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No. 4 Winter 2022

OMWA ANNUAL MEETING REPORT

By President Stephen Pategas

- Over 30 neighborhood households were represented at the annual meeting hosted by one of our sponsors, Commerce Bank & Trust located at Orlando and Harmon Avenues.
- Two long serving board members retired - Suzan Goldin had served for 21 years and Tim Schulte for seven years. Their many years of contributions are greatly appreciated. Suzan will continue to serve as one of the judges for Halloween and Christmas decorations. Tim will be moving to another house in Winter Park.
- We welcomed two new board members - Ramon Caudle resides on Orange Avenue and Mark Snedeker hails from Westchester Ave.
- Winter Park Police Officer Christopher Bellcore reported there were minimal neighborhood incidents over the last year. He advised that locking automobiles and removing valuables from them is critical for deterring break-ins.
- Board member Penny Potter recapped the many events from the past year: Great Pumpkin Decorating, Witches' Walk, Orwin Manor Aglow, Santa's visit, luminaries, and the bi-monthly Yard of Distinction.
- The Centennial Committee report noted five sub-committees: Events (including block parties with food trucks!), Historic Research, Projects (including 100 Trees for 100 Years, an historical marker in The Park at Orwin Manor, and restoration of the missing Orange Ave. gates at Orlando Ave.), Public Relations, and Sponsorships. There are still openings on each committee despite the mad rush to sign up. Seriously, we welcome your assistance in celebrating a once-in-a-lifetime event. Please email me at spategas@hortusoasis.com.
- If you joined us at our annual meeting, renewed your membership, and/or signed up for a Centennial Committee thank you for your support.



- In a prelude to the upcoming Centennial Celebration, I provided an overview of how to do in-person or online research with the Orange County Regional History Center on the history of your home and/or our neighborhood. The information is posted at www.orwinmanor.org and in our park. Please share with us what you discover.
- The FDOT Orange Avenue lane reduction is still funded and we await word on the date for a spring public hearing. The proposed roundabout at Clay and Wilkinson is currently unfunded and unscheduled.

100 Years Ago...

- The year begins with the British Empire at its largest extent, covering a quarter of the world and ruling over one in four people on Earth.
- On December 30th, Russia, Ukraine, Belarus, and the Transcaucasian Republic (Armenia, Azerbaijan, and Georgia) come together to form the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics.
- The average annual import of liquor from the United Kingdom into the Bahamas soars from 50,000 gallons before Prohibition to 1.2 million with most of it bound for Florida.
- The Lincoln Memorial, housing the seated Abraham Lincoln (1920) statue by Daniel Chester French, is dedicated in May.
- The first successful insulin treatment of diabetes is made, by Frederick Banting in Toronto.

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- \$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 for neighborhood and event
sponsorship opportunities and the advertising form.
Editor reserves the right to edit.

Around the Corner



ART IN BLOOM

Art in Bloom: Festival of Fine Arts and Flowers will blossom, once again, at the Orlando Museum of Art, March 24-27, with show hours Friday to Sunday, 10-5 with tickets through Eventbrite.com. Special events and daily show features include an Opening Night Preview Party, guest speakers and book signings, Art in Bloom, Mystery Home Tour, workshops, Tables in Bloom, appraisals, Blossoms & Blooms, Café 101, Pop-Up Shops, and family-friendly activities. Call 407.896.4231 x254 or visit www.Councilof101.org.

OMA NEIGHBORHOOD GARAGE SALE

Garage Sale Saturday

March 19, 2022 (rain date March 26) 9 am-3 pm



Start collecting your items – it's only a few weeks away. We will once again place ads, create a map of all sales and post it on Facebook. If you are participating (sales are at each home), please contact Stephen at spategas@hortusoasis.com or 407-622-4886 so you will be added to the map.

NEW OFFICERS REELECTED

The current Orwin Manor Westminster Association officers were reelected at the February board meeting held at the lovely office of Katie Beans Travel, one of our sponsors. Please see page two for the current board members and officers.

NOTEWORTHY EVENTS

- Garden Festival and Plant Sale hosted by the UF/IFAS Orange County Extension Master Gardener Volunteers at 6021 S. Conway, Orlando on Saturday, March 5, from 9 to 3.
- Harry P. Leu Gardens Plant Sale, Sat/Sun, March 12 & 13, 9-5 with member early admission at 8 on Saturday.
- WP Hazardous & Electronics Waste Drop-Off April 23rd, 8-12 at Progress Point (Orange and Palmetto Avenues)
- WP Earth Day Celebration April 30, 7:30-11:30 at Ward Park on Perth Avenue.

Be sure and check out our neighborhood website:

OrwinManor.org

(sign up there for our e-newsletter to get timely updates).

Congratulations YoD!



Jan/Feb 2022 Yard of Distinction
Michael Lundy, 1460 Westchester Avenue



Neighborhood Pro – Spring Gardening Tips



By Master Gardener and Board Member Penny Potter

For those of you who still have your poinsettias (native to Mexico), give a thought to planting them in the ground, and enjoying them again next Christmas. Select a sunny spot in the yard where they will not get any nighttime light. Plant the root ball even with the ground level, and keep moist until they become established, at least 3-4 months. When the bracts (the colored portions) start to fade, cut them off, leaving 4-6 inches of stem and as many green leaves as possible. Feed March-October with a slow-release fertilizer (i.e., Osmocote) following label instructions. If the branches become leggy, prune them back to within 12-18 inches above the ground before mid-September. Good luck!

Trim off any cold damaged portions on your cold-sensitive plants. Use sharp pruners, cut at a slight angle just below the damaged area. It's also time for the first feeding of the year, with slow-release fertilizer, to your perennials, shrubs and the lawn with the proper fertilizer for your lawn type.

For more gardening information, and answers to your gardening questions, go to www.solutionsforyourlife.com and www.ifas.ufl.edu, or call the Orange County Master Gardener plant clinic at 407-254-9200.

OMA Calendar



Monthly – The Neighborhood Gatherings at the Taproom are back! Join neighbors on the second Wednesday of each month at 5:30 at the “Rail” (long table next to the bar) at Dubsdread’s Taproom. Nathan’s service is legendary. See you March 9!

- Saturday, March 19 – Garage Sale – 9am-3pm (rain date March 26)
- Sunday, March 27 – Neighborhood B.Y.O.Brunch (in Orwin Manor Park) 11am-2pm
- FOOD TRUCK – ASK JIMMY AND SHAWN – Please bring your own refreshments and chairs and join us for a meet your neighbors gathering
- Saturday, April 16 – Easter Egg Hunt in our park 10-11am
- Saturday, June 11 – Neighborhood Social (Ivanhoe Brewing) 5:30-9
- Sunday, Oct. 9 – Oktoberfest (in The Park at Orwin Manor) 4:30 onward
- Thursday, Oct. 20 – Great Pumpkin judging after 6pm
- Monday, Oct. 31 – Witches Walk in our park 6:30-8
- Monday, Dec. 12 – Orwin Manor Aglow judging after 6pm
- Tuesday, Dec. 13 – Holiday Party, starts at 5:00 – The Ellis’s home at 1415 Buckingham Rd.
- Friday, Dec. 24 – Luminaries, 6pm (rain date Dec. 25)
- Tuesday, Jan 10, 2023 – Annual Meeting, 7-9pm at Commerce Bank & Trust

OMA BOARD MEETINGS Third Tuesday 7:30-9 pm

- April 12, 2022 (2nd Tuesday) – Penny Potter (1360 Canterbury Rd.)
- June 21, 2022 – Stephen Pategas (1425 Berkshire Ave.)
- Aug. 16, 2022 – Jimmy Hendrickson and Shawn Layton (1310 Devon Rd.)
- Oct. 18, 2022 – Elizabeth Bell (1581 Orange Ave.)
- Dec. 13, 2022 (2nd Tuesday) – Susan Ellis (1415 Buckingham Rd.)

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


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MIND YOUR MANOR DELIVERY IN ORWIN MANOR

Pelham Road neighbor Mary Soule serves as our delivery coordinator and delivers 315 *Mind Your Manor* newsletters quarterly to the neighborhood volunteers noted here. Their efforts hand delivering (not mailed!) newsletters provide us with important information with a neighborly touch and without a prohibitive postage expense. If you happen to be home when a newsletter arrives, please offer a hearty thank you.

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Orange Ave. - Jackie Vander Pol
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Clay St./Pelham Rd. - Elizabeth Chambers

Winter Park

Berkshire Ave. - Ann Legg
Buckingham Rd. - Mary Frank
Canterbury Rd. - Penny Potter
Cavendish Rd. & Harmon Ave. E - Margaret Herod
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Devon Rd. - Alex Dobrev
Leith & Norfolk Aves. & Westchester Ave. @ RR tracks
- Tracy Hadley
Orange Ave. - Betsy Gwinn
Pelham Rd. - Geri Hatchitt
Suffolk Rd. - Tracey Deen
Westchester Ave. E - Judy Maynard
Westchester Ave. W - Sam Anderson



• **Historic Home Demolition** - The 1925 historic house at 1475 Berkshire Avenue is slated to be demolished and replaced with two houses on its 150-foot-wide lot. Unfortunately, the previous owners did not place it on the WP Historic Register. Previous residents included Frances Murrah whose son Kenneth Murrah became a lawyer and supported our neighborhood association with pro-bono services. Kenneth's wife Rachel was a Winter Park city commissioner and in 1990 she led the charge for Winter Park's purchase of the land where The Park at Orwin Manor resides. Prior residents include the Ness family which has an engraved sidewalk panel in our park. Visit <https://orwinmanor.org/historic-homes/> to see how to list your home and how to get a \$25,000 grant from the City of Winter Park.

• **AT&T Under Grounding** (only along part of Orange Ave.) - Within the next three to five months, AT&T will be installing cables by underground boring in the right-of-way along the east side of Orange Avenue in Orlando for 10 residences. The vaults typically placed at the property lines will vary in size and be flush with the ground. Once completed it could take some time for old above-ground terminals to be removed since all customers must first switch over to the new network. Each home should receive a notice 3-7 days prior to construction. They promise that everything will be returned to prior condition. For additional information, contact Jennifer Lewer, ROW Coordinator/sub-contractor AT&T Southeast, 321-544-3998/ jenlewer@rowcoordinator.com. For the restoration contractor contact Ivy Smith Construction LLC at 855-269-3982/ customer@ivysmith.com

• **Duke Energy Under Grounding** (along Berkshire and Westchester Avenues) - Irby, the Duke Energy contractor should have overhead wires removed by mid-March. That is followed by restoration work by their sub-contractor. This should include

replacement of broken sidewalks, removal of excess soil, and replacement of damaged plants including sod. Soil levels should be three inches below the top of sidewalks, curbs, and driveways so sod is not too high, and mulch does not wash out. Report issues and your address to us. Sadly, the power poles will not be removed or even lowered at this time as they are being purchased by a communications company.

• **Spectrum Under Grounding** - Spectrum is ALSO under grounding in our neighborhood but never contacted us. Look for the light green cylinders to see where they have already been. At this time, we have not discovered what area they are covering. If you want updates, sign up for the Orwin Manor E-News at www.orwinmanor.org.

• ORWIN MANOR SENIORS, TOPS IN CLASS OF '22

Congratulations to two lifelong residents of Orwin Manor, Will Bowers and Frankie Malatesta, who have earned academic honors to be among Edgewater High School's Class of '22 "Top Ten!" Valedictorian, Will Bowers will deliver the address and No. 5 Frankie Malatesta will join him as these accomplished students take the stage for the graduation ceremonies in May. Since childhood they have been honored for multiple achievements including perfect FCAT scores at Princeton Elementary and Howard Middle School and now as Edgewater High School Seniors, both earned perfect scores of 800 on the math section of the SAT. Congratulations Frankie and Will - we wish you continued success!



Left to right: Will Bowers and Frankie Malatesta



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Election Sign Recycling

Winter Park residents are encouraged to bring their signs and stands beginning Monday, March 7, at noon, through Monday, March 21, to Fire Station 64 located at 1439 Howell Branch Road. This recycling initiative will prevent an abundance of yard signs from going to a local landfill. Instead, the signs will be transported to NuCycle Energy where they will be transformed from bulky discarded plastic to NuCycle's Enviro Fuelcubes. The Fuelcubes are then sold to Cemex, a large regional cement manufacturer, where they are used to generate electricity, replacing coal as a cleaner energy source.

Orwin Manor Membership 2022



Become an Orwin Manor Westminster Association Member

Thanks to all our existing and new members for supporting our neighborhood events and newsletter! OMWA dues fund our events, this newsletter, our P.O. box, 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 Westminster 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 2. Under the Resources tab select Membership

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Email us at info@orwinmanor.org with any questions.

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MEET 2022 OMWA BOARD MEMBER MARK SNEDEKER

by Board Member Mark Snedeker

Mark and Teresa recently moved back to the Orlando area after being away for more than 30 years. Both grew up here and attended local schools. They are happy to have found a beautiful home on Westchester Avenue in Orwin Manor. Mark grew up in a house across the street from Delaney Park in Orlando where there were tennis courts and basketball courts in the park. Mark would play tennis with his school mates and join basketball pickup games. Later, he would join the tennis team at Boone High School where he would letter in tennis.

After high school, Mark attended the University of Florida (Go Gators!). There, he lived in the dorms and majored in accounting. It was in college that Mark started playing the guitar. His roommate taught him a few chords and they would play little concerts in the dorm for small groups of students. They were rock stars (in their own minds)!

While in college, Mark worked at Disney World during summers and holidays. He worked in stockrooms under the park for three summers where he kept the shelves stocked with Mickey and Minnie dolls and everything else sold in the park stores. During his fourth summer, he worked in a department called Cash Control where the store cashiers would "deposit" their cash drawers at the end of their shifts.

After college, Mark took a job with Price Waterhouse Coopers, CPAs, in Fort Myers. While there, he performed financial audits, prepared tax returns, and earned his CPA certificate. When not working, Mark enjoyed fishing in local lakes or from the shore of Sanibel Island.

After seven years in Fort Myers, Mark followed his brother to Raleigh-Durham, North Carolina. There, he worked eight years for a local CPA firm and 22 years at Blue Cross Blue Shield. At Blue Cross, he worked in a variety of finance positions until he retired in 2019.

In retirement, Mark enjoys playing golf at Dubsdread and participating in exercise classes at the local YMCA. You may see him walking around the neighborhood on his daily stroll. Mark and Teresa enjoy traveling. In recent years, their travels have included trips to Costa Rica, Barcelona, and Paris. They are also big Disney fans and enjoy the parks whenever possible.



Love My Manor!

(Please tell us why you love OMW and we'll share it here.)

by Board Member Leslie Williams

My husband Greg and I moved to Orwin Manor in 2013. We were drawn to this area because of its easy access to Downtown, I-4, Park Avenue, and more. We quickly fell in love with the neighborhood when, shortly after our arrival, they had the luminary event which took me back to my childhood. Our first year we were treated to the Spring Brunch, the Oktoberfest and the Witches Walk all of which are hosted by the neighborhood board in The Park at Orwin Manor. We had made a great decision! Over the years we have met wonderful neighbors and made many friends. We have enjoyed get-togethers and know that this is what makes our neighborhood so special.

A few months ago, Greg and I had a crisis where we truly found out what very special friends and neighbors we have. Our plumbing went bad and we were without water in our home for three weeks. As soon as this was known our neighbors came to our aid in so many ways. Some let us use their showers and fill our water jugs, others loaned us tools, and another offered their guest house for as long as we needed it.

We feel so blessed to have found Orwin Manor and the many amazing people that we have had the pleasure of really getting to know. We want to send a special thank you to the Pategases, the Coursos, the Keesees and the Hatchitts.

LET US GUIDE YOU HOME



Hey Neighbors!
Jimmy Hendrickson
& Shawn Layton are your friendly local real estate dynamic duo. Think you might buy or sell soon?
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