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# The sewer stimulus

City looks to attract more businesses with sewer incentive

TIM FREED  
Observer staff

Winter Park's latest effort to attract new businesses to the city's major corridors is going underground – all the way down to the sewer pipes.

The City Commission took a step toward attracting new businesses to West Fairbanks Avenue on Monday as they passed a water/sewer impact fee deferral program on first reading, hoping to breathe life into one of the city's major thoroughfares.

Businesses under the new temporary program would pay the first 20 percent of the impact fees — costs that help pay for stronger water pumps and larger treatment facilities — and have the next 24 months to pay the remaining 80 percent. Any interested businesses would have to apply by Aug. 1, 2015.

"[We're] looking at encouraging redevelopment and encouraging people to move off a septic system [and] onto sewer and water," said Planning and Community Development Director Dori Stone. "We understand that there's always an expense to that and we're trying to get that area of our community to be proactive and move up."

Developments are already lining up to take advantage of the program, Stone said. The incen-



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Entrepreneurs looking for a reason to open in Winter Park may find it in their sewer bill.

tive would help existing businesses along Fairbanks Avenue as well, City Manager Randy Knight said.

"It's also intended for those businesses along there today that are struggling to come up with the impact fee," Knight said.

More redevelopment could mean more much-needed jobs.

An economic development report presented at a City Commission work session last September showed that the city continues to struggle to regain jobs and lower the unemployment rate. As of August 2012, 7.4 percent of Winter Park residents were unemployed — just 1.7 percent lower than the 9.1 percent unemployment rate peaking in late 2009.

The number of residents living below the poverty line also spiked by 4 percent during the recession, topping off at 12.5 percent of the city population.

The proposed impact fee deferral program comes almost two weeks after City Commissioners made another bid for economic development, passing a change to the land development code allowing for more planned developments — larger projects commonly made up of mixed uses.

The change was recommended by consultant Sylvia Vargas, who believed it would open the door for more businesses and give a boost to the local economy.

But an opportunity to boost

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# Assault suspect arrested

Man who brandished gun turns himself in

TIM FREED  
Observer staff

A suspect on the run turned himself in at the Winter Park Police Station last Monday night after an apparent life-threatening altercation with his wife off of Fairbanks Avenue earlier that day.

Robert Potchen had been arguing with his wife in a parking lot when he allegedly drew a silver handgun from his Ford pickup truck and forced her to get inside his vehicle. Bystander Jamison Koczar witnessed the standoff, intervened and took Potchen's wife into the storefront of Ivanhoe Broadcast News Inc. nearby.

They both took shelter in an office and locked the door behind them as police say Potchen gave chase while aiming his firearm. He then broke the window doorframe at Ivanhoe Broadcast News and fled the scene in his truck after employees refused to unlock the office door, according to the Winter Park Police arrest report.

Police say Potchen stole a cell phone from another bystander nearby for an unknown reason before driving off.

"She's extremely lucky that she did not get injured," said Sgt. John Bologna of the Winter Park Police Department. "From what I understand he did point a fire-

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# Pension intervention

Winter Park Commission seeks more flexibility with police, fire pensions

TIM FREED  
Observer staff

Winter Park wants more flexibility with negotiating fire and police pensions, but a recent request of the state level government raised suspicion and concern among some local retirees.

Winter Park City Commissioners made a statement to

Florida officials at their April 14 meeting as they passed a resolution asking for home rule in regard to police and fire pensions — a response to state laws that control how cities use their pension funding.

The resolution asks the state of Florida to withdraw itself from the pension negotiation process, while ridding cities of a 1999 statute that forces them to set money aside for enhancing extra benefits.

That law prohibits Winter Park from using a total of

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The Commission cited home rule as motivation for taking more control over pensions.

## PENSIONS | City officials claim they could help improve pensions if the Commission had control over them

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\$257,510 as of last September. City Manager Randy Knight said the growing pile of revenue could have gone toward existing benefits instead.

Home rule for municipalities makes sense when it comes to pension decisions, Mayor Ken Bradley said.

"Who knows better how to help the firefighters and police officers of Winter Park than the local people do?" Bradley said.

"The state could do this and give us pension reform and it costs the state not one red cent."

Tax revenue provided under Florida Statutes 175 and 185 could instead be used to pay down pension liabilities, Bradley said.

"Until sections 175 and 185 change in the state – there's been some hope in the last year that that may change – we will have a pension challenge and liabilities

will grow," Bradley said.

"The state has been very hesitant to take on this matter and hopefully our resolution – in addition to other communities – will continue to encourage them."

The city resolution calls for the removal of the minimum pension benefit standards as well – a measure that Knight said will allow officials to allocate money where firefighters and police officers want it most. Standards on pension factors like "multipliers" – a percentage of your annual salary used to determine your monthly retirement check – may not be appealing to every firefighter or police officer.

"There's a minimum standard on what the multiplier can be and there's minimum standards on age of retirement and all kinds of things," Knight said. "They may not necessarily work and be the

best for every plan statewide. The employees might rather have a better cost of living adjustment than a 20-year-and-out plan, where you work 20 and you can leave and retire."

"We'd like to be able to negotiate ... There might be certain things that they mandate as a minimum that nobody gives a flip about but it's costing us money."

But some retired police officers see the push from the city as a sign of ulterior motives. The city likely wants more flexibility with the pension so that money can be used for roadways and other city endeavors, said Bob Walker, former representative of the Winter Park Police Union and a retired Daytona Beach police officer.

"The state's in there to protect the employees," Walker said. "The cities look at their police and fire as hired help, the people

who take out the trash. They'd like to free up some of these funds to put them into other things."

Walker said he was concerned that the resolution would pave the way for a 401(a) plan, where employers decide on eligibility criteria, vesting schedules and contribution amounts. He said officers could end up receiving a smaller pension, with half their money going into a 401(k) and the other half going to defined benefits.

Tampering with existing plans could discourage aspiring police officers from joining the field, Walker said.

"It's all a way for cities to try to get their unfunded liability down during these bad economic times, but they don't realize that you get what you pay for," Walker said. "Once you start having 401(k)s out there, who are you going to attract for police and fire? No one's going to work for that; I wouldn't dodge a bullet for one of those."

Winter Park Fire Chief Jim White said any changes to the current pensions for fire and po-

lice would need to be approved by the pension advisory boards first. The city needs the flexibility to use the money as they see fit, as does every other municipality in Florida, he said.

Retired Winter Park Police Officer Randy Davison spent 20 years of service on the force. He said it should be the city's highest priority to look after retired firefighters and police officers.

Davison said he understood the need to pay for paying down liabilities, but called the requested removal of the minimum pension benefit standards "very disconcerting."

"I gave up 20 years of the prime of my life," Davison said. "When my kids were growing up, I was at work. When my kids were opening up Christmas presents, I was out breaking up domestic violence fights ... I missed those things that everybody else in the world was able to enjoy because I'm out there, because those firefighters are out there."

"We gave all that up in the prime of life, and all we're asking for is 'Can we enjoy the golden years?'"

## STIMULUS | Business incentives draw anti-development ire

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the economy clashed with preservation at the June 9 City Commission meeting as Winter Park residents voiced their desire to maintain the village character of the city.

"You five hold something very special in your hands," said Frank Anderson, one of more than 20 residents who addressed the City Commission. "Tonight we decide whether we embark as a community on a path that will open up an

aperture for these [planned developments]."

"If we go in that direction, it takes away some of the safeguards that generations of leaders in this city have put in place for a reason ... to protect the nature of our community."

The conflict between economic progress and preserving the city's character continues to be an ongoing struggle, Mayor Ken Bradley said.

"It's always a balance," Brad-

ley said.

"The fact is we have a 9-square-mile property that is our city of Winter Park to balance. To keep it the way it was 125 years ago is good, but there's a lot of things that happened 125 years ago that I don't want to go back to ... When you talk about preservation, what do you want to preserve?"

The impact fee deferral program will go for final approval before Winter Park City Commissioners at a meeting next month.

## ATTACK | Samaritan saved local woman

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arm at her and forced her into his vehicle."

"Luckily for her the good Samaritan who happened to be nearby got her out of the car and brought her into safety."

Potchen has been charged with kidnapping, robbery with a firearm, battery, aggravated assault with a deadly weapon, burglary, damaging property, burglary with assault or battery and aggravated battery.



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**Maitland City Talk**  
 BY HOWARD SCHIEFERDECKER  
 MAYOR

## Fourth of July safety for you and your family

Fireworks are synonymous with our celebration of Independence Day. Yet, the thrill of fireworks can also bring pain. According to data from the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC), 200 people on average go to the emergency room every day with fireworks-related injuries in the days around the July 4 holiday. Further illegal and homemade fireworks resulted in six fireworks related deaths reported to the CPSC in 2012.

Maitland Fire Rescue and the Alliance to Stop Consumer Fireworks, a group of 22 health and safety organizations, urge the public to avoid the use of any

form of consumer fireworks.

Your firefighters do not recommend the use of any type of devices, even though they may be on the state accepted listing of "sparklers," and definitely condemns any use of illegal fireworks. Such devices as firecrackers, torpedoes, skyrocketers, roman candles, cherry bombs, and any fireworks containing any explosives or flammable compound are considered illegal and are not intended to be sold to the general public in Florida.

When fireworks are used in a controlled environment and operated by trained professionals, they can provide a fitting and spectacular salute to our nation

and its people. When used improperly by the untrained public, the majority of which are children and teens, the potential for injury and even death increases exponentially.

If you or your friends decide to purchase sparklers from a reliable retailer, please be extra careful. Closely supervise children around fireworks at all times. Do not wear loose clothing while using fireworks and never light fireworks indoors or near dry grass.

Carefully consider little arms that may be too short to hold sparklers, which can heat up to 1,200 degrees. How about this? Let your young children use glow sticks instead. They can be just as fun but they don't burn at a temperature hot enough to melt glass.

Be prepared for an accident or injury; ensure everyone stands several feet away from lit sparklers or fireworks. If a device does not go off, do not stand over it to investigate it. Put it out with water and dispose of it. Always have a bucket of water and/or a fire ex-



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**Be careful about giving sparklers to young children, who could burn themselves from extreme heat.**

tinguisher nearby and know how to operate the fire extinguisher properly.

Lastly, if a child is injured by fireworks, immediately call 911 or seek further medical attention. If an eye injury occurs, don't allow your child to touch or rub it, as this may cause even more damage.

This year, as in previous years, we ask you please leave fireworks to the professionals, check the local listings and find a public fireworks display. The technicians fir-

ing such public displays will keep the fireworks and risk away from you and your family. You'll get a bigger and better show than some untrained amateur attempting to show off in their backyard.

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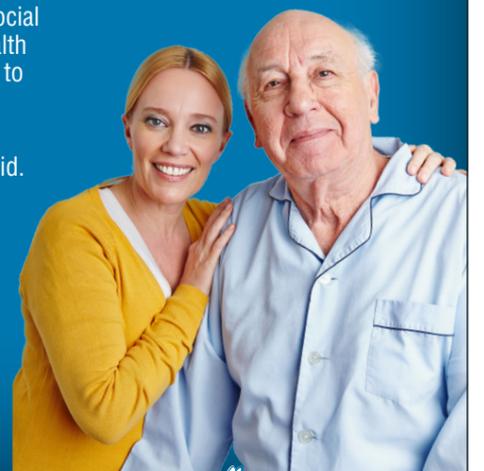
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# FAMILY CALENDAR

### JUNE 26

Bring snacks, a blanket and the whole family to Winter Park's Central Park at 8 p.m. on Thursday, June 26, to catch this month's Popcorn Flick in the Park showing of "Toy Story." For more information on this free event, visit enzian.org

### JULY 4

Come out to Winter Park's **Olde Fashioned 4th of July Celebration** in Central Park from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Friday, July 4. The annual celebration will feature live patriotic music by the Bach Festival Brass Band and the Bach Festival Choir. Horse-drawn wagon rides and free bike valet service will be provided, and the annual bicycle parade will be held at 9 a.m. Free hotdogs, watermelon and water will be available. For more information on this free event, contact 407-599-3463.

Come see **fireworks** and listen to the

**Orlando Concert Band** and the Orlando Philharmonic Orchestra for free at downtown Orlando's Lake Eola Park from 4 to 10 p.m. on Friday, July 4. Food will be available for purchase.

Come join the 23rd annual Hunter Vision **Watermelon 5K Run/Walk** through Winter Park's Central Park at 7 a.m. on Friday, July 4. There will be a watermelon eating competition. Funds raised from the event will support the Track Shack Foundation. For more information, visit trackshack.com or call 407-896-1160.

### JUNE 5

Come shop, eat and play at **Baldwin Park's Independence Day Bash** on Saturday, July 5, from 5:30 to 9:30 p.m. The festival kicks off with an art sale, festival snacks, face painting, balloon art, interactive activities and fireworks. The food and beer garden will feature live entertainment from Jazz artist Eirrin and DJ Bradmaster J. For more information on this free event, visit BaldwinParkEvents.com or call 407-923-3849.

### ONGOING

Maitland's Summer **Youth Tennis Camp** is now in full swing at Maitland Community Park and runs Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m. to noon now until Aug. 14. Head teaching pro Donnie McGinnis will teach the camp, with levels available for beginner and intermediate players. Bring a racquet, water, a towel and sun block. The cost is \$110 for Maitland residents and \$120 for non-residents. Registration is available at Maitland Community Park, or by calling 407-539-0042.

The REP (Orlando Repertory Theatre) Youth Academy will be offering more than **80 summer camps** from now through Aug. 15. The camps will be held at three locations, including the theater's three-stage facility in Orlando's Loch Haven Park, as well as Celebration K-8 School in downtown Celebration and the University of Central Florida in east Orlando. The camps and productions are designed to foster self-confidence, creative thinking and problem-solving skills through the medium of the performing arts. For a full listing of the camps, visit orlandorep.com

## Calendar

### JUNE 28

Enjoy a live screening of William Shakespeare's tragedy "**King Lear**" from the National Theatre in London at 11 a.m. on Saturday, June 28, at the Enzian Theater. Academy Award winner Sam Mendes ("Skyfall," "American Beauty") returns to the National Theatre to direct Simon Russell Beale ("Timon of Athens," "Collaborators") in the title role. An aged king decides to divide his kingdom between his three daughters, according to which of them is most eloquent in praising him. Visit enzian.org for more information and to purchase tickets.

year at Enzian, FilmSlam continues to be a popular outlet for indie and student filmmakers throughout Florida. Usually held at 1 p.m. every second Sunday, FilmSlam is a monthly **indie film showcase** and competition open to Florida filmmakers and students. This series empowers audience members to select each month's winner, who then advances to participate in Enzian's Brouhaha Film & Video Showcase. For more information about FilmSlam and details on how to submit a film, visit enzian.org/film/filmslam

### ONGOING

Come out to the **Crosby YMCA** in Winter Park every Thursday at 6 p.m. for exercise and advice at their eight-week **Walk with a Doc** program. Residents can get their health questions answered

by Florida Hospital physicians and take a 30-minute walk to receive a prize. Contact the Crosby YMCA at 407-644-3606 or visit HealthyCentralFlorida.org for more information.

In partnership with the Orlando Chapter of USA Dance, the Alzheimer's Association Central and North Florida Chapter is bringing a free ballroom dance program to the community. "**Ballroom for the Brain**" runs from 2 to 3 p.m. on Saturdays from June 21 through July 26 at the Crosby YMCA in Winter Park. Trained dance instructors from USA Dance will teach swing, rumba, merengue and the waltz to early- and middle- stage individuals and their care partners. RSVP is required. For more information or to register, call 1-800-272-3900.

### JUNE 29

**FilmSlam** returns to the Enzian Theater on Sunday, June 29, at 1 p.m. with a new showcase of films. Now in its seventh

Shaukat — will travel to eight countries on two continents to teach English as a foreign language.

#### Firm celebrates 40 years

Moore Stephens Lovelace, P.A., a regional certified public accounting firm, celebrated 40 years in business this month. The firm's Orlando office recognized the occasion with a 40th celebration on June 5 at

the Rosen Plaza Hotel.

#### 800th pet reunited

Winter Park Lost Pets just reunited its 800th pet with its owner on Sunday, June 22. The nonprofit has been reuniting pets since 2009 and includes listings for recently lost and found pets at winterpark-lostpets.com

## Community Bulletin

#### Fulbright Scholars

Eight Rollins College students were recently awarded Fulbright scholarships for the 2014-15 school year. Since receiving its first Fulbright Award in 1951, Rollins has produced 57 scholars - 32 since 2006. This year, the students — Matthew Bergman, Rachael Bogdan, Princess Dickens, William Glass, Jennifer Jokl, Allen Kupetz, Nadia Ramirez and Samar

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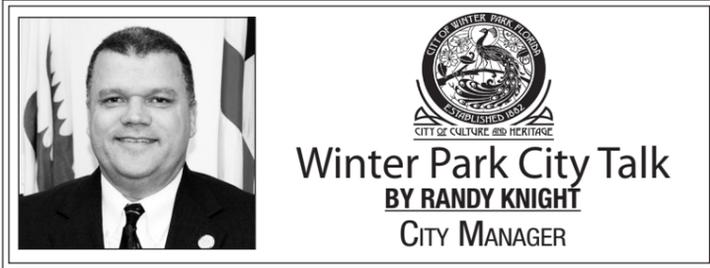
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**Winter Park City Talk**  
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CITY MANAGER

# Fake billing fraud

## June 23 City Commission meeting highlights

If you were unable to watch or attend the City Commission meeting held June 23 in City Hall Commission Chambers, below are a few highlights of decisions made at the meeting:

### Mayor's Report

- July was proclaimed Parks & Recreation Month.
- The Community Redevelopment Advisory Board appointment was approved.

### Consent Agenda

- The minutes of June 9, 2014 were approved with a modification.
- The Interagency Agreement with Seminole County Sheriff to utilize law enforcement software for records management and reports was approved.
- The mayor was authorized to execute an agreement to pay Motorola to connect Winter Park Public Safety Communications dispatch system to the master site owned by Orange County.
- The public entity resolution authorizing the use of BankUnited

as a depository for the city was approved.

- The encroachment agreement with Mr. Mennelo to add second floor balconies to the Packwood Building at 110 E. Morse Blvd. was approved.

### Action Items Requiring Discussion

- The creation of the Library Facility Task Force was approved. Task Force member recommendations will come forward at the next meeting.

### Public Hearings

- Request of UP Fieldgate U.S. Investments - Winter Park, LLC:
  - Conditional use request to redevelop the former Corporate Square and Winter Park Dodge properties, with a 40,000-square-foot Whole Foods Grocery and a 36,000-square-foot retail building with three outparcel development sites on the properties at 1000/1050 N. Orlando Ave., 1160 Galloway Drive and 967 Cherokee Ave., was approved with an amendment.
  - Second reading of the ordinance amending the comprehensive plan to change the Future

Land Use Designation at 967 Cherokee Ave. was approved.

— Second reading of the ordinance amending the official zoning map at 967 Cherokee Ave. was approved.

- Request of 1776 Real Estate Advisors, LLC:

— The second readings of the ordinances amending the Comprehensive Plan and official zoning map on the 0.64 acres of vacant property at the northeast corner of Schultz and Michigan avenues were approved.

- Request of Garmet, Ltd and TGG, Ltd:

— The second readings of the ordinances amending the Comprehensive Plan to change the Future Land Use Map Designation and the official zoning map at 298 and 313 W. New England Ave. were approved.

- Second reading of the ordinance vacating and abandoning a portion of Loren Avenue within the Ravaudage Planned Development and Home Acres Subdivision area was approved with an amendment.
- Request of Phil Kean Design Group:

— First reading of the ordinance amending the comprehensive plan to change the Future Land Use Map Designation for the property at 421 W. Morse Blvd. was approved.

— First reading of the ordinance amending the official zoning map to change the existing zoning designation for the property at 421 W. Morse Blvd. was approved.

— Conditional use approval to redevelop the properties at 403 and 421 W. Morse Blvd. into eight,

three-story residential units was approved.

• First reading of the ordinance establishing the West Fairbanks Avenue Water/Sewer Impact Fee Deferral Program was approved.

• First reading of the ordinance prohibiting the construction of a professional minor league baseball stadium in Martin Luther King, Jr. Park was approved.

A full copy of the June 23 City Commission minutes will be available at [cityofwinterpark.org](http://cityofwinterpark.org) the week of July 14, pending approval by the City Commission. Remember, if you are unable to attend the City Commission meetings, you can watch them live, gavel-to-gavel as they happen. During the meeting, simply log on to [cityofwinterpark.org/cclive](http://cityofwinterpark.org/cclive) to easily stay tuned-in to official city business.

### Beware of fraud!

Recently, several Winter Park utility customers have reported that they have been contacted by individuals or organizations claiming to represent the city of Winter Park. These fictitious representatives threaten to turn off utility services if funds are not submit-

ted. Although our Utility Billing Customer Service representatives do occasionally contact customers, if asked, they can always provide information that only the customer and the city would know in order to validate the call is legitimate.

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# Lifestyles

## Winter Park works to modernize trash

Only 15 percent of city's waste goes into recycling or reuse

**TIM FREED**  
Observer staff

Winter Park city staff hopes a new sustainability action plan in the works will lead the city to a greener future, all while addressing Winter Park's lack of recycling compared to other neighboring cities.

The green initiative follows a broad range of sustainability goals for the city over the next 10 to 20 years, addressing renewable energy sources, finding alternative means of transportation and reducing water usage.

But the all-encompassing action plan would also put emphasis on perhaps its weakest area to date: recycling. Winter Park diverted only 15 percent of its waste from landfills in 2012, well below the state's goal set in 2008 of recycling 75 percent of its trash by 2020.

Residents can take the online survey by visiting [cityofwinterpark.org/SAP](http://cityofwinterpark.org/SAP). The survey runs until Monday, June 30.

The city has reported reusing as little as 10 percent of its trash in years past.

Assistant Director of Building Permitting and Sustainability Kris Stenger attributed the low percentage to Winter Park's current solid waste contract with Waste Pro, which adds an additional fee for renting recycling bins.

The sustainability effort looks to remove that cost while promoting single-stream recycling and larger containers after the contract expires in April 2016, Stenger said.

"We're looking at models from other cities where recycling has already taken a stronghold and really reduced the amount of landfill solid waste," Stenger said.

"If it gets to a point where you eliminate solid waste to the land-



PHOTO BY TIM FREED — THE OBSERVER

Winter Park's recycling programs and participation lag far behind nearby cities, with some local cities recycling twice as much trash.

fill enough, you might be able to reduce the number of collections that are done during the week."

Winter Park is looking to reduce trash to the point where residents only need one pickup per week, Stenger said.

Other Central Florida cities such as Oviedo lead the way in reusing trash, recycling 35 per-

cent of their waste each year, according to figures reported in 2012.

The Orlando/Kissimmee area got a sustainability boost in February with the opening of a new location for Harvest Power, a company based out of Massachusetts that converts compost into renewable energy.

The process uses anaerobic digestion, which involves breaking down the organic waste into biogas through naturally occurring microorganisms. Harvest Power creates electricity by combusting the biogas.

Curbside compost collection would also be available as well

■ Please see **RECYCLING** on next page

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# Rats leap to top of league standings

Narrowly ahead of Winter Park and Winter Garden in FCSL

**ISAAC BABCOCK**  
Observer staff

It took just one week to upend the chase for the Florida Collegiate Summer League lead in the standings, and now the Sanford River Rats are on top.

The Rats jumped to an 8-2 record in the past 10 games after spanking the Winter Park Diamond Dawgs 8-6 on June 22. But whether that will turn into a streak is anyone's guess, with four of the FCSL's six teams without a winning or losing streak as of the start of the week.

The Rats' most recent win was a back-and-forth slugfest that featured a pair of comebacks before the Rats batted in five runs

in two innings to run away with the win. The Rats' Jordan Robinson, Blake Prince and Derlin Martinez each had a double in the game, with Martinez going 3-for-4 with a pair of runs.

The Winter Garden Squeeze and the Dawgs are still in the running, only a game and a half each out of first place. They had shared the league lead for most of last week before each suffering a loss in their most recent games.

After a pair of games at press time, the Dawgs will travel to Bishop Moore High School to face the College Park Freedom at 7 p.m. June 26. After that they'll head home for a 7 p.m. June 27 showdown against the DeLand Suns. At 6 p.m. June 28 they'll head to Conrad Park in DeLand to face the Suns again, then at 1 p.m. June 29 they're back home again against the Suns.

## FRAUD | Beware fake utility billers, and report suspicious calls

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utility account, please call Utility Billing Customer Service at 407-599-3220. If you receive a suspicious phone call, or feel you are the victim of fraud, please hang up immediately and contact the Winter Park Police Department at 407-644-1313.

### 4th of July celebration

The city of Winter Park will present the 19th annual Olde Fashioned 4th of July Celebration Friday, July 4, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Central Park. Mayor Ken Bradley will lead a special presentation at 9:15 a.m. from the main stage. Wear your red, white and blue, bring a blanket or beach chair, and gather with family and friends to enjoy this Winter Park tradition.

The annual celebration will feature live patriotic music performed by the Bach Festival Brass Band and Bach Festival Choir, horse-drawn wagon rides, Orlando Cloggers, Rockin' Roadster Road Show and much more! Children's activities will include the annual bicycle parade at 9 a.m. (lineup begins at 8:30 a.m.) from City Hall to Central Park, as well as fun games

and inflatables. Free hot dogs, watermelon and water will be available for all to enjoy, while supplies last. Remember to support the event vendors. When you get your hot dog, buy some chips and a soda. For more information regarding the 19th annual Olde Fashioned 4th of July Celebration, please call 407-599-3463.

### Winter Park Farmers Market now offers organic and locally grown items

The city of Winter Park is proud to announce the Winter Park Farmers Market has expanded its vendor categories to include certified organic and locally grown items. The market now offers plants, produce and flowers that are certified by the United States Department of Agriculture as organic products. The market also provides locally grown products including

eggs, beef, chicken, hydroponic tomatoes, luffa sponges and more. These products are grown within 30 miles of the Market. For more information regarding the Winter Park Farmers Market, please call 407-599-3397.

### City Hall closed

City Hall will be closed Friday, July 4, in observance of Independence Day. City offices will re-open at 8 a.m. Monday, July 7. Household garbage, yard trash and recycling collection services will not be provided on July 4. Normal services will resume on the next regularly scheduled collection day. The city of Winter Park wishes everyone a safe and happy Independence Day.

Visit the city's official website at [cityofwinterpark.org](http://cityofwinterpark.org), find us on Facebook, follow us on Twitter, watch us on Vimeo.

## RECYCLING | Organic waste collection could save environment

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in Winter Park through the new action plan. Cities such as Seattle and San Francisco have already been offering a similar service for over a decade.

Organic waste makes up 40 percent of all municipal trash, according to a 2010 report from the Florida Department of Environmental Protection.

*"We're looking at models from other cities where recycling has already taken a stronghold and really reduced the amount of landfill solid waste," Stenger said.*

"We're talking about doing something with just restaurants along Park Avenue and trying to get that organic material out of the waste stream because it's very heavy," Stenger said. "It adds a lot to the waste content of what goes into the landfill."

The city hopes to get public input from residents about the action plan through an online sur-

vey, asking what sustainability issues should be focused on the most. The survey runs until Monday, June 30.

"Anything we can do to increase recycling is a good thing," Mayor Ken Bradley said. "The

devil's always in the details ... I'm eager to hear what residents say."

City staff will review the results of the survey for at least a month and hope to bring a potential program before the City Commission by the end of the year.

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# PARK *Style*

## It's summertime; Let's get outdoors



**Erika Spence**  
**Business in the Park**

### Summer sizzles on in Winter Park

With the official start to the summer season behind us, it's time to enjoy some of the season's outdoor activities. Take the family to a Winter Park Diamond Dawgs baseball game. Get up early for the Winter Park Farmers Market, which now offers locally grown, organic produce. Organize a relaxing trip on the chain of lakes aboard the Scenic Boat Tour.

Staying in town for the Fourth of July? Activities abound with the Hunter Vision Watermelon 5K Run/Walk. Track Shack has organized a run to celebrate Independence Day with fitness and fun beginning at 7 a.m. Stay on the Avenue for the city of Winter Park's Olde Fashioned 4th of July Celebration from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Enjoy the kids' bike parade from City Hall to Cen-

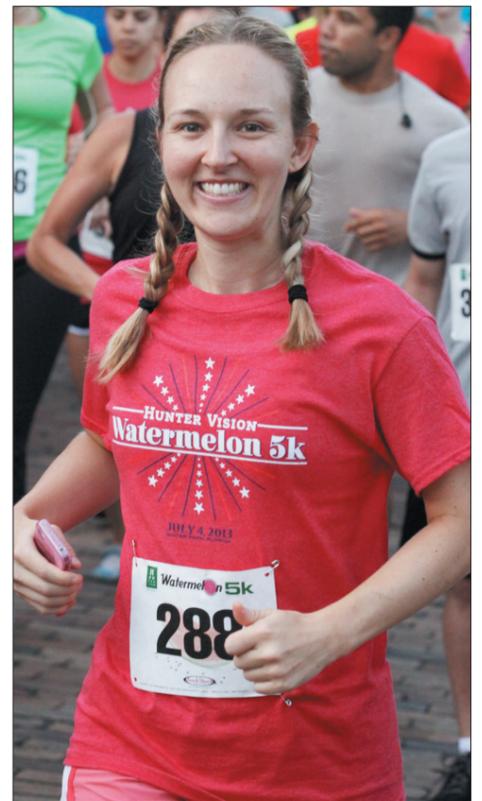


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## SUMMER | Don't forget the Sidewalk Sale

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Finally, cool off at the Winter Park Historical Museum and the Charles Hosmer Morse Museum of American Art, both of which are hosting free admission to patrons throughout the day.

Finally, mark your calendars for the annual Park Avenue Summer Sidewalk Sale. Stroll the Avenue for savings on fashions, gifts and more – up to 75 percent off. The sale runs July 10 through 13. For a complete list of stores, visit [experienceparkavenue.com](http://experienceparkavenue.com)

### Politics in the Park

Yard signs supporting a variety of candidates for elected office have started to spring up around town and candidates are refining their stump speeches, ordering their stickers and

asking for your support. The Winter Park Chamber of Commerce will host the 2014 Winter Park Political Mingle presented by Bright House Networks on Wednesday, July 23, at the Rachel D. Murrah Civic Center. The event is the perfect opportunity to meet with many of the candidates running in fall's hottest races all in one place. Come out for a delicious meal provided by The Meat House, get your questions answered and vote in a straw poll.

A list of confirmed candidates participating in the event, tickets for the evening and additional information can be found at [winterpark.org](http://winterpark.org)

Erika Spence is the senior director of marketing and communications at the Winter Park Chamber of Commerce.

## Brass band shines

LOUIS RONEY  
Observer columnist

A quintet of brass players called Sovereign Brass plus one percussionist played a program titled "Splendor in the Brass" on June 23 at The Plaza Live Theater and they played how else? Splendidly!

The six members of the Orlando Philharmonic were celebrating their 20th year of performing together. The program was one that utilized the gifts and acuity of all its members, and was literally chosen by previous audiences — an all "old favorites" night. The program got right down to business with a truncated version of "Carmen Fantasia" played with verve and brisk tempo. Among other first-half favorites was a suite from "Phantom of the Opera," the James Bond theme, and an arrangement of Brahms' Hungarian Dance No. 5 featuring the excellent French horn playing of Kathy Thomas. The half ended with a rollicking version of circus music: "Entrance of the Gladiators."

After intermission, the fun continued with, among others: the "Olympic Fanfare," "Chariots of Fire," and an "Armed Forces Salute." Summoning recall of TV's "Alfred Hitchcock Show" was his memorable Gounod theme: "Funeral March of a Marionette" featuring the Philharmonic's nimble percussionist Mark Goldberg on the marimba. A stirringly nostalgic choice of old favorites ended the program and included: "My Funny Valentine," "Stardust" and "I'm Getting Sentimental Over You," and the immortal Benny Goodman sensation, "Sing, Sing, Sing" where percussionist Mark Goldberg brought the audience to its feet with a big drum rendition that challenged Gene Krupa himself!

My constant thought throughout the whole virtuosic evening was a recognition of the constant growth in the quality of the Orlando Philharmonic, an orchestra that can presently deliver most demanding symphonic compositions plus pull out, when needed, a soloist or solo group of enviable abilities.

The next concert of the summer season is in the same hall July

## Knee injuries in dogs

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Sherri Cappabianca

### The Wet Nose Report

If your dog is running around fine one minute but limping on a rear leg the next, it's generally due to a cranial cruciate ligament (CCL) tear. It's one of the most common knee injuries in dogs – we see it a lot. The CCL is what provides the stability in the knee joint. When a tear occurs, the knee becomes unstable. The degree of instability and associated symptoms is determined by the degree of the tear. Your dog may only exhibit a slight limp for a minor tear or he may not be able to bear weight on the leg when the ligament is completely torn.

There are several reasons why the CCL may tear. Some of the more common are:

- Being overweight
- The dog is out of shape and doing athletic activities beyond his ability
- Sudden trauma due to rough play, jumping, twisting or turning wrong
- Long-term chronic degeneration
- Repetitive motion

A CCL tear is often genetic and if a dog tears one knee there is a good chance he will tear the other.

If you suspect your dog has torn his CCL, what do you do? First, see your veterinarian to rule out other possibilities and to determine the severity of the tear. If the ligament is partially torn, conservative management such as hydrotherapy may be the answer. The non-weight-bearing nature of swimming puts much less stress on the joint than walking, and allows the joint to travel through a normal range of motion. We've worked with a number of dogs with partially torn CCLs and have seen them recover completely through swimming and rest.

If the ligament is completely torn, surgery may be your only option. There are several different types of surgical repairs,

some more invasive than others. It's best to educate yourself on the different options before committing to surgery. Once surgery is over and your veterinarian has cleared your dog for rehabilitation, hydrotherapy is a great way to speed recovery.

No matter what option you decide, once your dog has healed, he'll be back on all fours doing what dogs love to do!

Sherri Cappabianca, an expert in the field of canine health and fitness, is the author of two books on canine health, and the co-owner of Rocky's Retreat Canine Health & Fitness Center, and Barking Dog Fitness, a Gym for Dogs, both located in Orlando. For more information, visit [rockysretreat.com](http://rockysretreat.com) or [barkingdogfitness.com](http://barkingdogfitness.com)

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hibit highlights the significance of Roman antiquities in Europe and the role played by printed images in sharing knowledge about those antiquities. This exhibit coincides with the loan of a Roman sarcophagus to the Cornell with the print-works dating from 1540 to 1750. Admission is free. Call 407-646-2526 or visit [Rollins.edu/cfam](http://Rollins.edu/cfam)

### June 27 – Summer family programs begin at the Morse Museum

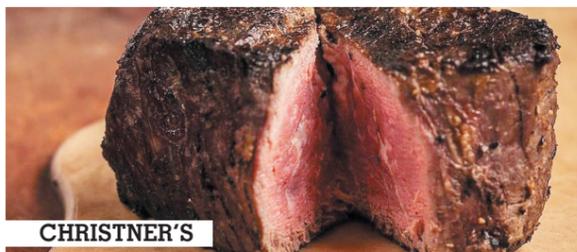
Each summer the Morse Museum organizes free programs for elementary-school-aged children. The series begins Friday, June 27, with a family-friendly film

### June 27 – 'Despicable Me 2' at Lake Eola

Movieola combines the beauty of Lake Eola Park and the fun of family movies. On the last Friday of every month, a free family movie will be shown on Lake Eola's East Lawn. Festivities begin at 6:30 p.m. with games, music and food available for purchase, with the movie starting at 8:30 p.m. "Despicable Me 2" will be shown on June 27, and "Muppets Most Wanted" is slated for July 25. The series will conclude on Aug. 29 with "Lego Movie." Visit [cityoforlando.net/parks/movieola](http://cityoforlando.net/parks/movieola)

### June 27 – Wine dinner at Christner's Prime Steak & Lobster

The peerless Christner's Prime Steak & Lobster will join with Republic National Distributing for a five-course dinner and wine tasting on June 27 for an intimate group of 20 food and wine enthusiasts. For \$115, guests will gather in a private dining room for an interactive wine experience led by Sommelier Dan Colgan. The dinner, introduced by Alice



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### June 29 – Classical guitar at Casa Feliz

Described as "smooth jazz on caffeine," classical guitarist Luis Alfredo Garcia will perform at Casa Feliz in a free program of classical guitar on June 29 at noon. Garcia received his formal training at the Conservatory in Puerto Rico and has performed in Central Florida for nearly 20 years, offering the full range of classical guitar, while developing his unique sound of Latin-

### June 29 – Comedian Artie Lange at Plaza Live

The words comedian, actor, writer, producer, entrepreneur and radio personality all describe the prolific Artie Lange, a member of "The Howard Stern Show" for a decade, followed by his current gig on "The Artie Lange Show." Lange sold out Carnegie Hall in three hours, his book "Too Fat to Fish" debuted at No. 1 on the New York Times best-seller list, and he recently starred in his own special – "Jack and Coke." Lange will perform at Plaza Live in Orlando on June 29 at 7:30 p.m. Visit [plazaliveorlando.com](http://plazaliveorlando.com)

### July 1 – Terry Olson hosts Charles Dickens Trivia Night

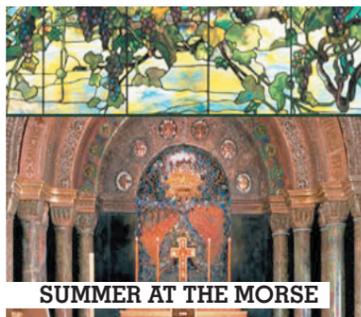
While it's not all about Dickens, it is fun to see how something about SunRail is related to



DICKENS TRIVIA

### Final week through June 30 – Breakthrough Theatre's 'Once On This Island'

From the Tony Award-winning songwriting team of Lynn Ahrens and Stephen Flaherty ("Seussical," "Ragtime") comes the Olivier Award-winning "Once On This Island," the story of a peasant girl on a tropical island who uses the power of love to bring together people of differing social classes. This is the final week of performances through June 30 at The Breakthrough Theatre in Winter Park. For reservations, call 407-920-4034.



SUMMER AT THE MORSE

Christner, will highlight the history of the food and wine pairings. Visit [christnersprimesteakandlobster.com](http://christnersprimesteakandlobster.com) or call 407-645-4443.

### June 28 – Priscilla Bagley channels Linda Ronstadt's Victory Tour

Direct from New York City, local songstress Priscilla Bagley presents "When Will I Be Loved?: The Linda Ronstadt 'Hall of Fame' Victory Tour" celebrating the hits of her vocal icon Linda Ronstadt. Like Ronstadt, Ms. Bagley is a crossover diva who can sing folk, rock and pop hits, Big Band classics and even a touch of operetta. Ms. Bagley will be at the Abbey for one night only on June 28 at 8 p.m. Visit [AbbeyOrlando.com](http://AbbeyOrlando.com)



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PRISCILLA BAGLEY

something about Dickens in this Charles Dickens Trivia Night fundraiser for the homeless, hosted by Terry Olson. Each table of four forms a team with an entry of \$10 per team (\$2.50 per person). Half of the money goes to the homeless and the other half goes to the winning team. Mr. Dickens would be proud. Trivia Night is July 1 at 7 p.m. at the Stardust Coffee Shop at 1842 E. Winter Park Road in Orlando. Visit [WhattheDickensOrlando.com](http://WhattheDickensOrlando.com)

And looking ahead ...

### Aug. 9 – Taste of the Nation – Orlando

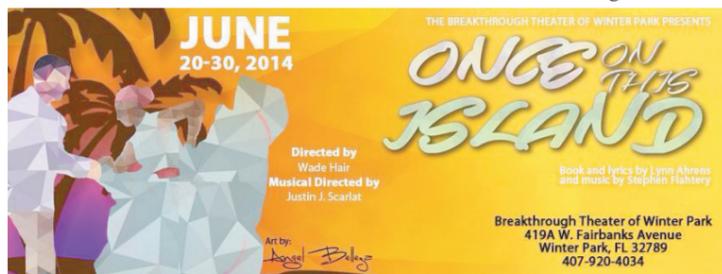
"For 25 years, Taste of the Nation has provided a meaningful outreach for hungry kids and families across Central Florida," says Dave Krepcho, CEO of Second Harvest Food Bank. On Aug. 9 at 6:45 p.m., Taste of the Nation brings together the area's top chefs who donate their time, talent and passion to end childhood hunger in Central Florida. Along with extraordinary food, guests sample select wines while enjoying auctions and entertainment. Please know that every dollar raised fights hunger and homelessness in Central Florida. Tickets are \$150. Visit [tasteofthenation.org/orlando](http://tasteofthenation.org/orlando) or [facebook.com/OrlandoTaste](http://facebook.com/OrlandoTaste)

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### Through Aug. 31 – The Allure of Ancient Rome

Showcasing prints, drawings, and an illustrated book from the Cornell Museum's permanent collection, the Cornell's new ex-

showing including clips from the documentaries "Expo: Magic of the White City" (The Chicago World's Fair of 1893) and "The World's Greatest Fair: Saint Louis 1904." After the films, children and parents will take guided tours of the galleries to see objects actually exhibited at these fairs. How cool is that? Reservations are required. Call 407-645-5311 or visit [morsemuseum.org](http://morsemuseum.org)



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A 2014 Florida Film Festival favorite returns to Enzian!  
Fri – Sun 4PM, 6:30, 9PM  
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Directed by Academy Award® winner Sam Mendes (Skyfall, American Beauty)  
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**Ballet on the Big Screen: SLEEPING BEAUTY**  
For discounted admission to all Ballet screenings, buy a Ballet Series Pass!  
Saturday, July 5th at 11AM



# Opinions



**Chris Jepson**

## Perspectives

### Musings of a summer mind

I arise daily anytime between 6:45 a.m. and 7:15 a.m. I drink coffee and consume the Orlando Sentinel and the New York Times. Subscribing to the daily New York Times, nearly a decade ago, was undoubtedly the best gift I have given to myself as an adult. To have the luxury of leisurely perusing the Times is a genuine joy. It's mystifying to me why anyone (with the wherewithal) would deny himself this pleasure. The Sunday Times is a blissful three or four hour read. It is my Sunday church of enlightenment.

My father read two papers all his life, the Des Moines Register and the Sioux City Journal. At one point Sioux City had a morning as well as an afternoon paper. Imagine that. Watching him read the paper on our front porch (coffee in the morning, a whiskey or beer in the evening) is an indelible image of my youth.

I delivered the Des Moines Register six days a week for five years (from age 12 to 17). I'd get up at 4:45 a.m. and was back home — some nearly four miles later — by 7 a.m. I had to be if I wanted a "hot" breakfast. In some respects it was the best job of my life. Solitude and quiet are two commodities that today are in woeful short supply. But in 1961, the only sounds one heard on the north side of Sioux City were the distant coupling of railroad cars from trains being "put together" for Omaha or Minneapolis. It was bliss.

I was up before the birds, and in the winters the only sound was of my feet crunching on the snow. The early 1960s was a cold time in Iowa. Unbelievably cold. A feature of the Internet today is that you can easily research the exact temperatures (weather) of your youth. It was 20 degrees below (or colder) with some regu-

larity in January and February of 1962. At that temperature, the snow on the ground compresses and you can feel the crisp, cold compaction through the soles of your shoes. The winter clothing (the lightness and insulating factors) that we have today was unavailable 50 years ago. I was cold (shiveringly so) the moment I left the back door of my home. Walking fast was the only alternative.

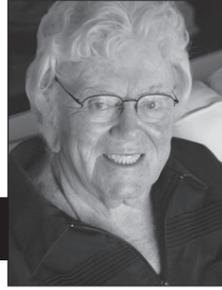
A third of the way through my route, I would warm-up for a few moments in two apartment buildings. I would read the Register and distinctly remember the headline the day Winston Churchill died in 1965. Big print for the big man.

Spring is unquestionably the best season in Sioux City. The winters can be so brutal that when temperatures return to the balmy 30s (in March), it's as if Persephone herself escaped the underworld (perhaps near Omaha) and lingered ever so divinely over Sioux City. Springs in Iowa were magical. They were. Such joy to be alive.

To again inhale the pungent fragrance of Iowa's reawakened soil is a springtime offering. By 5:30 a.m. the birds became a lyrical, flowing melody to life, if one listened. Having those two hours alone was a gift. To be awake at that hour — aware of the environment, yet oblivious — alone with just your (me, myself & I) thoughts — ah, the musings of the idle mind — well, it was a sweet, sweet time in my life.

And I owe it all to a newspaper. I have much gratitude.

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**Louis Roney**

## Play On!

### As they say...

"Memories, memories, dreams of love so true," goes the old popular song. If our dreams of love don't come true, we rarely sing about it. Nothing is ever quite the same as it is when we remember it.

My grandmother had a special place in her heart for Robert Frost, even though he was a Yankee. I asked her once about Frost's line "The fact is the sweetest dream that labor knows," and she said: If I mowed the lawn, the satisfaction of my looking out on a neatly mowed lawn was my greatest pay for having caused it to be that way. I nevertheless took the pittance I got for mowing lawns and bought some little "doodad" that pleased me more than looking at the lawn.

Later on, as a student in a New England university, I heard a Down-Easter professor state that "pride in one's workmanship" was one of the early American virtues that allowed us Americans to create strong character by doing worthwhile things. A writer's enjoyment in "pride of authorship" is surely a kindred sensation.

In a poem titled "A Psalm of Life," Henry Wadsworth Longfellow wrote, "Let us, then, be up and doing," which is surely a postmark to Puritan Cotton Mather's strong advocacy of work as the producer of virtue. Mather's sayings caused much ill at ease among many New Englanders who simply wanted to sit around and enjoy themselves. "Idleness" may well be "the root of all evil" as often said, but it is in idleness that the human soul finds many of its profoundest pleasures. In America, idleness may have led to a sense of guilt among New Englanders, however it certainly did not produce that result in people of the South!

Long before the days of television, I was often sent for a week or two down to the little town of Waynesboro, Ga., where I sat many an evening with a passel of relatives in rocking chairs on someone's front porch. The conversation was usually confined to things of small consequence about local inhabitants, and continued until bedtime. Southerners of that time resorted often to

exaggeration. When someone said something hyperbolic like, "I like to died," nobody ran for the smelling salts or sought a place to lay someone down. My elderly "aunts and uncles" were sometimes my older cousins whose titles were used by us children purely as an expression of respect.

Remembrance of the past has been a mainstay of both talkers and writers. Marcel Proust is remembered as author of "Remembrance of Things Past." Proust reminds us that most of our memorable literature resided for a good while in someone's memories. Because Proust was more preoccupied by human relations than by practical concerns, he often felt the need to provide long and subtle explanations for the most ordinary of actions, such as inviting someone to dinner. Some of his letters are full of humor, while others express deep distress. In them he appears to us as he did to his contemporaries: sensitive and intelligent, often charming, sometimes exasperating: i.e. Proust was a regular fellow, after all!

Actions may speak louder than words, but it's easier to talk about big heavy dumbbells than to pick them up. My b.w. reminds me that our president can talk a lot easier than he can make a decision—but, alas!—it is his talk that put him in the Oval Office where he sits and earns his big presidential pay. When Hillary Clinton recently said on TV re: Benghazi, "What difference does it make?" I quipped to b.w., "She'll regret she ever said that." Hillary has been on a book tour making a pile of lucre for the past few weeks, talking a lot, and is truly hopeful—I believe—that people will all forget what she said in that thoughtless moment.

As humans have the ability to speak, it's important to know when to talk and when to shut up!

So long!

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## Letters to the editor

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Rollins College is about to undergo a national search for a new president who will, no doubt, be expected to have the Ivy League-type pedigree of past presidents Lewis Duncan and Thaddeus Seymour, the unmatched fundraising ability and executive credentials of former president Rita Bornstein, and the C.E.O. skill-set and infrastructure expertise of former president Jack Critchfield.

Of course, all of these Rollins presidents had to allocate resources, fundraise, build or improve infrastructure, and promote and support academic rigor. But only one of these past Rollins presidents turned down the presidency of Dartmouth College, which took note of its former dean's widely heralded success on multiple fronts during his Rollins presidency. Thaddeus Seymour is arguably the gold standard for what Rollins should be looking for roughly a year from now. If interim Rollins President Craig McAllaster is given an honest shot in a comparison with the Rollins presidential search finalists, Rollins might be quite taken aback when they realize who may well be leading the horse race.

On his first morning on the job as interim Rollins president, I couldn't help but notice President McAllaster "managing-by-walking-around" at the Strong Hall construction site. He didn't know I saw him, but he does now. As dean of Rollins'

Crummer Graduate School of Business, Dean McAllaster surprised me with an unusual response that belied his Ivy League pedigree (Columbia University). I offered to make the arrangements to place Rollins' Crummer School on the list to be chosen to attend a class in Omaha taught personally by Warren Buffett. Most people would have jumped at the opportunity. While Crummer Dean McAllaster was certainly very appreciative for my offer, he insisted on knowing the names of the other colleges that had attended in the past. He acquiesced immediately upon hearing the prestigious university names. Always protecting and promoting his brand; that's Craig.

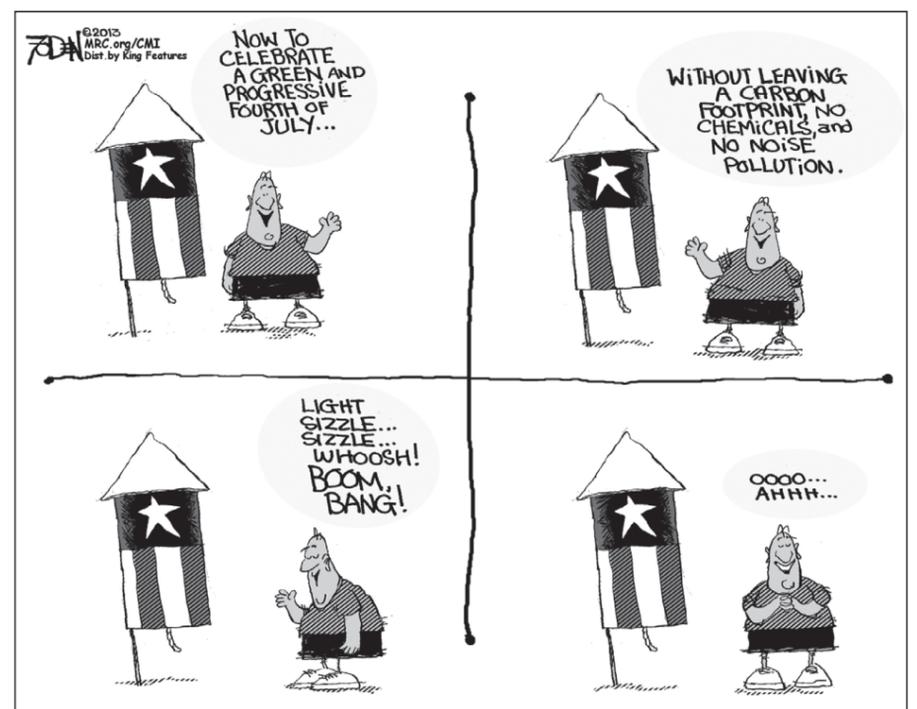
While Crummer Dean McAllaster built upon the successful foundation laid by former Crummer Graduate School of Business deans, no one believes it was an accident that Forbes ranked Crummer 36th nationally and The Financial Times ranked Crummer 59th internationally on his watch.

At Dean McAllaster's recent retirement celebration, I congratulated him on being the next Rollins president.

Turns out I was right.

— Will Graves  
Small Business Management Instructor  
Columbia College - Orlando

## EDITORIAL CARTOON



# THE MARKETPLACE



OBSERVER  
Open Houses

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**Sunday, June 29th:**

405 Lakewood Drive, Winter Park, FL 32789

4 BR | 3 BA | 4,208 SF | \$2,995,000  
Exquisite, custom designed lakefront estate on the Winter Park Chain of Lakes. Inspired by Anglo-Caribbean architecture, this home combines indoor/outdoor living and inspires elegance beneath its cathedral ceilings and exposed trusses. Includes designer gourmet kitchen with custom cabinetry and Carrara Marble counter tops, Travertine tile and Brazilian Walnut floors throughout the home and exterior entertainment areas with an outdoor kitchen and fireplace. Professional landscaping, paved motor court, oversized 3-car garage, privacy gate, security system, pre-engineered elevator capabilities and original designer touches throughout.

Hosted by: Christy Knox with Kelly Price & Company from 2-5 PM

2751 Meeting Place, Orlando, FL 32814

5 BR | 5.5 BA | 4,036 SF | \$1,050,000

Fantastic five bedroom, five and one-half bath, custom home in Baldwin Park! This home offers an executive interior and boasts more than 4,000 SF of living space with a superb outdoor living area complete with fireplace, pool and spa. Foyer entry with high ceilings and chandelier lead guests into the home's formal living and dining rooms, where high ceilings, oversized windows, and a gas fireplace invoke a warm and inviting ambience. Off the dining room is the kitchen with an oversized island, sub-zero appliances, gas range, and built-in oven and microwave. A separate breakfast room is bright and provides views of the outdoor living area. Downstairs master suite has a very impressive, custom shelving walk-in closet. Master bath is a retreat in and of itself with two granite vanities, jetted tub, and separate walk-in shower. Each secondary bedroom comes complete with their own attached bath and generous closet space. Upstairs bonus room could be used as a fifth bedroom or serve as theater/media room, game room, or any other number of possibilities. Enjoy views of the park and gardens from your front porch and take advantage of Baldwin Park's amenities and downtown center with boutique shops and fabulous dining.

Hosted by: Amanda Geller with Kelly Price & Company from 2-5 PM

1206 Park North Court, Winter Park, FL 32789

4 BR | 3.5 BA | 3,853 SF | \$1,050,000

Absolutely stunning home in Park North, just blocks from Park Avenue shops and dining! This gorgeous four bedroom, three and one-half bath home, features over 3,800 square feet of living space, including formal living and dining rooms, large eat-in kitchen, and illuminating sunroom. Tile flooring throughout home provides seamless transition from room to room. Kitchen is spacious with light cabinetry and custom granite counter tops. Great room off the kitchen has a lovely Spanish style, wood burning fireplace, and French doors that lead into

the sunroom complete with a full bath, wet bar, and sparkling views of the pool. Master bedroom gives new meaning to the word retreat. Enter the master suite through the sitting area and find yourself in an expansive enclave of luxury and serenity. Master bath is luxurious with its highly appointed fixtures; walk-in shower, spa tub, his and her vanities, and vaulted ceilings. French doors off the master bath provide access to a great bonus space that could be used as an office or workout room, with views once again of the pool. Three oversized guest bedrooms, each with generous closet space, and a third full bath complete the interior living areas. Home sits on an oversized, corner lot with tons of green space, shaded by mature landscaping and majestic oaks.

Hosted by: Kelly L. Price with Kelly Price & Company from 2-5 PM

1150 Kenwood Avenue, Winter Park, FL 32789

3 BR | 2.5 BA | 2,557 SF | \$579,900

Winter Park Showplace "Cottage Home". Walk to Winter Park Avenue. Open floorplan. All wood floors downstairs. Many built-ins in master and den/television room. Fenced in backyard (room to add small pool according to the City of Winter Park). Surrounded by larger more expansive homes! Upgraded landscaping. New flooring, cabinets, granite counters in bathrooms. Oversized master bedroom, nice sitting area on upstairs landing. Priced at recent appraisal by Tim Burns. A real decorators showplace. Truly a "Must-See" home.

Hosted by: Patrick Higgins with Kelly Price & Company from 2-5 PM

302 Burleigh Court, Winter Springs, FL 32708

5 BR | 4 BA | 3,353 SF | \$625,000

Stunning custom built home tucked into the desirable, gated Wicklow Greens Tuscawilla Country Club community. This home welcomes you with a courtyard style front yard and leads you in to an escape of luxury as you walk through the front door. You immediately see the view of the pool which flows in to a backdrop of the spring fed pond. This inviting home features five bedrooms, four bathrooms, and an open living and kitchen area. As you look around you notice the gleaming hardwood floors throughout and architectural details which include custom built-ins, soaring ceilings, and dynamic arches. The immaculate kitchen includes granite countertops, an island workspace, stainless steel appliances, and a gas stove. Other highlights include a 3 car garage, custom Closet Masters closets, and a gas granite fireplace. Perfect for entertaining guests! Four out of the five bedrooms, including the master, are on the bottom floor. Once you walk upstairs you disappear in the expansive bonus room with a private bedroom and bathroom perfect for your guest's getaway. This beautiful home is gorgeous during the day but even more elusive at night. It is an all-around must see!

Hosted by: Kelly & Liz with Kelly Price & Company from 2-5 PM

537 N. Phelps Avenue, Winter Park, FL 32789

3 BR | 3 BA | 2,153 SF | \$444,000

Stunning home located in one of Winter Park's most desirable neighborhoods! Completely renovated, this captivating, traditional style home features three bedrooms, three full baths and an open living and dining area filled with natural light. Character and charm flow throughout the home with meticulously maintained, original hardwood floors. An updated kitchen, featuring solid wood cabinets, granite countertops and a GE

appliance package bring a modern touch to the home's interior. Master suite is generous in size and offers an en suite with oversized soaking tub, separate shower and walk-in closet with custom built-ins. French doors lead to the open patio and allow for a relaxing environment, overlooking the professionally landscaped backyard. Located in the heart of Winter Park, among the mature oak trees, and within walking distance to "A" rated schools, do not miss the opportunity to lives just minutes from Winter Park's celebrated Park Avenue and call this residence your home! Hosted by: Tiffany Prewitt Grindstaff with Kelly Price & Company from 2-5 PM



**SATURDAY 2-5**

LUXURIOUS MEDITERRANEAN ESTATE

7731 Flemingwood Court, Sanford 4BD/5BA, 4,887SF. Dramatic entry foyer with 16 foot ceilings opens to the formal living and dining rooms. High quality craftsmanship and finishes including hardwood and travertine floors throughout, plantation shutters, dramatic columns, and extensive crown molding and baseboards. Situated on a premium one acre, beautifully landscaped corner lot in gorgeous gated community with full time security guard. Must show drivers license to guard at gate. \$1,000,000

OPEN HOUSE

Sunday 12-3

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2007 Countryside Circle, Orlando

2BD/2.5BA, 1,692SF. Manicured courtyard entry, welcome foyer, fabulous great room with dining area and beautiful oversized window overlooking walled-in rear courtyard. One car garage with side door and nice window enters into kitchen with closet pantry and washer/dryer alcove. There are two master suites on the second floor each with private bath and nice closets. \$209,900

**SUNDAY 12-3**

WINTER PARK FOREST

838 Appalachee Avenue, Winter Park 3BD/2BA, 1,676SF. Located on a quiet Orange County cul-de-sac/dead end street. Corner lot provides extra side yard perfect for RV or boat storage! IMMACULATE split bedroom plan with updated kitchen & baths. Formal living & dining rooms plus kitchen opens to a spacious family room. Newly fenced yard & sparkling swimming pool! \$295,000

BALDWIN PARK BEAUTY

2015 Meeting Place, Orlando 3BD/3.5BA, 2,320SF. Spectacular townhome with tremendous upgrades throughout! Antique-style hickory wood floors throughout the living areas. Gorgeous kitchen with island breakfast bar, granite counters and ss appliances, including 2 wine refrigerators and warming drawer. Spacious bedrooms each with custom closets. Great storage. Wonderful balcony and porch overlook Corrine Commons Park. Two-car garage. NEW PRICE \$459,000

**SUNDAY 1-4**

DOMMERICH HILLS

2307 Mohawk Trail, Maitland 4BR/2.5BA, 2,190SF. Screened-in pool with lanai and gas. Gorgeous customer open-concept kitchen with lacquered Euro-style cabinetry, Dacor stainless steel appliances (gas cooktop), granite countertops, French country hammered-copper ceiling, and breakfast bar, which opens to the family room. Oversized laundry room with food pantry. \$380,000

FANTASTIC FAMILY HOME

1385 Hibiscus Avenue, Winter Park 5BD/3BA, 3,079SF. Beautiful kitchen with stainless steel appliances and granite

counter tops. Bathrooms are updated as well. Crown molding thru out. Wonderful real wood flooring. Master upstairs has an additional space being used as an office. Back yard is private and has plenty of room for a pool if buyer needed. Winter Park Schools! \$549,000

DOMMERICH NEW CONSTRUCTION

1760 Tippicanoe Trail, Maitland 5BD/3.5BA, 3,520SF. Two story new construction pool home on quiet street in Dommerich Estates. Fabulous master suite on 1st floor is complete with open sitting area, walk-in closet with built-in systems and French doors leading to relaxing backyard. Spacious kitchen features 42" cabinetry, double ovens, and large island with breakfast bar. Deeded access to Winter park Chain of Lakes. \$799,000

DOMMERICH ESTATES

1610 Chippewa Trail, Maitland 4BD/3BA, 3,894SF. Wonderfully unique 3-story pool home in Dommerich Estates. Large and open kitchen is complete with generous center island, built-in desk and eat-in area. Second floor master suite boasts 9ft ceilings, fireplace and Jacuzzi tub. Covered brick paver patio overlooking the screened salt pool and patio make for the perfect outside escape. Deeded access to Lake Minnehaha and an easy walk to Maitland Community Park. \$699,000

DOMMERICH ESTATES

4BD/2BA, 2,020SF. Warm and inviting pool home in highly desirable Dommerich Estates. Kitchen features granite counters, newer appliances and sitting area complete with fireplace. Fabulous office directly off of the family room with sliding French doors. Home boasts generous storage throughout. Backyard retreat features pool, patio and plenty of green luscious grass. \$409,000

DOMMERICH ESTATES

4BD/3BA, 2,300SF. Wonderful family home in desirable Dommerich Estates. Large corner lot (125x95) provides plenty of room to expand. Kitchen is open and bright with dinette area that opens to family room. Deeded access to Chain of Lakes. \$379,000

SUNDAY 2-5

HEART OF ORWIN MANOR

831 Wilkinson Street, Orlando 4BD/3BA, 2,772SF. Formal Living room with fireplace opens to formal dining room. Large eat in kitchen with white cabinets, built in desk and oak floors and lots of storage space! Three spacious bedrooms and 2 full baths downstairs, oak floors, crown moldings and lots of closets. Upstairs is a private master suite with loft, double walk-in closets and full bath. Back yard with oversized pool and big yard. \$435,000

SUNDAY 2-5

NEW CONSTRUCTION IN WP

1840 Bryan Avenue, Winter Park 4BD/3.5BA, 3,461SF. Vaulted ceilings in entry and family room add to the light bright feeling of home. Upgraded features include distressed hickory wood floor throughout first floor, crown molding, French doors, 8ft solid core doors, double pane windows, surround sound, solid wood cabinets in kitchen and exotic granite. Granite in all baths and laundry room. Expansive master bedroom and master bath. \$799,000

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**King Crossword**

## King Crossword

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- 27 Memorable mission
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