

Hello, Neighbor!

Maitland Express is a new bimonthly publication that will communicate news and events of the City to residents. It is intended to meet a need identified by residents for improved communication from the City. We welcome your feedback or ideas to improve your reader experience.



To assist motorists and provide a greater margin of safety at the City's railroad crossings, signs have been posted, such as the "Do Not Stop on Tracks" sign (above) at this intersection of Maitland and Horatio Avenues. The Florida Highway Patrol, under contract with SunRail, has patrolled railroad crossings during the month of June in Maitland and other communities. SunRail officials will re-evaluate the program and determine whether to boost FHP patrols at crossings.

THINGS TO DO IN MAITLAND'S CULTURAL CORRIDOR

Art & History Museums-Maitland

Ladies Art Lounge

AUG 1, 6:00 p.m.
Learn about bookbinding with Whitney Broadway.
A&H's Maitland Art Center
\$20 for members and \$25 for non-members

Summer Concert Series

AUG 8, 7:00 p.m.
SEP 12, 7:00 p.m.
Bring a blanket and enjoy musical entertainment provided by the [Performing Arts of Maitland](#).
A&H's Main Garden
Admission is by donation

Family Days at the Museum

AUG 16, 1:00 p.m.
SEP 20, 1:00 p.m.
Participate in hands-on activities for the family at A&H's Maitland Art Center (AUG 16) and Carpentry Shop (SEP 20). Free with museum admission.

Maitland Public Library

End of Summer Party

AUG 9, 2:00 p.m.
Celebrate the end of summer with snacks, games, and activities.
Maitland Public Library
Free

Farmers' Market

City of Maitland Farmers' Market

SUNDAYS, 9:00 a.m.
The City of Maitland's Farmers' Market features over 30 local vendors and musical talent provided by the [Performing Arts of Maitland](#).
Lake Lily
Free

For more information related to these cultural corridor events, please visit:

- artandhistory.org
- maitlandpubliclibrary.org
- pamaitland.org

A RAIL SAFETY MESSAGE

From Mayor Howard A. Schieferdecker

In the United States, a person or car is struck by a train every three hours. Two recent incidents involved SunRail trains striking a vehicular trailer and a car at railroad crossings in Longwood and Maitland. One driver sustained minor injuries.



SunRail trains with two or three passenger cars weigh in at 530,000 and 654,000 pounds, respectively, and can take as much as an entire half mile to come to a full and complete stop. The average car, on the other hand, is a mere 3,500 pounds. Even though the speed limit for SunRail trains around crossings is 35 to 40 miles per hour, if a train and car were to come into contact, the ratio of a car to a train is proportional to that of a soda can to a car. Such an incident will almost always have a devastating effect on the car.

Given SunRail's frequency and size of the trains in relation to cars, it is imperative that drivers exercise caution and good judgment near all railroad crossings. Alexandria, Virginia-based Operation Lifesaver recommends motorists to:

- Avoid all distractions such as texting.
- Heed all railroad crossing signage.
- Stop 25 feet from a railroad crossing.
- Expect a train, even if the crossing arms remain in their upright position or there is no train whistle.
- Never try to beat a train to a railroad crossing. Trains are faster than cars.
- Never weave around the crossing arms as they descend from a vertical to a horizontal position. It takes trains only 20 seconds to arrive at a crossing after the arms begin descending to a 90-degree position.
- Look for another train if there are multiple tracks.
- Proceed through a railroad crossing if and only if the car can clear the crossing without stopping on the tracks.

In addition to freight and Amtrak trains passing through Maitland, SunRail runs 34 times a day along this commuter-rail corridor.

It is important that all automobile drivers and passengers arrive at their destination safely. Take the time to learn about safe practices when approaching train tracks – be careful and drive safely! For more information about rail safety, please visit Operation Lifesaver's website at <http://oli.org>.

PUBLIC WORKS

Pipeline

High Profile Projects Underway This Quarter

The City of Maitland Public Works Department continues to work hard for its residents. The following docket notes completed projects and projects in the pipeline.

COMPLETED PROJECTS:



Fort Maitland Boat Ramp is open to the public.



Traffic stop-light mast arms have been installed at the Horatio Avenue and U.S. 17-92 intersection. Mast arm signals can endure inclement weather and improve the City's appearance.

IN THE PIPELINE:



Mast arm installation is scheduled for two intersections at Packwood and Park Avenues this summer.



Police Boathouse at Fort Maitland. The boathouse will streamline police response times to reported incidents.



Pedestrian and bicycle access to Maitland's SunRail station. An engineer is developing plans for a boardwalk to the Greenwood Gardens Subdivision.



Replacement of Lift Station #2 in the Oaks Subdivision on Dommerich Drive. Construction to replace the critical 51-year-old lift station began in July. Public Works will work to minimize traffic disruptions on this road.



Old Horatio Covered Bridge Roof Replacement. Construction is slated to begin this summer.

MAITLAND
A COMMUNITY FOR LIFE

Serve on a Board or Commission

The City of Maitland is seeking Maitland resident volunteers to serve on its boards and commission. Boards meet regularly and provide valuable input and recommendations to the City Council. Visit www.itsmymaitland.com for more information. Submit an application today!

Learn Self-Defense Techniques

Ladies, want to learn self-defense techniques? The City of Maitland Leisure Services Department and the Maitland Police Department are hosting two free S.A.F.E. classes on Aug. 20 and Sept. 17 from 6-8 p.m. S.A.F.E. courses are open to all women, ages 18 and older, interested in learning about self-defense. The classes meet at the Maitland Community Park. Call 407-539-0042 to register.

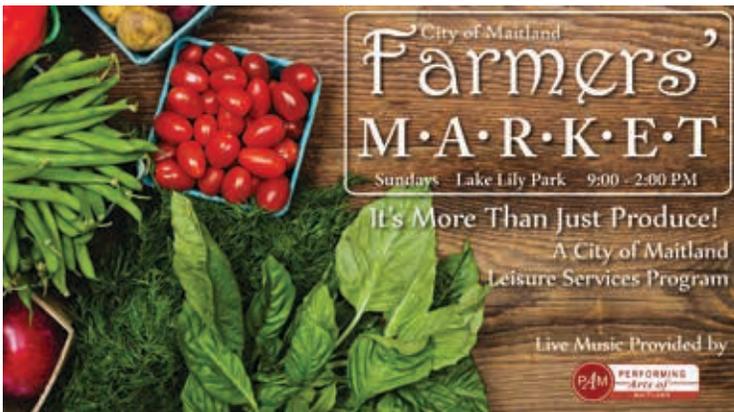
Developed in 2000, S.A.F.E. stands for "Self-Defense Awareness and Familiarization Exchange." Miami Beach-based National Self-Defense Institute, creator of S.A.F.E., has served 45,000 women in 33 states.

Check Online for City Updates

Stay up-to-date on Maitland news, community events, meeting agendas, program schedules, traffic advisories, and more between issues of Maitland Express.



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Mayor/Council
City Manager
Assistant City Manager
City Clerk
Comm. Development
Building Division

For Emergencies, Please Call 911.

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407-539-6220
407-539-6221
407-539-6219
407-539-6212
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Utility Billing/Sanitation
Fire Administration
Police: Non-Emergency
Public Works
Lakes Management
Leisure Services
Parks

For More Information Visit www.itsmymaitland.com

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Performing Arts of Maitland
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