



# Bel Air

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## Neighborhood News – April 2015

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Dear Fellow Neighbors,

Spring is in air, the flowers are blooming, grass is greening and your board is in full swing. Here are some community updates:

### MAINTENANCE

We have several projects in the works to begin this spring and are planning to hire local vendors:

- Exterior wall pressure washing along Gore, Walnut & Curry Ford
- Gore wall painting
- Entrances landscaping maintenance

### ENTRANCES

Several of your board members have recently attended grant workshops through the City of Orlando. We are pursuing a matching grant to fund signs at Curry Ford and Gore similar to the entrance sign at Briercliff.

For more information, contact Thomas Allen or Catherine Simmons.

### SOCIAL MEDIA

Did you know you could connect to your neighbors on social media? Check out the Bel Air Accounts!

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/belairneighborhood/>  
and <https://belairorlando.nextdoor.com>

### CONTACT

Have questions, comments or great ideas? Contact the board at [info@orlandobelair.com](mailto:info@orlandobelair.com).

### FINANCES

For detailed information, contact Paul Simons at [simons\\_paul@hotmail.com](mailto:simons_paul@hotmail.com). Annual dues drive will begin in June. Below is an update on the voluntary dues collected:

- Current Balance: \$9084.95
  - YTD spend: \$510
  - YTD Dues collected: \$90
- Forecast to collect: \$4410
- Forecast to spend: \$13,494.95

### EASTER EGG HUNT RECAP

This year's egg hunt was held on Saturday, March 29<sup>th</sup> at 4PM at the home of Meri & Neal Pitt. The weather was amazing and the kids enjoyed the egg hunt and games – pin the tail on the bunny was a big hit. Special thanks to Judy Seidle for all of her assistance and to the Pitt's for being the host house! It's great to have such an active and engaged community.

All are welcome at next year's event. Remember, you don't have to have kids to spend time with your neighbors!

### UPCOMING EVENTS

- Bel Air Dinner Club – April 30<sup>th</sup>
- Garage Sale – May 2nd
- Progressive Dinner – May 16th
- June Newsletter – Submissions due May 30<sup>th</sup>
- Greenwood Cemetery Tour – TBD - Fall
- OUC Water Station – December 5th
- Holiday Toy Drive – December 11th

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## NEW RESIDENT WELCOME

We are all proud of our Bel Air Community and we want to welcome all of our NEW residents who join us here! A Bel Air Welcome Committee has been formed and we are putting together Welcome Gift Baskets filled with helpful items such as:

- Welcome Card and Letter
- Bel Air directory with listing of Bel Air committees, Board and activities
- Information on city services like garbage and recycling
- Neighborhood watch info
- Coupons to local businesses, restaurants, and service providers
- Plant or baked goods item

We need **YOUR** help in two ways:

1. **Identifying the NEW residents as they move in!** If you see new residents moving in, please contact us so we can present them with a Welcome Gift Basket. You can post the new resident address on the Bel Air Facebook Page or send an email to Sheila Cooper at [Sheilajax@aol.com](mailto:Sheilajax@aol.com) or Jennifer Beard at [jbgator@hotmail.com](mailto:jbgator@hotmail.com).
2. **Soliciting families and/or businesses that might be willing to sponsor the Welcome Gift Baskets.** For \$20 we can include a copy of your business card on the Welcome Card/Letter that is included in the Welcome Gift Basket. So, if you have a business or your family/children provide a neighborhood service (i.e. babysitting, dog walking, house sitting, yard work) and you'd like to be included in the Gift Basket, please email us at the above addresses and let us know. What a great way to introduce your services to the NEW residents!

Also, please remember to stop by and personally say "Hi" to our NEW Bel Air Residents – it's the friendly touch of our neighborhood that makes it AMAZING!

## BABYSITTING CLUB

It is time to update our babysitter list! If you or your responsible child over the age of 14 would like to be added to the list please contact April Agnew at 407-617-2439.

## PROGRESSIVE DINNER

The next progressive dinner is scheduled for Saturday, May 16 at 5:30 PM. Please RSVP to Windsor Barnett at [windsorhbarnett@gmail.com](mailto:windsorhbarnett@gmail.com) or (407) 489-3529.

## BEL AIR DINNER CLUB

The Bel Air Dinner Club explores restaurants in the ever-growing Orlando dining scene. Come out and enjoy a meal and cocktails with your fellow Bel Air neighbors and try out a new venue. We meet 3-4 times a year and the restaurant changes each time so we can try a variety of places. Our events are adults-only. Suggestions for restaurants for our club events are always welcome. For information about the Bel Air Dinner Club, please contact Omar Hasan at [omar.s.hasan@gmail.com](mailto:omar.s.hasan@gmail.com). {our 1st event is scheduled for 7 pm on Thursday, April 30th at Firebirds, located at 1562 N Mills Ave, Orlando, FL 32803}

## BEL AIR NIGHT OF THE ARTS

The Bel Air Night of the Arts brings our Bel Air neighbors together to enjoy some of the many cultural and artistic events that Orlando has to offer. We meet once or twice a year to get to know each other better while enjoying a concert, art show, play, etc. This year, we are planning two events, a more casual night out, such as a gallery event, and a more structured event, such as a show at the new Dr Phillips Center for the Performing Arts. Our events are adults-only. For information about the Bel Air Night of the Arts, please contact Omar Hasan at [omar.s.hasan@gmail.com](mailto:omar.s.hasan@gmail.com)

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