

Our Connected Community

2014: Celebrating a stronger, closer community.

Great communities come in many shapes and sizes, but they all have one thing in common: a strong sense of connection. This happens wherever residents, businesses and institutions have a shared stake in the community and the determination to work together for its improvement. This is precisely what is happening today in MetroWest.

2014 was a landmark year in bringing our community closer. The big story was our MetroWest Master Association, which became community-owned in October 2014. We are now truly "of the people, by the people, for the people" in our relationship with the residents and businesses of MetroWest.

Believing that "a connected community is a protected community," we partnered with Critical Intervention Services, Inc. (CIS), a Florida leader in safety strategies, to roll out a community-wide public safety program in April 2014. The CIS approach is called the Community and Character Based Protective Initiative (CCBPI). It emphasizes partnership between MWMA, CIS, the Orlando Police Department (OPD), the Orange County Sheriff, MetroWest residents and businesses to establish trust, organization and connection in promoting

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public safety. This long-term program reflects our commitment to assure the highest quality of living in our community for years to come.

Further evidence of a connected community can be seen in our A-rated schools, beautifully landscaped grounds and popular community events, all reflecting the pride we have in MetroWest.

In this report, you'll learn how our community is growing stronger by coming together. We invite you to become part of this exciting story by joining your friends and neighbors in the rewarding task of community building. You'll be glad you did!

A connected community is a protected community.

This is the slogan of our public safety program, which we rolled out in 2014. We developed the program in partnership with Critical Intervention Services, Inc. (CIS), a leading provider of public security services. Our approach consists of building partnerships between MWMA, CIS, local law enforcement, MetroWest residents and businesses, to create an environment that discourages any acts of law-breaking. This approach has been highly successful in other communities and we expect excellent results from our own efforts, both in the short- and long-term.

MetroWest: A beautiful place, a beautiful location.

With its award winning communities and central location, MetroWest is one of the nicest places to live and work in Orlando. Here, residents are just minutes from Metro Orlando and dazzling downtown Orlando, the interstates and Central Florida's world famous attractions. There are also many activities to enjoy right here including shopping, dining, golf and more.

Four schools, four A's.

We are very proud to report that in 2014, each of our four schools was rated "A" by the Orange County Public Schools (OCPS). These schools are:

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

Congratulations to teachers, parents, administrators—and most of all, students!

State-of-the-art irrigation system beautifies, saves money.

In December 2014, our new community-wide irrigation system was completed, following a 10-month installation process. The new system is a computer-driven technical marvel that meets the highest city and state water standards. At the same time, it saves communities money thanks to its eco-friendly water regulation. Last year MetroWest was a finalist for the Florida Communities of Excellence 2014 Florida Friendly Landscaping Award. In December, the City of Orlando honored MetroWest with their Environmental Excellence Award for efficient use of reclaimed water. Our community is known for its quality landscaping. We are committed to keeping this visible symbol of our community looking beautiful and meeting the highest environmental standards at all times.

Community owned, professionally managed.

In 2014, the MetroWest Master Association (MWMA) became one hundred percent community-owned, a major step in solidifying the relationship between MWMA and homeowners. Meanwhile, FirstService Residential's Julie Sanchez, who serves as MetroWest Community Manager, was a finalist for the prestigious 2014 National Manager of the Year Award. She was also honored with the West Orange Chamber of Commerce's esteemed George Bailey Award. With a talented management team, a responsible master association and committed homeowners, everything is in place to assure a high quality of life at MetroWest.

Thriving businesses and recreation choices attract interest and crowds.

There's nothing like a vibrant business core and quality recreational opportunities to keep a community together. MetroWest has a diverse business base including financial institutions, education, medical services, restaurants, retail and more. We are also home to the corporate headquarters of Hard Rock Café, Hilton Resorts Corporation and Valencia Community College, to name a few. For relaxation we offer a variety of fitness clubs, along with our Robert Trent Jones, Sr. Signature Design Golf Course, voted the "Best Golf Course in Orlando."

Fun-filled community events offer something for everyone.

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There's always something exciting going on at MetroWest. Our 2014 calendar featured a variety of events that drew crowds from both in and outside our community. On June 1, 2014, we kicked off the summer with our Summer Smooth JazzFest, where attendees enjoyed great music, food, drink, dancing, and a MetroWest schools art festival. For WinterFest 2014 we brought out our big screen and hosted a showing of the hit movie, "Frozen." Other events included the West Orange County Chamber of Commerce's "The Taste of West Orange," and Veranda Park's always-popular Farmer's Market.

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