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Independence Day Celebration on July 3
*A FREE Evening of Fireworks,
Food, and Live Music*

FEATURING
Latin Sounds of Stella Beat



With
Special Guest
Lourdes Robles



PLUS



The spirit of Independence Day will light up the sky – and the stage – on Thursday, July 3, from 6 to 10 p.m., as the MetroWest Master Association hosts its seventh annual MusicWORKS Independence Day Celebration at MetroWest Golf Club (2100 S. Hiawasse Rd., Orlando, FL 32835).

This free, family-friendly event promises an unforgettable night of entertainment, food, and patriotism, open to all with no tickets required.

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Live Music Lineup



Headlining the night is *Stella Beat*, Orlando's own Latin/Top 40 party band, with special guest vocalist Lourdes Robles. Known for their lively performances at Disney Springs, The Villages, and the Busch Gardens Food

& Wine Festival, *Stella Beat* will bring the rhythm and spice to get the crowd moving all night long.

Opening the celebration will be *SWITCH Back to the 80s*, an electrifying band known for high-energy renditions of your favorite hits from the MTV era. With past performances at House of Blues, Hard Rock Live, and Universal CityWalk, and opening acts for legends like STYX and Rick Springfield, *SWITCH* guarantees a performance that will have you dancing the night away.



Special Features

In a spectacular patriotic tribute, Team Fastrax, the world's largest professional skydiving team, will descend into the event carrying a 2,000-square-foot American flag – a truly awe-inspiring sight.

The grand finale? A dazzling 20-minute fireworks display at 9:30 p.m., choreographed by Pyro Shows, a renowned pyrotechnics company with more 50 years of experience.

Food, Fun, and Festivities

In addition to the music and fireworks, attendees can enjoy a variety of food trucks, rides, vendors, and adult beverages available for purchase.



Know Before You Go

- Bring your blankets and lawn chairs to relax and enjoy the show.
- Offsite parking only is available off Metrocenter Boulevard, with shuttle service provided to and from the event.
- This is a rain or shine event, except in cases of extreme weather.

Important Notice

No personal fireworks, coolers, pets, or drones allowed.
No public entry before 6 p.m.

For more details, visit www.metrowestcommunity.com or contact the MetroWest Management Office at 407-601-5995 or mwma.admin@cfl.rr.com. Celebrate freedom, music, and community at MetroWest MusicWORKS – where Independence Day comes to life!

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Calendar		
Early Summer		August 11
Aldi opens in former Winn-Dixie space, hosts MetroWest Food Truck Connection (tentative)		First day of school (OCPS)
Early Fall	October 7	
Publix reopens (tentative)	National Night Out and MetroWest Food Truck Connection, 5-8 p.m., at Publix (tentative)	

MetroWest Connect is a quarterly publication of MetroWest Master Association distributed at no charge to residents and businesses in the community. One of Orlando's first master-planned communities, MetroWest was developed in 1986 and features award-winning landscaping, MetroWest Golf Club, Valencia College campus, as well as high-performing public schools. MetroWest also provides convenient access to both I-4 and 408 from the west side of Orlando. MetroWest offers a community lifestyle with neighborhood businesses and outdoor recreation options. The diverse community is complemented by a range of living options, from single-family homes of all sizes to apartments and condominiums. For more information, please visit www.metrowestcommunity.com or call (407) 601-5995.



MWMA Welcomes Community to New Offices for May 28 Open House



MetroWest Master Association invited community members to its new offices at 2145 Metrocenter Blvd., Suite 110 for an Open House May 28. Pictured, MWMA Board President Kim Kreiger (right) toasts (left to right) Julie Sanchez, MetroWest Community General Manager, Terrell Fawbush, MWMA Administrative Assistant, and Allison Folgore, MWMA Assistant Manager, for their ongoing endeavors on behalf of the community and a very successful Open House event.

Summer Experiences and Activities Abound Near MetroWest!

Bill Frederick Park

For a back-to-nature experience close to home, MetroWest residents can easily access Bill Frederick Park. Nature lovers will find a wide variety of recreational activities, including a Drone Zone, bird watching, canoeing/kayaking, fishing, and biking/jogging. For more information, visit <https://www.orlando.gov/Parks-the-Environment/Directory/Bill-Frederick-Park-At-Turkey-Lake>.

Orange County Library Classes and Events

Summer fun is for everyone at the library! Participate in Orange County Library System's annual Summer at Your Library: Color Our World and explore

fun activities and events. Programs, classes and events for all ages are offered in-person and online. Learn more at ocls.org/summer-at-your-library-2025/.

Universal Epic Universe

Universal Epic Universe just opened May 22, right around the corner from MetroWest! Epic Universe features five immersive worlds in one theme park that guests access by stepping through amazing portals. To find out more, visit universallorlando.com/web/en/us/theme-parks/epic-universe

Florida Mall

American Girl Orlando at Florida Mall bills itself as "your go-to family

destination for dolls, dining, and magical in-store experiences." Complimentary personal shopping is offered by appointment. Additional experiences include events, parties, salon services, dining and Teatime at American Girl. [Visitamericangirl.com/pages/retail-orlando](https://www.visitamericangirl.com/pages/retail-orlando).

Crayola Experience at Florida Mall promises dozens of hands-on, creative activities and a full day of fun for families. The colorful adventures of Crayola Experience help kids and adults alike explore art and technology, express their creativity and experience color in a whole new way. To plan a visit, go to [tocrayolaexperience.com/orlando](https://www.tocrayolaexperience.com/orlando).

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\$1.5 MILLION DOLLAR RENOVATION WITH BRAND NEW STATE-OF-THE-ART EQUIPMENT



Dumbbell Racks • Dumbbells • Dumbbell Benches • 5 Platforms Hiit4
3 Tower Multi Station • 5 Piece Booty Equipment • Cryo Chair Human
Touch Massage Chairs • Tanning • Infrared Sauna

HAMMER PLATE LOADED

Seated/ Standing Shrug • PI Linear Hack Squat • PI V- Squat Pullover
Iso Lat Leg Curl • Iso Leg Extension

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MetroWest Public Safety Corner

MetroWest Public Safety Honors Local Youth With Inaugural Citizenship Award



In a celebration of youth leadership and community values, MetroWest Public Safety is proud to announce the establishment of the MetroWest Public Safety Citizenship Award. The inaugural recipient is Dyllion Perry, a student at Edgewood Children's Ranch, recognized for his outstanding character, leadership, and service to others.

This newly created award honors young individuals who exemplify

integrity, responsibility, and a commitment to positive citizenship. Dyllion was selected for his exemplary behavior, dedication to personal growth, and active involvement in programs at the ranch that encourage and uplift others.

For over a decade, MetroWest Public Safety and Edgewood Children's Ranch have partnered to support and mentor at-risk youth through education, outreach, and community involvement. The Citizenship Award represents the next step in their shared mission to empower young people and foster a culture of respect, responsibility, and community pride.

"This award is more than a recognition," said a MetroWest Public Safety representative. "It's a symbol of our ongoing commitment to the young leaders of tomorrow and a reflection of the values we strive to uphold in our neighborhoods."

The presentation ceremony will serve as a tribute not only to Dyllion's achievements, but also to the enduring partnership between MetroWest and Edgewood Ranch – working together to build safer, stronger, and more compassionate communities.

Congratulations to MetroWest and Westpointe Elementary Teachers of the Year!

Teacher of the Year recognizes and honors the contributions of outstanding



Joshua Guyatt



Empress Jordan

classroom teachers who demonstrate a superior capacity to inspire a love of learning in students of all backgrounds and abilities. MetroWest Master Association congratulates MetroWest Elementary Teacher of the Year Joshua Guyatt and Westpointe Elementary Teacher of the Year Empress Jordan.

Joshua Guyatt shared his motivation to become a teacher. Joshua has taught at MetroWest Elementary for 10 years, this

year focusing on Reading, Writing and Social Studies.

A motivated student when he was in school, Joshua remembers beginning to get the learning bug as early as first grade, describing it as "infectious!"

"I had some pretty amazing teachers throughout my K-12 experience that instilled this desire to always try my best and made learning fun" he explains. "I then began teaching color guard at my high school after graduation and the experience of teaching something that I was passionate about guided me to focus on education as my career."

Joshua says that his time at MetroWest has allowed him to live out his love of teaching daily.

"I've had the privilege of building strong relationships with my students and families, even getting to teach some students for two years or teaching multiple children from the same family," he says. "That relationship starts by building my classroom environment where students feel welcome, valued and supported."

MetroWest Elementary Support Person of the Year Dalyane Rose Franca de Oliveira

Westpointe Elementary Support Person of the Year Daniella Sirino Palin.

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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.



Be Ready: 2025 Hurricane Season Preparedness Guide

As we enter the 2025 Atlantic hurricane season, which officially runs from June 1 through Nov. 30, now is the time to ensure your household and community are ready. The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) predicts another above-average season, making early preparedness more important than ever.

1. Make a Plan

- Know your evacuation zone. Visit your county's emergency management website to check if you live in an evacuation area.
- Plan multiple routes and identify where you will go (friend's home, hotel or shelter).
- Include your pets in evacuation planning – many shelters require pet pre-registration.



2. Build or Refresh Your Emergency Kit

Prepare a hurricane supply kit with enough supplies to last at least 7 days. Essentials include:

- Water (1 gallon per person per day)
- Non-perishable food and a manual can opener
- Flashlights and extra batteries
- First aid kit and prescription medications
- Cell phone charger and backup battery
- Important documents in a waterproof container
- Cash (ATMs may be down after a storm)

3. Protect Your Home

- Check your roof, windows, and doors for vulnerabilities.
- Install or maintain storm shutters or have plywood ready to board up windows.
- Clear gutters and drains; trim weak tree branches.
- Know how to safely shut off utilities like gas, water and electricity.

4. Stay Connected

- Sign up for local emergency alerts from your city or county.
- Monitor trusted sources like NOAA Weather Radio, National Hurricane Center, and local news outlets.
- Follow your HOA or property management on social media for timely community updates.

5. After the Storm

- Avoid downed power lines and flooded areas.
- Check on neighbors, especially seniors or those with disabilities.
- Document any property damage with photos for insurance claims.
- Be cautious of scams during recovery – only work with licensed contractors.

Helpful Resources

- Florida Division of Emergency Management: www.floridadisaster.org
- FEMA Hurricane Prep: www.ready.gov/hurricanes
- National Hurricane Center: www.nhc.noaa.gov

For more information or local updates, visit www.metrowestcommunity.com or contact the MetroWest Management Office at 407-601-5995 or mwma.asstmgr@gmail.com.



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Bubble Brothers Opens

Bubble Brothers Car Wash at 916 S. Kirkman Rd. recently celebrated their grand opening with MWMA and Public Safety representatives and City Commissioner Shan Rose in attendance.



Aldi Expects Mid-July Opening

The Aldi that is taking over the former Winn Dixie space is now projected to open in mid-July.



Publix Moves Up Reopening Date

The Publix at MetroWest Village Station has announced a new reopening date of Thursday Sept. 25, three weeks earlier than the previously announced date of Oct. 16.



24 Hour Fitness Now Crunch Fitness

Crunch Fitness has acquired nine 24 Hour Fitness gyms in Florida, including the location in MetroWest at 1100 Resource Ave. Newly renamed Crunch Kirkman, the gym has undergone a \$1.5 million renovation and boasts brand new equipment. For more information, visit: www.crunch.com/locations/kirkman.

