



THORNTON PARK NEWS

Neighborhood Newsletter

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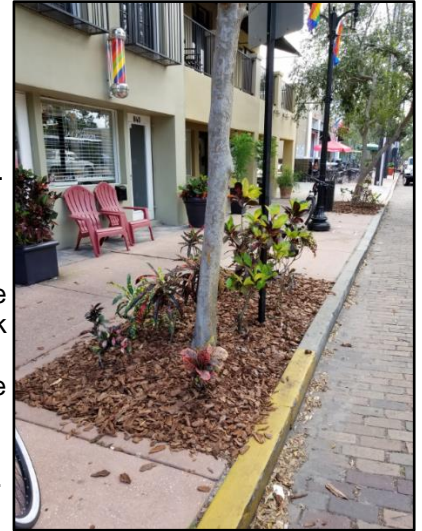
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EVENTS

- ❖ Thornton Park Neighborhood Association Meeting
 Monday, Nov 13, 7-8pm, Langford Community Center
- ❖ 2nd Thurs Wine & Art Walk
 Thursday, Nov 9, 6:30-8:30pm
 Thursday, Dec 14, 6:30-8:30pm
 Thursday, Jan 11, 6:30-8:30pm
- ❖ Lake Eola Fall Festival
 Saturday-Sunday, Nov 4-5
- ❖ Thornton Park Vintage Car Show
 Saturday, Nov 4, 12pm
- ❖ TPD Christmas Tree Decorating
 Friday, Dec 1, 4-7pm

TPD SPRUCING UP WASHINGTON ST

The Thornton Park District (TPD), one of Orlando's Main Street Districts that includes many of the businesses in the Thornton Park and South Eola neighborhoods, is sprucing up the planters and plantings along Washington St. Lisa Cuatt, director of the TPD, reports that the tree well planters and standing planters will first be dug out and cleaned, and will then be replanted with more climate friendly, sustainable plants that will also be more attractive. The work is being done by Seed 2 Source, a local company that has previously done work with the City. The work was pushed back due to Hurricane Irma. The TPD is also looking at installing string lights across the Washington St.



HOUSES FOR SALE

Several prominent homes are for sale, including 907 and 915 E Washington St. Additionally, this 1920 Craftsman 4-square home in the heart of Thornton Park at 116 N Thornton Ave, has also been newly listed. The 3/2 beautifully remodeled home includes hard wood floors, a fun backyard deck, a huge master suite, along with a 1/1 rental unit and single car garage.



THORNTON PARK TOP NEIGHBORHOOD FOR MILLENNIALS

A recent article in the Orlando Business Journal listed Orlando, and Thornton Park in particular, as a "Millennial hotspot". "High job growth in markets such as Orlando, Seattle and Miami, and the power of affordability in places like Albany and Buffalo are making these markets magnets for millennials," said Javier Vivas, manager of economic research for Realtor.com. "But what really stands out is that all these markets already have large numbers of millennials, which translates into strong populations of millennial home buyers." Realtor.com went on to say that Downtown Orlando is becoming a hot area and offers easy access to public transportation, shopping and dining, as well as a proximity to many jobs. Why is it good to have Millennials in Thornton Park? According to Govtech.com, Millennials help make cities smart. Almost two-thirds of millennials prefer cities over suburbs, which helps build sustainability and discourage sprawl. They prefer efficient public transportation over cars, and urban convenience to suburban yards. Millennials, who will compose 75 percent of the workforce by 2025, are also more likely to buy from companies supporting social causes. The article goes on to say that they are predisposed to living in cities where diversity and inclusion are fundamental to talent attraction and innovation. As digital natives who incessantly use mobile technology, millennials by default are redefining citizen engagement as dynamic and interactive.

MEET YOUR PUBLIC OFFICIALS



Orlando Mayor Buddy Dyer

Orlando's longest serving mayor, Buddy Dyer has held the position since 2003. Mayor Dyer serves as the City's chief executive and also helps govern and oversee the operations and growth of its city-owned utility (OUC) and the Orlando International and Executive Airports. While in office, Mr. Dyer has worked with other local institutions to advance Orlando as a world-class city, advocating for both mass transit (launching SunRail) and creating more walkable communities, and has orchestrated the Creative Village, the new Amway Center, the Dr. Phillips Center for the Performing Arts and a refurbished Camping World Stadium. Mayor Dyer says about Thornton Park, "Because of residents and business owners like you, Thornton Park has become one of Orlando's hip, urban neighborhoods. It is an honor to serve as your Mayor and I look forward to working together to keep your neighborhood a great place to live, work, play, eat and shop". He has ensured that Orlando is a city that embraces diversity, promotes fairness and equality and is a welcoming, multicultural community. Dyer helped the community unite and heal following the Pulse tragedy. In 2015, Mayor Dyer presided at the historic Vowed and Proud wedding ceremony at City Hall when 44 same-sex couples were married. Mayor Dyer has a civil engineering degree from Ivy League school Brown University, and a juris doctorate from the University of Florida. He was born in Orlando and raised in nearby Kissimmee. Prior to being Mayor, he served for a decade in the Florida Senate. Before public office, Mayor Dyer worked as an environmental engineer. He and his wife Karen, an attorney, have two sons, Trey and Drew.

BURYING OVERHEAD UTILITY LINES UPDATE

With hurricane Irma, reasons for burying utility lines became worryingly apparent, as many Thornton Park residents lost power for as much as seven days. The City-owned Orlando Utilities Commission (OUC) has begun work on the feasibility study of burying the overhead utility lines in Thornton Park. OUC has engaged a consultant who will deliver an engineering study on the cost to convert the overhead facilities to underground. Normally it takes anywhere between 3-6 months to deliver a study like this, according to the OUC representative with whom the Historic Neighborhood Improvement Initiative group has been working. You can follow the updates, learn more, or sign the petition at their Facebook page:



<https://www.facebook.com/HistoricNeighborhoodImprovementInitiative/>

BEST NATIVE PLANTS TO ATTRACT BIRDS

The Audubon Society has compiled a list of the best native plants in our area to attract birds. Their list contains plants that are relatively easy to grow, and are available at native plant nurseries. They include:

- ❖ American Beauty-Berry
- ❖ American Holly
- ❖ Black-Eyed-Susan
- ❖ Butterfly Milkweed
- ❖ Eastern Mock Grama Grass
- ❖ Jack-in-the-Pulpit
- ❖ Little False Bluestem Grass
- ❖ Possumhaw
- ❖ Purple Passion-Flower
- ❖ Red Buckeye
- ❖ Red-Cardinal
- ❖ Scarletbush
- ❖ Seminole Balsamo
- ❖ Spotted Beebalm



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