



THORNTON PARK NEWS



Neighborhood Newsletter

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Neighborhood Watch

Info or Volunteer

Call Dee Bendowski

COUNTY COMMISSION RUNOFF ELECTION



Ted Edwards



Emily Bonilla

Orange County Commission District 5 (which includes Thornton Park) has a stark choice in the run-off election between incumbent Ted Edwards and new-comer Emily Bonilla. Mr. Edwards has served since 2010, and had previously been involved with MetroPlan Orlando, was director of UCF's research park, has his own law office, and has been involved with the OC Arts & Cultural Tourism Council, Commission on Aging, Central Florida Fair, and Quest. Ms. Bonilla, who has a Bachelor's Degree in English from UCF and a Masters in Internet Marketing from Full Sail University, has lived in Orange County for 18 years. She has extensive private sector experience in film, photography, marketing and creative writing and has worked as a Career Advisor at Full Sail University. Seeing a need for the organization of residents to protect their rural environment, Emily created Save East Orlando in 2013, which she later transformed into East of the Econ™, LLC. She also served as a co-founder and acting Chairperson of Save Orange County. Bonilla contends that Commissioners have a responsibility to oppose developments that harm the environment and economy, and is opposed to urban sprawl. She launched her campaign in response to Edwards' unpopular support for a pair of mega-developments that would allow developers to build thousands of homes in rural Orange County, with tax breaks, east of the Econlockhatchee River.

EVENTS

- **Thornton Park Neighborhood Association Meeting**
Monday, November 14, 2016, 7-8pm, Langford Community Center
- **2nd Thurs Wine & Art Walk**
Thursday, Nov 10, 6:30-8:30pm
Thursday, Dec 8, 6:30-8:30pm
Thursday, Jan 12, 6:30-8:30pm
- **Thornton Park Car Show**
Saturday, Nov 5, 12-3pm
- **Fiesta in the Park**
Saturday-Sunday, Nov 5-6
- **Come Out With Pride**
Saturday, Nov 12

DUPLEX DESIGN STANDARDS

Orlando residents, developers, and City officials have been engaged in an ongoing discussion about design standards for new duplex construction. The City has proposed the following standards:

- “Anti-monotony” standards to avoid mirror image duplexes and promote architecturally interesting buildings.
- Reduce the mass and scale by limiting the Floor Area Ratio (FAR) from 0.60 to 0.50 (measures the development intensity by comparing floor area to lot size)
- Increase the number of canopy trees planted and require at least one of the trees to be located in the front yard.
- Allow a duplex to be split into two separate units that can be bought and sold independent of each other.

According to a Bungalower report, most debate surrounds the FAR requirement. Some residents oppose the higher density, while developers believe the lower requirement could lead to lower lot values and strip property rights from owners. In Thornton Park, duplexes must also meet Historic District standards. Elizabeth Holler-Dang is leading the effort for the City, and she is planning to submit the updated standards at the Municipal Planning Board's December 20, 2016 meeting.

Classified Personal Information

MEET YOUR PUBLIC OFFICIALS



**Orange County Mayor
Teresa Jacobs**

Like the City of Orlando, Orange County also has mayor, and ours is Teresa Jacobs. Mayor Jacobs was first elected in 2010 and again in 2014. Before her election as Mayor, she served two terms as an Orange County Commissioner (2000 to 2008). Prior to holding public office, she was president of the Orange County Homeowners Association Alliance and had a nine-year career in banking. She is a graduate of Florida State University with a degree in economics. As Mayor, Jacobs remains focused on maintaining Orange County's reputation as the world's top tourism destination while simultaneously launching a new branding campaign, "Orlando. You Don't Know the Half of It," in order to publicize the region's workforce and business sector capabilities in high tech, digital media and medical research, as well as our world class quality of life, including sports, recreational and performing arts venues. She is a staunch advocate for citizen involvement, broadening our innovation-driven economy by partnering with UCF and other institutions of higher learning, and leading far-reaching sustainability efforts to ensure that Orange County's future will be healthy and prosperous. Jacobs is also deeply committed to providing opportunity for all of Orange County's children and families. She is leading efforts aimed at reducing family homelessness by expanding affordable housing inventories and boosting opportunities for success. She and her husband Bruce are the proud parents of 4 young adults.

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HURRICANE MATTHEW CAUSES LITTLE DAMAGE



Thornton Park residents breathed a sigh of relief October 7, as Hurricane Matthew (category 3) passed by Central Florida with little damage. Leaves, moss, small twigs and dead branches mostly came down, as shown here on Thornton Ave.

CRAFTSMAN CORNER

5 Historic Homeowner Mistakes (The following is taken with permission from neighbor Scott Sidler's "Craftsman Blog". Scott is owner of Austin Home Restorations.)



1. **Windows** - These are some of the first to go since the replacement window industry tells us daily how terrible original windows are. Learn what you can do to save them.
2. **Floors** - Covering up old wood floors or tearing them out to install cheaper options just because they are old is insanity. Old wood floors are some of the most resilient parts of your old house. They will last longer than most other parts with a little care.
3. **Siding** - Wood siding doesn't need to be covered up with vinyl or aluminum. It just needs to be painted on occasion and it will last indefinitely.
4. **Plaster** - Plaster is often ripped out to make way for drywall and insulation, but it doesn't need to be. It is a far superior wall covering to drywall and can be repaired with relative ease.
5. **Details** - Every house has specific architectural details that may not seem important, but without them the character of the house would be lost. Don't make this mistake!

HELP LIGHT UP YOUR STREET WITH LUMINARIES DEC 18

Join us on Sunday, December 12, at 2:00pm at 22 N Mills Ave. We will provide the bags, candles and sand; all we need is you! We will fill the bags and set them out in the afternoon, then light the candles around 5:30 or so. If you have a pick-up truck or perhaps small trailer that would be a BIG help. If you aren't available if the afternoon for distribution, perhaps you can help with the lighting. E-mail Terry at TEDORL@aol.com and let him know if you can help!

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