



THORNTON PARK NEWS

Neighborhood Newsletter

Fall 2025

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A TASTE OF THORNTON PARK IS NOV 6

The **24th Annual** "Taste of Thornton Park" will be Thursday, November 6, from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., around the Four Rivers Fountain on Washington Street. This event is the only fundraiser for the Thornton Park Neighborhood Association, keeping us dues-free. Proceeds go towards fountain and sign maintenance and our many activities. Sponsored by:

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EVERYBODY'S BUSINESS

Solai Coffee opens at Kaleidoscope

Kaleidoscope is now home to fresh farm-to-table Kenyan coffee! Peter Kuria, owner of Solai Coffee, is from Nakuru County, Kenya, near the equator where the soil and elevation of 6200' is perfect for growing tea and coffee. Peter and his family grow and harvest the coffee and which is exported to Orlando where you can taste it freshly brewed at Kaleidoscope on Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays from 8am to 2pm.



Osteria Ester

A new restaurant, Osteria Ester, will be opening soon in the former SoCo at 629 E. Central Blvd. The Italian-American restaurant will be helmed by James Beardall Finalist Chef Michael Cooper from The Osprey in Baldwin Park. Good Salt Restaurant Group General Manager Danny Delaney is from Reyes Mezcaleria. It will feature Italian-American comfort food like fresh pasta and house-baked focaccia.

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EVENTS

- ❖ **Taste of Thornton Park**
Thurs, Nov 6, 6:30-9:30pm,
E. Washington St. around fountain
- ❖ **Neighborhood Association Mtg**
Tues, Nov 11, 7-8pm,
Mayor Langford Park Ctr & Zoom:
us02web.zoom.us/j/85348097708
- ❖ **TPD Wine & Art Walk**
Thurs, Nov 13, 6:30-9:30pm
- ❖ **Neighborhood Clean-Up**
Sat, Nov 15, 9-10am, Kaleidoscope
- ❖ **Plant Exchange**
Sat, Nov 22, 10am-noon, Leo & Jamie's driveway, 40 James Ave
- ❖ **Gardening & Beautification Comm.**
Wed, Dec 17, 7-8pm, Reindeer Rm
- ❖ **Holiday Luminaries**
Sat, Dec 20, neighborhood-wide

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT HELD AT KALEIDOSCOPE

Thornton Park held their annual National Night Out on October 7 at Kaleidoscope, who donated the space. We had a great turnout with some nice weather! The National Night Out is a national program created to bring communities together and raise awareness on crime prevention. Representatives from the Orlando Police Department attended, as did City Commissioner Patty Sheehan. Thank you Leo and Jamie for grilling!



Pictured are Officer Eddie Rosado, Commissioner Patty Sheehan, Leo Hunt, Logan Lamphere, and Bill Stevens (City of Orlando).

FALL 2025 YARD OF THE SEASON



Congratulations to 110 James Avenue, the 2025 Fall Yard of the Season! This tidy yard has well-kept Asiatic jasmine near the curb, a Zen-like fountain, stone path, giant mondo grass, and blooming coleus. Potted green plants on the porch cascade over the pink porch walls, bringing the garden up to the porch. A live oak in front shades the whole arrangement, and a small purple tibouchina tree provides mid-level shade and seasonal color.

SPIRIT OF THE SEASON: HALLOWEEN 2025

The Halloween Spirit of the Season Award was given to 917 E Jefferson for their great circus theming! Thanks to all the neighbors who decorated! The next Spirit of the Season will be Christmas.



ANNUAL PLANT EXCHANGE—NOVEMBER 22



The annual plant exchange is on Saturday, November 22, from 10am to noon at 30 James Avenue (Leo's driveway). Bring indoor or outdoor plants, seeds, cuttings, natives, exotics, pots, fertilizer, books, tools, etc. We'll have plenty to share!

EVERYBODY'S BUSINESS (CONTINUED)

btone FITNESS

A new fitness studio is coming to 625 E. Central Blvd. This will be the first Florida location for the Massachusetts-based franchise specializing in Pilates and strength training. It features 45-minute full-body workouts. Opening this winter.

MEET YOUR PUBLIC OFFICIALS

Stephanie Vanos was elected to the Orange County Public School Board last year to represent us in District 6. Stephanie graduated magna cum laude from Northwestern University and earned her law degree from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.



Stephanie Vanos, Orange County Public School Board District 6 Rep

She actively volunteered at her daughters' schools and served on multiple School Advisory Councils. In 2021, she helped lead a statewide public education caucus that advocated for pro-public education bills in the legislature and helped to build a grassroots pro-public education coalition across the state. She is also a Trustee for the Track Shack Youth Foundation and lives near Thornton Park.

SUPPORT OUR SPONSORS

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

- Aku Aku
- Alpine Bar & Grill
- Animal Medical Clinic
- Anthony's Thornton Park
- Benjamin's French Bakery & Café
- Burton's
- Capital Realty Group
- Cavo's Bar & Kitchen
- Downtown Development Board
- Eola Pets
- Eola Wine Co.
- F&D Cantina
- Flower Girl Green House
- Great Harvest Bakery & Café
- JINYA Ramen Bar
- Kaleidoscope Thornton Park
- Keller Williams Realty at The Parks
- Maxine's on Shine
- Olde Town Brokers
- Orange Blossom Brewing Co.
- Outpost Neighborhood Tavern
- Red Scarlet Salon
- Roque Pub
- Ten10 Brewing Co.
- The Classic Thornton Park
- The Commission
- The Falcon Bar & Gallery
- The Reindeer Room
- Thornton Park District
- Vamp Hair Studio
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