



THORNTON PARK NEWS

Neighborhood Newsletter

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Other Links

Local Businesses:

ThorntonParkDistrict.com

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Local News:

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

City Historic Preservation:

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

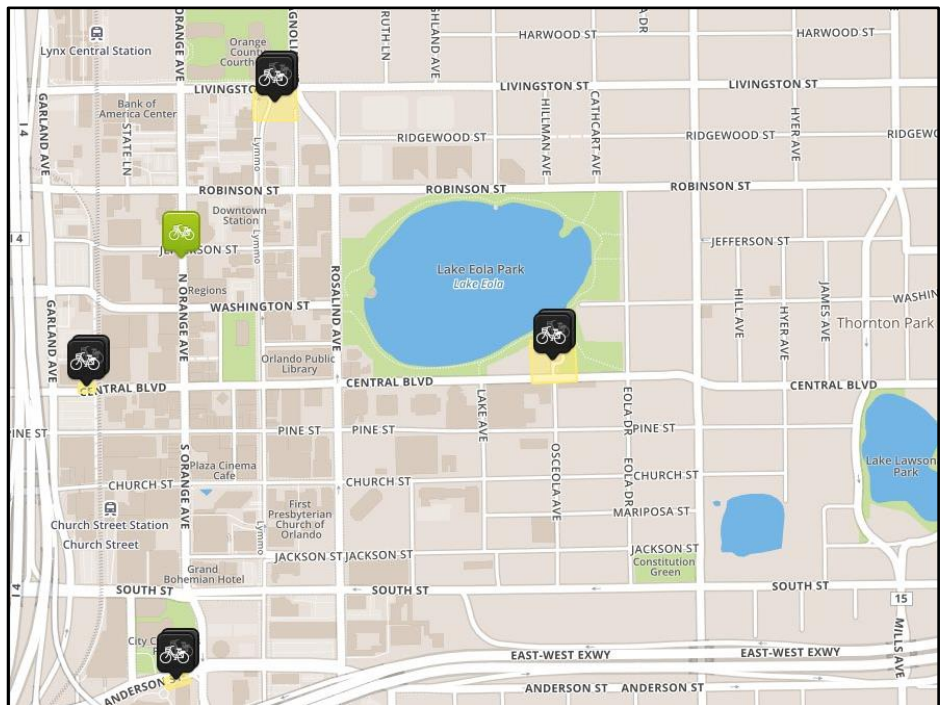
Neighborhood Watch

Info or Volunteer

Call Dee Bendowski

ORLANDO BIKE SHARE BEGINS

Orlando continues to encourage bicycling with the introduction of Orlando Bike Share, which began on January 9, 2015. The program allows residents or visitors the ability to rent a bicycle by the hour from four downtown stations, with plans to expand. Our nearest station to Thornton Park is at Lake Eola near the World of Beer. Others include OUC's downtown building on S Orange, Gertrude's Walk at Central Blvd, and Kevin Tyjeski Park near Skyhouse. Residents or guests can sign up via the SoBi (Social Bicycles) app or the www.orlandobikeshare.com website. After registering once, the process seems simple. First, make a reservation via the app, website, or at the bike using its keypad. Next, enter your four digit PIN code on the keypad to unlock your bike. You can park at another rack by pressing "HOLD" and then using your PIN again to continue your ride. To finish, just park at any of their "hub locations", or for a small fee, you can park at any regular bike rack! Memberships can be by the hour, month, or year. Some of the cost of the program has been paid by sponsors OUC and Florida Hospital.

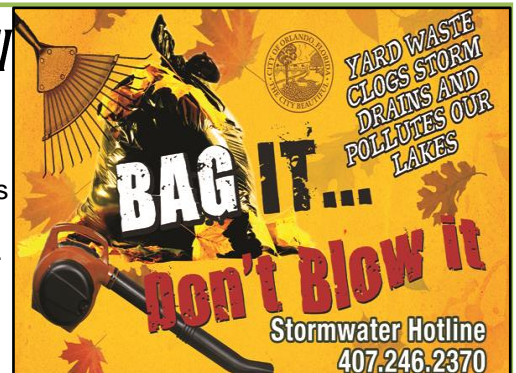


EVENTS

- Thornton Park Neighborhood Association Meeting
Monday, May 11, 2015, 7pm,
Langford Community Center
- Thornton 2nd Thursday Art & Wine Walk
Thursday, May 14, 6:30pm
Thursday, June 11, 6:30pm
Thursday, July 9, 6:30pm
- Thornton Park Neighborhood Association Meeting
Monday, Aug 10, 2015, 7pm

BAG IT, DON'T BLOW

The City of Orlando encourages residents to avoid blowing leaves and yard waste into the street. According the City's website, grass clippings and leaves clog storm drains and pollute Orlando's lakes. Residents should dispose of yard waste properly in bags or tied bundles and leave the waste on the curb on your scheduled yard waste collection day, which Thursdays for most of Thornton Park.



MEET YOUR PUBLIC OFFICIALS

Richard Forbes,
Historic Preservation Officer



Richard is the historic preservation officer for the city of Orlando. A native of Orlando, he studied architecture at California Polytechnic State University (Masters) and the University of Florida (BDA). Duties of Historic Preservation Board (HPB) include:

- review of projects, historic districts and sites;
- the recognition of the significance of the buildings and areas by means of plaques and signs;
- the publication of studies, research, surveys, brochures and other publication materials about the history and architecture of Orlando;
- the making of studies, surveys, and research relevant to the built environment of the City of Orlando; and
- educational programs relevant to the history of the built environment of the City.

He says, "The Lake Lawsona Historic District includes Thornton Park and has a great collection of historic buildings of many different styles including some of the best Bungalows in Orlando." If you have any questions about the Historic district or about your home or building, Richard may be able to help!

HISTORICAL HAPPENINGS

Mills Avenue

Mills Avenue is named for Newton Mills, one of the city's earliest real estate salesmen. The area to the south of Lake Eola was called Mills Park, where Mr. Mills built a bandstand and operated a zoo. (From A Guide to Historic Orlando by Steve Raitar)

ORLANDO BIKE TRAILS EXPAND

In addition to the Bike Share, the City of Orlando has been growing the network of dedicated bike trails, with the connection of the Orlando Urban Trail to Gertrude's Walk along with railroad tracks downtown. Streets with dedicated bike lanes close to Thornton Park include Livingston and Fern Creek. On-Street Routes include Summerlin and Central.



CRAFTSMAN CORNER

Mid-Century Modern

Although most of the historic homes in Thornton Park were built in the 1920s in the Craftsman style, we do have a number of excellent examples of "Mid-Century Modern" homes, built primarily in the 1950s and early 60s. Church Street has a particularly nice collection of homes from the 1950s. According to Wikipedia, "Mid-Century architecture was frequently employed in residential structures with the goal of bringing modernism into America's post-war suburbs. This style emphasized creating structures with ample windows and open floor plans, with the intention of opening up interior spaces." Open-beamed ceilings, and low, slanting rooflines can be seen on our Church street homes.

