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## CENTENNIAL BLOCK PARTIES

By President Stephen Pategas

The celebrations for the OMWA Centennial start this fall with monthly block parties from October through March. Actually, they are “neighborhood block parties” with OMW divided into six zones that include numerous streets (see map). Each monthly block party, on Saturdays from 10-noon (Zone 2, 10-2), will have streets blocked with one lane available for controlled and emergency access. A Block Party Organizer is responsible for each block party and its activities which may include historical displays, cornhole, building blocks, chalk painting, a raffle and a scavenger hunt.

The City of Winter Park will be participating at the four Winter Park locations (zones 2-5) and will provide some beverages/snacks and tents with displays/information about stormwater water quality and environmental initiatives. OMWA will supplement the offerings and provide flyers. Block party events can be customized – perhaps as a pot luck. If you have any suggestions or a group game to share, contact the organizer as noted below. If you have a Corn Hole game to share or would like to make one for the parties, check out this link: <https://www.leevalley.com/en-us/discover/diy-projects/how-to-build-a-corn-hole-game> or visit Lee Valley Tools.

All residents within our association boundary are invited to attend all of the block parties. However, only those within each zone will receive flyer reminders hand-delivered to their door. Look for a flyer and/or website, OMWA E-NEWS, and Facebook postings for reminders and additional information as plans are fluid. The grand finale OMW Centennial Celebration is Saturday, November 16, 1924 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at The Park at Orwin Manor. Please save the date.

### **BLOCK PARTY ZONES/DATES**

Zone 1 – Devon, Canterbury, Pelham WP, Clay to Westchester & Harmon from Wisconsin to Clay; party

on Devon Rd., October 7, 10-noon. Organizers Jimmy Hendrickson 321-302-2618/jimmyhendrickson@icloud.com & Shawn Layton 321.514.8055/shawnlayton@icloud.com

Zone 2 – Buckingham, Cavendish, Suffolk & Harmon from Orange to Wisconsin; party on Buckingham Rd. Nov. 4; 10-2 p.m. w/ chili cookoff. Organizers Richard & Vanessa Verkaik, 352-308-7036/richardverkaik@gmail.com

Zone 3 – Leith, Norfolk & Westchester from RR; party on Norfolk Ave., December 9, 10 a.m.-noon. Organizer Tracy Hadley, 1515 Norfolk Ave.

Zones 4-6 will be announced in the Autumn *Mind Your Manor*.



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## Mind Your Manor

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- \$100 (\$180 yearly) horiz or vert 3.67" x 4.75" or a pre-printed flyer we insert into the 350 hand-delivered newsletters
- \$50 (\$90 yearly) horizontal or vertical business card size (3.5" x 2")
- \$25 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.

• You may have noticed the new logo that graces the masthead of this newsletter and is on the website in full color. Rick Kilby of Kilby Creative ([www.rickkilby.com](http://www.rickkilby.com)) created the logo and one for the centennial. Kristin and Stephen Pategas of Hortus Oasis Landscape Design covered the design fee.

• Be neighborly AND avoid a visit from code compliance. Summer heat and the rain have plants growing like crazy. Neighbors walking the sidewalks are struggling with lots of overgrowth. Trim plants back to the sidewalk on both sides along your property ROW and trim away branches overhead to an eight-foot height. Edge the sidewalks to remove overgrowth on the surface.

• FDOT Orange Ave. Report: The design for the Orange Ave. lane reduction with crosswalk at The Park at Orwin Manor and north bound left turn lane addition at Orlando Avenue is complete, there was a delay with Right of Way acquisition with the City of Winter Park. The current contract award is now scheduled for the end of October, this still keeps us on track to begin construction at the end of this year (2023) or early next year (2024). The addition of a roundabout at the gates at Clay and Wilkinson is still unfunded.

• Thank you for picking up the poop. But, bags of dog poop should be disposed of in your own trash totes, not neighbors' totes especially if they were just emptied. Many neighbors have cameras...

• Still hearing the roar? On July 1st of 2024 gas-powered leaf blowers are banned in Winter Park. Homeowners will be fined even if it's their landscape maintenance company breaking the law - alert them now or change to an environmentally responsible company.

• Plastic bags of any type are not recyclable at the curb and are contaminates. Do not place recyclables in plastic bags and recycle bags at grocery stores.

• Avoid a ticket from the police. By code, vehicles must not block sidewalks that are for pedestrians and not parking.



**Electric blowers only in 2024.**

## Kudos

A Big Thank You to the MYM delivery team! Editor Leslie Williams assembles the newsletter items and our Publisher Kris Stell does the formatting. Then due to these neighbors, 353 newsletters are hand-delivered to our doors four times a year. As Delivery Coordinator, Mary Soule counts them out and distributes them to these deliverers: Sam Anderson, Elizabeth Chambers, Traci Deen, Alex Dobrev, Mary Frank, Betsy Gwinn, Tracy Hadley, Geri Hatchitt, Margaret Herod, Bre-ell Ishtar, Ann Legg, Megan Lowery, Judy Maynard, Kristin and Stephen Pategas, and Penny Potter. We are in need of a deliverer for a portion of Orange Avenue. This is an easy way to get some steps. Contact Mary at 407-896-0410.

## Community Calendar

- Fix it! Don't Pitch It Sept. 9, 2023, 10-noon, [sustainability@cityofwinterpark.org](mailto:sustainability@cityofwinterpark.org)
- Sustainability Fair & EV Car Show Sept. 23, 2023, 9-11 a.m. at Central Park West Meadow, [sustainability@cityofwinterpark.org](mailto:sustainability@cityofwinterpark.org)
- The Unquenchable Florida Land Boom, Walter W. Rose, and Orwin Manor by Stephen Pategas, October 7, 2023, 3-4 p.m., at Edyth Bush Theatre in the Winter Park Library
- Orchid Show October 10-12 from 9 am-4 pm and October 13 from 9 am-6 pm sponsored by and located at Commerce Bank & Trust; 1201 S. Orlando Avenue, Winter Park

## Love My Manor

*100 reasons for Living in Orwin Manor* – Share your thoughts about why it's great to live in Orwin Manor and we will post them on Facebook. Email them to [info@orwinManor.org](mailto:info@orwinManor.org).

## LAWN MAINTENANCE INFORMATION

FOR YOU OR YOUR LAWN SERVICE  
TO HELP SAVE OUR LAKES

Use a mulching mower to recycle the clippings back into the lawn where they add nutrients or add them to a compost pile. When mowing or landscaping, remember to bag your yard waste. Don't blow it onto a paved surface like streets, driveways or sidewalks. Leaves, grass clippings, and other yard waste are carried by stormwater to the closest storm drain, which flows directly into the lakes. The debris creates excess nutrients which cause algae blooms, destroy wildlife habitats, and decrease recreational value. Always place yard waste in totes, bags it, or tie it in bundles and place it on the curb (not in the street) on your scheduled yard waste collection day.

## 100 Years Ago in 1923...

- In Miami Beach, land sales are \$6 million and rise to \$23 million in 1925.
- Columbian landscape architect Diego Suarez completes the gardens at James Deering's Vizcaya in Miami.
- The Hollywood Sign (originally Hollywoodland) is unveiled in California.
- The first issue of *Time Magazine*, the first news magazine published every week in the United States, is published.
- Pilot Chuck Yeager is born (dies 2020).
- Insulin is introduced for treatment of diabetes.
- Still standing today, Orlando's Angebault Hotel with 11 stories and 250 rooms opens at 37 N. Orange Ave.

## OMWA Events Calendar

- 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, 7-9 pm at Commerce Bank & Trust

### OMW CENTENNIAL CELEBRATIONS

- OMW Centennial 2023 Block Parties: on Oct. 7 (10-noon), Nov. 4 (10-2pm) and Dec. 9 (10-noon)
- OMW Centennial Celebration – Sat., Nov. 16, 2024, 11-3 at The Park at Orwin Manor.

### OMWA BOARD MEETING DATES

Third Tuesday or as noted 7:30-9pm

- Oct. 17
- Dec. 12

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, September 13, 5:30 pm
- Wednesday, October 11, 5:30 pm
- Wednesday, November 8, 5:30 pm

## OMWA CENTENNIAL UPDATE

*Join a Centennial Committee:*

- *Events*
- *Historical Research*
- *Projects*
- *Public Relations*
- *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 1/4 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, event signs 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](http://www.orwinmanor.org/membership) and use PayPal or a debit or credit card.

# ODDS & ENDS

## Noteworthy Events

The Founding of Orwin Manor and the Florida Land Boom

WHAT: The Unquenchable Florida Land Boom, Walter W. Rose, and Orwin Manor presented by Orwin Manorite Stephen Pategas - Florida was hot, hot, hot, as millions of people and dollars flowed into the state during the 1920s. Who were some of the big players and how was the Orlando area, including Orwin Manor, shaped by Walter Rose? Learn about the weird "Jog" and the missing lake.

WHEN: Saturday, October 7th from 3-4 p.m.  
WHERE: Edyth Bush Theatre in the Winter Park Library, 1052 W. Morse Blvd.  
HOW: To enroll, visit <https://www.winterparklibrary.org/event/unquenchable-florida-land-boom-walter-w-rose-and-orwin-manor> or call 407-623-3300 ext. 3.

A MINI-HISTORY OF ORLANDO: - In 1838, the U.S. Army built Fort Gatlin just south of the present-day Orlando city limits to protect settlers from attacks during

the height of the Seminole Wars. By 1840, the small community that grew up around the Fort was known as Jernigan. It had a post office by 1850; and six years later, the name was officially changed to Orlando. The Town was incorporated in 1875 with 85 inhabitants. The most accepted theory on the origin of our city's name is that it was named for whoever was buried along the shore of Lake Eola after an Indian raid in 1835: Orlando Reeves, an Army soldier, or a wealthy landowner named Orlando Rees. Eventually, settlers referred to the area around Lake Eola as Orlando's Grave. When the community changed its name in 1856, the word "grave" was dropped.

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**CLASSIFIED AD:**

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.

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

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