



THORNTON PARK NEWS

Neighborhood Newsletter

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A TASTE OF THORNTON PARK RETURNS

The 21st annual “A Taste of Thornton Park” is set for Thursday, October 20, from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. on Washington Street around the Four Rivers Fountain, which was originally financed by the event.

The evening is the annual fundraiser for the Thornton Park Neighborhood Association, and will again be sponsored by the Thornton Park District along with the Downtown Development Board. Proceeds allow the TPNA to pay for projects including fountain upkeep, quarterly newsletters, holiday luminaries, Easter egg hunt, socials

For \$40, guests can sample unlimited tastes and drinks from neighborhood businesses who donate their products and time for the event. A DJ will provide music and entertainment.

In 2020, organizers purchased gift cards from former participating businesses and resold them, with all profits going to support neighborhood businesses.



Last year, Thornton Park promoted neighborhood businesses with posters, banners and social media posts that highlighted past participants.

Visit ThorntonPark.org to purchase tickets before they go up to \$50 at the door. To participate, call Leo Hunt at 407-448-0859.

EVERYBODY'S BUSINESS

The Classic Thornton Park replaces Mason Jar

Taking the place of Mason Jar Provisions, which closed in June, will be a new concept called The Classic Thornton Park. Owner Brian Minkel, long associated with Burtons and resident of Thornton Park, plans to open in late August. The restaurant attached to Burton's Bar will serve classic bar and comfort food with rotating specials.

Benjamin's French Bakery has new owner

You may have noticed a small remodel of Benjamin's. That's because it's under new ownership. John Penington purchased the bakery and café in October 2021 from the French family from Bordeaux, who after nine years, were ready to do some traveling. The menu has remained largely the same with the addition of a few more pastries such as Danishes and cinnamon rolls. Penington said he would eventually like to add charcuterie boards and light appetizers for wine after work happy hours, and to stay open longer on weekends once he gets more staff.

LillyRose VC Bakery & More

The Veranda's 111 N Summerlin location has a new tenant—LillyRose VC Bakery & More. The shop makes both sweet and savory vegan items from cookies to cakes, and pasta to chili. Sherene Smith has owned the business for three years and is a certified Health & Wellness Coach and Plant Based Chef.

Zero Orlando

Also at the Veranda, 115 N Summerlin is now home to Zero Orlando, a curated general store and refillery with vegan, plastic-free, and sustainable items. Visit zero-orlando.com for store hours.



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VC BAKERY & MORE

EVENTS

- ❖ **Thornton Park Neighborhood Association Meeting**
Tues, Aug 9, 7-8pm,
Mayor Langford Park Ctr, Zoom:
us02web.zoom.us/j/84697524218
- ❖ **Neighborhood Clean-Up**
Sat, Aug 13, 9am, Island Time
- ❖ **TPNA August Social & POOL Party**
Sunday, Aug 28, 1-4pm, Veranda
- ❖ **Gardening & Beautification Comm.**
Tues, Sept 20, 7-8pm, Graffiti
Junktion
- ❖ **National Night Out Block Party**
Tues, Oct 4, 5-9pm, James Avenue
- ❖ **Fall Plant Exchange**
Sat, Nov 19, 10am-noon, 30 James
Avenue (Leo & Jamie's driveway)

SUMMER 2022 YARD OF THE SEASON

The TPNA Gardening & Beautification Committee has selected their 2022 Summer Yard of the season at 819 E. Pine Street.

A cute white picket fence surrounds the corner lot and is reflected in the porch railings, too. A very large Hawaiian ti plant greets visitors next to the porch stairs, and cheerful blue evolvulus, or dwarf morning glories, line the sidewalks.

A bed of small purple Mexican Heather fills in the corner of the yard shaded by a Japanese blueberry tree. Bees buzz around the bottlebrush bush on the corner of the newly extended porch, and colorful annual-filled pots extend the garden up onto the porch.

Winter-blooming white azaleas form a hedge below the porch, with several layers and textures of plants below them. Hibiscus punctuates the side yard with disks of red, offering pretty views from both Pine Street and Hyer Avenue.



I was walking down Thornton Avenue the other day, when a car came racing down the hill and scared the living daylights out of me!

My, how fast some drivers drive on our streets! I would hope that all of our neighbors drive slowly and courteously when

going through residential areas. I see pets on my walks all the time and sometimes my grandchildren walk with me. Some drivers even miss the corners on Thornton and Brown—it worries me so!

But, I have to admit, I sometimes have a lead foot myself in my Buick sedan, so when I drive through other neighborhoods, I slow down, knowing what it is like to have speeders racing through my neighborhood. I hope you remember that, too!

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT BLOCK PARTY SET FOR OCT 4



Thornton Park will once again be participating in the National Night Out, Tuesday, October 4, starting at 5 pm on James Ave. The theme this year is "Giving Crime and Drugs a Going Away Party." The TPNA will be providing free hot dogs, hamburgers, water and soda. Please bring a side dish or dessert. Entertainment will be provided, so bring a chair.

OPD usually makes an appearance and has brought police horses and their K9 unit in the past, so bring the kids!

POOL PARTY, AUGUST 28, @ VERANDA

The Thornton Park Social Committee is hosting a POOL PARTY at the Veranda on Sunday, August 28, from 1 to 4 p.m.

The party will be BYOB with water and snacks provided. Felicia from the Veranda will also be hosting the weekly Vegan Market—just come on through to the back, where you'll see the entrance to their pool in the rear of the Veranda Airbnb.

SIGN REPLACED. AGAIN.

After being driven into by a drunk driver heading south on Mills back in January, our neighborhood sign has been reinstalled again. Thanks to the City of Orlando for rebuilding the brick columns and reattaching the sign, which went unscathed.

The City also plans to build a taller curb to thwart runaway vehicles from jumping the curb. (Photo by Wayne Johnson)



PETS IN THE PARK

David and Janice on Pine Street have two dogs, Papi (not pictured) and Sunny, seen here at the 808 with David.

Papi is jealous!

