

Observer

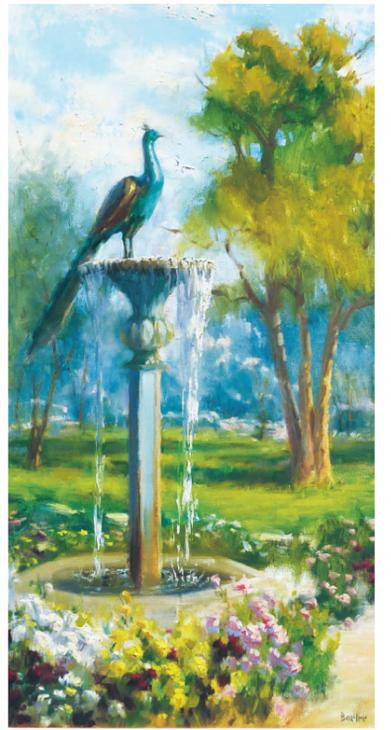
YOU. YOUR NEIGHBORS. YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD.

VOLUME 30, NO. 15

FREE · FRIDAY, APRIL 13, 2018

Polasek primed for Paint Out

Artists from throughout Florida will take inspiration from Winter Park for the annual event. **1B.**



Strength in numbers

TIM FREED
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

One company in Winter Park has cancer running scared — because they're attacking it with arms linked. The employees at Holiday Retirement at the Winter Park Village form one of several teams participating in the Relay for Life event Saturday, April 14, at Lake Lily Park.

SEE MAITLAND PAGE 4

The team at Holiday isn't backing down. They will be at the upcoming Relay for Life Saturday, April 14, at Lake Lily Park.

Winter Park's Holiday Retirement is just one of several teams that will lace up to make a difference at Relay for Life at Lake Lily Park.

Tim Freed

Winter Park names new fire chief

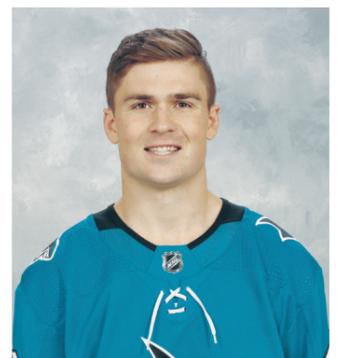
Dan Hagedorn has been confirmed as the new head of the Winter Park Fire-Rescue Department.

TIM FREED
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

There's a new fire chief in town — though it's a familiar face. Winter Park has begun a new chapter for the Winter Park Fire-Rescue Department,

SEE CITY PAGE 2

SPORTS



FROM RDV TO NHL Ryan Carpenter honed his hockey game on Maitland's home ice. **6.**

PRE-SORTED
STANDARD
U.S. Postage
PAID
Orlando, FL
Permit No. 2825

Leaders table Aloma townhouse project

TIM FREED
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

Winter Park residents had the chance at Monday's City Commission meeting to speak up on a controversial project that would add 18 two-story townhouses along Aloma Avenue. The project included town-

SEE OWNER PAGE 4

FROZEN FUN



Ronald McDonald House Charities dished out plenty of fun at its Ice Cream Social. **PAGE 3.**

YOUR TOWN

BIKE RIDE RETURNS MAY 5

Attention bikers: the second annual Bike 5 Cities Ride will take place at 8 a.m. Saturday, May 5, beginning at Mead Botanical Garden, 1300 S. Denning Drive, Winter Park. Those who register by April 30 will receive a Bike 5 Cities T-shirt for 28-mile loop riders. Aid stations will be located at each city, and ride ambassadors will escort riders along the route. Bike helmets are mandatory.

ADVERTORIAL

Strength training at any age can help improve muscle mass and bone density

Allison Olcsvay

Three years ago, Georgia Ellison was facing the same prognosis that she has watched her mother suffer with for decades. The progressive osteopenia would someday develop into osteoporosis, bringing on devastating broken bones and pain.

"My mother is 93 now, and I've watched her suffer so much; I just don't want that to happen to me," Ellison said. Medication to strengthen her bones never produced significant results, and after years of taking them, she decided to try a new course of action.

Following the recommendation of a friend she signed on with Elite Strength and Fitness of Winter Park and began following a twice-weekly strength-training regimen designed to increase her muscle mass and bone density.

At her next DEXA scan to measure density, Ellison's doctor noticed a big change and she was able to stop taking her medication.

Success stories like Ellison's don't come easy though; it took months of intense workouts with the guidance of personal trainers to get there.

At 64, Les Rinehart, one of Elite's trainers, knows the challenges his clients face. After 33 years in the fitness industry, the former strength coach for the Charlotte Hornets retired in 2007, only to come out of retirement a few years ago to join Elite because, he said, he saw the value in what they offered their clients.

"The equipment here is top of the line and the techniques produce results like no other," Rinehart said. At Elite, education is as important as the equipment. Before clients spend anytime working out, they share their medical history, goals and concerns with trainers who develop a plan that covers time inside and outside of the gym.

"Clients' needs are evaluated and we give them a detailed analysis of what they need to do, especially at home, to accomplish their goals," said owner Monte Mitchell. Homework might include keeping food and exercise journals to learn more about their habits, especially if weight loss is a goal.

The gym also offers a 12-week group nutrition workshop to their members, guaranteeing results for their clients, provided they follow all the recommendations made during their



consultation. 70-year-old physician Dr. Maria Bors has been a client of Elite for seven years and finds that training there fits quite nicely into her busy lifestyle.

"The 20-minute workouts are easy for me to fit in and I find them easy to commit to," Bors said.

Rather than working out with sweaty, bulked-up gym rats, Elite's clients find an almost Zen-like atmosphere, with trainers attentive to their every motion. Speaking in tones of calm assurance, trainers offer equal parts encouragement and challenge, pushing clients to new levels.

The workouts are physically demanding, but not in the way one might expect. Motions are slow and intensely controlled, demanding maximum effort from muscles while barely breaking a sweat. "Many clients don't even change out of office clothes," Rinehart said. "They simply don't need to."

Before beginning with Elite, Bors suffered from daily back pain, but after just a few months in the gym, she experienced a noticeable change in pain levels and now rarely suffers at all.

"It's been remarkable for me," she said. "I can feel how strong I am, especially when I am traveling carrying luggage. I have a strength I never had before."

"The strength training is very good for preventing bone loss," said Bors, "which is something we all need as we age."



407-740-7750 • www.elitestrengthandfitness.com
1312 Palmetto Avenue, Winter Park, FL 32789

Mention this ad for a free consultation. You can schedule this consultation by calling Elite Strength & Fitness at 407-740-7750

270121

City names fire chief

CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

recently confirming Lieutenant Paramedic Dan Hagedorn as the new fire chief at the April 9 City Commission meeting.

Hagedorn has been with the department for 22 years and was born and raised in the Orlando area.

"I'm really excited and honored to be even considered for the position," Hagedorn said. "It's a privilege to serve the city and city residents. I've been with the city for 22 years, so I've seen a lot of the growth and things like that, but what's really never changed is the demand for a high level of service from their public safety agencies. I'm excited to have been given the opportunity and selected through the process."

City Manager Randy Knight interviewed four candidates for the position and, with the help of the Human Resources Division, put each candidate through a battery of written and oral exercises.

Knight then put together an interview panel consisting of Mayor Steve Leary, Civil Service Board Chair Gary Brewer, Assistant City Manager Michelle Neun-

"I've got some big shoes to fill with Chief White. He's done a lot for this department. He's set the bar pretty high for me, that's for sure. I look forward to working with him as we transition over the next couple months."

— Dan Hagedorn

er and Human Resources Manager Kristi Wong to interview them. Two of the candidates removed their names from consideration prior to the panel interview, but the remaining two candidates were interviewed and the panel provided input to Knight.

Based upon the results, Knight selected Hagedorn to be the next fire chief, and the Civil Service Board approved the selection at its April 3 meeting.

Outgoing Fire Chief Jim White, who is retiring May 31 after a 35-year career, said he has full confidence in Hagedorn.

"He's done a really outstanding job preparing himself through his education and his work in the department," White said. "I think he's well prepared for it. I'm excited about the change, and I just think he's going to do a great job."

Hagedorn earned associate's degrees in both fire science technology and emergency medical services technology in 2003 from Valencia College. He went on to earn a bachelor's degree in fire and safety engineering from the University of Cincinnati, as well as a master's degree in fire and emergency management administration from Oklahoma State University.

The new chief said he hopes to build on what White accomplished during his time in Winter Park.

"I've got some big shoes to fill with Chief White — he's done a lot for this department," Hagedorn said. "He's set the bar pretty high for me, that's for sure. I look forward to working with him as we transition over the next couple months."

I choose to live life with a purpose. I choose Orlando Health.

ORLANDO HEALTH®

UFHealth
CANCER CENTER

ChooseOrlandoHealth.com/Paige

I was fanatical about getting regular mammograms, because both my mother and grandmother had breast cancer. In March 2016, I went for my annual mammogram at Orlando Health, and that was the beginning of my cancer journey.

From the valet and front desk to the nurses, techs and doctors at Orlando Health UF Health Cancer Center — their encouragement gave me the strength to make it through. In fact, my medical oncologist Dr. Nikita Shah's first words to me were, "We're going to get through this together." The experience changed my life in such a positive way; I'm doing more, enjoying more and making plans for living my life to the fullest and with purpose.

I am Paige Tracy, and I choose Orlando Health.

256545

Maitland mayor begins second term

Following Dale McDonald's swearing-in ceremony, City Council members discussed a state statute that preempts all gun regulation to the state.

TROY HERRING
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

There was a bit of a different feel to the Maitland City Council meeting Monday, April 9.

The pomp-and-circumstance of the evening came as mayor-elect Dale McDonald was sworn in for his second go-around as mayor after an election in which he ran unopposed.

After the swearing-in ceremony, which included his son, wife and mother, McDonald addressed the crowd.

"It's a treat for me to be here," McDonald said. "We've been very blessed here in Maitland in so many ways — our staff, my family support — and we have a new staff that we have put into place and this is truly not your daddy's Maitland anymore.

"This is a staff that can be believed, trusted, and they're engaged and energetic, and they won't stop until we get this right," he said. "I can't thank them enough."

The longtime Maitland resident and Realtor won his first mayoral race in 2015.

While McDonald said he is proud of the work that has been done since then, he knows there is plenty more for his second term.

"We have challenges ahead of us for certain, but we have the blessings of a location that is unduplicatable," McDonald said. "A demographic that can not be matched anywhere; schools and parks and lakes that other municipalities would give up body parts for — so let's do our best to not just improve it, but be proud of what we are doing today."

SUPER PRE-EMPTION LAWSUIT

A 2011 state statute that preempts all regulation of firearms and ammunition to the state sparked outrage among City Council members.

"Following the Parkland school shooting in South Florida, there were several local governments who wanted to put on their agenda the idea of gun control or pass some ordinance to deal with gun violence," said Councilman John Lowndes, who brought forth the item for discussion. "Some of them belled up to the bar, but then they realized that there is a law — a very odd and uniquely odd law in the state of Florida — and fearing the repercussions of that law they backed down.

"So now those cities — there are 10 of them — are filing suit to dismantle the law," he said.

Although there is nothing unusual about the state pre-

IN OTHER NEWS

■ With the upcoming end to her tenure as vice-mayor, Joy Goff-Marcil's title was handed to Councilman Mike Thomas.

■ The council adopted an ordinance to vacate and abandon the city right-of-way on Loren Avenue.

■ The council adopted an ordinance extending the temporary moratorium that prohibits the establishment of medical marijuana dispensaries in the city for another 180 days.

empting local municipalities regarding specific issues, the law is unique in how it punishes local government, Lowndes said.

So if Maitland were to try to implement an ordinance regarding guns, not only would it be struck down, but also it would lead to possible fines of up to \$100,000 and the removal of council members.

"The idea, of course, is to chill any kind of discussion — it is, in my view, an incredible overreach, and I think it was done in the behest of the NRA," Lowndes said. "I think it's very important, because local government is where a lot of the most important work gets done. I think it's very important that people be able to petition their local government for things they want and be able to discuss it and pass legislation about it."

The entire council was in full agreement, as well as City Attorney Clifford Sheppard — who favored the city taking action to counter the penalties.

Lowndes suggested ways in which the council could approach the statute and the lawsuit: pass a resolution supporting the lawsuit; pay \$10,000 to the current law firm overseeing the lawsuit; or join the lawsuit as a plaintiff but have Sheppard represent Maitland at the hearings.

In his talks with others, Sheppard said he brought up the hypothetical of, "What if this had been us?"

"Imagine what it would be like if this were Maitland Middle, and we have not enough room in these chambers and all the room we could put outside for the people who pack these chambers demanding action, and all you can say is, 'There is nothing we can do,'" Sheppard said. "When that happens it's a helpless feeling, but there is nothing you can do if you want to do it within the law — that is the problem that we have right now."



Brielle Brunetti, 8, center, and Liv Hogans, 4, right, danced around with new friends on the main stage at the Ice Cream Social.

Sweet show of support

It was a palate-pleasing, beneficial afternoon Sunday, April 8, at the Winter Park Civic Center, as the community came together for the eighth annual Ice Cream Social.

Benefiting the Ronald McDonald House Charities of Central Florida, children and parents alike enjoyed ice cream samples from several local ice cream and Italian ice businesses at the civic center.

Kids also got to enjoy live music, games and face-painting, while parents took in a silent auction.

— TROY HERRING



Austin Farrell, 12, and his sister Kirin, 9, competed in a fun game during the Ice Cream Social held at the Winter Park Civic Center.



Avalee Welsch, 2, enjoyed an ice-cold popsicle as she held her new stuffed toy.



Sarah Hughes, of Jeremiah's Italian Ice, scooped out a spoonful of Italian ice for hungry guests.



Left: Claudy Maes sat patiently with her eyes closed as she got her face painted with a unicorn design.

ONLINE
See more at OrangeObserver.com

For more info, visit enzian.org

ENZIAN

[f](https://www.facebook.com/EnzianTheater) [i](https://www.instagram.com/EnzianTheater)

@EnzianTheater

THIS WEEK

2018 FLORIDA FILM FESTIVAL, APRIL 6-15

TICKETS ON SALE NOW! 183 films in 10 days!

For more info & tickets, visit FloridaFilmFestival.com

An Evening with Ellen Burstyn

Featuring **REQUIEM FOR A DREAM**

Friday: 7:30PM

AWARDS BASH!

Saturday: 4:30PM

CLOSING SUNDAY BRUNCH BUFFET

Sunday from 11AM-2PM at Eden Bar

Enzian & Eden Bar will be closed April 16th - April 19th and resume normal business hours on Friday, April 20th

1300 SOUTH ORLANDO AVE, MAITLAND, FL **407-629-0054**

Maitland to host Relay for Life

WINTER PARK/MAITLAND
Observer

CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

The team already has beaten its goal of \$1,500, currently sitting on more than \$1,800 after just a couple weeks. About 20 employees plan on participating in this year's relay.

"Our committees kind of thought this was such a great opportunity to do something for the community, as well as help us internally develop some bonds and build our culture," Carissa Lucky said.

Saturday's event marks the inaugural Orlando Art for Healing Festival, taking the impactful Relay for Life event and blending it with a creative twist. The event will feature fine art on display, with each artist able to have a sign "In Honor of" or "In Memory of" a loved one that has been affected by cancer.

It's an event that hits home for the staff at Holiday Retirement — many of the members of the group have either known someone who's fought cancer or have even fought cancer themselves.

"I'm personally a cancer survivor. ... I had thyroid cancer at a fairly young age — I was 31," Adam Dolak said. "I've had family with breast cancer, my mother with uterine cancer. I have an uncle now who is dying of lymphoma.

"I don't know about some people, but I don't think about every day that I'm a survivor," he said. "It's not something that I focus on in my life — it's kind of in the past. Sometimes it is good though with moments like these where you kind of come back and refocus. You have accomplished something — you have survived something. You became stronger because of it in some ways."



Tim Freed

IF YOU GO

RELAY FOR LIFE ORLANDO NORTH

WHEN: 10 a.m. Saturday,
April 14

WHERE: Lake Lily Park, 701
Lake Lily Drive, Maitland

INFORMATION: Courtney
Gibson, courtney.gibson@
cancer.org or (407) 581-2501

WEBSITE: bit.ly/2Huo3CL

Dodie Derck has a similar story. She is a three-time cancer survivor after defeating ovarian cancer, colon cancer and discovering micro cells in her abdominal tissue.

Her family also has been fight-

ing. Her mother had pancreatic cancer. Her sister is a lung and colon cancer survivor. Her father had colon cancer as well and her other sister had cervical cancer.

It will be an emotional day on Saturday, she said.

"The most special moment is the Survivors' Walk," Derck said. "It's incredibly emotional. I don't think anyone gets through that lap without being in tears.

"I always say (cancer has) taken so much joy from our family," she said. "Saturday I'm not walking for me, although I survived so many forms. I'm walking for my mom, my sister, my dad."

The event not only gives the group a chance to fight cancer and support research but also a sup-

port system where they can lean on one another in the workplace.

"Whenever I've attended any event like this, I feel like I have a new support system — someone I can go to who understands what I went through," said Chellsea Rodriguez, whose mother is a breast cancer survivor.

"Cancer has touched all of us in some way, shape or form — if not directly within our own families than also with our friends who are close to us," she said. "I think that's the reason we're so passionate about it."

The team members said they plan to participate in Relay for Life every year, and expect to chase after a higher fundraising goal next year.

Owner to revise townhome proposal

IN OTHER NEWS

Winter Park city commissioners opted to step away from a process to brand the campus that would house the new library and event center in Martin Luther King Jr. Park.

CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

houses at the 1.81-acre cluster of properties located at 1791, 1801, 1811, 1821 and 1835 Aloma Avenue — all sitting at the northwest corner of the intersection of Aloma and Lakemont avenues.

Anticipating backlash from residents concerned about traffic and density, project owner Andrew Ryan detailed a few alternative plans for the project. One version only had 15 townhouses, while another split the prop-

erties into six single-family lots and eight townhouses.

However, none of these appeased the dozens of residents who attended the meeting. They still feared the already-overbearing traffic at the intersection of Aloma and Lakemont avenues would be made worse.

"I live on Sylvan Drive, which is three blocks from here on the north side of Aloma," Beth Hall said. "I don't care which incarnation he does, you're putting my street right there next to that intersection. ... How does this happen?"

Residents mostly wished to see the land used for its original zoned use: an office building.

City Commissioner Carolyn Cooper expressed a similar sentiment about holding true to the Comprehensive Plan, adding that an office building would help the city's tax base.

"When I look at our Comprehensive Plan, it says we will preserve the single-family residential character of both the planning areas that this particular property straddles," Cooper said.

City Commissioner Sarah Sprinkel sympathized with the concerns from the residents.

"My biggest concern as you well know is traffic and what this is going to do to people behind these homes," Sprinkel said. "That's what I'm looking at."

The commission voted to table the project, so the owner could reevaluate and approach the commission with a new plan.

WINTER PARK SHAPES NEW LIBRARY/EVENT CENTER

Winter Park City Commissioners also voted to make a few changes to the library and event center set for the northwest corner of Martin Luther King Jr. Park — an effort to keep the project under its \$30 million budget.

Upon examining a breakdown of the cost, City Commissioners realized several additional features, such as the porte cochere (about \$1.06 million), the rooftop venue (about \$2.6 million), an exterior amphitheater (about \$577,000) and a raked auditorium (about \$471,000) put the project over budget.

The cost of construction was estimated at about \$23.8 million, while the remaining gap up to \$30 million would pay for the "soft costs" such as architect fees and furnishing the building.

City Commissioner Carolyn Cooper expressed disapproval the total budget including soft costs wasn't presented to them at the meeting.

"My comment simply remains always having a complete budget from this point forward," Cooper said.

The City Commission voted to do away with the design of the raked auditorium. However, it will explore costs for the porte cochere, the exterior amphitheater and the rooftop venue.

TO ADVERTISE

For display or digital advertising, call Publisher Jackie Fanara at (407) 401-9929. For classified advertising, call (407) 401-9929. Our fax number is (407) 656-6075.

LEGAL ADVERTISING

To place a legal notice for Orange County, please call Kim Martin at (407) 654-5500 or email to legal@businessobserverfl.com.

SEND US YOUR NEWS

Let us know about your events, celebrations and achievements. Send your information via email to Michael Eng, meng@OrangeObserver.com. Mailed letters must be typed and include the author's signature and phone number. Letters to the editor are subject to editing.

TO SUBSCRIBE

The Winter Park/Maitland Observer is published weekly, on Fridays. Subscriptions are \$40 per year (\$50 outside of Orange County). To subscribe for mailed home delivery, call (407) 401-9929; email to subscribe@OrangeObserver.com; visit orangeobserver.com; or visit our office, 180 S. Knowles, Winter Park, FL, 32789.

WINTER PARK/MAITLAND OBSERVER

The Winter Park/Maitland Observer (USPS #00-6186) is published by the Observer Media Group, 180 S. Knowles, Winter Park, FL, 32789. Periodical postage paid at Winter Park, Florida. POSTMASTER send address changes to the Winter Park/Maitland Observer, 180 S. Knowles, Winter Park, FL, 32789.

Observer Media Group Inc.
1970 Main St. • Sarasota, FL 34236
941-366-3468

Editor and CEO / Matt Walsh
Vice President / Lisa Walsh
Chairman / David Beliles

Publishers of the
Longboat Observer, East County Observer, Sarasota Observer, Siesta Key Observer, Palm Coast Observer, Plant City Times & Observer, Ormond Beach Observer, West Orange Times & Observer, Windermere Observer, Winter Park/Maitland Observer, Business Observer, Jacksonville Financial News & Daily Record, Jacksonville Realty-Builder Connection, LWR Life Magazine, Season Magazine

OrangeObserver.com

© 2018 The Observer Media Group Inc.
All Rights Reserved



WINTER PARK
VETERINARY HOSPITAL

*Caring for Winter Park's Pets
and Their People Since 1955*

1601 Lee Road, Winter Park
(407) 644-2676





Cooper Trochinski, 9, had a blast playing scooter ball during the game night.

The family that plays together ...

Families gathered to have fun and promote overall health at the Chill/PE Family Game Night Thursday, March 29, at Lakemont Elementary School.

The event's goal was to support mental, physical and emotional health while brining families closer together. The theme of the Game Night was self-esteem.

— TIM FREED



Aaliyah Smiley, 7, had fun playing compliment ball, where teams would pass the ball to each other and say something nice.



Carey and Sofia Weeden, 9, had a blast together.

ONLINE See more at OrangeObserver.com

How will the Legislature's new bills affect your life?

After extending its 2018 session by two days, the Florida Legislature successfully passed 200 bills. During its two-day extended session, the state House and Senate were able to agree on an \$88.7 million budget. And in the weeks prior, lawmakers passed major legislation relating to concerns of school safety following the shooting at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in February; workers compensation for first-responders diagnosed with post-traumatic stress disorder; emergency generators for nursing homes; and a permanent expansion of the Bright Futures Scholarships funding for college students.

— GABBY BAQUERO

ETHICS. Florida Gov. Rick Scott signed SB 186, otherwise known as the resign-to-run law. The bill requires elected officials who qualify for federal public office to resign from the office they presently hold if the terms run simultaneously.

FIRST-RESPONDERS. Lawmakers approved SB 376, which defines post-traumatic stress disorder as an occupational disease for first responders, such as firefighters, police, paramedics and emergency medical technicians. Under this bill, workers compensation benefits are expanded to include PTSD. Before the passing of this bill, first responders were eligible for worker's compensation for job-related PTSD only if accompanied by a physical injury that kept them from returning to duty.

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME. Scott signed a bill known as the Sunshine Protection Act that would allow the state to stay in daylight saving time year-round, which would place Florida out of pace with the East Coast. The bill, however, will require approval from Congress.

HIGHER EDUCATION. Legislators passed SB 4, a bill permitting students to use certain Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program awards (The Florida Academic Scholars and Florida Medallion Scholars Award) for summer term enrollment beginning this year.

SCHOOL SAFETY. In a controversial move, lawmakers passed SB 7026 in response to the recent shooting at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland. The bill appropriates \$400 million for school hardening; safety and mental health programs; includes change to background

checks; raises the minimum age to purchase a gun from 18 to 21; outlaws the sale and possession of bump stocks; provides measures to keep firearms away from those diagnosed with a mental illness; and establishes a voluntary school marshal program allowing certain school personnel to carry firearms on a school campus.

PUBLIC RECORDS. SB 7024, which was unanimously approved by the House, makes the address of a victim of an incident of mass violence exempt from any public records requirement. The bill defines an act of mass violence as an incident in which four or more people, excluding the perpetrator, are severely and intentionally injured or killed. The exemption provision has an expiration date of Oct. 2, 2023, unless the Legislature reviews and saves the exemption from being repealed before then.

NURSING HOMES. Following the 13 heat-related deaths of patients from a nursing home in Broward County after Hurricane Irma knocked out electricity last September, lawmakers passed a bill that requires nursing homes and assisted-living facilities to have emergency generators in the event of a power outage.

K-12 EDUCATION. With the passing of HB 7055, Florida became the first state to offer private-school vouchers to parents whose students are bullied or physically attacked in their public schools. The so-called "Hope Scholarship Program," will be funded by sales taxes from vehicle purchases.

SALES TAX HOLIDAYS. The approved budget also includes a provision that kept the three-day Back to School sales tax holi-

day and expanded the Disaster Preparedness sales tax holiday to seven days, permitting Floridians to save on qualifying storm supplies for hurricane season. The Back-To-School sales tax holiday will be from Aug. 1 to 3, and the hurricane preparedness sales tax holiday will be from June 1 to 7.

CONSUMER FINANCE. HB 386, which was also approved by the governor March 19, has a provision establishing a maximum delinquency charge that may be charged for consumer finance loans and allow certain loans to be repaid in periodic installments every two weeks, semimonthly or monthly — rather than only monthly, as was the case under previous laws. The maximum charge is \$15 per default if one payment is due in a month; \$7.50 for two payments; and \$5 per default for three payments.

NON-NATIVE ANIMALS. SB 168, which also was signed by the governor, establishes a pilot program for the eradication of priority invasive species for the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission and specifies procedures for the capture and disposal of animals considered invasive species. The bill defines the term "priority invasive species" to include tegu lizards, red lionfish, common lionfish and devil firefish.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE. SB 1392 appropriates \$1.75 million for the purpose of creating a centralized criminal justice data collection; provides for the establishment of civil citation and prearrest diversion programs intended to reduce juvenile arrests; and requires the Florida Department of Law Enforcement to adopt rules that provide an avenue for expunging nonjudicial arrest records of minors who successfully complete a diversion program.

MARRIAGE LICENSE. Florida legislators also passed a bill that bans marriage under age 17 and requires parental consent if 17-year-olds wish to marry. If the 17-year-old receives parental approval, he or she still is restricted from marrying anyone more than two years older.

CREEGAN PROPERTY GROUP



Chris Creegan, Broker/Owner
407.622.1111



CREEGAN
PROPERTY GROUP

Ranked #1
for Homes Sold in 2016

Orlando Magazine
Hot 100

Orlando Style Magazine
5 Star Realtor

Orlando Style Magazine
Top Boutique Brokerage

439 Lake Howell Road, Maitland, FL 32751
www.CreeganGroup.com

Sunshine skate

NHL forward and Orlando native Ryan Carpenter chased his dream at the RDV Sportsplex.

TIM FREED
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

Ryan Carpenter will never forget Dec. 12, 2015, in San Jose, California — walking through the gray hallways in the underbelly of the SAP Center, aka “The Shark Tank.”

The searing guitar lead of Metallica’s “Seek and Destroy” blasts through the arena as Carpenter steps forward, digs his skates into a fresh sheet of ice and barrels out the mouth of a giant shark head with glowing red eyes that pierce through a thick layer of fog.

Carpenter makes long, powerful strides on the ice, circling the defensive end with his San Jose Sharks teammates as roughly 17,000 fans lose their minds.

After all those years of practice, all the long road trips playing travel hockey and all that time chasing a dream, Carpenter had just stepped onto the ice in his first NHL regular-season game.

“It’s one of the biggest adrenaline rushes you can get,” Carpenter said. “So much is on your mind, you feel like you have so much energy in those first couple shifts. My family was able to come out and see me play which was pretty special. It was a special day for them too as much as it was for me.”

But unlike most hockey players that claw their way up to the NHL level, Carpenter’s journey to professional hockey didn’t start on a

frozen pond. It started in Orlando — Carpenter’s hometown — where he grew up playing hockey at RDV Sportsplex in Maitland and followed teams such as the Orlando Solar Bears.

“People say, ‘Is there ice in Florida?’” Carpenter said. “That’s the No. 1 question they’ll say after you tell them you’re from Orlando.”

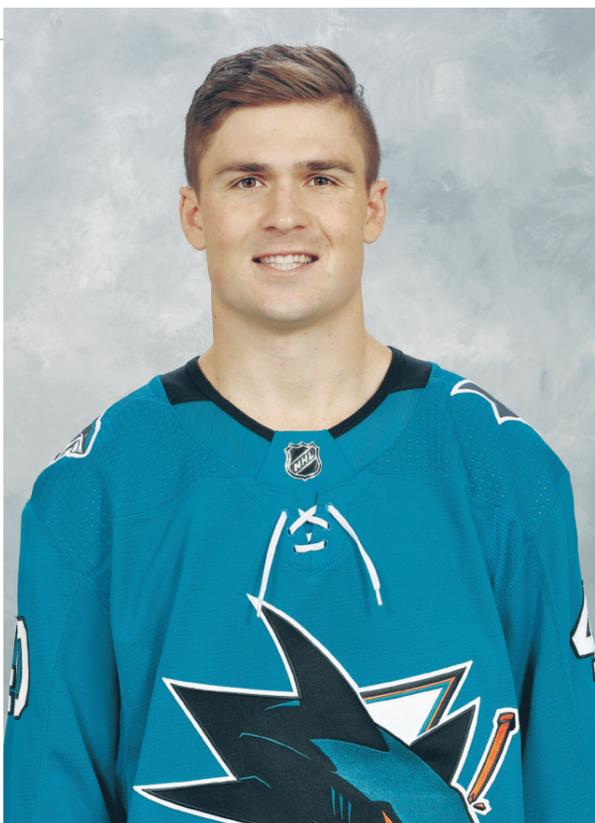
Since then, Carpenter, 27, has been making his presence felt in the NHL with a new team, having been claimed off waivers in December 2017 by the Vegas Golden Knights — a team that’s enjoying success in its inaugural season in the league after finishing first in the Pacific Division.

Carpenter and the Golden Knights currently are battling the Los Angeles Kings in the first round of the playoffs.

In 36 games with the Golden Knights during the regular season, Carpenter picked up nine goals and five assists, with two of those goals being game-winners. He’s been on both the Golden Knights’ power play and penalty kill, as well.

“It was kind of a big change in the middle of the year, but it’s been a lot of fun,” Carpenter said. “Sometimes you’re so in the moment that you don’t take a step back and think about it. It was what I dreamed about as a kid — I wanted to be a hockey player.”

“I try not to take it too seriously and enjoy it, because you



Courtesy photo

“I try not to take it too seriously and enjoy it, because you don’t know how long it will last.”

— Ryan Carpenter

don’t know how long it will last,” he said. “It’s been a blast, and it’s amazing some of the players you play against. The more you play, the more you feel like you belong, and you don’t really feel as much of a new guy or an outcast. You start to feel more and more confident.”

Carpenter’s first exposure to the game goes back to when he played hockey with his older cousins in the basement while visiting them

in New York for the holidays. He also started going to Orlando Solar Bears games and started playing roller hockey at age 5 at a rink in Goldenrod before moving on to ice hockey at the RDV Sportsplex.

“It was a beautiful facility,” Carpenter said. “I grew up there — had a lot of years of hockey there. There’s a lot of great memories and good friendships from playing at that rink. It was cool even when I was in college — I’d work there during the summers in the pro shop or as a skate guard during the public skating.”

RDV power skating coach Sondra Pacey said Carpenter’s work ethic showed even at an early age in his youth hockey days at RDV.

“He’s just always had that amazing attitude of outworking every-

body around him,” said Pacey, who coached Carpenter when he was in his early teenage years. “I wouldn’t even say it comes down to skill at that age; I thought it was more that he was a hard worker. He had desire, he was the first player there and the last one out.”

Carpenter played at RDV Sportsplex from age 7 until he was about 15. He played a year of hockey in Rockledge and continued while attending Timber Creek High School, splitting time between there and a school in Michigan while playing for two AAA hockey teams.

He was drafted into the USHL and played for the Sioux City Musketeers, also going back to Timber Creek High School to graduate.

Carpenter then played college hockey for three years at Bowling Green State University, also finishing his degree in accounting and business. It was in early 2014 that Carpenter inked a deal with the Worcester Sharks — the AHL affiliate of the San Jose Sharks at the time.

Carpenter said he hopes to inspire other Florida hockey players to chase that same dream of playing in the NHL. After all, it’s not about where you grew up or where you’re from, but rather your love of the game, Carpenter said.

“I’d say, ‘Have fun,’” Carpenter said. “When it comes down to it, it’s just a game. When you’re able to keep that little-kid mentality, you’re able to keep the right approach and should continue to improve. If I can go and play college, go play pro and now play in the NHL, hopefully that gives other kids the same hope that it’s possible — especially if they come from somewhere in Florida.”

The New Dish
in Winter Park

10% off
Entire Check

\$250 off
a 16" large pizza

Buy one entree receive 2nd
Entree 1/2 OFF
at equal or lesser value

*Must present coupon to receive special offer

MOONLIGHT

1341 Howell Branch Rd.
Winter Park
407.775.6746
moonlightpizzaanditaliangrill.com

PIZZA & ITALIAN CUISINE

follow us on

TOOLE'S ACE HARDWARE

APRIL RED HOT BUYS
Now through April 30th

SALE 12.99
-\$3 WITH ACE REWARDS CARD
9.99

Miracle-Gro® Moisture Control® Potting Mix, 2 Cu. Ft. 7301609
Limit 2 at this price.

7.99
-\$2 WITH ACE REWARDS CARD
5.99 EA.

Miracle-Gro® Garden Soil, 1-1/2 Cu. Ft. 7438286, 7438336
Limit 10 at this price.

19.99
-\$4 WITH ACE REWARDS CARD
15.99

Roundup® Ready-to-Use Weed & Grass Killer III with Comfort Wand® 7317464
Limit 2 at this price.

SALE 21.99
-\$4 WITH ACE REWARDS CARD
17.99

Roundup® Weed & Grass Killer Concentrate Plus, 36.8 Oz. 74142
Limit 2 at this price.
Bonus size! Makes up to 10 gallons.

24.99 EA.
Roundup® for Lawns Ready-to-Use Kills weeds, not lawns. 7506017, 7506041

1607 S Orlando Ave
Maitland, FL 32751

407-645-3366
toolesacehardware.com

*Ace Rewards card Instant Savings ("Instant Savings") amount is available as mail-in savings for non-Ace Rewards members (see store for details). Where applicable by law, tax is charged on the sale price before application of Instant Savings or mail-in savings. You must present Ace Rewards card to receive Instant Savings in store. You cannot redeem Instant Savings and mail-in savings on the same purchase. Instant Savings (or mail-in savings for non-Ace Rewards members) listed in this advertisement are valid through 4/30/18.

OBITUARIES

MARY J. SWITZER
JUNE 2, 1928 TO APRIL 2, 2018

Mary Switzer was a wonderful mother and grandmother. She was devoted to her husband of 50 years, Harold E. Switzer. He preceded her in death in 2000 and welcomed her to heaven this week.

Mary was born June 2, 1928, in Saugus, Massachusetts. Her father, Robert F. Gullede worked at Esso, and her mother, Irene, was a housewife. After moving away from home, she worked for U.S. Navy Department in downtown Washington, D.C., and at the annex in Arlington, Virginia. She was a receptionist and secretary while working for the Navy. She lived in Arlington Farms, which is now part of the Arlington Cemetery, where 10 dormitories were built to house women who were recruited by the U.S. Civil Service Commission to work government jobs in and around D.C. During her time in D.C. area, Mary also worked in the Maryland and Virginia school systems. Later, she was a Senior Personnel Administrator for Computer Science Corporation in Arlington.

After she married in 1950, she had three children, Wayne (Janet), Pam and Marie Brodmerkel (Tom). Transfers with the U.S. Navy moved the family to Patuxent River, Maryland, Quonset Point, Rhode Island, Hawaii, San Diego, California, and Washing-



ton, D.C. Her husband Harold retired after 20 years in the service and went to work for the U.S. State Department as a Foreign Service Officer.

She leaves behind a wonderful legacy of four grandchildren: Steven Switzer (Kerrie), Kevin Switzer (Heather), Amanda Brodmerkel (Eric) and Jason Brodmerkel (Kyra). She loved them all and was delighted when the family increased to include six great-grandchildren: Claire, Lydia and Owen Switzer, Ava and Sadie Switzer and Gunnar Wertz.

We, her children, feel incredibly blessed to have had such a kind, gentle soul to give us guidance and love. Lay down your burdens and rest in peace, Mom. Have fun in heaven with Dad.

Memorial services were held Friday, April 6, at Baywoods in Annapolis, Maryland. A private graveside service was held at 4:30 p.m. Saturday, April 7, at Woodlawn Memorial Park and Funeral Home in Gotha.

CERTIFIED MARIJUANA DOCTORS Get your **Medical Marijuana Card**

Call for a **FREE** consultation
(407) 755-0012

Fast, Friendly Certification

Medical Marijuana treats over 250 medical conditions. Here a just a few:

Chronic Pain, PTSD, Cancer, Seizures, Epilepsy, Parkinson's, MS, HIV/AIDS, Crohn's, IBS, Glaucoma, Fibromyalgia, & more!

No appointment required

certifiedmarijuanadoctors.com

Walk-in Medical Marijuana Clinic

7 locations to choose from

1801 E. Colonial Dr., Suite 112
Mon. - Fri. 9am to 6pm
Saturday 10am to 2pm

270619



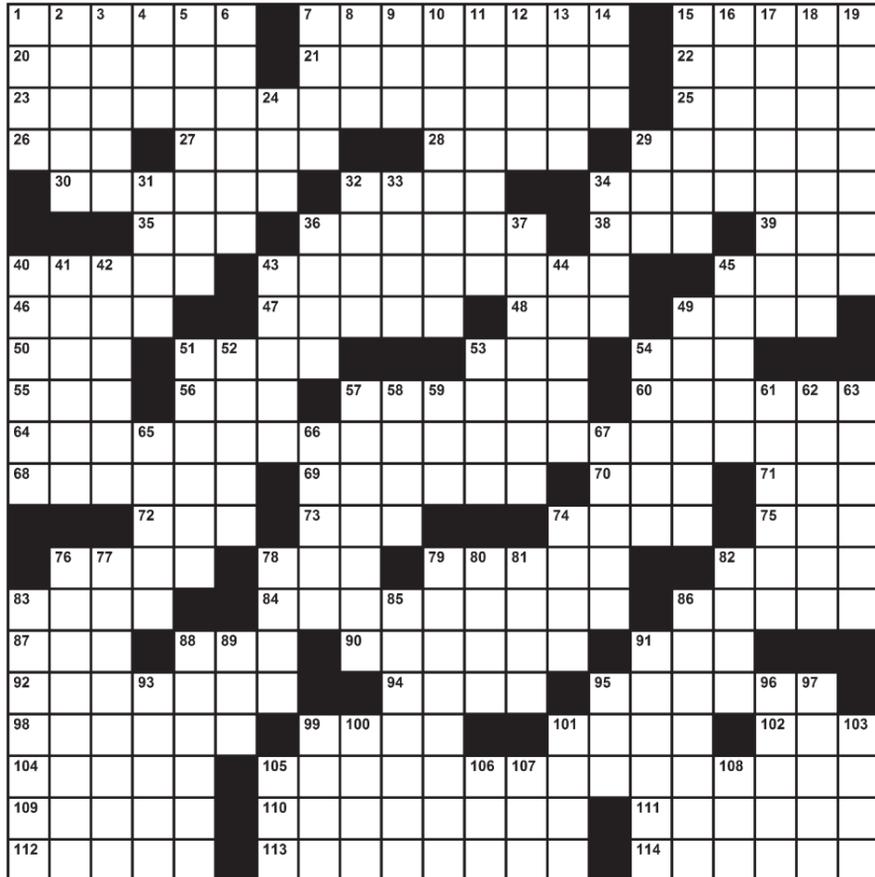
FREE Education & Events

Learn how to plan smarter, stay healthy, and live better! View the event calendar at OneSeniorPlace.com or stop by today to pick one up.



Monday – Friday 8:30 am – 5 pm • 715 Douglas Avenue, Altamonte Springs, FL 32714 • 407.949.6733 • OneSeniorPlace.com

CROSSWORD THE PLACES WE WILL GO by Timothy B. Parker



©2018 Universal Uclick

ACROSS

- 1 Secret information
- 7 Impaired or immobilized
- 15 A Flintstone
- 20 Mammoth trapper
- 21 Annul or rule against
- 22 "Hasta la vista"
- 23 Rewards excessively
- 25 Sometimes-congested body part
- 26 Talk or rally type
- 27 Patella location
- 28 Home baker
- 29 Make a decision
- 30 Close again, as a Ziploc

- 32 Teen blemish cause
- 34 Any blade sharpener
- 35 Letter of 90 degrees
- 36 Self-centeredness
- 38 Longish propeller
- 39 "Despite this ..."
- 40 Jungle ropes
- 43 Store more than one can sell
- 45 Mani-pedi places
- 46 Part of, as a scam
- 47 Button on a stopwatch
- 48 Mr. go-with
- 49 Tarot card reader, supposedly
- 50 Space bar neighbor
- 51 One of the zodiac's 12

- 53 Shade of green
- 54 Like many first-graders
- 55 Writer's point?
- 56 In the manner of
- 57 Canaries' relatives
- 60 Models of perfection
- 64 Where this clue's solution is
- 68 One-through-nine game
- 69 Like how you're working now
- 70 Hither's partner
- 71 Little Ms. Bobbsey
- 72 Ruby, for one
- 73 UCLA part

- 74 "Correct answer!" sound
- 75 French friend
- 76 Prince, often
- 78 Senior's Junior
- 79 Plate for Eucharist
- 82 Bibliographical abbr.
- 84 Where this clue's solution is
- 84 Subordinate
- 86 Gaggle members
- 87 Lob shot's path
- 88 Put food away
- 90 Boats with one mast
- 91 Sports tie term
- 92 NBA guard vis-a-vis NBA center
- 94 "Great" or "lesser"

- creatures
- 95 Understands
- 98 A substance dissolved in another
- 99 Prefix with bellum or meridian
- 101 Eight bells
- 102 "Found it!"
- 104 Related on Mom's side
- 105 Quota-shy factory's output
- 109 Yelp contributor
- 110 Seemingly black, as the sky at night
- 111 Summer, e.g.
- 112 Flexible Flyers
- 113 U-turn from macho
- 114 Thomas Jefferson had one

DOWN

- 1 Resting on
- 2 Ranter's partner
- 3 Brunch fare, sometimes
- 4 Busy mo. for the IRS
- 5 Jefferson coins
- 6 Without key, musically
- 7 Big goofball
- 8 Less than we've?
- 9 "R-MD" person, e.g.
- 10 Criminal causing a back draft
- 11 Most courageous
- 12 Ad's version of "diet"
- 13 Lush place in Genesis
- 14 ___ Moines
- 15 Dryer go-with
- 16 Blithering moron
- 17 Old printing machine
- 18 One of many spotted at Disney World
- 19 States with force
- 24 Mr. Torme
- 29 Fast dance syllable31 Unlike air
- 32 "... and children of all ___!"
- 33 Center
- 34 Some frying vessels
- 36 Not losing or winning
- 37 Brief time periods
- 40 Provisions
- 41 Taking the place (of)
- 42 Pretty decent
- 43 Piped instrument

- 44 Computer malfunction
- 45 Health class seg.
- 49 Home exterior, sometimes
- 51 Hun or successful blitz
- 52 Intestinal section
- 53 Password relatives
- 54 Original "American Idol" judge
- 57 Some time units
- 58 Makes boo-boos
- 59 Brazilian resort city
- 61 Grown together, in biology
- 62 Woolly Andean creatures
- 63 Losing mental powers from aging
- 65 Cowpoke's ropee
- 66 Gripping claw
- 67 Taking a gander
- 74 Cubs' cubbies
- 76 Type of imbalance
- 77 Intensify quickly
- 78 Litigation participant
- 79 Best way to do things
- 80 Cosmetics succulent
- 81 "Royal Rhapsody in the third" and others
- 82 Electrified swimmers
- 83 They're moving into the fast lane
- 85 Some beetles and cheerer-uppers
- 86 They're shorter than stares
- 88 Modifies, tailor-wise
- 89 Prop on a golf course
- 91 Galvanize
- 93 Played an old guitar?
- 95 Deity
- 96 Coin of Pakistan
- 97 Operate a Nikon
- 99 One not for
- 100 Co. "don't reveal this" agreements
- 101 Quick snack
- 103 One of the Windsors
- 105 Aircraft carrier letters
- 106 Noted building designer I.M.
- 107 Blogging feed format
- 108 "Ink Master" design, for short

CELEBRITY CIPHER

By Luis Campos

Celebrity Cipher cryptograms are created from quotations by famous people, past and present. Each letter in the cipher stands for another.

"KD DEYNB E FCD CR DKUN DC XN E

HNVKOB. GCO JEZN DC BKD

EACOVS BC UOPJ SCKVH VCDJKVH,

ANEFFG SCKVH VCDJKVH."

- HNADAOSN BDNKV

Puzzle One Clue: D equals T

"DRH OMKDRHK TIL PI... DRH

RMKEHK WD WF DI KHDLXK. DRH

VIKJE RMF UMXT HEPHF MXE WD'F

HMFT DI OMJJ IOO."

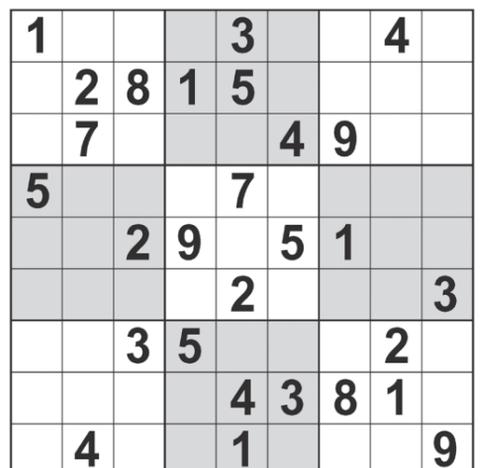
- MXEHKFIX AIIBHK

Puzzle Two Clue: A equals C

©2018 NEA, Inc.

SUDOKU

Complete the grid so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9 inclusively.



©2018 Andrews McMeel Syndicate

4-12-18

HOUSE + HOME

EDIBLES

The Harry P. Leu Gardens has some advice on which months you should plant different seeds.

APRIL

- Basil
- Malangra
- Cucumber
- Pumpkin
- Eggplant
- Peanut
- Carrot
- Cantaloupe

MAY

- Malabar Spinach
- Cherry Tomato
- Sweet Potato
- Sage
- Seminole Pumpkin
- Lima Bean

JUNE

- Basil
- Eggplant
- Ginger
- Turnip
- Okra

JULY

- Marjoram
- Yard Long Beans
- Yautia
- Chives

AUGUST

- Garlic
- Broccoli
- Pepper Pumpkin
- Squash

SEPTEMBER THROUGH DECEMBER

- Basil
- Cauliflower
- Beet
- Strawberries
- Brussel Sprouts
- Lettuce
- Beans
- Endive
- Thyme
- Parsley



Westminster Winter Park features a community garden with more than 20 different types of plants and vegetables.

As spring turns to summer, now is the perfect time to start that home garden.

HARRY SAYER
BLACK TIE REPORTER

Gardening can be a relaxing and rewarding hobby, but also it can just be hard to know where to start. But have no fear: Some of Winter Park's gardening specialists are ready to help you find — and cultivate — your green thumb.

FAIR WEATHER

Tom Carter oversees the Westminster Winter Park senior community's garden, which has more than 20 different types of plants and vegetables grown year-

round. He is well-suited for the task; Carter grew up on a dairy farm and has a bachelor's degree in agricultural education.

"You can see a result fairly quickly when you plant seeds and you get to see all the results of your work," Carter said. "It's the beginning of the new season; spring has sprung. You can grow your own food and be in contact with nature."

Carter, 78, spent over two decades as a chaplain in the U.S. Army and has experienced many of the country's various climates. He received the title of master



Photos by Harry Sayer

Master gardener Tom Carter oversees the Westminster Winter Park community garden.

SEE OPPOSITE PAGE

HOMES BROUGHT TO YOU BY:



SERVING CENTRAL FLORIDA OVER 37 YEARS

www.fanniehillman.com

407-644-1234



1375 GRANVILLE DRIVE
WINTER PARK

4 BEDROOMS • 4 BATHROOMS • 2,803 SQ.FT.
\$924,900



1705 ELIZABETHS WALK
WINTER PARK

5 BEDROOMS • 5 BATHROOMS • 3,919 SQ.FT.
\$1,350,000



1800 VIA PALERMO
WINTER PARK

4 BEDROOMS • 3.5 BATHROOMS • 3,801 SQ.FT.
\$1,350,000



1350 ONECO AVENUE
WINTER PARK

4 BEDROOMS • 3.5 BATHROOMS • 2,974 SQ.FT.
\$929,000



205 W. Fairbanks Ave. • Winter Park, FL 32789

407.644.1234 • FannieHillman.com

Improving the lives of the people we serve



FROM OPPOSITE PAGE

gardener while living in Tennessee and spends most mornings planting, pruning and weeding at the Mead Botanical Garden and the Harry P. Leu Gardens.

He believes growing plants isn't as tricky as many people think. However, an important consideration is to plant the right vegetables in the right kind of weather.

"It all depends on the weather and the water," Carter said. "Most of the vegetables you grow are going to be grown in full sun — that's really the key. Starting this time of year, you have rain almost every afternoon (in Central Florida), which is ideal. Otherwise, you need to be sure to irrigate or water by hand."

He said April is a good time to plant vegetables that can tolerate a lot of sunlight. Those include tomatoes, string beans, lettuce or okra. Other vegetables such as broccoli fare better in cooler weather and should be planted after the summer months end and fall begins.

Carter believes blossoming gardeners should start their gardens with good soil enriched with compost and cow manure, which is cheaper than buying prepared soil. Plant seeds can be found at retail stores as well as insecticides that keep bugs from getting into the crops.

FOOD

Lee Perry has a few suggestions for plants that are easy to grow and, importantly, tasty to eat.

SORREL

"Sorrel, which is used a lot in Jamaican cuisine, has a citrus-y taste," Perry said. "You can let the leaves grow big and chop them up for your salad, it tastes like a green apple."

ASTRO ARUGULA

"It's a hybrid species of arugula that does really well in heat," she said.

RED-VEINED AMARANTH

"It's a Jamaican green that's really full of flavor," Perry said. "Some people are so used to romaine and watered-down lettuce that when they have actual flavor in a green, they think it's bitter. But they aren't used to real flavor from a plant."

One advantage Florida has is its agreeable climate — gardeners have the option to grow a variety of different plants throughout the entire year. In his two-and-one-half-years since moving to Florida from Nashville, Carter has branched out into more tropical species. He often has a crop of bananas and pineapples in his personal garden.

He also said the Department of Agriculture is a good source of information on the various plant types and as a way to become a master gardener. More than anything, though, Carter believes the best way to start gardening is to experiment and see what works through experience.

"Try it, experiment," Carter said. "Do some basic reading, but the main thing is just to experiment and keep notes about what worked and didn't work."

LOCATION, LOCATION, LOCATION

It's important to get the timing of your garden right, but according to Fleet Farming program director Lee Perry, where you plant your seeds is just as critical.

"Wherever you scope out your garden, you're going to want to put it in a place that experiences morning sun but then afternoon to evening shade — that's the primetime spot," Perry said. "It really comes down to where the sun points. ... You don't want to put your garden somewhere it's going to have full sun all day from the second it comes up to when it comes down; you're frying your

plants. Summers in Florida are really intense."

Fleet Farming has experience with planting gardens — the agriculture program has installed more than 100 microfarms outside people's homes to promote local food consumption. Perry believes a often-overlooked factor in gardening is having the right kind of soil.

"People think of plants as landscaping; you put it there, it does a thing and it looks pretty," she said. "They don't think of it as an organism that you have to feed nutrients to. ... Any plants you put in the ground are going to need help to survive."

She also recommends new gardeners to put down a good amount of cardboard and mulch around the new plants to guard against invasive weeds.

"In November, you can grow things pretty consistently until February," Perry said. "May is when you're going to want to completely shift over to summer, because that's when it's going to start getting drastically hotter week after week."

"It really comes down to where the sun points. ... You don't want to put your garden somewhere it's going to have full sun all day from the second it comes up to when it comes down; you're frying your plants. Summers in Florida are really intense."

— Fleet Farming program director Lee Perry



Home & Auto. Smart & Easy.

John Psomas RICP, Agent

922 Lake Baldwin Lane, Suite A
Orlando, FL 32814
Bus: 407-277-2997
www.johnpsomas.com
Hablamos Español

When you combine your home and auto insurance, good things happen — like saving time and money. Just another way I'm here to help life go right™.

CALL ME TODAY.



State Farm Mutual Automobile Insurance Company
State Farm Indemnity Company
State Farm Fire and Casualty Company
State Farm General Insurance Company
Bloomington, IL

1601490

259614



Get Shred & Fed!

Commerce National Bank & Trust
invites you to our
12th ANNUAL SHRED EVENT

Everyone is welcome!
We'll even serve you lunch.
(lunch served 11:15 – 1:30)

Friday, April 27th
11:00 – 2:00

1201 South Orlando Avenue
Winter Park, FL 32789

Limit 6 boxes per vehicle.
For larger quantities, call Pat at 407-622-8181

No binders, trash or sharp objects!

277219

KELLY PRICE & COMPANY

407.645.4321



KELLY L. PRICE BROKER | OWNER
RHONDA CHESMORE REALTOR | SALES ASSOCIATE



2300 FORREST ROAD | WINTER PARK
4 BR | 4.5 BA | 3,843 SF | \$1,595,000
STUNNING WINTER PARK POOL HOME



935 GREENTREE DRIVE | WINTER PARK
3 BR | 3.5 BA | 4,975 SF | SOLD
STUNNING LAKE OSCEOLA ESTATE HOME



975 GREENTREE | WINTER PARK
4 BR | 4.5 BA | 5,992 SF | SOLD
ELEGANT ESTATE OVERLOOKING LAKE OSCEOLA

INTEGRITY ■ LOYALTY ■ UNWAVERING ENTHUSIASM

249513

In a hot market, whom you work with matters



CHRISTINA RORDAM
FLORIDA REALTY INVESTMENTS

The atmosphere surrounding Orlando's housing market has become thinner in recent months, with many buyers and sellers feeling the pressure and urgency to make their moves while the time is right. Ghosts of housing crashes past have begun to materialize all around us — multiple offers, escalation clauses, low inventory and would-be disruptors abound. Surges of agents and loan officers can be seen reentering the real-estate arena.

Although I have yet to see anything actually revolutionary in terms of industry disruptors, many websites and companies are hoping to ride the wave of economic optimism and tech friendly culture by creating new models for real-estate commerce. This is the loudest echo back to the boom and bust days: The market is so hot everyone wants their shot.

But will you be able to maximize profits and savings by using a company that hasn't been tried and tested? Will that website promising

to "eliminate the middleman" really provide you service and results? Is "bundling" your real-estate services the right way to go? Let's take a look at some of the new and reemerging options available to real property owners and purchasers.

BUNDLING

One of the latest trends is real estate companies and brands opening their own lending arms and offering incentives to customers to use their services together, also known as "bundling."

I want to be clear on this point: I'm in no way bashing any company or brand that does this. What I am recommending to consumers is that they review all the details and evaluate options before assuming bundling lending and real-estate services with the same company will be the best fit for their family's needs. Some lenders are opening real-estate brokerages and incentivizing customers to work with their Realtors. I can't make blanket statements that this is right or not right for everyone. Consumers should avoid rushing into signing a buyers or sellers agency agreement with a broker or agent to "bundle" services, because they also have a mortgage or real-estate brokerage. It never hurts to interview multiple companies and/or people to represent your interests in the purchase or sale of real property. If you already are working with a

Realtor or lender you love, ask them how they compare. You may be pleasantly surprised.

Builders have long offered savings in connection for utilizing their in house lender. As a consumer, it is important to remember you do have choices. Many times, a builder's lender is a great match for a particular buyer; in some cases, they are not.

The same goes for any lender. In this example, say a lender affiliated with your Realtor's brokerage. When shopping for lenders, be sure to ask about things such as which loans they can offer (FHA, conventional, VA, USDA, etc.); what, if any, fees they have; and how long they have been in business. If you are purchasing a home, a great question to ask is what percentage of their business is home loans versus refinance business, and if they can provide you with referrals of satisfied customers.

The Better Business Bureau, Facebook, Zillow etc. can shed some light on past customers opinions if you want to do some sleuthing on your own.

THE AGENT

As for Realtors, if a lender offers advantages to working with their in house agents, similar questions should apply. Which agent will you be working with and do you get to select your agent or just end up with whoever is assigned to you? How long has the agent been licensed? What are his or

her sales and designations? If he or she is new, who will be partnering with him or her to ensure success in the buying or selling process?

New agents can really be fantastic. It is important to know what training he or she has had and if he or she will have someone overseeing things with and assisting when issues arise.

And don't be afraid to shop around here, either. I recently took on a new buyer relocating from out of the state. They specifically wanted someone who knew the area and liked that I have lived here my whole life and have sold homes in Central Florida for 13 years. They did, however, interview two other agents before deciding to work with me, and I didn't mind a bit. Not every agent is right for every buyer, so make sure you pick someone with whom you click and in whom you have confidence.

WATCH THE WEBSITES

As for the websites seemingly cropping up every day promising to save you money, time, and from ever having to interact with another human being during your home purchase or sale, make sure you read the fine print and chat with a Realtor before opting to opt out.

You can view the column I penned earlier this year online about Offerpad for more details on that model, and just be sure to understand what you are getting (or not!) with any service offering to assist you

with real-estate sales. In a hot market with rising values, it's not too difficult to guarantee to buy or sell your home. If you remember, when the market was crashing, there really weren't too many startups promising to eliminate Realtors and get your home sold guaranteed. I have yet to see any business model that removes the Realtor from the process that is more beneficial to the consumer. The numbers don't lie and if it sounds too good to be true, it probably is.

Buying and selling a home is a process that is more complex than having groceries delivered or hailing a car. Times do change and as a part of this industry, Realtors have to constantly evolve or face extinction. Ultimately however, the crux of any transaction is the people involved. When you hire an agent who is qualified and capable, someone who meshes with you and understands your values and goals, the process isn't arduous or inconvenient. When picking a lender, Realtor or even a real-estate servicing website, consider all options, get references and look at the bottom line before making your final decision.

Christina Rordam is a local Realtor with 12 years experience and a member of ORRAs Top Producer Club. For more, visit christina.sellsorlando.com.

29 Years Experience

Dedicated to Exceptional Service & Personal Attention to Detail



Catherine D'Amico

REALTOR • BROKER ASSOCIATE

407-252-3210

catherine@fanniehillman.com



Hillman
Fannie Hillman
Hillman
ASSOCIATES



NEW LISTING

1720 Palm Avenue, Winter Park
4BR • 2BA • 1,659 SF • \$595,000



NEW PRICE

513 Brechin Drive, Winter Park
3BR • 2BA • 2,030 SF • \$444,000



PENDING

3907 Orange Lake Drive, Orlando
3BR • 3BA • 2,366 SF • \$599,000



NEW PRICE

711 Palos Way, Longwood
5/4.5 + In-Law Suite • 4,165 SF • \$475,000



1540 Ibis Court, Winter Park
3BR • 2BA • 2,226 SF • \$714,400



SOLD

2206 Park Maitland Court, Maitland
3BR • 2.5BA • 1,742 SF • \$279,500



SOLD

1111 Via Lugano, Winter Park
5BR • 4BA • 4,398 SF • \$1,410,000

CLASSIFIEDS

Winter Park/Maitland Observer reserves the right to classify and edit copy, or to reject or cancel an advertisement at any time. Corrections after first insertion only. *All ads are subject to the approval of the Publisher. *It is the responsibility of the party placing any ad for publication in the Winter Park/Maitland Observer to meet all applicable legal requirements in connection with the ad such as compliance with town codes in first obtaining an occupational license for business, permitted home occupation, or residential rental property.

INFO & RATES: 407-656-2121 • Fax: 407-656-6075

EMAIL: classified@orangeobserver.com

HOURS: Mon.-Fri. 8:30am-4:30pm

DEADLINES: Classified - Monday at 10:00AM • PAYMENT: Cash Check or Credit Card.



Homes For Sale

NEW LISTINGS

Hillman Hillman Hillman ASSOCIATES

570 AUGUSTINE COURT, OVIEDO, FL 32765

\$269,000
4 Bed 2 Bath 1,896 SF
Kevin McClanahan
407-491-8509

4673 ANSON LANE, WINTER PARK, FL 32814

\$829,000
4 Bed 3.5 Bath 3,105 SF
Beverly McNeil
407-619-9238

1741 TAYLOR AVENUE, WINTER PARK, FL 32789

\$1,345,000
4 Bed 4.5 Bath 3,836 SF
John McDade
407-721-7275

393 CORTLAND AVENUE, WINTER PARK, FL 32789

\$700,000
4 Bed 3.5 Bath 2,394 SF
Cindy Kuykendall
407-718-3235

4524 CIMA ALY, ORLANDO, FL 32814

\$525,000
3 Bed 2.2 Bath 2,220 SF
Lisa Fleming
321-228-8341

2919 DE BROCY WAY, WINTER PARK, FL 32792

\$449,000
4 Bed 3 Bath 2,623 SF
Meg Dolan
321-948-0701

1750 CHINOOK TRAIL, MAITLAND, FL 32751

\$550,000
4 Bed 2 Bath 2,314 SF
Mary Ann Steltenkamp
407-406-0449

2667 DERBYSHIRE ROAD, MAITLAND, FL 32751

\$689,000
4 Bed 3.5 Bath 3,243 SF
Patrick Higgins + Gwyn Clark
407-616-9051

fanniehillman.com

Open House

KELLY PRICE & COMPANY
407-645-4321
243 W. Park Avenue, Winter Park
www.KellyPriceAndCompany.com

OPEN HOUSE

listings

SUNDAY 1-4

2499 Via Tuscany, WP
6 BR | 6.5 BA | 5,350 SF | \$1,595,000
Custom Pool Home in The Via's

SUNDAY 1-4

740 Palmer Avenue, WP
5 BR | 4.5 BA | 4,810 SF | \$3,450,000
Gorgeous 1955 Gamble Rogers Lakefront Home

SUNDAY 1-4

3952 Emerald Estates Circle, Apopka
5 BR | 4 BA | 3,304 SF | \$459,000
Emerald Estates 5 Bedroom Pool Home

SUNDAY 1-4

108 Kennison Drive, Orlando
2 BR | 1 BA | 1,215 SF | \$409,000
Charming Home in the Historical Lake Lawsona District

SUNDAY 2-4

625 Dunraven Drive, WP
4 BR | 2 BA | 1,858 SF | \$459,000
Custom Remodeled Home in Kenilwoth Shores

SUNDAY 2-4

1840 Bryan Avenue, WP
4 BR | 3.5 BA | 3,391 SF | \$825,000
Stunning Interiors and High End Finishes

SUNDAY 2-4

1155 Adair Park Place, Orlando
3 BR | 3.5 BA | 2,688 SF | \$735,000
Beautiful Pool Home with 2 Master Suites

SUNDAY 2-4

3030 Leahy Aly, Baldwin Park
4 BR | 3.5 BA | 2,603 SF | \$649,000
Beautiful 2-story Home with Den and Bonus Room

SUNDAY 2-4

2715 Middlesex Road, Orlando
4 BR | 3.5 BA | 3,627 SF | \$929,000
Pool Home in Desirable Location of Rose Isle

SUNDAY 2-4

2049 Venetian Way, Winter Park
5 BR | 6 BA | 7,631 SF | \$2,995,000
Gorgeous Lakefront Estate Home in Winter Park

Make your money work for you with City National Bank's CDs.

Three-year CD
Special Rate:
2.35% APY*

One-year CD
Special Rate:
1.75% APY*

Visit a relationship manager or call us today.

Downtown Orlando
355 North Orange Ave.
Orlando, FL 32801
407-283-6000

Winter Park
976-A Orange Ave.
Winter Park, FL 32789
321-441-8404

City National Bank
Bci FINANCIAL GROUP

citynational.com



Member FDIC
18-0012 / rev 031418

*Annual Percentage Yield (APY). APY is accurate as of 3/09/2018. This offer is valid for a limited time. APY is guaranteed for the term of the CD from the account opening date. After that date, all APY are subject to change at any time without notice. After maturity, if you choose to roll over your CD, you will earn the rate of interest in effect at that time. In order to qualify for the stated APY, the promotional CD must be opened with new money. New Money is defined as funds not currently on deposit with City National Bank or withdrawn at any time during the promotional period. The promotional APY's will not be applied to funds transferred from an existing City National Bank account. A minimum of \$10,000 is required to open the CD and earn the disclosed APY. A penalty may be imposed for early withdrawals or termination. Fees may reduce earnings. A City National Bank relationship must be established by opening a new business or personal checking or savings account. Individual customers must be citizens or resident aliens of the United States (U.S.) with a valid U.S. taxpayer identification number.

THE THREE MOST IMPORTANT MEALS OF THE DAY
BREAKFAST, BRUNCH AND LUNCH

Visit FirstWatch.com to find us in your neighborhood.

Yeah, it's fresh.™



7 AM to 2:30 PM DAILY

FIRST WATCH
THE DAYTIME CAFE

STAY CONNECTED WITH YOUR COMMUNITY.
SIGN UP FOR OUR **FREE** E-NEWSLETTERS!

Visit WPMObserver.com/eNews to subscribe.

WINTER PARK/MAITLAND
Observer

This week's Celebrity Cipher answers
Puzzle One Solution:
"It takes a lot of time to be a genius. You have to sit around so much doing nothing, really doing nothing."
- Gertrude Stein

Puzzle Two Solution:
"The farther you go... the harder it is to return. The world has many edges and it's easy to fall off."
- Anderson Cooper

This week's Sudoku answers

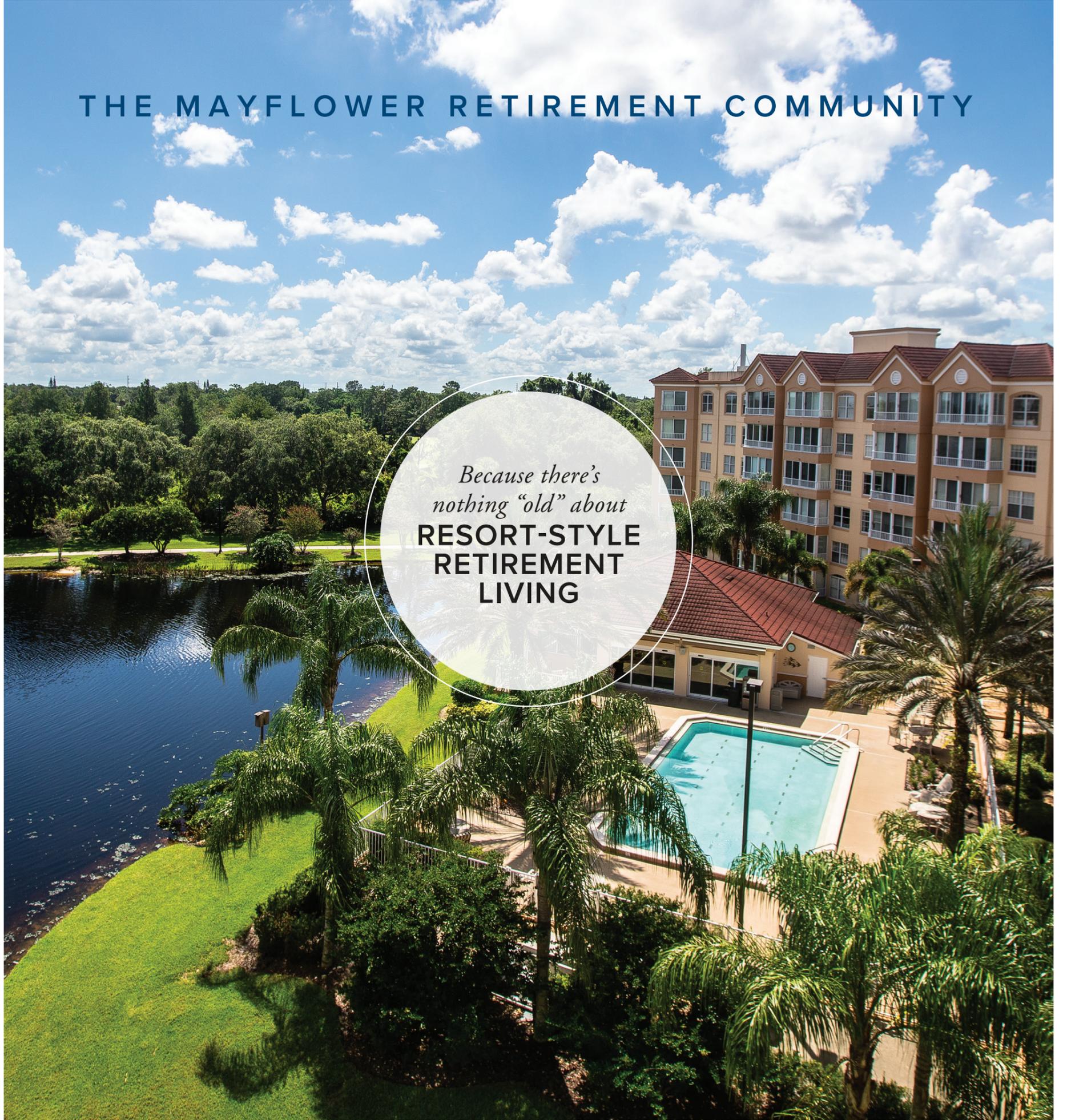
1	5	9	7	3	6	2	4	8
4	2	8	1	5	9	3	6	7
3	7	6	2	8	4	9	5	1
5	8	4	3	7	1	6	9	2
7	3	2	9	6	5	1	8	4
9	6	1	4	2	8	5	7	3
8	1	3	5	9	7	4	2	6
2	9	7	6	4	3	8	1	5
6	4	5	8	1	2	7	3	9

This week's Crossword answers

A	R	C	A	N	A	D	I	S	A	B	L	E	D	W	I	L	M	A		
T	A	R	P	I	T	O	V	E	R	R	I	D	E	A	D	I	O	S		
O	V	E	R	C	O	M	P	E	N	S	A	T	E	S	S	I	N	U	S	
P	E	P	K	N	E	E	O	V	E	N	C	H	O	O	S	E				
R	E	S	E	A	L	A	C	N	E	W	H	E	T	T	E	R				
	E	L	L	E	G	O	I	S	M	O	A	R	Y	E	T					
V	I	N	E	S	O	V	E	R	S	T	O	C	K	S	P	A	S			
I	N	O	N	R	E	S	E	T	M	R	S	S	E	E	R					
A	L	T	S	I	G	N	P	E	A	S	I	X								
N	I	B	A	L	A	S	E	R	I	N	S	I	D	E	A	L	S			
D	E	A	D	C	E	N	T	E	R	I	N	T	H	E	M	I	D	D	L	E
S	U	D	O	K	U	A	C	R	O	S	S	Y	O	N	N	A	N			
	G	E	M	L	O	S	D	I	N	G	A	M	I							
H	E	I	R	S	O	N	P	A	T	E	N	E	T	A	L					
P	O	S	E	U	N	D	E	R	L	I	N	G	G	E	E	S	E			
A	R	C	A	T	E	S	L	O	O	P	S	A	L	L						
S	M	A	L	L	E	R	A	P	E	S	G	R	A	S	P	S				
S	O	L	U	T	E	A	N	T	E	N	O	O	N	A	H	A				
E	N	A	T	E	U	N	D	E	R	P	R	O	D	U	C	T	I	O	N	
R	A	T	E	R	S	T	A	R	L	E	S	S	E	A	S	O	N			
S	L	E	D	S	S	I	S	S	Y	I	S	H	E	S	T	A	T	E		

THE MAYFLOWER RETIREMENT COMMUNITY

*Because there's
nothing "old" about*
**RESORT-STYLE
RETIREMENT
LIVING**

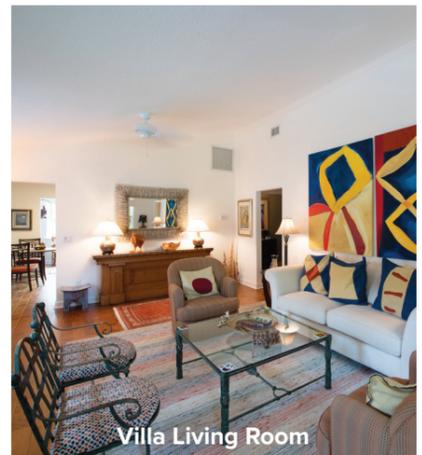


Gracious hospitality. Concierge service. Fine dining. Chauffeured transportation. And a host of elegant amenities, including a state-of-the-art fitness center and heated pool.

This is The Mayflower. And living here is like being on a permanent vacation at a luxury retirement resort – with one very big perk: the guarantee of onsite long-term care. Call today to start *your* life plan.



Fitness Center



Villa Living Room

THE MAYFLOWER
Winter Park's Distinctive Retirement Community



1620 MAYFLOWER COURT | WINTER PARK, FL 32792 | 407.672.1620 | THEMAYFLOWER.COM

88141 PRAD WPO 4/2018 



ALSO INSIDE:

Messiah Choral Society: Sing-Along. 6

The Color Blue and Hope: 600 Campaign. 7



ARTS + CULTURE

FRIDAY, APRIL 13, 2018

ORANGEOBSERVER.COM

The CREATION process



Artists from throughout the state will flock to Winter Park for the 10th annual Winter Park Paint Out.



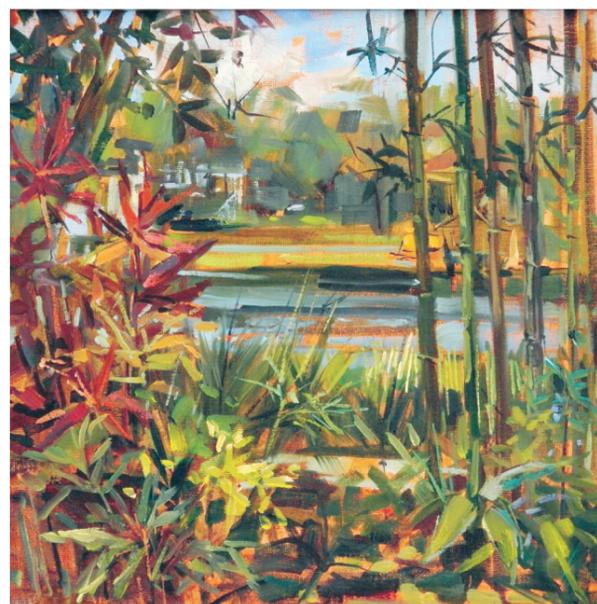
All images courtesy of the artist

Painter Matthew Cornell enjoys capturing evenings on his canvas.

Left: Stacy Barter painted the beautiful peacock fountain in Central Park.

TIM FREED | ASSOCIATE EDITOR

Capturing a fleeting moment. Immortalizing a piece of a community. That's just a small glimpse into the heart of the Winter Park Paint Out, which will take place the last full week of April from Sunday, April 22, through Saturday, April 28, at the Albin Polasek Museum and Sculpture Garden and various locations throughout Winter Park and Orlando.



Painter Irina Ashcraft always has been drawn to nature.

IF YOU GO

WINTER PARK PAINT OUT

WHEN: Sunday, April 22, through Saturday, April 28
WHERE: Albin Polasek Museum and Sculpture Garden, 633 Osceola Ave., Winter Park, and several other locations

WEBSITE: polasek.org/wppo/schedule-of-events

SEE PAGES 2-3

CAPTURED ON CANVAS

CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

The renowned event, celebrating its 10th anniversary, gives local residents and art-lovers alike a chance to see a masterpiece created before their eyes. A collection of 25 plein air painters from throughout Florida will take their easels into the community to find architecture, nature or any piece of the Winter Park that appeals to them and recreate it on a canvas.

"We're now into a decade of celebrating art in action at Winter Park," Polasek Museum Executive Director Debbie Komanski said. "We began this 10 years ago, and when we began it, we knew we're inviting the best of the best to come be part of it. With our 10th anniversary, we are inviting back once again the best of the best. Nothing could make us happier. We couldn't be more thrilled at the brilliance of these artists."

In addition to the adventure and creative exploration the artists will undertake, there will be several scheduled demonstrations throughout the week. These include everything from how to paint the perfect palm tree to capturing urban beauty by painting the Orlando skyline.

There is also a Sunset "Paint-In" from 6 to 8:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 25, at the Winter Park Racquet Club on Lake Maitland, where Paint Out artists will gather on the shore and capture a beautiful Florida sunset.

To top it all off, all the artwork from the Paint Out will be available for sale, and proceeds will be benefiting the Albin Polasek Museum and Sculpture Garden.

It's been amazing to see the Winter Paint Out thrive over the years, said Komanski, who remembers dreaming up the concept with

PAINT OUT ARTISTS

- Natalia Andreeva, Tallahassee
- Steve Andrews, Tallahassee
- Linda Apriletti, Micanopy
- Irina Kovnacka Ashcraft, Winter Springs
- Stephen Bach, Winter Park
- Stacy Barter, Winter Park
- Kathleen Chenet, Longwood
- Matthew Cornell, Winter Park
- Kathleen Denis, Tavernier
- Charles Dickinson, St. Augustine
- Cynthia Edmonds, Winter Park
- Elisabeth Ferber, Micanopy
- Michelle Held, Sarasota
- Scott Hiestand, Ormond Beach
- Stewart Jones, Orlando
- Peter Pettegrew, Orlando
- Jeff Ripple, Micanopy
- Robert Ross, Altamonte Springs
- Gary Rupp, Winter Park
- Tom Sadler, Winter Park
- Morgan Samuel Price, Altamonte Springs
- Manon Sander, North Palm Beach
- Don Sondag, Winter Park
- Thomas Thorspecken, Orlando
- Cory Wright, Apollo Beach

trustee emeritus Gary Hollingsworth while driving through the Czech Republic more than a decade ago. She returned home to make the event a reality with the help of artist and organizer Hal Stringer.

Komanski realized that day there was a city waiting for them back home that lent itself perfectly to a paint out: Winter Park, with its beautiful lakes and landscapes and charming architecture.

"Capturing the beauty of where you live ... turn around, look around, this is our home," Komanski said. "My background is history, nothing moves me more than seeing our reality through the eyes of artists capturing our history right here, right now!"



STACY BARTER

Painting professionally for 20 years, Stacy Barter always looks forward to the annual Winter Park Paint Out.

"It's a wonderful event," Barter said. "I love the fact that we're raising money for the Polasek, which is really one of our best museums and landmarks here in Winter Park. It's wonderful way to give back to the community and have a lot of fun in the meantime."

Barter will be giving a demonstration at 1 p.m. Monday, April 23, titled, "A Fine Art Prospect

on Lake Virginia," where she will create an elegant composition from the Rollins College campus, behind the Cornell Fine Arts Museum. All visitors and especially college-age art students are encouraged to attend the demo, which will celebrate the beauty of the community and introduce attendees to the plein-air genre.

"The excitement and difficulty of it is you only have a couple of hours to capture something and the light is constantly moving and changing," Barter said. "It's just a very exciting way to work and a wonderful process."

PAVILION GOLF SOCIETY (P.G.S)

GOLF

Tournament

Registration from
7:15am-8:15am

In honor of
Keith Levitt

**Sunday
May 6th
2018**

Rosen Shingle
Creek Golf Club

Shotgun start
8:30am

Register online at www.jewishpavilion.org

Come join us for a fantastic day of golf in support of the Orlando Senior Help Desk. Breakfast, Lunch and Live Auction!

Special \$119 per night room rates!

The Orlando Senior Help Desk of The Jewish Pavilion is raising funds to provide resources and advice to seniors and their family members in their time of need. Your participation and sponsorship are needed to keep this amazing service available for community members of all faiths.

\$130 per person/\$500 per foursome - Participating players receive \$35 (plus tax) - Shingle Creek return play coupon

CITRUS CLUB PHILANTHROPIC CONTRIBUTIONS

Previously known as "Cocktails for a Cause"

**Monday ~ April 16, 2018
6-8 p.m. at the Citrus Club**

Come and support:

ENRICHING LIVES IN ELDER COMMUNITIES

www.jewishpavilion.org

**Come hang out and meet other Orlando professionals!
All proceeds will go to benefit The Jewish Pavilion.**

The Jewish Pavilion enhances the lives of residents in independent, assisted and skilled nursing facilities in Central Florida by providing visitation, holiday festivities, inter-generational celebrations and musical programs. Our staff and volunteers visit seniors in over seventy facilities.

*For a \$15 donation: you will receive hors d'oeuvres and a drink ticket.
All proceeds go directly to The Jewish Pavilion.*

255 South Orange Avenue, Ste. 1800 Orlando, FL 32801
Hosted by the Young Executive Board
Business Casual Attire



MATTHEW CORNELL

Matthew Cornell may not consider himself predominantly a plein-air painter, but that didn't stop the Winter Park Paint Out from inviting him back for another year to show his skill. The local painter has about 30 years of experience. Most of his work happens in the studio, where he will use photographs to create his work, but he does periodically step outside with his paints.

Among his favorite things to paint though — whether it's sitting outside or using a reference

photo — are buildings and homes at night, he said.

"I've always found the twilight and the nighttime to be kind of interesting, especially here in Orlando with the oak trees at night — it has a mysterious quality," Cornell said. "I've always been attracted to that."

He has done several night paintings in the past during the Winter Park Paint Out.

"The event has a tremendous amount of support from the community," Cornell said. "It's an extraordinarily well-run event by extraordinary people, and I'm absolutely grateful every year to be a part of it."

IRINA ASHCRAFT

If Irina Ashcraft isn't teaching art at Trinity Preparatory School, you might just spot her somewhere with her easel doing plein-air painting.

She has been familiar with the style since she was 10 years old, when she took art classes in Latvia.

"I try to paint wherever I can," Ashcraft said. "I'm a rural girl, so I definitely enjoy nature versus urban landscape. That's more relatable to me, even though occasionally I love paint-

ing vignettes on Park Avenue."

She loves the Winter Park Paint Out because of the quality of artists it draws, Ashcraft said.

"It draws very good quality artists," she said. "It's definitely an event that every artist is honored to participate in. It's great to be in this group of artists that are quite accomplished."

She also loves that the event provides the community demonstrations so that the public can learn from the artists.

"It's like a big community party all week long," Ashcraft said.



Photos by Tim Freed



HISTORICALLY SIGNIFICANT
Hannibal Square
Community HERO



Gus C. Henderson
(1862-1917)
Activist, Leader, Hannibal Square Resident



Be sure to visit

H.I.S.: Henderson, Israel & Simpson Project
Supporting Recognition of Winter Park's African-American Leaders
Gus C. Henderson, Frank R. Israel and Walter B. Simpson

On Exhibit at the
Hannibal Square Heritage Center
in the Upstairs Featured Family Area

642 W. New England Ave.
Winter Park, FL 32789

(407) 539-2680

Now through December 31, 2018

ADMISSION IS FREE

Because of Gus Henderson's efforts, incorporation passed in 1887, and included **Hannibal Square** in the Winter Park town limits.



THIS WEEK

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 18

CARNEGIE HALL COMES TO THE WINTER PARK UNIVERSITY CLUB

1 to 2:15 p.m. Wednesday, April 18, at the University Club of Winter Park, 841 N. Park Ave., Winter Park. See the Alterity Wind Quintet, featuring the Alterity Chamber Orchestra's woodwind quartet — Orlando's contemporary classical-focused ensemble with Carrie Wiesinger, flute; Natalie Grata, clarinet; Beatriz Ramirez Belt, oboe; Matt Tavera, horn and Christian Eberle, bassoon. Open to the public. For more, call (407) 644-6149 or visit UClubWP.org.

SPOTLIGHT CABARET SERIES FEATURING THE CAST OF 'NUNSENSE A-MEN!'

7:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 18, and Thursday, April 19, at The Winter Park Playhouse, 711 Orange Ave., Suite C, Winter Park. The professional cast of "Nunsense A-men!" will shed their habits to bring an evening of extraordinary entertainment to the Spotlight Cabaret Series. Audiences will be treated to the one-of-a-kind cabaret, "Out Of The Habit and Back To Broadway," featuring a score of Broadway show tunes. Rarely do audiences get the chance to

hear five outstanding voices sing Broadway in an intimate cabaret setting. Ryan Corridoni, David Michael Green, Shawn Kilgore, Michael Scott Ross and Victor Souffrant will all lend their voices to popular show tunes. Playhouse Musical Director Christopher Leavy will accompany on the piano. This series showcases a different professional singer each month in a truly "New York-style" cabaret; each performance is about 55 minutes in length with no intermission. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. for general seating. For more information, call (407) 645-0145 or visit winterparkplayhouse.org.

THURSDAY, APRIL 19

NEIGHBORHOOD MUSIC JAM

6 to 9 p.m. Thursday, April 19, at the Winter Park Community Center, 721 W. New England Ave., Winter Park. Join local musicians on the stage in back of the Winter Park Community Center for a fun evening of making music. Musicians of all ages, instruments and abilities are invited to come make new friends as we play a variety of songs, from pop to rock to blues to country. If the weather is nice, they will be set up on the stage out back near the splash pad. If it rains, they will move indoors. For more information, call (407) 599-3275.



File photo

SATURDAY, APRIL 21

NINTH ANNUAL HANNIBAL SQUARE HERITAGE CENTER FOLK AND URBAN ART FESTIVAL

10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, April 21, at the Hannibal Square Heritage Center, 642 W. New England Ave., Winter Park. The festival takes place in the heart and soul of Winter Park — Hannibal Square. Established in 2007 by Crealdé School of Art, the center pays tribute to the past, present and future contributions of West Winter Park's African American community through a permanent collection of historic photographs, oral histories and public art. This is a free event held outdoors on the grounds surrounding the Hannibal Square Heritage Center. The festival highlights the community of emerging visual artists and their art-work. Entertainment will include African drumming and

storytelling, Cajun and zydeco music by The Porch Dogs, a pottery wheel demonstration, a free children's Vejigantes mask-making workshop and parade, along with soul food vendors. Hannibal Square Heritage Center Folk and Urban Art Festival is a non-juried show and is open to artists by selection with no entry fee. Artists are responsible for their sales. Crealdé School of Art will collect a 30% commission from festival sales at the end of the day, which will be used to further programming at the nonprofit Hannibal Square Heritage Center. For more information, call (407) 539-2680.

ONGOING

'NUNSENSE A-MEN!'

Running through Saturday, April 21, at the Winter Park Playhouse, 711 Orange Ave. Suite C, Winter Park. "Nunsense A-Men!" is the

original Off-Broadway Nunsense musical with all of the characters being portrayed by male musical comedy performers. Think of it as "Mrs. Doubtfire enters the Convent." This hilarious show begins when the Little Sisters of Hoboken discover their cook, Sister Julia, Child of God, has accidentally poisoned 52 of the sisters and they are in dire need of funds for their burial. The sisters decide that the best way to raise the money is to put on a variety show. For more information and showtimes, call (407) 645-0145 or visit winterparkplayhouse.org.

'WINTER PARK: THE WAR YEARS 1941-1945'

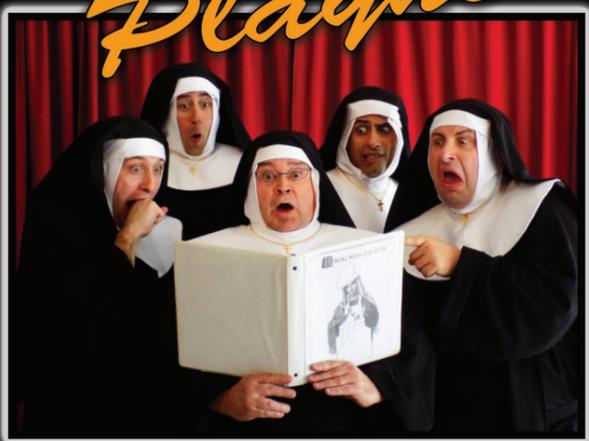
10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesdays through Fridays and 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturdays through April 28, at the Winter Park History Museum, 200 W. New England Ave., Winter Park. "Winter Park: The War Years 1941-1945, Home Front Life in an American Small Town" is an ongoing exhibit at the museum with a focus on life during World War II. For more information, call (407) 647-2330.

'THE DOMES OF THE YOSEMITE'

Through Sunday, July 8, at the Morse Museum, 445 N. Park Ave., Winter Park. "The Domes of the Yosemite," the largest existing painting by Albert Bierstadt (1830-1902), will be exhibited at the Morse through a special loan from the St. Johnsbury Athenaeum in Vermont. The monumental painting, having just received conservation treatment in Miami, will be on view before returning to Vermont. The 1867 oil-on-canvas, almost 10 feet by 15 feet, has not been shown outside the Athenaeum since its first installation there in 1873.

The Winter Park

Playhouse



Nunsense A-Men!

March 16 - April 21, 2018

Sold out hysterical musical comedy adds performance!

Friday, April 20, 2018 @ 2:00 PM

Don't Miss It!

Spotlight Cabaret Series

featuring the Cast of Nunsense A-Men!

Out of the Habit & Back to Broadway

April 18 & 19, 2018

"New York" Style Cabaret \$20 Ticket + Drink

407-645-0145 | www.winterparkplayhouse.org

711 Orange Ave Suite C, Winter Park, FL 32789

A Professional Musical Theatre &

501(c)(3) Non-Profit Charitable Organization



THE MAYFLOWER RETIREMENT COMMUNITY
 IS A PROUD SPONSOR OF THE
2018 Winter Park Paint Out



PICTURE
YOURSELF
HERE!

With an appreciation for culture and the finer things in life, The Mayflower takes a creative, artful approach to senior living. From gracious hospitality and elegant accommodations to the guarantee of continuing onsite quality long-term care, life here is truly inspired.

THE MAYFLOWER
 Winter Park's Distinctive Retirement Community

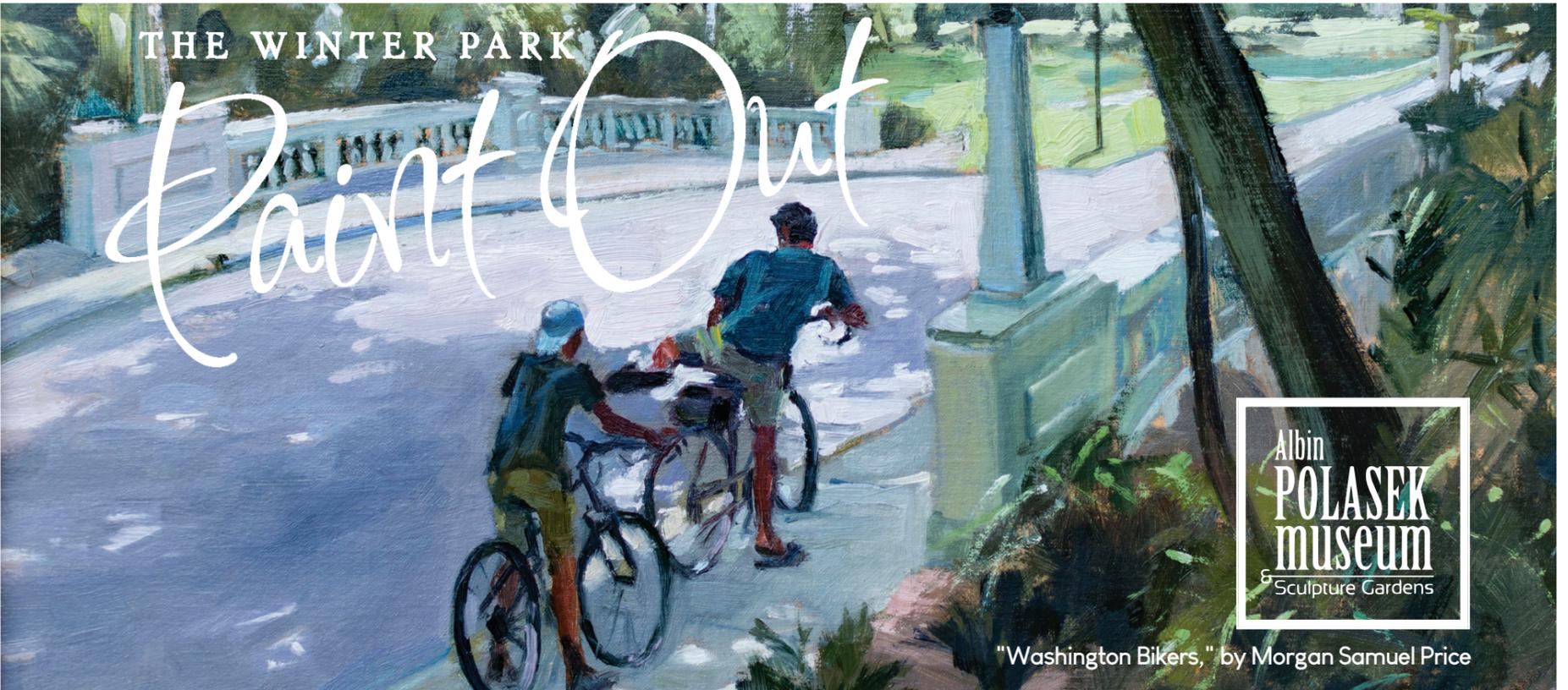


1620 MAYFLOWER COURT | WINTER PARK, FL 32792 | 407.672.1620 | THEMAYFLOWER.COM

88141 PRAD WPO 3/2/2018

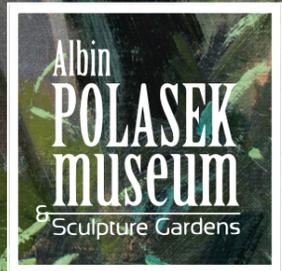
272327

The 10th Annual



THE WINTER PARK

Paint Out



"Washington Bikers," by Morgan Samuel Price

APRIL 22 - 28, 2018

winterparkpaintout.org

FREE ARTISTS' DEMOS
 PAINTINGS AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE
 THE ENTIRE WEEK



THE GRAFTON FAMILY

25 nationally acclaimed artists
 recreating iconic area scenes in acrylics,
 watercolors, oils & pastels

248921



Conductor Billy B. Williamson led the group of singers throughout the event.

Voices carry

Local residents had the chance to join the fun and sing with members of the Messiah Choral Society at its Sing-Along event on Sunday, April 8, at the First Congregational Church of Winter Park. The society encouraged visiting singers to join the group and the annual performance of "Messiah" later this year.

— TIM FREED



Elise Curran stood and sang along with the group.



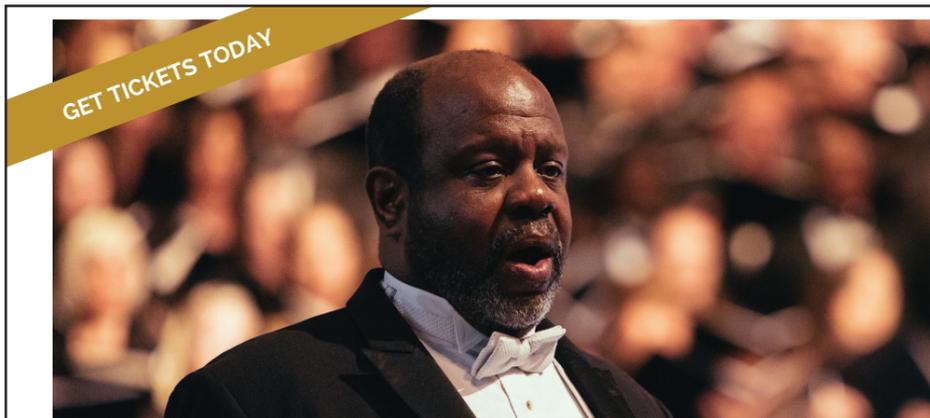
Male singers in the seats held down the lower frequencies.



Mabel Burrige had a great time singing on Sunday at the Sing-Along.

Left: Kristine Griffin provided the piano music at the event.

ONLINE See more photos at OrangeObserver.com



GET TICKETS TODAY

AFRICAN AMERICAN MASTERPIECES SYMPHONIC SPIRITUALS

Saturday, April 21, 2018 at 7:30pm
Sunday, April 22, 2018 at 3:00pm
Knowles Memorial Chapel | Tickets from \$25



Bach Festival Choir and Orchestra | John V. Sinclair, conductor
Bethune-Cookman University Concert Chorale | Terrance Lane, director

Commemorating the 50th anniversary of the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., a program of significant and passionate works by three of the 20th century's most important African American composers.

ON THE PROGRAM

WILLIAM L. DAWSON | Negro Folk Symphony

Dawson's Negro Folk Symphony was completed in 1932 and premiered in Philadelphia in November 1934. This marvelous and neglected symphony was later revised in 1952 after a visit by the composer to Africa.

WILLIAM GRANT STILL | And They Lynched Him on a Tree

This oratorio for male speaker, mezzo-soprano soloist, chorus, and orchestra was premiered by the New York Philharmonic. Still was the first African American composer with a major career, the first to have an opera performed by a major company, have a work performed by a major orchestra, and to conduct a major orchestra.

R. NATHANIEL DETT | The Ordering of Moses

This work was commissioned by the May Festival Chorus in 1937 and premiered by the Chorus and the Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra that same year. During his lifetime, Dett was a leading Black composer, known for his use of African American folk songs and spirituals as the basis for choral and piano compositions.

COMPOSERS



William L. Dawson



William Grant Still



R. Nathaniel Dett



BETHUNE-COOKMAN UNIVERSITY CONCERT CHORALE

Started by Dr. Mary McLeod Bethune in 1904, the Concert Chorale of Bethune-Cookman University has become known as an "Ambassador of Good Will" that has travelled more than half a million miles and visited five countries. The auditioned ensemble performs a wide range of choral works from the past three centuries, including secular works, traditional hymns, and gospel selections. The Chorale will join the Bach Festival Choir to perform William Grant Still's "And They Lynched Him on a Tree" and R. Nathaniel Dett's "The Ordering of Moses."

SOLOISTS



Othalie Graham
soprano



Krysty Swann
mezzo-soprano



Samuel McKelton
tenor



Kevin Deas
bass



Out of the blue

After losing her twin boys prematurely, Jenna Dail finds hope in her family's story — and purpose for the boys' lives — through her nonprofit The Color Blue and Hope.

DANIELLE HENDRIX
BLACK TIE EDITOR

There are times when Jenna Dail sees a random blue balloon — trapped in a tree, stuck in a gutter, floating along in the sky — and immediately feels a sense of hope.

It's always a blue balloon, and she believes it's never a coincidence. It's a sign her boys are always there, even though they aren't physically.

Dail, a Winter Springs resident, and her husband are parents of four children — “two here to hold and two we long to see again in heaven,” she said. They lost their twin boys — Grady Dean and Ryder Dylan — three years ago. She went into labor at Florida Hospital in September 2014 at 22 weeks pregnant. Grady lived for three hours after birth; Ryder was born sleeping.

Through her pain and grieving, she felt as though God wanted to use her story to help other women in similar situations, and that's



Photos by Mindy Dunlap

Above: Jenna Dail and her family have found healing and hope through their mission of serving moms on bedrest.

Top: Boxes of Hope are given to mothers on bed rest and those admitted to the hospital long-term.

SEE SPREADING PAGE 8

SPREADING HOPE



Photos by Mindy Dunlap

"The boys were born premature in September, which is (a) sapphire (birthstone). I had friends who came to visit, and they gave me bracelets with the boys' birthstones on it. Ever since then, the color blue is the boys. If I see blue anywhere, it's them. The 'hope' part (of the nonprofit's name) is the hope that I found in our story."

— Jenna Dail

CONTINUED FROM PAGE 7

where the story of her Orlando-based nonprofit, The Color Blue and Hope, began.

THE COLOR BLUE

Three-and-one-half years ago, Dail was placed on bed rest for about a month at a hospital in Miami, four hours away from her family and friends in Orlando. She was diagnosed with twin-to-twin transfusion syndrome, a rare, serious condition that can occur in pregnancies when identical twins share a placenta and blood flows unevenly between the babies.

She underwent a laser surgery to correct the TTTS, but her water broke, and she was given an amniopatch.

"I couldn't even sit up while eating; I wasn't allowed to roll to my side," she said. "Through that journey, I realized there was nothing there — I didn't have family to go to the store to buy stuff I needed, because everyone was here in Orlando. I needed lotion — my skin was peeling, because I hadn't showered for so long. Finally after a few days of begging (for lotion), a nurse brought her own lotion from home. That's where the Boxes of Hope came to mind: I was like, 'Oh my gosh, there needs to be a service or box to give to these moms when they're here long-term.'"

After Dail went into premature labor in September 2014 and ultimately lost both sons, her way of dealing with the grief was through writing and journaling. She wanted to write to be able to remember and look back on their journey,

THE COLOR BLUE AND HOPE

Facebook: facebook.com/theicolorblueandhope
Instagram: theicolorblueandhope

600 CAMPAIGN

Dail's organization has launched its "600 Campaign," which aims to help 600 women by packing and distributing 600 boxes. Florida Hospital South alone serves 600 mothers on bed rest annually, and her goal is to serve each of those women through The Color Blue and Hope.

To donate or volunteer for the cause, learn more about the boxes or help with the 600 Campaign, visit thecolorblueandhope.com.

so she started a blog called "The Color Blue," named for the boys.

"The color blue is the boys," she said. "The boys were born premature in September, which is (a) sapphire (birthstone). I had friends who came to visit, and they gave me bracelets with the boys' birthstones on it. Ever since then, the color blue is the boys. If I see blue anywhere, it's them. The 'hope' part (of the nonprofit's name) is the hope that I found in our story."

SPREADING LOVE AND HOPE

From Dail's own experience, she realized there was a need in both hospitals and the community. That was the need for supplying women in similar situations with things necessary for long-term hospital stays.

Boxes of Hope are provided to women who are on bed rest, and Boxes of Love can be curated and sent to women who have lost a

baby. The mission is always to spread hope in seasons that feel hopeless, she said.

Boxes of Hope contain items such as facial wipes, deodorant, books, stationery, combs, colored pencils, nail polish, lotion and hand sanitizer — anything moms might need or want while staying in the hospital.

The organization became a nonprofit in early 2017 and partners primarily with Florida Hospital, where Grady and Ryder were born. The hospital serves a few dozen mothers on bed rest or those with high-risk pregnancies each month.

"The moms are looking at the box as a gift from the nurse, and it's helped create this strong bond and relationship between the mom and nurse," Dail said. "We've heard from moms who say it's been a reminder to them that there's still hope in their story and not to give up and they're not alone."

To date, The Color Blue and Hope has packed and distributed about 400 Boxes of Hope.

Boxes of Love serve as a reminder that the mother has loved ones supporting her. Friends and family can choose items to fill a Box of Love, and it will be sent to the mother along with a personalized note and support resources.

"It's an emotional roller-coaster," Dail said. "First and foremost, it keeps me going. I feel like if I didn't have this mission at hand, I'd feel hopeless in our story. It gives our boys purpose and that gives me drive instead of being stuck in a dark place. ... It's been good to see and hear their names being spoken so often now, so it keeps their story going and gives them purpose, which in return helps me heal."



Save the date for Audubon's Baby Owl Shower 2018 May 12th from 10am-2pm

Each Spring the Center holds its annual Baby Owl Shower to raise funds to offset the increased costs during baby season. Join us for a day of activities plus special visits with the Center's Ambassador birds. Admission is "free" that day with an item from our wish list which can be found on our website.

Rehabilitation – Conservation – Education

A non-profit urban environmental center that specializes in the rescue, medical treatment, rehabilitation and release of sick and injured birds of prey (raptors). See over 20 different raptor species including eagles, owls and falcons while you explore the Center's boardwalk, native plants, butterfly garden and lakeside gazebo.


Audubon
CENTER FOR BIRDS OF PREY

Hours: 10am-4pm

Tuesday – Sunday, closed on Federal Holidays

Email: AudubonCBOP@audubon.org Website: AudubonCenterforBirdsofPrey.org

Facebook / [AudubonCenterforBirdsofPrey](https://www.facebook.com/AudubonCenterforBirdsofPrey)

1101 Audubon Way, Maitland, FL 32751

407-644-0190

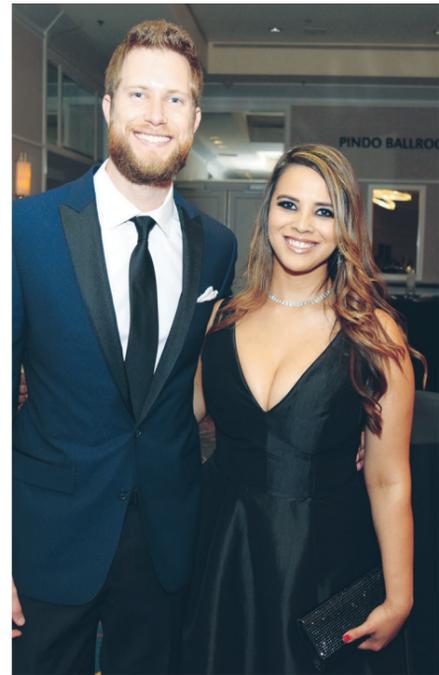


BLACK TIE

UCP of Central Florida's 'An Evening at the Palace'



Orange County Public Schools Chairman Bill Sublette, third from left, who received UCP of Central Florida's Champion for the Children award, smiles with celebrity co-hosts and award presenters.



Kevin and Betsy Marshburn were ready for a fun-filled evening.



Students from UCP Pine Hills showed off their bucket-drumming skills.

It was a starry night, indeed, at UCP of Central Florida's 25th annual "An Evening at the Palace" gala.

The "starry night" theme was complemented by blue, star-like lights projected in the banquet room, a performance of Coldplay's "A Sky Full of Stars" from UCP students and a performance from country music star Jake Owen. Additionally, four celebrity co-hosts — Rachael Harris, Matt Iseman, RJ Mitte and Cheryl Hines — emceed from the stage as guests enjoyed their dinners and bid on auction items.

UCP of Central Florida is dedicated to providing support, education and therapy services to thousands of children across seven campuses in Central Florida.

— DANIELLE HENDRIX



Javier Gonzalez, Shawn Barrow, Machele Row, Lorri Barrow and Stacy Gonzalez enjoyed attending the gala together.

Right: Florida Rep. Bobby Olszewski and his wife, Allison, were happy to support UCP of Central Florida.



Country music star Jake Owen sang three songs.

ONLINE See more at OrangeObserver.com

You. Your Neighbors. Your Neighborhood.

WINTER PARK/MAITLAND
Observer
 YOU. YOUR NEIGHBORS. YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD.
 VOLUME 30, NO. 13 FREE • FRIDAY, MARCH 30, 2018

New York state of mind
 Winter Park ballerina Chloe Misseldine moved to NYC. **PAGE 1B.**

Puppet party

Fire destroys home on Park Avenue

The home at 911 N. Park Ave. was under renovation. No one was inside when it burned Sunday, March 25.

TIM FREED
 ASSOCIATE EDITOR

A fire engulfed a Winter Park home at 911 N. Park Ave., early Sunday morning — leaving an

ADVERTISE OR SUBSCRIBE TODAY!
 Call 407-401-9929 or email jfanara@orangeobserver.com

when the
NEXT IN LINE
becomes the
ONE IN CHARGE

MARK LANG & ASSOCIATES
 Business Succession Planning | LANGLAW.NET



Jeff and June Flowers tried out an escape room with Sascha Razzo and Shari Bartz.

Florida Film Festival's 2018 Opening Night Party

Orlando's film fans gathered for a night of festive fun Friday, April 6, at the 2018 Florida Film Festival's opening night party at Enzian Theater.

More than 15 vendors offered samples for guests to enjoy before and after the premiere of "American Animals." The night also featured a Q&A session with star Blake Jenner.

— HARRY SAYER



"American Animals" star Blake Jenner and Enzian Executive Director David Schillhammer were pleased to see so many movie fans.



Lindsey Buchanan and Cameron Gholami were excited to celebrate Opening Night.



Joy Garcia and Isacc Yi had a blast at the Opening Night Party.



Courtney Randall, Christopher Bowman and Pat Dovale, of the Game Boyz podcast, were ready for a fun evening.

ONLINE See more photos at OrangeObserver.com



TASTE OF WINTER PARK

WINTER PARK CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

APRIL 18, 2018
5 P.M. TO 8 P.M.

\$50 WINTER PARK CHAMBER MEMBERS IN ADVANCE

\$65 Non-Members & All at the Door

WINTER PARK FARMERS MARKET
200 E. New England Avenue, Winter Park, FL 32789

PRESENTED BY
CORKCICLE.

Winter Park's ultimate foodie festival. Featuring unlimited food and beverage samples from 40 top chefs, bakers, caterers, confectioners and beverage purveyors.

TICKETS & INFO AT WINTERPARK.ORG OR CALL 407.644.8281



EARLY BIRD TICKETS ON SALE NOW



The Maitland Woman's Club board members were thrilled to celebrate the group's 70th anniversary.



Janet Stebbins received a surprise visit from her husband, Dan.



Bette Hillman and Mary Hodge showed off the club's birthday cake.



Maitland Mayor Dale McDonald issued a proclamation recognizing that Oct. 1 to 7 would be Maitland Woman's Club week.

Maitland Woman's Club 70th anniversary luncheon

The Maitland Woman's Club celebrated 70 years Thursday, April 5, with a luncheon at the Maitland Civic Center.

New and longtime members united to celebrate the group's rich history over lunch and drinks. Maitland mayor Dale McDonald issued a proclamation that Oct. 1 to 7 would be declared Maitland Woman's Club Week.

— HARRY SAYER

ONLINE

See more photos at OrangeObserver.com



Colleen Monroe and Patty Daoust met up for some food.



THE DOMES *of the* YOSEMITE

Through July 8, 2018

Newly conserved in Florida, Albert Bierstadt's monumental 1867 masterpiece of the Yosemite Valley is on view through a special loan from the St. Johnsbury Athenaeum in Vermont.

Free admission from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Fridays through April 27.

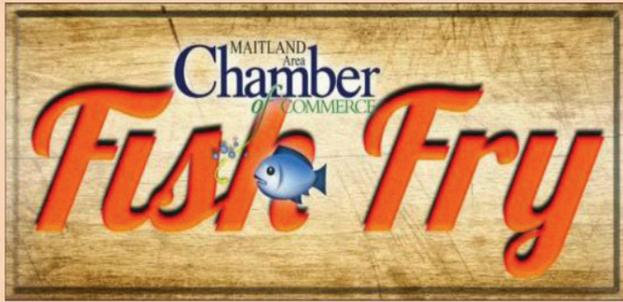


THE CHARLES HOSMER MORSE MUSEUM of American Art

FOLLOW US ON    



Presents
The 2nd Annual



Thursday, April 19, 2018
5:00 PM – 8:00 PM

At
Venue On The Lake
641 S. Maitland Avenue
Maitland, FL 32751

Adults - \$25.00
Children (4-12 y/o) - \$12.00
Children (Under 4) – Free

“All-You-Can Eat”
Tickets Can Be Purchased By
Visiting the Chamber’s Website
www.MaitlandChamber.com



WELCOME
NEW MEMBERS

- Publix – Maitland
- Peterson Chiropractic
- Certified Building Inspectors
- Watson Realty Corp.
- MJ Vitality, LLC
- Moonlight Pizza & Italian Cuisine
- Cornerstone Law Firm
- Gloria Danvers Hypnosis
- Celandine Life Preparatory Academy
- Sue Book
- Kendrick Law Group
- The Tiffany at Maitland West
- Murray Insurance Agency
- Summit Broadband
- Retro Fitness Lake Howell

For Membership Questions & Information,
please call the Chamber Office at 407-644-0741,
visit the website at www.MaitlandChamber.com,
or email to Jeff@MaitlandChamber.com

Chamber Hours
Monday – Friday
9:00 AM – 4:00 PM



110 N. Maitland Avenue - Maitland, FL 32751



272392



EDUCATE • ENGAGE • EMPOWER

Robarts Arena
3000 Ringling Blvd
Sarasota, Florida 34237

FREE EVENT

Registration required.
Online registration is strongly
encouraged at
www.neurochallenge.org.

Call 941-926-6413
for more information.

Saturday
April 14, 2018

Robarts Arena | Sarasota, FL

9am–3:30pm

Doors open at 8am,
program starts at 9am

This event is presented to the community
at no charge thanks to the following partners:

PRESENTING SPONSOR



PLATINUM SPONSORS



GOLD SPONSORS



THE
PARKINSON'S EXPO
will feature presentations
from medical experts on
treatment options, the latest in
research, managing the
non-motor aspects
of the disease,
and more.

A complete listing of speakers
and topics is available on the
Neuro Challenge website.



www.neurochallenge.org | 941-926-6413

The Slater-Kassan Charitable Fund of the Manatee Community Foundation SYNOVUS
The Pines of Sarasota-Rehabilitation Senior Care Community Manatee Educational Television

272390