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From the President

By Joe Overberger



Joe Overberger


Hello, everyone! I am sure that you are enjoying the great weather. This is the time of year that the guests that I talk to at Disney say, "Now I know why you moved from New Jersey to Florida." I played golf at Hunter's Creek Golf Club last week and boy, was it crowded. That's good for them, good for us and good for our local businesses. With the lack of rain, the crews working on Town Center Blvd. have been able to keep a steady pace, thank goodness.

I hope that all of our 50 and over seniors stop at our Osprey Park Recreation Center on Wednesday mornings to check out the new senior activities. I stopped by recently and had a great time. I met up with some folks that I already knew and also met some new ones. Denny Del Prince hustled me in a couple of games of table tennis and we had a few laughs. Please read the recreation section of the magazine, as it lists the events and informational seminars being offered. This new approach is the direct result of the HCCA staff and your Board of Directors listening to the requests of our senior residents. It must be supported to make it a success, though. Please give it a try - we want to make this work.

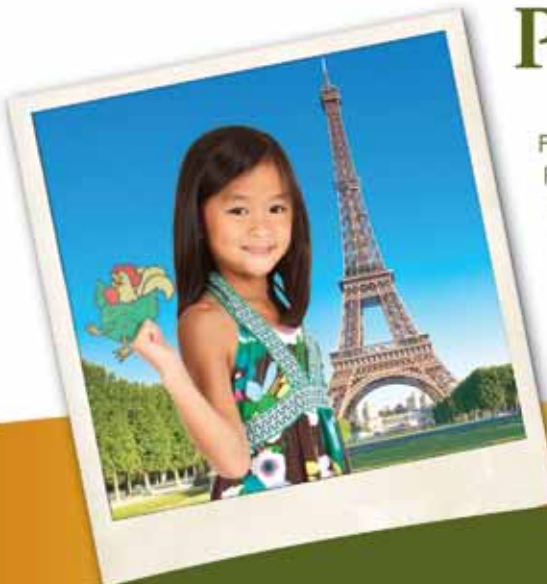
In a recent meeting with the developer of the property at the west end of Town Center Boulevard, referred to as Kailey's Ridge, many of the ameni-

ties that Hunter's Creek offers were discussed. Board Vice President Pete Zieg mentioned the definition of an amenity: the quality of being pleasant and agreeable; the attractiveness and value of real estate or of a residential structure; a feature conducive to attractiveness and value. As we have stated in the past, a market analysis comparing Hunter's Creek properties to surrounding neighborhoods revealed that our homes are commanding much higher prices by tens of thousands of dollars. A couple of weeks ago, a friend of mine told me that a friend of his who is a doctor in Lake Nona bought a home in Hunter's Creek because of our youth recreational activities for his children. As we have said for years, we have it all and we have it now.

I want to thank Bob Anders of the Flora Vista Neighborhood Committee as he continues to work with more neighborhoods in getting their storm drains labeled. Bob and I would love to get every neighborhood to participate. It is very easy. Bob has set up the following e-mail account, flows2waterway@gmail.com, so that you can contact him directly and get information as well. Kids can participate and learn a valuable environmental lesson at the same time. I made sure that Chalfont's drains were labeled. Please help Bob accomplish his goal by overseeing the project in your neighborhood.

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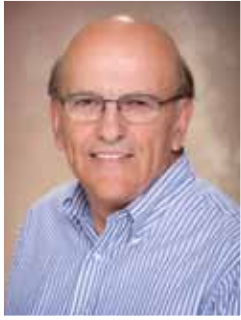
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John Rasnic

From the General Manager's Desk

By John Rasnic, MCM

Delinquent Accounts: Fair Warning

delinquent assessment collection.


Over the past two years or so, the HCCA has found it necessary to depart from the policies and procedures that were written in our documents for collection of delinquent assessments due to the explosive increase in the number of delinquent accounts. Because the HCCA had more than 500 seriously delinquent accounts, we tended to focus on the most delinquent and turn those accounts over to our collection agency, Association Financial Services (AFS), hired in 2011.

While we still have many seriously delinquent accounts, there are some issues that may cause the HCCA Board of Directors to tighten up the way delinquent accounts are handled and cause us to move accounts towards foreclosure much faster than in previous years.

The first issue is pending legislation, which is expected to be filed in Tallahassee, regarding using outside collection agencies, such as the one that the HCCA currently uses. This legislation will allow agencies to collect only delinquent assessments on behalf of homeowner associations, instead of being allowed to collect late fees, interest, attorney fees and other collection costs associated with such accounts. This means that firms like AFS will have to change their business model and that the HCCA may have to start paying up front for firms to collect its delinquent assessments.

The second issue is a court case that was handed down in January, which stated that if an Association, such as the HCCA, forecloses on a delinquent residence because of past due assessments, then the bank who subsequently may have foreclosed on the house would not have to pay the Association for delinquencies. The court ruled that since the Association has foreclosed on the house, and not the bank, that causes the Association to become liable for the past due assessments and relieves the bank of any responsibility for delinquent assessments prior to the time when the Association foreclosed on the property.

What does this mean for the HCCA? This ruling means that the HCCA must be very cautious in foreclosing on delinquent accounts, because we would




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not be able to rely on the bank for reimbursing the HCCA for delinquent assessments if we foreclose instead of the bank. The HCCA should only foreclose on accounts when there is enough time to renovate the house and then rent it for long enough to collect enough rental revenue to reimburse the HCCA for past due assessments.

The portion of the business plan that would make this change worthwhile is that the HCCA can turn over delinquent accounts to an attorney quickly enough that they can file for foreclosure on the HCCA's behalf. This would give the Association time to bring the home to suitable standards, allowing us to collect rent before the bank eventually forecloses.

The bottom line is this: we are evaluating whether to send delinquent accounts to an attorney at two-and-a-half months delinquent, rather than waiting 12-18 months. The balance of being fair to everyone involved, including our residents who are not delinquent, is a very delicate one. 

Update on Road Construction in HC

By Roy Figg, Maintenance Manager



The pipeline construction project continues along Town Center Boulevard. As mentioned in previous articles, Orange County Utilities accepted Globe Tec Construction, LLC's bid for the south service area/east service area 36" water main and 20" reclaimed water main from International Drive to John Young Parkway, with \$10,988,595 being stated as the total project cost.

The official Notice to Proceed for the project, with an effective date of April 2, 2012, gave the following parameters to be met:

- Substantial Completion Date is 510 calendar days: August 24, 2013.
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The contractors were tasked with digging out and replacing the soil cement from Westshire to Raintree, but there were delays as the soil cement compaction failed and materials had to be dug out again and reinstalled. At the time of this writing, paving was set to commence from Westshire to Raintree the week of February 11.

The boring that has taken place underneath Shingle Creek has been a mammoth project, as a 48" tunnel must be reamed out in order to push through a 36" pipe. The process is slow because drilling must be done incrementally. A 24" hole must be dug, then augers are changed to 36" and finally to 48". After augering is complete, each length of pipe is individually pulled through, using a heat welding machine to weld the sections together.

Currently, contractors have stopped the project at the intersection of Hunter's Creek Boulevard and Town Center Boulevard. Work will now resume at the western end of Town Center Boulevard in the wooded area so that this



This section of the contract is slated to end at Water Tower Drive, near Town Hall, after the contractors bore underneath John Young Parkway.

As always, weather conditions and unforeseen


section can be completed, which involves crossing under SR 417.

The contractor has requested that they be allowed to dig east of the school property while school is in session and then continue with work on the section past Hunter's Creek Elementary School after school is dismissed for the summer break. I walked the areas and reviewed their plan and expressed serious reservations with potential problems with traffic congestion, as well as with the safety of children and pedestrians. Orange County agreed and the contractor will not work within this area until school is in recess.



circumstances may cause delays. Please use extreme caution when navigating through any area that is involved in construction, whether you are a driver or a pedestrian.

If you have any questions relating to the pipeline installation project, please contact Public Information Officer Megan Olivera at 407-709-9840 or e-mail her at Megan@QCAusa.com.

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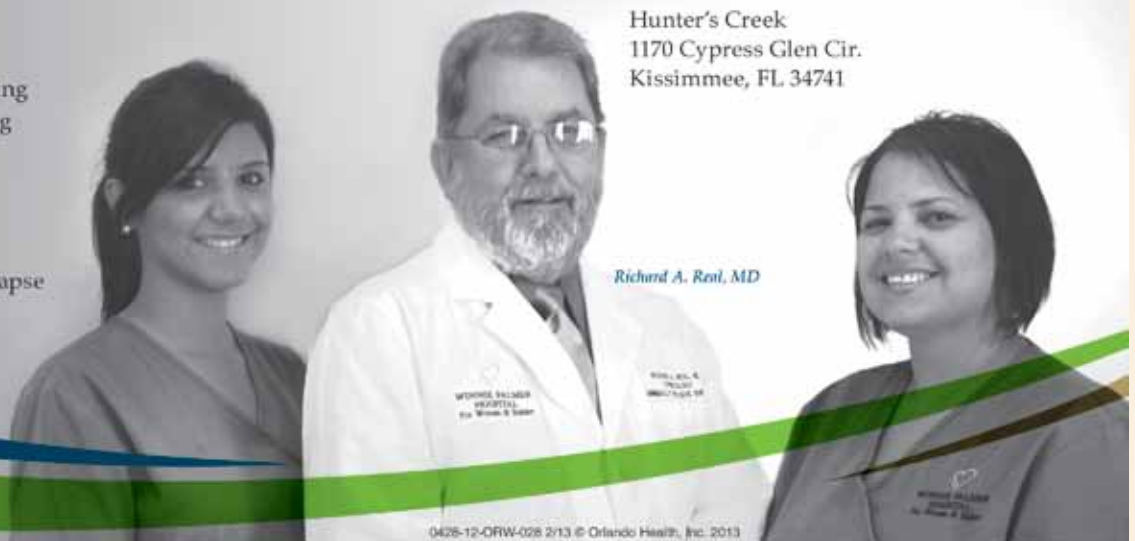


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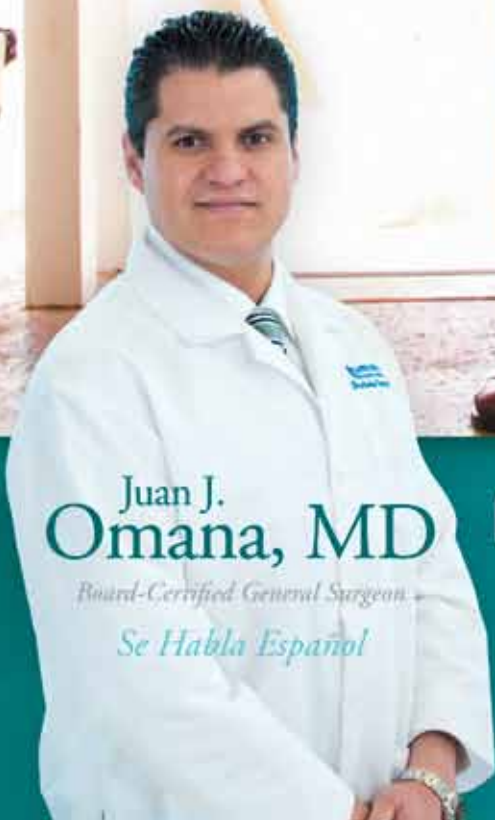
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Architectural Review.....	Carole Scheinler
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Finance.....	Ed Schwartz
Management.....	Joe Overberger
Nominating.....	Maureen Edwards
Strategic Planning.....	John Fields
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As Needed Committees

Covenant Enforcement.....	Open
Landscape.....	Cynthia Cuenin
Property Review.....	Sharon Bright
Public Safety.....	Open
Rules/By-Laws/CC&Rs.....	Jack Callender

For more information on any of these committees, contact the HCCA office at 407/240-6000.

By Denise Sedon

The following report is not the official minutes of the January 31, 2013 Board of Directors meeting. A complete copy of the official minutes can be obtained at the HCCA office in Town Hall once they are approved, which is normally at the next Board meeting. Approved minutes are also available on our web-site at www.hunterscreek.net. Move your cursor to *Board Room* in the main menu, choose *HCCA Board of Directors* from the drop-down menu and *Board Meeting Minutes* from the slide-out list.

Present at the meeting were Board members Joe Overberger, President; Pete Zieg, Vice President; Ed Schwartz, Treasurer; Directors Duane Beaudry, Sharon Bright, Barbara Burns, John Fields and Diane Schmidt. HCCA Managers also attended.

Consent Agenda – There were 16 items on the consent agenda, which consists of informational material and routine business issues not requiring individual attention unless requested by a member of the Board. President Joe Overberger pulled several items for discussion. A few items that were of interest: the Renaissance Charter School at Hunter's Creek will occupy the old Kmart building at 4140 Town Center Blvd.; the Board will host a meeting geared toward improving relations between the HCCA and multi-family properties; concerns were voiced over the performance of Association Financial Services (AFS); the Super Senior Wednesdays program is off to a great start; Board member Pete Zieg and resident Bob Anders have been attending the Orange



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County Experience program introduced by the Mayor's office and they are impressed with it; Board member Duane Beaudry has been accepted as a member of the Orange County Citizens Corps Council. All items passed unanimously.

Old Business:

Kailey's Ridge - HCCA General Manager John Rasnic gave a verbal update on the progress made between the HCCA and the principals for this property.

New Business:

Neighborhood Surveillance

Cameras - The Board voted unanimously to approve spending up to \$10,000 (from the Working Capital Fund) to install a server at Town Hall, which will serve as a central


location to store surveillance video for neighborhoods that have cameras.

Consolidating Reserve Fund

Investments - The Board agreed with the Finance Committee's recommendation to assign an account manager to oversee the Association's reserve fund investments, working within parameters to be provided by the HCCA Controller and General Manager.

Next Scheduled Board Meeting

The next meeting of the Board of Directors is scheduled for Thursday, March 7 at 3:00 pm at Town Hall. All residents are welcome to attend.

Thank You - We were grateful for the meal provided by manager Dave Bastek and staff of T.G.I. Friday's. Your generosity is very much appreciated. 

Council of Directors News

By Cheryl Horvath, COD Secretary

The first Council of Directors meeting of 2013 produced a record turnout of members and residents at large. In all, there were representatives from 35 of our 47 neighborhoods. The only neighborhoods not represented were Audubon Villas, Camden, Colonial Grand, The Cottages, Heather Glen, Montara, Osprey Links, The Parks, The Parkway, Sierra Vista, Tanglewood and Urbana.

Chairperson's Report

Council Chair Duane Beaudry welcomed the large audience of members and guests, and offered a special welcome to residents who were attending a Council meeting for the very first time. Duane's New Year's Resolution for the 2013 Council is to achieve even greater participation, increase neighborhood representation, and closely manage the time of all meetings, while assuring

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that they always remain productive and informative. He thanked everyone who had completed and submitted the surveys that had been mailed earlier in the month, and reminded those present that their feedback is an important link in continuing with an effective Council. Duane also took a moment to acknowledge the Appreciation Committee for organizing another very successful Volunteer Appreciation event. He stated that the highlight of the evening was the "2012 Volunteer of the Year Award" going to our very own Dennis Kent, whom he described as a very deserving and outstanding contributor to Hunter's Creek.

Presentation from Dr. Phillips Center for the Performing Arts -

Duane introduced Jennifer Pennypacker, Marketing Director for the Dr. Phillips Center for the Performing Arts. Her presentation included a sneak preview of the new facility, slated to be open by November 2014. It will be a spectacular arts center, estimated to cost \$500 million. It will house three theaters: the largest, the

Disney Theater, will replace the Bob Carr Centre; the Jim and Alexis Pugh Theater, a community theater where the Orlando Philharmonic and ballet will perform; and a multi-use acoustical theater. There will also be a School of the Arts. Their vision is to create a venue highlighting "Arts for Every Life," not just for the wealthy and the elite. The center will create 6,800 jobs and provide an estimated economic impact of \$714 million to our community. You can follow the progress of the center at their website, www.drphillipscenter.org.

Law Enforcement Report - Sgt. Raul Fernandez, Orange County Sheriff's Office, reported that there were nine auto burglaries in January, versus the 12-month average of five, and two residential burglaries versus the 12-month average of seven. He also reported two arrests, both involving drug paraphernalia, one of which included possession of a handgun during a trespass complaint. Sgt. Fernandez's article in the February issue of *Life at Hunter's Creek* Magazine summarized law enforcement activity over the last several

months. A Community Alert Network (CAN) notice was distributed in January, reminding residents not to leave items of value in their vehicles. An Ocita resident reported a burglary in their neighborhood and was impressed by the quick response time from OCSO deputies. Duane added that callers have the option of asking for a follow up report from the responding deputy when reporting suspicious persons or criminal activity. Duane also reported that Timucua has launched their Neighborhood Watch program and Eagles Landing is in the process of launching their program as well. Casa Vista reported concerns regarding several young people who have been repeatedly parking by the lake and going into the conservation area; Sgt Fernandez is investigating.

Neighborhood and Committee Introductions - Vice-Chair Jocelyn Haisch-Linn called upon neighborhoods and committees to present any reports they wished to make to the Council. **Calabay Cove** reported that their mailboxes have been painted and new decals applied. **Chalfont**



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added new up-lighting to their landscape and installed cement pads by their mail-boxes to accommodate the handicapped. They also reported that a resident had yard equipment stolen from his garage while he was outside working in his yard.

Golfview reported having pipe damage at their pool; they are also in the process of getting bids to update the pool and deck.

Ocita had their mailbox pads pressure washed prior to getting painted and will be trimming their green area borders.

Orista Bay reported improving their landscape, requested more bench seating in the park and asked about getting a speed bump installed at the exit of Lot 299. They also questioned why the lights were being kept on overnight in Lot 299. John Rasnic responded that it was for safety reasons, but he would look into the matter further. **Sandhill Trace** had their sidewalks cleaned but suggested that it was too expensive. **Timucua** reported having new landscape and lighting completed at their entrance and are excited to now have a Neighborhood Watch program in place. **Westshire** will

install new landscape after the Town Center Blvd. construction is complete; they are in the process of designing a new tile sign for their entrance.

Villanova delinquencies are down to 10%. They are trying to become an FHA-approved community.

HCCA Management Report - John Rasnic, HCCA General Manager, reported that the vacant Kmart store has finally been leased and the new tenant is Renaissance Charter School at Hunter's Creek. An informational meeting on January 21 was hosted by the school's owners, who planned for about 50 invited guests, but almost 500 showed up. The school will be comprised of kindergarten through sixth grade and will eventually include seventh and eighth grades. John updated the Council on the property known as Kailey's Ridge: Jr. Davis Land from Kissimmee is the developer of the projected 130 lots. There will be two builders: Surrey Homes and Ryan Homes. The Environmental Protection Division of Orange County is encouraging

neighborhoods to label their storm drains so that residents are aware that putting trash down these drains causes damage to our lakes and ponds. If your neighborhood is interested in this project, please contact your neighborhood manager. Roy Figg, HCCA Maintenance and Landscape Manager, provided an update on the Town Center Blvd. construction project. The contractors have experienced some problems, which have contributed to slowing the process. The project will stop temporarily at the Hunter's Creek Blvd. and Town Center Blvd. intersection but will resume once school is out for the summer.

HCCA President's Report - Joe Overberger, President of the HCCA Board of Directors, thanked everyone for attending the meeting. He also thanked Bob Anders of Flora Vista for his assistance with the storm drain labeling program. Joe reported that he and John Mongoven had met with Commissioner Boyd, hoping to minimize the impact fee for the new restroom facilities at Osprey Park. They also dis-



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cussed noise ordinances, including a recent decision that will finally allow responding deputies to determine excessive volume without being required to conduct decibel testing. Also discussed was the \$1.2 million budgeted for the park to be built along SR 417. The county plans to send surveys to residents asking for input on amenities that should be included in the park. Joe suggested that anyone interested in a skate park should respond. Joe noted that the proposed property known as Kailey's Ridge is currently zoned for Tangelo Park schools, but is subject to change.

Recreation Report - Steve Logan, HCCA Recreation Manager, thanked everyone who participated in the inaugural Super Senior Wednesday event. Approximately 60 people attended, and Steve said there is still room for more people to attend the weekly meetings, held every Wednesday from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm at the Osprey Park Recreation Center. Future plans include various activities, trips and informative seminars and meetings geared toward seniors. A new Chess Club has been formed and all ages are welcome to join; they will meet on the first and third Friday of each month at 6:00 pm, also at Osprey. This year's Resident Day at the Ballpark will be Sunday, March 10 as the Houston Astros play the Philadelphia Phillies. Bunny in the Park, featuring the Second Annual Marshmallow Drop, will take place at Osprey Park on Saturday, March 16. 

Law Enforcement

By Sergeant Raul Fernandez



Sgt. Raul Fernandez

Off-Duty Deputy Activity

The Orange County Board of County Commissioners approved an Orange County False Security Alarm Ordinance, effective January 1, 2013. A section of the ordinance reads: "Sec. 28-117...The purpose is to encourage security alarm users and alarm businesses (including, but not limited to, sales, installation, and/or monitoring) to maintain the operational reliability and proper use of alarm systems so as to limit unnecessary law enforcement responses to false alarms." According to the Orange County Sheriff's Office (OCSO) website, "False alarms have a huge impact on the availability of deputies for true emergencies. As a result, other citizens may not receive the response they need because those deputies are responding to what turns out to be another false alarm. From January 1, 2008 through December 31, 2011, the Orange County Sheriff's Office responded to more than 170,000 false alarms, an average of 117 times every day, at a cost to taxpayers of more than \$5,000,000. Slightly less than 80,000 deputy and dispatcher hours were needlessly spent on false alarms."



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False alarms cost taxpayers more than \$5,000,000 a year in tax dollars.

The alarm ordinance also establishes a fee for repeated false alarms. There is a 90-day grace period from the effective date of the False Security Alarm Ordinance to give users the opportunity to get their alarms serviced. False alarm fees will not be assessed prior to April 1, 2013. It is recommended that owners of homes and businesses with alarms located within the boundaries of Orange County use the grace period to take any necessary steps to ensure that their alarm systems are in good working order to prevent false alarms and potential false alarm fees.

On the home page of the OCSO website, www.ocso.com, click on *Security Alarms* and you will be taken to an overview of the ordinance, along with several other informational links. There is also an informational pamphlet

which provides the procedure that the OCSO will follow when an alarm is received. A portion of the pamphlet reads "...


(1) The Sheriff's Office shall issue a False Alarm Warning Notice after responding to a false alarm. (2) A service fee for false alarms shall be established by Resolution of the Board of County Commissioners. (3) Each false alarm in excess of twelve within a twelve month period may result in an Order of Discontinued Service pursuant to Section 28-123. (4) No service fee shall be charged for the first three false alarms occurring within a twelve month period, calculated from the date of the first such alarm...(7) All false alarm service fees are due and payable within thirty days from date of invoice. If the false alarm service fees are not paid as required, late service fees may be assessed and/or the matter may be referred to a collection agency or the County Attorney's Office for appropriate legal action."



There are several ways to avoid a service fee. Having a faulty alarm system inspected and repaired is one such way. Unforeseeable and unavoidable circumstances, such as inclement weather or power outages, will not count toward the number of false activations.

False Alarm Service Fee Schedule

- 1-3: No charge
- 4-6: \$50 per false alarm
- 7-12: \$100 per false alarm
- 12+: \$200 per false alarm

Please visit the OCSO website, www.ocso.com, for a full understanding of the new ordinance and its goals and objectives. Anyone with questions or who requires clarification on any alarm issue may call the False Alarm Reduction Unit at 407-836-3969, Monday through Friday, between the hours of 8:30 am and 6:00 pm. 



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By Brian Pettit, Controller

Paying Assessments Electronically


There have been a number of questions since the first of the year from homeowners inquiring about paying their assessments online. It's been awhile since we've covered this topic and it's time for another review.

First of all, go to the Hunter's Creek home page at www.hunterscreek.net. You will see three links below the picture of Town Hall that deal with paying your homeowners assessment: instructions on how to pay online, a link to pay assessments electronically, and a form to authorize direct payment.

To pay electronically, click on "To pay assessments electronically." That link will take you to the secure website of *Smartstreet*, a division of Union Bank. You can pay your assessment electronically by using American Express, Discover or MasterCard (there's

a \$9.95 convenience fee when paying with a credit card). You can also make a one-time e-check payment, which is drafted directly from your financial institution (no additional fee is charged for e-check). There are details about how to enter your information into the system to ensure that your payment is applied correctly.

To pay with direct payment, click on "For a direct payment authorization form." This option affords you the opportunity of printing out a direct payment authorization form, allowing us to set you up on a plan where quarterly assessments are automatically drafted from your account from your financial institution so that you don't have to worry about coupons, deadlines or postage.

Should you have questions about how to pay your assessment, please call the Town Hall at 407-240-6000. 

Hunter's Creek Community Association		
Statement of Revenue and Expenditures as of December 31, 2012		
Income	Actual	Budget
Single Family Assessments	4,360,231	4,360,230
Multi-Family Assessments	1,199,742	1,200,271
HCCA - All Other Income	925,442	904,975
Total Income	6,485,415	6,465,476
Expenses		
Administrative Dept.	2,741,244	2,729,564
Communication Dept.	3,585	53,682
Recreation Dept.	165,817	182,409
Utilities	386,124	409,190
Maintenance	2,133,692	2,334,980
Irrigation	69,799	69,785
Reserve Transfer	509,881	509,881
Total Expenses	6,010,141	6,289,491
Excess	475,303	-
Loan Principal Payment	174,987	175,985
Revenue in Excess of Expenditures	300,317	0

Hunter's Creek Community Association			
Balance Sheet as of December 31, 2012			
<u>Assets</u>		<u>Liabilities</u>	
Cash - Operating	1,377,357	Accounts Payable	196,959
Cash - Reserves	2,834,195	Accrued Expenses	226,862
Assessments Receivable	481,018	Deferred Assessment Income	-
Other Receivables	80,330	Prepaid Assessments	235,388
Prepaid Expenses	278,519	Loan Payable	1,133,106
Deposits	24,947	Total Liabilities	1,792,315
Property - Buildings	2,196,990		
Total Assets	7,273,356	<u>Fund Balance</u>	
		Replacement Reserve	2,541,590
		Working Capital Fund	226,620
		Operating Fund Reserve	796,000
		Operating Fund Balances	1,916,831
		Total Fund Balance	5,481,041
		Total Liab and Fund Balance	7,273,356



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Marc Mero - An Inspiration to Teens

By Heidi May

As I sat in the Freedom High School auditorium waiting for the assembly to begin, I had no idea what awaited me as I had never been to a presentation given by an inspirational speaker. Of course, the speaker had me intrigued before he even took the stage, being a retired wrestler who had wrestled the likes of The Rock and Hulk Hogan. What could he possibly have to say that would be so inspirational, that would capture the attention of an auditorium filled with teenagers? That is a daunting task anyway, especially after the first two minutes (no offense, teenagers – I used to be one, too!).



Well, let me tell you, I was blown away, inspired and an emotional wreck by the time the presentation was over. Marc Mero, retired professional wrestler, has a story to tell and is on a mission to heal kids' hearts. The presentation started with a very enthusiastic and energetic Marc taking the stage and becoming friends with every kid in the audience. It was easy to do, as he seems to be an easy person to be friends with and a genuine guy at that. He's overcome so many trials and tribulations and fought many demons along the way to become the man he is today. His story tells it all, from having it all to losing everything...twice. Along his journey, he has had to overcome alcohol and drug addictions and has lost so many friends and family members that you wonder how he gets out of bed every day. However, with his driving spirit and complete zest for life, he does get out of bed, one leg after the other, ready to spread enthusiasm for life and instilling the phrase "I believe!" into the minds of teenagers everywhere.




His presentation was geared toward young people and how they can overcome bullying – those being bullied and those doing the bullying – and put aside thoughts of suicide and know that they are loved and that their lives are worth living. He stressed the importance of not taking pleasure in other people's pain, but to instead be the light

in someone else's darkness. Strong, smart, inspirational words, spoken from one who has lived them. He had the attention of the entire auditorium; in fact, there was very little, if any, side chatter to be heard during the presentation. What Marc had to say needed to be heard and everyone was definitely paying attention.



While Marc commanded his stage, he had the teenage-filled audience laughing at his antics, crying because of his stories and extreme losses, feeling sympathy for what he has been through and cheering his triumphs. It was truly a moving presentation and one you should make a point to attend. He invited kids to contact him anytime via social networks (e-mail, Twitter, Facebook, etc.) if they were having problems and needed someone to listen. Several students stayed afterward to meet Marc and it was intriguing to watch him mingle with them. You would have thought he knew them all, especially with the way he connected with them on such an emotional level. It was truly moving and something I will not soon forget.

Marc appears at churches, schools and corporate events to share his inspirational message. Go to www.championofchoices.org to learn more about Marc and his Champion of Choices program. 

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By Denise Sedon, Dept. Manager

March....what a great month! The weather is fantastic and hopefully, Orlando is NOT still the greatest pollen-producing city in the nation. The yellow stuff has made quite an appearance this year, but rain is in the forecast, even as I write this article. There are many events to look forward to, including Resident Day on March 10 at Osceola Stadium, where you can take in a great spring training game, and Bunny in the Park on March 16, as we excitedly plan the second annual Marshmallow Drop over the ball fields in Osprey Park. I have to admit I was surprised last year when the drop went off without a hitch; it was awesome to see all the little ones running around and gathering up

those marshmallows. Also, Super Senior Wednesdays are off to a wonderful start, as our more experienced residents get together each week for a little fun. Check out the insert calendar that came with your magazine to see what's in store for this month.

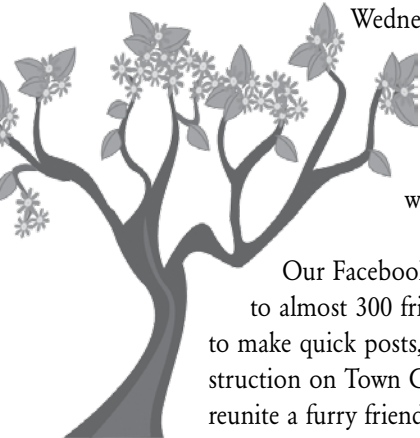
Our Facebook page is doing very well. We are up to almost 300 friends and this has been a great way to make quick posts, whether about the ongoing construction on Town Center Boulevard or to successfully reunite a furry friend with his rightful owner. If you

would like to join the group of folks who receive notifications when we post them, just go to the home page of www.hunterscreek.net, where there's a link that will take you directly to our Facebook page.

Speaking of the website, be sure to check it often. It contains a lot of useful information and is updated quite regularly, sometimes several times a day. All upcoming Hunter's Creek sponsored events are detailed and you should be able to download registration and participation forms for events like the HCWA Spring Garage Sale and the HCCA Spring Break Camp.

If you are out and about and take a great picture, please share it with us! It can be e-mailed to the address below. Whether it's a picture taken at an event or just a really spectacular sunset, we are happy to receive your photos. If we use it in the magazine or on the website, we will make sure that you get the photo credit, so make sure you give me your name and your neighborhood as well.

Any questions or suggestions that you may have regarding *Life at Hunter's Creek* Magazine, the community's website (www.hunterscreek.net), or the HCCA Facebook page are much appreciated. Please contact me by telephone at 407-240-6000 or via e-mail at dsedon@hunterscreek.net.



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By Karen Marich, Dept. Manager

Architectural Review Committee Fees

The Architectural Review Committee (ARC) does not charge an owner for submitting an application for a modification. However, there are times when ARC fees do come into play.

ARC Late Filing Fees

It is necessary for the HCCA to charge an ARC late filing fee in order to recoup money spent for staff time that is used to enforce a violation that has occurred because a modification has been started prior to the ARC's review of said modification.

Currently, Section 5, Article I states:

F. Review Fees: As long as an applicant submits a general application prior to the commencement of the work described in the general application, the reviewer shall not charge a fee for review of such general application. If an application is filed after the commencement of the work described in the general application, the applicant shall be subject to a late filing fee as established by the Board, payable to the Hunter's Creek Community Association, Inc. ("Association"). The payment of a late fee shall not be deemed approval to proceed or continue with the proposed improvement.

1. If staff sends a violation letter or notices a modification has started prior to submitting an ARC application and the owner submits the required paperwork, a \$50 late filing fee will apply.
2. If staff enforces a violation for failure to submit an ARC application for a modification from the first letter all the way to the ARC meeting, a \$100 late filing fee will apply. This late filing fee would still apply if the homeowner submitted the application after the ARC meeting because staff time had already been expended to enforce the violation.
3. The late filing fee, whether \$50 or \$100, would still apply if the modification were disapproved because staff time had already been expended to enforce the violation.

Review Fee Structure for Room Additions

These changes are necessary in order for HCCA to recoup money spent for an architect and additional staff time to review extensive modifications such as room additions.

According to Section 2, Article IV, 4.2 (c)

- (c) **Fee Assistance.** For purposes of this article and the Use Restrictions, the entity having jurisdiction in a particular case shall be referred to as the "reviewer." The reviewer may establish and charge reasonable fees for review of applications hereunder and may require such fees to be paid in full prior to review of any application. Such fees may include the reasonable costs incurred in having any application reviewed by architects, engineers or other professionals. The declarant and/or the Association may employ architects, engineers, or other persons as deemed necessary to perform the review. The Board may include the compensation of such persons in the Association's annual operating budget as a common expense.

1. A minimum of an ARC application review fee of \$115 (one hour of architect time, subject to change based on rate, plus an administrative fee of \$50) is required to cover the costs for having the application reviewed by an architect and for administrative time to process such review. Additional review fees may be incurred according to the complexity of the application, in which case, the homeowner will be informed of such fees prior to proceeding with the review.
2. If the homeowner modifies the plans during construction, with or without prior ARC approval, a modification review fee is required to cover costs for having the modification reviewed again by an architect and for administrative time to process such review. The modification review fee will be the total cost of the architect's professional fee (currently \$65 per hour) plus an administrative cost of \$50.
3. A late filing fee of \$50 or \$100 will also apply if the homeowner commences on the modification and/or change prior to ARC review. The fee is based on staff time that had already been expended to enforce the violation.

ARC Fee for Non-Standard Modifications

Non-standard refers to modifications that do not meet ARC-approved guidelines.

Homeowners applying for non-standard modifications are very rare. Examples of non-standard modifications include: paint colors submitted that are not in the HCCA Master Paint Charts, driveway stain colors that are not in the HCCA Master Driveway Stain Chart, circular driveways that do not meet stated specifications, etc. In every instance when an application is submitted for non-standard modifications, staff has notified the owner that the modification has not been approved because it is not standard or is not within approved guidelines. If the owner still wants the ARC to review the application, a \$75 non-standard fee will be charged at the time that the application is submitted.

Staff time and other costs incurred must be considered when processing these applications. However, staff will recommend that the fee be returned if the application is approved by the ARC as a variance. The homeowner can also appeal if the modification is reviewed and disapproved by the ARC. The fee will be returned only if the disapproval is overturned and the appeal is granted, either by the ARC or by the HCCA Board of Directors.

If you have any questions regarding ARC applications or the fees involved, please call our office at 407-240-6000. 

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By Steve Logan, Dept. Manager



Bunny in the Park

Second Annual Marshmallow Drop

The weather forecast calls for marshmallow showers on March 16 at Osprey Park - 25,000 of them, to be exact. The sugary treats will begin to fall from the sky shortly after high noon onto the Osprey Park ball fields. Three separate drops are scheduled: see below. Kids can then exchange their marshmallows for candy and prizes.

An Easter Egg Patch will be set up for ages 3 and under to collect colorful eggs filled with special prizes from Peace United Methodist Church.

Bunny in the Park will also feature exciting carnival games with awesome prizes, inflatable slides and bounce houses provided by Spacewalk of South Orlando, face painting, DJ entertainment, and a unique petting zoo which brings a safe, hands-on approach to wildlife, including exotic animals and reptiles.

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Saturday, March 16

11:00 am - 3:00 pm

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Drop 3: Ages 9-11

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Quickstart 2: Ages 8, 9 and 10 years old, Saturdays from 10:00 am - 11:00 am

\$95 per student (HC resident ID required) or **\$115** for non-HC residents

Registration forms can be found at www.hunterscreek.net, Town Hall or
Osprey Park Recreation Center. For more information, please call 407-240-6000.



Hunter's Creek Chess Club

By Katie Colletta



**First and third
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All ages and skill levels welcome.
Please RSVP to Katie@colletta.us.

How about a game of chess? If you haven't heard, some elementary school students in Hunter's Creek have been learning the game of chess. Steven Vigil, chess coach and trainer from Orlando Chess and Games, has been teaching after-school chess at West Creek and Hunter's Creek Elementary Schools for a few years now. That's how my two boys, currently in second and fifth grade, became interested in the game. I recently saw a picture in *The History of Hunter's Creek* of a former chess club. This sparked the idea, and so, with the Recreation Department's support, we are resurrecting the Hunter's Creek Chess Club! The setting will be very casual and we would love for all ages and skill levels to join us, from students to grandparents. Surely there are some chess lovers here in our community!

The Osprey Park Recreation Center is the perfect location, as the back room is full of long tables. Please join us on the first and third Friday of each month from 6:00 to 8:00 pm! Even if you don't know how to play, come out and join us! If we have enough interest at the beginner level, maybe we can organize a class. I think some of our local students would be great teachers!

If you'd like to be added to a Hunter's Creek Chess Club group e-mail, please send your name and e-mail address to Katie@colletta.us or call me at 407-859-7153. We hope to see you soon!

Bingo is Moving to Tuesdays!

March 19, April 16 and May 21

Bingo will move to the third Tuesday for the months of March, April and May at the Osprey Park Recreation Center. Doors open at 7:00 pm. Games start at 7:30. Ten bingo games are played each night with cash prizes awarded after every game. Entry fee is \$3 and includes one free card. Additional cards are just \$1 each. Players must be at least 21.





MLB Pitch, Hit & Run

Saturday, May 4

at Osprey Park Ball Fields

from 3:00 pm - 5:00 pm

FREE EVENT

Registration begins at 2:00 pm

Boys and girls, ages 7-14

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MLB Pitch, Hit & Run is the Official Skills Competition of Major League Baseball. This event is designed to provide youngsters with an opportunity to participate, free of charge, in a competition that recognizes individual excellence in pitching, hitting and running.

Competitors are divided into four age divisions: 7/8, 9/10, 11/12 and 13/14. Kids will have the chance to advance through four levels of competition, including Team Championships held at a Tampa Bay Rays game, as well as the National Finals at the 2013 MLB All-Star Game in New York.

All participants are required to provide a copy of their birth certificate and a completed registration form, which can be picked up at Town Hall or Osprey Park or is available online at www.hunterscreek.net. For more information, please call 407-240-6000.



March Monthly Activities

Basketball Men's 40+

Wednesdays 6:30 pm Mallard Pointe Park

Bingo

3rd Tuesday in March 7:30 pm Osprey Park

Bunco

3rd Thursday of each month 6:30 pm Osprey Park
(RSVP to 407-247-4084)

Chess Club

1st and 3rd Friday of each month 6:00 pm Osprey Park
(RSVP to 407-859-7153)

Classic Book Club

Last Tuesday of each month 6:00 pm Osprey Park

HC Golf League

Tuesdays 3:00 pm HC Golf Club
(Registration required; call 407-812-5465)

Women's Golf League

Tuesdays 8:30 am HC Golf Club

Running Club

Wednesdays 6:30 pm Osprey Park
Saturdays 6:00 am HC Town Hall

Senior Social

Fridays 1:00 pm HC Town Hall

Super Seniors

Wednesdays 9:00 am Osprey Park

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Super Senior Wednesdays

By Deone Gilbert

The grand opening of the Super Senior Wednesdays program kicked off Wednesday, January 16 with a big pancake breakfast complete with toppings, juice and coffee. After everyone enjoyed their delicious breakfast, about 50 seniors stayed to check out the newly renovated Osprey Park Recreation Center, playing billiards, table tennis, foosball, board games and card games.

On Wednesday, January 23, many of the seniors enjoyed a trivia game of Senior Sez and a free Tai Chi class given by Juan Infantas. Meditation instructor, Kathryn Geib, came in to speak about the meditation classes that will be offered from 11:30 am - 12:00 pm every Wednesday.



To round out the month, we enjoyed a cooking lesson with Gaby Burse, who made a salad and broccoli cheese quiche for brunch. She showed everyone how simple it was to use a regular plastic bag to frost a cupcake.



March is National Nutrition Month for Super Senior Wednesdays!

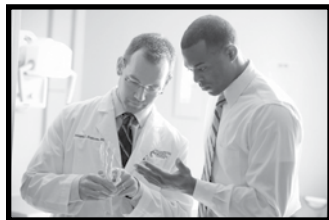
March Activities

CPR/First Aid Certification and Fire Safety Practices

March 6 from 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm

\$30 per person includes a two-year certification

Sign up at the Osprey Park Recreation Center.



Hand and Wrist Seminar with Dr. Robison from Florida Hospital Kissimmee

March 6 from 12:00 pm - 12:45 pm
FREE

Attend a seminar on causes of hand pain

and the various treatment options that are available.

Sign up at the Osprey Park Recreation Center.

Field Trip to Dave and Buster's

March 13, departing from Osprey Park at 11:30 am sharp!

\$17.99 + tax, includes a \$10 power card and lunch.

For more details, please call 407-240-6000 ext. 125 or stop by the Osprey Park Recreation Center Wednesdays from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm.



Book Fair

March 13 from 10:30 am - 11:30 am

Adult and children's books will be available for purchase, ranging in price from \$3 to \$7.



Nutrition Presentation

March 20

from 10:00 am - 11:00 am

FREE

Please sign up at the Osprey Park Recreation Center by March 13.



Square Dancing Class

March 20 from 1:00 pm - 3:30 pm

FREE

Please sign up at the Osprey Park Recreation Center by March 13.

Senior Fitness Classes with Kristie

The first and third Wednesday of the month from

9:00 am - 9:45 am

\$5 per person (please bring exact cash amount)



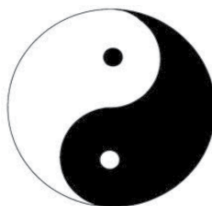
Tai Chi Classes with Juan


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Please note that Super Seniors will NOT meet on March 27 since Spring Break Camp will be taking place at the Recreation Center that day. 

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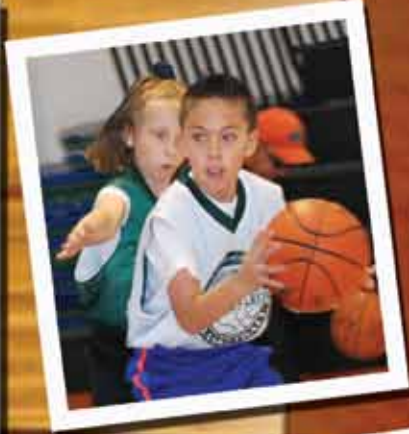
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Hunter's Creek Motorcycle Association

By Rick Sparveri

March...the month that begins spring. We had a great winter, but we are happy to let the cold wind blow away and feel the warmth of the sun shine down upon us as we ride. We have had beautiful week-ends to ride recently and the HCMA

took advantage of every opportunity for fun social rides and to participate in benefit rides. The HCMA was represented at many charities this past month, such as the Bikers Against Child Abuse (BACA) ride that shut down I-4 for a motorcycle parade ending at Orlando Harley Davidson. We also took part in the Pink Ribbon Ride - thanks to Art and Motion for leading that ride. Many of our members also assisted in organizing and riding in the annual Osceola Law Ride. Our group took a nice social ride to Melbourne to have lunch at the Mansion. We want to thank all who attended, and especially everyone who organized these rides.

March should be another great month of riding, as it starts with one of Florida's claims to fame: Bike Week in Daytona Beach. We will have groups of bikes going both weekends. Please try and come out for some good food, sights and music; it's always a



good time to create great memories. March is also the month of Mardi Gras and St. Patrick's Day. Easter is also in March, so *hop* on your bike, new or old, and come ride with us. We welcome all skill levels and all types of bikes.

If you can't make one of the rides to Daytona, join us at our monthly meeting on the second Wednesday of the month or for dinner once a month on a Thursday night. We look forward to meeting new neighbors and seeing some new faces. Let's enjoy that fresh spring air.

A little madness in the spring is wholesome even for the King. - Emily Dickinson #103

March Event Dates:

Wednesday, March 13 – Monthly meeting at 7:00 pm;
Buffalo Wings & Rings

Thursday, March 21 – Dinner ride at 7:00 pm; departs from
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Saturday/Sunday, March 9-10 & 16-17 – Daytona Bike Week;
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Dog Park Committee News

By Gaye Johnson, Committee Member



Hot Spots on Dogs

Just what are they, anyway? Hot spots are one of those less-than-desirable skin irritations that occur when your dog itches, scratches or licks himself excessively, eventually forming a wet scab.

Hot spots (also known as summer sores or moist eczema) can seem to appear suddenly; the surrounding area can rapidly deteriorate, too. This raw skin disorder has a variety of causes but the most consistent factor is bacteria.

Anything that irritates the skin can create an environment for bacterial contamination if the surface of the skin is moist, even if caused by something as innocuous as a bath, swim or stroll in the rain. A slightly oozing sore can provide enough moisture for an infection to take hold.

There are various types of hot spot-causing bacteria, but most dogs respond well to oral and topical antibiotics. For some reason, cats rarely acquire hot spots.

Hot spots seem much more prevalent in the summer. They can cause severe itching and self-trauma because the infection goes deep into the skin. Keep your dog well-groomed, especially in hot weather. A dog with a matted, dirty coat is at greater risk of developing hot spots. Many owners have their dogs shaved in the summer. This keeps the thick coat from covering any dampness on the surface of the skin, since wet skin can become a breeding ground for bacteria.

Many types of dermatological problems can be avoided if your dog is on a well-balanced diet. In some cases, adding supplements like omega fatty acids can help avoid many skin afflictions. If your dog (or cat) seems to lack a healthy coat and/or skin, consider upgrading their diet to a meat-based formula. The first ingredient listed on the pet food label should be meat (chicken, lamb, poultry, beef or fish); if it's corn...pass on it!

How to Treat a Hot Spot

1. Trim the area around the hot spot with clippers. If the area is too big, shave it. Exposing it to air will dry the moisture and help speed healing.



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2. Clean the area with a mild water-based astringent, antiseptic spray, or specialized shampoo, and pat dry.
3. Apply hydrocortisone spray or cream (with a vet's prescription) to stop the itching and help promote healing.
4. Prevent your dog from biting, licking or scratching the affected area. Placing an Elizabethan collar (plastic cone) around your dog's neck can be an excellent tool to keep him/her from biting and licking.
5. Keep an eye on the area to make sure it continues to heal and doesn't worsen. Hot spots often require a visit to the vet who will likely prescribe topical medication and possibly oral antibiotics. The vet may also give your dog a cortisone injection to jump start healing.

Daily cleaning of the hot spot, even as often as every two hours for the first day or two, will speed healing. A topical antibacterial ointment will arrest the growth of bacteria. These skin lesions can take a week to dry and look like they are going to heal. Once they are no longer oozing, simply keep the area clean. The fur will begin to grow back (sometimes a different color!) within two weeks.


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Reminder – New Requirement for Registration



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Hunter's Creek Running Club

In Loving Memory...

On January 16, we lost one of our most influential members, Doug Johnson. Doug had only been a part of our group since June 2012, but he touched and inspired so many people. We would like to honor him here by sharing some of our memories of our best times spent with Doug.



The Disney Marathon after completing the Goofy (half and full marathons on back-to-back days).

After the Disney marathon, the cheer group ran into Doug and his family as they were leaving. I said, "Doug, wait; you need a picture with the boys and your grandbabies." I had the honor of taking that picture and providing that memory to his son, son-in-law and grandchildren and I could not be happier.

- Samantha Brown

I loved hearing Doug talk about his family. On long runs, we shared so much. The joy in his voice reminded me so much of my own dad. We girls shared more with Doug than he cared to hear sometimes, but he always just said, "Oh, girls!" and kept coming back for more. He was such a gentle-natured guy, always with a kind word. Everyone loved Doug. - Kerri Ginel

My favorite memory of Doug was seeing him at the Disney Expo after he picked up his packet.

He came by and said hi to me at the booth I was working and I asked how he was. As usual, he said fantastic. I asked if he was ready for the Goofy run. He said, "It can't get here soon enough!" He was like a little kid the day before Christmas. I loved his outlook on life, his positivity and his excitement! - Jill Smith

It was a pasta party at Tess' when I saw a very excited and happy Doug Johnson. That night, he gave me his first and last hug. I will never forget his spaghetti and sauce. Looking for something yummy to feed my baby that night, I chose Doug's spaghetti. When I was cutting the noodles, he approached me and asked what I was doing. He responded to his own question with, "Ooooh, babyyy." My baby Vincent ate it all and Doug smiled when I showed him the empty plate. That was the last time I saw Doug. I'll never forget that smile! - Amanda Feliciano

It's always hard to wake up at 4:30 am to go run, but to know your friends are waiting when you get there makes it easier. Doug joined HCRC about the same time I joined. I remember his smiling face as I got out of my car. He was one of those people that just made you happy. We had many great runs together at 5:00 am. At Relay For Life, an event which I have led for the last two years, I remember taking my usual two hour rest, between 2:00 and 4:00 am. Although I don't usually get to actually sleep, it's nice to just sit and rest. While I did, I heard Doug pass by my tent as he ran and ran. I couldn't believe how many miles he put in at this event. When I got up and walked the track to visit the teams, I saw Doug and asked how long he had run. With a smile - of course - he told me he had run for hours. I can only hope I have the energy Doug had when I am 55. He was an incredible person who pushed us all to be our very best! - Amy Benison

I have several great memories of Doug, but the

thing that sticks out the most for me is the way he greeted everyone with the greatest enthusiasm and sincerity. He was genuinely happy to see you. - Jean-Paul Ross

Over Christmas break, our daughter Erin came out to run with us. It was 5:00 am, an early cold morning for a college sophomore...As we started running, Doug hung back and encouraged her along. After we got home, Erin said, "Mom, that guy was really nice. When I wanted to stop he told me, 'Oh, no; you can't stop, you've got to keep going.'" She finished six miles that day and was so encouraged. He touched all of us in small and big ways. We will keep running with him in our hearts. - Cynthia Mahagan



Doug running in the Hunter's Creek Turkey Trot

I had the honor of training for the Disney Marathon with Doug in the wee hours of the morning. Knowing he was going to be there smiling and ready to run was worth getting up and out. Doug made me strive to be a faster, better runner and his infectious smile and overall positive attitude made me happy just to be around him. He was an inspiration in so many ways! - Camille Kaiser

I met Doug for the first time on one of his first Wednesday night track workouts. He talked little about himself and so much about his son, Kevin. It was obvious to me that he was a father who loved his children. Whether you had the opportunity to run with him, to watch him race, or to simply follow his running times, Doug brought inspiration to anyone who called themselves a runner. He was a man that used his talent to touch and perhaps even change the lives of others. - Wanda Webb

I knew Doug from HCRC but never had a chance to chat much...until the birthday celebration at

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Joel's hotel...we laughed and laughed...people around us were staring...maybe asking what's so funny...we were just talking about life, kids, home, etc. That day, I had gone straight from work to meet the HCRC - still in my work clothes - but his laugh and conversation made me forget how tired I was and appreciate the moment we were sharing with the club. Thank you, Doug, for your smile, laugh and support.

- Edith MacNichols

I met Doug at (what I thought was) his first run with the club. It was a Sunday and we were doing trails. Everyone took off running and I was behind, but he stayed with me and we helped each other...he didn't know the trails. I thought he was at my pace...ahhhh, NOT! He was just being a wonderful person. Thanks, Doug. I didn't want to go through that jungle alone. He shared with me one of his race stories...If I remember correctly, he was running a race and a woman on the sidelines was yelling to her son who was ahead of Doug, "Don't let the old guy beat you!" I asked, "Soooo? Did you beat him?" He said, "You better believe it!" Too funny...it made me think of those times during a race that get you going faster, little motivations that help you kick it into gear. At the Santa Hustle, he knew I wanted a beer and they were all out, so he bought me one...what a guy! Hugs, Doug! - Rita Larsh

I met Doug not long after I joined the Running Club. He was an exceptional man! If you needed a running partner, he was there! We shared many stories of our kids, as his and mine both play baseball. He was so thoughtful. Every time he cleaned out his garage, he always brought me something for my boys. I will always remember those conversations and the joy he had when speaking of his family. I remember how excited he was to play in our Relay For Life softball tournament and the countless hours he ran in circles to help Runners for Hope reach their goal. I am happy to say that I was able to share his excitement for his first night of carb-loading before he ran Goofy! It was like Christmas! I will also never forget how amazing he looked when we saw him at mile 13! Doug, you are a true inspiration. You made me want to be a better runner and I am very thankful for the time that you were in my life. - Keri Mckeeman-Cormier

It was the morning of the OUC Half Marathon as Camille and I scanned the crowd during the first miles of the race. Then we saw him. Doug wasn't running, but he was there cheering us on and taking photos. We cheered back as we passed him. As we continued the race, we looked for him



A swim in the ocean after the race

around every corner. We saw him again a few miles later, shouting words of encouragement. The two ladies in front of us were envious of our private cheering squad. Downtown Orlando was a long drive from Doug's home and he had to be at Disney later that morning. That didn't stop him from coming out and supporting us. Doug loved us and we loved him. He made me feel like I could accomplish anything. I will never forget him or his enthusiasm for life. - Anne Marshall

On the final long run for the Disney Marathon, a couple of marathon first-timers were doing 20 miles for the very first time in training. Doug had done a few 20 milers in training already and was rather quick this particular day. He spotted the first-timers falling behind and circled back to be sure that they had company in those final miles, even though it meant that he would be running more and slower than he planned. Doug was always smiling, encouraging and positive! Doug had one of the most wonderful qualities in the world: he was selfless! - Christine Ducey

Since I met Doug when he joined the Running Club, we talked about playing racquetball. He always mentioned how he was going to play after running umpteen miles. I never made it a point to go, because I preferred to go home and rest, even though I really love racquetball. Not Doug. He did everything life had to offer and he did it to the fullest. Now I wish we had played that racquetball game. I learned from Doug that you should not wonder what could have been and instead take every opportunity to do. Even if you lose, give it your best because if you don't try, you already lost. Doug inspired all of us by his example. - Cesar Villanueva

Thank you, Doug, for giving your Santa medal to my daughter. It put a smile on her face. Thank you, Doug, for always giving me a push when I needed it. Thank you, Doug, for introducing me to a friend as your brother, for you were not joking as we are running brothers. I will miss you and although I know you are running the trails

of heaven, you still run in our hearts and I still cried as I wrote this. God has definitely gained an angel. - Tony Fuentes



All of the Finishers; after this picture was taken, Doug gave his medal to one of the girls.

I loved Doug's motivation in life. He was always with a smile...lots of respect for others and he said that he would like all of the club members to be a big family...because that's what we are. At the Santa Run, he came to the finish line dancing



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like a little child. The Rock and Roll in St. Pete made me miss him so much because a lot of people were wearing red shirts and every time I saw a runner with white hair and a red shirt, I thought it was Doug coming my way. I prayed and miss him so badly! I'm glad I met him. - *Elsa Fuentes*

The first time I ran alongside Doug, I ran a bit slower than normal, just to match his pace and get to know him better. I enjoyed that conversation so much, that on later runs, I made sure to try and run with him. Every time we went out, he got faster. And faster. Until one day, I had to drop off because I couldn't keep up with him any longer. Wow! I was amazed at how strong of a runner he quickly became. That better runner came from his dedication and perseverance, which I greatly admired. But most of all, I valued our talks during our runs, especially the way he beamed when talking about his family. May you run in peace, Doug. - *Gunnison Carbone*

I still look back fondly on one of the WORST races I have ever been in. It was very hot, the race ran out of water on the course, and I walked away with a horrible sunburn. But I will never forget the good times we all shared that day and how Doug never complained. Instead, he found ways to make every situation seem fun! After the long, hot run, he was the one who suggested we jump into the freezing ocean to cool down! Then, wet from the ocean water, we went for lunch and the restaurant was freezing! Doug lent me his shirt to wear. A month later, at our club dinner the night before the Disney Marathon, I apologized to Doug because I had yet to return his shirt. He told me not to worry about it, that he wouldn't come calling for it for at least a year. Doug won't ever come calling for his shirt, but I feel better knowing that I was able to return it to his family at his service. Doug's kindness is something I will never forget. None of us will!

- *Amanda Caraway*

"It Doesn't Hurt, Doc!"

By *Jamie Reiter, DDS*

As a dentist, even though I've heard it all before, I must say that I still enjoy hearing dentist jokes and funny stereotypes about dentists. If you can't laugh at yourself, who can you laugh at? But one thing that still makes me scratch my chin is when a patient tells me, with a sparkle in their voice that implies I will be disappointed, "It doesn't hurt, Doc." Contrary to an apparently common belief, dentists want to see you when it doesn't hurt! "It doesn't hurt? That's GOOD!"

It's convenient to move things to the back burner that don't seem urgent. You may be able to drive around on bald tires for thousands of miles before a blowout occurs. Have you ever forgotten to change your smoke detector battery? Maybe you've even forgotten to take the meat out of the freezer - because at 7:00 am, dinner doesn't seem like a priority.

When it comes to your dental health, though, it's not a good idea to wait for pain to remind you that there is a problem. Your teeth are literally three inches away from your brain and four inches away from your windpipe. Bacteria from infected teeth can quickly spread to both of these vital organs! Dental infections (including cavities and gum disease) are often painless until it's too late. Just think about having a tire blow out on the Turnpike or waking up in a bedroom full of black smoke at 4:00 am. Suddenly, a non-urgent issue has become a serious, life-threatening emergency.

When it comes to your tooth...you know the one I'm talking about...the one that's been like that for years but doesn't hurt...it's time to go to your dentist and take care of it. And, because it doesn't hurt, it will probably be less expensive and easier to fix now! I'm not sure why, but everyone seems to enjoy spending less money and less time in the dental chair.

Next time you see your dentist, if you have a funny dentist joke, share it! If you don't have a good one, just ask us - we have the best of the best! And, please, by all means, tell us, "But Doc, it doesn't hurt." We love to hear that.



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The month of March is a busy one, beginning with the start of Daylight Saving Time on the 10th ("spring forward" by setting clocks ahead one hour), St. Patrick's Day on the 17th, the first day of spring on the 20th, Palm Sunday on the 24th, Passover on the 26th and Easter on the 31st. But The Fabs are adding one more special day in March - Polish Night at our meeting on Monday, March 18th. See details below.

Welcome new Fabs: Kathy Patek of Ocita and Judy Christopoulous of Devlin Green.

We are still collecting items for the **Hope Totes for the Orlando Union Rescue Mission**. Please bring in shampoo, conditioner, lotion, combs, toothbrushes and other personal items for the residents of the Mission. **We will collect items at Town Hall until March 8.**

Happy St. Patrick's Day

For all of our Irish Fabs...and for those who wish to be one (on St. Patrick's Day, that is):

An Irish Blessing

May the road rise to meet you. May the wind be always at your back.

May the sun shine warm upon your face, and rain fall soft upon your fields.

And until we meet again, may God hold you in the hollow of His hand.

Tuesday, March 12...noon luncheon at Shannon's of Celebration at 715 Bloom Street. Shannon's is an authentic Irish restaurant in a perfect lakeside setting located in Celebration. The Fabs will meet at Osprey Park at 11:00 am, for carpooling promptly at 11:30 am. For reservations, please contact Chairperson Terri Carfagno at 407-851-3364.

Czesc...jak sie masz ('hello' and 'how are you' in Polish)? To further celebrate the eclectic month of March, The Fabs will be hosting **"A Taste of Poland" meeting on Monday, March 18** at Town Hall at 6:30 pm, featuring authentic Polish food such as pierogi, kielbasa, golabki and the like. This event will be chaired by Jean Del Prince and assisted by her committee: Dee, Deanna, Carole, Janet, Jean, Joy, Vera, Gabby and Marion. Please join us - not only for a delicious repast, but also for some fun and surprises. In honor of Poland, please wear the colors of

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red and white. We will be serving the food exactly at 6:30 pm, so try not to be late. **Dziękuję** (thanks) and **do zobaczenia** (see you later).

Sunday, March 24 at 1:00 pm: Brunch at Raglan Road Irish Pub and Restaurant, Pleasure Island Downtown Disney. Raglan Road is an Irish-owned Irish Pub imported entirely from Ireland. March 24 is Palm Sunday, so come celebrate it with friends and family and enjoy a delicious brunch. We will be seated in the Music Room. Choose from an outstanding menu and enjoy live Irish entertainment. Separate checks will be provided. **Everyone is welcome.** Call Marion at 407-855-3436 to make reservations.

Tuesday, March 26 is the date of the next **Classic Book Club** beginning at 6:00 pm at the Osprey Park Recreation Center. Although The Fabs sponsor the Classic Book Club, it is open to all residents of Hunter's Creek. *Rebecca* by Daphne du Maurier will be moderated by Marjorie Lott. To sign up, please contact Marion at marionelden@gmail.com.

Ongoing Events:

The Fabs' Breakfast Club meets at Hunter's Creek Golf Club's Creek-side Grille every Monday at 9:30 am. Drop by and join us.

Bunco will be held the third Thursday of each month at 6:30 pm at the Osprey Park Recreation Center. The cost is \$5. Bring your own snacks. It is important that you contact Cory at 407-247-4084 if you plan to attend.

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The Fabs continued...

Reminders:

- * Please sign up for the refreshment list at our meetings.
- * Please sign up for the Refreshment Committee at our meetings.
- * Please see Deanna or Jean for dues assessment for 2013. Make check payable to Deanna Greenman.
- * Terri DePolo chairs our telephone call list (for those Fabs without e-mail addresses).
- * Our Sunshine Chairperson is Janet Schreiber. Please contact her if you know of any Fab who is ill or in need of some sunshine in her life.



Happy St. Patrick's Day... Raglan Road 2012

For more info on The Fabs, an organization for FABulous women...from 50 years of age to infinity...call Marion at 407-855-3436.



HUNTER'S CREEK

Women's Association By Cindy Duque Bonilla, Vice President

Calling for New Board Members

It has been a great pleasure for Cathy Drobena, Dorenda Ruby, Terrie Bromley, Faith Colletti, and me (Cindy Duque Bonilla) to serve as the Hunter's Creek Women's Association Board of Directors. Our term of service is ending and we want to encourage our HCWA members to consider taking a leadership role in our organization. Board positions include: President, Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary; there are also various committee chair positions. If you would like more information, please contact one of our co-Presidents, Cathy Drobena at cadrobena@aol.com or Dorenda Ruby at cruby1@cfl.rr.com. The new HCWA Board of Directors will be sworn in at our May Membership Meeting.



March Membership Meeting – Bunny in the Park Preparations

On Thursday, March 7 at 7:00 pm at the Osprey Park Recreation Center, we will assist the HCCA Recreation Department in getting ready for Bunny in the Park! As many may recall, last year was the first year that the HCCA hosted a marshmallow drop for the children. They will be doing that again this year. Once the children collect their marshmallows, they trade them for a goody bag. We need volunteers to help fill those goody bags! Please join us for a fun night!

April Meeting – Benefits of Tai Chi

On Thursday, April 4, Juan Bruno Infantas will be spending the evening with the HCWA to introduce tai chi and self-defense techniques. Juan is a Master Instructor of martial arts and self-defense with more than 30 years of experience. We look forward to his instruction and would like to invite the women of Hunter's Creek to join us at the Osprey Park Recreation Center. Wear comfortable, loose clothing and join us for a fun evening! Please RSVP directly to Joyce McCormick at joycepmccormick@bellsouth.net.

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Improving the Mind - By concentrating the mind, we focus on our own being. All actions require thought on some level and because the mind controls our actions, we can use it to improve all other aspects of ourselves.

The Health Benefits of Tai Chi

- ♦ Boosts the immune system
- ♦ Slows the aging process
- ♦ Reduces anxiety, depression and overall mood disturbance
- ♦ Lowers high blood pressure
- ♦ Enhances the body's natural healing powers, such as recovery from injury
- ♦ Increases breath capacity
- ♦ Reduces asthma and allergy reactions
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Relay For Life

By Carol MacKeen

Cruise Open to the Community

Join us on our inaugural cruise to the Bahamas, May 9-12, and Relay on the high seas!

We'll host a Welcome Aboard reception on Thursday, May 9, ringing in our cruise with a little celebration (and some giveaways)!

On Friday night, you can take part in a memorable Luminaria Ceremony, walking the track on the upper deck of the ship around lit luminaria bags.

On Saturday, there will be a "Knock Your Socks Off" Fashion Show and Farewell Party. You won't want to miss this one-of-a-kind bash!

You'll have lots of time to relax and explore the ship during the cruise, plus you'll enjoy a day in the Bahamas.

This cruise is open to the community. Can't make the cruise but would like to help support the cause? Send a survivor on the cruise. You can do so by making a donation for a chance ticket for a special drawing on March 16 as one lucky survivor's name will be drawn. Details and all cruise information is available at www.cruisingformorebirthdays.com.



A portion of the proceeds will benefit the American Cancer Society Relay For Life of Hunter's Creek 4 Paws 4 The Cause Team.

Booking will take place until April 19. Join us and make your reservation early! 

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Women's Cancer Support Group of Hunter's Creek

By Cheryl Rein


Making women whole again...that is the subject of our next meeting, to be held on Monday, March 11 from 7:00 to 9:00 pm at the Hunter's Creek Town Hall.

Donna Randazzo from Florida Home Health's Pink Ribbon Boutique will speak to us on the many aspects of making women whole again after surgery. The Pink Ribbon Boutique has been serving the Central Florida community since 2007, when they saw the need to service the community with expertise in comprehensive post-surgical products, care and education. They are committed to providing emotional support and sensitivity to each woman's special needs. Their mission and passion has always been to give women a place to go where they can regain their self-esteem, womanhood and sense of wholeness. Donna will integrate her program with many sample products and speak briefly to allow for an extended question and answer session afterward.

Breast cancer is not a "Pretty in Pink" diagnosis. Once you or a loved

one has been told they have cancer – life changes forever. Professional experience has shown that dealing with these changes requires strength, acknowledgement, research and medical intervention. Next, getting educated to gain knowledge, along with faith, hope and a support team, are all critical. Although women with all types of cancer are welcome in our group, there are so many breast cancer survivors among us that we felt the need to have a program that addresses issues relating to surgery and reconstruction.

All women are welcome to attend our meetings. There are never any membership dues. We will have a brief meet and greet from 7:00 pm to 7:15 pm, followed by the presentation from The Pink Ribbon Boutique. Afterward, there will be time for questions and a chance to share our stories and to offer support to each other. Please join us.

Please feel free to contact Patty Langebartels at lange15@bellsouth.net or Cheryl Rein at cherylrein@aol.com if you have any questions. 



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Happy Anniversary!

By John Mongoven

This past December, my wife Linda and I celebrated 20 years of living in Hunter's Creek. When I look back on those 20 years, I am amazed by what we've accomplished. We moved to Orlando from Kentucky in 1992 and started looking for a home. Our realtor, Mike Solomon, showed us a brand new "up and coming" community (Hunter's Creek), with four or five homes featured in the Orange County Parade of Homes and there were about six neighborhoods and nearly 3,000 residents. Fast forward to today: 47 neighborhoods and about 25,000 residents. What a change!

From the first year we moved to Hunter's Creek, I have been deeply involved in the community - in the beginning as a volunteer, in many capacities, and much later as a Neighborhood Manager, but still doing some volunteering. During this time span, I have met untold numbers of other volunteers, who represent their neighborhoods or who serve on a committee. Hunter's Creek is most fortunate to have the support of great volunteers, along with a dedicated staff. Both groups should be credited with making our community an outstanding place to live.

There are nine members of the Hunter's Creek Board of Directors and seven volunteer ARC members, along with 150 volunteer neighborhood directors and committee members, all either elected or appointed. When you consider sports groups, clubs, organizations and special event volunteers, along with our HCCA staff, the number of folks grows exponentially. This is what lies at the core of our success. These are the faces and voices that represent Hunter's Creek.

When I moved here in 1992, I worked very hard to get people involved in our community, never dreaming that we could get so much participation from this many people. It seems that when someone moves on, we've been lucky enough to always have somebody willing to step up. There's a lot of talent in our "little town." I guess you could say that our success is due to a cast of thousands. Our volunteers can be very proud of what they have helped to build. I have always said that builders build the homes, but it's the people who build a community. Hunter's Creek is living proof of that.

In 20 years of living here, I have had the pleasure of working and volunteering alongside many of the residents listed above. Watching those same people help Hunter's Creek grow into the "21st Best Place to Live in America" has been an absolute joy, and yes, it makes me smile. 📍

By Donna Marmorstone & John Mongoven, Dept. Managers

Storm Drain Labeling Project – This project, sponsored by the Orange County Environmental Protection Agency, is well underway in Hunter's Creek. This program encourages neighborhoods to place labels on storm drains in their neighborhoods so that residents are aware that putting debris into these drains damages the environment within our lakes and ponds. These waterways flow into Shingle Creek and eventually, south to the Florida Everglades. It is vital that we protect Florida's waterways.

The neighborhoods who have already completed this project are Chalfont, Ocita, Sandhill Trace, Flora Vista, Mallard Cove and Sierra Vista. Neighborhoods in the process of having this done are Orista Bay, Eagles Landing and Falcon Pointe. We would like to encourage volunteers from all neighborhoods to take a few hours of their time to complete this project. Please contact your neighborhood manager if you would like more information.

Mailboxes – Because the U.S. Post Office no longer has funds to maintain neighborhood mailboxes, they have given Hunter's Creek permission to paint the boxes in the neighborhoods. Ashton and Calabay Cove have already had their boxes painted and Glenhurst, Eagles Landing and Falcon Pointe are in the process of having theirs painted. The boxes will be painted Hunter's Creek grey. The individual committees/boards for your neighborhoods will be making the decision on whether or not the mailboxes in your neighborhood will be painted.

Landscape – Pace's Mill and Westshire will be renovating their entrance landscape this spring and several other neighborhoods, including Cypress Pointe, Glenhurst, Quail Lake and Settlers Landing, will also be sprucing up their entrances.

Surveillance Cameras – Montara is sending out ballots to their homeowners to get a decision on whether or not to install a surveillance camera at their entrance. If they obtain the required 51% approval vote, a camera will be installed. They would be the second neighborhood to install a camera at their entrance. Cypress Pointe was the first neighborhood to do this, back in 2008. The Master Association has agreed to install a server in-house at the Town Hall so that it will not be necessary for neighborhoods with surveillance cameras to require a resident to be responsible for having a server installed inside their home. 📍

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Endeavor Elementary School

Submitted by Regina Hellinger



Two teams from Endeavor Elementary participated in the Regional Future Problem Solving Competition on February 1. Both teams did a great job in representing our school and using the six-step creative and critical thinking problem solving process to address futuristic concerns regarding megacities. Congratulations to Corinne Rupp, Elizabeth Choy, Cassica Nguyen, Zoya Sajid, Mia Nevitt, Bryanna Reid, Sammy Furio, Nicole Snyder, Amanda Ta, McKenzie Underwood and Hunter Trinh on a great job at a very challenging event! We are proud to announce that Sammy Furio, McKenzie Underwood, Nicole Snyder, Hunter Trinh and Amanda Ta won first place in Presentation of an Action Plan and qualified to move on to the State Competition for booklet writing! Wish them luck as they advance to the State Competition being held at Wyndham Lake Buena Vista Resort on March 17 - 20! We know they will do great! 📷



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Hunter's Creek Elementary School

Submitted by Ellen Patterson

Raising the Bar with DBQ

By Danielle Arbelaez-Willis and Sarah Gorecki, Fourth Grade Teachers

What is DBQ? Document Based Questioning helps students critically analyze primary and secondary sources from a variety of perspectives. DBQ originated as a way to prepare high school students for their AP History exams. The results were so significant that educators started using the project in middle and elementary schools. Through DBQ, students get an opportunity to examine historical documents to answer essential questions. Through historical inquiry, there are many skills that are utilized: identifying primary and secondary sources, point of view, author bias, discovering important facts, making inferences, finding the main idea, creating an argument and analyzing various categories. Once these skills are acquired, students analyze the evidence gathered to determine what they think answers the overall question.

Students get the opportunity to have a classroom debate, using their evidence, to argue their point of view. Through this process, students convince others why their viewpoint is the most valid. After the debate is final, students write an evidence-based essay, which includes writing a thesis, providing evidence, documenting references and giving an argument and counter argument. Research has shown that this writing process raises test scores. Since writing is a focus in fourth grade, we are using the thesis essay to improve our writing skills for the FCAT.

This year, fourth graders are immersing themselves in this project and their critical thinking has expanded tremendously. Students are thoroughly enjoying the fact that they are being "detectives" while collecting evidence. Their personalities are shining through as they become "lawyers" during the debate. Surprisingly, students are so invested in analyzing historical documents that they don't even realize the complexity of the material. Some of the questions fourth graders will be answering this year are: *Early Jamestown - why did so many Colonists die?* *Valley Forge - would you have quit?* *What was Harriet Tubman's greatest achievement?* and *How free were free blacks in the north?*



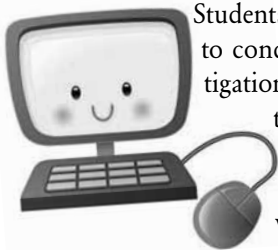
The fourth grade teachers are excited to see their students make so many gains using the DBQ.



ISTF

By Lynn Karavanich

Would you like to check “vacuum the house” off your to-do list before heading off to work, without waking up everyone in the house? Are you concerned with the weight of the backpack your child is carrying to school? Are you worried about the presence of non-native animals in your backyard? Each week, a group of 20 fourth and fifth grade students from HCES meet after school to find solutions to these real world problems. They are working through the ISTF project, Internet Science and Technology Fair, a web-based science and technology program. Teams of students work in collaboration with UCF’s College of Engineering and Computer Science and the National Medal of Technology Program at the U.S. Department of Commerce. This program follows guidelines based on national science content standards from the American Association for the Advancement of Science and challenges students to apply National Critical Technologies to real-world problems.



Students use technology to conduct on-line investigations to find solutions to problems they are working to resolve. They work as a team to communicate with professional scientists,

engineers and researchers. They are challenged to use information and communication tools as they work together to complete a four-month research project; they are required to request technical information from scientists and engineers; search, analyze and synthesize electronic information sources from the Internet; apply science inquiry; and present final findings in website format.

While the project is set up as a competition, the goal is to inspire our students to consider science and engineering careers, to better understand the innovation process, to help them develop critical think-

ing skills and to use information technology tools while building an awareness of the importance of science and engineering in our society.

Last year, four teams from HCES participated in the program and competed with students from around the world. One team was awarded Meritorious Achievement, the highest honor, while two teams received honorable mentions. Through ISTF, students are realizing the possibilities of their future careers in technology as scientists, engineers, doctors, researchers and technicians.

HCES Volunteers of the Year

By Diana Roy, Additions Volunteer Coordinator

HCES is proud to announce that Mrs. Swati Sinha is our Volunteer of the Year for the 2012-2013 school year! Whether helping in the classroom, Media Center, working “Ducky” sales to raise funds for books, assisting with health screenings, teaching Learning for Life lessons, or helping with a school-wide event, Mrs. Sinha is always there to donate her time. She also spends countless hours each year as a lead volunteer to help run PAWS Publishing, where each student in the school writes,



Mrs. Swati Sinha

edits and publishes a book of their own. At our last Multicultural Fair, she created an “above and beyond” presentation about India for our third grade students with so many artifacts that they filled an entire classroom! Her positive and caring demeanor, dedication and reliability make her contribution to HCES invaluable.

We are also pleased to announce that fifth grade student Joseph Kaminski is our Youth Volunteer of the Year. Joey is always willing, able, reliable and dedicated to any job or project he undertakes. He is at school early each day to fulfill his role as a member of our daily live TV broadcast, PAW TV. In addition to this, he volunteers each week to help run the Student Council school store. Proceeds from the school store help provide contributions to many student community service activities, such as the annual canned food drive, turkey drive and a recent contribution to help victims of Hurricane Sandy. Joey also volunteers his time to help package our school’s canned food drive donations, assist younger students with our annual Holiday House shopping and act as a “Science Buddy” to help first grade students. We are thankful to have such a wonderful role model as our Youth Volunteer of the Year!



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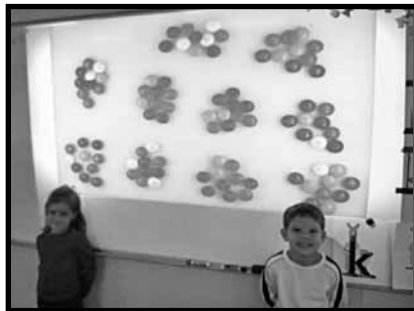


100th Day of School Celebration

By Mrs. Maldonado and Mrs. Whaling



It is hard to believe that we have already been in school for 100 days! The kindergarten classes celebrated this special day on Friday, February 1 by participating in different educational and fun activities related to this concept. The children participated in such activities as making groups of objects equal to 100, painting 100 fingerprints, dressing up as if they were 100 years old, and presented projects where they showed 100 in some way. We also read fun stories, including *Miss Bindergarten Celebrates the 100th Day of Kindergarten*.



Students Participate in Modern Woodsmen Oration Contest

By Becky Daniel, Fifth Grade Teacher

Overcoming obstacles is a challenge that we all face from time to time. The topic of this year's Modern Woodsmen Oration Contest is "A Person Who Has Overcome."



The fifth grade students at HCES recently presented speeches in their classrooms about a wide variety of people who have inspired them with their accomplishments. David Roy, Tanner Dalton, Brennan

Allred, Meghan Osiol, Sydney Copeland, Jada McCoy and Rosie Frongillo were chosen as winners from their homeroom class to compete at school level. Sydney Copeland, who gave an eloquent speech on Ludwig van Beethoven, received the first place award. Meghan Osiol, second place winner, spoke about Helen Keller. Bethany Hamilton was the topic of third place winner, Brennan Allred. The first and second place winners will go on to compete in May at county level. All of the speeches were amazing and we are so proud of the hard work, dedication and confidence of our speakers.

Camp Wewa, a Trip to Remember!

By Becky Daniel, Fifth Grade Teacher

Team building, a scavenger hunt and "Mission Impossible" are just a few of the memorable experiences that our fifth grade students had at Camp Wewa.

In mid-January, we traveled to Apopka for our annual camping trip. The students enjoyed exploring nature while working together as teams to accomplish a variety of tasks.

The highlight of the trip came when the sun went down. The Camp Wewa staff led the students in campfire songs and stories and making s'mores, along with an entertaining program about snake education, given by Chief Rowley. As students look back on their time at Hunter's Creek Elementary School, Camp Wewa is always at the top of their favorite memories list!



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West Creek Elementary School

Submitted by Krista Bixler

Mother-Son Event



The WCES PTA Mother-Son Event 2013 was held at Dave & Buster's on I-Drive. The moms and their boys fueled up with



a delicious breakfast buffet and then set out to beat the top scores on the fabulous selection of top-notch video games.



It was a great opportunity for our moms and sons to play together and enjoy a great morning out. A huge thank you to the West Creek PTA for their continued support of our family activities.

Spelling Bee




Congratulations to all who represented their classes in this year's spelling bee. The competition was fierce as everyone was ready to spell the challenging words. In the end, Sarian Zhou earned first place and Donovan Mercado was the runner-up. Everyone did a fabulous job and spectators enjoyed the competition.

Fifth Grade Trip to Camp Wewa

Our fifth grade Wildcats spent a couple of exciting days team building at Camp Wewa Outdoor Center in Apopka. The students participated in numerous activities, such as outdoor education stations, an exciting scavenger hunt, group team building activities and an after-dinner presentation by Chief Rowley (from Snake Education with a Twist),



who highlighted the fun-filled evening! Our fifth graders topped off the night by making s'mores, singing camp songs and listening to stories by the camp fire. Camp Wewa was a fun-filled learning experience that our students will not soon forget! Our scholars couldn't have experienced this wonderful learning time without the help of our fantastic parent and teacher volunteers. Thank you! 

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Hunter's Creek Middle School

Submitted by Sharon Powers

There has been so much happening at Hunter's Creek Middle School that it is hard to keep track of all the wonderful events, winners, recognitions and accomplishments!

We start off with some great news from our Music Department, compliments of Mrs. Beth Bichler, orchestra instructor...



This year's **All County Orchestra** took place at Freedom High School back in November. All County experiences are designed to allow top students to rehearse, play and learn with other students from Orange County. It gives them the ability to work with top notch conductors/clinicians from around the state and country. HCMS was well represented in these orchestras. Six of our students took part in the Auditioned All County Orchestra experience: Yasmina Bassi, Mary Bagarra, Sanuki Prematilleke, Elizabeth (Rose) Pease, Clayton Deleu and Estafania De Andre. In addition, three students, Fabian Acevedo, Yazmin Jimenez and Abby Byrne, were selected for the All County Honors Orchestra. This year's All County Orchestra was an amazing experience as they look forward to participating again next year!

Also from our Music Department - six students auditioned and made the **OCPS All County Band**: Alice Fu, flute; Joel Marquez, clarinet; Sahan Wijewardane, clarinet; Kevin Bennet, percussion; Ethan Hellinger, trombone; and Skylar Nolan, tenor sax. Congratulations!



And there's more! From Mrs. Gutierrez... Of the numerous students who auditioned across Orange County, nine of our HCMS students made the middle school ensemble: Estefania De Andrade, John Evans, Angel Kolar, Stephen Martin, Nathan McComb, Cesar Orue, Evan Perez, Sebastian Roche and Kendall Rose. Mrs. Gutierrez could not be more proud of each

student's representation of our school. During rehearsals, they maintained focus and behaved superbly. The concert, which took place on February 7 at the Winter Park Ninth Grade Center Auditorium, was impeccable. We are so very fortunate to live in a community and go to schools that have such a great commitment to the Arts.

Earlier this year, Celebrate Literacy Week took place across the state of Florida. Many schools participated in activities such as the Million Minute Marathon, and Florida tried to break a world record by reaching three million minutes of silent reading by students on Monday, January 14. HCMS contributed 21,950 minutes to the total. Excellent job, Eagles! We also had a bookmark contest with many awesome entries. Congratulations to the top three winners, voted on by students: First Place, Ramissa Tabassum; Second Place, Hannah Breed; and Third Place, Carolyn Davidson. We have incredible artists.



And speaking of incredible artists...Ziara Quintero, Kelsey Zeng, Anna Ferrer and Juliana Vega, all eighth graders, have their artwork displayed at the Peggy Crosby Student Art Gallery at the Orlando Museum of Art. This is the first student exhibition at the museum, with artwork on display through March 31. If you happen to be at OMA, stop by that gallery and check out their work!

Athletics

By Diane LaRouche

As mentioned in the December issue of *Life at Hunter's Creek*, the Hunter's Creek Middle School boys' soccer team won the Orange County Championships! We would like to congratulate our boys and invite everyone



to please join us on Saturday, March 9 at 7:30 pm with our special supporters, the USL Pro Regular Season Champions and the Orlando City Lions, for an unforgettable evening to honor the boys as they celebrate making school history! The Orlando City Lions will be playing in the first of a two-game series, The I-4 Derby, against the Tampa Bay Rowdies at the Citrus Bowl. Our middle school boys' soccer team will be in their game uniforms and will be honorary guests on the field at halftime for a special recognition from Orlando City.



Don't miss this memorable evening to congratulate and celebrate our middle school boys and to cheer on our hometown team, the Orlando City Lions, as they take on the Tampa Bay Rowdies.

Gates open at 6:30 pm and tickets will be sold at the window, starting at \$15 each. Orlando City has very graciously offered to donate a portion of the ticket sales back to Hunter's Creek Middle School. Please mention you are there with the Hunter's Creek Middle School at the time of your ticket purchase. We look forward to seeing you there!

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Freedom High School

FHS Guitar Orchestra

By Peter Sturniolo

The Freedom High School Guitar Orchestra performed at the Florida Music Educators Association (FMEA) All-State Music Conference at the Tampa Convention Center on January 11. Each year, only a select few high school music ensembles are invited to perform at this national conference. This stellar ensemble is led by Guitar Orchestra Director and Hunter's Creek resident, Christopher Perez. A total of 32 guitarists make up this performing ensemble, now in its fifth year of existence at Freedom High School.



The group performed several musical pieces that included a guest solo performance by Dr. Robert Phillips, a well-known international classical guitarist, who also serves as Adjunct Professor of Guitar and Applied Music at Southeastern University.



Christopher Perez

During this event, Mr. Perez and the FHS Guitar Orchestra were awarded a beautiful plaque from the FMEA, recognizing the Freedom High School Guitar Orchestra "For Demonstrating Excellence in Musical Performance" in conjunction with the FMEA 2013 All-State and Professional Development Conference.

The Guitar Orchestra has also been invited to perform at the prestigious 21st Annual Long Island Guitar Festival at Long Island University in Brookville, New York, on March 23 at Hillwood Recital Hall. They will perform several pieces, highlighting Rex Willis' "Fresco" for Soloist and Guitar Ensemble, and will be joined by Harris Becker, Soloist and LIU Professor of Guitar.

Performing Arts

Star sopranos Gabriela Santos and Gabriella Galletti were recently invited to audition at the Eastman School of Music, the #1 music school in the world. Thousands of students sent in a pre-screening recording, consisting of three contrasting selections; only a handful of students were invited to audition on campus. We can proudly say that we have two selectees! It is an extraordinary honor that four FHS students in the past four years have been invited to audition at the Eastman School of Music.

Gabriella Galletti has also been offered an audition at the Curtis Institute of Music! Currently rated the #4 music school in the country, it is also known as the most exclusive music school in the U.S., with only 165 students across ALL music disciplines. The final tally for 2013 invitations has not yet been announced by the school, but they typically invite an average of five vocalists from the entire country! To say that this is incredible would be an understatement. Thank you to the FHS administration for supporting the class voice program over the years.

Coming Soon! The FHS Performing Arts Department presents *Annie*! The production runs from April 10 - 13 at 7:00 pm in the Performing Arts Center. Tickets are \$10 each at the door. Cash only, please.





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Academics

Please congratulate Freedom's Mu Alpha Theta team for their success at the Regional competition at Lake Mary High School. The following students participated:

Algebra 2: Youssef Enouiti

Precalculus: Carly Brown, Fallyn Holmes, Eliany Torrez Pon

Statistics: Michelle Macias, Jonathan Nguyen, Kevin Nguyen, Alyssa Ofstein, Savini Prematilleke, Raeshma Sankar, Stanley Ta, Denzel Yarbough

Calculus: Carlos Gonzalez, Hector Lacera, Brian Langteau, YiPeng Ma, Mark McCulloh, Akemi Miyagusuku, Michelle Philor

Our top finisher, Savini Prematilleke, placed 14th in Statistics. Statistics Team 1, consisting of Savini, Kevin Nguyen, Stanley Ta and Raeshma Sankar, finished seventh out of all participating schools. Calculus Team 1 (YiPeng Ma, Carlos Gonzalez, Mark McCulloh and Akemi Miyagusuku) finished eighth out of all participating schools (in the most difficult division)!

Overall, Freedom placed 9th out of 37 schools. Please congratulate these students - many of whom had never competed - on a job well done!

2013 FHS Sports Schedules

Submitted by Brian Sherman and Robert Rego

Water Polo Schedule

Date	School	Home/Away	Girls' Time	Boys' Time
Tues., March 5	Gateway	Away	7:00 pm	8:00 pm
Thurs., March 7	Timber Creek	Away	TBA	TBA
Tues., March 12	East River	TBA	TBA	TBA
Thurs., March 14	Colonial	TBA	TBA	TBA
Tues., March 19	Cypress Creek	Home	7:30 pm	8:30 pm
Tues., April 2	Boone	Away	TBA	TBA
Tues., April 16	Districts	Lake Highland Prep	6:30 pm	7:30 pm
Wed., April 17	District Finals	Lake Highland Prep	6:30 pm	7:30 pm

Head Coach: Keith Copenhaver, keith.copenhaver@ocps.net

Assistant Coach: Kristina Thompson, Kristina.thompson@ocps.net

Tennis Schedule

March 4 at Boone*#

March 7 Oak Ridge

March 12 at University*#

March 14 at Nona#

March 18 Liberty*

March 19 Apopka

Districts at Winter Park: April 2-4

Regionals: April 9 & 11

State: April 15-19

Coach: Karen Fay, kayjayfay@aol.com

*District Match
#Metro Match

Weightlifting

Wednesday, March 6 at Timber Creek (Timber Creek/WP/ Cypress Creek)

Wednesday, March 13 at Ocoee (East Metros)

Thursday, March 21 at Boone (Sub-Sectionals)

Wednesday, April 3 at East River (Sectional Finals)

Coach: Jeffrey Smiley, 407-721-4828

Varsity Baseball Schedule

Friday, March 1 at Cypress Creek; 4:00 pm

Tuesday, March 5 at St. Cloud; 7:00 pm

Wednesday, March 6, Boone; 4:00 pm

Friday, March 8 at Boone; 7:00 pm

Wednesday, March 13, Dr. Phillips; 4:00 pm

Friday, March 15 at Dr. Phillips; 4:00 pm

Tuesday, March 19, Colonial; 4:00 pm

Thursday, March 21 at Edgewater; 4:00 pm

Monday, March 25 at Olympia; 2:00 pm

Tuesday, March 26 at Celebration; 7:00 pm

Monday, April 1 at East River; 4:00 pm

Thursday, April 4, Oak Ridge; 4:00 pm

Friday, April 5, University; 4:30 pm

Tuesday, April 9, Wekiva; 4:30 pm

Wednesday, April 10 at Winter Park; 7:00 pm

Friday, April 12, Kennesaw (Ga.); 4:30 pm

Tuesday, April 16, Osceola; 4:30 pm

Thursday, April 18, Ocoee; 4:30 pm

Wed.-Fri., April 24-26, at District Tournament (time TBD)

Girls' Varsity/JV Lacrosse

Date	Opponent	District/Metro	Time
Tuesday, 3/5	(H) Colonial - Varsity only	Metro	6:00 pm
Thursday, 3/7	at Lake Nona - Varsity only	District/Metro	6:00 pm
Monday, 3/11	(H) Apopka	~	6:00 pm/7:30 pm
Tuesday, 3/12	East Ridge - Varsity only Senior Night - Ceremony @ 5:45	~	6:30 pm
Thursday, 3/14	at Cypress Creek	District/Metro	6:00 pm/7:30 pm
Tuesday, 3/19	at Ocoee - Varsity only	~	7:00 pm
Tuesday, 4/2	(H) West Orange	~	6:00 pm/7:30 pm
Thursday, 4/4	at Wekiva	~	6:00 pm/7:30 pm
Thursday, 4/11	at Winter Park	Metro	6:00 pm/7:30 pm
Tuesday, 4/16	District Semi-Finals hosted by FHS	~	5:30 pm/7:30 pm
Thursday, 4/18	District Finals hosted by FHS	~	7:00 pm

Varsity Coach: Iris Jones, iris.jones@ocps.net

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Boys' & Girls' Track and Field

Date	Meet	Time
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3/09	Lake Highland Invite at Lake Highland Prep	9:00 am
3/20	Metro Prelims at Showalter Field	5:00 pm
3/21	Metro Finals at Showalter Field	5:00 pm
3/25-27	Spring Break Practice	9:00 am
4/13	Brian Jaeger Elite Classic at Showalter Field	9:00 am
4/19	Districts at Showalter Field	1:00 pm
4/24-25	Regionals Location TBD	1:00 pm
5/04	FHSAA Finals at UNF, Jacksonville, FL	11:00 am

Head Coach: Vernon Mitchell, vernon.mitchell@ocps.net

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Jumps Coach: Greg Odierno, greg.odierno@ocps.net



Girls' Flag Football

Head Coach (V) – Marie Busch; Assistant Coach – Tawn Tookes

Date	Opponent	Home/Away	Time JV	Time Vars
Tuesday, 3/12	Dr. Phillips (District)	AWAY		6:00
Thursday, 3/14	Olympia (District)	HOME	6:00	7:30
Friday, 3/15	Boone (Metro)	AWAY	6:00	7:30
Monday, 3/18	Timber Crk (Metro)	HOME	6:00	7:30
Tuesday, 3/19	Oak Ridge (District)	HOME	6:00	7:30
Thursday, 3/21	Dr. Phillips (District)	HOME		6:00
Monday, 4/1	Wekiva	AWAY	6:00	7:00
Tuesday, 4/2	Olympia (District)	AWAY	6:00	7:30
Thursday, 4/4	Oak Ridge (District)	HOME	6:00	7:30
Monday, 4/8	Winter Park (Metro)	AWAY	6:00	7:30
Tuesday, 4/9	Cypress Crk (Metro)	AWAY	6:00	7:30
Thursday, 4/11	Lake Nona (Metro)	AWAY	6:00	7:30



Boys' Volleyball

Head Coach: Greg Kaplan, gregory.kaplan@ocps.net
Assistant Coach: Markeala Peters

Date	Opponent	Home/Away	JV	Varsity
Tuesday, 3/5	Boone	Home	6:00 pm	7:30 pm
Thursday, 3/7	Olympia	Home	6:00 pm	7:30 pm
Friday, 3/08	OSC Tourney	Away		5:00 pm
Saturday, 3/09	OSC Tourney	Away		TBA
Monday, 3/11	Colonial	Home	6:00 pm	7:30 pm
Tuesday, 3/12	OCP	Away		6:00 pm
Thursday, 3/14	East River	Home	6:00 pm	7:30 pm
Tuesday, 3/19	Dr. Phillips	Away	6:00 pm	7:30 pm
Tuesday, 4/2	Timber Creek	Home	6:00 pm	7:30 pm
Thursday, 4/4	Oakridge	Away	6:00 pm	7:30 pm
Tuesday, 4/9	Cypress	Home	6:00 pm	7:30 pm
Thursday, 4/11	Edgewater	Away	6:00 pm	7:30 pm
Tuesday, 4/16	Winter Park	Away	6:00 pm	7:30 pm
Thursday, 4/18	Ocoee	Home	6:00 pm	7:30 pm
Tuesday, 4/23	University	Home	6:00 pm	7:30 pm
Thursday, 4/25	Lake Brantley	Home	6:00 pm	7:30 pm
Tuesday, 4/30	Lake Nona	Away	5:30 pm	7:00 pm

Schedule is subject to change.



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By Girl Scout Troop 1286

Please help Girl Scout Troop 1286 earn their bronze award by donating the following:

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By Girl Scout Troop 1046

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For information on these topics and many others, go to www.hunterscreek.net and mouse over the *Your Community* tab in the toolbar; you may then choose from the menu items that are of interest to you. You may also call the Town Hall, located at 14101 Town Loop Blvd., at 407-240-6000 for answers to your questions.



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Opportunities TO GET INVOLVED

We often get inquiries as to how residents can get involved and where volunteers may be needed, so we will attempt to provide a list of all current opportunities of which we are aware; we will update monthly or as needed. We realize there are also many new residents who may not be familiar with some of these groups and what they offer. If you have some extra time and are willing to make the commitment to make a difference, here are some ideas.

Citizens on Patrol (COP) - The main responsibility of this volunteer group is to patrol Hunter's Creek and supplement the presence of the Orange County Sheriff's Office (OCSO). An application process includes a background check and references; extensive training covers many areas including policies, procedures, driving, first aid and hazardous materials. Contact Koreen Baker with the OCSO at 407-254-7374 if you are willing to serve in this capacity.


Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) - This volunteer group is comprised of local residents who are trained to respond in case of community emergencies. Initial, as well as supplemental, training is provided; no prior training is necessary. Please contact Fred Robertucci, CERT Chair, by e-mail at betfredr@gmail.com or by phone at 407-739-4828 after 5:00 pm if interested.

Neighborhood Watch - There is a great need for residents to get involved in their Neighborhood Watch program. Please contact your Neighborhood Manager to see how you are most needed. Go to www.hunterscreek.net, cursor over *Neighborhoods*, choose *Neighborhood Managers* from the drop-down menu and *Hunter's Creek Neighborhood Managers* from the slide-out list to see who handles your neighborhood. Send an e-mail by clicking on the *Ask a Question* link.

Fabulous Fifties Plus Organization - The Fabs are a very lively and caring senior organization. If you are a female over 50, live in Hunter's Creek, and are looking to have fun and make friends, please contact Marion Elden at 407-855-3436 or by e-mail at marionelden@gmail.com for further information.

Hunter's Creek Women's Association - This organization is comprised of Hunter's Creek ladies who wish to get involved in a social group that is also charitable in nature; there are also several sub-groups. Interested women are encouraged to send an e-mail to hcwaemail@yahoo.com with any questions or requests for information.

Sewing Angels - This group meets at the Town Hall every Friday morning to work on sewing projects that benefit several worthy charities. Helping hands are always needed and sewing experience is not required. Please contact Gwen at 407-438-9055 or gbw920@bellsouth.net or Donna at 407-855-9937 or nonnie13@aol.com. This group also needs donations of sewing and serger machines that are in good working order.

HCCA Recreation/Special Events - This HCCA department is looking for residents who would be willing to help out with programs and events throughout the year. This is a great way for high school students to earn community service hours and give back to their community. Volunteer applications are available at Town Hall or on our website at www.hunterscreek.net. For more information, please call 407-240-6000. 

BULLETIN BOARD

Twice-a-week lawn watering resumes on March 10: Odd addresses may water on Wednesdays/Saturdays; even addresses may water on Thursdays/Sundays.

HCCA offices will be closed on Friday, March 29.

Hop on over to Bunny in the Park!



Saturday, March 16
11:00 am – 3:00 pm
Osprey Park



Town Hall Meetings

Board of Directors
Thursday, March 7
3:00 pm
HC Town Hall

Residents are welcome to attend.

Please note that the ARC Meeting scheduled for March 14 at 7:00 pm has been changed to 10:00 am due to a scheduling conflict.

A few more spaces are available for Spring Break Camp!
March 22 & 25-29
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Orange County Parks & Recreation

Public Meeting
Thursday, March 14 at 6:30 pm
HC Town Hall

Amenities and a possible skate park for county park property located between SR417 & Deerfield to be discussed. All residents with an interest are encouraged to attend.



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