



# MIND YOUR MANOR

ORWIN MANOR WESTMINSTER ASSOCIATION – Serving Orwin Manor Westminster since 1983

No. 3 Summer 2022

## OMWA PRESIDENT'S REPORT

By President Stephen Pategas

**EVENTS R US** – Our association was founded in 1983 and by 1988 board members were eager to hold an outdoor neighborhood-wide gathering. Unfortunately, Orwin Manor Westminster did not have any park space. So, the association made do and held a street party in the grassy triangle at the intersection of Pelham and Westminster. There was some overflow beyond the curbs, but traffic was light, and the surprised drivers slowed when they saw a gathering of adults and kids clustered into a small space surrounded by asphalt. Fast forward about six years and The Park at Orwin Manor was then under construction with its dedication occurring on October 24, 1994. In the nearly 28 years the park has hosted over 100 association events. Passersby have seen Santas, Easter bunnies overseeing egg hunts, Mardi Gras, ghouls, kids on slip n' slides and with water blasters, clowns, potlucks, chalk painting, and more.

Mark your calendars! In October, the park will witness two continuing long-term events – **Oktoberfest** and **Witches Walk**. For Oktoberfest (Sunday, October 9 from 4:30 onward), bring beverages and a yummy dish (with serving



**Past event in The Park in Orwin Manor.**

utensils) to share. OMWA will provide hotdogs, bratwurst, condiments, and paper goods/utensils. Feel free to bring your own reusables to cut down on waste. There will be tables so bring chairs if you wish.

Witches Walk has become an institution that not sur-

prisingly occurs on Halloween night (Monday, October 31 from 6:30-8) just as trick-or-treating comes alive. Volunteers scavenge gnarly branches and Spanish moss and retrieve decorations from our storage unit and meet at about 2 p.m. in the park. Within a few hours the park is temporarily transformed into what becomes an enchanting and a bit ghoulish event that attracts hundreds of kids and adults. Volunteers are needed again this year. Please contact the event founder Penny Potter at 407.645.1892 or [potterp810@gmail.com](mailto:potterp810@gmail.com)

Some activities are held neighborhood-wide instead of in the park. The **Great Pumpkin Decoration Judging** takes place on Thursday, October 20 after 6 p.m. Winners have a sign posted and they are featured in the MYM. Other events include December's **Orwin Manor Aglow** contest and the **Christmas Eve Luminaries**.

One of the largest events OMW will ever see is its Centennial in 2024 with events starting in 2023. (Sadly, none of us will be here for the bicentennial in 2124.) Plans are underway to commemorate and celebrate with multiple events and projects including block parties, an historical marker at the park, tree plantings, and historic house designations culminating with a bash in the park in the fall of 2024. Join the planning, share ideas, and contact me at 407.622.4886 or [spategas@hortusoasis.com](mailto:spategas@hortusoasis.com). This is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity.

This year we are hoping to top 100 OMWA Members for 100 Years as we raise funds for the Centennial events and programs. If you have not renewed or are a newbie, please visit [www.orwinmanor.org](http://www.orwinmanor.org) and click on support your neighborhood financially at the top of the page. Or look for the QR code in this newsletter. FYI: funds from your dues are not taxed by the IRS so every dollar stays with us.

Thank you for being such great neighbors and kudos to the many of you that have served on the board since 1983. We continue to create our own memories and history!

We are proud to have Jeff Hall, Fannie Hillman & Associates, Inc., Katie Bean Travels, Commerce Bank & Trust and Home Boys of Keller Williams Realty as our Orwin Manor Westminster Association Neighborhood Sponsors for a year.

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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

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.

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## AROUND THE CORNER

### **ELECTION SIGN BLUES?** *Check out this great regional partnership.*

The City of Winter Park's Sustainability Division is partnering with the League of Women Voters of Orange County Natural Resources Committee to recycle election signs including stands generated from the recent primary and upcoming midterm election campaign seasons. This recycle effort is being conducted in collaboration with the City of Orlando and Orange County Offices of Sustainability & Resilience.

Winter Park residents are encouraged to bring their campaign signs and stands to be recycled on the following dates to the following locations:

Primary election campaign sign drop-off dates: August 19-September 6.

General election campaign sign drop-off dates: November 4-23.

Winter Park drop-off locations:

- Cady Way at 2529 Cady Way
- Mead Botanical Garden Community Garden at 1310 South Denning Drive
- Fire Station 64 at 1439 Howell Branch Road

The 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. Fuelcubes are used to generate electricity, replacing coal as a cleaner energy source.

This partnership with the league was first initiated during the November 2020 campaign season. At the conclusion of the drive, over 15,000 signs were successfully recycled in Winter Park instead of being disposed in a local landfill.

For additional recycling locations outside of Winter Park, please visit City of Orlando and Orange County. For more information regarding Winter Park's sustainability recycling effort, please contact [sustainability@cityofwinterpark.org](mailto:sustainability@cityofwinterpark.org) or 407-599-3364.

### **NEIGHBORHOOD BITS**

• Devon Road Block Party Time! Board members Jimmy Hendrickson and Shawn Layton are hosting another block party outside their home at 130 Devon Road on Friday, October 21st from 5-8 p.m. They'll have Kelly's ice cream truck again and a fun seasonal cocktail. Halloween costumes are welcome and encouraged. There will be a costume contest for the kids. For more information about them, please see their sponsor ad.

• 100 Reasons to Live in Orwin Manor sounds catchy and is the brainchild of board member Matt Daley. Post your reasons on Facebook and read others there. Why 100? - think Centennial. We'll also share them in the MYM and the emailed Orwin Manor Westminster E-News (sign up for it on the home page).

### **100 Years Ago in 1922...**

- In Florida, an orange crop of 16 million boxes, the largest ever known to this date is harvested. The 2021/2022 crop is estimated to be 45 million boxes which is way below the 244 million box record.
- Rollins Avenue, Chapman Avenue, and Chase Avenue, is closed from Kentucky (Holt) Avenue to Lake Virginia, becoming a part of the Rollins College campus.
- Mohandas Gandhi is arrested in Bombay for sedition.
- In The Bronx, construction begins on Yankee Stadium.
- President Warren G. Harding makes his first speech on the radio.
- The first issue of Reader's Digest is published in the United States.
- In Egypt, English archaeologist Howard Carter and his men find the entrance to Pharaoh Tutankhamun's tomb in the Valley of the Kings. Within two weeks Carter and Lord Carnavon become the first people to see inside the tomb of Pharaoh Tutankhamun, in over 3,000 years.

• The OMWA board decided a logo was needed for the upcoming Centennial and it should be coordinated with an updated logo for Orwin Manor Westminster. Kerry Merrigan Falconer has offered to donate the services of a Katie Bean Travels staff member. The donation of graphic design services is greatly appreciated. Look for logo rollouts in 2023.

• No surprise here, but *Orlando Magazine* recently noted Orwin Manor as one of the Eleven Great Orlando Neighborhoods. Orwin Manor includes our Westminster Section (founded 1924) as well as the Stratford Section (founded 1925) stretching from east of the RR tracks to N. Mills Ave. We will happily share this accolade with our sister neighborhood – but remember, we were here first.

• Trash toters out of sight. Please make sure that to satisfy city codes and to keep our neighborhood looking presentable toters are not left at the curb and are not visible from the street when they are stored.



**Please store toters out of sight.**

## NEW ONGOING EVENT - STORY TIME & PLAY GROUP FOR KIDS IN THE PARK AT ORWIN MANOR

Hosted by neighbor Mary Cannon on the first Wednesday of each month at 10 a.m. weather permitting  
Upcoming dates: Sept. 7, Oct. 5, Nov. 2, Dec. 7.

## SAVE THE DATE FOR FESTIVAL OF TREES

Mark your calendars for this marquee holiday event in Central Florida, presented by the Council of 101, at the Orlando Museum of Art. The Festival of Trees is a sparkling holiday tradition in its 36<sup>th</sup> season.

Council of 101 presents a family-friendly holiday tradition of glittering trees, exquisite wreaths that take guests to a time of old-fashioned holiday gatherings. Elegance will be on full display while guests embrace the reason for the season and experience Gifts of the Season. General admission dates Nov. 11-20, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

## OMWA Events Calendar

- 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 – 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  
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.*

## NEIGHBORHOOD GATHERINGS

Join us at the historic clubhouse at Dubsdread Golf Course, 549 West Par Street, Orlando every second Wednesday of the month at 5:30 p.m. We have reserved the long high top table adjacent to the bar in the Taproom.

Upcoming Dates:

- Wednesday, Sept. 14
- Wednesday, Oct. 12
- Wednesday, August 11

## “FIX IT! Don’t Pitch It” Returns

“Fix It! Don’t Pitch It,” initiated by the City of Winter Park and Winter Park Library, is a community repair workshop in partnership with Orange County and the City of Orlando. Winter Park will host their next “Fix It! Don’t Pitch It” workshop Saturday, September 10, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., at the Winter Park Farmers’ Market located at 200 W. New England Ave.

For more information regarding Winter Park’s “Fix It! Don’t Pitch It” event, or to volunteer to fix items, please contact [sustainability@cityofwinterpark.org](mailto:sustainability@cityofwinterpark.org) or 407-599-3450. For more information, including Orange County and City of Orlando partner events, please access [cityofwinterpark.org/fixitdontpitchit](http://cityofwinterpark.org/fixitdontpitchit)



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# NEIGHBORHOOD PRO SPRING GARDENING TIPS

BY BOARD MEMBER & ORANGE CO. MASTER GARDENER PENNY POTTER

By the time this newsletter is out, we'll be coming into the fall weather pattern. It'll still be hot for a while, but the daylight hours are continuing to decrease, and the sun is not quite so intense. The numerous deciduous trees will be losing their leaves, just like in temperate climates, although most without the glorious coloring. Some of the more common Florida deciduous trees are crape myrtle, winged elm, vitex (chaste tree), Chickasaw plum, sycamore, and river birch. If possible, use the fallen leaves as mulch, raking them up, and spreading them in your planting beds. Larger leaves, such as sycamore leaves, may need some chopping up before spreading. A 2-3" deep layer is sufficient, and make sure you keep the mulch about 6"-8" away from trunks.

An established tree (2-3 years old) doesn't re-

ally need much fertilizer - if you fertilize the lawn surrounding the tree, that should be sufficient. The same applies to watering trees and shrubs - once they're well established, they normally don't need additional irrigation other than rainfall. If the weather has been unusually hot, and there's been no significant rainfall, then a supplemental watering might be called for.

Palms, which are not trees at all, need fertilizing with a palm-specific product. It's best to wait until October, for the last feeding until next spring.

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

## Classified

Kristin and Stephen Pategas are looking to hire a part-time gardening assistant mainly on weekends for their garden. As experienced gardeners, they are eager to share their knowledge. Call 407.622.4886.

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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](http://www.orwinmanor.org)
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## LOVE MY MANOR

BY NEIGHBORS LUIS LLORENS AND MARIA BLASINI

In 1993, I moved to Devon Road in Orwin Manor. In almost 30 years, I have seen many changes with the majority positive. I remember when I first moved to Orwin Manor, I was the young person buying my first home and saw older neighbors passing away. Some of them like LT and Gladys Hewitt at 1391 Devon Road became great friends of mine.

On a business trip to New York, I bought a nice golf polo shirt for LT and gave it to him as a Father's Day gift. He asked me 'Why did you buy the shirt?' I answered, "I did it because you are a friend, and you always take care of my house while I am away (aka feed the pets)." He was so happy that he wore the shirt during his Father's Day dinner, and he told the story to his daughter. It made him very happy. Two days later he passed away and during his funeral his daughter thanked me. She kept the polo shirt since it was what he wore the last time she saw him. I ended up buying their house and moving next door.

In almost 30 years, we have owned 14 cars and 7 cats, seen 3 hurricanes in our neighborhood, have had 2 different jobs, 3 dogs, 2 houses, and two wives (not at the same time). We have seen kids grow up, go to college, and have kids of their own. Larry Baker (with the vintage Ford truck) at the corner with Westchester has been the mayor of Devon Road for over 30 years. However, I have been in only one neighborhood through all these years! We have become your older neighbors.



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## REMINDERS!

### OKTOBERFEST

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