



THORNTON PARK NEWS

Neighborhood Newsletter

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HISTORIC STREET SIGN TOPPERS INSTALLED

The Thornton Park Historic Committee has completed their project of installing street sign toppers at thirteen intersections in the neighborhood. The locations surround the perimeter of where the Lake Lawsona Historic District overlays part of the Thornton Park Neighborhood, and match the signs in the eastern part of the historic district in the Lawsona/Fern Creek Neighborhood. Thanks to everyone on the committee who helped including Logan Lamphere, John Moore and Tim Welsh.



EVERYBODY'S BUSINESS

Voyage Wine Shop—Coming soon to the former Raw Juice Bar at 898 E. Washington St. Daniel Torres and Gamaliel Mercado, who recently purchased the building and live above the retail unit, plan to include charcuterie board elements such as cheeses, nuts, jams, honey and other gourmet items.

SUMMERLIN UPDATE

The next phase of construction is scheduled to begin on April 28 at the intersection of Summerlin Avenue and South Street and will last about five months. There will be partial lane closures, but not a complete closing. Work at the Summerlin and Robinson intersection was completed April 18.

JANE JACOBS URBANIST WALKING TOUR, MAY 3

In celebration of Jane Jacobs Day (the "Mother of Modern Urban Planning" and author of "The Death and Life of Great American Cities"), Logan Lamphere, MSURP, will be hosting an urbanist walking tour of Thornton Park on Saturday, May 3, from 4:00 to 5:30pm. The walk is open to everyone and will start at the Four Rivers Fountain. We'll end at Burton's for a drink. It is also sponsored by [Orlando YIMBY](http://OrlandoYIMBY). During the tour, we'll observe and discuss various elements of Urban Planning including: Urban design, Community building, Transportation, History, Public health, Public safety, Land use and zoning, Economic development, Housing and Environmental planning.



EVENTS

- ❖ **Urbanist Walking Tour**
Sat, May 3, 4-5:30pm, Four Rivers Fountain (by The Falcon)
- ❖ **Historic Committee**
Wed, May 7, 7-8pm, Kaleidoscope
- ❖ **Historic Walking Tour**
Sat, May 10, 8-10am, Langford Park
- ❖ **Neighborhood Association Mtg**
Tues, May 13, 7-8pm,
Mayor Langford Park Ctr & Zoom:
us02web.zoom.us/j/83251725172
- ❖ **Neighborhood Clean-Up**
Sat, May 17, 9-10am, Kaleidoscope
- ❖ **Gardening & Beautification Comm.**
Wed, June 18, 8-8:30pm, [ZOOM](https://zoom.us)
- ❖ **Neighborhood Social**
Thursday, May 15, 5-8pm,
Anthony's (bar area)

HISTORIC WALKING TOUR, MAY 10

As part of Orlando's 150th Anniversary celebrations, the City of Orlando will be hosting several walking tours of historic districts. Lake Cherokee will host one on May 3, at 8:30am. Lake Eola Heights will host one on May 17, at 8:00am. And our Lake Lawsona Historic District, which is shared between Thornton Park and Lawsona/Fern Creek Neighborhoods, will be Saturday, May 10, at 8:00am. It will last about two hours and will start at Mayor Langford Park Center. The tour will point out historic buildings, people contributing to the history of Orlando, and businesses and organizations that have made an impact over the years in downtown Orlando. More details at orlando.gov/150.



SPRING 2025 YARD OF THE SEASON



The Thornton Park Gardening & Beautification Committee has selected 818 E. Church Street as its Spring 2025 Yard of the Season. The Mid-Century Modern home on the corner has a *Golden Girls*-esque feeling, with its two native sabal palm trees and pigmy date palm nestled in a well-manicured landscape. A variety of crotons provide color and texture in front of green, tropical-looking philodendrons. Giant purple crinum lilies flank the house and a plumeria will soon be setting on large leaves and fragrant flowers. A young elm tree has been planted by the front curb, and will someday provide excellent shade on this powerline-less side of the street.

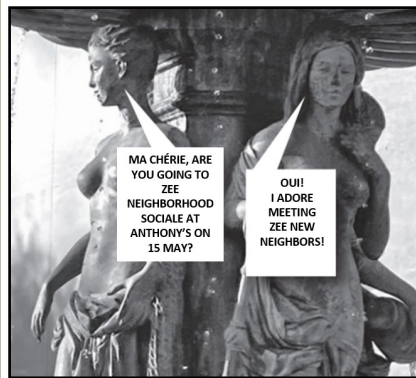
SPIRIT OF THE SEASON

The next Spirit of the Season award will be for the 4th of July, so be sure to deck out your house in patriotic colors. This year is also [Orlando's 150th anniversary](#), so maybe you could hang up the new City of Orlando flag, or maybe Orlando City Soccer, UCF, the Magic or Solar Bears! Flags can be purchased at [Flag World](#) in College Park.



NEIGHBORHOOD SOCIAL MAY 15

The next Thornton Park Social will be Thursday, May 15, 5-8pm, at Anthony's (bar area). Let's support our Summerlin businesses during the road repairs.



MEET YOUR PUBLIC OFFICIALS

Carlos Guillermo Smith

was recently elected as our State Senator in Tallahassee representing District 17. The district covers most of downtown Orlando and all of east Orange County.

Smith previously served in the State House. He serves on several committees including Criminal Justice, Appropriations, Commerce and Tourism, and Environment and Natural Resources. In the 2025 legislative session, Senator Smith prioritized groundbreaking legislation offering financial assistance to local businesses hurt by public works construction (SB 324) as well his proposal allowing for the use of local hotel tax revenue for the expansion of SunRail and LYNX bus service (SB 1114).

He's a member of the board of directors for the Orlando Philharmonic Orchestra, and lives in East Orlando with his husband, Jerick Mediavilla.



Carlos Guillermo Smith, State Senator for District 17

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
- Ten10 Brewing Co
- 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
- 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
- Maxine's on Shine
- Aku Aku
- Outpost Neigh. Tavern
- The Drake Kitchen-Bar
- Alien Treats

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