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ORWIN MANOR WESTMINSTER ASSOCIATION – Serving Orwin Manor Westminister since 1983

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OMWA PRESIDENT'S REPORT

By President Stephen Pategas

I have and you may have noticed, that there are small clusters of neighbors that know each other fairly well. Usually, they are only within a few houses of each other – next to and across the street. A neighborhood organization helps to connect these small groups and OMWA has been doing just that since 1983.

Harmon Avenue is our northern boundary and neighbors on the far side overlook Orwin Manor Westminister but were not allowed to join our association. Some of those residents have attended our Annual Meetings and voiced concerns about matters that affect all of us. Some have

voiced an interest in serving on the board and some already pay our dues.

At the February board meeting, the by-laws were amended to include the northern side of Harmon Avenue within the OMWA boundaries. This adds about 40 new Winter Park and Orange County households who will now have quarterly printed MYM newsletters delivered to their doors and hopefully join as members, celebrate with us at events, serve on the board and committees, and thrill the judges with Halloween and holiday decorations and lovely yards.

THE HUB UPDATE

by Stephen Pategas

Some of you may have attended the recent informational program about the proposed restaurant in The Hub building (former TD Bank) at Orange and 17/92. Demetree Global, which owns The Hub, is requesting that the City of Winter Park consider revisiting an ordinance that does not allow any exemptions from the requirement that restaurants (including parking and outdoor dining) cannot be within 300 feet of a residence. That rule does not allow a restaurant to operate in The Hub. Outdoor dining is proposed for the plaza area.

The restaurant would be within walking distance of our neighborhood. Other benefits of the upgrade include rebuilding the now missing stucco entryway gates that flanked Orange Avenue, relandscaping of the whole site, and landscaping of the city park (now just grass) at the point in front of the building. One city commissioner suggested that neighbors email their thoughts to MayorandCommissioners@cityofwinterpark.org. I encourage you to do so. For additional information you may contact me at spategas@hortusoasis.com.

Earth Day Block Party

The City of Winter Park will host the Ward & Wellbeing Earth Day Block Party Saturday, April 22 at Ward Park.

The Block Party will be from 8 to 11:30 a.m., or you can start earlier and participate in the 7:30am 5k run/walk.

The event will provide fun for all ages including numerous activities, award presentations, live music, sustainable demonstrations and giveaways.

We are proud to have Katie Bean Travels, Commerce Bank & Trust, and Home Boys of Keller Williams Realty as our Orwin Manor Westminister Association Neighborhood Sponsors for a year.

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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

Mind Your Manor Number I Winter
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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

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and event sponsorship opportunities and
the advertising form.

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Easter Egg Hunt

Don't miss our Second Annual Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 8th from 10 am to noon in The Park at Orwin Manor!

In the Neighborhood

Annual Meeting Report

- The following board members were reelected: Elizabeth Bell, Penny Potter, Kerry Merrigan Falconer, Jimmy Hendrickson, Shawn Layton, and Leslie Williams. Richard Verkaik retired from the board.
- Guest speaker Winter Park Police Officer Christopher Bellcore shared statistics and warned that the most common crimes were car burglaries with too many of the vehicles unlocked. He warned to not leave valuables or even loose change in a vehicle.
- Guest speaker Susan Omoto with Winter Park Preservation shared the process about having an historic district created in Winter Park.
- Stephen Pategas presented The Unquenchable Florida Land Boom, Walter W. Rose, and Orwin Manor.
- Board members provided updates on neighborhood events organized by the OMWA, the website, Facebook, FDOT Orange Avenue Lane reduction (still scheduled for fall of 2023), PayPal for dues payment, The Hub at 1560 Orange Ave. potential restaurant project, and the OMWA 1924 Centennial projects and events.
- The evening ended with door prizes. A big thank you goes to our host Commerce Bank & Trust and Pat Sideman who handled the arrangements.



50 Year Milestone

Penny Potter first arrived in Orwin Manor Westminster in 1972 purchasing a house on Canterbury Road. Years later she remodeled her house and placed it on the Winter Park Historic Register. Penny has served on the OMWA board for many years.

Welcome to Our New Board Member

Please join us in welcoming Frank Malatesta to the OMWA Board. Frank and his wife Kimberly reside at 600 Westminster Street. The current officers were reelected at the February board meeting: President Stephen Pategas, Vice president Elizabeth Bell, Secretary Penny Potter, and Treasurer John Courson.

The Founding of Orwin Manor & the Florida Land Boom

WHAT: Casa Feliz Parlor Series:

The Unquenchable Florida Land Boom, Walter W. Rose, and Orwin Manor presented by Orwin Manonite Stephen Pategas (expanded from the January 2023 OMWA Annual Meeting presentation)

WHEN: Wednesday, May 10
Reception at 6:30pm, program at 7pm
Light refreshments will be served

WHERE: Casa Feliz, 656 N. Park Ave., Winter Park

HOW: RSVP is required for this FREE event.
Email rsvp@casafeliz.us before Monday, May 8

ORWIN MANOR WESTMINSTER CENTENNIAL ROCKS

BOARD MEMBER KERRY MERRIGAN FALCONER

Have you ever stumbled upon a beautifully painted rock with an uplifting message - a Kindness Rock? These small acts of kindness can make a big impact on someone's day! All you need to get started with painting and leaving rocks around your community is some smooth rocks, acrylic paint, paintbrushes and sealer. With endless design ideas and messages to write, you can place the rocks anywhere for someone to find and enjoy.

Whether you're an aspiring artist or someone looking for a fun project to complete with your family or friends, painting Kindness Rocks is a great way to create and spread positivity. The best part is that these rocks can bring joy to anyone who happens to find them, when they're walking in the neighborhood. Imagine the impact we can make as a community!

The Orwin Manor Westminster Association is excited to launch our "Orwin Manor Westminster Centennial Rocks" project in the neighborhood. We invite you to join us in spreading kindness and positivity throughout our community with 100 of these small but meaningful gestures as we turn 100 years old.

OMWA will have 100 smooth river rocks and supplies for painting available for residents at the Neighborhood Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 8th from 10am to noon.

Here are some examples of phrases to paint on rocks to spread positivity and kindness: I Love OMW, Dream Big, Choose Joy, Keep Going, OMW Rocks, You are Strong, Like my Rock?, Smile, 100 Years: 1924-2024, We Love Our Park, Be True, Good Vibes Only, and Be Kind.

OMWA Events Calendar

- Easter Egg Hunt – Sat, April 8, 10-12pm
- Oktoberfest - Sun, Oct. 8, 4:30pm onward
- Great Pumpkin Judging – Thur, Oct. 19, after 6pm
- Witches Walk - Tues, Oct. 31, 6:30-8pm
- Orwin Manor Aglow – Mon, Dec. 11 after 6pm, (Most Traditional, Most Creative, Most Lights)
- Luminaries – Sun, Dec. 24, rain 25, 6 pm
- Annual Meeting - Tues, Jan. 9, 2024, 7-9pm at Commerce Bank Trust

OMWA BOARD MEETING DATES

Third Tuesday or as noted 7:30-9pm
April 18
June 13
August 16
Oct. 17

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, April 12, 5:30 pm
- Wednesday, May 10, 5:30 pm
- * Wednesday, June 14, 5:30 pm

NEIGHBORHOOD PRO

SPRING GARDENING TIPS

BY BOARD MEMBER & ORANGE CO.
MASTER GARDENER PENNY POTTER

It's time to give your yard some food. The lawn should be fed a slow-release product labeled for the specific type of grass that you have. Use a weed and feed product only if you have weeds throughout the lawn. Otherwise just spot treat the weeds separately. It's especially important to feed any plants that have been cold damaged, and have been pruned back, to get them on their way to recuperating. Immature trees usually do not need special feeding of their own.

Don't be too quick to remove cold damaged plants - some may take several months to show signs of life, coming back from the ground. Watering rules changed with Daylight Savings Time from once a week to twice a week. Only water when needed, not automatically twice a week just because it's allowed. When the grass blades curl a bit at the edges or perennials appear a bit droopy, then it's time for watering. More damage is done to plants by over watering than under watering. It's best to water early in the morning, and be done by 10:00 at the latest. Any later will result in a lot of the water just evaporating because of higher temperatures. These are good water saving procedures not just for lower water bills but for seriously needed conservation reasons.

For more information and answers to your gardening questions, call the Orange County Master Gardener Plant Clinic at 407-254-9200, or go to these websites: solutionsforyourlife.com and ifas.ufl.edu.

BLUE BAMBOO GATHERING

Future Neighborhood Gathering at the Blue Bamboo

Located at 1905 Kentucky Avenue just west of Lombardi's Seafood, the Blue Bamboo <https://bluebambooartcenter.com/> is an intimate live music venue. We are working on a Sunday in July 3pm matinee event with an area reserved for our neighbors. Stay tuned and sign up online for the Orwin Manor E-News.

Entertaining Central Florida since 2016, Blue Bamboo Center for the Arts is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization providing live music concerts including jazz, classical, Americana, folk, Flamenco, Bossa Nova, spoken word, and other high-performance art. The performers are at a high level of achievement in their craft, often including anecdotes and historical aspects of their music performances.

Located at 1905 Kentucky Avenue in Winter Park (on the street behind Lombardi's Seafood), the building is on a single level with 4,000 square feet. There are no stairs in the building and the threshold into the building is less than one inch. The theater and restrooms are accessible to people using walkers, wheelchairs, crutches, scooters, etc., and seats a maximum of 100 people.

This intimate venue is a community gem, providing the ultimate listening experience of live music presented by local and touring musicians.



An advertisement for Commerce Bank & Trust. It features the bank's logo and name at the top. Below, a list of services is provided: 'CONVENTIONAL LOANS', 'CONSTRUCTION/PERM LOANS', 'LOT LOANS', and 'FHA/VA LOANS'. A horizontal line separates this from the contact information for Mike Armstrong, Vice President of Residential Real Estate, with NMLS #300170. The address is 1201 South Orlando Ave., Winter Park, FL 32789, and the phone number is 407-622-8181 x131. The website is cbt-fl.com/.

100 Years Ago in 1923...

- Marjory Stoneman Douglas quits the Miami Herald and goes on to become a successful writer and author of "River of Grass." Later at the age of 103 she receives the Presidential Medal of Freedom.
- While The Teapot Dome scandal rages President Warren Harding dies in office from heart failure. Vice President Calvin Coolidge assumes the presidency.
- In April a group of 23 men in nine automobiles traverse the Everglades in 19 days in a promotional stunt to reinvigorate the completion of the Tamiami Trail. One estimate claims the stunt generated t35,000 columns of publicity in newspapers across the United States and in Europe. After 13 years of construction the trail was completed in 1928.
- Following a straw ballot with a prize of \$25, "City of Homes" is chosen as Winter Park's slogan.
- The first Yankee Stadium opens its doors in the Bronx.

100 reasons for Living in Orwin Manor

Share your thoughts why it's great to live in Orwin Manor we will post them on Facebook. Email them to info@orwinManor.org.

Orwin Manor Membership 2023

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, under resources tab select membership.

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

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BECOME AN
OMWA MEMBER

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PAYMENT

OMWA CENTENNIAL UPDATE

Join a Centennial Committee: Events, Historical Research, Projects, Public Relations, or Sponsorships by emailing Stephen Pategas at info@orwinmanor.org.

The OMWA board has set the Centennial Sponsorship levels and benefits for 2023 and 2024:

- Level 1: Knight - \$75 w/ recognition (MYM, Facebook, message board in The Park at Orwin Manor)
- Level 2: Noble - \$250 w/ above plus other benefits web ad, t-shirt
- Level 3: Crown - \$500 w/ above plus MYM ad

- Level 4: Royal - \$750 w/ above plus booth space at block parties & the Centennial Bash in fall of 2024.

Funds are needed for: block parties, the Centennial Bash in the fall of 2024, rebuilding of the missing gateway arches, and T-shirts. Donations may be sent as checks to Orwin Manor Westminster Association at P. O. Box 2367, Winter Park, FL 32790-2367 or visit www.orwinmanor.org/membership and use PayPal or a debit or credit card.

Help us reach
100 members for
100
years!

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