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OMWA PRESIDENT'S REPORT

By President Stephen Pategas

MAY IS HISTORIC PRESERVATION MONTH! With 21 houses on the Winter Park Historic Register and another on the way (more about that below), residents of Orwin Manor Westminster (OMWA) are protecting its architectural heritage. Chances are the historic structures and architectural diversity combined with OMW's awesome location brought you to your current home here. Find our historic register houses by finding signs posted in front of them during May and/or viewing the list and resources at <https://orwinmanor.org/historic-homes/>.

WHAT WE DO WITH YOUR DUES. Please support your voluntary neighborhood association by becoming a member with a \$25 annual calendar year membership. Since its founding in 1983, the association has represented the neighborhood on numerous neighboring development issues, led the charge to create The Park at Orwin Manor, hosted hundreds of neighborhood events, orchestrated the bi-monthly Yard of Distinction, and through volunteers delivered thousands of *Mind Your Manor* (MYM) newsletters to 315 doors. Your dues and the sponsorships help cover our expenses which include a rental space at Public Storage, MYM quarterly printings, P.O. Box rental, corporate filing, website hosting, event supplies/signs, and income tax. Note that the dues are not taxed. If you are currently supporting us, your name is listed in this MYM and thank you.



SAVE OUR CHARM – GREAT NEWS! The WP Planning & Zoning Advisory Board and Historic Preservation Advisory Board approved a revised lot split along with historic designation of the house at 1475 Berkshire Avenue. This follows a unanimous vote by P&Z at its previous meeting to deny a lot split with demolition of the house. Thank you to the neighbors who contacted the city with emails and phone calls and to the four who spoke for denial at the meeting. Incentives for designation on the WP Historic Register include additions or an independent structure using

tighter setbacks, a rental unit, and a matching grant from the city for up to \$25,000 for exterior repairs (windows, roof, painting, etc.).

A healthy mix of historic and remodeled houses along with appropriately sized and designed new construction will keep our neighborhood charming and healthy. Stay tuned.

OUR LIVELY WEBSITE - Board member Elizabeth Bell and neighbor Joe Del Rocco continue to tweak and upgrade our website. Find the latest historic house (#21) at <https://orwinmanor.org/historic-homes/>.

100 Years Ago in 1922...

- The Winter Park Garden Club is organized by the Civic Department of the Woman's Club.
- Christian K. Nelson patents the Eskimo Pie ice cream bar in the United States.
- In December, during the racially motivated Perry Massacre, whites kill four black men, including burning Charles Wright at the stake in a lynching, and destroy several buildings in the black community in Perry, FL after the murder of Ruby Hendry, a white female schoolteacher.
- The Supreme Court of the United States rebuffs a challenge to the Nineteenth Amendment to the United States Constitution, which gave women the right to vote on the same terms as men.
- The Miami Herald is the heaviest newspaper in the nation due to its massive land advertisement sections.
- Room, board, and tuition at Rollins College is increased to \$450.
- The British Broadcasting Company is formed.

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- \$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

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



In the Neighborhood

Champion pitmaster brings new business to neighborhood: Chris Gentry, owner of Gentry's BBQ General Store, has relocated his business from Ivanhoe Village to Orwin Manor area. Gentry's BBQ General Store is Orlando's No.1 BBQ boutique and destination for cooks and foodies. Chris sells high-end meats, craft beers, unique sauces, rubs and other foods. He also sells Big Green Eggs, Alfa Pizza Ovens, Yoder Smokers and PK Grills, along with every grilling accessory imaginable. Chris is also available for private grilling lessons at the shop or in your home. Check out the new store on Miller Avenue (behind Krispy Kreme) and follow gentrysbbq_generalstore on Instagram to stay up-to-date on his pop-up classes and events. Gentry's BBQ



General Store looks forward to being so close to everyone and serving the charming Orwin Manor neighborhood for many years to come

Kudos

The first Annual Easter Egg Hunt was a huge success. Thanks to all who helped, came by and shared in the fun with neighbors. We had a huge turnout, with the kids all having a blast with looking for eggs and visiting with the Easter Bunny, adults mingling with familiar faces/friends and meeting new neighbors. Special thanks to Kerry Merrigan Falconer (Katie Bean Travels) and Shawn Layton and Jimmy Hendrickson (Central Florida HomeBoys) for sponsoring the event and the volunteers who made it happen.

We are considering combining the Easter Egg Hunt with the Neighborhood Brunch next year. What are your thoughts?



Shawn Layton, Easter Bunny, Kerry Merrigan Falconer & Jimmy Hendrickson (our sponsors).



The Easter Bunny spotted with two rotten eggs aka Matt Daley & Alan Hatchitt



Determined to find more eggs.

CALL LIME

Before someone trips over one, call Lime at 888.546.3345 to get abandoned rental bikes and scooters picked up.

NOTEWORTHY EVENTS

FDOT has scheduled an Orange Avenue Lane Reduction Public Meeting June 9th at the Winter Park Community Center from 5:30–7:30 PM at 721 W. New England Ave. There will be public input and discussion..

Be sure and check out our neighborhood website: OrwinManor.org
(sign up there for our e-news to get timely updates).



Neighborhood Pro – Spring Gardening Tips



By Master Gardener and Board Member Penny Potter

We may be several more weeks without significant rainfall. Here are a few ways to help with water conservation. These tips work well all the time, not just in times of drought.

1. Most established trees and shrubs can go several weeks without watering.
2. Collect water left over from cooking, washing dishes in the sink, and water run-off from it waiting to get warm, to use in watering container plants. A little soap in the water is not harmful to plants.
3. Move container plants from full sun into a place with morning sun and afternoon shade.
4. Place saucers under pots to collect the watering run-off.
5. Check your irrigation system to make sure it is running properly.
6. Wait until regular summer rains set in to put in new plants, or to repair the lawn with plugs or sod.
7. Try stretching out the time between waterings of the lawn, to train the roots to grow deeper. When the grass blades start to curl up, then it's time for watering.
8. Use micro irrigation to water veggies, annuals, and perennials rather than overhead irrigation. This keeps the water close to the ground, rather than spraying up in the air where a large portion of it evaporates.

These tips will help you save your plants during the dry times, as well as keep your water bill down, and conserve our water resources. For more gardening information, and answers to your gardening questions, go to the following websites: 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. Upcoming: June 8, July 13, August 10. See you June 8th!

- 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 5–7:30pm – 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 – Elizabeth Bell (1581 Orange Ave.)
- Aug. 16, 2022 – Jimmy Hendrickson and Shawn Layton (1310 Devon Rd.)
- Oct. 18, 2022 – Stephen Pategas (1425 Berkshire 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.

NEW ONGOING EVENT:

STORY TIME AND PLAY GROUP FOR KIDS IN THE PARK AT ORWIN MANOR

Hosted by neighbor Mary Cannon on the first Wednesday of each month at 10:00 a.m. weather permitting





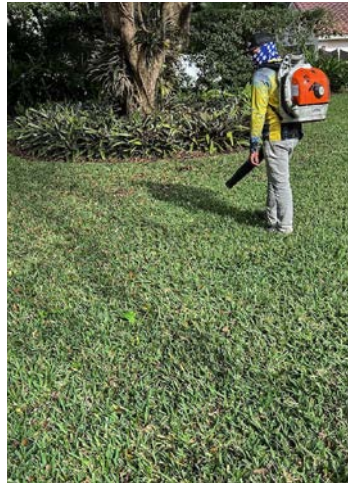
The Banning of Gas-powered Leaf Blowers in Winter Park

By Ordinance, in July of 2024 the use of gas-powered leaf blowers by anyone in Winter Park will no longer be allowed. However, the transition to corded or battery-operated electric blowers (or even brooms and rakes) could start at any time and should start earlier. You are encouraged to communicate your desire to have your landscape maintenance contractor transition equipment to electric well before the deadline. The benefits of eliminating gas-powered blowers include:

- Less noise pollution (plus no need for them to idle)
- No combustion engine fumes and no emissions at the source. Generation of electricity is less polluting and may be clean energy.
- No gas and oil pollution
- Less weight to carry
- Reduction of hearing loss
- Longer life for equipment

If you are purchasing an electric battery-powered blower, look for one that uses batteries compatible with other equipment such as string trimmers, power shears, chainsaws, and mowers. For smaller properties a corded version may be the best choice.

Homeowners will be responsible for making sure gas-powered blowers are no longer used on their property.



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& Shawn Layton are your friendly local real estate dynamic duo. Think you might buy or sell soon? Talk to the Home Boys.

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

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

Or pay online or scan the code below:

1. Go to www.orwinmanor.org
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Email us at info@orwinmanor.org with any questions.

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

by Neighbor Gerry Hatchitt

Alan and I have lived on Berkshire Ave in our lovely neighborhood for 19 years. Our plan was to clean things up and flip this quaint Tudor style home, but oops, we fell in love with Orwin Manor and with all our wonderful neighbors. Speaking of wonderful neighbors, I must at this time take what I was planning to share in a different direction. Our next-door neighbors, and best of friends, Patricia and John had their adorable 16-year-old cat Leia go missing. She had never been out by herself. She was lost for five agonizing days. This is what took place in our neighborhood to help find her. Patricia was out of town so to help John we all gave our time and support. Patricia sent me a text late the first night. I couldn't sleep so I responded immediately.

Upon learning the dilemma, I as well as John were out looking for her until 1:30am with no luck. The next day John posted lots of signs with her photo. I started notifying the neighbors. Their genuine concern for her was most heartwarming. They all asked me to please let them know when she was home.

Finally, Leia was found!! I had to let everyone know. I contacted Molly who had sent info on how to find a missing pet and she called her husband to let him know, then Jamie Swan who also sent info and texted me daily, I told Terrence and his family (they couldn't contain their excitement), I notified Leslie

who had been checking to see if a cat with Leia's description had been found, she let Greg know, next was Anne and Bill Legg who were thrilled, Lee and Judy Maynard, Cindy and Tom Helton, and Mary Pearcy were all so happy!! We had covered the neighborhood every single day looking for Leia. Then the call came. A nurse walking home from Advent Health saw a cute cat and said hi to her.

As she got closer to home, she saw one of the posted signs and was positive that was the cat she had just seen. She called John and due to her kindness Leia was home within a few hours (we never would have looked way over by AH) a little skinnier and a little traumatized but home!!!!

Oh, and the person who was kind enough to call John was another wonderful neighbor, Jenna who lives on Pelham Road. Thank you, Jenna, as well as everyone who took to heart the story of a missing and very loved cat in Orwin Manor.



MEET 2022 OMWA BOARD MEMBER

by Board Member Scott Bowers

Scott Bowers has been an Orwin Manor homeowner for 23 years. You'll find him walking our tree-lined streets most mornings with his beautiful his wife Posy. Raised in Orlando, Scott graduated from Oviedo High School where he pitched on the varsity baseball team. He went on to play for Valdosta State University where he earned his Bachelor's in Criminal Justice. He returned to Orlando, not as a detective, but as a savvy travel professional. He currently works for Travel Inc. a corporate travel firm based in Atlanta.

Scott is no stranger to the remote working environment and has managed a satellite "home office" for most of his career from his home on Devon Road. During the pandemic, he somewhat reluctantly expanded his home office operations to permit Posy and their son Will workspace. He must have done a great job in helping them adapt, because Will is a National Merit Scholar and is

graduating as Valedictorian of Edgewater High School. Scott loves the Orwin Manor community and is grateful for family, friends and neighbors!



**The Bowers Family
(Scott, Posy, and Will)**

Congratulations YoD! 



**March/April 2022 Yard of Distinction
Marie & Yves Prevel at 1315 Devon Rd.**

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