare 21st century learners in advanced fields of STEM to become innovative problem-solvers and high-tech professionals through interdisciplinary teaching, leading-edge research, and collaborative partnerships.

According to the last published demographic data, Florida Polytechnic University had a student body of 1445 students, and 87% of those students were male. The team from the Celebration Foundation is currently looking at ways that we can expand the mission of the WINGS (Women's Initiative Nurturing Girls' Strengths) program to include encouraging young women in the Celebration K-8 and Celebration High School to pursue interests in the STEM fields. As part of that effort, a dedicated group of volunteers has been exploring different STEM-related organizations in the community. The group was excited to see the opportunities that exist at Florida Polytechnic University. For more information about Florida Polytechnic, visit <https://floridapoly.edu>.

CELEBRATION FOUNDATION



WINGS CELEBRATES WOMEN WHO ENGINEER THEIR FUTURES

On Friday, April 5, Celebration Foundation's Women's Initiative Nurturing Girls' Strength (WINGS) at Celebration School K-8, celebrated the conclusion of its fifth year promoting the power of girls and women with a packed Power Breakfast, highlighting how Celebration girls and women have "engineered" their phenomenal futures.

Emceed by Celebration School counselor Rose Pollzzie and Eileen Crawford of Associates in Counseling for Family Health, the program was jammed with real and virtual guests who had powerful messages to share with the students. Keynote speaker Lisa Enos Smith, president of Celebration's own Renaissance Entertainment, shared her story of how growing up in rural Oklahoma and Florida led her to a life she never imagined. She encouraged students to own their story, with all its bumps, failures and wrong turns, because in the end those can lead to a very good place.

Students were visited virtually through taped videos sent by four women who graduated from Celebration Schools and have gone on to have exciting careers and life stories. Rachel Binns Terrill (Class of '99 from the K-12 era) has earned her PhD in love and relationships, and now works for the NFL helping couples cope with transition from their playing days into retirement. Ashley Pennington Van Stone (class of '04) is Executive Director of Trash-Free Maryland. Brynn Crawford Lang (class of '05) is a controller for Gilbane Construction working in New York City, and Mary Ellen Di Tommaso (class of '09) shared how she was inspired back in 7th grade by a visit from Disney Imagineers, leading her to build a career in industrial engineering, which has allowed her to enjoy international travel.

In addition to the inspirational speakers, students enjoyed a rollicking game of Women Power trivia, and loved the prizes and surprises sprinkled throughout the morning.

WINGS at Celebration K-8 has sponsored monthly Power Lunches for 150 5th-8th grade students who signed up at the beginning of the school year. WINGS is dedicated to help girls and women soar to their highest potential. Follow our news and events through the Celebration Foundation.



Michael McCann "The Next Generation"

Every once in a while you feel the essence of what it means to be a community built by Disney. Hosting Michael McCann on March 29 and 30 was one of those occasions.

We celebrated 25 years since Celebration was officially incorporated on March 29, 1994 with an unveiling of a drawing created by McCann for the 25th anniversary of that milestone.

Michael McCann's artwork is located throughout Celebration as he was commissioned by the original Celebration planners and designers to create images and architect renderings even before the first home in Celebration was built. We were honored he came back to create an image based on his perception of Celebration 25 years later.

"The original little girl on a bicycle sketch was part of a series of small concept drawings. I was inspired by a video at the Lake Buena Vista Disney offices. Walt Disney himself talked about a property that they purchased next to Disney World; to me, this new community was the "American Dream." That small sketch became the logo for Celebration. Twenty-five years later, I was commissioned to create an anniversary drawing. I didn't have to go far for inspiration, the subject matter was right in front of me; my daughter, Cayli; my son, Joseph and our dog, Spike.



Thanks to Walt Disney, the American Dream has no physical boundaries. It was such an immense pleasure visiting Celebration to present the 25th anniversary painting. To work alongside some of the best architects in the world, to work on such an historic project, and now to see the concept realized has been such an incredible experience. What a wonderful community for "The Next Generation." And to everyone in Celebration, I would just like to say Thank you."

Limited, signed and numbered prints are available at the Celebration Foundation office. The print quality is the best possible and they are a wonderful remembrance of Celebration's 25th anniversary. •



Talented students

Graced the concert stage

By Gloria Niec

The 2018-19 concert series was the year of the students. Every concert had students performing and performing beautifully. The Celebration Foundation has always encouraged students to attend but this was the first year we were able to feature them at every performance.

The Celebration High School Chamber Singers, directed by James Rode, sang at the Brass Band of Central Florida Holiday Concert. Their voices led the audience through several holiday classics and their enthusiasm brightened the performance.

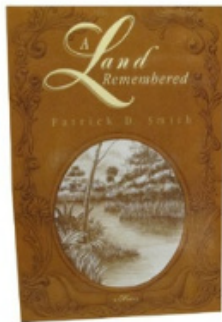
The Celebration High School Jazz Band, under the direction of Tyler Kirby, opened for Bumper Jacksons, an award-winning band out of Virginia. Members of Bumper Jacksons were so impressed with the students; they asked two of them to perform with them in the last number. Ethan Amaya said it was one of the best moments and one of the scariest moments of his young life.

Our next two concerts were all about students. The Florida Symphony Youth Orchestra (FSYO) and the Vienna Boys

Choir are masters at their arts at such young ages. The technical ability of the FSYO is amazing and if you close your eyes, you would swear you were listening to some of the best musicians in the country. The Vienna Boys Choir is renowned as one of the finest vocal ensembles in the world.

Students from Osceola County School for the Arts performed at our next two concerts. Gary Lovini had students on stage playing some Irish melodies under the guidance of Rueff Frazee. Irish Step Dancers from the Finnegan Academy of Irish Dance also graced the stage.

The Orlando Philharmonic ended the Series with a performance by Osceola County School for the Arts Orchestra during intermission conducted by Eric Jacobsen and Rueff Frazee. These are wonderful opportunities for students to show off their skills and understand the difference between practice and performance. We are always happy to collaborate, especially when we can help make someone's world a little bigger. ●



A NIGHT TO BE REMEMBERED – A JOURNEY TO OLD FLORIDA

BY B. ALKSNINIS

The Celebration Foundation was pleased to present Patrick Smith's Florida Is a Land Remembered on March 22. The audience was treated to an immersive experience as Rick Smith detailed his father's literary journey. Rick's lecture was a multi-media event that included wonderful video interviews with his father talking about his experiences in researching Florida's "Cracker" history. By the end of the evening, you really felt as though you had met the author himself. Son Rick helped deliver his father's story with humor and charming family stories.

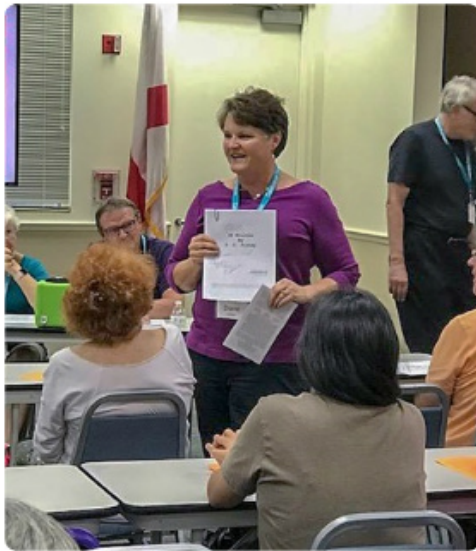
For those of you who don't know, Patrick D. Smith is best known as the author of *A Land Remembered*, a novel that truly captures the spirit of Florida's past. It's been said that this book should be issued to all who cross the Florida border. Moreover, when you think about Florida pioneer history, it really wasn't all that long ago.

Lectures like this truly offer Celebration residents "a sense of place." We are privileged to live in such a beautiful, modern community but it is important to remember where we came from. Respect for Florida's environment, indigenous people, culture and heritage can only benefit our town as we move forward.

Proceeds from the evening benefitted Thriving in Place and Celebration Lifelong, two of the Celebration Foundation's life-enriching programs. To learn more about the Celebration Foundation, its programs and upcoming events, please visit our website www.CelebrationFoundation.org.

See where *Celebration Lifelong* can take you!

By Diane Finney



I have been a member of Celebration Lifelong for several years now. What an amazing experience it has been. I've enjoyed taking art classes - drawing, watercolor, printmaking and have dabbled in a broad spectrum of classes as diverse as learning about the life of the artist Monet, Geocaching, Broadway musicals, how to play Bridge, meditation, places to visit in Florida, How to Write a 10 Minute Play and learning more about the design and structure of Celebration itself. By taking a terrific playwriting course I was able to see my 10 Minute Play performed in Three Oaks, Michigan. Imagine where these classes might take you.

Not only have I learned a lot by participating in Celebration Lifelong, I have also enriched my life with making new friends amongst my fellow classmates. If you have a hobby or special interest you would like to share with others, I strongly encourage everyone to consider offering to teach or give a lecture. I have taught mystery writing and have enjoyed giving lectures on Gardening in Central Florida. Therefore, there is no time like the present to participate in Celebration Lifelong Learning.

Celebration Lifelong is a lifelong learning program open to all adults in Celebration. Registration for the fall 2019 Term will begin on August 26. Until then, visit our website at www.CelebrationLifelong.org or call (407) 595-5905 to learn more about this program and the benefits of membership. ●

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Let's talk "trash" about the Foundation

Thank you, Ken Lee and Celebration Sanitation. Ken first approached the Foundation about featuring our new logo on one of the trucks last year. We said yes, what fun!

Folks have been snapping pictures and sending them to the office. They are excited to see the truck wrapped in the Celebration Foundation logo and we must say it works beautifully with the blue sky, clouds and Celebration's iconic picket fence.

We included our tag line 'Building Better Community.' The Celebration Foundation affects lives every day in three key areas: Education, Human Services and the Arts. Learn more, get involved or donate at www.celebrationfoundation.org. ●

THE IMPACT OF PARTNERSHIPS

BY RACHEL MCINTEE

This year, the Celebration Marathon donated \$10,000 to the Celebration Foundation's Thriving In Place program. We are so grateful and appreciative of the opportunity to partner with this community program.

Ken Zambito, The Town of Celebration Marathon & Half Marathon Race Director, stated it well, "The Town of Celebration Marathon & Half Marathon Board of Directors was happy to once again be able to provide a donation for the Thriving In Place program, as we know it fills a much needed role in our community. Without the support and participation in the event from our sponsors, runners, volunteers, and residents, we would not be able to continue providing this financial boost to the program."

This program benefits the community in a multitude of ways, but without funders like the Celebration Marathon & Half Marathon and the support we receive, we would not be able to fulfill our mission.

The Thriving In Place members and volunteers had a blast on the soggy weekend of January 25, while volunteering during the expo and hosting a "rowdy" corner on the morning of the marathon and half marathon to cheer on the runners rain or shine. We look forward to finding new ways to partner to help continue to build the community of Celebration. Building better community.

Thriving In Place is a community-based membership program under the umbrella of the Celebration Foundation. Our members are Celebration residents who are at least 55 years of age, or a person with a disability of any age, who want to stay in their own homes and lead a healthy, safe, independent, and productive life. For questions regarding Thriving In Place, please call 407-572-9850, e-mail Thriving@celebrationfoundation.org, or visit the office at 690 Celebration Avenue. •

Let's Have a Drink!

By Jacquie Hobgood

This year, one of the most popular auction items from the Celebration Foundation's Dancing through the Decades Gala was the "Drink of the Month." Susan Bona, from Celebration Town Tavern granted guests the opportunity to buy a drink for a month that will be offered at our favorite local establishment.

This cool idea was suggested by Celebration Foundation board member Lisa Buyer and requested of Susan, who immediately accepted and worked with her team to create an array of delicious drinks for purchase each month.

And it all came together.

Just think, your name highlighted on your drink, showcased on the tables and the monthly feature sheet, what a fun way to celebrate with friends.

If you research "cheering or toasting to celebrate" many versions of the origin of this popular tradition exist, but one that seems to be most fitting is "a celebration of gladness and encouragement."

The basis of the Celebration Foundation's promotion of our various programs are rooted in encouragement and care, and this wonderful means of "celebrating" is just the perfect way to compliment the sincere premise of the Foundation, its supporters, and its volunteers that all make this community amazing.

April's drink, sponsored by Val and Paul Collins, was the Elderflower Sparkler. There are still a few months available and for each drink sold, Susan is donating \$2 to the Celebration Foundation in support of its amazing programs. For further information, please call the Celebration Foundation office at 407-566-1234 and join us for a drink at Town Tavern.

Cheers my friends! •



Why Thriving In Place matters

By Rachel McIntee



*"Thriving
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gives me a
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A real-life story...

Evelyn Grosso moved to Celebration in 1999 and later became a member of Celebration Foundation's Thriving In Place program in 2016. Evelyn heard about Thriving In Place through the Lifelong Learning program, also offered by the Celebration Foundation, and Annette Curti a Thriving In Place volunteer. She then attended a lunch where she was kindly welcomed and felt she had found her niche and made some good friends. Evelyn has always been a very active member using the social engagement type of benefits offered by the program.

Evelyn enjoys the weekly lunches and is very involved with the excursions. She is even on the excursion planning committee. She also participates in chair yoga. Evelyn says, "Thriving In Place gives me a purpose. People need to be needed by others."

It wasn't until recently that Evelyn saw a need for the service side of the program. Unfortunately, she was in a car accident in January, however she has recovered quickly and is on the move again. She now has transportation needs, which the Thriving In Place Program is able to provide for Evelyn. "Little did I know I'd eventually need the transport side. It's an adjustment but Thriving In Place has helped with that," she said.

When asked what the biggest benefit of Thriving In Place is, Evelyn couldn't choose just one. She mentioned it helps with socialization, which prevents her from being alone, services such as the transportation benefit, and she likes the fact that you can choose to do as much or as little as you would like. "Between all of the offerings, I've had so much to do I have to choose because there is not enough time to do it all," said Evelyn.

Evelyn's story is the reason we do what we do. We offer Thriving In Place because it is an important resource for our seniors living in this community.

I thank Evelyn for allowing me to share her powerful message and encourage each of you to stop by for a cup of coffee or just to chat to learn more about the benefits offered by Thriving In Place. We are here for you.

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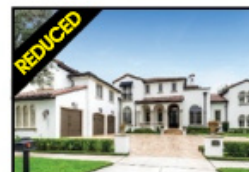
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**1340 Cap Rock Dr.
Celebration • \$789,000**

Custom built this beautiful 4/4 Anastasia Model by award winning David Weekdy Homes is located in Spring Lake Village on a corner lot with panoramic water views. Both first and second level spanning balconies! Home comes with many upgrades which would be expected for this luxurious property.



**1148 Wilde Drive
Celebration • \$695,000**

This Remington Craftsman Model is located in Artisan Park on an oversize corner lot across from conservation with water views. True to its Craftsman style, the large front porch welcomes you home as you step into the formal living and dining room area. Wood floors are in all of the main living areas and hall ways. Home has many upgrades, a must see.



**3241 Preserve Dr.
Orlando • \$575,000**

This gorgeous home built by Meritage Homes and nestled on a PREMIUM LOT (\$50,000). With a stunning WATERVIEW, next to the Clubhouse, it is filled with natural light, numerous upgrades, and is in impeccable condition. Heading up the wood staircase, with metal stair rail and wooden handrail, you're led towards a huge room with a wet bar, a kitchen-aid wine fridge, MEDIA/CHREMA room, 3 more BEDROOMS and the second MASTER SUITE, featuring white porcelain flooring, separate bathtub, glass enclosure shower, and double granite vanity. Welcome home, as you enjoy relaxing WATER views in the privacy of your lanai!



**3073 Beaver Creek Dr.
Kissimmee • \$449,000**

5 BED / 4 BATH BLOOMFIELD floor plan by LERRAR HOMES located in the sought after RESIDENTIAL community **REFLECTIONS at STOREY LAKE**. Nestled in a PREMIUM LOCATION in the community, this home sits in an OVERSIZE LOT, across the street from the CLUBHOUSE and backed to the CONSERVATION area. Home has many upgrades, you will not be disappointed.



**535 Cortes Dr.
Davenport • \$239,900**

A beautiful 2 bedroom 2 bathroom den home (Catalonia model) with extended garage now available in the very desirable Del Webb Orlando, an active adult community and ready for immediate occupancy. Home has many upgrades including the additional 4' garage space for the truck or large vehicle lovers. Kitchen comes with granite counter tops, 42" up graded cabinets and stainless steel appliances. Wood floors (laminated) in the family, dining and den rooms. Crown molding in the 9 foot ceilings with 6" baseboards.



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