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Independence Day Celebration July 3
FREE Event Will Feature Fireworks and Live Music By



Flutie Brothers Band

FEATURING
Doug Flutie



SPECIAL GUESTS
Pat Travers
and
Mike MacArthur



PLUS THE
Latin Sounds
of
Stella Beat

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The MetroWest community will welcome the sixth annual MusicWORKS Independence Day event Wednesday, July 3 from 6 to 10 p.m. at MetroWest Golf Club.



Staged by the MetroWest Master Association, MusicWORKS is a free community celebration featuring live music, fireworks, food trucks, rides, and vendors. Adult beverages also will be for sale. No ticket of any kind is required.

Live entertainment at MusicWORKS will include The Flutie Brothers Band featuring football legends Doug Flutie and Darren Flutie. The Flutie Brothers Band have been playing their blend of classic rock together



for the past 30 years, performing all over the United States and Canada and as far away as Costa Rica. They have shared the stage with some of Rock and Roll's biggest stars including Boston, Lynyrd Skynyrd, Bon Jovi, Aerosmith, Run DMC and many more. Their appearance at MetroWest MusicWORKS will feature special guests saxophonist Mike MacArthur and guitar legend Pat Travers.

Stella Beat, an energetic Latin/Top 40 party band based in Orlando, will open the show.



In addition, Team Fastrax, the largest professional skydiving team in the world, will dive into the event with a 2,000-square-foot American flag.

Starting at 9:30 p.m., the 20-minute fireworks show at the end of MusicWORKS will be staged by Pyro Shows, a 50-year-old pyrotechnic company headquartered in Tennessee.



6-10 p.m., July 3, 2024

MetroWest Golf Club

2100 S. Hiwassee Rd., Orlando, FL 32835

What to bring: Attendees should bring chairs or blankets.

Parking: Only offsite parking will be available off Metrocenter Boulevard in MetroWest. Shuttle service to and from MetroWest Golf Club will be provided.

Do not bring: Personal fireworks, coolers, pets and drones are strictly prohibited.

Venue entry time: No public entry to MetroWest Golf Club will be allowed before 6 p.m.

What about weather?: MusicWORKS is a rain or shine event, except in the case of extreme weather.

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For more information about MusicWORKS,

visit www.metrowestcommunity.com or contact the MetroWest Management Office at 407-601-5995 or mwma.admin@cfl.rr.com.



MetroWest Public Safety Corner

Public Safety Welcomes New OPD West Patrol Division Commander.

Captain Anthony Mongelluzzo has recently been appointed as Orlando Police Department's new West Patrol Division Commander, which puts MetroWest under his supervision.

Captain Mongelluzzo has served the City of Orlando since 2006. He has worked in the Patrol Division, TAC Unit, Special Enforcement Division and most recently in the Training Division. He received his promotion to Captain earlier this year.



*Captain Anthony Mongelluzzo with
OPD Chief of Police Eric D. Smith*

Welcome, Captain Mongelluzzo!



MetroWest Master Association and Public Safety Tour Fire Station #12

Representatives from MetroWest Public Safety and MetroWest Master Association management recently toured City of Orlando Fire Station #12, known as The MetroWest Express. Located at 1588 Park Center Dr., Station #12 was established in 1994 and the current station was built in 1996. Station #12 houses Engine 12, Rescue 12 and Woods 12, and serves all MetroWest residents and businesses.



Anyone can schedule a tour of Fire Station #12 by calling (407) 246-3473. Community organizations can request that the Orlando Fire Department participate in events, providing fire apparatus demonstrations, fire safety presentations, hands-only CPR training, and more. Scan the QR code for more information,



Summer Safety Tips from MetroWest Public Safety

- Be aware of what's happening in your neighborhood. Receive and share information on the virtual neighborhood watch about suspicious activity in your neighborhood and receive alerts when you are away.
- Lock your doors, including the garage door. Unlocked doors are open invitations to intruders.
- If you are going on vacation, ask a trusted family member, friend, or neighbor to keep an eye on your home or have your mail held at the local post office until your return.
- Put lights on timers to give the impression that someone is home.
- Don't post on social media that you are leaving town; wait and post photos until after you return.
- When traveling on summer vacation, lock your hotel room and remember not to give out your room number or invite strangers in.
- Be friendly but be vigilant. Watch for and report any suspicious behavior.
- Plan your route, stay within well-traveled routes and walk in groups. There's safety in numbers.
- Keep your belongings secure. Purses should be securely closed, backpacks zipped, and wallets kept in your front pocket. When dining in restaurants, do not hang your purse or backpack on the back of your chair.
- Always lock your doors and roll up your windows when you leave your car.
- Do not leave valuables in the car. If you must leave prized possessions in your vehicle keep them out of sight or hidden in the trunk.
- Before you get into your car, check the backseat and around the car. Lock your doors once inside the car.



Congratulations to MetroWest Teachers of the Year

MetroWest Master Association congratulates Westpointe Elementary Teacher of the Year Olga Maria Marrero and MetroWest Elementary Teacher of the Year Cris D. Collazo Martinez, who shared her reflection on her teaching experience.



Reflecting on my time as a fifth-grade teacher at MetroWest Elementary fills me with immense gratitude and pride. Each day, I've had the privilege of guiding bright young minds through the wonders of learning and discovery.

From teaching fractions to fostering a love for reading, every moment has been a testament to the dedication and resilience of my students. Together, we've tackled challenges, celebrated successes, and formed bonds that will last a lifetime.

MetroWest Elementary isn't just a school; it's a vibrant community filled with passionate educators, eager learners, and supportive families. It's been an honor to be a part of such a dynamic environment, where collaboration and creativity thrive.

Calendar



July
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July
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October
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Connect with us!

Like us on Facebook (www.facebook.com/MetroWestMasterAssociation) to ensure that you don't miss any MetroWest community news. Also, scan the QR code for our website. It provides a wide range of timely news and updates about MetroWest, including events, business, community stories and more.



New Businesses Choose MetroWest

MetroWest continues to be a desirable location for businesses. In just the past three months, these new businesses have opened in MetroWest:

Erika Suzuki Beauty Lounge (MetroWest Village)

Buddy's (Metro Point, Metropolis Way)

Dennis Uniforms (MetroWest Village)

Hibbett Sports (Metro Pointe, Kirkman Road)

Total by Verizon (Metro Plaza)

Musashi Lounge (Veranda Park Retail Building 7000)

de Payolle Salon (Victory Mall)

Conveniently located minutes from Orlando's downtown business district, MetroWest offers many opportunities for retail and commercial growth. Numerous highly esteemed companies have chosen MetroWest including Fairwinds Credit Union, Florida Cardiology, AdventHealth Medical Group, Hilton Grand Vacations, Publix, Truist, Walgreens, as well as multiple medical and wellness offices, healthcare providers and locally owned and operated businesses.

For more information about office or retail leasing, please contact 407-601-5995 or mwma.admin@cfl.rr.com.

Exciting Developments in Orlando's Southwest Region: *Epic Universe Theme Park Set to Transform Business Landscape*

by Fernando Mariano



A modern elevated traffic circle at the intersection with Sand Lake Road, to be ready this year

The forthcoming opening of Universal's Epic Universe theme park, slated for next year, heralds a transformative era for businesses in Orlando's Southwest region.

Spanning an impressive 750 acres along Sand Lake Road, Epic Universe is poised to become a cornerstone of entertainment and commerce, creating a monumental impact to the local business landscape.

It will redefine the area as the Southwest/Universal Studios Region. The arrival of Epic Universe signifies a seismic shift in Orlando's Southwest area, propelling it onto the global stage as a vibrant hub of innovation, entertainment, and commerce.

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Exciting Developments in Orlando's Southwest Region Continued...

I anticipate unprecedented growth and prosperity for businesses of all sizes operating within this burgeoning region.

Epic Universe, the fourth theme park within the Universal Orlando Resort, promises an unparalleled immersive experience

A pivotal component of this transformation is the \$315 million expansion and extension of Kirkman Road, a vital artery connecting major landmarks such as Millenia Mall, MetroWest, Valencia College, International Drive, Universal Studios, and the Convention Center. This infrastructure upgrade not only enhances accessibility but also catalyzes economic activity, paving the way for increased foot traffic and business opportunities.

Epic Universe, the fourth theme park within the Universal Orlando Resort, promises an unparalleled immersive experience across its sprawling grounds. Featuring five distinct worlds, including Super Nintendo World, Dark Universe, The Wizarding World of Harry Potter, Isle of Berk, and Celestial Park, visitors will embark on awe-inspiring journeys unlike anything seen before.

The expansion of Kirkman Road presents a significant commercial stimulus, streamlining access to local businesses,

restaurants and amenities. A modern elevated traffic circle at the intersection with Sand Lake Road, to be ready this year, not only will improve traffic flow but also will establish an iconic landmark within the region.

My company, BIZCENTER USA, strategically located just 0.3 miles from Kirkman Road and in close proximity to Universal Studios, is poised to capitalize on this unprecedented growth. Offering unparalleled accessibility, state-of-the-art facilities, and flexible workspace solutions, including fully furnished private suites, virtual offices, and conference rooms rentals, BIZCENTER USA stands as the premier coworking destination for professionals and businesses in the Southwest/Universal Studios Region.



As Orlando's business landscape undergoes a paradigm shift with the arrival of Epic Universe, opportunities abound for entrepreneurs, startups, and established enterprises alike. The Southwest/Universal Studios Region is poised to emerge as a dynamic epicenter of commerce, innovation and prosperity.

Fernando Mariano is the president of luxury coworking BIZCENTER USA in MetroWest.