



THORNTON PARK NEWS



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Neighborhood Newsletter

THE THORNTON PARK NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION



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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

HOWARD MIDDLE SCHOOL

Our Thornton Park Neighborhood includes residences, businesses, and a school—Howard Middle School, which was built in 1926 as Orlando High School. According to Wikipedia and the HMS website, prior to 1952, there were only two high schools in the City of Orlando: Orlando



High School and Jones High School, which was a Segregation-era, Black-only high school until integration was enforced. The gymnasium was added in the late 1930s. The cafeteria/band room was added in 1948 and the old OHS letters can still be seen on the southwest corner of the building. Some famous graduates of OHS include actor Buddy Ebsen and astronaut John Young. In 1952, Orlando High was split into what became Edgewater High School and William R. Boone High School, and the former Orlando High campus became Howard Middle School. The building was renamed for Mr. C.E. Howard, a school trustee of earlier years. The school colors of blue and red and the Ranger mascot were selected. In 2011, the Orange County School Board designated Howard as a Visual and Performing Arts Magnet school. Their goal is to lead students on a path toward creative and academic excellence and prepare them for successful high school and college careers.

Today, HMS offers the widest selection of academic and elective courses of any middle school in Orange County Public Schools. As a magnet school for the Visual and Performing Arts, HMS provides a wide array of electives from which students may choose, including 24 visual and performing arts courses plus four enhanced elective courses. Students may also take several courses for high school credit, including Honors Earth Space Science. Many levels of Art, Band, Orchestra, Chorus, Dance and Drama are just some of the opportunities available for their students, both zoned and Magnet alike. In addition to the Magnet program, Howard is also an AVID National Demonstration School. The AVID (Advancement Via Individual Determination) program is an in-school academic support program for grades 4-12 that prepares academically average students for college eligibility and success. AVID levels the playing field for minority, rural, low-income and other students without a college-going tradition in their families, but is for all students.

EVENTS

- Thornton Park Neighborhood Association Meeting (Spring)
Monday, May 8, 2017, 7-8pm,
Langford Community Center
- 2nd Thurs Wine & Art Walk
Thursday, May 11, 6:30-8:30pm
Thursday, June 8, 6:30-8:30pm
Thursday, July 13, 6:30-8:30pm
- TPD Miniature Golf Crawl!
Saturday, July 29, 2017, 1-4pm
- Thornton Park Neighborhood

EVERYBODY'S BUSINESS



imassage

Karl Lubbers has run imassage for almost 3 years now, working in several Thornton Park locations. His current location is at 37 N Hill Ave (the house next to Lambs Eat Ivy), where he has been for two years. Karl studied massage therapy at Space Coast Health Institute in Melbourne, and worked with the Washington Nationals Baseball Club, completing a 100 hour sports internship. He gained a tremendous amount of knowledge and expertise in sports massage and sports injury rehabilitation. Karl is certified in DoTERRA's ARoMATOUCH Technique with essential oils. He also specializes in Swedish relaxation massage; deep tissue massage; head, neck, and upper back pain relief; carpal tunnel syndrome relief, arm and hand issues; and plantar fasciitis pain relief. Karl also offers a hot stone massage, anti-aging rejuvenating face massage, pregnancy massage, therapeutic massage, and will come to your home, hotel, or office. Call him at 321-258-5585.

iSkincare

Also at 37 N Hill, in Suite A is new business iSkincare, providing individualized skincare, including facials, microdermabrasion, chemical peels, waxing, shaping, and tinting. Aging, acne, oily, dry, and sensitive skin issues can all be normalized while relaxing. They open at 10am most days. Call Dominick at 407-925-5742.

MEET YOUR PUBLIC OFFICIALS



**Orange County District 5
Commissioner Emily Bonilla**

Emily Bonilla was recently elected to the Orange County Commission, representing our District 5. Emily ran on a campaign of responsible preservation and sustainable development. Ms. Bonilla was been an advocate and active member of the "East of the Econ" preservation movement, a civic organization dedicated to limiting urban sprawl in rural east Orange County (as an example, the Lake Pickett Developments), preserving the watershed, the vibrant wildlife corridor, traditional rural lifestyle and prevent additional traffic in an overly congested area. Bonilla contends the Commissioner's responsibility to oppose developments that harm the environment and economy is of great importance. Born in New York and raised in Massachusetts, Emily Bonilla has lived in Florida for the past 18 years. She obtained an associate's degree in film from Valencia College, a bachelor's in English from UCF and a masters in internet marketing from Full Sail University. Emily has been a digital media marketing specialist and business consultant for the last seven years. She was an internet marketing alumni and career advisor at Full Sail University from 2013-2016. She says about Thornton Park, "it's a beautiful neighborhood filled with a rich and diverse culture. My focus is to preserve the historical identity of the area while encouraging economic development and to ensure the safety of pedestrians and bicyclists throughout". Emily lives in Lake Pickett in East Orange with her husband Mel and two children.

GREASE FIGHTER

The City of Orlando has launched a new effort to recycle used cooking oil, by introducing an Orlando-esque mascot, "Grease Fighter". According to the City's website, pouring oil and grease down the drain is the leading cause of sewer backups, which can lead to the contamination of our many lakes. Types of oil/grease include animal grease from cooking animal fat (e.g. bacon grease), lard, and all vegetable oils. You can help Grease Fighter by saving your used cooking oil in a shatterproof container and then bringing it to one of our community centers to be recycled. Our two nearest centers are Beardall Senior Center, 800 S Delaney Ave, and Dept of Families, Park and Recreation, 595 N. Primrose Dr. Grease Fighter jugs can also be picked up at these community centers. After being collected weekly, the oils are converted to a bio-diesel. For more information refer to the City's website or call 407-246-2213.



CRAFTSMAN CORNER



THE CRAFTSMAN BLOG

American Foursquare (The following is taken with permission from neighbor Scott Sidler's "Craftsman Blog", Austin Home Restorations.)



The simple and easily adaptable Foursquare was the perfect house to fit the most space into the small city lots from the 1890s-1930s. It received its name from its perfectly square shape and massing of four rooms per floor in most cases. These houses could be as plain or ornate as the owner wished and their skins were any range of components such as brick, stone, stucco, shingles, or clapboards. Like the American Craftsman of the same time, it was a return to simpler design in reaction to the Victorian styles that preceded it. A full front porch with either greek or craftsman inspired boxed columns, along with wood floors and plaster walls were typical.

REMINDERS

Just some friendly reminders from previous Newsletters:

- ❖ Thornton Park Historic Plaques can still be ordered from Custom DeSigns at 840 N Mills Ave, (407) 898-0373
- ❖ Free compost bins are still available from the City
- ❖ Free trees are also available from the City
- ❖ Please do not park in front yards; it is against City code
- ❖ Please do not park over sidewalks; it is against City code
- ❖ Bag It, Don't Blow It! It is against City code to blow leaves into the street

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Thornton Park resident Scott Sidler founded Austin Home Restorations in 2010 when he saw the need for a company dedicated to serve the specific needs of historic home owners in Central Florida. Check out his website at www.AustinHomeRestorations.com. For a free consultation call (407) 406-1755 or email at Info@AustinHomeRestorations.com.

