



THORNTON PARK NEWS

Neighborhood Newsletter

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THORNTON & CENTRAL UTILITY BOX MURAL

Many thanks to neighbor and artist KC Cali and the Gardening & Beautification Committee for organizing and painting the utility box at the corner of Thornton & Central!

When coming up with an idea, we thought of the many pets and flower-filled yards in Thornton Park. So, KC created a mural that acted as a paint-by-numbers that allowed about 15 volunteers to help paint.

We tried to represent every breed of dog (and Lulu!) we commonly see, so you may see your pet represented!



EVERYBODY'S BUSINESS

Kaleidoscope replaces Garden Bistro

Garden Bistro (formerly known as Island Time) at 712 E. Washington Street has been replaced by a new restaurant called Kaleidoscope. Garden Bistro's owner Devon Tillman said that he does not yet know if he will reopen Garden Bistro in another location or create a new concept. The building was leased with the intent to buy on July 1 by Felicia Vestal, manager of The Veranda event venue across the street, and herself a long-time fixture in Thornton Park. Kaleidoscope will be open seven days a week, serving breakfast, lunch and dinner.



Lake Eola Psychic “Readings by Tina” has

moved into 818 E. Washington Street. As the Lake Eola Psychic, she has participated in several pop-ups, but now has a permanent home.

Graffiti Junktion to be replaced by “June” After 15 years, the original Graffiti Junktion (moved from 700 E. Washington) will be replaced by Yucatán-themed “June” restaurant, by Team Market Group. With an Asian tint, June plans to open by the end of 2024.

EVENTS

- ❖ **Neighborhood Association Mtg**
Tues, Aug 13, 7-8pm,
Mayor Langford Park Ctr & Zoom:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82658059628>
- ❖ **Neighborhood Clean-Up**
Sat, Aug 17, 9am, Kaleidoscope
- ❖ **Social—Pool Party at Veranda!**
Thurs, Aug 29, 5-8pm
- ❖ **Gardening & Beautification Comm.**
Wed, Sept 18, 7-8pm,
Jack & Honey's
- ❖ **Historic Committee**
Wed, Oct 16, 7-8pm, Cavo's
- ❖ **National Night Out**
Tues, Oct 1, 5-8pm, The Veranda
- ❖ **Taste of Thornton Park**
Thurs, Nov 7, 6:30-9:30pm

SOCIALS GET ACTIVE

The Thornton Park Social Committee has been hosting some fun activities this year. In addition to mixers at our local bars and restaurants, Social Committee Chair Rachel Strohm has organized a paint & sip at The Nursery Project's new location on Summerlin, and a candle pouring session at Artifact Candle Foundry. Watch for future mixers, dog walks, and other opportunities to meet your neighbors! Thanks Rachel!



SUMMER 2024 YARD OF THE SEASON



We've had our eye on this yard for a long time. 910 E. Washington Street has converted their yard to almost all native plants—and it looks great! Heather has been converting this yard for several years (she also owns adjoining 908 E Washington St.). She credits David Schroder from Evolving Landscapes, and property manager Aimee Jordan. A wide variety of flowering plants, grasses, shrubs, and small trees make up this ever-changing kaleidoscope of color. A small red bud shades the American beautyberry, coonties, firebush and scorpion's tail bushes underneath. Tall, purple blazing stars (liatris) stand guard near the curb over yellow ground peanuts, one of the few non-native, but Florida-friendly plants. Sunshine mimosa purple puffs, black-eyed susans and spiderworts dot the landscape. A shallow depression acts as a rain garden, catching runoff. No mowing is needed!

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT PARTY OCT 1

Thornton Park will once again be participating in the National Night Out, Tuesday, October 1, starting at 5pm at the Veranda. The 41st annual National Night Out is a program created to bring communities together and raise awareness on crime prevention. The TPNA will provide free hot dogs, hamburgers, water and soda. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share. 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!



The 23rd Annual "Taste of Thornton Park" will be Thursday, November 7, 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. Buy tickets now:



SUPPORT OUR SPONSORS

The following businesses, Downtown Development Board, and TPD support our fundraiser: "A Taste of Thornton Park"

- Maxine's on Shine
- The Falcon
- Jinya Ramen Bar
- RareTea
- Anthony's of Thornton Park
- Olde Town Brokers
- Ten10 Brewing Co.
- The Veranda
- Stubborn Mule
- Animal Medical Clinic of Orlando
- Burton's
- The Classic
- Cavo's Bar & Kitchen
- Vamp
- Orange Blossom Brewing
- Benjamin's French Bakery
- The Community Paper
- Thornton Park Main Street District
- Keller Williams Realty at The Parks
- Eola Wine
- Art Infinitum
- RusTeak
- The Broken Cage
- Jack & Honey's
- Cannabis Consultants

SCHOOL BOARD & PRIMARY ELECTION

Remember to vote for School Board and the Florida Primary on **August 20**. Several positions will be determined during this election, so don't skip it. For most of Thornton Park, 1st Unitarian Church on Robinson is our Election Day location.

Early voting is August 5-18, 9am-7pm. Our closest location is the Marks Street Senior Center.

STAY IN TOUCH

The TPNA sends out communications multiple ways: email, facebook.com/ThorntonParkNeighborhoodAssociation, Instagram [@ThorntonParkNeighborhoodAssoc](https://www.instagram.com/ThorntonParkNeighborhoodAssoc), [Nextdoor.com](https://www.nextdoor.com), and [ThorntonPark.org](https://thorntonpark.org), along with this paper newsletter.

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