



# THORNTON PARK NEWS

Neighborhood Newsletter

Summer 2017

## THE THORNTON PARK NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION



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### Other Links

Local Businesses:  
[ThorntonParkDistrict.com](http://ThorntonParkDistrict.com)  
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### 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

## BURYING OVERHEAD UTILITY LINES

A group of local residents is looking into the possibility of burying the overhead utility lines and installing “acorn” streetlights in the Lake Lawsona Historic District (to which Thornton Park belongs). A petition effort began earlier this year to gauge interest in the project. Orlando Utility Commission (OUC) has engaged a consultant who will deliver an engineering study on the cost to convert the overhead facilities to underground. The feasibility study will outline what is physically required to complete this project (i.e. where lines are buried and where transformers would go). Reasons why we should bury the overhead power lines:

1. Modernizes the current system which is old and in need of an update.
2. Improves the resiliency and safety of our neighborhood, especially during storms/hurricanes.
3. Creates a “neighborhood feel” with new acorn lights and a larger tree canopy covering the streets, which provides more shade for better walkability.
4. Promotes a number of the City’s programs, such as the “One Person One Tree” program, as well as the long-term goal of having power lines underground.
5. Increases the value of your home and the neighborhood.

This will be a multi-year effort, and will not be cheap, but the group is exploring different funding and partnering options. Similar efforts have been done in Winter Park and other cities. To learn more, visit the Facebook page: “Historic Neighborhood Improvement Initiative”

## EVERYBODY’S BUSINESS

### The Truck Stop

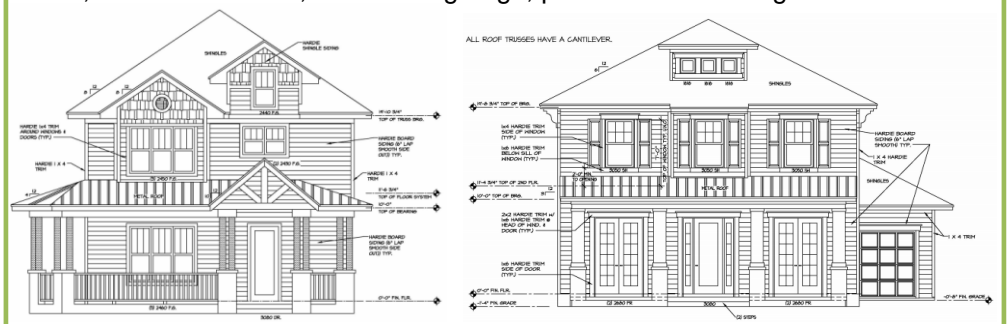
The former Graffiti Junktion will become a new concept owned by the same folks: The Truck Stop, a bar and dining area with rotating food trucks.

### Burton’s is Back!

After a change in ownership and some sprucing up, Burton’s reopened in May, continuing its 80+ years of business at 801 E Washington St. Business partners Aaron Dudek and Jason Anderson (of downtown’s “The Lodge”) would like to lease out the adjoining café.

## NEIGHBORHOOD REVIVAL CONTINUES

Two 1950s duplexes that were non-contributing members of the Lake Lawsona Historic District in which we live, have been demolished and are being replaced with two new single family homes, similar to what occurred at 28 N Brown. 901 E Central will be another Craftsman Revival home with craftsman style 3/1 (3 panels above 1) windows, with a detached garage at the rear of the house, according to the Historic Preservation Board minutes. The proposed house contains 2281 square feet of living space 436 square feet of porch space. At 905 E Central, the same developer, Dean Burleson, A&M Homes, LLC, is constructing a Colonial style house, with 6/1 windows, and a rear garage, per Historic District guidelines.



## EVENTS

- **Thornton Park Neighborhood Association Meeting**  
Monday, Aug 14, 2017, 7-8pm,  
Langford Community Center
- **2nd Thurs Wine & Art Walk**  
Thursday, Aug 10, 6:30-8:30pm  
Thursday, Sept 14, 6:30-8:30pm  
Thursday, Oct 12, 6:30-8:30pm
- **A Taste of Thornton Park**  
Thursday, Oct 19, 2017, 6-9pm
- **Lake Eola Fall Festival**

MEET YOUR PUBLIC OFFICIALS



**U.S. Congresswoman (7<sup>th</sup> District)  
Stephanie Murphy**

Stephanie Murphy was recently elected to the US House of Representatives from Florida's Seventh Congressional District, which was redistricted by a court order in 2015, and now includes Seminole County and northern Orange County. She currently serves on the House Armed Services Committee and the House Small Business Committee, where she serves as Ranking Member on the Subcommittee on Contracting and Workforce. Previously, the Democrat was a businesswoman and college instructor after serving as a national security specialist in the Office of the U.S. Secretary of Defense where she received numerous awards, including the Secretary of Defense Medal for Exceptional Civilian Service. She worked on a wide range of security issues from counter-terrorism to foreign military relations to strategic planning for the department. Prior to her public service, Stephanie was a strategy consultant at Deloitte Consulting. About Thornton Park, Ms. Murphy says, "It's an honor to represent the beautiful Thornton Park neighborhood and its residents in Congress. I'm proud to work every day to help our small businesses grow and to keep our community safe and vibrant." Congresswoman Murphy holds an M.S. in Foreign Service from Georgetown University and a B.A. in Economics from the College of William and Mary. She lives in Winter Park with her husband and two young children.

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**Thornton Park Dental Arts**

Thornton Park Dental Arts, at 1200 E Robinson St, offers comprehensive dental services including cosmetic dentistry, laser dentistry, metal-free crowns, dermal fillers, Juvederm botox, digital x-rays, tooth-colored fillings, sedation dentistry, root canal, dental implants, infection

control, gum care, porcelain veneers, teeth whitening, dentures and partials, and CEREC Crown in a day. Dr. Jorge "George" Angulo has been practicing for 15 years, and is originally from Orlando. For the 5th year in a row, Dr. Angulo has been listed as a Top Dentist by Orlando Magazine. Dr. Katie Miller, originally from Illinois, earned her Doctor of Medical Dentistry from the University of Louisville, and has been voted by her peers to Orlando Magazine's Top Dentists list the past four years in a row. If you are interested in becoming a patient, scheduling an appointment, or have any questions, please call Michele at (407) 896-2881.



**FOR THE BIRDS**

A healthy environment and active garden includes a variety of birds. Ways you can help save birds recommended by the Audubon Society:

1. **Make your yard an oasis for birds.** All birds need clean water, food, and cover. When you hang a feeder, build a brush pile, create a birdbath, or fill your garden with native plants, birds get their necessities — and you get backyard visitors who bring color, song, and wonder to your world.
2. **Forgo pesticides.** One particular lawn-care pesticide, diazinon, has been implicated in more than 150 mass bird die-offs. At the same time, U.S. researchers estimate that agricultural use kills 67 million birds each year. Pesticides also cause longer-term, potentially lethal effects ranging from eggshell thinning to neurological damage, and may be linked to human food allergies.
3. **Keep cats inside.** Your gentle kitty may want to roam free, but when Mittens gets outside, she becomes a menace to the birds in your backyard: It's estimated that up to 3.7 million birds a year are killed by America's outdoor cats. Keep your cat indoors, where she can watch wildlife safely from a windowsill — not only is it better for the birds, she'll stay safer, too.
4. **Shop for the birds.** Buy grassland-bird-friendly hamburgers. Conventionally produced beef comes from animals fed corn and soybeans, crops grown on what used to be the great American prairie. Buying grass-fed meat supports grassland birds, which, because of habitat loss, are showing the most sustained declines of any bird group in the United States. Switch to shade-grown coffee. Each cup preserves roughly two square feet of rainforest. Even lumber can be bird-friendly; woodlands certified by the Forest Stewardship Council aim to conserve biological diversity by protecting old-growth stands, monitoring clear-cutting, and limiting pesticide use.
5. **Part with plastics.** Every year, floating oceanic garbage patches of plastic bags kill hundreds of thousands of seabirds—along with sea turtles and marine mammals—which mistake them for jellyfish and squid, and then starve to death after filling their guts with plastic.

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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](http://www.AustinHomeRestorations.com). For a free consultation call (407) 406-1755 or email at [Info@AustinHomeRestorations.com](mailto:Info@AustinHomeRestorations.com).

