



THORNTON PARK NEWS

Neighborhood Newsletter

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THE THORNTON PARK NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION



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Other Links

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Local News:

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

NATIONAL NEIGHBORHOOD NIGHT OUT



Thornton Park will once again participate in the National Association of Town Watch's National Night Out. According to the natw.org website, the traditional "lights on" campaign and symbolic front porch vigils started in 1984 have turned into a celebration across America with various events and activities including, but not limited to, block parties, cookouts, parades, visits from emergency personnel, rallies and marches, exhibits, youth events, safety demonstrations and seminars, in effort to heighten awareness and enhance community relations. Ours will be held on Tuesday, August 5, from 6-9pm, and will include a block party on Mills Ave from Central Blvd to Washington St. There will be a bounce house for the kids. Hamburgers, hot dogs and drinks are provided. Please feel free to bring a side dish to share. Enjoy some food, meet your neighbors, make new friends and have some fun!

A TASTE OF THORNTON PARK IS COMING!



The annual showcase of restaurants, bars, and other flavors of Thornton Park is coming October 15. A Taste of Thornton Park is a fundraiser for the Thornton Park Neighborhood Association and Outreach Love, Inc. This event is Orlando's best fall kick-off and many of the samplings reflect the season. Forty area vendors are represented, all bringing their very best for attendees to sample. Tastes include beer, wine, cocktails, great food and desserts - all of which are included in the ticket price. This event also includes great entertainment. If you are interested in participating, please contact Leo Hunt at thorntonparkorl@aol.com.

EVENTS

Thornton Park Neighborhood Association Meeting

Monday August 11, 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



BRICK REPLACEMENT

Do you have loose bricks on your street? Has a new pothole developed with the start of the rainy season? If you see a repair that should be made to your historic brick street, contact Rick Howard directly at rick.howard@cityoforlando.net and cc Commissioner Patty Sheehan at Patty.Sheehan@cityoforlando.net and please make sure to include a photo and the closet street address.



MEET YOUR PUBLIC OFFICIALS

County Commissioner Ted Edwards



Ted Edwards
District 5

Ted Edwards was first elected to the Orange County Board of County Commissioners (BCC) from District 5 in 2010, and is on his second two-year term. He previously served from 1996-2004. He is a partner with Foley & Lardner LLP, where he is a member of the firm's Real Estate Practice and Hospitality, Resort & Golf Industry Team. Mr. Edwards' practice primarily focuses on the complex array of land use, land development, hotel, and project finance issues. In addition to commercial real estate, he handles litigation cases associated with real estate development, title claims, and land use matters. He is a member of the Orange County Commission on Aging, the Orange County Arts and Cultural Tourism Council, and MetroPlan Orlando.

OPD "OPERATION LOCK IT UP" CONTINUES

At our May 12 neighborhood meeting, Officer Karen Long updated us on the Orlando Police Department's ongoing "Operation Lock It Up" program. Officer Long recently walked through Thornton Park, and found 7 unlocked cars of the 25 or so that she checked. The program, which began in February, entails police officers walking throughout local neighborhoods to check vehicles and residences as possible targets for criminals. Police also leave behind information for residents which provide safety tips on how to keep their homes and vehicles protected against crimes of opportunity. "And we are making it too easy for these burglars," said Orlando Police Department Deputy Chief Robert Pigman. "We are leaving our cars unlocked and in this day and age it is unacceptable. We have to put up defenses and no. 1 is lock it up and that is what this is all about -- Operation Lock it Up."

Remember to:

- Lock your car doors and fully close your windows
- Do not leave valuables in plain sight
- Close garage doors
- Turn on security systems
- Be aware of suspicious activities and report them ASAP by calling 911

EVERYBODY'S BUSINESS

Thornton Park Yoga Moving

The cozy yoga studio next to Raw Juice and Healthy Eats has been open for over a year now, and owner Edith Colon is moving in September into a larger and more private space at 113 Hyer. The convenient www.ThorntonParkYoga.com website allows yogis to view and book appointments with a large variety of instructors. Classes include intro to yoga, yin yoga, hot yoga, mixed level hatha yoga, pre-natal yoga, ashtanga yoga, vinyasa flows, power yoga and flow, yoga at the market, paddle-board yoga, and even kid's yoga. Edith has operated a business for 5 years in this location, which will soon be home to a new business.



HISTORICAL HAPPENINGS

Summerlin Avenue

Summerlin Avenue is named after Jacob Summerlin, who donated Lake Eola and the surrounding land to the city. Jacob Summerlin (February 20, 1820 – November 4, 1893), aka the King of the Crackers and King of the Cracker Cow Hunters, was reputed to be the first child born in Florida after the land was ceded by Spain. He is known for his contributions to the early settlement of Florida, and especially for founding the county seats of Orange and Polk counties, which are Orlando and Bartow, respectively. In the years prior to the Civil War, he was a slaveowner. (From Wikipedia.org)

VICTORY GARDEN

Summer is our wet season, so you can turn down your automatic sprinklers. Make sure hanging baskets are watered to avoid drying out in the heat. It is generally not a good time to plant vegetables, but some that can be planted in June and July include eggplant, collards, mustard, okra, peppers, or southern peas.

CRAFTSMAN CORNER

Porches - The front porch is an essential part of a craftsman bungalow. Warm and welcoming, an open porch provides a link between the inside world of the home, and the outside world of nature in the yard or garden. Unlike previous Victorian porches or later covered entryways, the bungalow porch is wide enough to be an outdoor room, covered but not enclosed. In American bungalows, according to OldHouseOnline.com, porches are traditionally tucked under a side-facing gabled roof or underneath a dedicated front-facing gable. More than just a decorative element, a true bungalow porch is no less than an outdoor living room, outfitted with furniture and even artisan lighting (choose from Arts & Crafts, Craftsman, and Mission styles). Tapered square columns with wide bases support porch roofs. Many of our Thornton Park bungalows have had their porches restored in recent years. Key West style fans help with the summer heat.