



# MIND YOUR MANOR

ORWIN MANOR WESTMINSTER ASSOCIATION – Serving Orwin Manor Westminster since 1983

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## OMWA PRESIDENT’S REPORT

By President Stephen Pategas

Our neighborhood association Annual Meeting has been held for almost 40 years. Neighbors originally met at the now demolished Church of the Brethren hall at Harmon and Clay. The meetings then moved to the basement of the PBS&J building (formerly the Florida Gas building where Ken Lay of Enron fame worked prior to his 2006 six convictions for securities and wire fraud) at Orange and Orlando Ave.

As a side note – in the 1960s the Florida Gas building and its parking lot replaced Orwin Manor houses which were demolished. The building was then purchased by Taurus Investments and when the basement was renovated for Winter Park Health and Fitness, Commerce Bank & Trust (where our association banks) at Orlando Ave. and Harmon offered the use of their lobby. We happily return there again this year and have another interesting and enjoyable pro-

gram planned. It’s a very short drive or walk. **Please mark your calendars for Tuesday, January 10th from 7-9 p.m.**

Our tentative program items as of early December follow:

- Neighborhood Watch with the Winter Park Police
- History of Orwin Manor presentation with displays
- Election of board members
- Year in Review
- What is an Historic District in Winter Park?
- FDOT Orange Avenue lane reduction update
- 1924 OMW Centennial Celebration events and programs
- Add reasons to “100+ Reasons to Live in Orwin Manor Westminster”
- Drawing for door prizes for OMWA members

### PLEASE JOIN OUR BOARD!

Please contact our Vice President Elizabeth Bell at 941.228.2355 or [elizabeth.wilkins.bell@gmail.com](mailto:elizabeth.wilkins.bell@gmail.com) if you would like to serve on the OMWA board of directors for a two-year term. Requirements include being a current dues paying member of OMWA, compliance with city/county rules and regulations without outstanding fines or fees, attendance of a minimum of four of the six scheduled board meetings during each one-year term, service on a committee, assistance at some of the social events, being a part of our history, and most importantly - having fun. The election is at the Annual Meeting on Tuesday, January 10 starting at 7 p.m.



### REMINDERS!

**OMWA HOLIDAY PARTY**  
Tuesday, Dec. 13, 5-7:30 pm  
1415 Buckingham Rd.

**OMWA LUMINARIES**  
Dec. 24 - set out by 6pm  
(see page 3 for details)

Please join us!

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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### 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

## Welcome to Our New Neighbors

You may remember how we successfully worked to save 1475 Berkshire Avenue from demolition, and it was listed on the Winter Park Historic Register. It has sold, and the new owners from Camden, Maine where they have an architecture practice are Meg Barclay and John Scholz. They have two dogs and were attracted to our neighborhood due to the historic homes and particularly that one.

## Noteworthy Events

### • Santa Claus is coming to town!

On Thursday Dec. 15 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 a short stop at the park so don't be late.



## OMWA Annual Holiday Party

Please join us for our Annual Holiday Party on Tuesday, December 13th at Susan and Scott Ellis's home at 1415 Buckingham Rd., from 5 to 7:30 p.m.



## 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: January 4 and February 1.

## 100 Years Ago in 1922...

- Rebecca Felton of Georgia takes the oath of office, becoming the first woman United States Senator
- Following the passing of the newspaper Winter Park Post, the Winter Park Herald is started
- Vegemite is invented by Australian entrepreneur Fred Walker
- The Molly Pitcher Club (named after Molly Pitcher, a Revolutionary War folklore heroine) is formed to promote the repeal of Prohibition in the United States
- The Barbary lion becomes extinct in the wild, with the last killed in Morocco, and the Amur tiger becomes extinct in South Korea
- The Alabama Hotel on Palmer Ave. in Winter Park, with 80 rooms on four floors, is completed. Today the building operates as an upscale condominium, but the original 1920s hotel facade remains.
- Winter Park town doctor R.F. Hotard is authorized to vaccinate the town for smallpox
- Charles Schultz the American cartoonist who created the comic strip Peanuts, is born on November 26 in Minneapolis, MN. He died in 2000.

## OMWA CHRISTMAS EVE TRADITION

### Join us for the 31st year of an Orwin Manor Westminster Christmas Eve Tradition

- Ten luminary bags fit a 50-foot-wide lot with five foot spacing. Wider or corner lots will need more.
- 10 bags w/10 candles: \$12 (cash or check)
- Fold down tops of bags and fill w/ 2" of sand available by the 18th in The Park at Orwin Manor. If sand is damp, only place it in bags just before lighting.
- Place your luminaries on the curb by 6 p.m. on Dec 24. (Rain date Dec. 25)

#### FIND LUMINARIES AT FOUR CONVENIENT LOCATIONS

- Matt Daley - 3350 N Orange Ave, Orlando  
407.247.3666/ mattdaley99@hotmail.com
- Susan Ellis - 1415 Buckingham Rd.  
407.973.8061/ susan\_m\_ellis@hotmail.com

### OMWA Events Calendar

- Monday, Dec. 12 – Orwin Manor Aglow Judging after 6 p.m.
- Tuesday, Dec. 13 – Holiday Party, starts at 5pm – Susan and Scott Ellis's home at 1415 Buckingham Rd.
- Saturday, Dec. 24 – Luminaries, 6 p.m. (rain date Dec. 25)
- Tuesday, Jan. 10, 2023 – Annual Meeting, 7-9 p.m. at Commerce Bank & Trust

#### OMWA BOARD MEETING DATES

Dec. 13, 7:30-9 p.m.

- 2023 dates determined in February

*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, December 14, 5:30 pm
- Wednesday, January 11, 5:30 pm
- Wednesday, February 8, 5:30 pm
- Wednesday, March 8, 5:30 pm

- Stephen Pategas - 1425 Berkshire Ave.  
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Check with your neighbors to see if they need assistance and ask about luminary deliveries to your home: [info@orwinmanor.org](mailto:info@orwinmanor.org)



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### NEIGHBORHOOD PRO

#### FALL GARDENING TIPS

BY BOARD MEMBER & ORANGE CO.  
MASTER GARDENER PENNY POTTER

Finally, the weather has moderated somewhat, and it is now time to grow greens, broccoli, kale, and collards. These veggies are easy to grow, and so nice to pick fresh for your salad right out of the ground (or pot). You can find transplants at all the garden centers. It is also time to toss the warm weather annuals and refresh your pots and beds with cool weather annuals, which should be in the garden centers now, as well.

Those mums that you may have bought for Halloween and Thanksgiving can still give you nice fall and winter color. Deadhead the spent blooms, give them a light dose of fertilizer and, in a few weeks, they will bloom again. Deadheading is a good way to keep most flowering plants neat and tidy, and to get them to re-bloom.

For more gardening info, answers to your questions, and to get an Extension veggie gardening guide, go to the following websites: [www.solutions-foryourlife.com](http://www.solutions-foryourlife.com) and [www.ifas.ufl.edu](http://www.ifas.ufl.edu), or call the Orange County Master Gardener plant clinic at 407-254-9200.

## 2022 GREAT PUMPKIN DECORATION CONTEST WINNERS

**1ST PLACE - 1310 DEVON RD - JIMMY HENDRICKSON & SHAWN LAYTON**



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**3RD PLACE - 1331 CANTERBURY RD - CHIP CATHEY**



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**#3 - 1405 PELHAM RD - ED & RENI SNIDER**



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**#4 - 1515 NORFOLK RD - GARY & TRACY AVERILL**

## LOVE MY MANOR

BY NEIGHBOR MARY PIERCEY

When Jim and I moved onto Westchester Avenue in Orwin Manor in 1984, we were thrilled with the friendly neighbors and the variety of houses. After retiring from teaching and stacks of papers to grade, I finally began to enjoy some of the things I hadn't had the time for. Then an ankle injury which required surgery and a six-week stint in bed brought me a new hobby. Jim put my first bird feeder outside the window.

Already an avid nature and animal lover, I was amazed at the birds I had never noticed. I spent time putting descriptions into my phone browser and began to learn what was out there. I joined Orange Audubon Society, spent time at Mead Botanical Garden (so close we "Manorites" can almost claim it for ourselves). Neighbor Mary Soule began hanging out with me in my yard and helped with IDs. I have now counted 112 different species of birds in or flying over my yard through the years.

We even put together a few neighborhood bird-watching gatherings. Some of you may want to give them a go again. Just be aware it could turn into an addiction! Contact me at merluv@aol.com to explore bird watching in our neighborhood.

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## 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 pay online at [www.orwinmanor.org](http://www.orwinmanor.org), under resources tab select membership.

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

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3345 PELHAM R  
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