# CELEBRATION NEWS

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# Meet your CROA Board candidates this month



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Celebration residential property owners will have multiple opportunities to meet the candidates who are running for one of the four available seats in the upcoming election for the Celebration Residential Owners Association (CROA) Board of Directors.

Residents can satisfy their hunger for sustenance and election knowledge during the February Food Truck Friday on the ninth. Candidates have been invited to attend and talk with residents throughout the evening in an informal setting. The event runs from 5-9 p.m.

February will also offer two additional gatherings, this time in a more traditional setting. Candidate forums will be held on Thursday, February 8 and again on Tuesday, February 13 at Town Hall. Each forum is scheduled from 7 – 8:30 p.m.

The evening will present the candidates as a panel, with each candidate providing an opening statement, followed by offering their views on identical sets of questions. The moderator will ask a variety of questions of interest to Celebration owners with each candidate allowed two minutes to respond. Candidates may also offer a one-minute rebuttal after all candidates have answered the question. The questions, which are not provided in advance, come from prior forums, emails and the audience. The candidate forums will be live streamed, as well as recorded for viewing at a later time.

Turn to pages eight through fifteen for complete information on all of the candidates.

# PAWS-a-tively excited for Posh Pooch

Posh Pooch is returning for another tail wagging good time this month.

Make plans to join us at Lakeside Park on Saturday, February 24 from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. to indulge in all things canine.

There will be a variety of activities, contests, dog-related vendors and demonstrations, as well as something for our human friends. Enjoy lunch or a snack from Kona Dog, Sea Dog Brewing, Freeze Your Brain and Jour de Crepe, and be sure to stop by the 'watering bowl' where \$1 from each purchase from our friends at Sea Dog will

go to local animal care organizations. In addition, everyone making a purchasing at the 'watering bowl' will receive a free Posh Pooch cup.

Best of all, admission is free...for both pups and people.

If you don't have a dog, don't worry – adoption organizations and shelters will have furry friends on hand looking for their forever home.

A limited number of vendor opportunities remain, if interested email us at *lifestyle@celebrationtownhall.com*. For additional information and schedule of activities, be sure to visit www.celebration.fl.us for updates.

Posh Pooch is sponsored in part by Experience Kissimmee.



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# CELEBRATION NEWS

# Town News

#### **February Meetings**

#### **CROA Workshop**

Monday, Feb. 26, 5 p.m. 851 Celebration Ave.

#### **CROA Meeting**

Wednesday, Feb. 28, 6:30 p.m. 851 Celebration Ave.



Meeting times subject to change

## **Celebration CCDD Meeting**

Tuesday, Feb. 20, 6:30 p.m. 313 Campus St.



Meeting times subject to change

#### **Celebration News**

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## **Back Issues**

Visit the communications section of the Front Porch website at www.celebration.fl.us to view back issues of Celebration News.



#### **New To Celebration?**

#### **Celebration Town Hall**

Monday – Friday, 9 a.m. – 5:30 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. 851 Celebration Avenue 407-566-1200 town.hall@celebrationtownhall.com



#### Here you can obtain these necessities:

- Forms to request changes to your property
- Community website access
- Parks & Recreation information
- More

- Resident's pass
- Community newsletters
- Veterans Memorial Bricks

#### **Celebration Parks & Recreation**

Monday-Friday, 9 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. 851 Celebration Avenue 407-566-1200 parks.rec@celebrationtownhall.com





610 Sycamore St., Suite 110 (in the Seminole building behind SunTrust Bank from Celebration Ave.)

Monday-Friday, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Phone: 407-566-1234 Fax: 407-566-1264

#### **Stop in for your:**

- · Community Directory
- · Memorial Garden
- · Foundation Scholarships
- Concert Series Information and Tickets
- Information on WINGS,

New Urbanism and Campus Express

Thriving In Place Information and Membership

#### **Governance Organizations**

For detailed descriptions of the entities that play a role in the governance of Celebration, please visit www.celebration.fl.us and view the community page.

**CROA - Celebration Residential Owners Association** 407-566-1200 • town.hall@celebrationtownhall.com

CNOA - Celebration Non-Residential Owners Association 407-566-1200 • town.hall@celebrationtownhall.com

**CJC - Celebration Joint Committee** 407-566-1200 • town.hall@celebrationtownhall.com

**CCDD - Celebration Community Development District** 407-566-1935 • FAX 407-566-4128 • admin@celebrationcdd.org

**ECDD** - Enterprise Community Development District 407-566-4132 • FAX 407-566-4128 • admin@enterprisecdd.org

**TCC - The Celebration Company** 407-566-1900

#### **Celebration Board of Directors**

Jack McLaughlin, President Leonard Timm, Vice President Tim Swisher, Secretary Paul Collins, Treasurer

Debie McDonald, Director At Large Eric Oppegaard, Director At Large David Anderson, Director At Large

#### **Emergency Phone Numbers**

Town Hall Emergency Number: 866-621-4337 (after hours)

**Emergency: 911** 

Osceola County Sheriff: 407-348-2222 (non-emergency)

#### Trash Schedule

Trash needs to be within 4 feet of the alley or curb before 7 a.m. on the scheduled day. Recycle bins are to be kept in your garage except on the scheduled trash day. Call Celebration Sanitation Services (trash) at 321-939-1805 to arrange for bulk pickup or for more information on trash totes and recycle bins. Thank you for your continued cooperation!

#### Trash Pick-up

Mondays and Thursdays for North Village, Celebration Village, Lake Evalyn, West Village and parts of East Village

Tuesdays and Fridays for Aquila Reserve, parts of East Village, Artisan Park, South Village and Spring Lake

#### **Recycle Day**

Wednesday for all villages

- 1) Plastics
  - (#1 and #2, no caps)
- 2) Metal cans, tin cans
- 3) Aluminum Cans
- 4) Newspaper
- 5) White paper (print paper)
- 6) Please place all cardboard out with your normal recycling
- 7) Glass

#### Yard Waste Day

Wednesday for all villages

Yard waste must be tied up in a plastic bag and not exceed 50 pounds. Branches and limbs must be tied up and less than 4 feet long. No logs or tree trunks. (You must be able to close the lid.)



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## **HOA Assessments Due**

HUNT:

SAT., MARCH 31

8:30 A.M.

Celebration Residential Owners Association assessments are due on the first day of every January, April, July and October.

After the last business day of those months, payments not posted to accounts will begin to accrue late fees and interest. Please allow 10 business days for mailing and processing. Statements are mailed out 30 days prior to the due date.

If you do not receive a statement or if you have a question regarding the balance of your account, please contact Town Hall at 407-566-1200 between 9 a.m. and 5:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

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# **ID Badge Policy**

The Celebration Residential Owners Association (CROA) Board approved the following resolution to the current ID Badge policy:



A passholder may bring no more than four non-resident guests outside of their immediate family on any given occasion unless under a scheduled event, private party, etc. The passholder must remain with the guest(s) at all times.

In order to avoid conflicts or disappointments, please contact Town Hall if you are having a party in one of the parks or playgrounds.



Celebration Spotlight highlights a different resident every month, and provides a glimpse into the people who make this community so special.

If you have a suggestion of a resident for an upcoming Celebration Spotlight, please email us at *celebration.news@celebrationtownhall.com*.

# Meet Joe Magic

If the name Joe DePietto does not immediately resonate with you, perhaps the name Joe Magic does. You see, there are one in the same.

Joe Magic has been entertaining Celebration and Central Florida audiences for years. He can often be found spinning tunes, performing magic or just having fun at many of the community's marquee events, such as this month's Father-Daughter Dance.

Joe, along with his wife Michelle and twin sons Adam and Ryan, moved to Celebration from Long Island, NY in



Photo by Jim Siegel

2003. He has covered just about every aspect in the entertainment business as a disc jockey, master of ceremonies, team building facilitator, magician, music producer, recording engineer and musician.

Joe's love of magic began at age eight and at 12-years-old started performing magic at parties. Today he performs strolling magic at Central Florida venues including Ritz Carlton, Walt Disney World Swan & Dolphin, and Omni Champions Gate. His career as a DJ started in 1983 when he could be found playing nightclubs across Long Island. Joe, who studied broadcast communications at Hofstra University, started a mobile DJ company in 1987, gaining a reputation entertaining at weddings, social events and corporate events.

Many in the community may not be aware that Joe is also a music producer. He began producing music in 1988 and opened a recording studio in 1990. As a remixer, keyboardist, and producer, Joe's label credits include Madonna, Will Smith, Cher, Yoko Ono and many other



top 10 Billboard Dance charted hits. He currently maintains a project-recording studio at home, recording local talent including Celebration residents. He also continues to produce jingles and voice-overs for local businesses.

Here in Celebration Joe's voiceover talents can be heard in Town Center, where he also produced the "Now Snowing Nightly" and "Falling Leaves" soundtracks for The Celebration Company and Lexin.

And if you are looking to catch Joe live and in person, he can almost always be found at events throughout the community, including Town Hall's as host of the 4th of July and Veterans Day Parades, Father Daughter Dance, Egg hunt, Founders Day Weekend and Food Truck Friday.

In addition to this duties in front of the house, he also serves as CEO of Orlando Event Pros, Inc.(OEP) a company he founded with

his wife Michelle. The creative genius with OEP, Michelle is a room designer, floral specialist, "vision creator" for corporate and social events. Using elements including: pipe and drape, furniture, lighting, centerpieces, props to create events for clients including: Attorney Dan Newlin, Florida Hospital, KB Homes, Century 21, Puma, Vistana and Starwood Vacation Ownership.



For more information on OEP, visit www.orlandoeventpros.com.

Name: Joe DePietto AKA Joe Magic

Lived in Celebration since: 2003

The one thing in Celebration that I never get tired of: Picturesque views

A key event in my life: Having twin boys

Accomplishment I am most proud of to this point in my life: Enjoying what I do for a living!

One thing I want to be sure do while I am still able: Travel

Hobbies: Collecting records, performing magic, making music

Book I would recommend: Born Standing Up. Steve Martin

Favorite Song: as a DJ... there's too many to list

**Star who would play me in a movie version of my life:** Jerry Seinfeld

One thing people don't know about me: I'd prefer to entertain a party over being a guest at one.

Five people, living or dead, I'd invite to a dinner party: Michael Jackson, Quincy Jones, Harry Houdini, Brian Regan, Paul McCartney

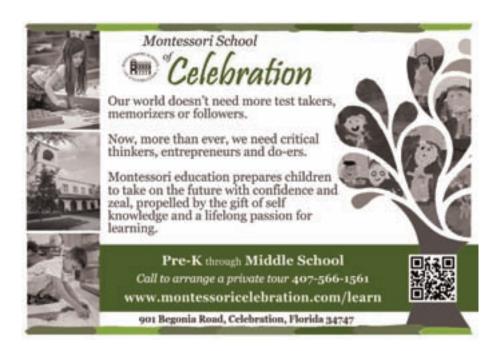
You have one opportunity to explain to a complete stranger why Celebration is special, what would you say: Celebration is a beautiful community. Residents from around the globe share in our community spirit. It reminds me of my childhood hometown.

# Reedy Creek Improvement District (RCID) Water Control Structure (S-11) Project

The Reedy Creek Improvement
District (RCID) is required to
perform repairs to the existing
sheet pile water control
structure along the C-1
canal. The structure and
canal are located along
the eastern most
boundary of the Celebration

Community. The work to be performed is entirely within RCID property. RCID's contractor will need to access the job site through the Celebration Community. Specifically, the contractor will access the work site through the existing gates along the privacy wall just east of Eastpark Drive. At this time, it is anticipated that the work will begin in February 2018. The work should be completed within 60 days.

For more information, please contact Mr. Juan Curi, P.E., Project Manager, RCID at 407-828-1478.





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# Osceola County Sheriff's Office Traffic Safety Final Warning

By Deputy Jerry Weiland, Osceola County Sheriff Office

In the January issue of Celebration News, I wrote about my New Years resolutions and would soon be really cracking down on traffic safety, along with issuing tickets to drivers for traffic violations they commit. There is an apparent lack of respect for traffic laws and the levels of distracted driving I see in the area are quite discerning.

I can write articles, speak in public and beg for you to obey traffic laws, but ultimately the decision to drive safely or unsafely is up to you. You, as the driver, make the choice of parking illegally, pressing the gas pedal too hard or failing to hit the brakes for stop signs or pedestrians. If not making those bad choices, then you may be too distracted to know what you are doing. There's an old saying that many people only obey traffic laws out of fear of being caught and ticketed.

Celebration is the neighborhood that you live, work, play and visit. Why would you drive so disrespectfully? Unfortunately, today's world centers on a ME attitude. As in people don't seem to care about anyone else but themselves. This goes for parking where you know it's illegal or improper, just to suit your needs by the ATM, to pick up kids by the schools, or by rolling through a stop sign or speeding because you are late. Others have been so distracted that they've blown right past me while I'm driving the police car on the road. Again you must make the conscience effort or be completely unaware of your surroundings to do that. Any way you look at it, it is extremely dangerous and unsafe.

I have stated publicly many times that I do not want to write another ticket. I really stand by that, however this is up to you. In an effort to make sure you are aware of traffic violations, I thought I would provide a quick and easy reference to the main violations I see. This way you know what or what no to do to avoid getting a ticket. The rest is up to you. Below are the basic violations is see.

**Speeding:** Nine out of 10 drivers I stop for speeding tell me they never speed. Think of that coincidence. The first time they ever speed happens to be the day I stop them. Doesn't sound believable, does it? All speeds around the downtown area and all residential villages are posted at 25 miles per hour. Celebration Place is posted at 30 miles per hour. Celebration Blvd from the library to the high school is 40 miles per hour. Below is a chart showing how much a ticket is going to cost. Add to that the possible insurance increase, court, attorney's fees or traffic school costs and it'll be much more.

#### **SPEEDING VIOLATIONS**

	Normal Speed Zones	School or Construction Zones
9 or under MILES OVE	R \$131	\$156
10 – 14 MILES OVER	\$206	\$306
15 – 19 MILES OVER	\$256	\$406
20 – 29 MILES OVER	\$281	\$456
30 + MILES OVER	COURT APPEARANCE	MANDATORY

**Stop Signs:** A red colored, octagonal sign with the word STOP on it means only one thing, STOP! It does not say slow. This means that your vehicle is required to come to a complete stop

behind the white line. Stopping past the line is a violation. You must stop completely, even if no other cars are around. If not, you'll be ticketed. This ticket costs \$166 and adds 3 points to your license.

**Parking:** Florida laws against parking in certain areas are clear. It begins by stating in part, "Except when necessary to avoid conflict with other traffic, or in compliance with law or the directions of a police officer or official traffic control device, no person shall: Stop, stand, or park" a vehicle in the following areas. Notice that the statute states stop, stand or park. This means you cannot stop or stand (sit in your car) in a prohibited location "waiting for someone." These are the more common parking violations I see.

**Left wheels to curb:** You must park on the same side of the road as the flow of traffic. So if your left wheels are near the curb, you are in violation. We drive on the right hand side of the road. Some exceptions apply such as being on a one way street.

**Yellow Curb:** A yellow curb is, or should be, self-explanatory. If the curb is yellow, simply put, you cannot park there. As an example, the space directly in front of the Starbucks downtown location.

**Safety Zone:** Safety zones are the areas marked with white or yellow striping. Safety zones mark out larger areas where parking is not allowed. You cannot drive or park within, or on top, of a safety zone. Think of the spaces on Celebration Ave. by the Bank of America or SunTrust and at the end of aisles in a parking lot.

**Fire Hydrants:** For obvious reasons, state law prohibits parking within 15 feet to either side of a hydrant. Parking around hydrants in Celebration is marked differently for some reason. Make sure not to block them and park with extra space outside the markings for firefighters to work.

**Crosswalks:** You cannot park with any portion of your car blocking a crosswalk. In fact by law, you cannot park within 20 feet of a crosswalk or 30 feet from a stop sign.

Other areas: Florida law also does not allow you to Stop, Stand or Park in other any place where official traffic control devices prohibit stopping. This means that wherever there are official signs posted, you cannot stop, stand or park there. Most areas where this violation happens is on Celebration Blvd. by the high school and around the K-8 school on Mulberry Ave. Some signs indicate days or times when parking is not allowed. Do not stop in the roadway to pick up your kids, get in line and wait or arrive a few minutes later. Better yet, let the kids walk or ride a bike.

**Pedestrian Violations:** There are many laws that pedestrians must follow. The one that's often confusing to some states "No pedestrian shall suddenly leave a curb or other place of safety and walk or run into the path of a vehicle which is so close that it is impossible for the driver to yield." This means that if there is a car driving on the road and it is close to the crosswalk that the pedestrian MUST wait for the traffic to pass before crossing. Pedestrians must use the crosswalks provided or if not, must also wait for traffic to pass before crossing.





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# **Traffic Safety Final Warning**

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Stopping for Pedestrians: A driver at any crosswalk where signage indicates, shall stop and remain stopped to allow a pedestrian to cross a roadway when the pedestrian is in the crosswalk or steps into the crosswalk and is upon the half of the roadway upon which the vehicle is traveling or when the pedestrian is approaching so closely from the opposite half of the roadway as to be in danger. In easy terms, you must stop for a pedestrian who is legally already entered into the crosswalk of the roadway.

Move Over Law: This I've written about before. The Florida Move Over law is designed to protect Law Enforcement, Fire/Rescue personnel, tow truck and sanitation workers from passing traffic. If you see our flashing lights, you must move over one lane, (not crossing over the double yellow lines) and if not possible, must slow down to 20 below the posted limit. This means in most of Celebration that you should pass by at 5 miles per hour. We'd rather not become part of your hood ornament.

There you have it. Some of the most common traffic violations. You all now have the knowledge of these violations and the understanding that if you violate them, you are most likely getting a ticket from me. My traffic safety resolution starts now. The safety of yourself, your friends and families depend on you obeying traffic laws and driving safely. Coming from someone who had the very unfortunate duty to tell families that their loved ones died, it's very important to me to share this knowledge with you. For those of you with kids in the car or teens getting ready to drive, please set the good example of how you want them to drive. Please be safe.



#### Walter R. Akana

Name: Walter R. Akana

Address: 1630 Resolute Street

Occupation: Consultant

**Resident of Celebration Since: 2017** 

Email Address: walter.akana@gmail.com

Have you served on a Community Association Board of Directors and, if so, when, where and in what capacity (director, president, etc.)? No

Have you ever served on any Board of Directors (Service Club, Charitable Organization, Corporation, etc.) and, if so, when, where and in what capacity (director, president, etc.)? Yes. 2012-2013: Served on board of 501 (c) (3) start up in Atlanta; principal role was public relations. 2014-2015: Served on Decatur, GA. Arts Festival Committee; participated in overall planning meetings and coordinated welcome breakfast for artists.

Briefly, what prompted your decision to declare your candidacy? Community Service. Desire to work with local leaders and play an active role in keeping Celebration a great place to live.

Walter has enjoyed a long and rewarding career as a manager and coach in key roles in financial services training and development, and in coaching professionals and executives on career transition, and personal branding and social media strategies.

A relationship builder with a keen sense of community, Walter has a reputation for bringing people together and forging positive and productive connections among others. As coach and trainer, he is a big picture thinker who is able to see relevant connections between choices and outcomes. He is a natural learner who is able to quickly gasp new information put it to practical application. Clients appreciate his ability to help them think through how best to approach challenges, and value his direct and frank feedback.

Walter draws on a diverse experience. He began his career as a social worker providing career and educational services to young adults in the South Bronx. Subsequently, he successfully navigated career changes that brought him from counseling young adults seeking a better life to coaching executives in commercial and investment banking as well as professional service firms on ways to achieve more visibility and success in their careers. Walter earned his Master of Science in social services from Columbia University, and his Bachelor of Arts in psychology from the State University of New York.

#### Dan Heskett

Name: Dan Heskett

**Address:** 1438 Resolute Street

**Occupation:** Software Engineer

**Resident of Celebration Since:** 2012

Email Address: danheskett@gmail.com

Have you served on a Community Association Board of Directors and, if so, when, where and in what capacity (director, president, etc.)? No

Have you ever served on any Board of Directors (Service Club, Charitable Organization, Corporation, etc.) and, if so, when, where and in what capacity (director, president, etc.)? No

Briefly, what prompted your decision to declare your candidacy? Celebration, as a community and an association, has almost unprecedented opportunity for improvement over the coming years – including ramped up development activities along Celebration Boulevard, new amenities being planned and implemented and an expanding membership. I have been the grateful beneficiary of the efforts of the founders and early residents whose investment and effort have made Celebration among the very finest places to raise a family, live, worship and work. I view service to CROA as an



excellent way to utilize my natural talents and acquired skills towards the benefit of my family and neighbors, in recompense for all those who have done so before me.

Celebration has been my home since 2012. In that time, I have found our community to be a warm and welcoming place, with positive qualities that exemplify the cornerstones laid down by the founders and early residents. My background as a software engineer and manager have given me broad perspectives on systems and systematic thinking, and I have come to believe that these could be useful over the coming years in pursuit of improvements in the management of the association, amenities, and future developments. Specifically, I would like to continue the positive steps that recent boards have taken to improve amenities, strengthen the oversight and compliance monitoring of our key contractual relationships, and position the association to thrive as new construction and expansion continue throughout Celebration. Past community involvement includes the Celebration School PTA, the Celebration Youth Football league, and Girl Scouts of America. I was appointed to serve on the Celebration School Task Force with other distinguished residents, from whom I learned a great deal. I am a resident of Spring Lake - the only neighborhood within Celebration to never have been represented on the Board of Directors. I can often be found riding my bike through Celebration or enjoying the amenities with my wife Suellen and daughters Melina and Zoe (or goldendoodle Ellie).



#### Gary Hudspeth

Name: Gary Hudspeth

Address: 1471 Resolute Street

Occupation: Systems & Budget Analyst for DOD

**Programs** 

**Resident of Celebration Since: 2015** 

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Have you served on a Community Association Board of Directors and, if so, when, where and in what capacity (director, president, etc.)? No

Have you ever served on any Board of Directors (Service Club, Charitable Organization, Corporation, etc.) and, if so, when, where and in what capacity (director, president, etc.)? No

**Briefly, what prompted your decision to declare your candidacy?** I offer my background in analysis and experience in problem solving through teamwork to the CROA Board to ensure Celebration maintains its high community standards and continues to be a great place to live and work.

During my time in Celebration, I have been working in the background with the CROA Board and CCMC to improve processes and find efficiencies. I revised the Spring Lake service area landscape contract and initiated and

wrote monthly articles for Celebration News highlighting Community Standards. I also analyzed covenants violations for a 10-year period, providing the results at a CROA workshop as background for future decisions. I currently serve on the Covenants Committee.

I would now like to extend my volunteer efforts by serving on the CROA Board of Directors.

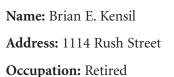
Over the last two years, I have attended most all of the CROA Board meetings and many of the CROA workshops and CCDD meetings.

I believe my experience will be a positive contribution to the CROA Board. After retiring as a Naval Aviator, I was a systems analyst on DOD programs for over 16 years and developed and managed a multi-million dollar testing budget for 8+ years for a large and complex program. I reviewed and contributed to government contracts and documentation. I managed a six-member team providing technical support, long range planning, and coordination of efforts between several agencies.

Living in Celebration is a lifestyle choice based on community spirit, educational opportunities, recreational activities, and it's great people. I hope to contribute to the future of Celebration.

With your support, I look forward to serving Celebration on the CROA Board.

#### Brian E. Kensil



**Resident of Celebration Since: 2008** 

Email Address: bekensil@aol.com

Have you served on a Community Association Board of Directors and, if so, when, where and in what capacity (director, president, etc.)? No

Have you ever served on any Board of Directors (Service Club, Charitable Organization, Corporation, etc.) and, if so, when, where and in what capacity (director, president, etc.)? Yes. Zurich Reinsurance Corporate Board and committees, White Mountains Reinsurance Corporate Boards and committees. Celebration Foundation, Boys & Girls Club, Church Deacon Boards

Briefly, what prompted your decision to declare your candidacy? My wife, Sandi, and I have been residents of Celebration since 2008. Prior to 2008, we were frequent visitors with friends who were founding members of Celebration. That's how we grew to enjoy the town.



We were both active with the Community Presbyterian Church of Celebration in starting the Community Hope Center. The Hope Center has been a large success in helping families in need on the Route 192 corridor. Currently, I serve on the Advisory Boards for the Celebration Foundation and Boys & Girls Club.

I retired in May of 2016. Before retiring, I worked for the Zurich Group and the White Mountains Group as either the U.S. or global Chief Financial Officer of their reinsurance operations.

I started attending CROA meetings and workshops in the fourth quarter of 2016, getting more involved as the CCMC contract renewal process evolved. The final CCMC contract saved hundreds of thousands of dollars versus the prior contract. I learned that CROA interaction can bring real value to the community.

I have served on corporate boards and investment/risk management committees plus charitable/church boards. I have developed an understanding of the administrative, communication and financial challenges of organizations of varying sizes and objectives.

I believe my background provides me with a broad and varied perspective to serve the citizens of Celebration. Thank you for your consideration of my candidacy.



#### **Kevin Kirby**

Name: Kevin Kirby

Address: 921 Croton Road

Occupation: Self employed/Airlines

**Resident of Celebration Since:** 2013

Email Address: kevinseankirby@gmail.com

Have you served on a Community Association Board of Directors and, if so, when, where and in what capacity (director, president, etc.)? Yes. Currently serving as Secretary on Town Center Condominium Association.



Have you ever served on any Board of Directors (Service Club, Charitable Organization, Corporation, etc.) and, if so, when, where and in what capacity (director, president, etc.)? No

Briefly, what prompted your decision to declare your candidacy? To preserve and protect the values of our homes, safety in our community, and ensure proper planning as Celebration grows for the enjoyment of all current and future residents.

When I moved to Osceola County nearly a decade ago, I sought, like so many others, a change of weather and lifestyle from New York. I first fell in love with Celebration and located my business here; then we bought our home in 2013, we have since relocated to South Village as we prepare to grow our family. As with most of us in town who recruit others, I encouraged my parents to join me in Celebration, which they did with their purchase in 2015! I'm extremely proud to call Celebration home!

Now, I seek your support for my candidacy for the CROA Board. My background is with a range of entrepreneurial activities; I've built several companies, including property management, grocery delivery, quick-serve

desserts and resort bar & grill. The skills of management, fiscal accountability, customer relations, and sound planning will all serve Celebration and its Board well.

Celebration is facing tremendous growth over the next few years, something beyond the growth in recent times. To ensure that growth is properly planned so that Celebration remains a beautiful community isn't an option, but a requirement and responsibility. As a member of the CROA Board, I pledge to protect the character and preserve the quality of life that initially brought so many of us into Celebration. Realizing new opportunities for future generations through, transparency, protection of assets, and fiscal responsibility will be essential in keeping Celebration the most livable community in the world. Further, it is vital that we continue our focus on the cornerstones that we've grown with since inception.

Regardless of the outcome of the election for new members of the CROA Board, I intend to dedicate time towards several core concerns that align with our Celebration neighbors. Specifically, I pledge to continue to make communication methods stronger and information easier and more convenient to access for residents; these are critical to an informed and engaged community. Further, I will work to bridge the gaps and ensure proper representation and assistance for our service areas and condo associations with CROA and our management company (CCMC). Furthermore, over the 2018-2019 years, I'm excited and committed to working with our next additions in the Civic Corridor – The Athletic Fields and The Community Center, a place for all residents of every age and background.

Celebration is the place that I have chosen second to none to live and love, and is the neighborhood that we plan to grow in. I'd be honored to have your vote to allow me to volunteer and work on behalf of the Celebration owners and residents, as all of our Board Members and volunteers have done in the past, with the common goal of ensuring our collective home becomes and remains the best that it can be. Thank you!

#### Matthew R. Luttinger

Name: Matthew R. Luttinger Address: 1334 Flagstone Avenue

Occupation: Retired, CPA-Partner Grant

Thornton LLP

Resident of Celebration Since: 2006 Email Address: mlutt@optonline.net

Have you served on a Community Association Board of Directors and, if so, when, where and in what capacity (director, president, etc.)? Yes.

Treasurer & vice president of the Property Owners Association



of Garden City, New York. Utilized over 40 years of public accounting experience to enhance financial control procedures.

Have you ever served on any Board of Directors (Service Club, Charitable Organization, Corporation, etc.) and, if so, when, where and in what capacity (director, president, etc.)? Yes. Chair of the Finance subcommittee of the Artisan Park Service Area. Worked on the transition plan moving Artisan Park Service Area to Evergreen Management.

Briefly, what prompted your decision to declare your candidacy? Give back to the community utilizing my skill as a senior audit partner and business advisor to the financial service companies in my practice prior to retirement on July 31, 2016.

#### Lee Moore

Name: Lee Moore

Address: 807 Oak Shadows Road

Occupation: Business Consultant

Resident of Celebration Since:

Email Address: lee@leemoore.com

Have you served on a Community Association Board of Directors and, if so, when, where and in what capacity (director, president, etc.)? Yes,

I was honored to serve the community as a past CROA board member. I have served as Director, Treasurer, Secretary,

and President (multiple years, different dates).



Have you ever served on any Board of Directors (Service Club, Charitable Organization, Corporation, etc.) and, if so, when, where and in what capacity (director, president, etc.)? For many years I volunteered my time helping the community. In that time I served on many boards and volunteered in many different ways, I am fortunate to have this opportunity. Giving back to the community through volunteerism for adults & youth is a great example I can set for my children. I have spent time on CROA, the CCDD, CJC, Celebration Youth Soccer, the Celebration Safety Committee, and the Celebration Consulting Group boards just to name a few.

Briefly, what prompted your decision to declare your candidacy? As Celebration continues to grow, I want to make sure we focus on the long-term growth of the community. I believe my business experience coupled with my Celebration experience will be valuable to keep Celebration focused on delivering services to residents that are first class now and long into the future.

#### Jessie Opalka

Name: Jessie Opalka

Address: 603 Market Street, Apt. 230

Occupation: Freelance Designer

**Resident of Celebration Since: 2003** 

Email Address: jopalkatown@gmail.com

Have you served on a Community Association Board of Directors and, if so, when, where and in what capacity (director, president, etc.)? No.

Have you ever served on any Board of Directors (Service Club, Charitable Organization, Corporation, etc.) and, if so, when, where and in what capacity (director, president, etc.)? No.

Briefly, what prompted your decision to declare your candidacy? Celebration is a special community. After encouragement from several residents, I would like to contribute my creative and design background to help improve the quality of life our overall community. My schedule and family demands now allow me more flexibility and availability to support the community in this capacity.

I have had the unique experience of living in Celebration Town Center for 15 years.

I chose to live in Celebration because of the sense of community, beauty and pedestrian friendly overall design.

I first learned about Celebration while attending Sage College of Albany in New York and learned about New Urbanist principles in various architectural history courses at Savannah College of Art and Design where I earned my Master's Degree. In Savannah, I was able to learn from and experience living in one of the oldest American master-planned cities.

Like Savannah, our community has expanded and evolved over the years and it is important to adapt and upgrade our infrastructure, amenities, etc. to meet the needs of both residents and businesses within Celebration.

I've worked with a wide range of entities in a creative design capacity including the New York State Public Employees Federation, startup biotech companies, event planning, marketing, public schools, Learning Design and Development for Disney, Disney Creative Entertainment and Walt Disney Imagineering, and multiple non-profit organizations.

As a designer it is important to think divergently, strategically and critically to come up with a solution that solves the problem and meets the needs of the client. As a board member it would be my responsibility to help solve problems and support the needs of the people of our community.

#### **Jackson Mumey**



Address: 1127 Mosaic Drive

Occupation: Law Professor/Business Owner

**Resident of Celebration Since:** 1996-2005;

2016-present

Email Address: Jackson.mumey@mac.com

Have you served on a Community Association Board of Directors and, if so, when, where and in what capacity (director, president, etc.)? No

Have you ever served on any Board of Directors (Service Club, Charitable Organization, Corporation, etc.) and, if so, when, where and in what capacity (director, president, etc.)? Yes. Celebration School Advisory Committee, 1994-2004; OCSD Citizen Review Board – President, 1999-2001; Regis University, Denver, CO. – Board of Regents, 1993-2000.

Briefly, what prompted your decision to declare your candidacy? I want to see our town continue to thrive as a diverse, vibrant community. As a founding resident, I have benefited over the years from the efforts



of many other volunteers. Now I'd like to make a meaningful contribution to our community as a CROA Board member.

My wife, Sara, and I are founding residents and are currently homeowners in Artisan Park. In 1996, I established the Celebration School Speech & Debate team that became national champions during my last 2 years on the faculty at CHS. I helped design the Celebration School curriculum in AP Social

Studies and Speech & Debate and served on the SAC Committee and faculty member at both Celebration School and CHS for 10 years. I ran for Osceola County School Board in 1998 as the first County-Wide candidate from Celebration. Later, I served as President of the Osceola County School Board Citizen Review Committee in charge of oversight of the sales tax for schools from 1999-2001. I am a law professor with a J.D. from Georgetown. For the past 25 years I've operated my own internet-based business of preparing students to pass the bar exams in over 40 states, including Florida. I have taught FL Real Property, FL Constitutional Law, FL Business Law and many other subjects. I have appeared on brief in several cases before the US Supreme Court. My insight into the creation and development of Celebration along with my legal background give me the perspective and understanding to contribute to the continued challenges faced in our community.



#### Vaughn M. Roberts

Name: Vaughn M. Roberts Address: 1116 Rush Street

Occupation: Retired

**Resident of Celebration Since: 2014** 

Email Address: vroberts1859@gmail.com

Have you served on a Community Association Board of Directors and, if so, when, where and in what capacity (director, president, etc.)? Yes. Eastwind Condominiums, Satellite Beach, FL,

2012-2014, treasurer.

Have you ever served on any Board of Directors (Service Club, Charitable Organization, Corporation, etc.) and, if so, when, where and in what capacity (director, president, etc.)? Yes. Florida Association of Police Attorneys – President, 1998.

**Briefly, what prompted your decision to declare your candidacy?** My desire is to see that the future of Celebration is kept on track with the goals of the town's original visionaries and creators, e.g. beautifully maintained homes

and landscaping; sports and other programs for children; special events; parks and recreation facilities - all within a safe environment. Having served on the Celebration Covenants Committee for approximately the past three years has given me helpful insight into our Community Standards regulations and the compliance process.

It is important that our CROA Board of Directors be composed of a diversity of talents which would best benefit the overall governing of Celebration. I served 32 years in law enforcement in various capacities, including the last 11 years as police department legal counsel. I would bring this experience to Celebration as a CROA Director to address safety and security concerns in our town. While incidents in

Celebration are usually not of the scale and frequency suffered by many other communities, they are nonetheless viewed as serious to those of us who are targeted, and affect the overall perception of Celebration as safe and desirable place to visit and live.

I am a veteran of the U.S. Army with Vietnam service. My wife Rita and I are members of The Celebrators, Celebration Garden Club and Corpus Christi Catholic Church, and are active in various functions of the Celebration Foundation.

#### Jennifer Sharp

Name: Jennifer Sharp

Address: 569 Campus Street

Occupation: Sr. Project Manager

**Resident of Celebration Since:** 2003

Email Address: jenniferdavissharp@gmail.com

Have you served on a Community Association Board of Directors and, if so, when, where and in what capacity (director, president, etc.)? No.

Have you ever served on any Board of Directors (Service Club, Charitable Organization, Corporation, etc.) and, if so, when, where and in what capacity (director, president, etc.)? Yes. WMFE, Disney's Women at Disney Florida Chapter, Celebration Democrats.

**Briefly, what prompted your decision to declare your candidacy?** I have lived in Celebration for 14 years and wish to serve the community that I love.

My husband and I moved to Celebration in 2002 after visiting from England on vacation. We have been very proud to call this wonderful place our home and have enjoyed everything from the beautiful parks, vibrant downtown, and the terrific schools our boys attend.



During our time here, I have worked for Orlando Health and now The Walt Disney Company as both a System Administrator (diving into the weeds to address issues) and a Project Manager (lead the way so that we all move forward together on a new endeavor). I will use these drives as a CROA Director as well; making sure the concerns and issues raised by my neighbors are dealt with head-on in a timely manner while also finding ways to keep our town relevant and the best place to live in Florida.

Helping our community and leading the way to improvement are my core passions. While at Disney, I have begun leading the Women@Disney, where we recently had an event that brought bags of clothing to the Community Hope Center of Osceola. I am also a leader in our VoluntEARs group, finding ways to gather donations of toys and school supplies and giving my time at Clean the World, Give Kids the World and other local charitable organizations.

In order to help others reach their potential, I lead a Lean In circle, am the President of our Toastmasters club, lead the Women@Disney Florida chapter and will soon lecture at Stetson as part of their Lifelong Learning series.

We must all take the opportunity to make the place we are better for those around us. As Celebration is the place my family and friends live and work, I want to be part of making it the best environment for our community.

Thank you for considering my candidacy.



#### Cynthia J. (Cindy) Swisher

Name: Cynthia J. (Cindy) Swisher

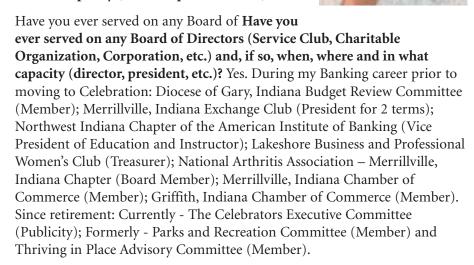
Address: 1204 Downey Place

Occupation: Retired; former Banker

**Resident of Celebration Since: 2003** 

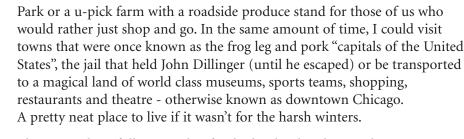
Email Address: cindyswisher1005@yahoo.com

Have you served on a Community Association Board of Directors and, if so, when, where and in what capacity (director, president, etc.)? No



Briefly, what prompted your decision to declare your candidacy? Having lived in Celebration all these years, I have a pretty good idea of what makes our community "tick". I believe that my financial background, coupled with my experience working at Town Hall, puts me in a unique position to make decisions that not only make good business sense but are also in the best interest of the community.

I was raised in Northwest Indiana - an area known for its steel mills, cultural diversity and strong work ethic. Depending on the direction, a 30-minute drive would take me to the pristine lakefront of the Indiana Dunes State



I began working full time right after high school and spent the next 28 years with the same bank – although over time it changed from a family owned operation to what was considered a "super regional" bank. I am proud to say that I worked my way up the ranks from a receptionist in the Consumer Loan Department to an Assistant Vice President and Banking Center Manager. Along the way, I was fortunate to have excellent mentors who taught me professionalism, ethics and what constitutes a sound business decision. I also took courses in accounting, analyzing financial statements and economics.

As a Banking Center Manager, I was responsible for all facets of maintaining a profitable cost center including: budgeting, cost control, new business development, community involvement, customer service, etc. I was also frequently called on to perform special assignments, like: training other managers on new products and sales techniques, developing and monitoring a program designed to enhance teller performance, compiling a product/policy/procedures manual for the branch network and writing special notices and marketing materials.

This journey took hard work, focus, a strong desire to succeed and the ability to adapt.

If elected, I intend to apply the same approach to become an effective director. I look forward to working with the other Board members, the Town Hall staff and my friends and neighbors for the betterment of Celebration. I am committed to keeping property values intact, strengthening our sense of community and doing my best to make informed decisions on your behalf.

I appreciate your time and consideration.

#### Jeff Taylor

Name: Jeff Taylor

Address: 1111 Indigo Drive

Occupation: Broadcast Engineer

**Resident of Celebration Since:** 2013

**Email Address:** *jeff.taylordpp@gmail.com* 

Have you served on a Community Association Board of Directors and, if so, when, where and in what capacity (director, president, etc.)? No.



Have you ever served on any Board of Directors (Service Club, Charitable Organization, Corporation, etc.) and, if so, when, where and in what capacity (director, president, etc.)? No.

**Briefly, what prompted your decision to declare your candidacy?** I love the neighborhood and would like the opportunity to work to maintain and possibly improve it in any way I can.



## **Celebration Community Development District**

# **Celebration CDD: Street Sweeping**

One of the maintenance services that the CDD provides on a regular basis is street and alley sweeping. During the months of October through April, USA Services will be sweeping twice a month, and May through September they will sweep once a month.



The schedule for calendar year 2018 is posted on the District's website, listing which streets are swept on what days. Sweeping will not begin until at least 8 a.m. in residential areas.

While it might seem the primary purpose is to keep the roadways and alleys clean and free of leaves and debris, in reality, the real reason for street sweeping is to prevent that material from entering the drainage system, which can (1) cause obstructions and damage to the drainage structures and (2) add pollutants to the stormwater management system.

As an enhancement to the street sweeper's activities during the leaf-falling season, Girard Environmental has a crew member who started full-time on November 1 and uses a portable vacuum machine to get into those hard-to-reach places, such as underneath cars and in the drainage structures along the curb.

#### What you can do to help:

- · Avoid overnight parking on streets that are scheduled for sweeping
- Keep yard debris and waste away from the curb on street-sweeping days
- Keep street trees pruned to allow enough height to accommodate the street sweeper

You can find more information on this subject and the sweeping schedule on our website www.CelebrationCDD.com, under Services/Street-Sweeping. You may also contact us at 407-566-1935 or admin@CelebrationCDD.org with any questions, comments, or concerns.



# **Voting Instructions**

Your vote makes a difference. Follow these easy steps.

- 1. Complete the YELLOW official ballot.
- PART 1: Check (**✓**) up to 4 candidates up for election. (Note: Casting more than 1 vote per candidate will void your ballot.)

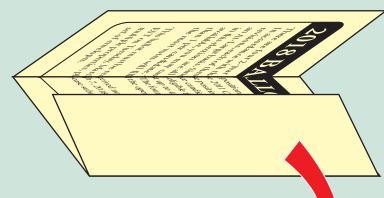
#### **2018 BALLOT**

There are four 2-year positions up for election. In accordance with the 2011 Celebration Charter revisions, each of these positions will be filled on an At-Large basis. Since candidates participating in this election are all eligible for one of the seats available, you may cast up to 4 votes, but no more than 1 per candidate. The four candidates with the most votes will fill the open positions.

This ballot must be received no later than 5:30 p.m EST on Tuesday March 6, 2018 For owners of multiple properties, please submit one ballot per

- ☐ Dan Heskett
- ☐ Gary Hudspeth ☐ Brian E. Kensil
- ☐ Kevin Kirby
- ☐ Matthew R. Luttinge Lee Moore
- ☐ Jessie Opalka
- Jackson Mumey ☐ Vaughn M. Roberts
- ☐ Jennifer Sharp Cynthia J. (Cindy) Swisher
- ☐ Jeff Taylor
- ☐ Leonard Timm
- ☐ Joseph G. Weaver

2. Fold your YELLOW ballot.



3. Insert the YELLOW ballot into the YELLOW envelope.

#### BALLOT SECRECY ENVELOPE

Place your completed ballot in this envelope, seal and then place this envelope in the blue

- 4. Seal the YELLOW envelope.
- 5. Insert the sealed YELLOW envelope into the BLUE envelope.

Your property address pre-printed





CROA BOARD MEMBER ELECTION 851 CELEBRATION AVE. CELEBRATION, FL 34747

#### YOUR SIGNATURE

- 6. Seal and SIGN the BLUE envelope.
- 7. Place the sealed BLUE envelope in the mail,

SIGN HERE!

Deliver the sealed BLUE envelope to Celebration Town Hall, 851 Celebration Ave. and deposit it in the Official Ballot Box located in the lobby.

#### **Leonard Timm**

Name: Leonard Timm

Address: 411 Campus Street

Occupation: Retired

**Resident of Celebration Since:** 1996

Email Address:: lentimm@gmail.com

Have you served on a Community Association Board of Directors and, if so, when, where and in what capacity (director, president, etc.)? Yes. CROA Board of Directors 2016-present.

Treasurer, 2017-present.

Have you ever served on any Board of Directors (Service Club, Charitable Organization, Corporation, etc.) and, if so, when, where and in what capacity (director, president, etc.)? Osceola County Chamber of Commerce Blue Ribbon Education Task Force, 1998-2000. Celebration School Advisory Council (SAC) 1996-2000. SAC President 1998-1999. 501 (c) (3) Disability Rights Advocates for Technology (DRAFT Co-founder and VP, 2003-2009. 501 (c) (3) Segs4Vets Cofounder and VP, 2005-2009.



Briefly, what prompted your decision to declare your candidacy? In November of 1996, on the very first Founder's Day, my family moved into our new home in Celebration. Our home was one of the first 30 completed. We came here, like many of our neighbors, to be part of an innovative and inclusive community created by Disney's Celebration Company.

Celebration has grown and changed over the last 21 years. My wife and I are still in our original home. We stay in Celebration because we enjoy the people, benefits and amenities of this special community.

My background includes a BS in Accounting, a Masters of Taxation, and years of experience operating a tax and financial consulting firm. Additionally, I have provided ADA consulting services for a number of Fortune 500 companies. As a U.S. Army veteran, I have volunteered thousands of hours working with charitable organizations to better the lives of our nation's wounded Afghanistan and Iraq veterans.

Continuity of leadership from the board will lessen the impact on the community from growth and its affect on our quality of life. I know we can make Celebration better while maintaining fiscal responsibility. I will continue to support decisions that are data driven and empirically sound. If re-elected, it would be my honor to work for you as your CROA representative. I ask you for your vote.

#### Joseph G. Weaver

Name: Joseph G. Weaver

Address: 1119 Damask Street

Occupation: Retired; USAF

Officer/Pharmacist

**Resident of Celebration Since: 2017** 

Email Address: weaverjoseph@rocketmail.com

Have you served on a Community Association Board of Directors and, if so,

when, where and in what capacity (director, president, etc.)? Yes. York county (VA) Planning Commissioner (1983-1990). Member to chairman.

Have you ever served on any Board of Directors (Service Club, Charitable Organization, Corporation, etc.) and, if so, when, where and in what capacity (director, president, etc.)? Yes. Space Coast Federal Pharmacy (2001-2005), Founder/President; Valley of the Sun Federal Pharmacy (2005-2007), Founder/President.

Briefly, what prompted your decision to declare your candidacy? To beautify and preserve Celebration utilizing my experience as a planning commissioner and living around the US during my 26 years in USAF.



To Whom it May Concern:

My name is Joseph G. Weaver. I have been a pharmacist since 1981 and just retired from the United States Air Force in July 2017 -leaving as the Air Force's senior pharmacist. The past 6 years I was stationed at Travis Air Force Base in California.

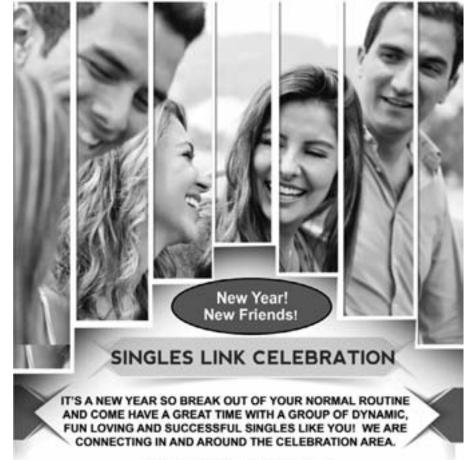
While I was a civilian pharmacist for the Virginia Department of Health, I built two homes in York County Virginia. In 1983, I was appointed to the York County Planning Commission (Nelson District) - at that time the youngest member ever for the county. My County Supervisor selected me because of my concerns for maintaining York County as the premier "bedroom" community in the Tidewater area. As a planning commissioner, I was entrusted to keep our county land usage in proper percentages, to make sure that the county remained true to the style that we wanted to maintain (think: colonial America) and to make sure that we kept our area beautiful.

I have had the pleasure of living all over this great country and our world. I have seen styles, blending of styles and feel that I can provide a unique perspective to the Celebration CRDA. This is our second time living in Celebration and it is our home - and I want to preserve what we have here but keep an eye to our future.





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# Osceola County enhances public safety with new fire engine

#### By Commissioner Peggy Choudhry & Debie McDonald, CROA Director

A ceremony for a new fire engine that will enhance public safety in District 1 was held at Station 72 in Celebration on Monday, December 18, 2017. Several CROA Board Directors and a CCDD Supervisor attended.

The Pierce Impel pumper will replace a model that served for 11 years and was driven 277,420 miles. The new engine design features an extra compartment behind the cab to store EMS equipment, a forward-facing rear seat to allow for better visibility, a standardized pump panel for ease of use between crews. It is outfitted with a 450-horsepower Cummins engine, a water tank with a capacity of 1,000 gallons, and can accommodate 1,000 feet of 5-inch and 450 feet of 1¾-inch hose, which can be accessed and deployed more quickly.

"The County Commission continues to demonstrate that public safety is our number one priority. It's important that our firefighters have the right tools to protect our homes, property and lives," said Peggy Choudhry, the District 1 County Commissioner. "I think the people of Celebration and District 1 can be proud that this resource will be serving them for many years to come. And we continue with more equipment, new stations and a training facility that will make sure our first-responders are ready for any emergency."

In accordance with the time-honored traditions of the fire service, Osceola Fire Rescue held a Wet-Down and Push Back ceremony, beginning with washing, then drying off the new engine. Firefighters then pushed the vehicle into the firehouse, a tradition that dates back





to the 19th century. "This ceremony of transferring old to new helps us to remember the past and focuses us on our duty," said Chief Robert Sorenson. "Now this engine is ready to help our firefighters protect Osceola County citizens."



Peggy Choudhry

"We are committed to our citizens and safeguarding their lives and property is at the top of that list," said Commission Chairman Fred Hawkins, Jr. "This is the sixth engine we've added to the fleet in the last few years, along with other equipment and plans for a training facility. It all translates into giving our firefighters the means to better serve our community." The county approved \$5 million for the first two phases of a new training facility. Currently, firefighters must leave the county for some training. Construction of the training facility will begin in mid-2018.

Photos by Jim Siegel







# Celebration Community Standards – porch guidelines

One of the benefits of owning property in a planned community is the commitment among neighbors to maintain their property in a neat, attractive, and well-landscaped condition to enhance the overall beauty and aesthetic appeal of the community. In Celebration, the primary consideration is of the overall "streetscape" to which each property should contribute, with no single property dominating its appearance.

Many of the landscape, painting, and architectural guidelines have been summarized here in previous Celebration News articles. From time to time, some of these standards may be overlooked in our busy lives.

As a reminder, here are the community standards that pertain to porches (from Exhibit "C", 9. as amended 17 November 2015; and the Design Guidelines for Landscape - Design & Planning):

- Porch decorations and certain other objects on the front door, front porch wall, ceiling, steps, and railings do not constitute a structural change and does not require Architectural Review Committee (ARC) approval.
- Porch decorations should have no moving parts, make no noise, have no reflective surfaces, not contain any words, phrases or graphics which may be considered vulgar or profane, and be of a color, material, size and type compatible with the tone of the structures and landscaping existing on the property. If any decoration generates a complaint, the decoration shall be required to be reviewed by the ARC.

- All porch furnishings and any other items located on porches facing public streets must be designed for outdoor use.
- All planters and pots intended for plants must be maintained with plants inside them. Should any plants located on any such porches die, they shall promptly be removed or replaced with living plants.
- Plants in pots are not permitted in landscaping or on hardscape which is at ground level (such as a driveway or walkway) unless approved as part of a landscape design by ARC. Potted plants may be used on steps and porches as long as the plants are well-cared for.
- A reasonable number of holiday and religious decorations may be displayed on a Unit for up to 40 days prior to the holiday or religious observance and up to 14 days thereafter without prior approval.

The community standards contribute to the overall aesthetic beauty of Celebration. Our community standards are found in the Celebration Community Charter within: Chapter 5: Architecture, Landscaping, and Aesthetic Standards; Chapter 6: Maintenance, Repair, and Replacement; the Charter's Exhibit "C" Rules; as well as various Celebration Residential Owners Association (CROA) approved Design Guidelines.

For additional information, you may obtain current Design Guidelines and an application from Town Hall (851 Celebration Ave.) or download from the Celebration Front Porch (www.celebration.fl.us). Select Community Standards under the Town Hall tab.

# February Food Truck Friday

February 9 5 – 9 p.m. Celebration Town Hall 851 Celebration Ave.



Our next Food Truck Friday is February 9. Make plans to join us from 5 - 9 p.m. at Town Hall. As always, admission is free for all. Seating is limited, so we do recommend everyone to bring a folding chair or a blanket to sit on. Plan to stay the entire duration, with plenty of fun and activities for the entire family.

#### This month's lineup will include a wide selection of the area's most delicious food trucks.

Kona Dog Ice Cream Social Club Amish Pretzel Korean Taco Box Lees Famous Cheesesteaks Andy's Eats Treehouse Truck Mama's Delights Peru Power
TJ's Seafood Shack
The Jamaican Jerk Hut
Jour de Crepe
Box on the Road

#### Please note:

Most food trucks accept cash and credit cards. There will be limited tables and chairs available, so you may want to bring your own blanket or chairs to make sure you have a comfortable place to dine. These are some of the best food trucks around and they will be sure to draw in lots of hungry people.

\*Participating food trucks are subject to change without notice.







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Price includes the entire eight week class that meets for one 55-minute lesson per week. For information or to register, contact Nannette at 386-532-2624 or Nannette@NannettesBallroomDance.com or visit NannettesBallroomDance.com.

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#### Fitness Firm Up

Wednesdays and Fridays Jones Room, 631 Sycamore Street 1-2 p.m.

Workout with our Fitness Firm Up class. This fun and effective group exercise class combines strength, cardio, core training and it is designed for all age groups and fitness levels. ALL of the equipment is provided. Bring a bottle of cold water to drink and wear comfortable clothing. The cost is \$5 each class. For more information call Linda at 919-623-7231 or lindacarolpf@aol.com

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Great Lawn, Lakeside Park 7:30-8:30 & 9:30-10:30 a.m.

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For more information visit **celebration.fit4mom.com** or www.facebook.com/Fit4MomCelebration.

You may also reach out to Maura at maurarowin@fit4mom.com or 407-227-0947. Twitter @F4MCelebration

#### **Celebration Tennis Program**

Lakeside Park

Tennis courts available to residents. For more information and class schedules, please call Darren Holt at 407-421-0977 or visit www.celebrationtennis.com.

#### X-Factor Dance & Gymnastics

Classes available Monday through Saturday Town Hall, 851 Celebration Ave. Late afternoon and evening classes

The X-factor Dance & Gymnastics program is designed to improve the technique and skills of both new and experienced dancers and gymnasts.

- Combo
   Lyrical/Contemporary
- Ballet • Hip Hop
- Jazz Acro

#### **Gymnastics Classes**

- Mini Gym
- Tumble Gym
- Junior/Senior Gym Floor Skills

Visit the X-Factor website for more information and complete class schedules at **xfactordance.com**. Registration can easily be done online or contact Lindsay Taylor at 407-329-4200 or info@xfactordance.com for space and placement advice.

#### Irish Dance for Adults & Children

Town Hall Activity Room, 851 Celebration Ave. 4:15-5:15 p.m.: Beginner's Irish Dance Class

Thursdays

Jones Room, 631 Sycamore St. 5:15-6:15 p.m.: Ages 4-6, Beginners

6:15-7:15 p.m.: Ages 9-16, Beginners-Advanced

7:15-8:15 p.m.: Adult, All Levels

An enjoyable and exciting class that explores all aspects of Irish Dance. Focuses on stretching, posture, timing, rhythm and movement, basic Irish Steps and Ceili (traditional Irish folk) team dancing. Students will be introduced into the different types of solo Irish dance and the traditional music for each dance. Benefits include balance, timing and coordination. Students should wear shorts/t-shirt (exercise wear) and sneakers.

All classes taught by professional and award-winning Irish Dancer Sarah Costello from Belfast, North Ireland. Sarah has toured extensively worldwide for the past nine years performing the leading roles in world renowned Irish Dance shows like Riverdance and Lord of the Dance. She qualified as a TCRG (Teacher of Irish Dance) in 2008 and has produced and choreographed many Irish dance productions and shows in both Ireland and abroad.

For more info contact Sarah at 321-200-3598 or sarah13april@hotmail.com. Please also visit facebook.com/centralfloridairishdance.

#### **Traditional Irish Music classes** on Tin-whistle and Flute

Town Hall, 851 Celebration Ave. 5:30-6:15 p.m. (Music)

Students from age 5 upwards

Central Florida Irish Dance is delighted to now offer traditional Irish music classes on the tin-whistle and flute. The Tin-whistle is a popular Celtic instrument which is widely played in Ireland for traditional music and is a great starter instrument for anyone wishing to learn the traditional Irish style of music. The flute is a natural progression when the student reaches a certain level on the instrument. Students will learn to read and play music in the traditional Irish style. These classes are the only traditional music group classes offered in all of Central Florida.

Contact Miss Sarah on 321-200-3598 or info@centralfloridairishdance.com.

#### **Zumba with Mercedes - Celebration**

Jones Room at Lakeside 5:45-6:45 p.m.

**Thursdays Celebration Town Hall** 5:45 - 6:45 p.m.

Ditch the workout and join the party! This fun and easy to follow cardio dance class combines high energy and motivating music with unique moves and combinations that make you feel like you are partying on the dance floor. Easy to follow and something everyone can participate in. Zumba is the best way to "dance away your worries." We promise, exercise has never been so fun! For more information please contact Laura Gollub at 917-647-4066 or email: laura@lauragollub.com.

#### **Celebration Flag Football**

Game 7 Friday, Feb. 9, 6-9 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 11, 12-5 p.m.

Game 8 Sunday, Feb. 18, 12-5 p.m. Championship

Friday, Feb. 23 6-9 p.m.

For more information, contact celebrationflagfootball@yahoo.com

# **Spring Porch and Yard Sale**

Saturday, March 3, 8 a.m. - 2 p.m. Registration deadline is Friday, February 23

Get ready for Celebration's semi-annual Porch & Yard Sale! Hidden treasures from residents' homes will be on sale throughout the community. Residents who live in condos, townhomes or garage apartments are invited to set up their sale items in Town Hall's parking lot. Goodwill trucks will be at Town Hall at noon.

The cost to register is only \$10 per household. This fee covers advertising, signage, lists, and maps that help promote your sale.



Please mail or bring this form with \$10 to Celebration Town Hall, 851 Celebration Ave. Registration also available online at CelebrationParksandRec.com.

## PORCH AND YARD SALE APPLICATI

#### **Applicant Event Information**

- Resident set-up at Town Hall: 6:30 8 a.m.
- No cars are permitted in Town Hall event area.
- Residents are not permitted to bring tables.
- Parking is not permitted in the 851 Parking lot, but the
- Please check in at the Check-In table located at the entrance to the Town Hall side street.
- Special requests (location, etc.) can not be guaranteed.
- There will be a Goodwill truck parked at the end of the street from noon-3 p.m. if you would like to donate items that aren't sold.

K-8 Gym parking lot will be available for parking until full.  • The event will begin at 8 a.m. a	and will end at 2 p.m.
NAME:ADDRESS:	Residents are not permitted to bring tables.  Special requests (location, etc.) can not be guaranteed.
	ITEMS FOR SALE (use key below
EMAIL:	KEY:
PHONE:VILLAGE:	☐ A = Antiques & Collectibl ☐ B = Baby & Childrens Iter ☐ C = Clothing
This section for condo and apartment residents only.  A limited number of spaces are located in Town Hall parking lot.  Yes No Would you like to reserve a space with one table at Celebration Town Hall for \$10?  Yes No Would you like ONE additional table for an additional \$10? (Two tables maximum)	☐ D = Disney Items ☐ E = Electronics ☐ F = Furniture ☐ H = Household Items ☐ M = Miscellaneous
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Date: Received By: Check #: Check Name:	Complete and bring form to Town Hall by Feb. 23.

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# **2018 AQUATICS PROGRAMS**

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All aquatics programs take place at Lakeside Pool. Class sizes are limited; pre-registration at Town Hall, 851 Celebration Ave., is required. For more information or questions please contact the aquatics office at 407-566-1698 or *aquatics@celebrationtownhall.com*. Hope to see you soon!

#### **Celebration Pool Hours**

#### **Labor Day through April 30**

Lakeside Park: 6:30 a.m. – 8 p.m.

**Spring Lake:** Opens 1/2 hour after sunrise, Closes 1/2 hour prior to sunset.

All other pools except Spring Lake: 7 a.m. – 8 p.m. Spring Park Pool: Open until 9 p.m. on Friday and Saturday.

#### **Celebration Park Hours**

All other park areas close at dusk. All hours are subject to change without notice.

# Lakeside Lifeguard Hours for February

Noon – 2 p.m., 3–8 p.m.

\*No lifeguards are stationed at Spring Park, North Village, East Village or Spring Lake.

#### **Celebration Sharks Swim Club**

The Celebration Sharks is a swim club to teach youth and adults competitive swimming techniques. Our goal is to teach all ages a lifetime sport and encourage physical fitness. Sharks Swim Club is for swimmers who wish to improve their skills for competition or fitness. Participants must be able to swim 50 meters freestyle with rotary breathing.

#### **Practice Schedule for Sharks**

On-going classes at Lakeside Park Pool Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday (Swimmers may attend as many as they wish.)

February Classes - 5–5:45 p.m.

#### Monthly fees:

Resident \$65, non-resident \$75 Pre-registration is required at Town Hall, 851 Celebration Ave.

#### Not sure what skill level to register for?

Please contact the Aquatics office at 407-566-1698 to set up a skill evaluation. (Lakeside Pool is 25 meters in length)

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Please contact the Aquatics office at 407-566-1698 or email *aquatics@celebrationtownhall.com* for details or questions.

#### **Celebration Aquatics**

February 1-27, Tuesdays and Thursdays Preschool: 3-3:30 p.m. Beginner: 3:30-4 p.m

Advanced Beginner: 4-4:30 p.m.

**Fee:** (For the month) \$65 Resident \$75 Non-resident

We will be offering Private lessons Monday through Friday and they will be scheduled around current classes but still will be 30 minute long lessons.





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# CROA adds three new recreation programs

Recently CROA began offering several new recreation programs.

The community's youngest swimmers will have the opportunity to put their 'fins' in the air with the return of "Little Fins,' while kids and adults will able to combine martial arts, fitness and much more with 'Capoeira,' or one can learn the fundementals of Korean Taekwondo or Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu.

#### Little Fins



Little Fins, which returned in January after a hiatus, offers survival swim sessions for infants, toddlers, and children. Parents can book one-on-one private lessons, which will be held at our heated pools: Spring Park and/or Lakeside.

Some of the benefits of Little Fins is to learn survival swim/float techniques, receive one-on-one private lessons with owner, gain confidence and strength, one month with Little Fins = 16+ Lessons = safer swimmer and learn preparedness skills to advance to stroke lessons.

For more information, contact Ms. Dianne Ojeda, owner, at 407-489-6695 or *celebrationlittlefins@gmail.com*.

#### Capoeira

Capoeira (pronounced cap-o-way-da) is a high energy Brazilian martial art that combines martial arts techniques (similar to those in Karate) with physical fitness, acrobatics, music, and culture.

It's comparable to more common martial arts (such as taekwondo) with some really great benefits specific to the style of Capoeira.

CBP Martial Arts Academy is where traditional Capoeira martial arts training meets a positive and purposeful vision. Students train to become Masters in martial



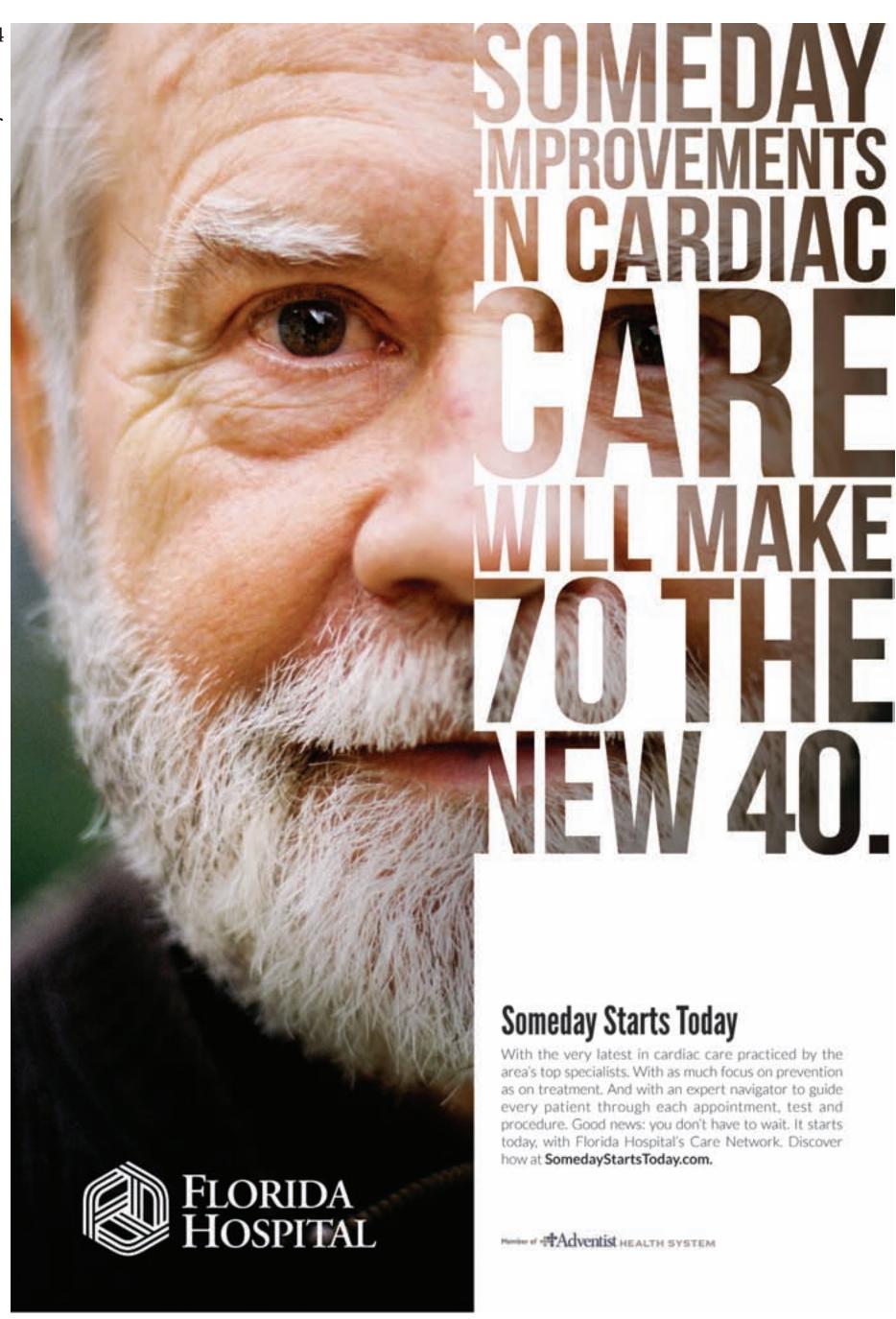
arts and in life! We are not looking for winners, we build them.

For more information, visit www.CelebrationMA.com.

#### **Academy of Martial Arts**

This program introduces the traditions and fundamental techniques of the Korean art of Taekwondo. Through this traditional martial art, students will learn the benefits of coordination, concentration, self-defense, fitness, discipline, confidence as well as some Korean vocabulary. As a supplement to this traditional art, we are also offering Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu (BJJ) to students 8 years and older. BJJ offers students the concepts of self-defense from the ground and is a great complement to Taekwondo.

For more information, call 800-360-6043 or visit www.AcademyMartialArts.com.



# AQUA FIT

Celebration Parks and Recreation Aquatics is offering a water aerobics class – referred to as Aqua Fit, formerly H<sup>2</sup>O Fitness. This class is designed for health seekers, athletes or anyone looking to work towards their health and fitness goals while keeping cool and having fun! This is intended for adults who are looking for a different type of exercise, without strain and injury to joints. Classes will be held in the shallow end of the pool and are open to all residents who are at least 18 years of age.

#### Why try Aqua Fit?

- It will help build and maintain healthy muscles and joints.
- Improves your cardiovascular and cardiorespiratory function
- It decreases the risk of developing high blood pressure
- It is a low-impact exercise, ideal for anyone who cannot have strain or stress on their joints.
- The unique properties of water enable your heart to work more efficiently.
- Have fun while working out and staying cool!



#### **Helpful Tips for Anyone Attending:**

- Please arrive in your swimsuit
- Please plan on arriving 10 minutes prior to the start of class. This will allow you sufficient time to sign the required waiver and prepare for Aqua Fit.
- Please bring a bottle of water and a towel.
- It is encourages that participants apply sunscreen 30 minutes prior to the start of class.
- A hat or visor will assist in providing additional sun protection.

#### Days and Times:

Every Monday, Thursday and Saturday: 12–12:45 p.m.

#### Place:

Celebration Lakeside Pool, 631 Sycamore Street

**Fee:** 8 classes \$40 for residents \$50 for non-residents



Contact aquatics@celebrationtownhall.com for more information.

# **Group Tennis Reservation Schedule**

#### Monday

#### 8 – 11:30 a.m.

Tennis Lessons by Darren Holt (Court 3)

#### 8 - 11 a.m.

Active Adult Ladies' Over 50 Tennis League (Courts 1 & 2)

#### Tuesday

#### 8 - 11 a.m.

Men's Open Play (Courts 4 & 5)

#### 4 – 7:30 p.m.

Tennis Lessons by Darren Holt (Courts 4 & 5)

#### 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.

Teen Tennis by Darren Holt (Court 3)

#### WAIT TEAM MATCH

8:30 a.m. – 12 p.m. February 6, 20 & 27 (Courts 1, 2, 3, 4, 5)

#### Wednesday

#### 8 - 11 a.m.

Tennis Lessons by Darren Holt (Courts 1 & 2)

#### 6 - 9 p.m.

Celebration Men's Open Doubles (Courts 4 & 5)

#### Thursday

#### 8 - 11 a.m.

Men's Open Play (Courts 4 & 5)

#### 8 – 11 a.m.

Ladies' Active Adults Over 50 Tennis (Courts 1 & 2)

#### 8 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Tennis Lessons by Darren Holt (Court 3)

#### 4 - 7:30 p.m.

Tennis Lesson by Darren Holt (Courts 4 & 5)

#### 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.

Teen Tennis by Darren Holt (Court 3)

#### Friday

#### 8 a.m. – 9 a.m.

Tennis Lessons by Darren Holt (Court 3)

#### 9 – 11 a.m.

WAIT Ladies Clinic and Play (Courts 4, 5)

#### 11 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Tennis Lessons by Darren Holt (Court 3)

#### Saturday

#### 8 - 11 a.m.

Tennis Lessons by Darren Holt (Court 3)

#### Sunday

#### 8 - 11 a.m.

Tennis Lessons by Darren Holt (Court 3)

# Interested in tennis lessons?

For more information and to register, contact:

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darrenDH@aol.com,

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## A New View

# How to grow an adult

#### By Eileen Crawford, LMHC

We have all been there. "Can't I just have that Mama?" The weary mother says "no" and her child persists. You watch as the verbal tug-of-war continues for a few moments, silently rooting for

Mom to hold her ground. More often than not, the warrior half her size emerges victorious, clutching an open bag of Doritos in the checkout line.

It may seem like no big deal - Mom did what she had to do to complete her shopping list and still retain her sanity - but it is the collection of these little cave-ins that can lead to an avalanche. Sometimes we are so busy making life endlessly happy for our child, we forget we are building an adult.

Parents' job is not to create a serene childhood free from all bad things but

to nurture a productive, responsible, healthy and happy grown human being. There are adults in the world who have suffered horrific childhoods and still turned out just fine, and there are those who were given every material wish, shielded from situations and people who made them uncomfortable, provided every opportunity, and never held to account, who drift into adulthood reflecting

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the murky river that delivered them.



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There is a reason we do not remember each detail of what we did when we were children. Those details are not what matters. What matters, and what most of us remember vividly, is how certain experiences made us feel. We can identify when we learned that there were consequences for missing curfew, or that we loved our grandfather more than we realized.

The important lessons of childhood that build strong people are those we learn

when we didn't get everything we wanted. How the grownups around us framed disappointment, misunderstanding, deprivation and the unfairness of life made all the difference. So Mom, stick to your guns – she will survive living without the Doritos.

#### A Schedule of Happenings In and Around Celebration

## February 2018

	Recurring Events		Scheduled Events
Sunday	Community Presbyterian Church in Celebration Sunday Worship Service (511 Celebration Ave.) 8 a.m., 9:30 & 11:11 a.m. Corpus Christi Catholic Church, (1050 Celebration Ave.) 8:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 12:15 p.m., 5:30 p.m. Celebration Community Church, (501 Celebration Place)	Feb. 11 Feb. 18 Feb. 18 Feb. 25	Florida's Finest Youth Orchestra (Community Presbyterian Church) 5 p.m.  Curtains (Celebration High School) 3 p.m.  Hymn Sing & Ice Cream Social (Community Presbyterian Church) 7 p.m.  Curtains (Celebration High School) 3 p.m.
Monday	For information call 407-566-1195 Illuminate Church, (Celebration High School)	Feb. 12 Feb. 26	ARC Meeting 6 p.m. CROA Workshop 5 p.m.
Tuesday	Running Club (Founder's Park) 5:30 a.m. Celebration Walking Group (Founder's Park) 6:30 a.m. Fit4Mom (Great Lawn, Lakeside Park) 7:30-8:30 a.m. and 9:30-10:30 a.m. Celebrate Recovery Al-Anon Family Group (Presbyterian Church) 9 a.m. Corpus Christi Catholic Church 9 a.m. Thriving In Place (Activities Room) Call 407-566-1234 9:30 a.m3 p.m. Pétanque (Lakeside Lake) 4-6 p.m. X-Factor Dance 4-9 p.m. Zumba with Mercedes (Jones Room, Lakeside) 5:45-6:45 p.m.	Feb. 6 Feb. 13 Feb. 20	Garden Club Fashion Show (Town Hall)
Wednesday	Corpus Christi Catholic Church 9 a.m. Thriving In Place (Activities Room) Call 407-566-1234 9:30 a.m3 p.m. Fitness Firm-Up 1 p.m. X-Factor Dance 3-9 p.m. Capoeira Martial Arts (Jones Room) 4 p.m. Fit4Mom (Great Lawn, Lakeside Park) 5:45-6:45 p.m. Recovery at Celebration (North Village Meeting Room) Call 407-433-1745 or e-mail celebrationaa@gmail.com 7 p.m.	Feb. 7 Feb. 7 Feb. 7 Feb. 21 Feb. 21 Feb. 28	Celebrators 9 a.m. Kiwanis Club (Columbia Restaurant) 6 p.m. United We Stand-Central Florida (Osceola Celebration Library) 6 p.m. Garden Club 9 a.m. Bingo 6 p.m. CROA Meeting 6:30 p.m.
Thursday	Running Club (Founder's Park) 5:30 a.m. Celebration Walking Group (Founder's Park) 6:30 a.m. Corpus Christi Catholic Church 9 a.m. Fit4Mom (Great Lawn, Lakeside Park) 7:30-8:30 a.m. and 9:30-10:30 a.m. Thriving In Place (Activities Room) Call 407-566-1234 9:30 a.m3 p.m. Beginners' Duplicate Bridge 1-4 p.m. Aqua Fit (Lakeside Pool) 12 p.m. X-Factor Dance 4:30-9 p.m. Academy Martial Arts (Heritage Hall) 5 p.m. Irish Dance 5:15-8:15 p.m. Zumba with Mercedes (Celebration Town Hall) 5:45-6:45 p.m. Ballroom Dancing Lessons 7-9 p.m. Community Presbyterian Church in Celebration Contemporary Service (511 Celebration Ave.) 7:30 p.m.	Feb. 1 Feb. 8 Feb. 8	ARC Applications Deadline  Veterans Meeting
Friday	Rotary Club (Education Center, Florida Hospital) 7-8:30 a.m.  Corpus Christi Catholic Church 9 a.m.  Fit4Mom (Great Lawn, Lakeside Park) 9:30-10:30 a.m.  Thriving In Place (Activities Room) Call 407-566-1234 9:30 a.m3 p.m.  Celebration Bridge Club 10 a.m.  ACBL Sanctioned Bridge 11 a.m4:30 p.m.  Fitness Firm-Up 1 p.m.  Company Dance Warm Ups 4-4:30 p.m.  X-Factor Dance 4:30-7 p.m.  Table Tennis Club (Heritage Hall) 6:15-8:15 p.m.  AA Meeting (North Village Meeting Room) 7 p.m.  Mah Jongg 1:30 p.m.	Feb. 9 Feb. 9 Feb. 16 Feb. 23 Feb. 23	Food Truck Friday
Saturday	Celebration Walking Group (Founder's Park) 6:30 a.m. Fit4Mom (Great Lawn, Lakeside Park) 8-9 a.m. and 9-10 a.m. Petanque (Lakeside Park) 9 a.m. Celebration Seventh-Day Adventist Adult Study Group (Nicholson Center) 9:30 a.m. Family Story Hour (Creation Kids Village) 9:30 a.m. Worship (Nicholson Center) 11 a.m. X-Factor Dance 10 a.mNoon Worship Service, Ed Center 2 11 a.m. Aqua Fit (Lakeside Pool) 12 p.m. Corpus Christi Catholic Church 4 & 5:30 p.m. Celebration Community Church, (501 Celebration Place) 6 p.m. Recovery at Celebration Call 407-433-1745 or e-mail celebrationaa@gmail.com 7 p.m.	Feb. 3 Feb. 17 Feb. 17 Feb. 17 Feb. 24 Feb. 24	Boy Scout Italian Dinner (K-8)



# Hymn Sing and ice cream social at Community Presbyterian

Come sing with us at the fifth annual Hymn Sing on Sunday, February 18 at 7 p.m.

We invite people of all ages who love to sing, or just enjoy the great hymns of faith. Join with us at the Community Presbyterian Church on Celebration Ave. to unite both hearts and voice in song under the directorship of Rev. Chuck Rigby. Gregory Shroeder at the organ and Carolyn Bee will accompany him on piano.

Every year this event has grown in numbers as different generations want to come and participate. They are discovering the power of hymn's cultural heritage and their inspiring messages of faith, joy and hope. The event is free of charge.

Following the Hymn Sing, there will be an ice cream social held in the fellowship hall, led by Becky Bird.

Our thanks to Worship Director Kristin Tucker and the technical team for their coordination of this event.





# New year looks brighter on West 192

Visitors and residents to the county's vital West 192 tourist corridor will see the light(s) in 2018.

A total of 467 "pedestrian scale" roadway lights are being replaced with energy efficient LED lights as part of a \$1.8 million project.

"These lights are more efficient and will last much longer than the ones currently in use. In roughly six years, the new lights will pay for themselves," said West 192 Executive Director David Buchheit. "Aesthetically, they also will be more pleasing to visitors, as we are transitioning to a more neutral color black pole, which will also be easier to maintain."

Economically, the LED fixtures cost about \$900 compared to \$1,400 for the old high-pressure sodium metal halide lights. Because the new LEDs use less power (108 versus 465 watts), West 192 officials estimate savings on the electricity cost to be more than \$75,000 annually.

The new lights also have a longer lifespan of 50,000 hours, compared to 20,000. Officials say the lights will last about three times as long as the old lights – or about 14 years (based on current usage).

The new lights utilize a spun black concrete pole which will require much less maintenance when compared to the current purple poles. The purple poles needed to be repainted every 2-3 years to maintain the purple color. These poles will need to be evaluated for repainting every 10 years and may not require repainting for 15-20 years.

Local contractor Quinn Construction will install the new poles and light fixtures, which start at Hoagland Boulevard and extends west to Black Lake Road. The new poles and lights can be seen on the north side of the road between Poinciana Boulevard and the 417.

Work completion is projected for April

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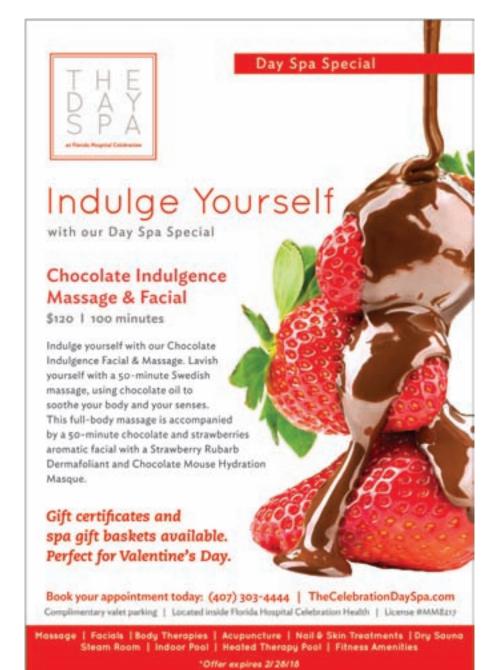
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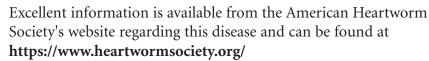
# Providing a safe environment for our dogs

By Dr. Eric Bregman, VMD

Staying current on our pet's health is an important aspect in maintaining that our furry friends live a long, safe and healthy life. This is true when they are inside our homes and when we venture outside with them, especially in areas frequented by other animals, such as a dog park.

#### To be sure we are providing a safe environment I recommend the following:

- 1. Pets should be examined on a yearly basis. Core vaccinations are a must and would include the Distemper, Parvo, Parainfluenza, and Adenovirus, a bordetella vaccine, and (as required by state law) an up to date rabies vaccines. Due to the outbreak of influenza in Central Florida, owners should consider this vaccine as well.
  - Leptospirosis is a bacterial infection that dogs and humans are susceptible to, and owner should consider this as part of their dog's routine vaccine protocol.
- 2. Heartworm prevention on a monthly basis is a must. Florida is endemic for heartworm disease. This parasite is transmitted by mosquitos. Monthly preventatives are available for dogs that are quite effective and most of the preventatives include medications that will deworm dogs on a regular basis.



- 3. Twice annual fecal exams are recommended. This would be particularly true for dogs that are not on heartworm prevention.
- 4. Any pet that is coughing, sneezing or having diarrhea should NOT go to the dog park until the clinical signs are resolved.
- 5. Many of the infectious diseases and parasites that we find in dogs are transmitted in the feces. It is imperative that all owners consistently clean up after their pets when they defecate.

An excellent resource for parasites is available at **CAPCVET.org**. This website is reviewed by veterinary pathologists. It lists the majority of parasites owners should be concerned about. There is a vast amount

of information regarding parasite transmission, treatment, potential for human exposure, and environmental care. I use this on a weekly basis and find it to be quite valuable.

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# Celebration Youth Soccer taking registrations

Celebration Youth Soccer is ready and excited to start this World Cup Year and the spring season with a BANG!

We have many great programs continuing and this spring, we are delivering even more quality soccer programs that are perfect for every individual of every age.

The first is our very own SuperStars program designed for two-year-olds. SuperStars are the perfect introductory soccer class for the little ones that is wholly based around welcoming them to the 'beautiful game' of soccer by playing fun and interactive games! Children in the program will have once a week sessions on Saturday mornings that are fun for the whole family.



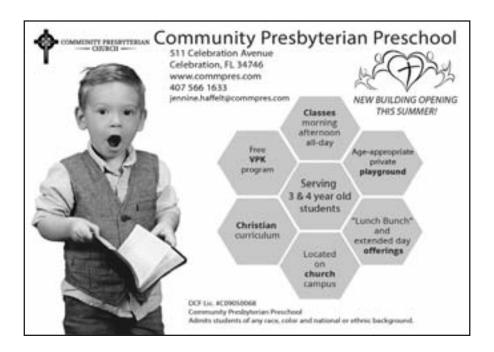


The second is our Dinomites program, which was a tremendous success this past fall. The Dinomites program is designed for three and four-year-olds that experience once a week classes on Saturday morning. This program is more focused on teaching coordination movements and learning

how the ball moves in a fast-paced and family-fun environment while wearing your Dinosaur gear!

The third is our new Developmental Academy designed for six to eight-year-olds that are looking for even more regarding their soccer experience. It is perfect for kids who show great interest in the game. The program is structured around the FUNdamentals as twice a week practices are run by a professional coach while participants are introduced to tournament play and a higher level of competition in their own in-house league.

The Fourth is our Recreational Program that has been the foundation to Celebration Youth Soccer by delivering a fun and action-packed season! This is designed for five to 18-year-olds that want to keep playing and enjoying the game of soccer. Participants in this program will have weekly games on Saturday and typically once a week practices with their coaches.





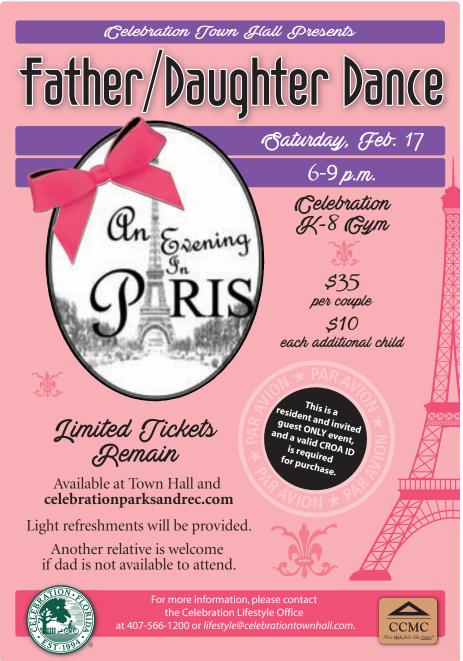
As always, we host an end of the season ceremony that is fun for the whole family. You can register or learn more by visiting Celebration Youth Soccer online at **CelebrationYouthSoccer.com**.

#### **Important Dates:**

Regular Registration End Date: 2/18
\*Late Registration End date: 2/28

Teams announced: 3/5 Schedules Released: 3/19 Practice Starts: 3/19

\*Late registration is based on spots available in each division and will close when all spots are filled.



# Special volunteer from Japan visits Celebration School

#### By Soko Sakakibara

Many of us have enjoyed visits to Epcot's Holiday Around the World that showcases the holidays of eleven nations. But did you know that here in Celebration, at Celebration School, second graders participate in an annual school event also called "Holiday Around the World." Every December, the second grade classrooms transform into chosen nations led by parent volunteers. For many of these parent volunteers, the time just before the holiday season is very busy and limited, yet the volunteering parents get together after school, starting as early as September, to discuss how their second-grade classroom will be converted into a chosen nation and how they will bring the nation's traditions to life.

This year Miki Matsudo came all the way from Japan to share her culture and show the children how to play with origami.

While working at the Japan Pavilion at Epcot as a "cultural ambassador" Miki learned of the opportunity from a former colleague and mentor, who is a mother to one of the second grade students. Miki's contract with Disney was ending November 23 and the date for the second grade event was set for December 19. Despite the additional travel and costs, Miki stated, "I've been wanting to see what an American elementary school is like. This is the 'once in a lifetime' opportunity. I must do it!" Upon successful completion of her contract with Epcot, she traveled back to Japan for a few weeks and worked a part-time job to save money to make the trip back to the US in time for the Celebration School event.

On December 19, each second grade student spent around 20 minutes in each of the eight festively decorated classrooms: Australia, England, Egypt, Japan, Ireland, Russia, Mexico, and Brazil. The students tracked their travels using a passport which was stamped in each country just like Epcot.

As the students walked through a traditional curtain into Japan they were immediately met with sights and sounds to transport them for those minutes to another place. The students heard soothing traditional Japanese music, saw cherry blossom trees, Mt. Fuji and the Japanese flag on the wall, and hung from the ceiling all around them were hundreds of origami cranes (a lucky symbol meaning longevity and luck). There in the center of the room was Miki, wearing Yukata, a traditional summer kimono, and welcoming

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Jimmy Charles is a life-long Central Florida resident who has lived with his family in Celebration since 1998. He has practiced law in the Florida and Federal Courts since 1986 and is a former Florida Assistant Attorney General and former member of the Florida House of Representatives.



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TELEPHONE (321) 559-1008 EMAIL- JIMMY@JIMMYCHARLES.NET WEB SITE-JIMMYCHARLES.NET the students saying 'konnichiwa;' 'hello' in Japanese. Miki led a talk about Japan, answered the children's questions, and led each class in folding an origami cat. Each student got to keep the cat they made, were gifted a flapping crane



origami, and had their names written in Japanese. You can imagine the students had bright eyes and wide smiles on their faces.

Miki is from Chiba prefecture where Tokyo Disneyland is located. She worked as a cultural ambassador at the Japan Pavilion in Epcot from September 2016 to November 2017. She is currently searching for a job opportunity back in Japan where she can utilize her Disney experience.

All of us that had the opportunity to learn from Miki on December 19 appreciate her going above and beyond to make this day so special for the kids. We wish her the best in her career.





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# Clubs, Organizations & Events

# Garden Club readies for annual fashion show

#### By Patricia Alesbury President

An exciting fundraiser this month. Garden Club will be organizing our fourth annual Fashion Show, 'Fashions in Bloom,' on Tuesday February 6 from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m., with the runway show at 5:30 p.m.

Come along and enjoy complimentary cheese and wine, browse and buy from the wide selection of fashions and accessories from Janet Carr and buy from our vendors. Tickets are \$15 and are available on our website www.celebrationgardenclub.org, from the 851 building or at the door on February 6. Your entry ticket includes one chance in our raffle for a wonderful prize. It is a fun evening so bring your friends and partners to enjoy the event. Proceeds from our fundraiser will benefit schools and school children in Celebration.

Our speaker for our regular meeting on Wednesday February 21 is Dr. Gail Hansen. Gail is Associate Professor at the Department of

Environmental Horticulture, University of Florida, where she teaches residential landscape design. Her presentation will focus on research about our preferences and perceptions of landscapes, why we like what we like in the landscape within our neighbourhood and community. It will be a fascinating and informative talk and will be held at Heritage Hall beginning at 9 a.m.



The wonderful organizing committee for our Christmas luncheon

Details of all our events, meetings, trips etc. are available on our website.

New members are always welcome, please contact our Membership chair Lorna Sauter for further details — *lornasauter@comcast.net*.



Dr. Gail Hansen



Garden Club members touring the poinsettia displays at Gaylord Palms in December

# Connecting with fellow members and hypnosis on tap for Celebrators

By Cindy Swisher

New Year...New You – We started off the new year by welcoming Nancy Fitzpatrick, an Advanced Certified Neurofeedback trainer to speak at our January members meeting. Nancy explained the process and benefits of Neurofeedback - a drug free, non-invasive approach to treating the symptoms of many neurological based conditions including such as Alzheimer's, dementia, depression, anxiety, post concussive syndrome, ADHD and PTSD. This training can also sharpen the memory and slow brain aging. Thank you, Nancy, for sharing this fascinating procedure.

**Celebrators Connect** – One of the challenges of relocating after retirement is that you lose your connections. Back home, you knew where the Cub fans hung out, the location of the closest classic car club, who in the neighborhood would enjoy taking part in a progressive dinner club, which of your business colleagues played golf/tennis/racquetball...the list goes on. Several of our members have expressed an interest in finding a way to help "Celebrators Connect" with others who have similar interests or backgrounds. If you'd like to hear more, plan on staying for a short brain storming session after our February membership meeting. If you are unable to attend and would like to share your thoughts, or if you would like additional details, please contact Nick Koulichkov at zorro2kita@aol.com. We'll keep you posted.

**Coming in February** – Fellow Celebrator Grover Wigglesworth will step up to the mic to explain hypnosis – what it is and what it is not. He will also share how the process of being put in this trance like state can benefit members of our age group. I doubt that anyone will be "...getting sleepy..." during this presentation.!

#### Regular Monthly Schedule

Member Meeting: 1st Wednesday of the month

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# United We Stand – Central Florida

"United We Stand – Central Florida" is a grassroots organization for Celebration and Central Florida residents who support the current administration's policies and rule of law.

At the January meeting, Chuck Benoit introduced us to the concepts, strategies and benefits of Dr. Lance Wallnau's book, "God's Chaos Candidate." His book was published before the 2016 election, just before it was proven that the country was hungry to return to our God-centered Constitutional Law.

"Institute of the Constitution" education sessions started on Saturday, January 20. This is a comprehensive look at the actual meaning of the Constitution as it was written. The classes will continue through February 24, and are being held at 609 Celebration Ave. from 9 -11:30 a.m.

Last year United We Stand supported the Kissimmee Police Fallen Heroes. Our charity for 2018 will be the Wounded Warrior project.

At our February meeting on the seventh from 6-8 p.m. (please note the date change), our focus will be on the new tax bill, where we will talk about the issue of unpaid taxes hidden in foreign bank accounts (i.e. Swiss Banking). Member Roberto will talk on the complexities of international trade and foreign banking.

Please note, starting in March, we will be meeting on the second Wednesday of the month at Celebration Town Hall (851 building) 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. The March meeting will be a class on the Constitution. As always, we are open to all willing to engage in civil debate and positive input.

Sigh up for details at: www.unitedwestandcf.com or contact us at mail@UnitedWeStandCF.com. We now have a Facebook page: (www.facebook.com/UnitedWeStandCF) where you will get updates on new postings on the website.



# **Celebration Rotary** holding charity poker tournament

The Rotary Club of Celebration is holding its 7th annual Charity Texas Hold'em Poker Tournament on March 9, beginning at 6:30 p.m. at the Artisan Park Clubhouse in Celebration.

The focus of this tournament is simply having fun for a good cause and it is open to all levels of players including novices, intermediates, and serious poker players.



The tournament is limited to the first 100 players who register. For a \$100 initial buy-in, players will receive entry into the tournament, an open bar, and food. All-In Poker will provide real poker tables and dealers who will run the tournament.

Proceeds from the poker tournament are used to provide college scholarships to deserving Osceola County high school students. Last year's event resulted in over \$8,500 in college scholarships.

For more information about the event, or to reserve your spot in the tournament, contact Jay Seegers at 407-616-7045.



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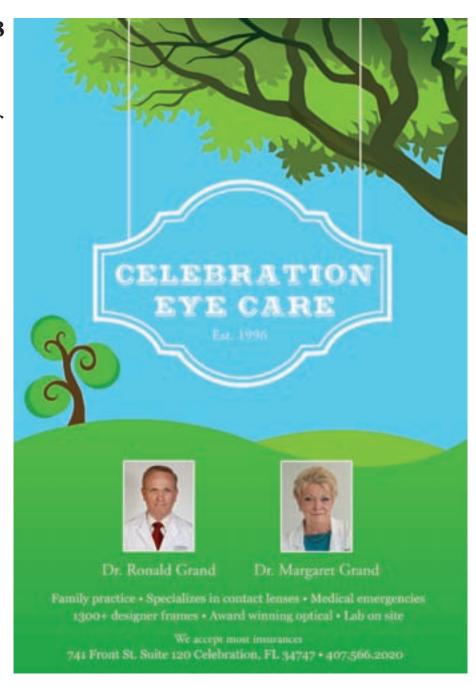
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# Barbara Cady to address Democrats gathering

Wednesday February 28 is the next Democrats of Celebration regular monthly meeting. We will meet at Town Hall, 851 Celebration Ave. from 7-8 p.m. All registered Democrats are welcome, whether you live in Celebration or not.



Our speaker will be Barbara Cady, a Democratic candidate for Florida House District 42. Ms. Cady wishes to be elected to address issues such as education, environment, healthcare and living wage employment. She wants to fight to "restore economic security for our middle class worker by passing legislation that protects our citizens rather than corporate interests. To be successful in this endeavor it will take a very strong and dedicated grass roots organization." To that end, she will seek volunteers to work to elect her to office. She is the only Democrat running for this office. Please join us to hear what this Democratic candidate has to say.

Democrats of Celebration meet January-October from 7-8 p.m. on the fourth Wednesday of the month. All registered Democrats are welcome, whether you live in Celebration or not.

Please contact *stephgarbe@me.com* if you are interested in more information about the Democrats of Celebration.





# Scouts serving up taste of Italy with fundraising dinner

Celebration's Boy Scout Troop 125 will be holding their 13th annual Italian Dinner on Saturday, February 3, from 6 - 9 p.m. at the Celebration K-8 Cafeteria.

This is the troop's only fundraiser for the year! Funds from the ticket sales and silent & live auctions are used to offset the cost of the troop's monthly camping expenses and general troop needs. Auction baskets provided by a variety of organizations including restaurants, spas, hotels, theme parks and much more.

This is a wonderful opportunity to gather with community for an evening of good food, fun and fellowship. It's a fun evening out for date night OR the entire family. Whether you choose to attend or simply to donate, your generosity will be greatly appreciated.

Tickets cost \$15 and children under 3 years old are free. To purchase advance tickets, make a donation, or obtain more information, please email: tickets@bsa125.com. Tickets will also be available at the door. Cash, check and credit card are all graciously accepted. Donations are very much appreciated as well. For more information regarding the fundraiser, please contact John Bisignano at 407-223-4759.

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We are organized as a non-profit organization with the intent and purpose to promote awareness and interest in veterans' affairs and activities.

All honorably discharged veterans are welcome.



**CELEBRATION VETERANS CLUB** 

We meet the second Thursday of the month, 6 p.m. at Town Hall, 851 Celebration Ave.

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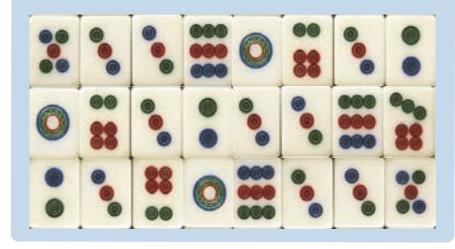


# **Celebration Mah Jongg**

Mah Jongg is open to the public twice weekly in Celebration.

On Wednesdays, two versions of Mah Jongg, National and Wright-Patterson, are played from noon to 4 p.m. at the Artisan Park Clubhouse at 1343 Celebration Avenue starting with lunch at noon. You may come and leave whenever you wish. National MJ is played with eight jokers, and the hands change every year around April 1. Interested parties should contact Barbara Kroon at *bique263@gmail.com* for more information.

On Fridays, Wright-Patterson is played from 1:30-4:30 p.m. at Celebration Town Hall, 851 Celebration Avenue. It is a match, so you must stay for all three hours. Wright-Patterson MJ is played with no jokers, and the hands (+100) change infrequently. Contact Margaret Cooke, *Mcooke1241@comcast.net* for more information.







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# Celebration organizations team up to eradicate childhood hunger

# By Jennifer DiDomenico

The Celebration Foundation, Celebration K-8 School, the Rotary Club of Celebration and Florida Hospital are all working together to stop childhood hunger in Osceola County through the Foundation's Learning Without Hunger initiative.

The organizations have partnered to provide packages of weekend food to children who often go home to empty cabinets. The Foundation piloted this initiative in 2012 with a mission to end this uncertainty many children face.

"We started Osceola Connected and Learning without Hunger when we heard that students, even in our Celebration schools, were struggling with hunger issues," said Celebration Foundation Executive Director Gloria Niec. "Food is not a luxury, it is a necessity and children who are hungry, can't learn."

With an influx of students coming

from Puerto Rico, there is a greater need than ever. Celebration K-8 School's PTA presented a donation of \$5,000 to the Foundation to help support Learning Without Hunger throughout Osceola County.

"The PTA board this year has worked to emphasize the spirit of one school, one community and one family. The \$5,000 we were able to raise and donate to the Celebration Foundation and Osceola Connected is a true reflection of this idea and demonstrates the power we have to make a difference even at a small level when we are committed to a common goal. We are so proud of the efforts of our school, students and families for making this happen!" said Angela Wydra, President, CK8 PTA. "This \$5,000 donation allows us to provide 1,020 food packs to children in need."

In addition, the Rotary Club of Celebration donated \$2,000 and Florida Hospital generously donated \$15,000 to the initiative.



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With food distributer Save-A-Lot's discounted prices, as well as the help of these organizations, weekend food is guaranteed to students, thus providing them a sense of security in their

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# The Celebration Foundation launches new look

# By Gloria Niec

The Celebration Foundation Board of Trustees recently approved a new look for our organization. The Celebration Foundation's new logo better reflects our mission of working together to build a strong and caring community.

Many people in Celebration and Osceola County have heard about the Celebration Foundation, but don't really know what the Foundation does.

While the Foundation is more than 20 years old, created by Disney in 1996 as one of the top three entities in Celebration along with CROA and CCDD, it is six years young in many of its programs.

Did you know, since 2012, we have helped to provide weekend food to over 1,000 Osceola children with hunger issues every week during the school year?

Did you know, when we learned that Osceola County had one of the lowest college going rates in the state, we started Campus Express and have taken over 5,600 Osceola students on tours of Valencia and Technical Education Center Osceola since 2012?

Did you know we started Thriving in Place to help our neighbors to stay in their own homes, as they get older or manage a disability?

Did you know, we have a New Urbanism speaker every year to help us better understand the unique qualities of our community. We have featured Charles Adams, Tom Lewis, Joe Barnes, Peter Rummell and Michael Eisner?

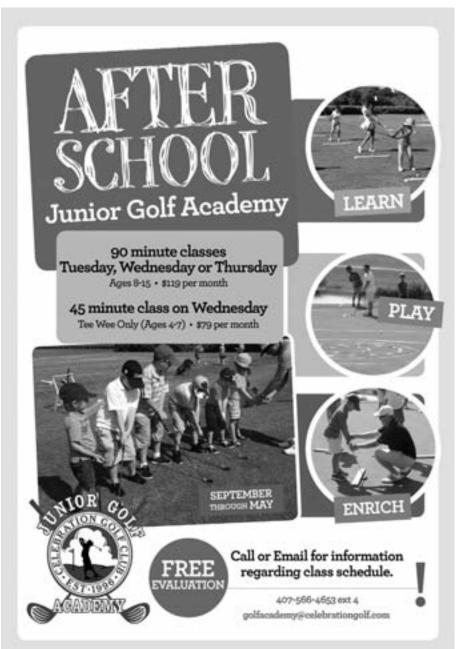
Did you know we introduced WINGS at Celebration K-8 and hold monthly Power Lunches? Why? To inspire our daughters to honor the strength of women, learn leadership skills and achieve their dreams.

Celebration Foundation

Did you know the Concert Series is in its 16th year and has featured performers like Branford Marsalis, Steep Canyon Rangers and the Vienna Boys Choir?

The Celebration Foundation was honored to work with Kathy Van Tassell, Celebration resident and Founder of Onboard Oxygen, who guided the Board through the rebranding. "The Celebration Foundation identifies needs, convenes talented people and they TAKE Action." said Kathy, "Get to know them I think you will be proud of how they impact lives in Celebration and Osceola County."







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# Branford Marsalis Quartet excites crowd

# By Paul Collins

What was billed as an evening with Branford Marsalis turned in to a whole day with Branford Marsalis in Celebration.

It began in the afternoon on Saturday, January 6 with Branford and his long-time drummer holding a master class at Jim Cochran's K-8 band room for Celebration and Osceola jazz students. Over 40 kids listened as Branford extended his planned one-hour class to almost two hours. What has made him the accomplished jazz musician he is, number one he said was practice.

Later that evening, he demonstrated to a sold-out audience why he is considered the greatest living jazz instrumentalist. He performed an exciting mix of straight on jazz pieces. What made the performance truly special was that he was accompanied by three musicians that are also considered to be amongst the best in the jazz world, Joey Calderazzo on piano, Justin Falkner on drums, and Noah Jackson on bass. All have performed with Branford for over 10 years and it showed in their performance chemistry. Classic jazz is improvisational and it takes great musicians who have played with each other for years to pull difficult pieces off as well as the Branford Marsalis Quartet did.

Following the performance, Branford and his band joined the sponsors of the Concert Series at the home of Danny and Libby Bumpus. The band was very generous with their time and spoke with many of the guests.

The Celebration Foundations owes a debt of gratitude to the many residents who have generously supported the Series over the past 16 years. Due to their support, we can now attract some of the foremost musicians in the world to Celebration.

# Please mark your calendars for our three remaining concerts:

- **February 11 at 5 p.m.** Florida Symphony Youth Orchestra (purchase a ticket and bring a student free)
- March 11 at 5 p.m. Colorado's next great bluegrass band, Trout Steak Revival
- **April 15 at 5 p.m.** Orlando Philharmonic performing Mozart's piano concerto #12, and Dvorak's Serenade for Strings



For more information about tickets or the programs go to **www.thecelebrationfoundation.org**, or call the office at 407-566-1234.

# Students "On a Roll" at Celebration High School

By Richard Holley-Byrd, CHS Social Studies Teacher & Gloria Niec, Executive Director Celebration Foundation

Celebration High School has launched a new program targeted to high school students who are "On a Roll."

These students are working diligently and trying hard. CHS staff members want these students to know their work is noticed and they are proud of them. Every quarter, 150 teachers select a student with improved academics, discipline or school/community involvement. This is a positive motivator to the students to "keep trying because your hard work IS being noticed."

Students are honored at special quarterly assemblies and receive tokens of appreciation. The Celebration Foundation provided gift bags, school supplies and Chick-fil-A gift cards for the first assembly to support the program and the students.

Small gifts for the students or any promotional products, such as pens, pencils, stickers, bags, etc. - would be appreciated. If you or your business would like to provide incentives/rewards, they can be dropped off at the Celebration Foundation office located at 610 Sycamore Street, Suite 110.



# Branford Marsalis inspires local music students

# By Jim Cochran, Celebration K-8

On Saturday, January 6, through the generosity of the Celebration Foundation, students in Osceola County were given a special opportunity to experience a master class with world famous Jazz/Classical musician Branford Marsalis. Over 40 students from the area were able to have a sit down with Branford and his long-time drummer, Justin Faulkner. What was scheduled to be an hour-long session grew to nearly two hours as Mr. Marsalis shared his insights and experiences growing up in a musical household and how he developed his talents to become a world-class musician.

Unlike others, who focus on technique, Mr. Marsalis focused on the development of sound. He urged the students to listen to recordings of great musicians of all genres and focus on their sound. Sound, more than anything else, will move an audience emotionally. Without emotion, music becomes mediocre.

Mr. Marsalis also taught about neuroscience and the importance of consistent daily practice. Because the brain writes "code" for new material at a very slow pace, it is extremely important for practice to be a daily ritual. Without daily reinforcement, the brain will stop



writing "code" and will eventually discard the "code." For many, this was a new and better understanding of the importance of daily practice.

The Celebration Foundation cannot be thanked enough for their generosity. The students left the class better musicians.

# Do you knit or crochet?

# By Patti Fitzgibbons

Thriving In Place is fortunate to have a weekly group called Knitters and Knotters. These lovely women have developed a bond as they share stories and their latest "stitches."

This month the Knitters & Knotters group along with the Corpus Christi Prayer Shawl Ministry, is working on a nation-wide project, "Little Hats, Big Hearts."

The American Heart Association/American Stroke Association, in connection with The Children's Heart Foundation, is raising awareness of babies born with congenital heart disease through the Little Hats, Big Hearts project. Red hats are knitted or crocheted and distributed to babies born in hospitals across the country during the month of February, American Heart Month. Florida Hospital/Celebration Health will be one of the many recipients of these little red hats.

If you wish to help in this project or would like additional information you may visit **heart.org/littlehatsbighearts** or contact Thriving In Place member Patti Fitzgibbons, *pattifitz17@gmail.com*.



# Help us help you

# By Mary Pat Rosenthal

Celebration Foundation has a long-term collaboration with Dr. Su-I Hou and researchers at University of Central Florida (UCF).



Their team has been instrumental in assisting Thriving In Place with the collection of data that will help us better prepare proposals for external funding of Thrive and information concerning the demographic of our community's population 55 and older.

Celebration residents 55 and older are invited to participate in an on-line survey prepared by UCF relating to Healthy Aging-in-Place. The purpose of this survey is to learn your thoughts on issues relating to healthy aging in place, seniors' social and health needs and how villages such as Thriving In Place can further assist in helping our older adults remain independent and remain in their own homes, in the community they love.

This survey takes about 5-10 minutes to complete. All information will be kept confidential. Celebration residents over the age of 55 must submit their surveys by Sunday, February 25, 2018 and will be provided with a \$10 eGift card through UCF. You can access the survey via the link below.

Please note only surveys completed by Celebration residents over the age of 55 will be tabulated. Current Thriving In Place members are not eligible to participate.

Healthy Aging-in-Place Online Survey: http://bit.ly/CelebrationAIP

Should you have any questions, please contact Thriving In Place, 407-572-9850.

# School Buzz

# Curtains, the musical comedy whodunit opens February 16 at CHS

It's the brassy, bright, and promising year of 1959. Boston's Colonial Theatre is host to the opening night performance of a new musical. When the leading lady mysteriously dies on stage the entire cast & crew are suspects. Enter a local detective, who just happens to be a musical theatre fan! A hilarious journey for both performers and the audience, the original Broadway production garnered eight nominations at the 2007 Tony Awards including Best Musical.

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This February, Celebration High School presents the Kander and Ebb musical, *Curtains*, over two consecutive weekends. The same song writing team that brought *Chicago* and *Cabaret* to the stage wrote this hilarious parody of a murder mystery meeting a Golden Age Broadway musical. With tributes to *Oklahoma!*, *Show Boat*, Fred and Ginger, and a nod to television's "Columbo," the show offers big production numbers, lots of puns, and mystery to solve to boot.

The show runs February 16 - 18 and 23 - 25 with shows at 7 p.m. on Friday and Saturdays and 3 p.m. on Sundays.

All performances will be held at the Randy Johnson Performing Arts Center, Celebration High School, 1809 Celebration Blvd. Tickets are \$10 and will be available one hour before curtain each night. For further information, call 321-939-6600 ext. 50608. See you at the theatre!

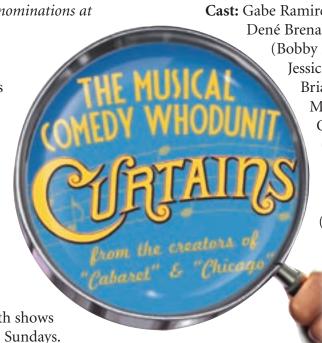
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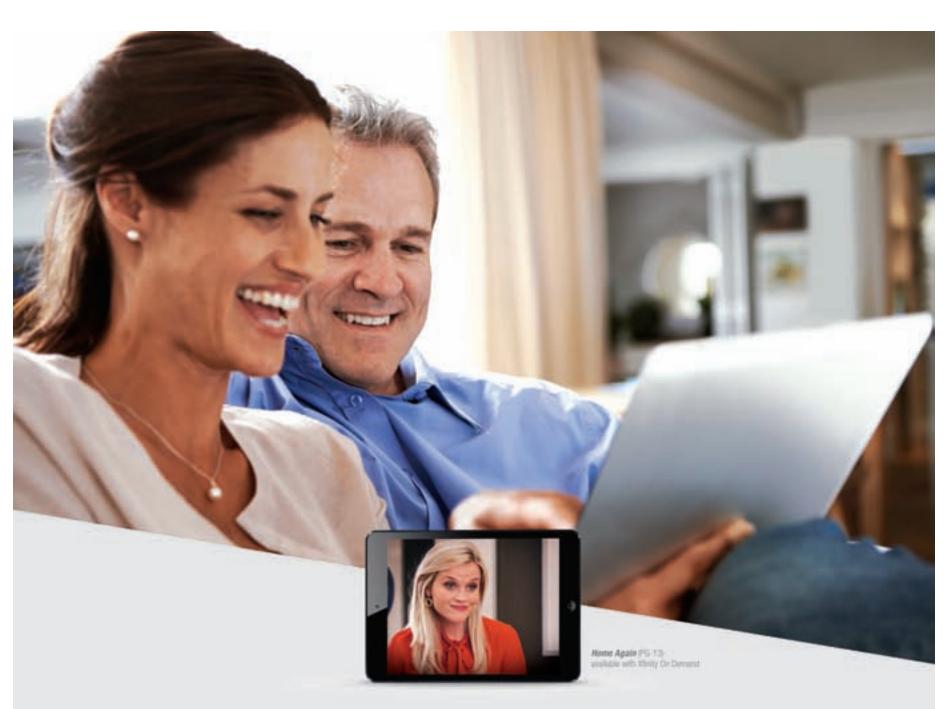
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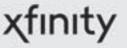
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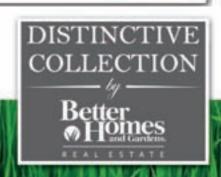
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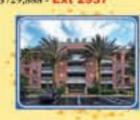
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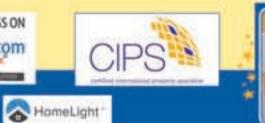
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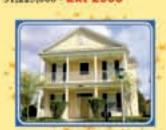


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MAIN VILLAGE

w roof, Exterior Paint and Landscaping 3 br. 2.5 Buth across from the K-8 School Large Living/Dring Room Combination with pass through to Kitchen has Wood Flooring & Crown Molding + Jul Floor wder Room. Kitchen features: Granite, SS poliances. Tile Back Splash with decorator So. Bonus Guest Room on 3rd Floor. MBR with Hardwood floors plus 2 closets. lus Open Paver Patio that leads to Detached Car Garage with XL Parking Pad \$343,388 - Ext 2916



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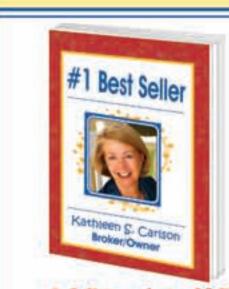
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TERRANCE CONDO

tation Shutters in every room. Kitcher has staggered 42" cabinets with accenlighting top and bottom plus pull out base shelving. Laundry room adjacent to Kitchen has full size XL Maytag Washer & Dryer, Expensive Upgrade include: Tanksess Water Heater, Califor nia Closets, Intercom System + Light fixtures with fans. Covered parking with un adjacent storage room makes this un exceptional value. Enjoy the many walknity. Easy walk into Downtown for Resnts, Farmer's Market and Events!



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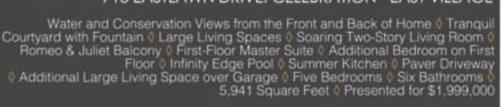
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