

It is official- Spring is here and the great weather this time of year delivers, along with the time change, gives us all more opportunities to spend with family and friends enjoying all of the great amenities Orlando has to offer.

With that in mind, I wanted to let you know about some activities that are happening in the next few weeks.

If you would like to learn about ways to get involved with your neighborhood in a leadership capacity, please consider attending the Mayor's annual Neighborhood and Community Summit. It is taking place on Saturday, April 12th from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Downtown Orlando Marriott. For more information, please call the Mayor's Office of Neighborhood and Community Affairs at 407-246-2169.

If you are an animal lover, take some time to stop by the 41st Annual Pet Fair at Loch Haven Park. From 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., enjoy fun events, games and booths for both the animal and human members of your family. For more information, check out the Orlando Science Center's website (all proceeds from the fair will be donated to the Center) at www.osc.org.

For those with a green thumb, check out Leu Gardens annual Rose Show taking place from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. on April 19th. And for music lovers, Blue Jacket Park will be the location of "Smooth Jazz Under the Stars," a series of jazz performances taking place on April 26th from 3 p.m. to 10 p.m.

And last, but definitely not least, you are cordially invited to the Inaugural District 3 Picnic! On Saturday, May 10th, the City of Orlando will officially dedicate and open our newest park, Orlando Cultural Park, in Loch Haven Park. The land is a donation from the USDA and has been cleared and sodded to be Orlando's latest green space. Along with the dedication, I am hosting a picnic from 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. to say thank you to all District 3 constituents for their service to their respective communities as well as our Great City. Bring your family and friends for an afternoon of food, games, entertainment and FUN!

As always, thank you for what you do, large and small, to make your neighborhood a great place to live. I hope to see you on May 10th!

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