



THORNTON PARK NEWS

Neighborhood Newsletter

Winter 2025

SUMMERLIN AVENUE WORK TO BEGIN

The big utility project to replace the nearly 100-year-old water lines under Summerlin Avenue that have caused potholes over the years has finally begun. The road will be closed one block at a time during construction to minimize impacts. The OUC and City of Orlando modernization project involves the removal and replacement of existing water mains, valves, and the addition of new fire hydrants to bolster safety measures. The gravity-fed sewers along Summerlin Avenue will be replaced, lined and have point repairs, along with upgraded manholes and sewer laterals. A proper road base will be built with the surface bricks reset. Work is slated to run from 7am through 5pm Mondays through Fridays with some weekend or night work. The Robinson & Summerlin intersection is closed for the first 90 days.

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EVERYBODY'S BUSINESS

Alien Treats

Jeremy Fradin recently opened [Alien Treats](#), a new dessert shop located at 101 S. Eola Dr. unit 105. They're an alien-themed milkshake bar that offers a delightful array of hand-crafted milkshakes, soft serve ice cream and freeze-dried candy, all in a family- and dog-friendly environment. The store also features a free arcade area with classic games, air hockey and various alien-themed table games.



Flower Girl Greenhouse

[Flower Girl Greenhouse](#) at 110 Hill Ave. is a type of marijuana dispensary where customers 21 and over do not need a medical marijuana card. Emma and Lily, two sisters driven by personal hardships, teamed up with their mother, who was battling a serious illness, to create a legal product with THC less than 0.3% of Delta 9 THC and THCA.

Apiphany: Artistry, Design, Culture

Adrian Harrison opened a combination art gallery, design studio and pop-up florist at 840 E. Washington Street. Harrison uses the rear of the unit as flex office space. Business partner Miss Maria is running a pop-up florist for Valentine's Day, Mother's Day and others.



New mural of Lulu at The Falcon by Sabrina Shumaker

EVENTS

- ❖ **Neighborhood Association Mtg**
Tues, Feb 11, 7-8pm,
Mayor Langford Park Ctr & Zoom:
us02web.zoom.us/j/81853327382
- ❖ **Neighborhood Clean-Up**
Sat, Feb 15, 9-10am, Kaleidoscope
- ❖ **Historic Committee**
Wed, Feb 19, 7-8pm, Falcon
- ❖ **Neighborhood Social: "Love Your Neighbor" @ Kaleidoscope**
Thursday, Feb 20, 5-8pm
- ❖ **Gardening & Beautification Comm.**
Wed, March 19, 7:00-8:00pm,
Kaleidoscope
- ❖ **Easter Egg Hunt**
Sat, April 19, 10-11am, Mayor
Langford Park
RSVP: jamiorl@aol.com

DEE BENDOWSKI PASSES AWAY

Long-time Thornton Park resident Darling Dee Bendowski passed away on November 18 at the age of 91. Born on January 16, 1933, in Glendale, California, she and her husband Donald lived in California, Utah, Georgia and Florida. Her homes were known for their beauty and warmth—some even featured in magazines and film, according to the obituary.

They moved to E. Central Blvd. in Thornton Park overlooking Lake Lawsona in 1990. Dee helped start our Neighborhood Watch, and regularly attended Thornton Park Neighborhood Association meetings, even after she stopped driving. She will be missed.



WINTER 2024 YARD OF THE SEASON

The Thornton Park Gardening & Beautification Committee has selected its Winter 2024 Yard of the Season--28 N. Thornton Avenue. After a lot of work replacing the little retaining wall, the occupants planted a mix of colorful gingers and bromeliads. A pygmy date palm and carboard palms lend a tropical feel, while a giant Australian umbrella tree shades the front yard. Meanwhile, an oak tree in the front shades the street and sidewalk. An orange bird-of-paradise greets visitors by the steps, and potted and hanging plants and orchids flow up from the garden onto the porch, joining the two together.



SPIRIT OF THE SEASON

The Christmas Spirit of the Season went to 117 Hill Ave and their clever flamingo decorations! Thanks to all who decorated!



MEET YOUR PUBLIC OFFICIALS

[Dr. Kelly Martinez Semrad](#)

was recently elected as our Orange County Commissioner for District 5.



EASTER EGG HUNT

Sat, April 19,
10-11am,
Mayor Langford Park.

RSVP:

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Kelly Semrad, Orange County Commissioner, District 5

Semrad is a professor at UCF where she teaches global tourism and hospitality while promoting environmental protections in tourism economies.

"As your Commissioner, I pledge to do everything in my power to care for the residents of Orange County and protect our precious natural lands and native wildlife. I will always prioritize the needs of our community, ensuring that corporate influence does not overshadow the voices of the people or the integrity of our environment."

SUPPORT OUR SPONSORS

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

- Keller Williams Realty at The Parks
- Animal Medical Clinic
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- Roque Pub
- The Classic
- Anthony's
- The Community Paper
- Kaleidoscope
- The Veranda
- Great Harvest Bakery
- JINYA Ramen Bar
- RareTea
- Orange Blossom Brew.
- Delaney's Tavern
- The Escobar Kitchen
- Burton's
- Cavo's Bar & Kitchen
- Zymarium Meadery
- Art Infinitum
- Olde Town Brokers
- Soco
- 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
- Schmankerl Stub'n
- Maxine's on Shine
- Aku Aku
- Outpost Neigh. Tavern
- The Drake Kitchen-Bar
- Alien Treats

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