



2018

**STRENGTHENING
COMMUNITY
CONNECTIONS**
MetroWest



2018: A year of growing together as a community

Over the past year, MetroWest Master Association made significant progress in our continuing commitment to creating strong community connections and enhancing our sense of civic pride.

We welcomed numerous new businesses, including retail and restaurant



establishments, to boost our commercial sector, and marked the opening Arby's, WaWa and 24 Hour Fitness in Kirkman Station.



We enjoyed an array of successful special events that showcased our vibrant community.



We continued to expand our innovative public safety initiative, with the ongoing goal of enriching our quality of life now and in the future.

We celebrated the diverse and growing community that is MetroWest, while working toward even greater achievements in 2019. We will continue to strengthen and grow the community connections between everyone who lives, works and plays in MetroWest.



Local schools enrich our community

MetroWest is proud of our high-performing neighborhood schools and their upward momentum for academic success continued in 2018.

Our top-rated neighborhood schools are:

- *MetroWest Elementary School*
- *Westpointe Elementary School*
- *Chain of Lakes Middle School*
- *Gotha Middle School*
- *Olympia High School*



The MetroWest Master Association supported MetroWest Elementary School and Westpointe Elementary School with a total donation of \$10,000 in 2018.



A banner year for business

Many new businesses opened in the MetroWest community in 2018 including: WaWa, 24 Hour Fitness, Arby's, The Cave Barber Shop, Dona Juana Coffee Shop, Boost Mobile, Sweet Petals Flower & Cake Shop, Elegant Realty, Davita Dialysis, MyTeaberry,



Easy Work Space, Alora Spa, The Palace Event Space, Preferred Real Estate Brokers, Wing Stop, Catering's Best, Negril Metro Restaurant, Chiarotti, Atu Gusto Restaurant, Ashley Nicole Hair Salon, and Spectrum.

From great restaurants and coffee shops to corporate headquarters, MetroWest's diverse and robust business community marked another exceptional year in 2018.





MetroWest benefits from public safety partnership

In 2018, MetroWest marked the fifth year of our community partnership with Critical Intervention Services (CIS), a Florida based company that specializes in enhancing public safety. MetroWest Public Safety Officers (PSO) serve as community liaisons, building relationships with community members, businesses, the Orlando Police Department (OPD), and other law enforcement officials and entities.



Over the past year, MetroWest PSOs were involved in more than 16,000 community contacts within MetroWest, a clear indication that the program is unifying residents and businesses to promote the highest standards of public safety.

Also in 2018, MWMA and CIS continued to facilitate the process by which MetroWest communities can implement the principles of Crime Prevention through Environmental Design (CPTED) in order to achieve Crime Free Certification from OPD. In June, eight MetroWest communities were recognized and congratulated for having received Crime Free Certification.

We envision continued success in 2019 and appreciate the efforts of all our neighbors who strive to ensure the safety of MetroWest residents, businesses and visitors.



Special events strengthen
community bonds





Fun community events have become a tradition in MetroWest and in 2018 our special events grew in appeal and attracted thousands of attendees.

The new, monthly MetroWest Food Truck Connection has been a great success after being reinvented and relaunched in January 2018. The Food Truck Connection



has been enhanced with new and exciting food vendors, music and family fun activities. In May, MetroWest MusicFest drew nearly 1,000 attendees who braved predictions of less-than-ideal weather to enjoy an afternoon at MetroWest Golf Club filled with live music from a variety of talented performers.

In December, more than 5,000 attendees joined us to kick-off the holidays at the 7th Annual WinterFest. The free, family event included the movie "Happy Feet" shown on a big screen on the MetroWest Golf green, an ice skating rink, photos with Santa and Mrs. Claus, and performances by local artists. Santa and his elves arrived

by parachute this year, much to the delight of hundreds of children in attendance.

Other successful MetroWest events in 2018 included National Night Out and the annual Realtor Tour. More than 1,500 attendees enjoyed the annual National Night Out event, which helps increase Neighborhood Watch participation and make our neighborhoods safer. The



MetroWest Realtor Tour serves to update local realtors on everything our community has to offer to residents and businesses. More than 30 realtors participated in the 2018 tour, all of whom left with a greater appreciation of MetroWest's many community assets.

Connect with us!



MetroWest is a vibrant community with many special events and activities taking place throughout the year. To ensure that you don't miss out on any of the fun, like us on Facebook (www.facebook.com/MetroWestMasterAssociation/). Also, our website, www.metrowestcommunity.com, provides a wide range of timely news and updates about MetroWest, including events, business, community stories and more. Residents can also stay current on local events through our award-winning quarterly *MetroWest CONNECT* magazine, produced in partnership with the Windermere Observer.



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