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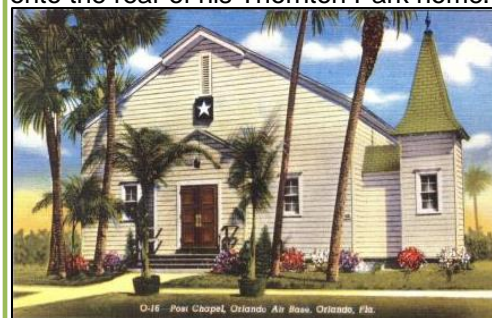
PULSE MURAL VISITS THORNTON PARK



On December 1, Thornton Park became the home of a travelling Pulse memorial mural. Created by artists Michael Pilato and Yuriy Karabash to honor the victims of the June 2016 Pulse Nightclub shooting, the mural was painted with acrylic on movable plywood sheets, with the intention of later displaying it in the Parramore neighborhood and Kissimmee. It adorns the east wall of Burton's, next to Thornton Park Laundry. The mural depicts the 49 victims of the mass shooting, the worst in US history at the time. Entitled "Inspiration Orlando United," it also pictures people who helped after the attack, including our City Commissioner, Patty Sheehan. Pilato and Karabash also painted a mural at UCF of students Juan Ramón Guerrero and his boyfriend, Christopher "Drew" Leitonen, who were some of those killed in the shooting. Chimene Hurst, co-founder and curriculum developer for the mural, lives in Thornton Park, and Deena Redding, formerly of Thornton Park, is helping to fundraise. The mural will only be in place for a few months, so see it while you can.

RESIDENT INTEGRATES HISTORIC STEEPLE INTO HOUSE

At 17 N James Ave, John Moore built his Victorian home in 2000, but incorporated a historic steeple from the old Post Chapel of Orlando Air Base. The copper steeple was featured in Orlando's 2017 Historic Preservation Board Calendar, and has quite a history. With the chapel near the end of a runway, the steeple originally sat next to the chapel instead of on top, so planes could safely land and take off. The Army Air Corps Base was converted to a Navy Base in 1968, training Navy recruits, and was moved to the Stephen L. Rusk Memorial Chapel at the Naval Training Center. There it remained until 1997, when the base was closed and demolished for the Baldwin Park mixed-use development. Moore saved the steeple, purchasing it at auction for \$650. After several years in storage, he was able to incorporate it onto the rear of his Thornton Park home.



EVENTS

- ❖ Thornton Park Neighborhood Association Meeting
Monday, Feb 26, 7-8pm, Langford Community Center
- ❖ 2nd Thurs Wine & Art Walk
Thursday, Feb 8, 6:30-8:30pm
Thursday, March 8, 6:30-8:30pm
Thursday, April 12, 6:30-8:30pm
- ❖ TPD St. Patrick's Day Party
Saturday, March 17, 5-10pm
- ❖ Annual Easter Egg Hunt
Sat. March 31, 10-11am. Mavor

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MEET YOUR PUBLIC OFFICIALS



Thornton Park District Executive Director Lisa Cuatt

Since August, 2012, Lisa Cuatt has served as the executive director of the Thornton Park Main Street District (TPD). The Orlando Main Street program is made possible through the interest, efforts and generosity of The National Trust Main Street Center, the City of Orlando, as well as its members and volunteers. Each district receives initial financial and technical assistance and intensive training in the Main Street approach. Lisa has helped launch and maintain events such as the 2nd Thursday Wine & Art Walks; block parties for St. Patrick's Day and Halloween; TPD Christmas tree decorating; Classic Car Show; resident mixers; pub crawls and happy hours, along with a lot of behind-the-scenes support for businesses. Main Street Districts believe that sound neighborhood commercial areas contribute to a good quality of life. It can be a positive attraction and a competitive advantage in retaining existing neighborhood residents and attracting new ones. Lisa says, "the reason I so love working in Thornton Park District is all the dedicated volunteers who donate hours of their time to insure that Thornton Park is one of the most desired neighborhoods in Orlando. If you are interested in volunteering, email thorntonparkorlando@gmail.com". New goals for 2018 include working with the City on more pedestrian crosswalks, lighting and recycling bins for the TPD Businesses. They also planning an annual "Neighborhood Clean Up", with dates soon to be announced. Lisa works with both the Thornton Park and South Eola Neighborhood Associations, along with many other partners, to build a stronger community.

CRAFTSMAN CORNER

Airplane Bungalows

Several of the Craftsman bungalows in Thornton Park were built in the "airplane bungalow" style. What's an airplane bungalow?

According to House-Design-Coffee.com, an airplane bungalow is a variant of a Craftsman bungalow house. The name may have come from the airplanes of the time, which often



had a cockpit sitting on top of the fuselage. Since this second story resembled a cockpit, they started calling these "Airplane" Bungalows. Usually these "cockpits" were only large enough to contain one or two rooms. Often the walls were lined with banks of windows, adding to the resemblance, which is what we see in Orlando's bungalow neighborhoods.

While the "Airplane" etymology makes sense, some suggest that the name and the plan predate flying. With open windows, the second story would create a pleasant draft in the summer months, especially in pre-air-conditioning Florida. A plane of air would flow through the house and out the upper story windows. In this theory, the name was later confused with the use of elevated cockpits on airplanes. "Airplaned" Bungalows were popular in the 1920s, and most of them were built in the Craftsman style, mostly on the West Coast.

HISTORIC HAPPENINGS

Dexter's: Orlando's First Publix

Upon walking into Dexter's, you may have looked up and seen the old photo over the bar of a by-gone era in neighborhood grocers. The home of Dexter's was built in 1936 as Orlando's first Publix grocery store. The Lakeland-based chain was founded not long before by George Jenkins in Winter Haven in 1930. The company expanded the format



into larger, more car-centric stores in the 1940s, but some original buildings of the neighborhood grocer style survive in Orlando as other businesses. According to OrlandoRetro.com former Publix buildings include Dexter's in Thornton Park, Colonial Photo & Hobby up the road on Mills Ave, and First Class Dry Cleaners on Orange Blossom Trail.

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