



THORNTON PARK NEWS

Neighborhood Newsletter

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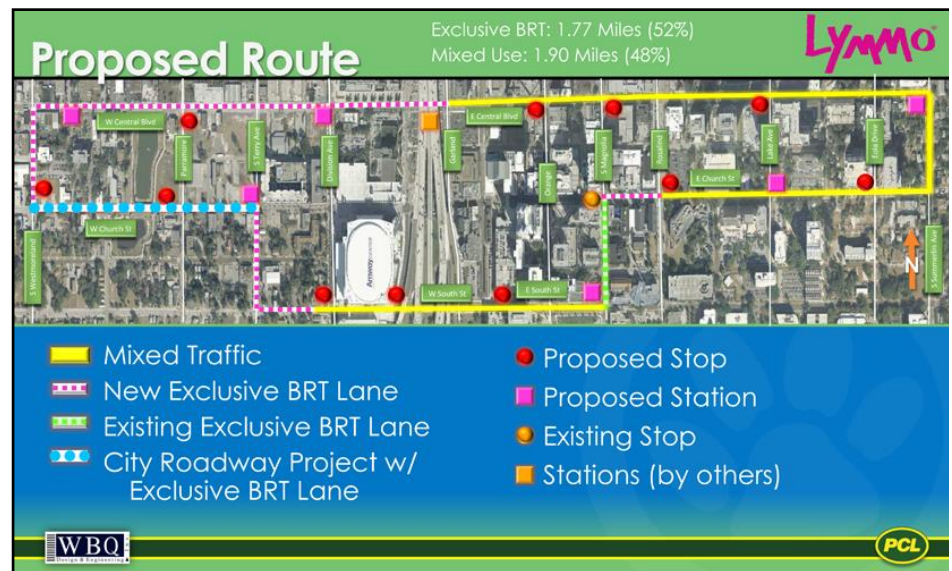
Neighborhood Watch

Info or Volunteer

Call Dee Bendowski

LYMMO COMING TO THORNTON PARK

Free bus service is coming to Thornton Park in May. Orlando's Lynx public transit system is expanding the free downtown Lymmo buses, adding an east-west route in addition to the existing north-south route running along Magnolia Avenue. The new "Grapefruit" line will run from the corner of Summerlin and Central, past the new Dr. Philips Center for the Performing Arts, to the Amway Center and Sunrail station, and the area for the new Orlando City soccer stadium. The line will run clockwise, returning to Thornton Park via the Orlando History Center and Public Library. About half of the route will consist of bus rapid transit lanes, which means the buses will have their own dedicated lanes and can control their own traffic signals, similar to Magnolia Avenue. Buses begin running at 6:00 a.m. on weekdays and at 10:00 a.m. on weekends. The buses run until 10:00 p.m. Sunday through Thursday and until midnight on Friday and Saturday. The new line will run every 10 minutes during office hours and every 15 minutes in the evenings.



EVENTS

Thornton Park Neighborhood Association Meeting

Monday May 12, 2014, 7pm

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



Langford Park Center

NEIGHBORHOOD GARAGE SALE - APRIL 5

Time to clean out the garage! Get rid of the stuff your significant other has been complaining about! Turn that trash into cash! Our annual neighborhood-wide garage sale will be on April 5. This is the same weekend of the Spring Fiesta around Lake Eola, so there should be many people downtown. For those of you new to the neighborhood, here's how it works: everyone will have their own yard/garage/porch sale at their abode; there is not a single location. If you wish to participate, send an e-mail to Terry at TedOri@AOL.com with your name and address. He will put together a map and a list of all that are participating. He will then e-mail the maps to all participants so we can print and hand them out at the yard sale. Adverts will be put on Craigslist, Facebook, a banner on our Mills Ave entrance sign, and few other smaller banners. We will also put the garage sale map on our ThorntonPark.org website. The more people we have involved the better!

MEET YOUR PUBLIC OFFICIALS

City Commissioner Patty Sheehan



Commissioner Sheehan was first elected to represent District 4 in the Orlando City Commission in 2000. Terms are four years, on a non-partisan ballot. Commissioner Sheehan is well known for her advocacy of pedestrian safety, safe neighborhoods, historic preservation and a thriving downtown. She is proudest of the restoration of the iconic Lake Eola Fountain, the addition of 1.3 acres to Lake Eola Park, the preservation of the Eola House and construction of sidewalks for children walking to and from school. She was the first openly-gay elected official in Central Florida, and passed non-discrimination protections and Domestic Partnership legislation for the LGBT community. She is an urban agriculture advocate, and championed community gardens and urban chickens. She also worked with the Trust for Public Land to acquire the Orlando Urban Trail (OUT). She is a huge supporter of small business and Orlando's MainStreet Districts. She also lobbied and passed a Florida State Law allowing for Doggie Dining on outdoor patios in downtown Orlando. She is also the founder and chairperson for Wheels for Kids. Patty says that, "Thornton Park has become one of the premier neighborhoods of downtown Orlando. The bustling business district, special events, and traditional historic homes on tree lined brick streets make this a truly special place. I am honored to work for you to make Thornton Park even better!"

HISTORICAL HAPPENINGS

Pine Street

Pine Street was so named because many pine trees grew along it. (From A Guide to Historic Orlando by Steve Rajtar)

EASTER EGG HUNT

The Thornton Park Annual Easter Egg Hunt, sponsored by Thornton Park Neighborhood Association, will be held on Saturday, April 12, from 10:00 - 11:00 at Langford Park at the pavilion to the far south of the park. The Easter Bunny will be there for photo opportunities. There will also be refreshments for all. Please have little ones there and ready for 10:15 as we will turn them loose at that time! Please RSVP to Jamie White at jamiol@aol.com or call 321-239-6812.



EVERYBODY'S BUSINESS

Juice Bar Opens

The former Planet Smoothie location has another new tenant: Raw Juice Bar and Healthy Eats. The location may be new for this business, but the owners have already been selling their healthy products for a year at the Lake Eola and Winter Garden Farmers Markets, and two Tampa locations. Owner Jenny Lankenau said she thought Thornton Park was a good fit for this healthy business, next to Thornton Park Yoga. In addition to juices and smoothies, breakfast, wraps, and salad are also served. According to www.RawJuicingAndDetox.com, they also offer one-, three-, five-, and seven-day cleanses to help rejuvenate mind, body and soul. Visit them from 9-7, Monday-Friday, and 10-5 Saturdays at 898 East Washington St, although they plan to take customer feedback when determining their future hours.

VICTORY GARDEN

Spring is coming, and but you need to be careful to plant vegetables that can survive the heat and rain of our Florida summers. March and April are good times to plant beans, melons, mustard, cucumbers, okra, peanuts, tomatoes, turnips, collards, and sweet potatoes.

CRAFTSMAN CORNER

Bungalows - Many of the Craftsman homes built in Thornton Park in the 1920s are called "bungalows". Bungalows were originally seaside cottages in Britain, but later were adopted by the Arts & Crafts movement. According to OldHouseOnline.com, Bungalow aesthetics fulfilled the ideals of William Morris, leader of the Arts & Crafts movement in England, who asserted that homes should contain only things of utility and beauty. They also suited Morris's American counterpart, Gustav Stickley, who, in response to Victorianism, called for simple, artistic houses that reflected democratic middle-class values. Many consider the craftsman bungalow to be the singularly American home type, built all over the country in the early 1900s. Characteristics of a bungalow include an open, wide front porch, square tapered columns, gabled roofs, exposed beams showcasing craftsmanship, and are usually faced in natural materials such as native wood clapboards, shingles, stucco, or local brick.