



THORNTON PARK NEWS

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EVERYBODY'S BUSINESS

Defined Culture Hair Studio

Walking along Washington Street in the evening, you may have noticed some new friendly faces at the former location of Rock Gorgeous Hair Salon. Sergio Boy recently opened his Defined Culture Hair Studio at 716 East Washington Street after many years working in chain stores. Sergio, who also lives Downtown, studied at Paul Mitchell and worked in Los Angeles.

As a barber, he and another employee specialize in men's haircuts, fades, beards and shaves. He also employs three stylists who specialize in women's salon services, Brazilian blowouts, coloring and highlights, and extensions. Sergio says that he's an expert who specializes in creating fades and tapers that perfectly compliment comb overs,

textured haircuts or modern pompadours. "To make sure that my clients feel absolutely satisfied, I remain up to date on the latest techniques and provide the best service possible," said Sergio. Defined Culture Hair Studio is currently appointment only at (407) 446-0825, and they are looking forward to meeting neighbors in Thornton Park.



Zen Rising Wellness Center

Hidden to the east of Howard Middle School is Zen Rising Wellness Center on the backside of 1000 East Robinson Street. According to owner Teresa Wilmot, they offer almost every type of massage, acupuncture, cupping, reiki, crystal healing and corporate chair massage. They have five fully licensed professionals on staff.

The building they are in, however, will soon be demolished to make way for the T-Park 11 townhomes. The developer, Mark Kinchla, has promised to give them a 60-day notice. Wilmot would like to stay in the neighborhood because they really like the community here, but has not yet found a space to accommodate them. Once they find a new home, Wilmot plans to add many more services.

She would like residents to know that they "believe wellness should be affordable, which is why our regular pricing is lower than our competitors. Everyone should be able to have wellness as part of their monthly routine. We educate our clients about any service before they book with us, so they are getting exactly what they asked for and not leaving feeling unsatisfied or frustrated." Learn more at

www.zenrisingwellnesscenter.com.



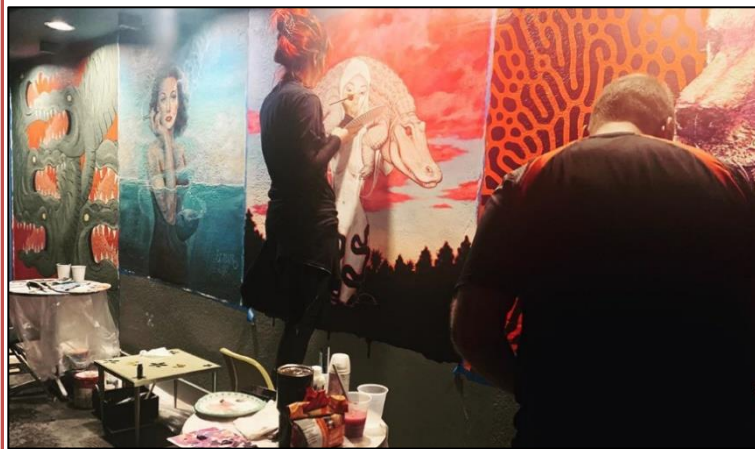
EVENTS

- ❖ **Thornton Park Neighborhood Association Meeting**
Monday, Feb 10, 7-8pm, Mayor Langford Community Center
- ❖ **Neighborhood Clean-Up**
Sat, Feb 15, 10am, Graffiti Junktion
- ❖ **2nd Thurs Wine & Art Walk**
Thursday, Feb 13, 6:30-9:30pm
Thursday, Mar 12, 6:30-9:30pm
Thursday, Jan 9, 6:30-9:30pm
- ❖ **Annual Easter Egg Hunt**
Sat, Apr 11, 10am, Langford Park (rear pavilion)
Sat, Nov 16, 11am-2pm

FALCON UNVEILS INTERIOR MURALS

The Falcon continued to be the artistic hub of Thornton Park by installing four new murals. Instead of the traditional outdoor murals, these new paintings are on the inside of this creative community center. Artists unveiled their works on February 1st, and included the talents of Christian Stanley, Kelly Berry, Morgan Wilson of Lux Nova Studio, Samantha Shumaker of Shumaker Art, and Ryan Semple. An art show featuring other works by these artists was also held on the front gallery wall of the bar. Music was provided by DJ La La.

The Falcon bills itself as “an independent, cutting-edge experience of art and music in a bar setting. Check out their monthly rotating art on display or live bands while sampling the finest craft beers, wines and ciders in Thornton Park.”



Artists painting new indoor murals at The Falcon Bar (Photo courtesy of The Falcon)

VICTORY GARDEN

For Northern transplants to Florida, it can be difficult to know when to plant certain vegetables. Spring is coming and you need to be careful to plant vegetables that can survive the heat and rain of our Florida summers. March and April are good times to plant beans, melons, mustard, cucumbers, okra, peanuts, tomatoes, turnips, collards, and sweet potatoes. And since April, 2019, gardeners are allowed by Florida law to grow vegetables in their front yards.

CRAFTSMAN CORNER

What is a Craftsman style house? According to Fypon.com, craftsman home plans “embrace simplicity, handiwork, and natural materials...and are cozy, often with shingle siding and stone details. Open porches with overhanging beams and rafters are common to Craftsman homes, as are projecting eaves and a low-pitched gable roof. Often visible, especially around the corners of the home are corbels, rafter tails, simple gables at the eaves, and tapered (square) columns.” Exposing rafters and corbels were a way to show off the work of the craftsman. A corbel is an architectural element that projects out from a wall to support weight.



WINTER YARD OF THE SEASON

The Thornton Park Neighborhood Association Gardening & Beautification Committee chose the Winter 2020 Yard of the Season at 28 N. Hyer Ave. Owners Luann and Alan Deese recently purchased and rehabilitated their home and yard and have achieved a good use of an oddly shaped property. Being on a bit of hill, they installed a handsome retaining wall that helps stop erosion and provides a planting opportunity for pollinator-friendly lantana and firebush.

Layering heights of various plants and shrubs step up to a privacy hedge for a side patio. A large palm provides some shade over a patch reserved for seasonal bedding plants. That, along with giant containers on the porch, provides a splash of color and a new surprise several times a year. The grass-free area means more attention can be spent on pruning and weeding for our 2020 Winter Yard of the Season.



PETS IN THE PARK

Meet Captain Gill!
Gill's guardians are Zach and Regina on Washington Street.



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