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CCDD Board Meeting
Tuesday, December 19 | 6 p.m.
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CROA Board of Appeals Meeting
Wednesday, December 20
4:30- 5:30 p.m. | Town Hall

CROA Board Meeting
Wednesday, December 20
6 p.m. | Town Hall



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TRASH & RECYCLING

Trash Schedule

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

Trash Pick-up

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

Tuesdays & Fridays

Aquila Reserve, parts of East Village, Artisan Park, South Village, Spring Lake and Island Village.

Holiday Schedule:

Christmas Holiday:

Monday 12/25. All collection routes will be one day behind for the entire week, through Saturday 12/30

New Years Holiday:

Monday 1/1/2024. All collection routes will be one day behind for the entire week, through Saturday 1/6

Recycle Day

Wednesday for all villages

1. Glass (bottles and jars only)
2. Aluminum cans (no scrap metal or foil type material)
3. Bi metal cans (soup, vegetable cans and alike)
4. Clean cardboard (no take out or delivery pizza boxes)
5. Loose, sorted paper. (No napkins or paper towels)
6. Plastic bottles and containers # 1,2,4,5 only.

Discard all screw caps and lids.
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Thursdays for all villages.

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ZONE 1:

Day 1: Monday 4 p.m. to
Tuesday 10 a.m.

Day 2: Thursday 4 p.m. to
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ZONE 3:

Day 1: Wednesday 4 p.m. to
Thursday 10 a.m.

Day 2: Saturday 4 p.m. to
Sunday 10 a.m.

• Artisan Park & Island Village

ZONE 2:

Day 1: Tuesday 4 p.m. to
Wednesday 10 a.m.

Day 2: Friday 4 p.m. to
Saturday 10 a.m.

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ID BADGE POLICY

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

A passholder may bring no more than four non-resident guests outside of their immediate family on any given occasion unless under a scheduled event, private party, etc. The passholder must remain with the guest(s) at all times. In order to avoid conflicts or disappointments, please contact Town Hall if you are having a party in one of the parks or playgrounds.

HOA ASSESSMENTS

Celebration Residential Owners Association assessments are due on the first day of every January, April, July and October. After the last business day of those months, payments not posted to accounts will begin to accrue late fees and interest. Please allow 10 business days for mailing and processing. Statements are mailed out 30 days prior to the due date. If you do not receive a statement or if you have a question regarding the balance of your account, please contact Town Hall at 407-566-1200 between 9 a.m. and 5:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. You can make a one-time payment using eCheck (electronically debited from your checking account), Visa, MasterCard, American Express, or Discover*. Log in to www.GrandManors.com, click on Resident Portal and choose "Make a payment" or call 1-855-947-2636 to pay over the phone.



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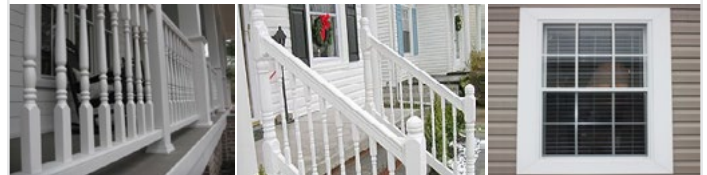
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Governed by a seven-member Board of Directors, the Association is responsible for maintaining, enhancing, protecting and preserving the common areas and recreational facilities. CROA also provides for the operation, care, upkeep and maintenance and contracts for the repair, additions or improvements to the areas of common responsibility.

CNOA - CELEBRATION NON-RESIDENTIAL OWNERS ASSOCIATION

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This organization is comprised of all commercial land owners within Celebration. Governed by a five-member Board of Directors, there are currently three declarant members and two placed landowners. This Association is responsible for preserving, protecting and enhancing the non-residential areas of the community and the value of the community.

CJC - CELEBRATION JOINT COMMITTEE

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This administrative Committee is comprised of representatives from both the CROA and CNOA boards. The Committee administered services that are used jointly by both CROA and CNOA, such as management, communications, accounting and security. Currently, the make-up of the Committee is five spots of which CROA holds two seats.

CCS - CELEBRATION COMMUNITY SERVICES

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CCDD - CELEBRATION COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

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www.celebrationcdd.org

A five-member Board of Supervisors, who were elected by registered voters in the Celebration Community Development District, governs this District. This unit of special-purpose government is authorized to provide certain infrastructure improvements. Services include maintenance of roadway lights, street sweeping, common area landscaping, maintenance of street trees and turf, alleyways, public parks and trails, aquatic weed and mosquito control. The Celebration CDD also maintains the lakes, storm water retention areas and drainage system within Celebration.

ECDD - ENTERPRISE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

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Founded in 1996 by the Walt Disney Company, Celebration Foundation is the philanthropic organization for the town of Celebration. They are a non-profit with 501(c)(3) status and a mission of building better community through arts, culture, and education. Opportunities exist to get involved by attending events, becoming a program member, taking classes, volunteering, donating, and more.

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End of Year Perspectives

As we approach the end of this calendar year, we welcome so much within our Celebration community. It's a traditional celebratory time for so many, yet it is also an appropriate time for reflection. Reflection is valuable, as it helps each of us grow and improve in so many ways. From a national and international perspective, December begins (on the 1st) with World AIDS Day, it encompasses National Drunk and Drugged Driving Prevention Month, and it includes Hanukkah (7th - 15th), Christmas (25th), Kwanzaa (starting the 26th) and New Year's Eve.

This column in the Celebration News is prepared each month on behalf of the Board of Directors of the Celebration Residential Owners Association (CROA); it is intended to offer some general information helpful to residents and guests regarding what is happening with our homeowner's association. Additional details about highlights here – and many more activities and services – are provided on our website (www.celebration.fl.us), in this and other editions of the Celebration News, the Town Hall-managed Facebook page, and other social media outlets. In addition to these platforms, there are two regular email blasts: the Friday Flash, which highlights various events sponsored by CROA and other community groups, and the Monday Matters, which is intended to emphasize administrative, managerial, or policy-based items. All of these, and so many of our association's services, are managed by the Town Hall staff, employed by GrandManors. Of course, participating in Board and committee meetings (in person, online, or reviewing minutes) helps with a more complete understanding of all that is happening within our community.

This month highlights the fourth of our five cornerstones – Technology. As highlighted on our website, "From the beginning, Celebration has embraced technology as an essential means of connecting people. To accommodate future advancements, Celebration is prepared to evolve with technology as it changes, helping to ensure that technology will continue to do exactly what it is intended, to bring people together." This is exemplified in so many ways, as December has the Winter Solstice, the longest night of the year, on the 21st; appropriately, that is National Flashlight Day. Also, the week of the 6th to 12th is Computer Science Education Week. December 5th has

two noteworthy events – one is National Communicate with Your Kids Day, an opportunity to emphasize human interaction with the appropriate use or non-use of technology. It is also Walt Disney Day, honoring the birth date of a man who exemplified innovation and technology from his earliest days as an illustrator, cartoon-maker, film producer, theme park developer, and more.

In December, several events are provided for our community. On December 1st, we host Kid's Night Out and Tinsel & 'Tinis.' The Celebration Foundation sponsors its infamous annual Holiday Home Tour and Winter Wonderland on the 2nd and 3rd of the month. Also, a Saxophone Solo by Don Black is offered on the 8th at Lakeside Park. More details are found through the various communication channels.

Turning to CROA's operations, the Board has identified volunteer residents to serve on its Master Plan Advisory Group, which will be active over the next several months. This group will help develop priorities for CROA facilities, amenities, and resources, building upon previous studies and reviews. Technology highlights include initial work in collaboration with the CCDD on a resource for reporting repairs and areas needing attention (to replace CeleService) and continued rollout of Wi-Fi availability throughout the community. Also, in late October, CROA director Jim Hays resigned from the Board after several years of service; he was the initial chair of our Technology Committee, served as a Board member, and was the liaison for several community groups. We thank Jim for his years of service to our community.

As the year ends, we are grateful for our Celebration community. We reflect upon each of our cornerstones and think about ways we can continue to use them as anchors for our lives moving forward. The Board, Town Hall staff and management wish each of our residents a healthy and safe holiday season and a sound foundation for an even more celebratory New Year in Celebration. •





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*Make sure to provide all the documents required listed on the first page of the ARC application. If you don't see an application for your request, please complete a general request ARC application.



Holiday Decorations

Celebration has enjoyed a time-honored tradition of having decorations, holiday lights, and events this time of year, and this year promises to be no exception. As everyone is planning their outdoor decorations, the District office wants to remind you of a few things related to Celebration CDD ("District") facilities, and what is and is not permitted within the District rights-of-way:

Absolutely no power cords or other trip hazards may be placed on or over the District sidewalks. You may do whatever you wish behind the sidewalk on your own property, but the District sidewalks must be kept free of all encumbrances and hazards.

No decorations are permitted on any directional signs, traffic signs, speed limit signs, or street name signs. Some of these are DOT signs, and others are District signs. All must be kept free and clear.

Due to liability issues, do not decorate any of the street light or alley light poles. We do not want any residents endangering themselves hanging streamers or decorations from these poles. We need the pole identification tags to remain visible, and our staff must be able to perform maintenance from time to time.

Residents may decorate the District trees in the rights-of-way, so long as the method used to attach decorations is not invasive (for example, no nails, staples, tacks, or other invasive means). Ribbons, fishing line, dental floss, and other hanging methods are completely acceptable. Please make sure your decorations are properly secured so as not to blow off and do not hang lower than 14 feet over the sidewalk to avoid people and emergency vehicles from running into them.

Please visit the District's website, www.CelebrationCDD.org, for more information related to the services and activities of the District. You may also contact the District at 407-566-1935 or admin@CelebrationCDD.org with any questions, comments, or concerns. ●





BUILDING COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS: A WARM WELCOME TO CELEBRATION

GET TO KNOW YOUR NEIGHBORS AND YOUR HOMETOWN

INTRODUCTION:

Celebration, Florida, is a place unlike any other. A community that thrives on togetherness, Celebration takes pride in its unique charm and vibrant atmosphere. It's no wonder that newcomers are eager to become a part of this delightful town. Fortunately, Celebration offers a warm embrace to new neighbors, making them feel right at home through their "Community Connections" event.

NEW BEGINNINGS IN CELEBRATION:

January brings not only a new year but also the promise of fresh beginnings. For those who have recently relocated to Celebration, the start of the year is marked by the January Community Connections event. Held at the 690 Building, this gathering aims to support and acclimate new and not-so-new residents to the joys of living in Celebration.

MEETING YOUR LOCAL LEADERS:

One of the remarkable features of Celebration is its commitment to community engagement. Quarterly, leaders from the Celebration Residential Owners Association (CROA), Celebration Community Development District (CCDD), and Celebration Foundation (The Foundation) come together to answer questions and introduce residents to the various organizations and activities that enrich the community.

FOR NEW AND SEASONED RESIDENTS ALIKE:

Community Connections is not just for newcomers; it's for anyone who seeks a deeper connection to their neighbors and town. Whether you are brand new to Celebration or have been here for years, this event provides the opportunity to learn how you can get involved in the community or simply stay informed about all things Celebration.

HOW TO GET INVOLVED:

To join in the Community Connections event in January, all you need to do is register. Keep an eye out for registration information in Celebration Residential Owners Association (CROA) publications "Celebration Monday Matters" and "The Friday Flash." Additionally, you can find updates in the Celebration Foundation newsletters. Registration can be completed on the Celebration Foundation website and by giving The Foundation a call at (407) 566-1234.

CONCLUSION:

Celebration's quarterly Community Connections event is a testament to the town's commitment to inclusivity and unity. It's a celebration of community spirit, a warm welcome to new neighbors, and an opportunity for everyone to engage and connect with their fellow residents. As the new year unfolds, join your neighbors and local leaders to make Celebration an even more vibrant place to call home. Get ready to connect, engage, and celebrate! ●

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MESSAGE FROM DISTRICT 1 COMMISSIONER PEGGY CHOUDHRY

BY PEGGY CHOUDHRY
Osceola County Commissioner District 1

And just like that, we say good-bye to 2023! A special thank you to all the residents who attended my town hall meetings and community events throughout the year. 2024 will bring many fun community events so stay tuned. Below are some highlights of 2023:



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For students interested in joining my Student Committee, please contact my office for additional information. We meet monthly to learn about County government and discuss ways on how we can help make a difference in our community. Monthly meetings will resume in January 2024.

For all other county updates and information, please visit www.osceola.org.

Wishing everyone happy holidays!

As always, please feel free to share any of your concerns, ideas or information by calling my office at 407-742-2000, or by email to Peggy.Choudhry@osceola.org. ●



The community of Celebration derives its unique character from a mix of compatible architectural styles and the cooperation of all owners in upholding minimum design, landscaping, and aesthetic standards. A well-kept home appearance increases property values for everyone.

Mold and Algae on Roofing Surfaces



The high humidity of Florida creates a recurring outdoor maintenance problem: mold and algae on exposed surfaces. After a few years, the “new roof look” turns to discoloration that makes your home look older and weatherworn.

Molds are types of fungi and are everywhere in the natural environment. Molds produce “spores” that are spread through the air and can be spread by water and insects. Mold grows and multiplies wherever there is a suitable place to grow, a nutrient source, and moisture.

Green algae can be found in shaded areas with moisture, such as surfaces on the north side of buildings or roofs under the shade of a tree.

Green algae can make a surface very slippery.

The gray or black streaks or splotches on asphalt shingles or roofing tiles are black algae. Black algae can live on roofs and sidewalks exposed to intense sunlight due to the pigmented protective dark color that protects it from the sun.

CLEANING YOUR ROOF

Cleaning the roof enhances the “curb appeal” of your home, but it is a dangerous job and should be carried out by a professional. There are several commercial cleaning companies you may hire to provide this service.

However, if you choose to do the work, here are some helpful points.

Safety First! Besides using ladders and hoses, walking on steep, wet, and slippery surfaces is hazardous enough, not to mention the possibility of cracking a tile. A professional service may use a padded sheet of plywood to distribute the weight of the technician while working on the roof.

The cleaning method is dependent on your home’s type of roof: Asphalt shingle or tile. It would be best if you did not pressure wash Asphalt shingles the water pressure will loosen and remove the protective granules embedded in the shingles. A chemical agent is best for asphalt shingle cleaning. Use a cleaning agent that is also safe for the environment, as the runoff will certainly splash onto your plants and lawn.

Tile roofs can be pressure washed. The use of a safe cleaning solution will make the job easier. Ensure the professional uses the correct pressure settings so as not to damage the tiles and uses cleaning solutions and techniques appropriate for the tile.

Finally, after cleaning the roof, you will need to clean the debris out of the gutters, ensuring proper water flow and that any French drains are not clogged.

WHAT YOU CAN DO - PREVENTIVE MEASURES

Trees near your home contribute to roof discoloration by providing shade that keeps moisture on the roof and the buildup of debris that aids the growth of mold and algae. By keeping trees trimmed away from your home, you help delay the growth of mold and algae on the roof and sides of your home. Have branches that touch the roof or sides of your home removed? Trim the trees surrounding your home so that there is an unrestricted air flow between your home and the trees. This will also help keep the gutters clear of leaves and insects away from your home.

Cleaning your roof is a recurring task in humid Florida, but the results always enhance the overall beauty of your home. ●



CALL FOR CANDIDATES

CROA ELECTIONS

With fall winding down and the holidays just around the corner, it will soon be time to usher in the New Year and a new CROA Board of Directors.

In 2024, we will be looking for a few good men and women to fill the four (4) open positions on the Celebration Residential Owners Association (CROA) Board of Directors.

Governed by a seven-member Board of Directors, the Board, working side by side with Management, has a goal to protect and maintain property values by promoting an enjoyable, safe, and community-oriented neighborhood. Included in the maintenance is the responsibility for the operation, care, and upkeep of common areas, which includes contract management for the repair and improvements. The common areas include CROA owned buildings, parks, pools, and playgrounds.

THE PROCESS...

- A "Call for Candidates" will be mailed to each owner this month. The Celebration Community Charter defines the owner as "persons holding the record title to a unit."
- Owners interested in running will have until January 3, 2024, to complete and return their "Declaration of Candidacy" to Town Hall. These forms will be made available on the Celebration website or by emailing townhall@ciramail.com. The three candidates with the most votes will each serve a three (3) year term, while the candidate with the fourth highest vote total will serve a one-year term, finishing the term of a Board member who stepped down earlier in 2023. The call for candidates is also mailed to the address of record for each property. The ballots with online voting information are also mailed to all addresses of record for each property when the polls open.
- Information, including biographies provided by each candidate, will be posted on www.celebration.fl.us and published in an upcoming edition of the Celebration News. This material will give you an idea of the candidate's background, qualifications, and why they want to serve.
- In addition, a candidate forum will be scheduled prior to the election deadline to give residents an opportunity to get to know the candidates face to face as well as discern their positions on various topics of interest and concern to owners.
- Each of these positions will be filled on an at-large basis. In other words, all candidates participating in this election will be eligible for one of the four open seats. The top four (4) candidates with the most votes will fill the open positions.
- Election results will be announced at the Annual Meeting on Wednesday, February 28, 2024.

Please consider volunteering your time and talent to serve our community in this most important capacity. This is your opportunity to have your voice count in the governance of Celebration. For questions, please email townhall@ciramail.com. •

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Holiday Hangout

Featuring Platinum Recording Artists

Ken Block & Drew Copeland
of Sister Hazel

December 16th, 2023

4pm - 8pm

Lakeside Park - Great Lawn - 631 Sycamore Street
Join us for a night of live music and fun!



By Sheriff Marcos R. Lopez
Osceola County Sheriff's Office

OSCEOLA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE HOSTS 2ND HUMAN TRAFFICKING & DRUG ABUSE AWARENESS CONFERENCE

In an effort to fight human trafficking in Osceola County, the Osceola County Sheriff's Office, in partnership with the Kissimmee Police Department and St. Cloud Police Department, hosted the 2nd Human Trafficking & Drug Abuse Awareness Conference at the Wyndham Orlando Resort and Conference Center in Celebration on November 2nd, 2023.

The conference educated representatives from the hotel industry on indicators of human trafficking. Typically, narcotics play a substantial role in traffickers controlling their victims. Sheriff Marcos Lopez and guests brought awareness to hotel industry employees about the aspects of human trafficking that often go unnoticed.

The goal of this event is for hospitality employees to alert law enforcement when they see those indicators. This is critical for the success of investigations and ultimately holding traffickers accountable for their crimes. Since hotels and motels are sites for sex and trafficking business operations, our agency wants to ensure that the front-line staff is well-trained in identifying potential signs of the sex trade.

During the event, a new initiative was announced to provide information and support to victims of human trafficking: the Let's Stop Human Trafficking Stickers to help stop the sex and labor trafficking of women, men, and children. The stickers can be strategically posted in public restrooms in the county.

The Let's Stop Human Trafficking Stickers contains the emergency number 911 and the hand signal for human trafficking. To make the signal, individuals hold the palm open, tucking the thumb and then closing the fingers over the thumb. The purpose of victims giving this signal is for those who are receiving it to know that a victim is seeking help.

The Osceola County Sheriff's Office will offer these stickers to the community to help combat human trafficking and drug abuse. Interested residents should visit our website, Osceola County Sheriff's Office, for more information or contact our Community Services Department at 407-348-1190. ●



PARKS & POOLS 2023

"Why float through life, when you can swim!"



CELEBRATION POOL HOURS

Holiday Pool Hours

10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Christmas Day and New Years Eve

Labor Day through April 30

LAKESIDE & SPRING PARK

6 a.m. - 8 p.m.

EAST VILLAGE & NORTH VILLAGE

7 a.m. - 8 p.m.

SPRING LAKE & ISLAND VILLAGE

Opens 1/2 hour after sunrise
Closes 1/2 hour prior to sunset

CELEBRATION PARK HOURS

Passive parks: Sunrise - Dusk

East and North Village: 7 a.m. - 8 p.m.

Dog Park: Sunrise - Dusk

Lakeside Basketball &

Tennis Courts: 7 a.m. - 10 p.m.

Spring Lake Fitness &

Island Village Fitness Center: 6 a.m. - 10 p.m.

Please visit www.celebration.fl.us
for the latest information.

CELEBRATION'S

FARMERS MARKET

ART | CRAFTS | FOOD | FUN | MORE

The Celebration Farmers Market is located in the heart of Celebration. The market is a weekly, year round market held every Sunday.

Come on out every Sunday and support the Celebration Farmers Market.

Interested vendors can apply online at celebrationfarmersmarket.com.

SUNDAYS

9 A.M. - 1 P.M.

PLEASE ADHERE TO HEALTH AND SAFETY GUIDELINES



PARKS & REC PROGRAMS 2023

Participate in one of our many programs

BALLROOM DANCING

7 p.m. | Beginners Fox Trot

8 p.m. | Intermediate West Coast Swing

Contact: Nanette | 386-532-2624

Nannette@NannettesBallroomDance.com

Classes are on Thursdays.

Cost: \$116 per person

Price includes the entire eight-week class that meets for one 55-minute lesson per week.



CELEBRATION EMBRACE BECAUSE YOU MATTER



Mission Statement: We believe in building relationships within our community. We provide information, support, and encouragement. By helping, caring, and sharing, we work to inspire and empower one another. Join us for our weekly gatherings in Town Hall on Saturdays from 10 a.m.-11:30 a.m.

Contact: embrace.celebration@yahoo.com

CELEBRATION TENNIS PROGRAM

Location: Lakeside Park

Contact: Darren Holt | 321-320-6383
darrenDH@aol.com

Tennis courts available to residents.
For more information and class schedules, please call Darren or visit celebrationtennis.com.

GROUP AND PRIVATE TENNIS RESERVATION SCHEDULE

Tennis court reservations are subject to change. For an updated tennis court schedule, please visit us at celebrationparksandrec.com

AQUA YOGA

Is practiced in the pool, offering all the benefits of stretch, relaxation and deep breathing with buoyancy and water resistance. It is super low impact, making the class ideal for anyone with joint pain to improve strength and range of motion. Aqua Yoga will help build body awareness, improve balance, increase flexibility, reduce stress and anxiety. Become absorbed in the aquatic experience with playful flows and fun music.

Tuesday & Thursday

10 a.m. | Lakeside Pool

Wednesday Evening

Fall-first Wednesday of each month

AQUA FIT YOGA*

Wednesday

10 a.m. | Lakeside Pool

A deep water aerobic, cardio, yoga & meditation experience

Contact: Nina Schwitters | 407-764-8510

NinaFlashYoga@gmail.com

Reservations required with limited space. A simple text or email will do it.

Cost: \$10 Residents, \$12 Non Residents

For more information, please visit AquaTerraYoga.com



CELEBRATION FLAG FOOTBALL

For more information, please visit celebrationflagfootball.com



CENTRAL FLORIDA IRISH DANCE

Irish Dance for Adults & Children

Contact: Sarah Costello

321-200-3598

info@centralfloridairishdance.com

centralfloridairishdance.com

\$10 MONTHLY DISCOUNT FOR CROA RESIDENTS.

An enjoyable and exciting class that explores all aspects of Irish Dance. Focuses on stretching, posture, timing, rhythm and movement, basic Irish Steps and Ceili (traditional Irish folk) team dancing. Students will be introduced into the different types of solo Irish dance and the traditional music for each dance.

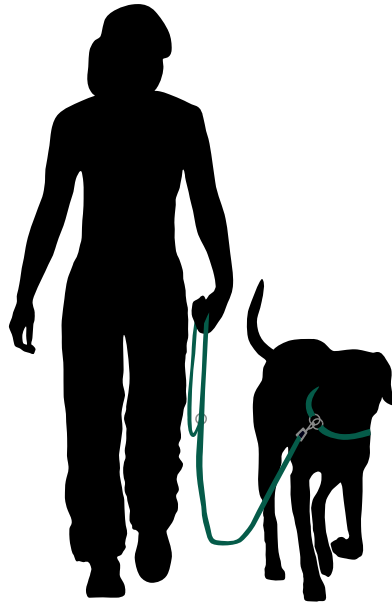


CELEBRATION DOG TRAINING AND BEHAVIORAL SOLUTIONS

Positive reinforcement-based training. Private lessons and group classes for all ages and levels:

- Puppy Kindergarten class
- American Kennel Club STAR class
- Canine Good Citizen preparation class and CGC test
- Advance CGC class and test

Contact: Melania Lavezzi
407-433-0720
celebrationdogtrainer@gmail.com
or www.celebrationdogtrainer.com



CELEBRATION CYCLONES

Year Round USA Swimming club team providing youth swimming to the Celebration community. Competitive and non-competitive groups offered based on ability and commitment. The team trains at the Lakeside pool. We also offer private swim lessons ages 4 to adults: Learn to swim, stroke development, personal swim training and competitive stroke improvement. Visit our website www.swimccst.com Contact us for more info:

Swim Team | celebrationcyclones@gmail.com



CELEBRATION LITTLE FINS

Little Fins Survival Swim Lessons for infants, toddlers and children. Parents can book one-on-one private lessons.

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



RCFIT7 PERSONAL TRAINING
Family Fitness for Adults & Children (5-12)

Resident Price: \$10 per class

Non-Resident Price: \$12 per class

Contact: Ryan Clarke
321-278-6523 | RCFIT7@gmail.com or visit Instagram, Facebook or YouTube @RCFIT7.



X-FACTOR DANCE & TUMBLING

Late Afternoon & Evening Classes

Contact: Lindsay Taylor
407-329-4200 | info@xfactordance.com

Dance Classes

- Combo
- Lyrical/Contemporary
- Ballet
- Hip Hop
- Jazz
- Acro
- Tumble Gym

Visit the X-Factor website for more information and complete class schedules at xfactordance.com. Registration can easily be done online or contact Lindsay.

CELEBRATION YOGA

Monday- Friday:
Morning Yoga | 10 a.m.
Online Only

Reservations are required for limited in person classes.

Contact: Laurie Croft
321.689.7452 | laurie@wholisticjourney.com

Visit wholisticjourney.com for more information and class schedule.



CELEBRATION ZUMBA

Contact: Ana Martinez | 407-517-8874
mvezcanino_felino@hotmail.com

Ditch the workout and join the party! This fun and easy to follow cardio dance class combines high energy and motivating music with unique moves and combinations that make you feel like you are partying on the dance floor. Easy to follow and something everyone can participate in. Celebration Zumba is the best way to "dance away your worries." We promise exercise has never been so fun.



CELEBRATION BALLERS

Basketball Pick-Up Games
Lakeside Basketball Court
Tuesdays & Thursdays | 6-8 p.m.

Age-appropriate participants.

Open-Play is available for all ages **Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays, Saturdays, & Sundays**



CASTY SPORTS ACADEMY

For more information, please visit www.castysportsacademy.com and contact Info@castysportsacademy.com

STAR DIBS

Come learn Self Defense with Krav Maga techniques, which will improve your physical conditioning, motor coordination, self defense, self confidence, self esteem and health.

Limited vacancies by groups.

SCHEDULE STUDENT GROUPS

Tuesday and Thursday

Children 7-11 years

4:45 - 5:45 p.m.

Woman (Teen/Adult)

5:50 - 6:50 p.m.

Teens/Adults

6:55 - 7:55 p.m.

Make your membership to the program now through the email below.

First Lesson Free

Email: celebration@adselfdefense.com

Phone: (407) 978-1004



LITTLE TUNES

Little Tunes is a 45- minute mommy-and-me style music and story time class for kids aged 6 weeks to 6 years. Join us for a new theme each week where we will explore puppets, musical instruments, dance and movement, engaging stories, and so much more!

Saturday

9-9:45; 10-10:45; & 11-11:45 a.m.

Kaylin Arnold

(713) 819-3900 | kayarnoldnmun@gmail.com



CELEBRATION
SOCCER SCHOOL



CELEBRATION SOCCER CLUB/CELEBRATION YOUTH SOCCER PROGRAMS

All practices located at the CCFC

Monday

OC Soccer School | 5:30-8:15 p.m.

Moms/Daughters | 6:45-8:15 p.m. (Resident Program)

Adult Co-Ed 11v11 | 7-9:30 p.m. (Resident Program)

Travel Team Practice | Coming Soon!

Tuesday

Adult Co-Ed 7v7 | 8:15-9:45 p.m. (Resident Program)

Travel Team Practice | Coming Soon!

Wednesday

OC Soccer School | 5:30-8:15 pm

Moms/Daughters | 6:45-8:15 pm (Resident Program)

Girls Only OCSS | 7-8:30 pm

Adult Co-Rec | 7-9:30 pm (Resident Program)

Thursday

OC Soccer School | 5:30-8:15 p.m.

Adult Co-Ed 7v7 | 7:30-9:30 p.m. (Resident Program)

Travel Team Practice | Coming Soon!

Friday

Family Soccer Night (Resident Program) | Coming Soon!

Saturday

Adult Co-Ed, 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. (Resident Program)

Travel League Games, Coming Soon!

Sunday

Adult 11v11, 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. (Resident Program)

Travel League Games, Coming Soon!

Marco Meccia

407-483-6336 | soccer@celesoccer.com

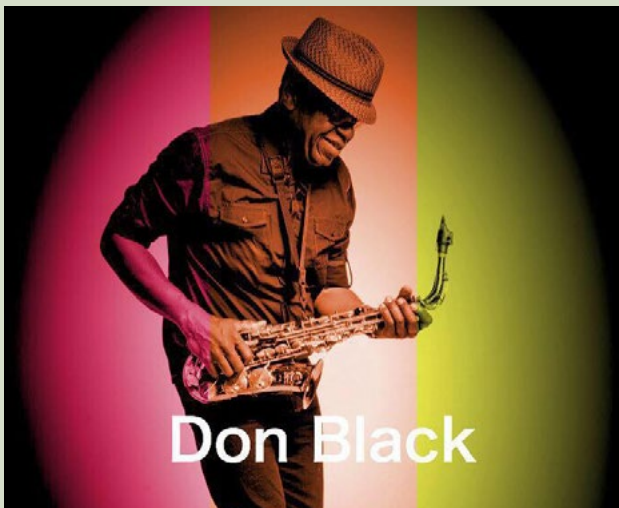


December 8 | 5 to 9 p.m.
Lakeside Park

631 SYCAMORE ST.

As always, admission is free for all. Seating is limited, so we do recommend everyone to bring a folding chair or a blanket to sit on. Enjoy a variety of performances by X-Factor Dance, CHS Jazz Band, and Don Black Solo Saxophone on the Great Lawn stage throughout the evening.

For more information, please contact the Town Hall Lifestyle Office, 407-566-1200 or townhall@ciramail.com



Don Black

Please note:

Please follow all health and safety guidelines in place. Most food trucks accept cash and credit cards. There will be limited tables and chairs available, so you may want to bring your own blanket or chairs to make sure you have a comfortable place to dine. These are some of the best food trucks around and they will be sure to draw in lots of hungry people. *Participating food trucks are subject to change without notice.

HOLIDAY FEST 2023

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 15
5-9 PM | LAKESIDE PARK

Residents are invited to slide down a tube slide, take a photo in a life size snow globe, bounce in Santa's sleigh of holiday fun, partake in holiday-themed crafts, visit with Santa Claus and enjoy the musical talents of Nova Era. Don't forget to come hungry and grab a bite to eat at the food trucks!

This is a resident-only event. CROA ID is required to attend.

For more information, email townhall@ciramail.com or call 407-566-1200.



PUPS AND PINTS

SAVE THE DATE
SATURDAY,
JANUARY 20
11 A.M. - 2 P.M.
LAKESIDE PARK



Vendors, Dog Costume Contests, Food Trucks, Caricature Artists, Live Entertainment, and more!

Scan the QR code to submit your vendor application today.



Contact the Lifestyle department for more information at townhall@ciramail.com or 407-566-1200.

For visitor information visit www.ExperienceKissimmee.com



CALENDAR of events

2023
DECEMBER

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
26 FARMERS MARKET Front Street 9 A.M.-1 P.M.	27 TOWN HALL 411 Town Hall 5:30-6:30 P.M. NOW SNOWING Town Center NIGHTLY THROUGH 12/31	28	29 CROA BOARD OF APPEALS Town Hall 4:30 P.M. CROA BOARD MEETING Town Hall 6 P.M.	30	1 KID'S NIGHT OUT Jones Room 6-9 P.M. TINSEL & 'TINIS' 690 Celebration Ave 6:30-9 P.M. ARC DEADLINE	2 HOLIDAY HOME TOUR & WINTER WONDERLAND FEAT. THE MARKET PLACE Heritage Hall 1-7 P.M.
3 FARMERS MARKET Front Street 9 A.M.-1 P.M. HOLIDAY HOME TOUR & WINTER WONDERLAND FEAT. THE MARKET PLACE Heritage Hall NOON-4 P.M.	4 VILLAGE TALK Artisan Clubhouse 6 P.M.	5 FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING Town Hall 5:30 P.M.	6 CELEBRATORS MEETING Town Hall 9:30 A.M. DEMOCRATS OF CELEBRATION HOLIDAY SILENT AUCTION Heritage Hall 5-8 P.M.	7 ROTARY CLUB Artisan Clubhouse 6 P.M. DEMOCRATS OF CELEBRATION Town Hall 7 P.M. BETHLEHEM EXPERIENCE Community Presbyterian 6:30, 7:30, 8:30 P.M. HANUKKAH BEGINS	8 COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS 690 Celebration Ave 2 P.M. FOOD TRUCK FRIDAY Lakeside Park 5-9 P.M. DON BLACK SAXOPHONE SOLO X-FACTOR CHS JAZZ BAND Great Lawn Stage 5-9 P.M. BETHLEHEM EXPERIENCE Community Presbyterian 6:30, 7:30, 8:30 P.M.	9 BETHLEHEM EXPERIENCE Community Presbyterian 6:30, 7:30, 8:30 P.M.
10 FARMERS MARKET Front Street 9 A.M.-1 P.M.	11 ARC COMMITTEE Town Hall 6 P.M.	12 SPECIAL EVENTS COMMITTEE Town Hall 2 P.M. RECREATION COMMITTEE Town Hall 5:30 P.M.	13 GARDEN CLUB Heritage Hall 8:30 A.M. KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BINGO Town Hall 6 P.M.	14 VETERANS CLUB Town Hall 6 P.M.	15 HOLIDAY FEST Lakeside Park 5-9 P.M. HANUKKAH ENDS	16
17 FARMERS MARKET Front Street 9 A.M.-1 P.M.	18 COMMUNITY NEV PARADE North Village 6 P.M.	19 CCDD BOARD MEETING 313 Campus St. 6 P.M. 2023 HOLIDAY CONCERT FEAT. MICHAEL EVANS Lakeside Park 6-9 P.M.	20 CROA BOARD OF APPEALS Town Hall 4:30 P.M. CROA BOARD MEETING Town Hall 6 P.M.	21 ROTARY CLUB Artisan Clubhouse 6 P.M. WINTER SOLSTICE	22 TOWN HALL CLOSING AT 3 P.M.	23
24 FARMERS MARKET Front Street 9 A.M.-1 P.M. CHRISTMAS EVE	25 TOWN HALL CLOSED CHRISTMAS DAY	26 BOXING DAY TOWN HALL CLOSED KWANZAA BEGINS	27	28	29	30
31 FARMERS MARKET Front Street 9 A.M.-1 P.M. NEW YEAR'S EVE	JAN 1 TOWN HALL CLOSED HAPPY NEW YEAR!	2	3 CELEBRATORS MEETING Town Hall 9:30 A.M.	4 ROTARY CLUB Artisan Clubhouse 6 P.M. DEMOCRATS OF CELEBRATION Celebration Library 7 P.M.	5	6

All meetings and events subject to change. Please visit www.celebration.fl.us for the most up to date schedules.

TOWN HALL IS CLOSED EVERY SATURDAY AND SUNDAY.



Scan the QR code to view the most up to date calendar of events.

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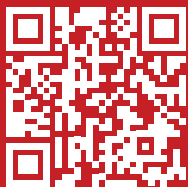


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We are a Veteran owned, licensed and insured, small family business, with 30+ years experience in remodeling and renovation.

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Water Heaters

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407-791-8030

RECURRING MONTHLY EVENTS

SUNDAY

COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN CELEBRATION

SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE, 511 CELEBRATION AVE. | 8, 9:30 & 11:11 A.M.

CORPUS CHRISTI CATHOLIC CHURCH

1050 CELEBRATION AVE. | 8:30 & 10:30 A.M., 12:15 & 5:30 P.M.

CELEBRATION COMMUNITY CHURCH

501 CELEBRATION PLACE | 8 A.M., 9:45 A.M., 11:30 A.M.

FARMERS MARKET | 9 A.M. - 1 P.M.

CELEBRATION ANGLICAN FELLOWSHIP

BOHEMIAN HOTEL CONFERENCE ROOM | 1ST & 3RD SUNDAYS

COFFEE AND BIBLE Q & A | 9:30 A.M.

WORSHIP SERVICE | 10:30 A.M.

FOR INFORMATION CALL | 407-566-1195

ILLUMINATE CHURCH | CELEBRATION HIGH SCHOOL | 9 & 11 A.M.

THERE IS A SOLUTION | CCFC MEETING ROOM | 7 P.M.

MONDAY

CELEBRATION PICKLEBALL | 8-11 A.M.

CORPUS CHRISTI CATHOLIC CHURCH | 9 A.M.

ATLAS THEOLOGICAL CENTER | 1134 CELEBRATION BLVD. | 9 A.M.

CELEBRATION AL-ANON FAMILY GROUP

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH | 9:30 A.M.

RCFIT7 PERSONAL TRAINING | NORTH VILLAGE PAVILION | 10 A.M.

THRIVING IN PLACE | CALL 407-566-1234 | 9:30 A.M.-3 P.M.

CELEBRATION SOCCER CLUB | 6:30-7:30 P.M. LADIES, CCFC

COMMUNITY CHORUS | 7 P.M.

RECOVERY AT CELEBRATION | CCFC MEETING ROOM | 7 P.M.

CELEBRATION SOCCER CLUB | 7:30-9:30 P.M. ADULT CO-ED, CCFC

TUESDAY

RUNNING CLUB | FOUNDERS PARK | 6:30 A.M.

CORPUS CHRISTI CATHOLIC CHURCH | 9 A.M.

THRIVING IN PLACE | CALL 407-566-1234 | 9:30 A.M.-3 P.M.

AQUA YOGA | LAKESIDE POOL | 10 A.M.

PÉTANQUE | LAKESIDE LAKE | 4-6 P.M.

CELEBRATION ZUMBA | TOWN HALL | 5:45 -6:45 P.M.

CELEBRATION YOGA | 10 A.M. & 6 P.M.

OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS | JONES ROOM | 7 P.M.

WEDNESDAY

CORPUS CHRISTI CATHOLIC CHURCH | 9 A.M.

THRIVING IN PLACE | CALL 407-566-1234 | 9:30 A.M.-3 P.M.

AQUA FIT YOGA | LAKESIDE POOL | 10 A.M.

RCFIT7 PERSONAL TRAINING | NORTH VILLAGE PAVILION | 10 A.M.

THERE IS A SOLUTION | CCFC MEETING ROOM | 7 P.M.

THURSDAY

CELEBRATION PICKLEBALL | 8-11 A.M.

RUNNING CLUB | FOUNDER'S PARK | 6:30 A.M.

CORPUS CHRISTI CATHOLIC CHURCH | 9 A.M.

THRIVING IN PLACE | CALL 407-566-1234 | 9:30 A.M. - 3 P.M.

IRISH DANCE | 5:15-8:15 P.M.

AQUA YOGA | LAKESIDE POOL | 10 A.M.

CELEBRATION ZUMBA | TOWN HALL | 5:45 -6:45 P.M.

BALLROOM DANCE | TOWN HALL | 7 P.M.

COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN CELEBRATION

CONTEMPORARY SERVICE | 511 CELEBRATION AVE. | 7:30 P.M.

FRIDAY

CORPUS CHRISTI CATHOLIC CHURCH | 9 A.M.

THRIVING IN PLACE | CALL 407-566-1234 | 9:30 A.M.-3 P.M.

RCFIT7 PERSONAL TRAINING | NORTH VILLAGE PAVILION | 10 A.M.

COMPANY DANCE WARM UPS | 4-4:30 P.M.

RECOVERY AT CELEBRATION | CCFC MEETING ROOM | 7 P.M.

SATURDAY

CELEBRATION PICKLEBALL | 8-11 A.M.

RUNNING CLUB | FOUNDERS PARK | 6:30 A.M.

CELEBRATION PICKLEBALL | GEORGETOWN TENNIS COURTS | 8:30-11 A.M.

PÉTANQUE | LAKESIDE PARK | 9 A.M.

CELEBRATION SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST

ADULT STUDY GROUP | NICHOLSON CENTER | 9:30 A.M.

FAMILY STORY HOUR | CREATION KIDS VILLAGE | 9:30 A.M.

WORSHIP | NICHOLSON CENTER | 11 A.M.

WORSHIP SERVICE | ED CENTER 2 | 11 A.M.

CORPUS CHRISTI CATHOLIC CHURCH

1050 CELEBRATION AVE. | VIGIL MASS | 4 P.M.

RECOVERY AT CELEBRATION | CCFC MEETING ROOM

CALL 407-433-1745 OR E-MAIL CELEBRATIONAA@GMAIL.COM | 7 P.M.

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Holiday Concert ²⁰²³

"FEELING GOOD" featuring Michael Evans

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 19 | 6:30-9PM

Lakeside Park | 631 Sycamore Street

6pm | Doors Open

6:30pm | Strolling opening act featuring Sleigh

7:30pm | "FEELING GOOD" featuring Michael Evans

Join your friends and neighbors to enjoy a memorable night of "FEELING GOOD" featuring Michael Evans on Tuesday, December 19 from 6:30-9 p.m. at Celebration's Lakeside Park. This event is presented by Mattamy Homes' Island Village at Celebration.

The doors open at 6:00 p.m. and the fun begins at 6:30 p.m. as Sleigh strolls through the venue as you find your seat. Sleigh is a contemporary pop acapella group that will delight you with fresh, new arrangements of new and classic holiday tunes.

At 7:30 p.m. we will welcome "Feeling Good" a tribute to Michael Bublé featuring *Michael Evans to the stage*. "Feeling Good" pays homage to Michael Bublé's original music while also celebrating the historical contributions of those that inspired both Michael Bublé AND Michael Evans to pick up a microphone. This show thrills audiences worldwide by combining big-band standards from the jazz era, classic hits from the 50s/60s/70s, as well as Billboard chart toppers from today in a high-energy show that generates standing ovations from sold-out crowds and leaves everyone singing, dancing, and Feeling Good!

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This show is open to CROA residents and their guests only. CROA ID required. Please bring a chair to enjoy the show if you have not reserved a table in advance.

For more information contact the Town Hall Lifestyle office at 407-566-1200 or townhall@ciramail.com.



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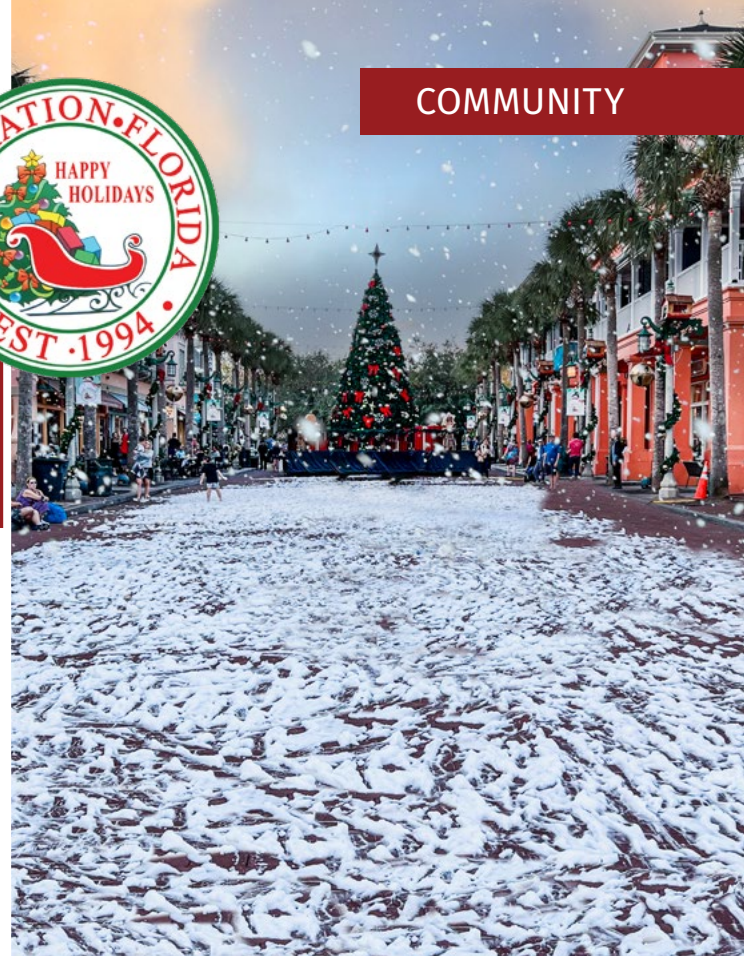
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Join Celebration Town Center for their 25th Anniversary of Now Snowing Nightly November 25th through December 31st. Now Snowing, Central Florida's original and premier "Snowing" event, offers one of the area's only synthetic ice rinks, special community performances by some of the area's top young talent, and special concert events throughout the season. Now Snowing is a month-long Winter Wonderland Spectacular featuring strolling Charles Dickens style Carolers, photos with Santa, horse drawn carriage rides, train rides, ice skating, a snow village, and nightly snowfall at 6:00, 7:00, 8:00 and 9:00 p.m.

It's a true throwback to the traditional family style holiday. In addition to the everyday fun at Now Snowing Nightly, the event will feature a special Holiday themed Art Festival (Celebration Art Walk) on December 16th. The event is brought to you by Lexin Capital, and sponsored in part by the Celebration Town Tavern, and Experience Kissimmee. Now Snowing Nightly parking and admission are free. Celebration is conveniently located between Highway 192 and Interstate 4 near Walt Disney World. For more information on Celebration Town Center and Special Events visit us on the web at www.celebrationtowncenter.com or call (407) 566-4007. ●



CELEBRATION TOWN CENTER PRESENTS

NOV. 25 **THRU...** **DEC. 31**

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PLUS...

TREE LIGHTING CEREMONY

- November 25th, 5 pm

HOLIDAY ART WALK

- December 16th

WINTER FUN!

- Strolling Carolers
- Photos with Santa
- Ice Skating
- Horse Drawn Carriage Rides
- Train Rides and More!

25TH ANNIVERSARY

THE WEST OSCEOLA LIBRARY HAS SOME COZY PROGRAMS FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER!

PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS:

Thursday, December 7 at 6pm Book Swap: Holiday Edition

Bring in a new or gently wrapped book to trade for something new to read this holiday season!

Saturday, December 9 at 2pm Maker's Café: Tealight Snowman Magnet

Assemble a festive tea light snowman magnet to upgrade your winter décor! Supplies provided.

Thursday, December 14 at 6pm | Wood Slice Ornaments

Unleash your creativity as you paint a unique wood slice ornament that blends festive spirit with your individual style. Supplies provided.

Saturday, December 16 at 1pm | This Time Next Year

Enjoy a lively book discussion while enjoying teas based on each month's book selection. This month: This Time Next Year by Sophie Cousens

PROGRAMS FOR KIDS AND FAMILIES:

Every Tuesday starting at 10am | Storytime!

Join us for twice the fun with two storytimes for your little ones, with special stories and songs for toddlers at 10am and babies at 11am.

Every Wednesday morning starting at 9:15am R.I.S.E. Up Osceola

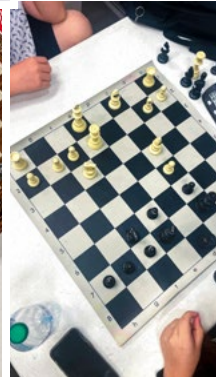
The School District of Osceola brings their READ Bus equipped with resources to engage parents of pre-school age children and toddlers with activities to develop their early literacy skills.

Wednesday, December 20 at 4:30pm | Bingo for Books Jr.

Do you want to have some fun? Join us for a game of Bingo for Books. The best way to discover your new favorite book!

RESEARCH AND INSTRUCTION FOR EVERYONE!

In addition to these exciting programs, the Library is partnering with the Adult Literacy League to host E.S.O.L. (English as a Second Language) Conversation Hour every Friday at 10am. This is a great opportunity to become more familiar with the English language and meet new people. ●



Check out our December calendar online at osceolalibrary.org, or at the West Osceola Library right here in Celebration!

RCFit7



Celebration offers diverse recreational programming and activities, highlighting the cornerstone of the Community. Here and in future editions of Celebration News, the Communications Team will highlight our partner programs. The Parks and Recreation team is thankful for all partner programs for contributing to our Community's high-quality offerings.

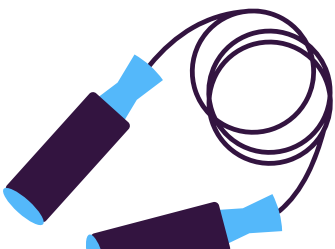
RCFit7 is a family fitness program in Celebration, that is designed to provide confidence to people of all fitness levels so they may workout in a positive environment. RCFit7 has been in business for seven years, where Ryan Clarke, is a skilled personal trainer. Currently Ryan leads his fitness classes at the North Village Pavilion, every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday at 10 a.m.

RCFit7 benefits the residents of Celebration, by bringing them together to connect with their neighbors while working out, plus people love to have an outdoor option to exercise. Within this program you learn accountability and discipline. Sometimes it may be hard to work out alone and doing so in a group setting can make it easier to reach your health and fitness goals.

The participants in RCFit 7's Family Fitness program are united through a group chat, where they consistently offer words of encouragement to their fellow team members, both as a collective and on an individual basis. This approach fosters a strong sense of community within the program, enabling participants to gradually get to know one another and support each other in reaching their fitness goals. Ryan envisions his fitness program expanding in the years to come. With a range of options tailored to meet diverse fitness needs, the potential for growth is boundless. Should someone find the group classes too demanding, they have the option to opt for private lessons. Additionally, for those who are often on the go, there is an online option available.

RCFit7's culture is that everyone is family! All those who partake in Ryan's program always display love and support toward one another. Sometimes a client's schedule, a change in weather, or life, can make things challenging, but together RCFit7 is able to work around them and push forward. RCFit7 is an active part of the community, and they aim to continue to connect and grow, together.

For more details or to register you may visit <https://calendly.com/rcfit7/family-fitness-1> or contact Ryan at 321-278-6523, or email him at rcfit7@gmail.com. ●



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Our beautiful American history is best seen and felt through traditional holidays. Unfortunately with families spread across the country and the commercialization of events people have lost the original intent of important observances. At Christmas the change can be seen from the time we used to cut our trees to when we bought fresh cut ones and now when it seems they are all plastic. Modern décor and take out meals mean that we don't feel the energy of a live tree, we don't smell the fine fir, and we don't take pride in making our own adornments or of cooking from your mother's your recipes. Plastic and prepared meals just doesn't measure up.

Here in Celebration all residents have special ways to share in the holiday spirit with real people and real interaction. Within our homes and in our community the wealth of spirit and talent are to be found all month long. The stars, cast and behind the scenes workers of these events are beautiful local people, perhaps even your neighbors.

Follow this listing to bring a glow to your holidays.

CELEBRATION COMMUNITY CHURCH

- **December 2**, 10 AM - 12 PM: Women's Christmas Tea
- **December 10**, 5 - 7 PM: Andrew Peterson "Behold the Lamb of God" concert screening
- **December 24**: Christmas Eve
 - 8, 9:45, 11:30 AM: Morning worship service times
 - 7 PM: Night of Carols

CORPUS CHRISTI CATHOLIC CHURCH

- **December 5**, 7 PM Christmas Concert performed by the amazing Adult Choir
- **Christmas Eve 3**, 4:30, 6, 7:30 PM, Midnight (music starting at 11:30 PM)
- **Christmas Day** 8:30 AM, 10:30 AM, 12:15 PM

JEWISH CONGREGATION

- **Hanukkah Sunset, December 7** PM December til Nightfall 15

Look for special Hanukkah dinner selections or rituals in local restaurant. Celebrate history by lighting candles each night, singing special songs, saying the Hallel prayer, eating foods fried in oil such as latkes and sufganiyot, and dairy foods, playing the dreidel game, and giving Hanukkah gelt.

COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

- **December 7, 8 and 9**, 6:30, 7:30 and 8:30 PM

This Christmas, travel 8,000 miles and 2,000 years back in history to ancient **Bethlehem to Experience** the birth of Jesus. Community Presbyterian Church will once again transform its grounds into a living re-creation of the village of Bethlehem on the night of the first Christmas. More than 5,000 people attended last year's spectacular live Nativity event. FREE for the entire family. Only in Celebration, Florida!

- **Christmas Eve 3, 5, 7 and 11 PM; Christmas Day 8 and 10 PM**

SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH

- **December 9** 11 AM Christmas musical performed by the children of the congregation
- **December 23**, 11 AM Special Christmas message delivered senior pastor, Brad Cassell - TOTIL

CELEBRATION ANGLICAN FELLOWSHIP

- **December 12** 7 PM Lessons and Carols - 501 Celebration Place
- **December 24** 10:30 AM Christmas Eve Eucharist Celebration Hotel Conference Room

ILLUMINATE CHURCH

- **Christmas Eve 2 and 5 PM** - Celebration High School Auditorium

Not your typical Christmas. Experience the magic of this special evening with live music, joyful carols, and a heartwarming atmosphere. Bring your little ones to enjoy fun activities designed just for them. Indulge in delicious hot cocoa and other festive treats. ●



Lessons and Carols



**A LIVING CHRISTMAS EXPERIENCE
FREE FOR THE ENTIRE FAMILY**

Bethlehem



RETURNS TO CELEBRATION THIS CHRISTMAS

This Christmas you are invited to take an adventure back in time and experience the birth of Jesus. On December 7th, 8th and 9th, Community Presbyterian Church will once again transform its grounds into a living re-creation of the village of Bethlehem on the night of the first Christmas.

More than 5,000 people attended last year's spectacular event. Visitors will encounter an interactive night of wonder, with hundreds of actors donned in colorful costumes playing townspeople. They are joined by a choreographed ensemble of angels, live animals, traditional foods, a marketplace, and the Bethlehem star.

Visitors can observe and mingle with Roman soldiers while paying taxes and giving an account of themselves to the census takers, while scholars wonder about the news that the Messiah has been born. You might even spot the Three Wisemen as they carry their gifts in search of the newborn King.

The shepherds' exciting encounter with the Angel announcing the good news of the birth of Jesus signals the beginning of the grand finale Live Nativity Show. Children especially love seeing the animals including donkeys, sheep, and cows and a camel. Thousands of Christmas lights and the star of Bethlehem will light up the sky. Music will fill the air as a sense of joy and anticipation permeates the entire city block, as well as a deep sense of community uniting all people.

For anyone searching for the real meaning of Christmas, the answer can be found at the BETHLEHEM EXPERIENCE.

You won't want to miss this living Christmas experience, FREE for the entire family.
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LIVE NATIVITY SHOWS EACH NIGHT AT 6:30, 7:30 & 8:30

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KEY CLUB

The holiday season is usually a time for giving, cheer, and the spirit of unity. What makes the holiday season most memorable and special to you? For the Key Club members, it is volunteerism and service, qualities fostered through Key Club, a student-led organization dedicated to serving and bettering the community through selfless citizenship and service. Throughout the school year, the Key Club teaches its growing high school members the importance of dedicating oneself to the community, as well as qualities such as collaboration, selflessness, and inclusivity that will aid them in pursuing a successful future as young adults. By involving their youth in service projects, the youth learn the importance of good citizenship, especially in times like the beloved holiday season.

During the Thanksgiving holiday break, the Key Club partnered with the student government to make baskets to collect donations for charity. This month, the Key Club will also partner with Celebration Town Center to volunteer and set up decorations in the downtown area. There are over fifty volunteers planned to assist, making this one of the most significant service projects in the club's history at Celebration High School. The spirit of service does not stop here, despite how enormous this task may be.

Celebration's Key Club will be partnering with EmpowHER, a student organization at OCSA (Osceola County School for the Arts) dedicated to advancing equity in the community and bringing community awareness to social issues, building leadership, and collaborating on community social projects.

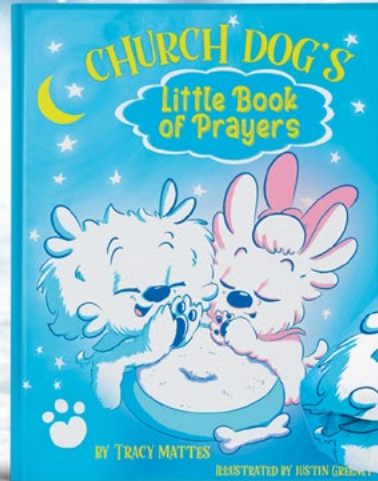
The Key Club and EmpowHER will co-host a 'Holiday for the Homeless' project, which will work to collect donations such as canned goods, blankets, baby wipes, hand lotion, water, and much more, to organize them into individual essential bags for people without housing, to communities in Orlando.

Celebration's Key Club strives to radiate the holiday spirit by engaging with the community through committed service. This holiday season, they hope to demonstrate that giving a helping hand is sometimes the most precious gift someone can receive. ●



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7:30

8:30

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Celebration Foundation



Dear Neighbors,

The holidays in Celebration are filled with sparkle, glitter, and smiles!

I hope you and your loved ones have a month filled with love and gratitude. Gratitude is the theme of the Celebration Foundation's Holiday Home Tour & Winter Wonderland with The Market Place, the largest event that the Celebration Foundation has been planning for months! You may have seen glitter and sparkle on the sidewalks leading to Heritage Hall for this event, which raises funds for all the Celebration Foundation programs and community organizations.

We are grateful to all the homeowners who opened their homes and hearts to tour participants who live or visit our town for the Holiday Home Tour. These homeowners decorate their homes for the holidays so over 1,500 tour attendees can see their "holiday" style.

A stop on the Holiday Home Tour is the Winter Wonderland & The Market Place, filled with sparkle, glitter, and visions of holiday-themed decorated trees and tablescapes. Debi & Dorie, the dynamic duo, lead the stop at the Winter Wonderland and Market Place, as they have been a part of it ALL through the years. Shopping is on the list, as these one-of-a-kind trees and tablescapes can be purchased and delivered to your home! We are grateful for Debi & Dorie recruiting resident community volunteers to donate, decorate, and design trees of all shapes and sizes. It is always a sight to see and behold with the BIG reveal held at the Winter Wonderland VIP reception on Friday evening! The sale of all these holiday-themed items, from trees to gift baskets, raises funds for the programs of the Celebration Foundation. We are grateful for the time, talent, and treasure from every designer!

Our holiday concert performance is by a local artist, Zoe Tyler, at Community Presbyterian Church on Friday, December 15th at 7pm. Tickets are available at www.Celebrationfoundation.org. Don your holiday attire and join us!

As the year 2023 ends, I am grateful for all the volunteers that make all this magic happen for students to seniors in our community. These volunteers are the light that shines every month of the year. Each volunteer inspires the Foundation team to do more, give more, and create joy in our community together. I am grateful for every event, program, and idea that continues to connect and change our community – one heart at a time.

Wishing you a holiday season filled with peace, joy, and gratitude for our community!

Warm regards,

Kathleen Sipio,
Executive Director ●

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610 Sycamore Street Suite, 110 | Celebration, Florida



CELEBRATION LIFELONG ARTIST FEATURE
**IT'S A WRAP FOR THE FALL/
WINTER 2023 SESSIONS!**

As we gear up for the holiday season, Celebration Lifelong celebrates the completion of their Fall- Winter 2023 courses and the dedication of their instructors and volunteers.

Their clubs continue to meet the first week of each month, and they are busy planning for the **Spring-Summer 2024** term and the catalog's release on January 29. Not a Lifelong Learner? Join them in the spring as registration begins **on January 31**, and the first three-week session starts **on February 13**. They look forward to having you join them!

Lifelong provides courses in a wide range of disciplines, and year after year, classes in the fine and decorative arts have been trendy. Over the past ten years, they have offered classes in drawing, cartooning, watercolor painting, collage techniques, clay sculpture, basket making, bookmaking, photography, calligraphy, printmaking, wreath making, and color theory.

What makes these classes exceptional are their volunteer instructors. Many are artists, bringing years of experience to the courses they teach. One art instructor who has been with Lifelong since 2013 is **Meryl Rachlin**. Meryl is a graphic designer and decorative painter whose murals adorn the walls of many homes in Celebration. Her course offerings this year were classes in **3D Needle Felting** and the **Open Studio**. **Arlene Sanchez-Busse** is another repeat instructor who teaches classes in color pencil theory. This year, she taught **Coloring the Flowers of the Tropics**. Arlene, who hails from Puerto Rico, studied painting with Andres Bueso, one of the Caribbean's foremost artists.

Watercolor artist **Joan Werner** has taught many different painting courses. Before retirement, Joan was an art educator in Pennsylvania who taught art at all levels. Another artist/teacher is **Linda Quinn**, a fine arts photographer who taught at both the elementary and high school levels on Long Island. She makes handmade art books showcasing her photographic



images. This fall, she taught students how to make a **3D Carousel Picture Book**, and last spring, she taught a course in mobile phone photography.

Sally Uffelman offers courses in **Wreath Making and Door Decor**. Sally, one of Celebration's original residents, has been designing and selling wreaths for decades and is delighted to share her design secrets and material sources with our members. Lifelong welcomed a new art instructor this fall, **Gail Clifford**, who taught **Card Making the Old-Fashioned Way with a Modern Twist**. Gail is a physician who finds relaxation from her medical career in scrapbooking and card making.

Did you know about Lifelong's Monday newsletter (Lifelong Monday)? It provides weekly updates on all their events and upcoming catalog releases, registration dates, and program offerings, Visit **CelebrationLifelong.org** and sign up! ●

No Homework! No Tests! No Stress! Just learning for the joy of it! Celebration Lifelong is a Celebration Foundation program and a community partnership with Celebration Residential Owners Association (CROA).

OUR MISSION:

The mission of Celebration Lifelong, a program of the Celebration Foundation, is to provide an extraordinary educational and enriching program for adults in Celebration and beyond. Dedicated to intellectual growth, social interaction, and well-being of its members, Celebration Lifelong is a membership program that encourages those who are willing to volunteer their time and talents to teach and develop courses and activities.

HOW TO REACH US:

VISIT OUR WEBSITE: www.celebrationfoundation.org

Please contact Janet Wheatley, Celebration Lifelong Manager: 407.595.5905
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JEFF RUPERT JAZZ

Saturday | January 20, 2024 | 7p.m.
Community Presbyterian Church

Sponsored by Ran & Susan Sailer

VIENNA BOYS CHOIR

Friday | February 9, 2024 | 7p.m.
Corpus Christi Catholic Church

Sponsored by Curt & Vicki McIntyre

EVOLUTION: MOTOWN

Saturday | March 2, 2024 | 7p.m.
Community Presbyterian Church

Sponsored by Dr. Paul & Barbara Patterson

LA CALLE BAND

Saturday | April 27th, 2024 | 6p.m.
Lakeside Park

Sponsored by Vivian Lai-Chin and Dr. David Anderson & Mr. Mark Hayes

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Celebration Foundation Concert Series

Holiday Home Tour Winter Wonderland with The Market Place



Ring in the holidays with a beloved Celebration tradition.

Join us for the Holiday Home Tour and enjoy exclusive access inside seasonally decorated homes throughout Celebration.

Tickets include Saturday or Sunday admission to Winter Wonderland, your one-stop shop to browse or purchase themed trees, tablescapes or that perfect holiday gift at The Market Place.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2 | 1-7 P.M.

&

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3 | 12-4 P.M.

\$25 per person

Winter Wonderland is one of the Holiday Home Tour stops during this self-guided tour.

Call for details | (407) 566-1234

or order tickets online

www.celebrationfoundation.org

All proceeds benefit the programs of the Celebration Foundation and community programs. ●



Celebration Foundation Holiday Home Tour & Winter Wonderland



This *Team* Makes Our *Dream* Work!

By Becky Varley



Over the years, these fabulous ladies have volunteered their time helping with our Thriving In Place Lunch Bunch event every Friday and, in many other ways, with our program. All of your volunteer work is greatly appreciated by so many. Over the years, many friendships have been created, and your generosity has filled hearts; thanks for being you!

Thank you, Rosemary, Nelida, Dale, and Jodi; you are each greatly appreciated. We couldn't do it without your kindness, generosity, and organization.

"A career is when your wallet is full; being a volunteer is when your heart is full." Our volunteers are priceless to the Celebration Foundation.

Thriving In Place, a program of the Celebration Foundation aims to empower those aging or managing a disability to live in their own homes, leading healthy, safe, independent, and productive lives by building a community, connecting members, and engaging with each other. Our Thriving In Place program commits to maintaining a healthy and vibrant lifestyle by providing you with enriching service, activities, and friendships. Please contact Becky Varley, Thriving In Place Program Manager, at 407.572.9850 or thriving@celebrationfoundation.org for more information.

If you want to volunteer, please fill out a volunteer application form online at celebrationfoundation.org. ●

Thriving In Place is a community-based membership program of the Celebration Foundation designed to help residents stay in their home and the community they love.

OUR MISSION:

Empowering those who are aging or managing a disability to live in their own homes leading a healthy, safe, independent, and productive lives.

HOW TO REACH US:

VISIT OUR WEBSITE: www.celebrationfoundation.org

Please contact Becky Varley, Interim Thriving In Place Manager: 407.572.9850

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CELEBRATORS

Wishing you and yours a Happy Holiday Season!

LET'S TALK TURKEY! - Hold on to your Santa hats! All the arrangements have been made for the Celebrator's annual holiday party and it's guaranteed to be a real bow out! Join them for their BEAR-y Jolly Holiday party on Wednesday, December 13th from 5:00-9:00 pm at the Artisan Clubhouse! It is suggested that you come in "3 G" attire - Glamorous, Glittering and/or Glitzy - to match the

extra special menu we have planned. First, an assortment of cheeses, crackers and fresh fruit - just a little nibble before you move on to the salad course and the main event - a sumptuous meal featuring two carving stations where filets and turkey breast will be sliced to order. You can even create your own "surf and turf" by adding a serving of glazed salmon to your plate. You can then choose from an assortment of your favorite sides to complete your dish, but make sure you save room for a serving of berry cobbler! There will also be a DJ for your listening/dancing pleasure and, of course, a cash bar to enhance your HO-HO-HO-ing! You'll want to make reservations to confirm you are GO-GO-GO-ing if you haven't already!

MOVE OVER DAN QUAYLE AND MIKE PENCE! If you've ever dreamed of growing up to be Vice President, here's your chance! Celia McFadden will be retiring as the club's VP to accept a more lucrative position watching her two young grandsons so their mommy can go back to work. As Vice President, your main responsibilities would be finding speakers for regular monthly Celebrators meetings and filling in for the club President when they are not available. Perks include sitting at the head table during the Regular Monthly meetings and being able to have lunch at the Artisan Club once a month after their Executive Committee meeting. More information follows... (Writer's NOTE: If you're wondering why these particular VP's were chosen, it has nothing to do with politics. It's because they came from the Great State of Indiana so they are Hoosiers like yours truly! There were four others if you care to look them up.)

ELECTION TO TAKE PLACE DECEMBER 6TH! There are four (5) Executive Committee positions up for election this December: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and Membership Director. Brief position descriptions will be available at our Membership Meeting for your consideration. Our Executive Committee will also be on hand to answer any specific questions. ●

REGULAR MONTHLY SCHEDULE

MEMBER MEETING: 1st Wednesday of the month
NEXT MEETING: **December 6**
Town Hall
851 Celebration Ave
Doors open at 9:00 a.m.
Meeting starts at 9:30 a.m.
Bring your own beverage...we'll supply the sweet treats!

Please note that the following "dates" are subject to change or cancellation based on possible scheduling conflicts with other Celebrator events or activities.

LUNCH AT "THE CLUB": 1st Saturday after the month

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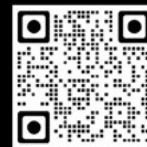
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Sawdust

By Veryl Kroon





Woodworking has experienced many changes in the past decade. This article will cover a few of those changes:

1. People under the age of forty seem to have lost interest in making things for themselves and others at the same time; the baby boomer generation is either slowing down or has quit the process either because ailments have robbed them of steady hands or the ability to lift the wood/projects, or they downsize or relocate to where a wood workshop is no longer viable. The need for more interest means the universe of woodworkers is shrinking. Those younger than forty who have found the inspiration of woodworking are producing some fantastic pieces with their prices reflecting an honest, fair payment for the materials, time, and expertise that you can find on websites like Etsy, Pinterest, YouTube, Facebook Marketplace, etc... Unique, one-of-a-kind pieces are being made of hardwood with quality construction for those who can afford them, far above retail.
2. Woodworking magazines have adapted to the new environment with mergers, expiring along with so many other print media, or their pages are focused on three groupings: the woodworker new to the hobby or career, those experienced but wanting to learn or develop new skills, and the advanced/experienced woodworker who enjoys seeing what others are making or helping to mentor or produce quality pieces that others will appreciate because their residence has reached the absorption limit.
3. Decorating preferences have changed so that every three to five years, people change their style, look, and abode emotes. The furniture manufacturers have adapted their product lines to accommodate these new preferences with lower-cost materials (if you look carefully a lot of the furniture available today is particle board that crumbles apart in three to five years, necessitating the purchase of a new cycle of furniture), labor content (CNC machines which are computer driven routers will repetitively produce tons more of the exact parts requiring only a person to load the next piece of wood positioned correctly and then start the process over again and again for multiple CNC machines), and time to get product to the marketplace—fad furniture at its worst. Family heirlooms get rejected. Classical pieces that for a couple of centuries were prized pieces of hardwood furniture that people saved money for years to acquire are only prized by older generations that appreciate the quality of Stickley, Green and Green, Chippendale, Windsor, Art Deco, Queen Anne, Shaker, Colonial, Hepplewhite, or Pennsylvania Dutch. We seem willing to forget and ignore our historical heritage for expediency.
4. Woodworking tools are now available in categories of quality, which is OK for the casual user who only needs a cheap tool for a one-time project. The days of a brand being understood as the gold standard are slipping by us. Quality tools keep evolving, too, as battery technology is evolving from new materials for cordless tools, affording each generation of tools to be lighter weight (more straightforward to handle and use all day long) and more powerful. More and more tools are becoming cordless. Recently Bosch introduced a cordless battery that will power multiple brands as opposed to being required to use a battery that works only with a specific brand. This means making brand loyalty disappear so the woodworker can now be freed to purchase the best in class for each tool.

T^{is} the holiday season when woodworkers are busy in their workshops making wood gift items for people unique to them. Have you dropped enough hints about the cutting board, charcuterie serving board you've been eyeing but found too expensive in the store, book rack, wooden brain teaser puzzles or games, wine rack, bowls, cooking/serving utensils, etc? Here's hoping you receive the wooden gift you want from your favorite woodworker. ●

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Amazing musicians donated their time and talents to provide continuous live music on the Great Lawn from Noon – 9PM. Embrace of Celebration would like to send a big THANK YOU to everyone who performed: Celebration K-8 Jazz Band, Alan Binau's CEONEO, Celebration K-8 Wind Ensemble, Kenny Broc, Paul Harlyn, Chris McDermott, David Cassese, Tom Atkinson's Celebration Jazz Band, Eddy Craft, Abbie Lancaster, FITO, Mary Kulinski, Paul Q-Pek, Those Guys and Beyond Prime.

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Embrace's vision is becoming a reality: *By helping, caring, and sharing, we work to inspire and empower one another.* Together, we are truly making a difference in people's lives.

Every week, volunteers of Embrace pick-up, pack, and deliver fresh food to people living in the backlot apartments along Route 192. Eighty percent of the people who Embrace of Celebration supports are Disney employees, only making minimum wage while trying to support their families. Embrace makes sure to give back to people who make the Walt Disney World experience possible.

In addition to providing food to families in need, Embrace is also partnering with organizations to provide affordable housing. This month alone, they have helped five people with moving into stable housing, and eight people with getting off the street and into temporary housing. The local high school students are also getting involved. Embrace of Celebration is now an official school club, where they meet every week to brainstorm ways to help those in need. In late October, Mario organized a car wash which raised \$621. The youth at Embrace of Celebration are amazing and they are proud to have them on their team.

Interested in how you can become a part of Embrace of Celebration or would like to know more details? Visit www.EmbraceofCelebration.com for more details and to connect with their team. ❤️ •



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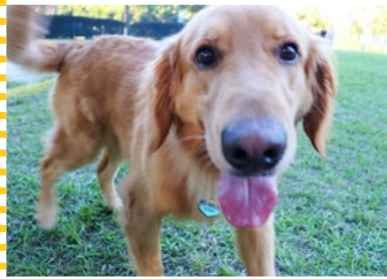
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PANCAKE RUN *Photo Credit: Jim Siegel*



DOG PARK WORKSHOP





HAPPY HOLIDAYS FROM THE GARDEN CLUB

The Garden Club wishes happy holidays to all. Good times with friends and family make the holiday season a special time of the year.

At the Garden Club, they have just finished successful pine straw and poinsettia sales to the community and would like to thank you for your support. The profits from the sale go towards funding various community projects.

Recently, they did a weeding, replanting, and fertilization of the town's Memorial Garden. Special thanks to Brian Causey for his continued support of the Club. The club also participated in the Veterans Day remembrance event and gave out 100 red and white flowers to attendees. The town community chorus and speakers were inspiring.

During this fall, the Garden Club had several field trips and are having another one on Saturday, December 9 to an Amaryllis show at Nehrling Gardens followed by a lunch. They will also have their holiday luncheon this month and collecting donated pillows and towels for a women's protection center.

The Club has a nice website, www.celebrationgardenclub.org, where you can read about our club and connect with other sites that are of interest to gardeners and people that just like to see plants. Many good botanical gardens are near us and there are good nurseries and plant help websites available if you have gardening questions. Soon, the website will have a Q&A section in our website where the public can ask plant related questions to Master Gardeners.

The website is also a place where you can join the club if you wish. They meet at Heritage Hall on the third Wednesday of fall and spring months at 9:00 a.m. Maybe they will see you there....

A special thanks to Jaime and Jeff Eriks who kept the Garden Club running while Brad Wagoner was on a long vacation. They did a super job and spent a lot of time in support of the club. They have earned a rest. ●



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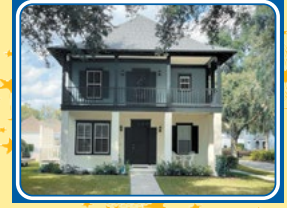


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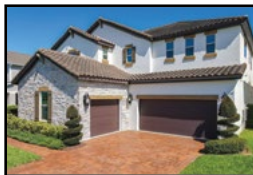
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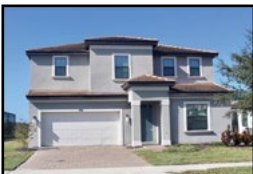
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