



# THORNTON PARK NEWS

Neighborhood Newsletter

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## THE THORNTON PARK NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION



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City Historic Preservation:

[www.cityoforlando.net/planning/cityplanning/hp\\_lawsona.htm](http://www.cityoforlando.net/planning/cityplanning/hp_lawsona.htm)

Neighborhood Postings:

[www.Nextdoor.com](http://www.Nextdoor.com)

## TPNA STARTS GARDENING COMMITTEE

A gardening and beautification committee was recently started in the Thornton Park Neighborhood. Members met on August 28<sup>th</sup> at Island Time to brainstorm goals and project ideas for the committee. The top goals selected were:

- Promote a more beautiful neighborhood
- Educate neighbors on the how-to's and benefits of better yard stewardship
- Promote sustainability through native plants, no littering, and recycling

The top five project ideas selected include establishing a community garden; sponsoring a neighborhood-wide clean-up on November 10<sup>th</sup>; developing the idea of a Yard Helper Group (which would help folks who need help with yard work, tree-trimming, maintenance, etc.); creating an education campaign to inform neighbors on the benefits of attractive yards, vegetable gardening, Fleet Farming, native plants, etc.; and starting a Yard of the Season award.

If you would like to participate, join us at our next meeting Tuesday, Nov 6, 5:30pm at Jax Deli, or email Logan at [llampher@hotmail.com](mailto:llampher@hotmail.com).

## EVERYBODY'S BUSINESS .. HEAVENLY FOOT MASSAGE

After nearly 12 years, the space next to the old 7/11 on Washington and Summerlin has been filled. Heavenly Foot Massage recently opened, offering 60 or 90 minute foot/calf/ankle massages including all kinds of pampering. They also have an Earth and sea mud mask. With three locations in Atlanta, this is their first location in Florida. Parking is available in the Thornton Park Central garage, since 7/11 owns the parking spaces in front of Heavenly's business. Of course, Thornton Park residents can walk. They are open 11am to 8:30pm seven days a week.

## A TASTE OF THORNTON PARK—17<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL SUCCESS

Thanks to everyone who was able to attend the 17th annual Taste of Thornton Park! This is the main fundraiser for the Thornton Park Neighborhood Association (TPNA). Committee members included Leo Hunt, Julie Glass, Jamie White, Roxy Santiago, and Colleen McGuire. Special thanks to our sponsors, Thornton Park District and Downtown Development Board, and all of the establishments that donated their time and products: Dexter's Restaurants of Orlando, The Stubborn Mule, Graffiti Junktion Thornton Park, Keller Williams At The Parks, Animal Medical Clinic of Orlando, Anthony's Thornton Park, Jax Thornton Park, 310 Lakeside, Black Bean Deli, Orange Blossom Brewing Co., Bites & Bubbles, Gelato Fiasco, Olde Town Brokers, Roque Pub, Island Time, JINYA Ramen Bar, and Big Time Street Food Co.



## EVENTS

- ❖ Thornton Park Neighborhood Association Meeting  
Monday, Nov 12, 7-8pm, Mayor Langford Community Center
- ❖ 2nd Thurs Wine & Art Walk  
Thursday, Nov 8, 6:30-8:30pm  
Thursday, Dec 13, 6:30-8:30pm  
Thursday, Jan 10, 6:30-8:30pm
- ❖ Vision Zero - District 4  
Thurs, Nov 1, 6-7pm, Langford Park
- ❖ Gardening Committee Meeting  
Tues, Nov 6, 5:30pm, Jax Deli
- ❖ Neighborhood Clean-Up

## URBANISM UPDATE: THIRD PLACES

What are “third places” and why are they important to a community? Urban sociologist Roy Oldenburg says that bars, coffee shops, general stores, and other “third places” are central to local democracy and community vitality. They are public places on neutral ground where people can gather and interact. In contrast to first places (home) and second places (work), third places allow people to put aside their concerns and simply enjoy the company and conversation around them. Third places “host the regular, voluntary, informal, and happily anticipated gatherings of individuals beyond the realms of home and work.” Main streets, post offices, and cafes are other examples of third places that are the heart of a community’s social vitality, especially in urban areas where homes are smaller and have less living space. According to the Project for Public Spaces ([www.pps.org](http://www.pps.org)), “providing the foundation for a functioning democracy, these spaces promote social equity by leveling the status of guests, providing a setting for grassroots politics, creating habits of public association, and offering psychological support to individuals and communities.



The current officers of the Thornton Park Neighborhood Association (from left to right, Logan Lamphere—Newsletter Editor, Chris Betsher—newly elected Secretary, John Moore—Treasurer (repainted the sign!), Terry Driscoll—VP, Leo Hunt—President)

## NEIGHBORS MET AT NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

On October 2, Thornton Park celebrated the National Night Out by having a block party on James Avenue, including a bounce house for kids, and a human hamster wheel that made snow cones! The TPNA grilled hot dogs and hamburgers while

neighbors brought side dishes and desserts. OPD Officer Eddie Rosado and Commissioner Patty Sheehan stopped by. The event enhances the relationship between neighbors and law enforcement while bringing back a true sense of community.



## YARD HELP COMMITTEE

The Thornton Park Neighborhood Association has formed a “Yard Help” committee. If you or someone you know needs assistance with cleaning up a property, we can help! Our volunteers can perform mowing, trimming, and related tasks. For more information, contact Guy Houk at [guyhouk@bellsouth.net](mailto:guyhouk@bellsouth.net) or 407-595-3914.



We’re slowly disappearing, honey. Don’t you think we should do something?

## NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH REORGANIZING

Following a successful National Night Out, Thornton Park is resurrecting our Neighborhood Watch committee. Interested residents met on October 9<sup>th</sup> at Island Time to brainstorm ideas and chose the following committee goals:

1. Improve pedestrian safety
2. Prevent porch thefts/Avoid door-to-door scams
3. Recruit members
4. Enhance the image of a safe, walkable neighborhood

They chose the following projects for the next year:

1. Host National Night Out 2019
2. Pursue 4-way stops
3. Encourage use of porch cameras/sharing of that info
4. Education campaign

The group will be attending the “Vision Zero” meeting, November 1, at 6pm at Mayor Landford Park Center, where transportation safety will be discussed.

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