



THORNTON PARK NEWS

Neighborhood Newsletter

Summer 2025

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QUARTERLY TRASH PICK-UPS HELP KEEP THORNTON PARK CLEAN

The quarterly trash pick-ups have been helping keep Thornton Park clean for several years now! Held the Saturday after our Neighborhood Association meetings, volunteers meet at Kaleidoscope at 9am and fan out for one hour with gloves and bags, sometimes having a drink or breakfast afterwards. On May 17, the group picked up 91.8 pounds! The next clean-up will be Saturday, August 16, 9-10am.



EVERYBODY'S BUSINESS

June has opened

The new restaurant, June, has opened in the former Graffiti Junktion at 700 E. Washington St. The wood-fired contemporary Mexican restaurant is owned by Team Market Group, the local group behind Primrose Lanes, The Wellborn, Mathers Social Gathering and Alfie's HiFi. The menu is seed oil-free, avoids refined sugars and has a gluten-free focus. Co-owner Daniel Mawardi said, "We chose this location because we felt there was a real need for what we're offering. The opportunity aligned perfectly with our vision, and the timing just made sense. We're committed to staying true to our vision and becoming a long-standing part of the community. Coming soon: a vibrant happy hour and a fresh, thoughtful brunch service!"

Kaleidoscope Kommons Event Space

Kaleidoscope owner Felicia Vestal has launched a new event space called Kaleidoscope Kommons. "If you know me, you know events have been in my soul since day one. From planning my first gatherings at a young age to going to school for hospitality, curating memorable experiences has always been a part of who I am. I've always believed in the magic of moments—the laughter, the vibe, the people," wrote Vestal on [Instagram](https://www.instagram.com). "The space is an extension of Kaleidoscope designed to bring people together with unforgettable events, colorful community moments, and creative freedom. Whether it's pop-ups, private parties, workshops, or wild ideas that haven't been done yet — I'm here for it."

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EVENTS

- ❖ **Back to School Bash**
Sat, Aug 9, 10am-3pm, [Clean & Classy Barbershop](#)
- ❖ **Neighborhood Association Mtg**
Tues, Aug 12, 7-8pm,
Mayor Langford Park Ctr & Zoom:
us02web.zoom.us/j/88931925028
- ❖ **TPD Wine & Art Walk**
Thurs, Aug 14, 6:30-9:30pm
- ❖ **Neighborhood Clean-Up**
Sat, Aug 16, 9-10am, Kaleidoscope
- ❖ **Gardening & Beautification Comm.**
Thurs, Sept 18, 8-8:30pm, ZOOM
- ❖ **National Night Out**
Tues, Oct 7, 7-8pm, Kaleidoscope
- ❖ **Taste of Thornton Park**
Thurs, Nov 6, 6:30-9:30pm,
E. Washington St. around fountain

WALKING TOURS HELD

May was a busy month in Thornton Park. On May 3, Logan Lamphere conducted the inaugural Jane Jacobs Day Urbanist Walking Tour. Nearly 40 people participated!

May 10 saw a Historic Walking Tour of the Lake Lawsona Historic District, as part of the City's 150 anniversary celebration. Organizers hope to hold both events annually.



SUMMER 2025 YARD OF THE SEASON



Summer is officially here, and the Thornton Park Summer 2025 Yard of the Season has been awarded to 1111 E. Washington Street! Sandy does all the work himself, manicuring the grass lawn which is framed by a giant elephant ears and giant birds of paradise on one side, and a nice paved driveway on the other. Clusia rosea, AKA autograph tree, lines the porch and a pink crepe myrtle stands next to the bungalow. A hydrangea adds seasonal color. Stately potted peace lilies stand guard on the front steps. Enjoy!

SPIRIT OF THE SEASON: 4TH OF JULY

The 4th of July Spirit of the Season Award was given to 5 Hill Avenue for their patriotic decorating. The next Spirit of the Season will be for Halloween!



ORLANDO AT 150

This year is [Orlando's 150th anniversary](#)! Show your city pride with the new City of Orlando flag, or maybe Orlando City Soccer, UCF, the Magic or Solar Bears! Orlando Flags can be purchased at [Flag World](#) in



College Park.

EVERYBODY'S BUSINESS Outpost has opened

The Outpost Neighborhood Tavern has opened. Located in the former Persimmon Hollow Brewery at 227 N. Eola Drive, the restaurant is below the EO Inn across from Lake Eola Park. Run by Island Time's owner Devon Tillman, the new, larger location will continue to feature the popular drag brunch with Southern comfort food, cold beer, and plenty of space to catch the game. It is home to the Out Sports League.

MEET YOUR PUBLIC OFFICIALS

Our sister organization, the Thornton Park Main Street District, has hired a new Executive Director, Robert Soviero. After nearly 13 years former Director Lisa Cuatt took a new role as Orlando Main Street Coordinator in February (she still lives in Thornton Park!)

"It has been quite the journey all these years and I am so proud of what the Thornton Park District has accomplished," wrote Cuatt in a message to neighbors and TPD members. "I would like to give a big shout out to all the Business Owners, Residents, Employees etc., who have volunteered to be part of a committee, work events, and taken time out of their busy schedules to make their neighborhood shine!"

Soviero, who has a background in events, communications and marketing, has previous experience as the executive director of the Milk District from 2016 to 2018. He said that new flower pots and streetscaping are in the works along with new events. Soviero invite residents to join TPD committees.



Robert Soviero, Thornton Park District Executive Director

SUPPORT OUR SPONSORS

The following businesses support our fundraiser: "A Taste of Thornton Park"

- Keller Williams Realty at The Parks
- Animal Medical Clinic
- Ten10 Brewing Co
- Roque Pub
- The Classic
- Anthony's
- The Community Paper
- Kaleidoscope
- The Veranda
- Great Harvest Bakery
- JINYA Ramen Bar
- RareTea
- Orange Blossom Brewery
- Delaney's Tavern
- The Escobar Kitchen
- Burton's
- Cavo's Bar & Kitchen
- Zymarium Meadery
- Olde Town Brokers
- Eola Wine Co
- The Stubborn Mule
- The Broken Cage
- RusTeak
- The Falcon Gallery
- World of Beer
- Vamp Hair Studio
- Jeremiah's Italian Ice
- F&D Cantina
- Bites & Bubbles
- Wellness Concierge
- Benjamin's Bakery
- Maxine's on Shine
- Aku Aku
- Outpost Neigh. Tavern
- The Drake Kitchen-Bar
- Alien Treats

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