



THORNTON PARK NEWS

Neighborhood Newsletter

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THE THORNTON PARK NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION



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Bungalower.com/category/neighborhoods/thornton-park/

City Historic Preservation:

www.cityoforlando.net/planning/cityplanning/hp_lawsona.htm

Neighborhood Watch

Info or Volunteer

Call Dee Bendowski

EVENTS

Thornton Park Neighborhood Association Meeting

Monday February 10, 2014, 7pm

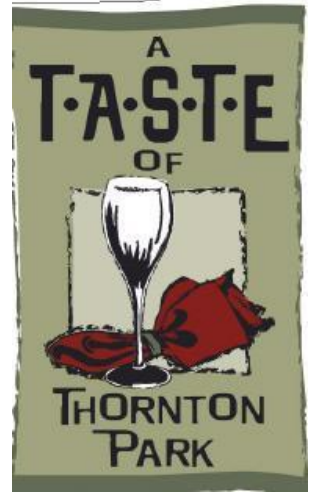
Open to all Thornton Park Residents. There is no membership fee to belong. There will be a pizza and soda social at 7pm followed shortly by the neighborhood quarterly meeting. Join us!



Langford Park Center

TASTE OF THORNTON PARK A SUCCESS

The Taste of Thornton Park was held October 17th, and was another big success! Thanks to everyone who helped! This annual event is a fundraiser for the Thornton Park Neighborhood Association and Outreach Love, Inc. Because of this, neighborhood association members are not charged annual dues, so please do support this great event. 40 area vendors were represented, all bringing their very best for attendees to sample. Seasonal tastes included beer, wine, cocktails, great food and desserts - all of which were included in the ticket price!! Live entertainment was provided from a steel drum Calypso band.



NEWSLETTER RETURNS

No, you weren't removed from the mailing list! We have been without a newsletter editor since 2011, when Jan Schwartz moved home to Colorado. Logan Lamphere has volunteered to write our Thornton Park News. He is planning on covering neighborhood events and news, but would like to include recurring columns that are helpful to homeowners and businesses. These may include, but are not limited to, gardening and curb appeal, neighborhood history, safety, people's pets, meeting our public officials, eco-tips, street closures for races, and suggested links and apps. If you have any news, events or article ideas, please contact him at llampher@hotmail.com or call 605-490-0732.

HOLIDAY LUMINARIES

Our annual Holiday Luminaries were set along the sidewalks of Thornton Park, Sunday, December 15. It was a nice calm day, and many people were seen enjoying lines of lit bags along our sidewalks. Many thanks to those who were able to help fill and distribute the bags. The 81st year of the Orlando Christmas Parade was the same evening, and encircled Lake Eola, running down Summerlin Ave, so many people were Downtown to see our neighborhood spirit!



MEET YOUR PUBLIC OFFICIALS

Officer Karen Long



City Commissioner Patty Sheehan from our District 4 was recently assigned a new Orlando Police Department Liaison Officer replacing Officer Evan Cantrall who took a new position in the department. Officer Karen Long was introduced at the November 11 neighborhood meeting, and attendees were able to learn about her plans for this position. With 14 years in the Orlando Police Department, her passion has been working with the youth of Orlando and giving them the confidence and tools they need to be successful in life. In 2011 she received the Woman's Achievement Award in Government from the Women's Executive Council recognizing her work in law enforcement. Officer Long has always enjoyed working with the residents of Orlando and feels privileged to be in a position where she can work directly with Commissioner Sheehan and serve the residents of District 4.

HISTORIC PLAQUES

When the historic district was first formed in the mid 1990s, plaques were purchased with help from the City of Orlando. As you may have noticed, not all houses have this plaque. We will be ordering new plaques for those interested in helping to preserve and highlight the historic character of our Thornton Park neighborhood. The Thornton Park Neighborhood Association will pay for the one-time pattern charge, and we may be eligible for a Mayor's matching grant to help defray costs. At most, the cost per plaque would be about \$70. The more we order, the larger the discount. Signs will be ordered through Custom DeSigns, 840 North Mills Ave. Please help us showcase the historic nature of our neighborhood and join in by ordering a Thornton Park plaque! Send your name, address, contact details, and year your house/building was built to thorntonparkorl@aol.com.

12" X 6"



VICTORY GARDEN

For Northern transplants to Florida, it can be difficult to know when to plant certain vegetables. December and January are good times to plant many winter vegetables including broccoli, cabbage, cauliflower, Brussels sprouts, celery, collards, lettuce, peppers, peas, spinach, Swiss chard, carrots, potatoes, beets, onions and tomatoes. Winter is the dry season, so make sure you water as needed. We usually get a few frosts in January, and some tropicals need to be covered or brought indoors including young plumeria, coconuts, some orchids/vandas, and tropical hibiscus.

HISTORICAL HAPPENINGS

(Editor's Note: I plan to have a series on the history of our Thornton Park Neighborhood)

Robinson Street

Robinson Street, which forms the north boundary of Thornton Park, was named after Samuel Robinson (1849-1926), who acted as Orange County's surveyor for more than 15 years. He rests in Greenwood Cemetery below a colorful headstone that's supposedly on the highest point in Orlando.

CRAFTSMAN CORNER

Many of the homes in Thornton Park were built in the 1920s during the Arts & Crafts movement. What was the Arts & Crafts movement? In response to impersonal mass production, the movement began in Britain and spread to America in the late 1800s, into the 1920s. According to Wikipedia, "it stood for traditional craftsmanship using simple forms and often applied medieval, romantic or folk styles of decoration. It advocated economic and social reform and has been said to be essentially anti-industrial." Later, it was influenced at the 1892 Chicago World's Fair by the introduction of Japanese and Far Eastern architecture and aesthetics. Advocates included William Morris and John Ruskin in Britain, and Gustav Stickley, Elbert Hubbard, Frank Lloyd Wright, and the California firm of Greene and Greene in the USA. It is also called the Craftsman movement, and furniture of the period is often said to be Mission style.