

# MIND YOUR MANOR

ORWIN MANOR WESTMINSTER ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

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## OMA – 100 Years of Charm – 1924-2024

Centennial celebration ideas continue to surface. Here are updates on some of them. There may be one or more you would like to assist on.

*By President Stephen Pategas*

- Thirty Registered Historic Homes for Ten Decades - add 10 or more homes. **UPDATE:** *one home added, add nine or more*
- 100 Trees for 100 Years - added in the ROW or on private property. **UPDATE:** *three trees added, add 97 or more*
- Create an OMW logo and one for the centennial. **UPDATE:** *in progress*
- Research history on Orwin Manor, its founder Walter W. Rose, and its homes. **UPDATE:** *Can you assist?*
- Replace the northern N. Orange Avenue Orwin Manor gate demolished decades ago. **UPDATE:** *not started, can you assist?*
- Schedule a block party for each street. **UPDATE:** *not started, can you assist?*
- Arrange for an historic marker to be placed at the The Park at Orwin Manor. **UPDATE:** *not started, can you assist?*



*The Orwin Manor gate to the left was once on the south side of Wilkinson Street at N. Orange Avenue.*

The Centennial Committee is a large one – every OMA resident is nominated to participate and help in the activities that started this autumn and extend through 2024. Please share your ideas, offers of help, and enthusiasm by emailing [spategas@hortusoasis.com](mailto:spategas@hortusoasis.com).

Information related to the centennial events and activities will be regularly added to our website ([www.orwinmanor.org](http://www.orwinmanor.org)) by OMWA Vice-president Elizabeth Bell.

We are seeking sponsors for OMWA and for the centennial. Please contact Stephen at [spategas@hortusoasis.com](mailto:spategas@hortusoasis.com) for details.

### ANNUAL MEETING



The Orwin Westminster Association Annual Meeting is Tuesday, January 4, 2022, 7-9 p.m. at Commerce National Bank & Trust (corner of 17/2 and Harmon Avenue). Meet neighbors, make friends, and support the neighborhood you love.

Agenda items include:

- Renewal of membership dues
- Guests: Winter Park Police Report and the Orange County Regional History Center on the history of Orwin Manor and how to research your home's history
- Election of Board Members – please contact Elizabeth Bell if you wish to serve on the board for a two-year term
- There will also be nominations from the floor and voting is one vote per dues-paying household
- Neighborhood updates including the FDOT Orange Avenue Lane Reduction Project and neighborhood events and activities.
- Display boards of Orwin Manor history
- Door prizes

We look forward to seeing you there.

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### Board Members 2021

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- \$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

- Number I Winter Deadline – February 1
- Number II Spring Deadline – May 1
- Number III Summer Deadline – August 1
- 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

## UNDERGROUND UTILITY LINES IN ORWIN MANOR

You may have noticed lots of multi-colored stakes with flags and spray paint on some of your streets and sidewalks or even in your yard. Duke Energy is actively preparing to bury its electric utility lines in Orwin Manor. Duke is one of three electricity providers in Orwin Manor. The others are OUC and Winter Park Electric Utility. Duke services Berkshire Avenue and the south side of Westchester Avenue.

Buried power lines reduce the number of power outages; minimize momentary service interruptions; and eliminate or reduce the frequency of tree and vegetation work needed to maintain overhead lines. Duke does not charge to bury the lines, including the service line that runs from the utility pole to your home. Some yards will get a new utility box that will be installed on your property near the sidewalk. Tom and Cindy Helton of Berkshire Avenue state that they were contacted by Duke in advance of the installation of the box. They were requested to sign documents confirming their agreement to the installation. Neighbors are encouraged to landscape around the box after it is installed to keep Orwin Manor beautiful.

Duke Energy will provide telecommunications and cable companies whose services are also located on the poles the opportunity to place their lines underground in conjunction with the Duke installation. However, the telecommunications and cable companies must decide whether to participate. The poles will remain in place until telecommunications and cable lines are buried.

There is at least one drawback to buried electrical lines. Buried electric lines can cause serious injury or death if contacted while digging in your yard. The lines are supposed to be buried 2 feet deep, but that is not as deep as some excavations. Property owners are required by law to call 811 to have lines located prior to any digging. Make sure that you require your contractors call 811 before they do any digging in your yard.

If your electric service provider is Winter Park Electric Utility, its lines are planned to be buried in Orwin Manor in 2024, unless you live on the southeast side of Orange Avenue where undergrounding is in progress and should be complete in 2022. Winter Park Utilities plans to bury telecommunications and cable lines at the same time as the electric lines. Winter Park Utilities will remove the poles when all homeowners have paid to underground their service line, unless there is a light on the pole. The cost of burying the service line will be \$1,000 if you pay the cost of burying your service line at the time Winter Park Utility is in your neighborhood. The cost is \$3,000 any other time.

Your Newsletter writers were unable to obtain a schedule from OUC for burying electric lines in the Orlando section of Orwin Manor despite repeated attempts.

## Congratulations YoD!



Nov/Dec 2021 Yard of Distinction  
Berit Amlie, 1531 Cavendish Rd



# Neighborhood Pro – Gardening Tips



By Master Gardener and Board Member Penny Potter

A few tips for cooler weather gardening:

- Turn off your irrigation system, and water only when needed (plants will show a slight wilting), after a long period of no rain. Plants grow more slowly in cool weather, so they don't need as much water.
- It is now okay to use horticultural oil on pests like scale and mealy bugs, as it won't burn the plants in the lower temperatures.
- Cooler temperatures promote the fungal diseases large patch and brown patch in both St Augustine and Zoysia lawns. Round areas of the lawn will turn brown, and spread when the soil, 3-4 inches deep gets between 65 and 75 degrees. If you see this happening, apply an appropriate fungicide, labeled for this condition, and your lawn type.
- Ditch the tired warm weather annuals, and replace them with cool weather ones: pansies, petunias, sweet alyssum, violas, snap dragons, dianthus.

For more gardening information and answers to your questions, call the Master Garden Plant Clinic at the Orange County Extension at 407-254-9200, or go to the following websites: [www.solutionsforyourlife.com](http://www.solutionsforyourlife.com) and [www.ifas.ufl.edu](http://www.ifas.ufl.edu).

## Graphic artist in our neighborhood?

We are in need of a graphic artist who can create a logo for our neighborhood and one for our centennial. If you are able to assist pro bono or can suggest someone, please contact Stephen at 407.622.4886/spategas@hortusoasis.com.

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## OMA Calendar



- Monday, Dec. 13 - Orwin Manor Aglow - after 6pm with judging for Most Traditional, Most Creative and Most Lights
- Tuesday, Dec. 14 - Holiday Party, starts at 5 pm - Susan and Scott Ellis's home at 1415 Buckingham
- Friday, Dec. 24 - Luminaries, 6pm (rain date December 25)
- Tuesday, Jan. 4, 2022 - Annual Meeting, 7-9 pm, Commerce National Bank & Trust

### OMA BOARD MEETINGS

The Orwin Manor Westminster Board meetings are held every third Tuesday 7:30-9 pm. Just a reminder that everyone is welcome to attend the Board Meetings. You can join us or contribute items to the agenda.

Board Meetings Third Tuesday 7:30-9 pm  
• December 14, 2020 - Susan & Scott Ellis's home at 1415 Buckingham Rd.  
(Immediately following the Holiday Party)

Please join us! Call 407.622.4886 to place an item on the agenda.



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# 2021 GREAT PUMPKIN DECORATION CONTEST WINNERS



**1st place - 1444 Norfolk Ave,  
Charles Hooper**

**2nd place - 1501 Westchester Ave,  
William & Karen Tompkins**

**3rd place - 1310 Devon Rd, Jimmy  
Hendrickson & Shawn Layton**



## Honorable Mentions

1601 Berkshire Ave - Cindy &  
Tom Helton (top)

1331 Canterbury Rd - Chip  
Cathey (bottom left, center)

- 1333 Canterbury Rd - Jan  
Martinovic & Chelsea Buck  
(bottom right)



# Orwin Manor Membership 2021



**Become an Orwin Manor Westminster Association Member**

Thanks to all our existing and new members for supporting our neighborhood events and newsletter! OMA dues fund our events, this newsletter, our P.O. box and rental unit fees, and so much more. Our dues are only \$25 per year.

If you would like to join, simply mail a check to:

**Orwin Manor Association, PO Box 2367, Winter Park, FL 32790-2367**

**Or you can now pay the Orwin Manor Westminster Association dues through our website:**

**1. Go to [www.orwinmanor.org](http://www.orwinmanor.org) 2. Under the Resources tab select Membership**

**3. Option to pay via PayPal or Credit Card**

**Email us at [info@orwinmanor.org](mailto:info@orwinmanor.org) with any questions.**

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# Neighborhood Bits

## ORWIN MANOR WITCHES' WALK

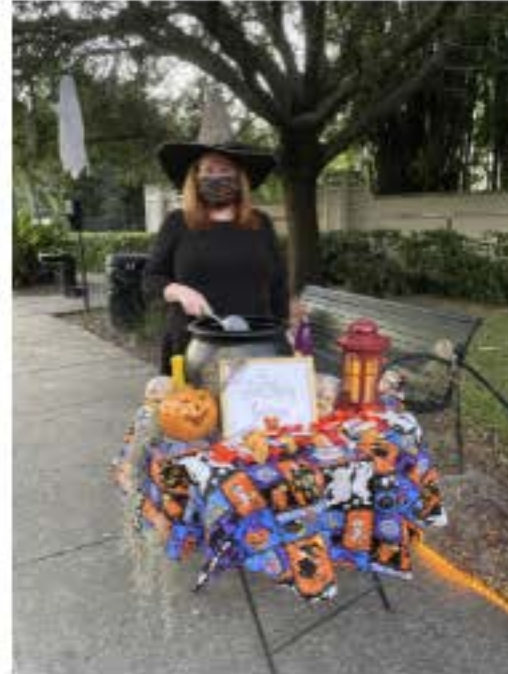
Halloween night, in the Park at Orwin Manor, saw bands of scary creature of all sizes wandering through the Witches' Walk. And what they found was a very creepy voice from above welcoming them in, a witch's head on a table, a body in a coffin which sat up and chatted with them, an outrageous pirate stomping through the Walk, a scary "house" with lots of noise, lights and things hanging down to grab and a very nice witch handing out her special brew. People from our neighborhood, as well as others from surrounding neighborhoods came to get in on the "fun." Many thanks to all who made it happen: Kristin and Stephen Pategas, Jimmy Hendrickson, Shawn Layton, Matt Daley, John Courson, Leslie Williams and Penny Potter.



Our resident Batman, Dean



Puppy Blue and her friends



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