



# MIND YOUR MANOR

Orwin Manor Westminster Association Newsletter

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## HOSPITALITY UPDATE

### ORWIN MANOR WESTMINSTER ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEETING MEETS COVID-19

Our association has held an Annual Meeting every year since we were founded in 1986. This year due to COVID-19 we are holding an online ZOOM meeting. Please attend the Annual Meeting from the comfort of your own home.

**OMWA Annual Meeting on ZOOM**  
**Tuesday, January 5, 2021**  
**Starting at 7pm**

This is a link to join the meeting:  
**[meeting.orwinmanor.org](https://meeting.orwinmanor.org)**.  
Attached is also a QR code in case anyone wants to join via mobile (phone or tablet). All residents have to do is point their mobile cameras at it and their devices should pop up a link to click on. This avoids having to type the URL in manually.



### DUES INCREASE

Cost increases for our storage unit and printing our quarterly *Mind Your Manor* makes it necessary to increase our annual dues to \$25.00 (an increase of \$5.00) starting in 2021. Dues prepaid last year for 2021 are grandfathered in. Please send a check to Orwin Manor Westminster Association to P.O. Box 2367, Winter Park 32790-2367 (or add to the luminary check) and look for an announcement on how to pay online through [www.orwinmanor.org](http://www.orwinmanor.org).

### HOLIDAY LUMINARIES 29th ANNIVERSARY Thursday, Dec. 24, 6 p.m. (Rain date is the 25th)

It's easy to participate!

- Purchase a set of 10 white bags and candles for only \$10 (payable to Orwin Manor Westminster Association) from: Matt Daley, 3350 N Orange Avenue (next to the park), 407-247-3666; Susan Ellis, 1415 Buckingham Road, 407-973-8061, or Stephen Pategas, 1425 Berkshire Avenue, (east end across from park), 407-622-4886.

- Each set will cover a 50-foot wide property. Buy additional sets for wider or corner properties.

- Free sand available at the Park at Orwin Manor. Bring a hefty bag or pail.

- Fold down the top edge of each bag and fill with 1 1/2" to 2" of dry sand. If sand is damp do not place in the bags until the last minute.

- Place luminaries approximately five feet apart on top of the curb. Insert one candle firmly into the sand.

- Light the candles at 6 p.m. They will burn for approximately 6 hours.

- Stroll the neighborhood to enjoy the holiday glow.

If you will be away or are unable to display luminaries, please consider purchasing luminaries and asking your neighbor to light them. The neighborhood will appreciate it.



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## Board Members 2020

### Mind Your Manor Advertising Rates

- \$50 (\$180 yearly) horiz or vert 3.67" x 4.75" or a pre-printed flyer we insert into the 315 hand-delivered newsletters
- \$25 (\$90 yearly) horizontal or vertical business card size (3.5" x 2")
- \$10 for a classified text ad (approx. 30 words) OR one free 50 word ad per member, your phone number or email required.

### Newsletter Item/Ad Deadlines

Mind Your Manor Number I Winter  
Deadline – February 1

Mind Your Manor Number II Spring  
Deadline – May 1

Mind Your Manor Number III Summer  
Deadline – August 1

Mind Your Manor Number IV Autumn  
Deadline – November 1

Visit [orwinmanor.org](http://orwinmanor.org) for neighborhood  
and event sponsorship opportunities and  
the advertising form.

Editor reserves the right to edit.

## AROUND THE CORNER

### ORANGE AVENUE TRAFFIC CALMING UPDATE

by Stephen Pategas – Orange Avenue Traffic Calming Committee Chair

In October, the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) advertised a design contract to prepare final plans for an Orange Avenue lane repurposing (road diet). The project is funded for construction in fiscal year 2023. During the final design process there should be meetings with the Orwin Manor neighborhood followed by public meetings.

The concept includes an additional left turn lane from Orange Avenue onto Orlando Avenue, lane reduction to two travel lanes with a center turn lane, bike lanes, and a mid-block crosswalk with a rapid flashing beacon.

The current concept plan is not set in stone. We should be able to provide input on the typical cross section of the road, location of the mid-block crosswalk, removal of trees, etc.

The roundabout at Clay and Wilkinson is a separate project and will be designed later with public input and funding to follow for ROW acquisition and construction. The FDOT concept shows no impact on the historic Orwin Manor gates.

### NEIGHBORHOOD BITS

#### SANTA CLAUS IS COMING TO TOWN!

On Thursday, Dec. 17 at 6 p.m. at The Park at Orwin Manor, Santa will arrive with Mrs. Claus and elves on a sleigh escorted by the police and fire trucks! Young and young-at-heart will have the chance to wave to Old St. Nick himself as he rides his sleigh through Winter Park neighborhoods.

Santa will make short, socially-distanced stop at

the park until about 6:30 so don't be late. \*In order to keep Santa safe and healthy before Christmas, we ask that all children coming outside to visit him wear a mask.



### NEW MESSAGE BOARD

The City of Winter Park's Parks and Recreation Department will be replacing the message board in our park. The current one has aged in the many years since resident Alan Hatchitt donated it and had it installed.

### PROPOSED RE-USE OF THE ORCHARD SUPPLY HARDWARE SITE

McLaren, a specialty auto dealer is proposing a dealership there. The Comprehensive Plan does not allow that use and the Orwin Manor Westminster Association Board voted to not support the request due to its inappropriateness. City staff does not support it and the Planning and Zoning Board voted unanimously to reject it. It goes to the City Commission on Wednesday, Jan. 13 at 3:30 p.m. The OMWA board encourages residents to contact the Mayor and Commissioners at [MayorandCommissioners@cityofwinterpark.org](mailto:MayorandCommissioners@cityofwinterpark.org) and attend the meeting.

### PLEASE JOIN OUR BOARD!

Meet neighbors, make friends and support the neighborhood you love. Requirements: be a member of our association; attend a minimum number of the six board meetings, serve on a committee and help at event(s). Please contact Elizabeth Bell at 941.228.2355 or [elizabeth.wilkins.bell@gmail.com](mailto:elizabeth.wilkins.bell@gmail.com). The election is at the Annual Meeting Tuesday, January 5, 2021, 7-8 p.m. on ZOOM (see link on first page).



### LOOKING FOR A DIGITALLY-SAVVY VOLUNTEER!

Are you passionate about social media? We are looking for a volunteer to help run Orwin Manor Westminster Association's Facebook page. We need someone who can be responsible for our Facebook presence. If interested, please contact Leslie Williams at 407-234-4484 or [littleles7@gmail.com](mailto:littleles7@gmail.com). Please add Facebook Volunteer in the subject line of the e-mail.

### WELCOME NEW NEIGHBORS

Torencio Roberts and Noelia Sgueiro at 1510 Berkshire Avenue.







## NEIGHBORHOOD PRO – DECEMBER GARDENING TIPS

BY BOARD MEMBER & ORANGE CO. MASTER GARDENER PENNY POTTER

As I write this, we are finally having some real winter weather, even though it is Florida-style winter. The best way to find out if a plant will be damaged by cold is to find out from what part of the world it is native (assuming you know what the plant is!). If it is a tropical, it may need some protection from temperatures below freezing. Use a cloth covering – NOT plastic – which must go all the way to the ground, and be secured all around the plant so as not to blow away if there is wind. Or you can use a large cardboard box over the plant, making sure it's not bending the branches. The covering should not be left on the plant for more than a day or two. For really cold sensitive tropicals, you can put a light under the covering, to raise the temperature a few degrees. Make sure that the light won't burn the covering! If a plant is damaged, it's likely that it will come back, once the weather warms up. It's important not to prune any of the dead portions until mid February, or until the threat of another freeze is over. As always, you can get more information on any horticulture topic from the Orange County Master Gardener plant clinic, at 407-254-9200, or by going to these websites: [solutionsforyourlife.com](http://solutionsforyourlife.com) or [ifas.ufl.edu](http://ifas.ufl.edu).

## OMA 2020 Events Calendar

- Tuesday, Dec. 15 – Holiday Party, **CANCELLED** for 2020
- Thursday, Dec. 24 – Luminaries, 6 pm (rain date Dec. 25)
- Tuesday, Jan. 5, 2021 – Annual Meeting (special ZOOM edition), 7-8pm (see link on first page of newsletter)

**Board Meetings Third  
Tuesday Every Other Month  
7:30-9 p.m.**

- December 15, 2020 – ONLINE
- February 16, 2020 – TBD
- April 20, 2020 -TBD

*Please join us! Call 407-257-1874 to place an item on the agenda.*

## CONGRATULATIONS TO JORGE HERRERA AND IRIS CEPEDA AT 3244 N. ORANGE AVE. FOR EARNING THE NOV/DEC 2020 YARD OF DISTINCTION



# OMA WITCHES' WALK, 2020 VERSION

BY BOARD MEMBER PENNY POTTER

Witches' Walk happened this year, despite the other very creepy "bug" that has been scaring us since March. There were the usual ghosts and goblins visitors – wearing masks, of course, but not nearly as many as in past years. The body in the coffin (Sharon Lily) was there, as was the ghost, flitting about (Penny Potter), but the witch's head on the table

was safely at home, and the Spook House also took a break. WW was in fine form, with several new features, including the arrival of a full moon. Many thanks to Matt Daley, John Courson, Ann and Bill Legg and Greg Hartung for setting up, and Sharon Lilly, John and Matt for taking down, and to Suzan Goldin who brought the candy.



**1st PLACE: Shawn Layton & Jimmy Hendrickson,  
1310 DEVON**



**HONORABLE MENTION 1st PLACE:  
Chip Cathey, 1331 CANTERBURY**



**2nd PLACE: Donovan & Ginger Myrie,  
1412 DEVON**



**HONORABLE MENTION 2nd PLACE:  
Frank Residence, 1340 BUCKINGHAM**



**3rd PLACE: Chuck Hooper & Douglas Gaines,  
1444 NORFOLK**



**HONORABLE MENTION 3rd PLACE:  
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