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Current Events

- **BLOCK PARTY** The Oak Ridge exploratory committee forming.
- **Road to Progress—Overview** A Paving committee for the Overview Dr group of roads is forming.
- **Road to Progress - Copperfield** Pasco County ballots mailed to parcel owners of the Copperfield group or roads.
- **Wine & Roses** ORHA is expecting many Oak Ridge Residents, Wednesday February 10th at The Wine Loft on Mitchell Ranch Road.
- **Bicycle the Pinellas Trail** Join ORHA for a fun day March 13th

BLOCK PARTY

The **Oak Ridge Homeowners' Association** is forming an exploratory committee to determine the Pasco County requirements for a Community block party scheduled for Saturday, August 7, 2010.

The BLOCK PARTY committee will accomplish the needed preliminary work by contacting Pasco County representatives, and produce a short report to the ORHA board of Directors on the feasibility of a community party, to include a designated planned location, estimated number of participants, planned budget, and estimated manpower re-

quirement for ORHA board approval.

ORHA is looking for motivated individuals who can make an event of this type happen.

This is a first of its kind effort here at Oak Ridge but if the BLOCK PARTY committee can successfully accomplish the planning, it may become an annual event.



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ROAD TO PROGRESS-Copperfield

The ORHA paving committee handling the Copperfield set of roads, have made good progress and the effort is now in the hands of the Oak Ridge Residents. The road ballots were mailed by Pasco County on January 22 and each Oak Ridge parcel owner on the associated road, now must decide if the road repaving will provide the

parcel owner the increase in long term home value greater than the cost of the project. The roads associated with the Millstone entrance are next up for County review. We anticipate Pasco County Paving and Assessment to complete the estimate in February and mail ballots in March. Stay tuned!

Drive Safely
Please
Slow down
The life you save may
be your neighbors
ORHA

Wine and Roses, an ORHA mixer

The Wine Loft will host an ORHA "Wine and Roses" event at 7813 Mitchell Ranch Road on **February 10th**. Flowers by Jenny, a previous ORHA advertiser, will be at the event with displays and taking orders for flowers for your **Valentine's Day** sweetheart.

Wine Tasting

If you have not visited the Wine Loft, this is your opportunity to see a first rate wine selection and to sample a few of Dan's favorite vintages. See their ad on the front page of this month's newsletter.

In addition to the wine tasting and extensive selection of wines at The Wine loft, Dan has expanded the operation, opening the Wine Bar. Ask Dan how the Wine Bar can accommodate your next get together, business meeting or private party.

Come join your fellow Oak Ridge residents, meet Dan, **The Wine Loft** proprietor, for some wine, flowers and camaraderie.

To help us plan for the party, please RSVP for the event at

<http://www.myorha.org/WineAndRoses.htm>

This event is open to all, members, non-members, friends and family.

The ORHA executives and board members look forward to meeting you.

Welcome New Residents
Scott & Rene Simpson
Arbor Dr.

Elizabeth Johnson
Copperfield Dr.

Kristin & Chris Ripley
Coronet Dr.

Dorothy Willis
Overview Dr.

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Member Appreciation

Bicycle the Pinellas trail with ORHA on March 13th

Join ORHA members, family and friends for a pedal down the Pinellas trail. Get your bicycles in order, brush the dust off those seats for a leisurely trip to Dunedin from Beautiful Wall Springs park in Palm Harbor.

Starting Point: Wall Springs Park
http://www.pinellascounty.org/park/21_Wall_Springs.htm

Furthest Point: Dunedin

Total Distance: 14.8 miles (7.4 one way)

Pinellas Trail Info:
<http://www.pinellascounty.org/trailgd/default.htm>

Lunch: Each to his own in downtown Dunedin

Options: Eli's Bar-B-Que, Eddie's, Deli News Café, Jolli Mon, Sam's, Alfresco, Purple Moon, Dunedi Brewery, Kookie

Krums, Bellini's La Maison Gourmet, Flanagan's Hunt Irish Pub, Walkabout Coffee Shop, Skips, Casa Tina, Kelly's, Black Pearl, Sea Sea Riders, Bon Appetit, Cappucino's Bakery and Café, Time Out Café, The Boxcar.

You can not possibly starve here.

See you at Wall springs at 10am, Saturday March 13th.

Road to Progress-Overview, Catalpa

Can you or someone you know benefit by advertising with ORHA?

Product or Service. Maybe just to say Happy Anniversary to your spouse.

WWW.MYORHA.ORG for details

Are you tired of pot holes? A Paving committee for two groups, Overview Drive, and Catalpa group of roads is forming.

The **Overview Group** of roads: Overview, Sweetgum, Windingbrook, Comack, Governors, Academy, Amity, Pepperill, Chiswick, Arbor, Sunhigh, Bellingham

The **Catalpa group** of roads: Meadowood, Caltapa, Waldorf, Atwell, Morningsun, Marquis.

The project will place an additional 2 1/4—2 1/2 inches of asphalt to the existing 5/8in that has been in place since the 1970's and is at **end of life**.

This is a window of opportunity that will not

present itself again. The price per ton of asphalt is down almost 50%. The interest rate Pasco County is offering to finance your paving assessment, should you choose too, is 4%. These are unprecedented bargains not seen in this century.

Without a road committee and your participation the chance of a successful ballot initiative is diminished. Visit:

www.myorha.org/roadToProgress.htm

ORHA is seeking motivated individuals who live on the Overview and Catalpa set of roads and share a like mind belief that the value of our homes will benefit from the repaving of the roads.

Thank you!

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Oak Ridge. The executives of ORHA seek additional advertisers who can benefit from placing their product or service within reach of 450 affluent Pasco residents.

Over a barrel-Oak Ridge Resident offers Rain Barrel workshop

Water Conservation/Rain barrel Workshop by Linda of Flowers & Other Things Inc.

Hands-on-workshop will give you practical tips on proper watering, soaker & drip systems, composting & more!

Workshop fee \$55 includes barrel, basic materials and

all instructions.

Where: 6325 Ridge Top Dr, Oak Ridge, NPR 34655

When: Sat. Feb 27th., 10:30am-12:00Noon



RSVP you are coming to Nancy Kinney 727-375-2288

How is ORHA doing? Are we doing something you like, dislike?

Let us know!

www.myorha.org

Curb Appeal-Bang for the Buck

What exactly is curb appeal and how do you get some? Drawing from an article in Better Homes and Gardens, "20 ways to add curb appeal" many in one days work, some with as little as a week.

1 Day effort-quick win

- Replace with shiny brass, the house numbers, the lock set, the accent lights

- Do a mailbox makeover. Mailboxes should complement the home and express the homeowners style.
- Install outdoor lighting. Outdoor lighting makes a huge impact and adds safety.
- Create an instant garden. Potted plants on the front porch and walkway add an inviting

charm instantly sparks curb appeal.

1 Week effort-big impact

- Create a grand entry. Sidelights, transom lights, new door, may even hurricane impact and enjoy the tax savings that go along with it.
- Add outdoor art, a statue, a fountain and a pond.

You're only limited by your imagination. Go For It!

"It is the stated goal of each of the ORHA executives to serve the Oak Ridge Homeowner Association members".

Be a member.

Presidents Corner

I wanted to take this opportunity to thank the individuals who in 2009 helped make the Oak Ridge Homeowners Association a success in the first 9 months (April-December) of my tenure. Working with the Directors of ORHA, Joe, Dan, Doug and Aldo has been a pleasure and resulted in numerous benefits to both the members of the Association and the parcel owners of Oak Ridge.

We've increased the membership since 2008, we've expanded the involvement of community (US Flags, holiday luminaries, common area clean ups, yard sale advertising, preservation of the Phase III deed restrictions, revitalization of the Phase I & II deed restrictions) and have done so with the help of each and every one of the board members and the executives of this association. My thanks go

out to each the Vice President, Mike Brecia, Secretary (and lovely wife) Julie Rosin, outgoing Treasurer, Marc Wertheim and incoming Treasurer, Jeff Fontaine. Your hard work has made this one of the most successful years for the Oak Ridge Homeowners Association. The next President, to be elected at the April 2010 members meeting, will have a solid foundation to continue the good things that have been started in 2009 by this great group of folks.

Top 5 things that increase home Value

1. An updated kitchen
2. Modern bathrooms
3. A well-appointed master suite
4. Natural materials
5. Curb appeal



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Meet the new ORHA Treasurer, Jeff Fontaine

Jeff is a past President of the Oak Ridge Homeowners Association, what the By-laws call "Ex-officio member". Jeff's expertise with the organization and his previous beneficial help will be an asset to ORHA.

Jeff's wife, Susan, has been supportive of ORHA since the beginning of the current term and her feedback has helped make the running of the organization easier.

Jeff, as a reservist in the United States Army, recently returned from a tour of duty in Iraq.

The executives of ORHA welcome Jeff back into the organization and offer our support to

help him be successful at the Treasurer position.

The outgoing Treasurer, Marc Wertheim, has been a steadfast member of ORHA for several years. His stewardship of the finances of the organization have seen the membership increase of 2009, the addition of funding activities such as yard sale advertising, Fourth of July and Veterans day flag sales, news letter advertising.

We thank Marc and his wife Tracy for their help, the use of their home for business meetings and their friendship.

When you are at the next

Gasparilla parade and you see the white dually pulling the big dragon, wave hi to Tracy and Marc.

