

District 6 Update

CITY OF ORLANDO

I would like to encourage all our residents to register to vote. If you have not done so, I remind you that the **deadline to register to vote is October 6, 2008.** Be an involved citizen and **Exercise Your Democratic Right to Vote** at **General Election on November 4th!**

October 11, 2008 is our 1-year anniversary of the opening of the **Orlando Magic Computer Lab** at the Dr. James R. Smith Center. The Smith Center's facility staff instructs our local youth with basic computer skills. During the afterschool program, our young people are allowed to use the Magic Computer Lab for homework and recreational use. In addition, the older adults from the L. Claudia Allen Center uses the Lab twice a week. I encourage everyone to check out this wonderful facility as the Magic Computer Lab is open for general use during week days from 9am to 1pm.



Samuel B. Ings
Mayor Pro Tem
Commissioner, District 6

A celebration is in the works to commemorate the opening of the Orlando Magic Computer. Look for additional information in our next newsletter edition.

A Word From Your Liaison Police Officer



Officer Tia Pruitt

Following an increase in robberies along the Kirkman Road corridor, the Orlando Police Department has developed an operational plan, involving Patrol, Criminal Investigations, TAC, and K-9 to address this issue. Also, our Community Involvement Section has distributed relevant crime prevention information to area businesses and residents. As a result of all these efforts, there have been several arrests.

District 6 locations, including Carver Shores, Metro West, Orange Center Blvd., Lake Sunset, and International Drive are considered designated patrol areas (DPAs), where patrol time has been increased to address specific criminal or suspicious activity. Many DPAs are identified through calls from citizens.

Equipped with a vehicle, uniform, and radio, **Citizens on Patrol**, a group of dedicated volunteers, are out daily on patrol in the neighborhoods looking for suspicious activity. They also attend various neighborhood functions and assist in distributing informational and crime prevention bulletins to residents.

As a reminder, traffic complaints may be reported to our traffic hotline at (407) 246-2906.

In conclusion, the Orlando Police Department recently held a Teen Police Academy at the Orlando Police Headquarters. This was the first Teen Academy to be introduced to the youth of Orlando, graduating 56 students in two classes. We are encouraging participation from citizens to keep this program active in District Six. For more information to attend the next academy please call 407-246-3939.



Orlando Neighborhood Improvement Corporation and Boca Club Neighborhood Association celebrated its Mayor's Neighborhood Matching Grant (MNMG) 2008 Finale on October 1, 2008 at the beautiful City View Apartments Clubhouse.

The MNMG program is Boca's CARE—Community Action for Respecting Everyone and Alexis Collins is the Resident Services Director. This year, their focus has been creating an atmosphere within a youth group to explore on bridging our generations and cultures together through an Arts and Drama program using their partner, *People's Theatre, Inc.*

Join me in congratulating them on an exceptional year!



Jeanette Marcus has been a Neighborhood Watch

volunteer for the past ten years. During her 10 years of service as a Neighborhood Watch Block Captain, she has consistently met Neighborhood Watch requirements by holding her 2 annual meetings, keeping her telephone chain card up to date and has a history of great National Night Out parties.

This year, *Jeanette Marcus* worked hard with her neighbors and came up with a very creative theme for their National Night Out party. Her efforts led her community to a first place finish and an insightful story on news Channel 6. Ms. Marcus is one of the most caring and concerned residents of her street. She takes an active role in encouraging the children that live there to do well in school and set goals for their future success. On behalf of myself and the City of Orlando, thank you for all you do.



Join me in wishing *Mrs. Irene Bryant* a happy birthday—90 years young! Irene Bryant, a native of Newton, Georgia, Baker County, was born on October 15, 1918.

Irene Bryant, also lovingly known as "*Ma Bryant*," has been a resident of Richmond Heights Subdivision since it was first built over fifty years ago. Mrs. Bryant has been an "extra pair of eyes" and a second mother for generations of young people growing up in her neighborhood.

City Council meetings at City Hall Council Chambers,
2nd floor, 400 S. Orange Avenue

For additional information, please contact the City Clerk's Office 407-246-2251
October 20th / November 3rd & 17 / December 1st & 15th
January 12th & 26th / February 2nd / 23rd

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Calendar of Events

GENERAL ELECTION

November 4, 2008

"Exercise Your Right To Vote!"

2008 Orlando Veterans Day Parade

November 8, 2008

United Negro College Fund

Walk For Education

November 15, 2008, 8am-10am

Citrus Bowl

Read Around The Park

James R. Smith Center

November 15th, 10am-4pm

Seniors Thanksgiving Luncheon

Claudia Allen Center

November 20th, 10:30am-12noon

"The Chocolate Nutcracker"

Bob Carr Auditorium

November 21 through 23, 2008

Orlando Mainstreet Program

(Washington Shores Business Partnership)

2008

2009 Black History Celebration

James R. Smith Center

February 21, 2009, 6pm