

Quality of Life

Coalition Breaks Ground on New Men's Service Center

On February 10, 2012, Orlando Mayor Buddy Dyer, Commissioner Daisy Lynum and Orange County Mayor Theresa Jacobs joined board members of the Coalition for the Homeless of Central Florida in a momentous groundbreaking for the new Men's Service Center on the campus of the Coalition at 639 W. Central Boulevard. The construction is expected to take approximately 12 months, and should be completed by spring of 2013. The current pavilion will be demolished once the new building is completed.

Back in December of 2010, the City of Orlando and Orange County government finalized an agreement to fund the construction of a new Men's Service Center facility to replace the current pavilion. While the pavilion was a "prototype" more than 20 years ago, it has since become outdated. The new facility will provide beds, meals and case management services including job training and counseling for up to 250 men.

The unique building design will include an enclosed courtyard area oriented toward the interior of the property as well as other design features to ensure better compatibility with the surrounding neighborhood. APM Construction Corporation was selected by the Orange County Board of County Commissioners in October of 2011 based on the lowest, most responsible bid. Orange County government is managing the construction contract.

The Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Florida Foundation awarded \$100,000 in grants to 12 Orlando community-based organizations to deliver programs and services that address healthy living and active lifestyles for the Parramore/Holden Heights community in Downtown Orlando. The grants are made possible as part of the Embrace a Healthy Florida initiative. An ongoing effort to help communities of need access programs and services to adopt healthy lifestyles and reverse childhood obesity.

It is estimated this grant funding will impact more than 1,500 children and adults in the coming year with targeted programs that are supported by this grant funding.

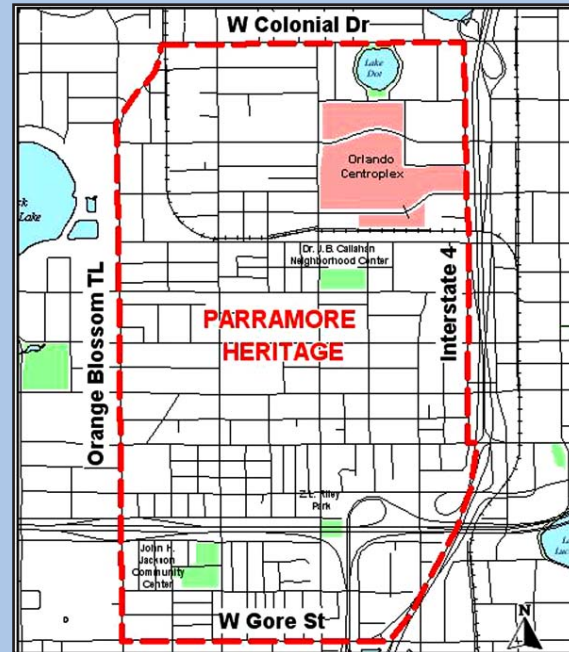
Congratulations to the following organizations:

- Early Learning Coalition/ Orange County School Readiness Coalition Inc.
 - East Central Florida Regional Planning Council
 - Hebni Nutrition Consultants, Inc. (HNC)
 - MicheLee Puppets Inc.
 - The Nemours Foundation
 - The Center for Multicultural Wellness and Prevention, Inc. (CMWP)
 - New Image Youth Center Inc.
 - Central Florida Pharmacy Council Inc. (CFPC)
 - Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Institutional Church Inc.
 - Orlando Health Foundation/ The Howard Phillips Center for Children & Families
 - Bridge to Independence Inc. (BTI)
 - Orange County Health Department
- For more information about the BCBSF Foundation, please visit www.bluefoundationfl.com

Streetscape

Parramore's main thoroughfares are being transformed with streetscape projects on West Church Street, Division Avenue and Gore Street, an investment of more than \$18 million. The Division Avenue streetscape was a \$2.2 million investment through funds from the Orlando Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) for the construction of new sidewalks, improvements to intersections and the addition of trees and historic style street lights along Division Avenue between Washington Street and Church Street. Construction was completed in early 2009 with the opening of the new federal courthouse. Church Street streetscape is a \$17.2 million investment made possible through the 2005 Federal Transportation Reauthorization Act. The project has completed final design and Right of Way (ROW) acquisition is being finalized. The design team is currently revising final construction plans for the east phase to provide for a westbound bus rapid transit lane. Currently, we are anticipating a bid date of June 2012. Phase I (east phase) of construction will be from Division Avenue to Westmoreland Drive and Phase II (west phase) will improve Church Street from Westmoreland Drive to Tampa Avenue. Both phases are anticipated to start near the same time in late 2012 and take approximately one year to complete. 407.246.2020

For more information on the Quality of Life Pathway, please visit www.cityoforlando.net/elected/parramore/life.



Neighborhood Associations located within the Parramore Heritage boundaries:

- Arlington/Concord Neighborhood Association, Bridget Monroe, President
- Callahan Neighborhood Association, Ann Brown, President
- Carter Street Neighborhood Association, Mercedese Clark, President
- Griffin Park Resident Association, Debra Reese, President
- Jackson Court/Division Oaks Resident Association, Violen Johnson, President
- McFall Neighborhood Association, Clive Beaumont, President
- Terry Avenue Townhome Owners Association, Lynn Nicholson, President
- William Booth Towers Resident Association, Effie Wishom, President

For more information about these associations, and many City services, please contact the City's Office of Communications & Neighborhood Relations at 407.246.2169.

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Message from the Mayor

Dear Friend,

More than one year ago, we celebrated the opening of the Amway Center, the home to the NBA's Orlando Magic and

this year's NBA All-Star game. The All-Star game, an international event brought tens of thousands of people to the streets of Downtown Orlando. As our City celebrates the success and economic impact made by the weeklong festivities, we continue to work toward redeveloping the Magic's former home, Amway Arena and the surrounding property making way for the new Creative Village mixed-use project.

Creative Village will be designed to attract high-tech and creative businesses to Downtown Orlando as well as their employees and families. The project will incorporate parks, recreational amenities, retail, commercial offices, mixed-income residential and a broad range of educational facilities into the redevelopment area. This project will bridge the gap, connecting Parramore to the Downtown core with much needed neighborhood services and amenities.

Demolition of the Amway Arena is one step toward fulfilling the vision for Parramore's Creative Village and creating a place where high-tech companies and their employees can thrive. Studies estimate that the Creative Village will create 6,500 jobs during construction and 5,000 permanent jobs at build-out.

Please visit cityoforlando.net/creativevillage often to get the latest information as it relates to Creative Village.

Sincerely,

Buddy Dyer
Mayor



Commissioner's Column

Parramore: Looking Forward

The year 2011 was filled with excitement in Orlando, and of course, the Parramore community had its share of the fun, growth and things not

so pleasant. Over the past twenty years approximately 10,000 families have been relocated out of Parramore but during 2011 we celebrated one housewarming after another of new families moving into Parramore thanks to our former Housing Director, Lelia Allen. Carver Park is filled to capacity with seniors and multi-family rental units and Draft Global Beer Lounge became the place to be seen. Draft's is the new high-end bar and grill favored for parties, lunch, meetings and a great nightlife atmosphere, with reasonable prices.

The past year, Palmer's Feed Store experienced a fire that almost shut them down, but an outpouring of City support made sure that they stayed open. Palmer's is my favorite place for gardening tools, supplies and plants. The Parramore Community Garden has been a big success because of this partnership with Palmer and the garden's coordinator, Lynn Nichols.

Ann Brown, President of the Callahan Neighborhood Association hosted all of the Creative Village rollout and workforce meetings for neighbors and City residents. The Callahan Neighborhood Center hosted the graduation of more than 70 Orlando Minority Youth Golf Association students under the leadership of Dr. Thomas Dorsey and his team of golfers and parents. We were able to finish a \$200,000 refurbishment of the greens and proactive tees. The golf area was dedicated and named Dr. Dorsey Golf Park in honor of his outstanding service in Parramore.

The 2012 NBA All-Star celebration was a huge success in February. The four-day long activity brought almost 100,000 visitors to Orlando and the Parramore community. NBA players, team owners, announcers, supporters and volunteers rocked our City for nearly a week. What a blast to start our New Year.

So, here's to another year of progress and success in Parramore.

God Bless,

Daisy W. Lynum
District 5 City Commissioner

Business Development

The Creative Village Redevelopment Project is Progressing

The Creative Village redevelopment project is anticipated to take 15 to 20 years to achieve full build out, as it is a market-driven redevelopment. In May 2010, the City held a competitive selection process, and selected Creative Village Development, LLC as its development partner to manage the redevelopment process and achieve the City's vision for the project. Creative Village Development, LLC is a partnership comprised of Ustler Development, BakerBarrios Architects and Banc of America Community Development Corporation.

There are several exciting activities being planned that will soon become visible to the community:

Demolition of Amway Arena

The demolition contractor plans to implode the center portion of the Amway Arena on Sunday, March 25 at approximately 7 a.m. using controlled explosives which will implode the building and roof inward. It will take approximately 10 to 15 seconds for the explosives to discharge. Depending on weather conditions, the explosions may be heard for several blocks. When the implosion

is over, the four corners of the Arena and the columns that supported the roof system will still be standing. Those areas will be demolished conventionally by the contractor in the weeks to follow. Residents should expect road closures around the Arena site beginning at 5 a.m. and for several hours following on the date of the implosion.

If you have any questions about the project, please visit cityoforlando.net/creativevillage or call Kelly Moody, Project Manager at 407.246.3730.

Expansion of LYMMO Service

The free Downtown bus circulator, LYMMO, is planning to expand with two additional bus routes that will connect to the existing LYMMO route. One of the new routes, the East/West Expansion, will traverse Downtown along Central Avenue and Church Street, between Summerlin Avenue and Westmoreland Avenue. The second new route, the Parramore Expansion, will travel alongside I-4, connecting the new Creative Village redevelopment area with the Church Street District and Amway Center event hub. LYNX anticipates construction to begin in September 2012 and be completed and operational by the end of 2013, to coincide with the launch of SunRail. For more information on the LYMMO Expansion, please visit <http://www.lymmostudy.com>



NBA All-Star Weekend fans visit neighboring businesses.



Patrons visit the vendors way businesses.

For more information on the Business Development Pathway, please visit www.cityoforlando.net/elected/parramore/business.

Children & Education

More than \$550,000 in Grants to Parramore Orlando's Parramore Kidz Zone (PKZ) has received a one-year grant award from the Ounce of Prevention Fund of Florida in the amount of \$250,000 for a Youth Pregnancy Prevention Initiative (YPPI). The grant funds pregnancy prevention education classes, service projects, youth activities and employment opportunities for Parramore youth.

In addition, PKZ was awarded a \$300,000 Building Safe Communities grant for three years from the Heart of Florida United Way through the Orlando Community and Youth Trust. This grant focuses on crime prevention by addressing root causes of crime and violence with evidenced-based initiatives/programs that have measurable impacts on public safety in the Parramore community.



The PKZ Baby Institute

The PKZ Baby Institute launched its second session in October 2011. Byron Brooks, Chief Administrative Officer of the City of Orlando, provided words of inspiration to the second graduating class of the PKZ Baby Institute on December 10 at the Dr. J. B. Callahan Neighborhood Center. The event featured testimonials and performances by both participants and their children.

The PKZ Baby Institute serves parents of children ages birth to five years residing in the Parramore Heritage Community. Modeled after Harlem Children's Zone's Baby College, the nine-week Baby Institute is designed to help parents of young children build knowledge and skills that result in better parenting leading to better school readiness outcomes for children.

The PKZ Baby Institute has a holistic approach and also provides community speakers that address issues such as dress for success, health matters, employment, goal setting, decision making, nutrition and exercise. The PKZ Baby Institute has trained certified child-care workers and offers nine-week sessions. For more information, please call 407.292.6500 or visit cityoforlando.net/pkz.

For more information on the Children & Education Pathway, please visit www.cityoforlando.net/elected/parramore/children.

Housing

Congratulations to the Newest Homeowner in the Parramore Neighborhood



Mr. Gabre Nelson recently purchased his first home in the Parramore neighborhood in July 2011. Mr. Nelson has been renting since moving to the United States from Jamaica several years ago. This lovely home is a two-story house, with three bedrooms and 2.5 bathrooms.

Mr. Nelson shares this home with his three lovely daughters, Ameillia (10), Gabrielle (8) and Ashley-Ann (6). They are very happy to be in their own home, which also allows them to have pets. Mr. Nelson is employed as an Assistant Manager at Popeye's in Haines City. Thanks to the housing assistance programs available through the City of Orlando's Housing and Community Development Department, Mr.

Nelson was able to purchase his first home in the Parramore neighborhood.

For more information on specific housing programs, visit cityoforlando.net/housing or call 407.246.2708.

Yard of the Month

The Orlando Police Department's Neighborhood Watch Unit is happy to present the most recent Parramore Heritage Community "Yard of the Month" award winners. This award is given to recognize residents who take pride in their community.

October - Parramore Community Garden November - Lynn Nicholson January - Eddie Ingraham

The criteria for "Yard of the Month" includes a manicured yard, beautification, originality and creativity. The upkeep of the yard can reflect the efforts of the residents themselves or that of a professional landscaper or groundskeeper.

Anyone can nominate. If you have seen a yard in the Parramore community that you think should be recognized please call Georgeanna Butler at 407.246.3628 or email Georgeanna.butler@cityoforlando.net.



November 2011 YOM - Lynn Nicholson



January 2012 YOM - Eddie Ingraham

In our efforts to keep the Parramore Heritage community safe by reducing crime and maintaining livable neighborhoods, we are pleased to report an overall reduction in crime in Parramore. Comparing crime stats from the last two years has shown a 14.51% reduction in crime.

For more information on the Housing Pathway, please visit www.cityoforlando.net/elected/parramore/housing.

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COMMUNITY PROGRAMS

National Night Out (NNO)

Each year the Orlando Police Department coordinates Orlando's participation in NNO, a crime and safety event sponsored by the National Association of Town Watch and Target to help you get to know your neighbors, learn to identify and report suspicious activity and create stronger neighborhoods.

Orlando residents joined more than 35 million citizens from more than 12,500 communities throughout the United States in celebrating NNO. This year, Orlando's participation led us to be selected number one in the nation for our National Night Out efforts. The Orlando Police Department would like to extend a special thank you

to the following people who helped to bring National Night Out to Parramore. For the first time ever, Parramore held five NNO parties:

NNO Organizer Party Location
Michelle Murray Clark - Freewill Delivery Praise Outreach Ministry
Janie Watson - True Gospel Holiness
Tina Chestnut - Bentley/Lee/Beech
Ann Brown - Dr. J. B. Callahan Neighborhood Center
Nino Lyons (OMCP) - Z.L. Riley Park

Neighborhood Watch

Neighborhood Watch is one of the most effective and least costly ways to prevent crime and enhance the safety of your neighborhood. Currently, we have 20 Parramore Neighborhood block captains.

If you have any questions please contact your Neighborhood and Business Watch specialist with the Orlando Police Department, Georgeanna Butler at 407.246.3628.

The next Neighborhood Watch meeting is scheduled for April 26, 2012, at the Jackson Center at 7 p.m. Be sure and make plans to attend and bring your neighbor.

Crime Prevention

- The Orlando Police Department's Crime Prevention Division also offers:
- Free home and business security surveys
- Electric engravers so that residents can participate in Operation Identification which discourages theft and helps law enforcement agencies identify and return stolen property
- Newsletters and crime prevention literature
- Free women's self defense classes

To schedule a survey please contact 407.246.2461.



For more information on the Public Safety Pathway, please visit www.cityoforlando.net/elected/parramore/safety.