



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

Neighborhood Postings:
www.Nextdoor.com

EVENTS

- ❖ **Thornton Park Neighborhood Association Meeting**
Monday, Feb 11, 7-8pm, Mayor Langford Community Center
- ❖ **2nd Thurs Wine & Art Walk**
Thursday, Feb 14, 6:30-8:30pm
Thursday, March 14, 6:30-8:30pm
Thursday, April 11, 6:30-8:30pm
- ❖ **Neighborhood Clean-Up**
Sat, Feb 16, 10am, Graffiti Junktion
- ❖ **Easter Egg Hunt**
Sat, April 20, 10am, Langford Center

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THORNTON PARK LOSES LONG-TIME SUPPORTER

By Leo Hunt

The Thornton Park Neighborhood Association is extremely sad for the passing of our friend and neighbor, Terry Driscoll. Terry served as Vice President of TPNA for many years - leading, volunteering and assisting in all of our community events. He had a passion for giving back to the community and did so in service to Outreach Love, Inc and the Orlando youth that it benefits. To us, Terry was truly one of a kind. We will miss him greatly. Our sincerest and heartfelt condolences go out to his wife, Lindsay, daughter, Caitlin, and all of his extended family and friends.



EVERYBODY'S BUSINESS - SHAVE SHOP

Chris Privilege has been specializing in men's haircuts, shaves, and beard trims at his Winter Park location for years. He recently opened a second location at 828 E Washington Street, down from Raw Juicing & Detox. Originally from Michigan, Privilege wanted to be in trendy Thornton Park, and was originally only open by appointment. He now keeps regular hours, due to walk-in traffic and high demand. Appointments can be made for Monday through Saturday, from around 10am to 7pm most days by calling 407-437-9340, or booking online at www.shaveshoporlando.com.

FIRST YARD OF THE SEASON AWARD

On December 18th, the Thornton Park Gardening & Beautification Committee chose its first "yard of the season" award for the property at 901 East Central Boulevard. The house and yard, owned by Dean and Lori Burleson, were built in 2017. According to the committee, the yard was chosen because it has a nice diversity of plants, with different textures and colors. The plantings, which include some native species, were planted at varying heights and complemented the house nicely. A good balance of plantings, mulch, and grass was achieved. The small yard area of the corner lot is well-utilized, and the white picket fence blends in with other Thornton Park picket fences, and also gives an area for their two French bulldogs to run. Spring will be awarded on March 20th.



MEET YOUR PUBLIC OFFICIALS



**Representative Anna Eskamani,
District 47**

Thornton Park's own Anna Eskamani was elected to the Florida Legislature as a Representative for House District 47. Eskamani is an Orlando native and daughter of Iranian immigrants. She ran on a progressive platform of opportunity. Issues she supported included fair wages, economic upward mobility, small businesses, fully funding public schools, competitive teacher salaries, eliminating high-stakes testing, ensuring access to both higher education and accelerated training programs for high school graduates, healthcare as a human right, and protecting and preserving natural resources.

Eskamani says, "I am thrilled to serve the great people of Florida State House District 47, and honored that constituents supported us with a resounding majority. Our team is already getting to work -- we are preparing to open up our district office, hire our staff, and sponsor our first pieces of legislation too. Know that my commitment will always be with the hard working families of Central Florida, and that our team is readily available to serve you and our community!"

She was sworn in on November 20 in Tallahassee, and the legislative session begins in March. You can contact her at anna@annaforflorida.com.



Holiday Luminaries

Residents of the Thornton Park Neighborhood spread holiday cheer on December 16th, lighting their annual holiday luminaries on streets throughout the neighborhood. Lighted candles in bags lasted about four hours on a pleasant, calm evening, perfect for a stroll past the decorated bungalows of Thornton Park.

URBANISM UPDATE: TWO-WAY STREETS

The City of Orlando is considering turning some of the one-way streets downtown into two-way streets. According to CityLab.com, one-way streets used to be favored by transportation engineers for getting automotive through-traffic from point A to point B quickly. Drivers naturally go faster when there is no oncoming traffic or left turns through on-coming traffic. At first appearance this seems safer, but in reality traffic often goes faster than the speed limit, putting pedestrians and cyclists at higher risk of injury. Cities across America are now converting confusing one-way streets back to two-way, which naturally slows down traffic. Vehicles can disperse more easily, while reducing time and miles travelled circling around one-way blocks. Access Magazine says that "two-way streets are better for local businesses that depend heavily on pass-by traffic. Additionally, traffic signal timing on two-way streets forces vehicles to stop more frequently than on one-way streets, giving drivers more exposure to local businesses." Two-way roads are better for business districts, such as Orange Avenue, and are also safer for residential neighborhoods, where pedestrians, cyclists, children, and pets may be in or near the road.

GARDENING COMMITTEE TIP: UF EXTENSION OFFICE

By Guy Houk

Did you know that the University of Florida's Institute for Food and Agricultural Sciences (IFAS) has an extension program here in Orlando? This is a great resource for gardeners. Their website has copious information about Florida plants and flowers, they can help you to diagnose problems with your lawn, and they even offer a series of classes that will enable you to become certified as a master gardener. Their monthly "neighborhood gardener" e-newsletter is filled with useful ideas and tips. If you're interested in growing things in Central Florida, UF/ IFAS is worth checking out. Visit their website at: <http://sfyl.ifas.ufl.edu/orange/home-lawns-landscapes-and-gardens/master-gardener-mg/>

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