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Screen on the Green: April 4, 8:00 p.m.,  
Maitland Middle School Soccer Field

The next Screen on the Green movie is Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day. Bring your chairs and blankets to the Maitland Middle School Soccer Field on Saturday, April 4, and we will bring you the stars and free popcorn. The show begins at 8:00 p.m.

Leisure Services Seeks Focus Group Participants  
For a Needs Assessment

The City of Maitland Leisure Services Department invites residents, partner agency representatives, business community representatives, and parks users to participate in a focus group about Maitland's recreational facilities, services, and programs.

- Focus group participants will be asked to assess the extent to which Maitland's recreational facilities and services meet the needs of the community. Similarly, participants also will be asked to comment on the community's perception of needs for future facilities, amenities, services, and programs.
- Call 407-539-6247 to sign up for a focus group session.

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## Railroad Crossing Traffic Enforcement

In an effort to increase driver awareness in regards to vehicles driving near or around railroad crossings, the Maitland Police Department will be conducting extra traffic enforcement at the various railroad crossings and intersections throughout the city from March 30 through April 30. This enforcement is to help educate drivers to the dangers of not complying with State of Florida laws regarding railroad crossings and to enforce those existing laws.

Due to the increased frequency of trains traveling through the city, to include SunRail, the City of Maitland suggests drivers use alternate routes of travel, where some of these roads have been improved to handle the extra traffic. For example, vehicles traveling from Maitland Boulevard can exit onto US Highway 17-92 where drivers have an expanded roadway and extra lanes to allow more freedom of travel without ever crossing over railroad crossings at busy intersections.

The Maitland Police Department encourages everyone to adhere to the laws regarding vehicles and railroad crossings and is asking drivers to have a heightened sense of awareness when approaching all railroad crossings.

### Driving Safety Tips:

- Trains and cars don't mix. Never race a train to the crossing - even if you tie, you lose.
- The train you see is closer and faster-moving than you think. If you see a train approaching, wait for it to go by before you proceed across the tracks.
- Be aware that trains cannot stop quickly. Even if the locomotive engineer sees you, a freight train moving at 55 miles per hour can take a mile or more to stop once the emergency brakes are applied. That's 18 football fields!
- Never drive around lowered gates - it's illegal and deadly. If you suspect a signal is malfunctioning, call the 1-800 number posted on or near the crossing signal or contact your local law enforcement agency.
- Do not get trapped on the tracks; proceed through a highway-rail grade crossing only if you are sure you can completely clear the crossing without stopping. Remember, the train is three feet wider than the tracks on both sides.
- If your vehicle ever stalls on a track with a train coming, get out immediately and move quickly away from the tracks in the direction from which the train is coming. If you run in the same direction the train is traveling, when the train hits your car you

could be injured by flying debris. Call your local law enforcement agency for assistance.

- At a multiple track crossing waiting for a train to pass, watch out for a second train on the other tracks, approaching from either direction.
- When you need to cross train tracks, go to a designated crossing, look both ways, and cross the tracks quickly, without stopping. Remember it isn't safe to stop closer than 15 feet from a rail.

## City Business

The City Council met at 6:30 p.m. on March 23 in the Council Chambers. The next meeting and inauguration of Mayor-Elect McDonald is April 13.

[View the March 23 Meeting Agenda](#)

[Listen to the March 23 Meeting](#)

[View the March 9 Minutes](#)

## The Week Ahead, MAR 27 - APR 4

Sunday, March 29

- Visit the Maitland Farmers' Market at Lake Lily Park anytime from 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Wednesday, April 1

- Ed Thralls of the Orange County Extension Office will talk about growing peppers at home from 2:00 - 3:30 p.m. at Maitland Community Park. Call 407-539-0042 to reserve your spot for this free class.
- PRAB meets at 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, April 2

- P&Z meets at 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, April 4

- The April Screen on the Green movie is Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day. Venue: Maitland Middle School Soccer Field. Showtime: 8:00 p.m.

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