



# THORNTON PARK NEWS

Neighborhood Newsletter

Spring 2016

## THE THORNTON PARK NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION



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### Other Links

Local Businesses:

[ThorntonParkDistrict.com](http://ThorntonParkDistrict.com)

[facebook.com/ThorntonParkDistrict](https://www.facebook.com/ThorntonParkDistrict)

Local News:

[Bungalower.com/category/neighborhoods/thornton-park/](http://Bungalower.com/category/neighborhoods/thornton-park/)

City Historic Preservation:

[www.cityoforlando.net/planning/cityplanning/hp\\_lawsona.htm](http://www.cityoforlando.net/planning/cityplanning/hp_lawsona.htm)

### Neighborhood Watch

Info or Volunteer

Call Dee Bendowski

## RESTORATION OF HISTORIC CHARACTER CONTINUES

Private homeowners of Thornton Park are continuing the process of renewing our historic homes, and building on empty lots. At least three different locations are now undergoing major renovation or construction. The home at 907 E Washington Street, across from Graffiti Junktion, continues its ongoing restoration after arson attacks. Around the corner at 123 Hill Ave, another house was victim to an earlier arson attack. Unfortunately, that house could not be saved, but the current landowners now plan to build a historic looking two story duplex in its place, along with two detached garages.

A few blocks away at 28 N Brown Ave, a condemned 1950 house has been torn down, and construction of another Craftsman Revival home is underway. Because the house was a “non-contributing structure” to the Lake Lawsona Historic District we live in, it could be torn down. Plans call for a 2566 square foot, single family home, which should nicely fit in to the neighborhood. It will include a detached one story two car garage.



907 E Washington Street has made great progress



123 N Hill Ave has started foundation work for a Craftsman Revival duplex

## EVENTS

- **Thornton Park Neighborhood Association Meeting**  
Monday, May 9, 2016, 7-8pm,  
Langford Community Center  
(Free pizza!)
- **Wine & Art Walk, every 2nd Thurs of the month**  
Thursday, May 12, 6:30-8:30pm  
Thursday, June 9, 6:30-8:30pm  
Thursday, July 14, 6:30-8:30pm
- **Florida Primary Election**

Here are plans for a Craftsman Revival home at 28 N Brown Ave. Foundation work has also begun there.



FRONT ELEVATION  
SCALE: 1/4" = 1'-0"

OVERHANGS:  
EAVES - 2'-0"  
GABLES - 1'-0"

## MEET YOUR PUBLIC OFFICIALS

### Soil & Water Conservation District Supervisor Eric Rollings



Eric Rollings was elected in 2014 as a supervisor of the Orange Soil and Water Conservation District (OSWCD) #4, which is a subdivision of the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumers Services. Its purpose is to develop and carry out various conservation and education programs. Throughout the State of Florida, individual Soil and Water Conservation Districts act as a liaison between government agencies, private organizations and the public at large in carrying out their mission. The OSWCD board consists of five elected non-partisan supervisors who are non-salaried public officials. The OSWCD is not funded by any tax dollars and currently relies solely on donations for financial support. Eric, originally from Michigan, attended Valencia Community College Orlando, and is a licensed real estate agent with uOwn Real Estate in Thornton Park, with 13 years of experience. He has been involved with the Community Development Block Grant Program, and is Vice-President of the Wadeview Park Neighborhood Association.

## 116 N THORNTON AVE FOR SALE



A 1920 Craftsman home in the heart of Thornton Park is on the market for \$585,000. The 3/2 beautifully remodeled home includes hard wood floors, a fun backyard deck, huge master suite, and also has a 1/1 rental unit and single car garage. Awesome neighbors included!

## COMPOSTING WORKSHOP AND GIVEAWAY

The City of Orlando and Orange County IFAS (University of Florida Institute of Food and Agricultural Services) Extension Office has continued giving away free composting bins, and has also been offering free workshops on composting. The next one is scheduled for **April 30**, 10-11:30am, at the Jackson Community Center on 1002 W Carver St.



According to the City website, 24% of the municipal solid waste stream is food and yard waste. Home composting is a great way to reduce your landfill contribution and create your own nutrient rich soil.

### Compost Drop-Off Sites

If you're like me, you may not be able to use all of your compost. Colorful bins are placed at the following community garden sites to accept finished compost in case residents are not able to use all of their compost:

- Festival Park Community Garden  
2911 E. Robinson St.
- Parramore Community Garden  
654 W. Robinson St.
- Colonialtown North Community Garden  
1517 Lake Highland Dr.

## CRAFTSMAN CORNER

**Old Growth Wood** *(The following is taken with permission from neighbor Scott Sidler's "Craftsman Blog". Scott is owner of Austin Home Restorations.)*



If your house was built before the 1940s chances are that much of the wood is old-growth. "Old-growth" wood was harvested from the huge virgin forests that once covered much of America. It comes from trees that grew slowly over hundreds of years. That slow growth causes the growth rings of a tree to be extremely tight and results in a much harder and more rot resistant wood. Most of our lumber today is grown on tree farms where growing the lumber fast is a necessity to keep up with society's demands. The wood is softer, less dense, more prone to warping and overall is not as good of a product. So before you remove some of that "old" wood think twice. It might be worth it to try to find some old-growth lumber for your next project.

## HISTORICAL HAPPENINGS

**Brown Avenue** is named after its developer, C. H. Brown. *(From A Guide to Historic Orlando by Steve Rajtar)*

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