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## Family Stabilization Program's Lasting Impact

The premise of the Family Stabilization Program is based on the adage "Give a man a fish and you'll feed him for a day – teach a man to fish and you'll feed him for a lifetime."

The Family Stabilization Program (FSP) is an intensive six-month case management program that uses a holistic approach to help low-income individuals and families achieve financial stability and self-sufficiency. This goal is accomplished by providing participants with supportive services to mitigate immediate crises; and teaching them critical skills and tools to build a stable future.

Throughout their participation in the program, FSP clients receive a unique combination of services tailored to meet their individual needs, all of which are provided at no cost to participants: case management, financial education, individual financial counseling, financial assistance for basic needs (such as rent or utilities), employability skills training, mental health counseling, and food assistance.

The target population for the Family Stabilization Program is low-income individuals and families in Orange and Seminole Counties who are financially insecure and/or at risk of homelessness. In the most recently completed program year, concluded on September 30, 2015, FSP



The Family Stabilization Program (FSP) clients receive services such as food assistance, financial counseling and employability skills training.

served 33 households, composed of 109 individuals, 58 of whom were children. Approximately 48% of these households were headed by single mothers. These 33 households experienced the following results:

- 85% successfully completed the six-month program and improved their overall stability and self-sufficiency

- 100% of clients who participated in the financial components of the program improved money management skills
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- 94% of clients maintained or improved housing

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## Publisher's Message



Rick Cable

Over the course of my life, I've been fortunate to meet a long list of well-known and influential people. When I met Larry Bird I shook his hand but couldn't think of anything good to say except, "Nice to meet you Mr. Bird!" Vince Carter once asked to join in a conversation with me and a friend prior to a Magic game. I looked up and said, "By all means, yes." At some point he asked for finger nail clippers, and took care of business right there. I recall saying, "That's injury prevention at its finest, you certainly don't want to get a hang nail caught in the net." I had the pleasure of being Grant Hill's event guide for a day, and helping to make sure that all the kids who wanted his autograph, got his autograph. Had beers with Jim Belushi for an evening, and served as his wingman after one of his concerts. Great conversation, and his Chicago accent made his sarcastic humor even better.

In 1994, Michael Jordan came to town playing for the Birmingham Barons vs. Orlando Cubs. I had great seats behind home plate, and as my luck would have it, the person seated to my right was the lead singer for the Counting Crows, Adam Duritz. He simply introduced himself, and I never made mention that I knew

who he was until late in the game. It was mostly baseball chat until he said he was trying to figure out how to get out of the dog house with his girlfriend. I said, "You're the freaking lead singer of the Counting Crows, I'm sure you'll figure something out."

However, recently I had the pleasure to meet someone I truly idolize, and I owe it all to my flight being delayed three hours, and my wife suggesting we eat as soon as we landed. I was simply happy to be back in Orlando, and it was dinner time. So, as my luck would have it, we spot Lou Holtz and his wife. I'm a huge fan of the Notre Dame Fighting Irish, but more importantly this man, as I believe he is one of the greatest motivational people of all time. I shared this with him and he said, "Well you should seek better motivational people!" I then said, "I'd save Jimmy Johnson for you coach!" He said, "I felt really bad about that Catholics vs Criminals thing, not all my players were Catholic!" Like meeting many well-known people along the way, I'll never forget meeting Coach Holtz and his wonderful wife of 56 years.

As always, thank you for reading *The Park Press* and I look forward to the great things to come.

*Rick*

Rick Cable  
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# Suck It Up Buttercup! By Tricia Cable

I read a very interesting editorial recently titled "If you think you are to blame for your crappy life, you're right"...and I loved it! Things go well and not so well for everyone each and every day, true story. What makes the difference to you and your day and life, is how you handle the less-than-desired events that present themselves daily.

Let's be honest, it's easy to be happy and positive when everything is going your way. But how you handle the crappy things, makes all the difference. Are you one to take the bumps in the road with a grain of salt and a laugh, or does the slightest variation from your master plan rustle your feathers and render you lost?

Listen, you are in control of you. Don't let an inconsiderate driver who cut you off in traffic, or the dry cleaner who lost your favorite blouse, or the hiring manager who passed you over for a job, have a longer impact on your day, week, month than necessary. I know, these things are infuriating, life is not always sunshine and butterflies...it's tough and sometimes very unkind, but don't let a moment or an event own you. Get angry and then put it behind you instead

of letting it linger and become a factor in the direction that your day or week takes.

A dear friend of mine quotes her father pretty regularly these days: "Life isn't about your plan

years. Do what feels right for you, just don't forget to call yourself out if you need to redirect; cut yourself some slack but don't let Negative Nelly hang around too long, she isn't your friend and will not help you live the life you want to live.

You have to know you! Figure out what method works best for you to rid yourself of the unwanted anger, resentment, and negativity that will zap your forward momentum. Whether it's painting, reading, listening to music, working out, meditation...make sure you know how to reset you. If you feel yourself being sucked into nonproductive or unhealthy thinking, hit your reset button and begin again.

The benefit of getting older is that now, I really know myself.

I know my strengths, motivation, weakness, and vices. I decide how long I am going to allow myself to sulk before I pick myself up, brush myself off, and start all over again. Roll with the punches that life throws at you, don't let them define you or rob you of your best life. So I will say to you what I say to my husband, my children, and more importantly, myself- suck it up buttercup, the world is waiting!!



'A', it's about how smoothly you flip to plan 'B' when the original plan doesn't pan out." So, I guess the real question for the New Year is how quickly can you readjust your sails once you realize that you are heading in the wrong direction?

This is not my first rodeo with this "New Year" thing. I have strategized and mapped out well in advance some years, and I have also simply decided to fly by the seat of my pants on other



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## City Commissioner's Message

Commissioner Robert F. Stuart, City of Orlando District 3



Robert F. Stuart

Sometimes January can be anti-climatic...but not here in Orlando! There are lots of fun activities happening as well as economic development projects being completed that will be a great boost to our economy, while also providing more reasons why our community is a great place to live, work and play.

On January 13, get ready for the Dinosaur Invasion at Leu Gardens! Like last year's amazing bug sculptures, the property will host an unforgettable collection of 14 sculptures created by Guy Darrough. The dinosaurs are amazing, realistic replicas that range in size from 14 inches to more than 33 feet. Bring your family to the Gardens through April 30 to experience this new invasion first hand. A free, self-guided adventure brochure will be available at the Garden House throughout the exhibition's run, giving clues for amateur paleontologists of all ages to follow as they discover the dinosaurs taking over all parts of the acreage.

To celebrate the arrival of their new super-sized friends, join them for Dino Day on January 28th from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. throughout the Gardens. This event is part of your regular admission and will include themed games, crafts, and more. Visit [leugardens.org](http://leugardens.org) for all of the details.

Right down the street from the Gardens, enjoy all of the great partners that make up Loch Haven Park. From the Bo Bartlett, American Artist Exhibition, which opens on January 27th at the Mennello Museum to the newly opened, fully renovated 11,000 square



foot KidsTown at the Orlando Science Center, the district has something for everyone.

For those in our community who have a passion for video games and technology, another event that is coming January 13-16 at the science center is Otronicon. This event is the most interactive technology experience around, which takes the world of video games and simulation, and transforms them into in-depth immersive experiences. Classes will also be held on topics such as video game creation and patrons will get an exclusive glimpse at working simulators created by experts in the field.

Also in Loch Haven Park, check out the City's own fire museum, recently dedicated and renamed the Randall R. Tuten Fire Museum after one of our Orlando Fire Department retired deputy fire chiefs, who recently passed away. His passion to bring this museum, whose building was the original Fire Station 3 on Orlando Avenue, to Loch Haven Park to serve as a way to remember and teach will not soon be forgotten. For those who haven't had a chance to visit, the museum is open to the public on Fridays and Saturdays or groups can call 407-246-3648 to schedule a private tour.

We are also excited about all of the progress being made in the Lake Nona area of the city, evidenced by this month's opening of the

United States Tennis Association's National Campus ([usta.com](http://usta.com)). This 64-acre, state-of-the-art complex will be for everyone. It will be home to 100 lit courts, the UCF tennis team, a 50,000 square foot welcome center, a full service café, and much more. It is already set to host College MatchDays beginning January 21st

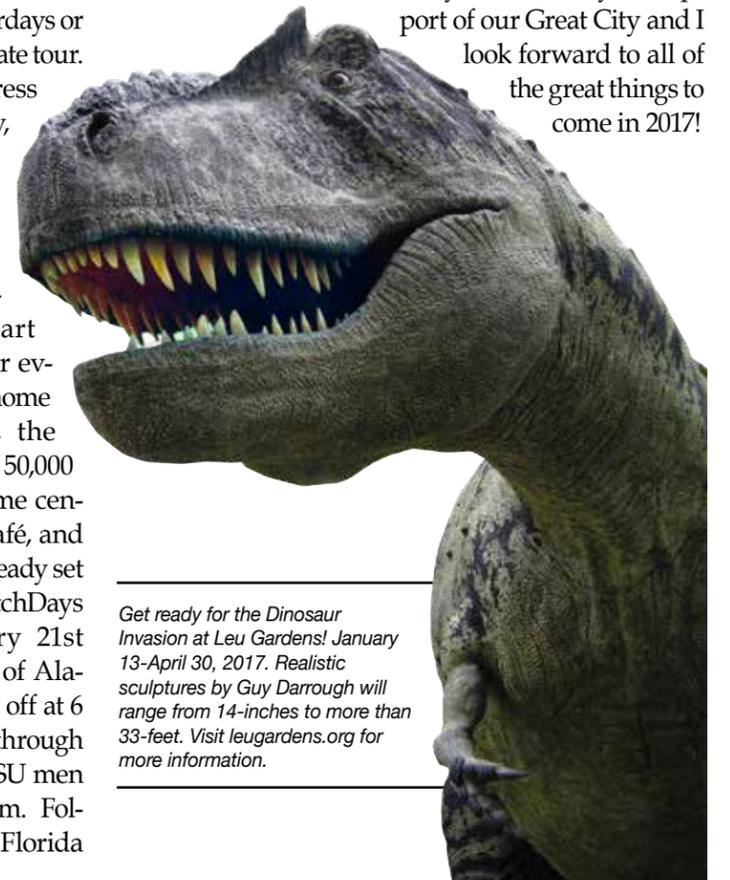
with the men's tennis teams of Alabama and Michigan squaring off at 6 p.m. College matches will run through March, with Florida versus FSU men playing on March 10th at 6 p.m. Following their lead, the USTA Florida

campus will also be moving to Lake Nona from Daytona Beach as well as the United States Professional Tennis Association from Houston.

We also passed an exciting incentive agreement for KPMG, one of the big four accounting firms as they are proposing to build their 800,000 square foot national training facility also in Lake Nona, making a \$430,000,000 capital investment in the project, creating 80 full-time jobs at an average salary of \$66,098 and training an average of 48,000 employees at the center each year. We are hopeful that they realize what we already know; that investing in our community would be a smart decision.

Also this month, Orange County School Board Member Nancy Robinson will be hosting the 100% plans meeting for the new Audubon Park K-8 school on January 11th at 6 p.m. in the Audubon Park Elementary (1750 Common Way Road) School cafeteria. The meeting will allow the public a chance to view the final plans and hear more about the school construction.

As always, thanks for your support of our Great City and I look forward to all of the great things to come in 2017!



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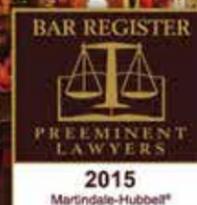
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# Winter Park Mayor's Message

Mayor Steve Leary



Steve Leary

## Helping Neighbors In Need

With the holidays coming to a close, I hope that each of you had a season filled with great times shared with loved ones and friends. However, for some, the holidays may have brought some unexpected hardships or events that have altered their course of life. The city realizes that tragedy can strike at any time, and whether it is a personal or family crisis, city residents can suddenly find themselves at the risk of unpaid bills and losing their utility service among other things. To help city residents through these times of struggle, the city created the "Winter Park Emergency Utility Assistance (EUA) Program," to provide emergency assistance to those in need.

Because emergencies happen unexpectedly and suddenly, this program gives neighbors the chance to help neighbors through donations to the program. All donations are collected by the City of Winter Park and turned over to United Way 2-1-1 for distribution. United Way 2-1-1 is a department of the Heart of Florida United Way, a local, nonprofit community assistance agency that has partnered with



the city to help customers locate an agency near their home so eligibility and need may be determined.

### Donations can be made in three ways:

1. A monthly contribution added to your utility bill
2. A one-time contribution payable to the City of Winter Park Emergency Utility Assistance Program
3. Through your current United Way donation by designating specific funds to the City of Winter Park Emergency Utility Assistance program

If you are a Winter Park utility customer who is experiencing a financial emergency and in need of assistance, please call United Way 2-1-1. A household can receive a maximum benefit of \$300 in a one-year period. This program was created specifically for those customers experiencing a temporary financial hardship as a result of an emergency, not for customers with chronic or long-term financial needs.

### For more information about the EUA Program or to request a contribution form, please:

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We hope that you are never in a situation where you are faced with an unexpected emergency, however, if you are, your neighbors and the city are here to help.

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- 9 clients participated in mental health counseling to improve functioning
- 19 clients received food assistance to alleviate hunger
- 23 clients received financial assistance to support basic needs

Since its inception in 2005, the Family Stabilization Program has served more than 550 at risk families, positively impacting more than 1,600 individuals in Central Florida. To date, outcomes have shown significant improvements in participants' overall income, financial management skills, employability skills, housing stability, food security, emotional well-being and day-to-day functioning.

FSP is an outreach of the Jewish Family Services of Orlando. JFS Orlando provides social services and emergency assistance to struggling individuals and families throughout Central Florida. People interested in learning more about the program can call 407-644-7593 or go to the JFS Orlando website - <http://www.jfsorlando.org/family-stabilization-program-fsp/>.

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## Orange County Legislative Delegation Holds Public Meeting

The Orange County Legislative Delegation, chaired by Representative Mike Miller, is holding a public meeting Tuesday January 17, from 3-6 p.m. at the Orange County Administration Center.

The agenda for the meeting includes election of officers, discussion of legislative issues of regional significance and remarks from members of the public.

People wishing to address the delegation (limit of three minutes) must request a place on the agenda by submitting a completed copy of an appearance record form. The form is available from the Orange County Legislative Delegation website, <http://www.ocfl.net/OpenGovernment/LegislativeDelegation/LegislativeDelegationMeetings.aspx>, or via an email request to LD@ocfl.net. The completed form may be submitted via email to LD@ocfl.net, by fax to 407-836-2880, or may be delivered by mail or in person to this address:

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Members of the public may also complete and submit an appearance record at the delegation meeting.

To appear on the meeting's printed agenda, the form must be received by the Delegation Office no later than 5 p.m. on Friday, January 6, 2017. Instructions will be provided for registered speakers who would like to provide informational materials to the delegation members.

Note that spaces are filled on a first-come, first-served basis. Due to the high number of responses, those interested in presenting to the delegation are encouraged to submit an appearance record at their earliest convenience. To accommodate as many speakers as possible, groups presenting to the delegation are requested to have one individual speak on behalf of their organization. Speakers can make a three-minute address.

This meeting will be aired live on Orange TV (Channel 488 on Spectrum, Channel 9 on Comcast, Channel 99 AT&T U-Verse). Information on all Orange TV programming is available at [www.orangetvfl.net](http://www.orangetvfl.net).

## Orange County Offers Grants For Childcare Center Vehicle-Impact Safety Barriers

Orange County Government is encouraging daycares and childcare centers to apply for the Lily Quintus Childcare Center Vehicle Impact Grant, which provides up to \$10,000 to assist childcare centers with installing safety barriers in front of their buildings.

On April 9, 2014, a car crashed into a daycare center in Orange County, resulting in the tragic death of 4-year-old Lily Quintus and the injury of several other children.

In the days following the devastating incident, Mayor Teresa Jacobs of Orange County called for a county-wide assessment of similar motor vehicle crashes, in order to determine the level of public safety threat to Orange County's most vulnerable populations – children and senior citizens.

A multi-disciplinary team completed the assessment and made recommendations for the development of an ordinance to ensure that all new childcare facilities are equipped with crash barriers to prevent vehicles from crashing into these buildings. As a re-

sult, existing non-franchised childcare centers established before May 2016, have access to a financial incentive to come into compliance with the ordinance voluntarily.

"The Quintus family will forever grieve the loss of a life full of promise and potential, taken away by a careless and reckless driver," Mayor Jacobs said. "I strongly encourage childcare centers to take advantage of this grant to help protect our community and future generations from car crashes at childcare centers. Installing these barriers can save the lives of our children."

It is estimated that there are up to 60 vehicle-into-building crashes daily in the United States. In unincorporated Orange County, 72 vehicle-into-building crashes occurred over a 24-month period. Injuries and deaths at childcare centers may be prevented if the centers are designed or retro-fitted with vehicle-impact safety barriers to prevent crashes.

For more information, visit [www.ocfl.net/grants](http://www.ocfl.net/grants).



Orange County Government encourages daycare centers to implement crash safety barriers to enhance the safety of their buildings against vehicular crashes.

## Floridians' \$1.1 Billion Tax Mistake – And How To Avoid It

By David Foote

Tax season doesn't have to be filled with dread. In fact, for a large portion of the working-class population, it should be eagerly anticipated.

Every year, the federal government provides refunds for low- to moderate-income individuals and families. The Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) can range from \$506 all the way up to \$6,269, depending on income and number of children.

EITC is credited with lifting more people out of poverty than any other federal program – and 290,000 working families are eligible in Orange, Seminole and Osceola counties. A single parent of one qualifying child can earn up to \$39,296 in wages. For a married couple filing jointly with three or more children, the threshold is \$53,505.

Unfortunately, the IRS estimates that about one in five eligible taxpayers don't claim the credits they deserve. In Florida, that translates to more than \$1.1 billion in potential refunds being "left on the table" – money that could go toward things like starting a savings account, paying medical bills or acquiring reliable transportation.

Starting in late January, Heart of Florida United Way will be supporting more than 30 Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) sites across the tri-county region. At these locations, qualifying taxpayers receive free tax-preparation assistance from IRS-trained volunteers. There's never a filing fee, each return is reviewed for accuracy, and refunds are usually available in about 10 days.

This effort – part of a national coalition that includes nonprofit and government partners – helps put hard-working citizens on the road to financial stability. In 2016, local VITA sites affiliated with United Way filed nearly 4,000 returns and generated \$6.5 million in tax refunds and prep services combined.

For 2017, more sites will be added

that allow people to complete their own returns, with guidance available if needed. (When filing in this manner, EITC taxpayers can make up to \$64,000 in wages.) In addition, services are being expanded to better aid the visually impaired.

Those who file early should be aware that, if claiming an EITC, the federal government passed a new law that delays refunds from being distributed until at least Feb. 15. In years past, there was less turnaround time.

Even though this might seem like

an inconvenience, it's actually a step in the right direction. By allowing more processing time, the IRS can better cut down on fraudulent

claims from fly-by-night tax-prep services that often charge exorbitant fees.

Reputation and transparency are key, and taxpayers should feel confident their finances are in the hands of someone they trust. That's why United Way is happy to assist in this yearly initiative.

To find free tax preparation assistance, or to find out if you're eligible for EITC, call 2-1-1, Heart of Florida United Way's Information and Assistance Helpline.

*David Foote is manager of financial stability initiatives at Heart of Florida United Way.*

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In a series of four free lectures this winter and spring at The Charles Hosmer Morse Museum of American Art, learn more about the Museum's collection and its era from scholars working at a national level in the study of late 19th- and early 20th-century fine and decorative art. Several of the speakers are authorities on the work of Louis Comfort Tiffany for which the Morse is so well known.

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The Morse Museum, which celebrates its 75th anniversary in February, is home to the world's most comprehensive collection of works by American artist and designer Louis Comfort Tiffany. Through April, Museum hours are 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Thursday and Saturday; 9:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. Friday; and 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday.

Regular admission is \$6 for adults, \$5 for seniors, \$1 for students, and free for children younger than age 12. Admission is free from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Fridays, November through April. In recognition of the Museum's 75th anniversary, general admission will be free throughout the month of February.

The Museum, located at 445 North Park Avenue, is owned and operated by the Charles Hosmer Morse Foundation and receives additional support from the Elizabeth Morse Genius Foundation. It receives no public funds.

## Chamber Charts New Course, Hires Betsy Gardner Eckbert

The Winter Park Chamber of Commerce has identified three new objectives for the New Year and hired Betsy Gardner Eckbert to guide the or-



Betsy Gardner Eckbert

ganization as its new president & CEO. Gardner Eckbert will focus the organization on themes from a new strategic planning document: delivering value to members, enhancing community relations and driving member engagement.

"Betsy's knowledge of the community and experience in building an international business will be an asset to our members from day one," said Lou Nimkoff, chairman, Winter Park Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors, and principal, Brio Real Estate. "Her energetic, can-do attitude will help

the Chamber transition into an era of intense entrepreneurship and ensuring a value-driven experience for its members."

Gardner Eckbert was chosen from a field of over 200 applicants from across the country. She has a 25-year history of community engagement, brand management, grassroots advocacy and sales and marketing experience. Her first day on the job will be Tuesday, January 3, 2017.

Though she was



raised in Winter Park and calls this community home, Gardner Eckbert spent several years in London building international business and leading sales and marketing efforts. She is most passionate about bringing this expertise to Winter Park. She earned a bachelor's degree from the University of Florida and graduated from Leadership Orlando Class 45. She is a past board member at Winter Park Day Nursery and Howard Phillips Center for Children and Families.

The Winter Park Chamber of Commerce represents more than 800 businesses, community organizations and individuals in an effort to develop, promote and sustain a vital, thriving business climate throughout the community and to initiate, support and enhance the civic, educational and economic well-being of the area. The non-profit association hosts more than 100 events and programs each year. For more information, please visit [www.winterpark.org](http://www.winterpark.org).

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## The Christ School Announces Aaron Farrant Next Head Of School

The Christ School, an independent, Christ-centered K – 8 school located in downtown Orlando, is pleased to announce the selection of its next Head of School, Mr. Aaron Farrant.

In August 2016, The Christ School's (TCS) current Head of School, Dr. Jason Powell, announced that he had accepted a position as Head of School at St. Paul Christian Academy in Nashville, Tennessee effective July 1, 2017. Powell will continue to serve as The Christ School's Head of School until June 30, 2017.

Farrant holds a Bachelor of Science in Psychology, focused on children and adolescent development, and master's degrees in Religion and Religious Education from Liberty University. He also holds a specialist degree in Educational Leadership and is currently on track to complete his doctorate in Educational Leadership this summer. He is an experienced teacher and boys' varsity soccer coach and currently serves as the director of Christian life at Mount Paran Christian School, a highly-regarded K-12 school just north of Atlanta, where he leads the school's faith based activities across all grade levels. Under the leadership of his mentor and current Headmaster, Dr. David Tilley, Aaron also serves on the school's executive council, a small group of school leaders who focus on strategic planning, enrollment, development, marketing, academics, and school culture.

"It was this experience and exposure to the various areas of an independent Christian school that attracted us to Aaron as a top candidate," says Jennifer Bostedo, chair of the board of trustees. "Aaron's energy, passion, and ability to clearly articulate his thoughts are immediately evident. We are confident his insight and expressed desire to continually learn, improve, and collaborate will both support the strong foundation we have built and provide the leadership we need for future growth."

Dana Loncar, chair of the Head of School Search Committee, said, "We gathered input from parents, faculty, staff, and our board to determine what we were looking for. Aaron exceeded our expectations on all fronts! He is energetic and approachable and understands our strong sense of community at TCS. He is a strategic thinker who has a strong desire to continually learn, improve and collaborate. I believe he will lead The Christ School strongly into the future."

"When I first met with the search committee, I was impressed with the people and their hearts for the school community," said Farrant. "During my second visit, I had the opportunity to meet some of The Christ School faculty, staff, students and parents, attend chapel and see the school in action. It was then, as I witnessed the Christ focus of the community, the passion of the teachers, the enthusiasm of the students, and the commitment of the parents, I felt confident God was calling me and my family to The Christ School. It was an honor to learn the school felt the same way."

Bostedo said, "We are excited to welcome Aaron's family into our school community and we look forward to The Christ School's future under his leadership. Aaron's passion to help students develop into men and women who love God, serve their communities and lead others to positively impact the world is in lockstep with our mission, vision and core values...and his energy is positively contagious!"

For further information, email Gretchen Miller Basso, Marketing and Communications Specialist, at [gbasso@thechristschool.org](mailto:gbasso@thechristschool.org), visit <http://thechristschool.org/about-tcs/head-of-school-search/>

Or phone 407-849-1665.

## District Graduation Rate At All-Time High



The Florida Department of Education released the 2015-2016 graduation rates for the state, school districts, and high schools. The graduation rate for OCPS traditional high schools increased by 2.6 percentage points to 92.2 percent.

School Board Chair Bill Sublette said, "I am so proud to announce Orange County Public Schools graduation rate continues to show a greater number of students reaching their goals every year. The district graduation rate now stands at 92.2 percent, an all-time high. In 2010-11, the rate stood at 82.9 percent. Our students, teachers, guidance counselors, and principals are to be commended for hard work and their commitment to success."

The graduation rate outpaces the state graduation rate and a majority of the large, urban school districts.

Superintendent Barbara Jenkins said, "Our graduation rates are a result of the hard work of teachers, students, parents and principals. The increase reflects the mission of Orange County Public Schools, supported by our entire team: to lead our students to success with the support and involvement of families and the community. We will strive for continuous improvement in our graduation rate as we prepare our 200,000 brilliant students for college and career."

Twelve of our high schools attained a graduation rate greater than 90 percent. None of our traditional high schools report a rate below 87 percent.

In addition, fifteen schools increased their graduation rates in 2015-2016, led by Jones High. They increased their graduation rate by 14.5 percentage points from 76.7 percent to 91.2 percent.

Including Jones, University and Cypress Creek also increased their graduation rate by more than 10 percentage points over the last year.

## Lake Sybelia Elementary Teacher Is 2018 OCPS Teacher Of The Year

Orange County Public Schools named Lake Sybelia Elementary School teacher Christina Arenth. Ms. Arenth is a pre-K teacher of the deaf and hard of hearing with more than 30 years of experience. She is a master teacher for the Learn Together Project, a nationwide network pairing college students with practicing teachers of the deaf. Her classroom lessons focus on growing vocabulary and improving her preschoolers' social skills that have been impacted by their hearing loss. Parent involvement is crucial, and she strives to keep her connections strong by writing daily personal notes home.



Ms. Christina Arenth, pre-K teacher at Lake Sybelia Elementary School.

"Most of my deaf/hard of hearing students enter school with language levels equivalent to one-year-old hearing peers," she explained in her nomination form. "In my class, in addition to learning their names and learning vocabulary to build their own identities, my students learn the names of family members: mom, dad, brother and sister, things that come naturally for hearing children."

As the OCPS 2018 Teacher of the Year, Ms. Arenth will receive many gifts. Some of them include:

- One-year lease on a new Buick from Carl Black Orlando
- Check for \$5,000 from OCPS
- \$500 check from CFE Federal Credit Union
- Two-night stay at Rosen Centre Hotel
- A 3-day cruise to the Bahamas courtesy of Employee Travel Services
- Luggage from AAA
- Teacher of the Year class ring from Herff Jones
- Walt Disney "Mousecar" award - Disney's version of the Oscar, as well as an annual Disney park hopper pass for herself and her immediate family
- A backyard BBQ worth \$300 from Sonny's BBQ
- Custom stationery from Jostens

Lake Sybelia Elementary's principal, John Dobbs, said of Ms. Arenth, "Some people make a difference wherever they go, whatever they do. Christina Arenth is one of those people. She makes a difference every day in the lives of the children in her classroom, in the lives of her peers, and in the lives of her students' families."

Ms. Arenth will now go on to be the district's nominee for the 2018 Florida Department of Education/Macy's Teacher of the Year, that selection occurs July 2017.



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family business perspective *by Kendall Rawls***Entitlement – The Silent Killer Of Business**

Entitlement is a stealthy and dangerous virus that has a widespread and abundant impact in your business. Often it becomes so rampant and normal that business owners don't even know there are entitlement issues going on right in front of them.

Let's start with understanding entitlement. Simply, it is when an individual believes they deserve to be treated differently than the rest of those around them. In business, a common place entitlement exists when an employee or senior executive believes they should receive better or different treatment than his or her coworkers.

Entitlement, regardless of source, can silently kill your business from the inside out. The individual(s) who feel privileged carry themselves with an overly confident attitude. They often take on more authority on decision making than their role encompasses and will make statements or pass judgement to others as if they are speaking on the owner's behalf, which may cause low morale. Although rare, an entitled attitude also brings fraudulent activities against your business. This is especially true if the business owner has placed more trust in a long-term employee who knows their way around the

system and knows how to manipulate process/procedure or the owner.

Overcoming or protecting you and your business from entitlement is not always easy. Here are some examples on how to ensure you are setting the tone of equality in your franchise:

- **Institute performance measures that are quantitative.** This means that everyone is reviewed and analyzed across the same performance criteria. Sometimes you find that the entitled employee does not work as hard as their co-workers because they have justified they have proven themselves to you.

- **Design a recognition program.** Employee of the month programs or programs that recognize employee contributions throughout the year go a long way in putting everyone on the playing field.

- **Be an owner, not a friend.** Long-time employees are like family in the business. They have been with you for a significant amount of time. However, just like working with family in the business, you must be the owner and/or a "performance coach"

instead of the friend while working. This helps to create clear boundaries while maintaining relationships outside of work.

Though entitlement presents itself in a variety of ways, there are some common characteristics that include having the attitude of being special, being owed something, refusing to accept responsibility, making excuses, deferring of blame, and lacking an understanding of the impact of ones' behavior on others.

Once we have identified how to spot entitlement and have built in some protective measures, we can focus on their growth, their change, and their well-being and prosperity.

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Ayesha G. Bullock

live meaningfully *by Ayesha G. Shenk, M.A.***30,000 Feet...**

72 degrees and the livin' is lovely.

As I drive down the wooded avenue adjacent to my neighborhood, with the sunroof open and the music in full chorus, I find myself full of a special sort

of gratitude.

Ben Rector's crooning from my iTunes and I've been gifted a moment in the midst of the weekday hubbub to take it all in and recognize just how amazing life really is.

Often in the scurry of the morning (dragging yourself from bed, rushing the kids through breakfast, making lunches, slugging coffee and scrambling out the door) we set a tone for the day that engenders stress and an anemic filter on our perception of what's really going on around us.

This morning, however, Ben's telling a tale of sitting on a plane next to an old man who's never flown before. The man winds his words around the ups and downs of his life, but reminds Rector (and, by extension, all of us as we eavesdrop) just how lovely life can be, when looking down from thirty thousand feet.

There is no question... life can be hard. People's pain and their power are evidenced to me on a daily basis. The struggles of the human condition are significant and, at times, all-consuming. However, though our experience of these triumphs and trials may be unique to us, the struggles themselves are not. Love, loss, grief, fear, loneliness, connectedness, joy, and triumph (this list could go on ad infinitum) have been experienced since the dawn of time. Whether it be our elation around the creation of fire or our devastation around the loss of a child, human beings have been at this whole 'life thing' for a while. We just have to hope we're making progress in the emotional wisdom of it all and the way in which we make meaning from it.

In no way, do I suggest that some pretty weather and a great songwriter can make up for what so many people are going through on a daily basis. But what I do believe, wholeheartedly, is that although we must stay in the present in order to be fully engaged in our lives, perhaps sometimes that view of the present ought to be 'zoomed out' a bit. Trying to make sense of anything whilst thrashing within the waves of it, has yet to be proven as a successful approach.

Rector's protagonist meanders a bit in his reflections but returns to the fact that, though he's been better and he's been worse - life's been good to him. He offers the sort of hyper-simplistic version of self-assessment that perhaps we all need every now and then.



I've been better, I've been worse

I've chased after pretty girls

I've seen a couple places that I never thought I'd see

I've walked into harder times, I've walked out the other side

It seems in life you end up getting what you need

Yeah, looking down from 30,000 feet, life's been good to me.

As I hum and I drive... I hum and I drive... I wonder how exactly to capture and bottle this song's essence as an easy tonic when my attitude is in need of a little boost. I think of all the hardest things into which I myself have walked, and yet inevitably also come out the other side. And I get a little shiver of triumph and relief. I think of my amazing husband and the life we're creating. I chuckle at the comings and goings of our children, pets, families and friends. I reflect on all of those dear to us whom we've lost, but who we also had for enough time to experience how extraordinary they were in their own rights. I give thanks for the pain and the grace that has brought me here... life has been good to me as well.

Wishing you exactly the elevation you may need for perspective this year. Happy 2017.

Be well; Live Meaningfully.  
Till the next time, Ayesha

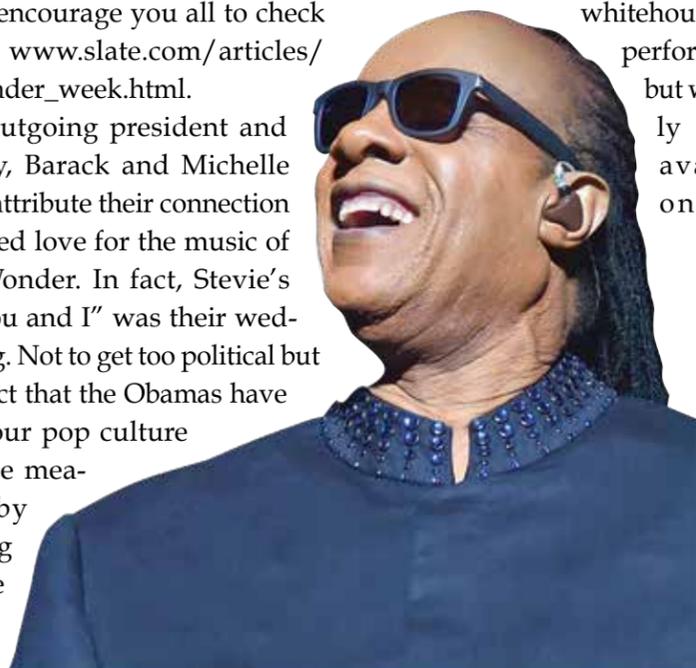
pop culture detours by George McGowan

# The New Year: I Wonder What It's Going To Bring

Just last month, I was writing about celebrating the wonderful musicians who are still with us after a year of terrible losses. One of the most influential and prolific artists, who I didn't mention last month, is Stevie Wonder. And wouldn't you know, the online magazine SLATE created a special section of their website dedicated to "Wonder Week" which has several wonderful (no pun intended) stories on Stevie and his music. I encourage you all to check it out at: [www.slate.com/articles/arts/wonder\\_week.html](http://www.slate.com/articles/arts/wonder_week.html).

Our outgoing president and first lady, Barack and Michelle Obama, attribute their connection to a shared love for the music of Stevie Wonder. In fact, Stevie's song "You and I" was their wedding song. Not to get too political but the impact that the Obamas have had on our pop culture cannot be measured by one song or one movie

or one book. I hope their legacy of love for our diverse and important American pop culture continues beyond their years on the national stage. During his term in office, President Obama recognized 76 individuals or organizations with the National Medal of Arts, and hosted several memorable musical performances in the White House. Highlights of these performances are available for a short time now through [www.whitehouse.gov/performances](http://www.whitehouse.gov/performances) but will likely remain available on YouTube.



Tube. I suggest checking out all of the performances honoring Stevie Wonder receiving the Gershwin Prize for Popular Song.

As for some more recent popular songs that I would recommend for the new year, I have two albums full of cover songs for you. The first, "Introducing Karl Blau" features Mr. Blau, who has been making music from the wilds of Washington State for many years - so don't be fooled by this album title. Blau has a wonderfully unique and deep singing voice and uses it to great effect on some delightful material, including updates of the Tom T. Hall classic "That's How I Got to Memphis" and Townes

Van Zant's "If I Needed You." The other "new take on old songs" suggestion of the month is "Take It, It's Yours" by Katy Goodman & Greta Morgan. The music is sweet, which makes the lyrics being delivered curious. The album is cover of punk rock songs but they are sung by this duo as if they were written by Burt Bacharach and Hal David. Trust me, try just one: "Where Eagles Dare" originally made popular by the Misfits.

And finally, New Year's leads me to offer the following lyrics, from one of my favorite artists, Paul Weller (who is coincidentally also covered by Goodman and Morgan on their album). They are from his song, "Above the Clouds" and seem apt: "It must be me that's rushing by, time just lingers on the wind. Bristlin' through my open fears, I wonder what it's going to bring."



At far left, singer-songwriter Stevie Wonder. Katy Goodman & Greta Morgan album "Take It, It's Yours" is worth a listen.

## theater in the parks by Barbara Solomon

### Shorts For A New Year

Happy New Year to all my loyal readers! To celebrate each New Year, the Playwrights' Round Table presents a compendium of 10 minute shorts, some funny, some romantic, and some serious. This time we are treated to eight shorts.

My favorite was "Santa Doesn't Live Here Anymore," written by Patrick Gabridge and directed by Rob Cunha. B.J. Clinton plays a 30-year-old who still believes in Santa, the Easter Bunny, and the Tooth Fairy. This play is very cute and B.J. is just as cute in it. Tracy Smith and Ken Preuss play his parents who apprise him of the truth on Christmas Eve. Other truths are revealed as well, but in the end the magic that the kid wants is still there.

Ken Preuss writes as well as he acts, and we are treated to his "Calendar Girl," directed by B.J. (musical chairs prevails for the new year). Tabatha Ford plays Becky,

who finds last year's calendar, and gets her 2016 memories played out on stage. It is Pruess' interpretation of a Hitchcock piece, complete with some suspense.

In his own inimitable style, David Strauss wrote "Mr. Todd's Wild Ride," ably directed by Chuck Dent. Rob DelMenico plays a ne'er-do-well who has reached Disney heaven, or is it Disney hell.

This piece is about the choices you make in life, although I found it very autobiographical on David's part, since I know him fairly well.

If you wish to find out about the other five, I guess you'll just have to go see them. Playing January 20 through February 5 at Orlando Shakes, Loch Haven Park. The Playwrights' Round Table is a group dedicated to helping playwrights through the process of seeing their work produced. Through monthly workshops this process begins and it ends with the staged productions.



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# Shade Challenges

Trees. They cool and refresh us, clean the air, provide privacy and deliver free leaf mulch. Trees also challenge us when we try to grow grass. Their roots share the same 12-18" space below the surface and out-compete for the same moisture and nutrients. Trees and grasses are not comfortable companions and ultimately, the spreading canopies win out over even shade "tolerant" cultivars of grass. This dappled light is an opportunity to use a distinctive and surprisingly colorful plant palette.

Numerous shrubs and groundcovers rise to the occasion in these seemingly difficult conditions. Look to leaf color, texture, and shape to create a shade-loving garden to rival any sunny bed of blooms. No-mow turf substitutes such as mondo and dwarf mondo grass create the look of a lawn without the fuss. Holly fern with its coarsely textured glossy green fronds is a perfect companion when joined with autumn fern's fine textured reddish tinged fall foliage.

The Victorian era's cast iron plant is aptly named with its drought tolerance and need for low light. Milky Way cast iron is a dwarf with variegation resembling a galaxy on a leaf. Multicolored leaves are also found on caladiums, variegated shell ginger, bromeliads and the creeping aluminum plant.

Combine all of this fabulous foliage with shade-loving bloomers and you'll want shade everywhere. Try jacobinea (in pink, white, or yellow), camellias (including the smaller sized Shishigashira), oak leaf hydrangea,

exotic looking nun's orchid and the native Piedmont and flame azaleas. Blooming gingers which range in height from ankle to eye level include: the ground hugging peacock, the taller scented white butterfly, yellow Kahili, and cool blue.

Expect seasonal treats when you include the highly fragrant tea olive with its minuscule autumn into winter white flowers and the native rain/atamasco lily which blooms after the first summer rain. At eye level and overhead, tree branches provide the framework for hanging orchids, tillandsias/air plants, staghorn ferns, and baskets of impatiens or foliage plants.

In areas where dense roots make

planting difficult, place containers on top of the ground and use low volume irrigation tubes to deliver regular moisture. For those tight spaces between roots, install groundcovers such as mondo grass, ivy or dwarf Asian jasmine purchased in small two and one-half to four-inch diameter pots. Remember to irrigate and fertilize in what is called "dry shade" to keep your shade loving garden lush. Allow the leaves to mulch the plants and enrich the soil but don't let them smother the low-to-the-ground plantings.

Now, stroll into your lovely colorful shade and notice how the air is cooler. Oh, did we forget to suggest to add a bench amongst this beauty?



Top right: *Justicia aurea* - yellow jacobinea at Bok Tower Gardens. At right: *Aspidistra elatior* - cast iron plant. Above: *Alpinia zerumbet* 'Variegata' - variegated shell ginger. At left: *Ophiopogon japonicus* - mondo grass at Stetson University.

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real estate in the parks *by Scott Hillman and Sam Hillman*

# What Will The New Year Bring To Orlando's Housing Market?

As expected, last month the Federal Reserve announced that it would raise a key short-term interest rate by .25%. This hike is especially important because it's the first rate increase this year and only the second in the last decade.

We've been riding the wave of historically low-interest rates so it was only a matter of time we'd see a bump up. A rate increase signals that the Fed is confident in the U.S. economy as it continues to improve, especially after rates were slashed during the economic slowdown to help stimulate economic growth.

According to bankrate.com, the average 30-year fixed rate mortgage stands at 4.07%, as compared to an average of 6.41% since 1990! Analysts expect interest rates to hover around 4.50% by the end of 2017, a rate still significantly lower than what we've seen historically.

The slight bump in interest rates should not have a substantial effect on the real estate market, neither for buyers nor sellers. If anything, it may encourage more buyers to find homes now rather than wait for additional rate hikes expected in the coming year. Remember, buyers who have already committed to



home purchases are unlikely to be swayed by a relatively small increase in interest rates.

The year ahead should remain a seller's market with an opportunity to put more homes up for sale, helping to boost undersupplied inventory levels, and still benefit from a real estate market that has seen rising home prices over the last few years.

As seen in the ORRA October figures, we continue to see an active number of new contracts on existing single-family homes in Orange and Seminole Counties, with the majority coming from our core eight zip codes. Orlando remains in the top 10 housing markets regarding sales growth and price gains.

When we look at existing home prices from the third quarter of 2016, as compared to the same

period a year ago, Orange and Seminole County figures are still rebounding at a healthy rate.

- In Orange County, median single-family home and condominium/townhome prices are up 10.9% and 13.1%, respectively.
- In Winter Park (32789 zip code), median single-family home and condominium/townhome prices are up 17.7% and 53.3%, respectively.
- In Seminole County, median single-family home and condominium/townhome prices are up 13.6% and 19.1%, respectively.

As I mentioned earlier, a tight inventory supply is also a positive indicator for sellers now. Currently, there is about a three-and-a-half-month supply of available single-family homes and condominiums in the Metro Orlando area. Low inventory figures do make it difficult for buyers to find a home, especially in the \$250,000 price range for first-time homebuyers. However, it is unlikely to reduce demand for housing in Central Florida, with a healthy economy, job market and growth projected for the year ahead. My prediction: home buying should remain strong in 2017, and I don't expect a negative impact on Orlando's real estate market if we maintain a low to balanced inventory.

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# How Can You Make The Most Of Your Giving In 2017?

It is tradition at the start of each year to reflect on the last year and to make big plans and goals for the new year ahead. We often times pursue things like exercising, saving money, furthering our education, eating more vegetables, traveling, and other things that help us become better

versions of ourselves. This year consider expanding your list of resolutions to give on purpose and make the greatest impact on the community through your giving. We know that the best way to measure success in our finances is by return on investment. Shouldn't your giving be held to the same standard?

To help you work towards this

resolution, Central Florida Foundation provides an online tool to help you called Nonprofit Search ([cffound.org/nonprofit\\_search](http://cffound.org/nonprofit_search)). It's free and available for anyone to use, no username or password required. Nonprofit Search helps you easily find nonprofits in Central Florida that you want to learn more about in order to make your gifts more meaningful.

Nonprofits put their own information into what we call a portrait and our staff reviews it. Each portrait gives you the opportunity to read about the impact local nonprofits make in our community every day. You can also read about their big goals for the future, plans to achieve those goals, a listing of board members, an outline of

who is on the management team, and three years of financial history. (If you are looking to learn more about a nonprofit that is not based in our local community, visit [guidestar.org](http://guidestar.org)).

The point of having all of this information about a nonprofit at your fingertips is to help you see a snapshot of what is happening in our community, how our community works together to solve issues and how your gift can help a nonprofit take their work to the next level.

Keep in mind, too, that beyond giving money, you can find opportunities to volunteer and use your skills and talents to help out. If you have been asked to serve on a local board of directors, check the organization out in Nonprofit Search first to become familiar with their work.

This year, I encourage you to do your research and take the opportunity ahead of you to make the most out of your giving.



Rachel Calderon is the Marketing & Communications Manager of the Central Florida Foundation.



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## schools

### Audubon Park Elementary

PRINCIPAL ANNA FERRATUSCO

Audubon Park has always been blessed with families who are fortunate enough to provide above and beyond what their kids need. Among us, however, are some families who need a little extra help from time to time. The Audubon Cares program through PTA helped organize a toy collection for some of our families. It is all done anonymously so the families involved can participate knowing they won't be revealed.

Before the winter holidays, PTA put a Christmas tree up in the front lobby that had ornaments with toy requests of a particular age child. Families chose an ornament, shopped for the gifts, and brought them back to the school. A school employee then contacted the families to pick up the gifts so the children have gifts for the holiday. The little boys and girls get to open a new gift and share in the same excitement as their peers. We are very fortunate to have such a caring community who help each other out in times of need.

### Brookshire Elementary

PRINCIPAL SUSAN MULCHRONE

Brookshire's community continues to be a pillar of support for staff and students such as when the PTA hosted the Cookies, Cocoa, and Carols Holiday Celebration at Brookshire. The event was well attended by families who had the chance to see Santa, have a cookie and some cocoa while listening to the fourth and fifth-grade chorus sing carols from all over the world. It truly is the connection between home and school that helps to make Brookshire a special place for children!

### Dommerich Elementary

PRINCIPAL KAREN VERANO

Dommerich Elementary PTA partnered with Full Sail Labs and Full Sail University to bring STEAM Night to Dommerich Elementary in Maitland. This unique experience focused on a providing over 300 K-5 students and

their families the opportunity to see how science and technology are illustrated through engineering and the arts by using mathematical concepts (STEAM).

Team members and students of various degree programs in Full Sail Labs and Full Sail University set up multiple interactive learning stations in the school's cafeteria: a media communications film workshop; stop animation, robotics, flip book animation, and virtual reality, to name a few. In addition to the indoor activities, Full Sail set up The Mobile Experience in the school's front parking lot. The Mobile Experience is an interactive semi-truck and trailer outfitted with a hands-on recording console, 3D arts tablet, TV video switcher, and games.

"This entire experience was beyond all of our expectations", said Assistant Principal Laura Permenter. "The Full Sail staff and volunteers made every interactive activity creative, age-appropriate, and fun for our students while focusing on the importance of mathematics."

Full Sail Labs, developed by Full Sail University, engages an open learning environment that allows students 1st-12th grades the opportunity to explore the processes of filmmaking, coding, animation, gaming, music, and robotics at an early age.

Permenter says she is thrilled Full Sail wanted to host their first STEAM Night at Dommerich Elementary. "Having organizations like Full Sail University and Full Sail Labs involved in our students' educational experience will both enhance student learning and encourage children to learn about new concepts and technologies at a young age."

### Lakemont Elementary

PRINCIPAL DR. BRENDA CUNNINGHAM

Happy New Year! We're starting the New Year off with a renewed concentration on achieving academic excellence. Our teachers and students will continue to focus on achieving benchmark standards in all core subject areas, and also enjoy the benefits of participating in our outstanding special area classes. Our after-school enrichment clubs will continue, too, as we move

into the second half of our school year. We are looking to finish the year strong and continue giving that extra degree to power forward!

We would like to congratulate a few staff members who have recently received special recognition. Mrs. Kristina Hoeksema, fourth-grade teacher, wrote to our governor's wife, Mrs. Scott. The First Lady came by and visited, read to the students, and sent back beautiful, signed photographs to commemorate the event for each student. Another fourth-grade teacher, Melissa Milburn, was recognized by the School Board of Orange County as an outstanding math teacher. One of our fifth-grade teachers, Jennifer Basalari, has been selected by The Northrop Grumman Foundation and the National Science Teachers Association as one of 25 educators chosen to be Teacher Fellows in the 2016-2017 Northrop Grumman Foundation Teachers Academy. Mrs. Basalari will participate in a year-long immersion in a host of science, technology, and engineering-related activities and professional learning opportunities, and this is the second year in a row that she has been selected! We are proud of Lakemont Elementary's teachers and staff!

### St. Charles Borromeo Catholic School

PRINCIPAL NATHAN NADEAU

The Christmas season was in full swing at SCBCS. Students and fam-

ilies gathered at several events to spread their holiday cheer. At College Parks' annual Holiday on the Drive, a decorative tent manned by volunteers greeted attendees while the Voices of St. Charles (our student choir) sang for entertainment.

Each year, the Boys & Girls Scouts participate in the Winter Park Parade accompanied by the cheerleaders and Voices of St. Charles. What a great turn out this year as several families came to watch the parade.

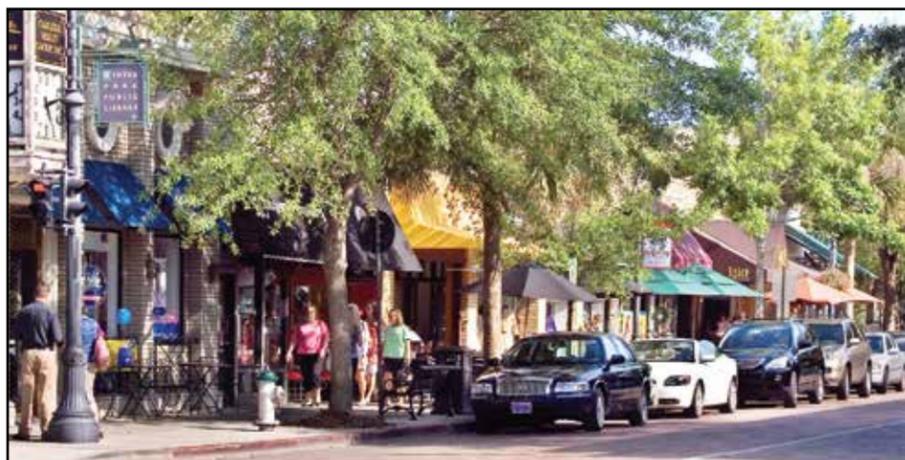
Our Christmas Program this year was a festive occasion and several entertainment venues were showcased. The night began with music from the Beginning & Advanced bands. The PreK classes entertained the crowd with their angelic voices. The kindergarten, first, and second graders performed a play based on the true story of Christmas. The night ended with the Voices performing and an audience sing-along.

One final event that was hosted allowed families to do some holiday shopping while supporting school...the Scholastic Book Fair! With a pirate theme, everyone enjoyed the wide variety of books and gadgets.

May your New Year be filled with many Blessings bestowed by our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ!



Pictured above, kids enjoying College Parks' annual Holiday On The Drive in December. The Voices of St. Charles, the student choir, sang and provided entertainment at the event.



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St. Charles Borromeo Catholic School's cheerleaders participated in the Winter Park Parade. The Voices of St. Charles along with the Boy Scouts and Girls Scouts, joined them.

beautiful voices; they are leading by serving as role models to our younger students. Recently, our Lions' Song students had the opportunity to lead chapel at the First United Methodist Church Wesley Child Development Center, one of our downtown neighbors. It was a joy to watch the choral students engage with and encourage the preschool children at Wesley. Our choral students experienced the excitement of performing even more so during the Christmas season as they performed Christmas songs at the Orlando Museum of Art's Festival of Trees, Light Up SODO and for First Presbyterian Church of Orlando's Young at Heart senior's group.

I look forward to continuing to watch our students grow in maturity and confidence as they work hard to build skills in activities that inspire them. This foundation will help them flourish as they continue their life-time journey.

### Winter Park Presbyterian PreSchool

Winter Park Presbyterian Pre-school began in 1985, and we are very proud of our reputation and growth since that time. We are here to provide a warm, safe, and nurturing environment for young children and to engage them in developmentally-appropriate activities.

We understand that "play" is a child's work. Young children learn through movement, sensory exploration, manipulation of elements and objects, construction (planning and building), role play (imitation and imagination) and self-expression (art, music, drama, dance and language). Our students are offered all these activities every day and in every classroom.

Our goal is to foster the social, emotional and cognitive growth of each individual child, and provide the opportunity for the child to grow and develop at their own pace. We work to help children gain confidence in their abilities, and to involve our students in quality interactions with their peers, their teachers and their world. We strive to prepare your child for the emotional demands of further schooling and life.

Registration for new students ages 6 months through VPK for the 2017/2018 school year begins February 21. Early and extended day hours are available. Enrichment programs offered for Spanish, art, soccer, ballet, cooking, yoga, gardening, and music and movement.

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The Christ School (TCS) is having a tremendous year. Our students have embraced the numerous opportunities to foster leadership skills and are exemplifying our school wide initiative to develop the characteristics of Leadership, Integrity, Obedience, and Nobility; to be LION Strong.

I have enjoyed watching our students shine and their passions flourish through participation in extracurricular activities such as Drama Club, Chapel Club, Praise Band, Ukulele Club, National Junior Honor Society, Student Council, as Student Ambassadors, and in sporting activities including flag football, basketball, swimming, cross country, tennis and volleyball. We are excited to offer these opportunities to allow students to engage and lead in areas that most interest them.

It has been my privilege to see students in our two choirs, 9-8-4 and Lions' Song, comprised of students in 4th - 8th grades, growing in their confidence through public performances that share their love of music. Many mornings at TCS, our choirs direct fellow students in song during daily school-wide chapel. Our choral students are not only sharing their



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# COMMUNITY CALENDAR

## Audubon Park Garden District Events

### Ongoing Events

**Every Monday night Community Market** – 6:00 to 10:00 p.m. at Stardust Coffee parking lot located at 1842 E. Winter Park Rd. For information call 407-590-8776.

## Baldwin Park, College Park and Orlando Area Events

### Ongoing Events

**Every Monday Smarty Pants** – 10:15 a.m. Storytime for children ages birth-5 years old at the Edgewater Branch Library located at 5049 Edgewater Dr. For more information call 407-835-7323.

**Every Wednesday Mills50 MidWeek Group Runs** – 6:00 p.m. at Track Shack located at 1104 N. Mills Avenue. This event is free to runners of all abilities. For more information, please visit [www.TrackShack.com](http://www.TrackShack.com).

**Every Wednesday Belles and Beaus Dance Club** has dances every Wednesday from 7:00 to 9:30 p.m. at the Marks Street Recreation Complex located at 99 E. Marks Street. Join in for an evening of fun and dancing to music by the Soft Touch band. Refreshments are available. Singles and couples are welcome. Cost: \$5.00 per person. For more information please call 407-277-7008.

**Every Thursday College Park Farmers' Market** – 5:00 to 9:00 p.m. located at 1600 Edgewater Dr. For information call 407-999-5251.

**Every Friday Your Adult Club Socials (Y.A.C.S.) Dance** – 7:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. at the Marks Street Recreation Center, 99 E. Marks St., Orlando, FL. Admission is \$4.00 for members and \$5.00 for guests. Dress code of no jeans, tennis shoes, or tee-shirts. Singles and couples are welcome. For more information, please call Joan at 407-339-5393.

**Every Sunday Downtown Orlando Farmers' Market** – 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at Lake Eola. For more information call 407-246-3625.

**Monday - Friday Each Week Seniors' Program in College Park** – 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the College Park Community Center located at 2393 Elizabeth St. For information call 407-246-4361.

**First Friday of Each Month (January-June, 2017) Baldwin Park First Fridays** – 5:30 to 9:30 p.m. along New Broad Street. This monthly sidewalk art stroll and festival is free and open to the public.

**First Friday of Each Month The Art Stroll of Ivanhoe Village** – 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. on Orange Ave. between Princeton and New Hampshire.

**Now - January 7 Light Up UCF** – This annual event includes ice skating, light shows, music, photos with Santa and more. For more information, please visit [www.lightupucf.com](http://www.lightupucf.com).

**January 13 - April 30, 2017 Dinosaur Invasion** – The exhibit will feature 13 life-size dinosaurs ranging in size from 14 inches to a massive 33 feet at Harry P. Leu Gardens located at 1920 N. Forest Avenue. For more information, please call 407-246-2620, or visit [www.leugardens.org](http://www.leugardens.org).

**January 27-May 5 Bo Bartlett: American Artist Exhibit** – Opening Reception Friday, January 27 at 6:30 p.m. at The Menello Museum of American Art located at 900 E. Princeton Street. For more information, please visit [www.menello-museum.com](http://www.menello-museum.com).

**January 5 The Orange County Retired Educators Meeting** – 10:00 a.m. at the College Park United Methodist Church, 644 W. Princeton Street. Anyone who has worked in education is invited to join. For more information, please call 407-677-0446.

**January 7 MLK South Street Jazz and Blues Cookout** – 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at 700 W. Grand Street. This event is to celebrate the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. For more information, please call 407-234-1527.

**January 11 I Have A Dream** – 3:30 p.m. at the Herndon Branch Orange County Public Library located at 4324 E. Colonial Drive. Celebrate the life and dream of Martin Luther King Jr., by making crafts inspired by your own dreams and the importance of peace and togetherness. Ages 6-12. For more information, please call 407-835-7323.

**January 17 Orange County Legislative Delegation Public Meeting** – 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. at the Orange County Adminis-

tration Center in the Commission Chamber located at 201 South Rosalind Avenue. The agenda for the meeting will include election of officers, discussion of legislative issues of regional significance and remarks from members of the public. Persons wishing to address the delegation (limit of three minutes) must request a place on the agenda by submitting a completed copy of an appearance record form. The form is available from the Orange County Legislative Delegation webist, <http://www.ocfl.net/OpenGovernment/LegislativeDelegation/LegislativeDelegationMeetings.aspx>.

**January 19 How To Start A Small Business** – 5:30 p.m. to 7:45 p.m. at the Orlando Public Library located at 101 E. Central Blvd. For more information, please call 407-835-7323.

**February 2 The Orange County Retired Educators Meeting** – 11:30 a.m. at the College Park United Methodist Church, 644 W. Princeton Street. This meeting includes a pot luck luncheon and musical presentation by the WPHS Men's Chorus. Anyone who has worked in education is invited to join. For more information, please call 407-677-0446.

**February 4 10th Annual Orlando Out Of The Darkness Community Walk** – 7:30 a.m. at 2420 Lakemont Ave. Funds raised support the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention and its bold goal to reduce the annual suicide rate in the United States 20 percent by 2025 through research, education, advocacy, and support. To register, donate or to learn more please log on to [www.outofthedarkness.org](http://www.outofthedarkness.org).

## Maitland Events

### Ongoing Events

**Every Sunday Maitland Farmers' Market** at Lake Lily.

**Every Thursday Healthy Maitland Walk** 6:30 a.m.; **Babytime** 10:30 to -11:30 a.m. and **Adventures w/Books Club** 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. at the Maitland Public Library.

**April 2 Annual Golf Classic presented by the Roth Family JCC** 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at Dubsdread Golf Course located at 549 W. Par Street. For more information, please visit [www.orlandojcc.org/golfclassic](http://www.orlandojcc.org/golfclassic)

## Winter Park Events

### Ongoing Events

**Every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday through April 14 Free Tax Assistance** **Free Tax Assistance** – 11:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Winter Park Library.

**Every Tuesday and Thursday "Hands-on Gardening"** – 9:30 a.m. – noon at the Albin Polasek Museum and Sculpture Gardens. For more information regarding this free year-round event please call 407-647-6294.

**Every Tuesday, Friday and Saturday Winter Park Benefit Shop** – The shop is located at 140 West Lyman Avenue and is open from 9:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. on Tuesdays and Fridays, and from 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. on Saturdays. Donate or purchase clothing, bedding, jewelry, kitchenware and more. Proceeds benefit various children's programs and the local branch of Orlando Blind. For more information please call 407-647-8276.

**Every Tuesday and Thursday Curator Tours of Louis Comfort Tiffany's Laurelton Hall** – At 11:00 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. at the Charles Hosmer Morse Museum of American Art located at 445 N. Park Ave. Space is limited and free with museum admission. To learn more about this event with Curator Donna Climehage please call 407-645-5311 or visit [www.morse-museum.org](http://www.morse-museum.org).

**Every Thursday "Walk With A Doc"** – Enjoy a rejuvenating 45-minute walk with Florida Hospital physicians. This free event is held at 6:00 p.m. at the Crosby YMCA. For more information, or to reserve your spot, please call 407-644-2300.

**Every Friday (November - April) Free Friday Nights At The Morse** – 4:00 to 8:00 p.m. at the Morse Museum located at 445 N. Park Avenue. This event includes live music, curator tours and art demonstrations. For more information, please call 407-645-5311, or visit [www.morse-museum.org](http://www.morse-museum.org).

**Every Saturday Winter Park Farmers' Market** – 7:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

**Every Saturday and Sunday Line Dance Class** – 10:00 a.m. Saturday for experienced dancers, and 3:00 p.m. Sunday for beginners at the Winter Park Community Center located at 721 W. New England Avenue. Enjoy music, make new friends, and get some fun exercise at the same time! For more information please call 407-592-7835.

**Every Sunday Winter Park Running Group** – 7:00 at Park Avenue and Welbourne. New participants are wel-

## JANUARY HIGHLIGHT



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**JANUARY 11-12, WINTER PARK PLAYHOUSE SPOTLIGHT CABARET - FEATURING NATALIE CORDONE.** Doors open at 6:30 p.m. for 7:30 p.m. show. General admission tickets are \$20 plus a one-drink minimum. For more information and tickets, please call 407-645-0145 or visit the website [www.winterparkplayhouse.org](http://www.winterparkplayhouse.org).

come to join. For more information, please email [jackgallagher@gmail.com](mailto:jackgallagher@gmail.com).

**Every Sunday Music at the Casa** – This free event featuring professional musicians and performers is hosted at Casa Feliz every Sunday from noon – 3:00 p.m. For more information call 407-628-8200 ext. 3 or visit [www.casafeliz.us](http://www.casafeliz.us).

**January 14-April 2 Reframing The Picture, Reclaiming The Past** – The Cornell Fine Arts Museum presents Reframing the Picture, Reclaiming the Past, an exhibition that addresses some of the themes and concepts presented in the historical exhibition, The Black Figure in the European Imaginary, also on view. For additional information, call 407-646-2526 or visit [www.rollins.edu/cfam](http://www.rollins.edu/cfam).

**January 5 Urban Fitness Ride** – 6:30 a.m. at 141 Lincoln Avenue. Ride is geared towards riders who want to work out. Pace range is 15-18 mph for approximately 15 miles around Winter Park. For more information, please call 407-622-2453.

**January 11 and 12 Winter Park Playhouse Spotlight Cabaret** – Doors open at 6:30 p.m. for 7:30 p.m. show featuring professional vocalist, Natalie Cordone. General admission tickets are \$20 plus a one-drink minimum. For more information and tickets, please call 407-645-0145 or visit [www.winterparkplayhouse.org](http://www.winterparkplayhouse.org).

**January 19 "Why Do Fools Fall In Love"** – 7:30 p.m. at the Winter Park Playhouse located at 711 Orange Avenue. For more information, please call 407-645-0145 or visit [www.winterparkplayhouse.org](http://www.winterparkplayhouse.org).

**January 28 5th Annual Chowder Festival** – 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. at the Rachel D. Murrah Civic Center located at 1050 W. Morse Blvd. For more information and tickets, please call 407-516-6454.

**January 29 Olga Kern, Piano** – 3:00 p.m. at the Tiedtke Concert Hall at Rollins College. Kern is recognized as of her generation's great pianist. For more information, please call 407-646-2559.

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