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COMMUNITY
REPORT

Growing better
by working together.

MetroWest



2015: Celebrating a community commitment to excellence.

This year our community took continued steps to achieve excellence in many areas. It's important to reflect on the tremendous commitment it takes to accomplish MetroWest's advances, and to acknowledge the civic spirited efforts of so many members of our community, to make them a reality.

2015 was the first full year under the leadership of a community-owned MetroWest Master Association. As a result, the increased unity and harmony in our relationships with residents and the business community was palpable. Our first full year of public safety partnership with FirstService Residential, Critical Intervention Services (CIS)—and you, the wonderful members of

our community—yielded excellent results, including strong resident participation and a 62% reduction in traffic accidents in MetroWest. Our public safety partnership is a long-term program to provide an enriched quality of life for years to come.

Our community pride continues to shine as we showcase some of the excellent businesses that call MetroWest home. They include the MetroWest Golf Club, voted “Best Golf Course in Orlando” and Valencia College, ranked the Best Community College in the U.S.! These are just some of the examples of excellence that make MetroWest stand out.

Every resident has reasons to enjoy living in MetroWest. And every business is a valued community partner. As you enjoy our 2015 Community Report, we hope you too will discover **the more you know about MetroWest, the more there is to love!**



A connected community is a protected community.

More than a tagline, this phrase is the foundation of our public safety program, a truth very much in evidence as we enjoy the benefits of our community's commitment to public well being. Launched in 2014, our program has resulted in more than 5,000 community contacts with public safety officers, building relationships that are the foundation of safe communities. The addition of bike officers has been especially successful in solidifying and advancing these relationships. Statistically, safety has increased in both residential and business areas, and residents strongly support the unified efforts engaged to make MetroWest a great place to live, work, play and connect.



In addition, the long-term focus of our safety initiatives assures a positive long-lasting impact in our streets, neighborhoods, homes, schools and businesses.

A decade of A-rated schools!

For the tenth consecutive year, each of MetroWest's four schools was rated "A" by the Orange County Public Schools (OCPS) during the 2015 school year.

These schools are:

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

MetroWest Master Association is proud to support the MetroWest Elementary School with an annual donation of \$10,000 to help underwrite the cost of equipment and school supplies.

Congratulations on this milestone of education excellence to teachers, parents, administrators—and most of all, students!



Beauty, conservation and savings flow from our new irrigation system.

Completed in December 2014, our new community-wide irrigation system helps beautify our landscape while conserving water use and substantially saving financial resources.

The new system is a computer-driven technical marvel that meets the highest city and state water conservation standards. In December 2014, the City of Orlando honored MetroWest with their Environmental Excellence Award for efficient use of reclaimed water. We can all be proud of the results we have achieved in maintaining the gorgeous landscape that MetroWest is known for, while

meeting the highest environmental standards at all times and more efficiently managing community resources.

Award-winning management, award-winning community.

MetroWest continues to be recognized as a local, regional and statewide organization for numerous superlative initiatives, including the quality of our FirstService Residential management to our public safety program, our environmental initiatives and our beautiful landscaping.



Community events, community connections.

MetroWest is known for its fun-filled celebrations and activities, and last year our signature events were bigger and better than ever. In May, our JazzFest drew a crowd of nearly 3,500 to hear music by saxophonist Will Donato and guitarist Robert Harris. Our West Orange Chamber Best Fest, the largest food tasting and business expo in West Orange County, was another success. And it all culminated in December with our annual WinterFest, a favorite for both residents and visitors from outside our community. The festivities included showing *The Polar Express* movie along with an ice-skating rink, a kiddie train, an appearance by Santa and Mrs.

Claus, and lots of good food and refreshments.

Both events benefit the Edgewood Children's Ranch, a non-profit residential program that helps children, teens and families address behavioral issues.

Keeping up with all our community activities and news is easy, thanks to our quarterly *MetroWest CONNECT* magazine in partnership with the *Observer Media Group*, our interactive community website, the MetroWest mobile app and other information sources. Members use them to stay connected to the fun, relaxation and enjoyment here at MetroWest, and take advantage of all there is to see and do right here in our community.





Home to a thriving business center.

The diversity and quality of our business community continued to grow in 2015. Today we have businesses that serve almost every daily need: retail, restaurants, medical and dental, shopping, fitness, wellness and more. MetroWest is also home to a number of corporate headquarters including Hard Rock®, Marriott Vacations WorldwideSM, and Valencia College. Business growth is not just a convenience, but a key to a better quality of life for all, bringing jobs, revenue and entrepreneurial energy to our community.

Support of local businesses supports a well-rounded MetroWest that truly is a great place to live and work.

Together, we make a great community even greater.

MetroWest has long been known for its convenient location and amenities such as our award-winning golf course and landscaping. We are fortunate, however, to live in a community that sees these things not as laurels to rest on—but as foundations to build upon. In 2015, we did just that: together residents, management, educators, business people, public safety officers and others helped us continue to create the quality life we all want for ourselves and our children.

It is our community spirit and our willingness to work as one body committed to excellence that gives us the best hope for a future of unlimited opportunities and accomplishments. We are confident we will continue to achieve additional successes in 2016 ... and in the years to come.



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