



# THORNTON PARK NEWS

Neighborhood Newsletter

Fall 2020

## THE THORNTON PARK NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION



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Local News:

Downtown's Community Paper:  
[yourcommunitypaper.com](http://yourcommunitypaper.com)

Bungalower: [Bungalower.com](http://Bungalower.com)

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)

## PLANT EXCHANGE NOVEMBER 7

Have your plants taken off while you've been home? Do you have extras to share? The Thornton Park Gardening & Beautification Committee will be holding a plant exchange on Saturday, November 7 at 914 E. Washington St. (Leo's driveway).

You can bring indoor or outdoor plants, seeds, cuttings, or store-bought--whatever you'd like, but just like with Christmas presents, the more you give, the more you can receive! Feel free to bring your excess gardening equipment, pots, fertilizer, books, tools, etc.

Has your plant outgrown its pot? This is a great time to divide it up, and share or trade the extras! Maybe you have some bushes that need trimming. Save some cuttings to spread the green around!

Fall is a great time to plant in Central Florida.

## MORE SCARECROWS



Fall scarecrows in Thornton Park are catching on! Originally started by Leo Hunt and Jamie White, this year saw more scarecrows, more variety, and more attention than ever before.

Neighbor Roxy Santiago put together [scarecrowsofthorntonpark.com](http://scarecrowsofthorntonpark.com) showcasing photos and design plans.

## WELCOME WAGON GREET'S SEVEN NEW NEIGHBORS

On October 3, the Thornton Park Welcome Wagon visited seven residences with new owners. New neighbors receive a folder containing information about the Thornton Park Neighborhood Association, the Lake Lawsona Historic District, our elected officials, school and transportation info along with other useful information for new residents. The folder also includes menus, brochures and coupons from TPD businesses, along with a small housewarming gift. This time, the gift was a candle from the Artifact Candle Foundry.

New residents also receive a packet of information assembled by the Gardening & Beautification Committee on growing vegetables in Florida, native plants, and recycling. The Neighborhood Watch & Safety Committee includes a packet of safety-related information. These documents can all be found in the "Documents" section of the Nextdoor.com app under Thornton Park.

The committee will probably do another round of welcomes in about four months.



The Blake family recently moved into Thornton Park on Pine Street (COURTESY OF THE BLAKES)

## EVENTS

- ❖ Thornton Park Neighborhood Association Meeting (VIRTUAL!)  
Tues, Feb 9, 7-8pm, join at: [XXX](#)
- ❖ Thornton Park District's 2nd Thursday Wine & Art Walk returns! (tentatively)  
Thurs, Nov 12, 6:30-9:30pm
- ❖ Neighborhood Clean-Up (w gloves!)  
Sat, Feb 13, 9am, Island Time

Buy local at [407ToGo.com](http://407ToGo.com)!  
(Created by neighbor Zach Thrasher)

Printed at the UPS Store at 424 E Central Blvd. 407-872-1057.



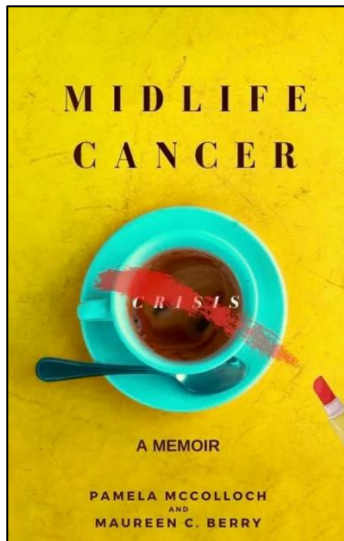
**NEIGHBOR WRITES BOOK ABOUT SURVIVING CANCER**

Pamela McColloch has survived cancer. Twice. She now helps other cancer fighters by offering a variety of products through the Cfree Cancer Free Living business she founded in 2014.

Now she has published a book, *Midlife Cancer Crisis: A Memoir*. The book offers the story of her journey. According to the description, this book chronicles Pamela’s cancer journey—from the self-imposed misdiagnosis, to the angst, denial, and treatments. It explores one woman’s search to understand her parental influences as she battles colon and liver cancer in her late 40’s while raising her teenage godson.

**PETS IN THE PARK**

This is Jack and Cody. They pull Eric and Wayne around the neighborhood. You may have seen them!



This is a story of family, friendship, choices, and faith. The book is co-authored by author, speaker, and liposarcoma survivor, Maureen C. Berry. It is McColloch’s mission to help cancer fighters untie their cancer ribbon by sharing hope and encouragement. Cfree Cancer Free wants to help fighters and survivors claim their victory over cancer.



*Neighbor Pamela McColloch wrote Midlife Cancer Crisis: A Memoir*

“You must believe to achieve, especially fighting for your life,” says McColloch. To learn more, visit [www.cancerfreeliving.life](http://www.cancerfreeliving.life).

**FALL YARD OF THE SEASON**

Thornton Park’s Gardening & Beautification Committee chose their Fall 2020 Yard of the Season—719 E. Pine St. The well-shaded property is under a large live oak that owner Nancy planted over twenty years ago. The front yard is full of grass—but not the kind that needs mowing. Several types and sizes of Japanese mondo grass create a Zen feeling on both sides of the sidewalk, quieting the souls of strollers walking by.

A traditional dry creek bed lined with round river rocks runs alongside the house, contributing to the Zen aesthetic, but also functions as a bioswale, or rain garden, to channel heavy runoff into the ground. Stepping stones are fringed with dwarf mondo grass, and an Arts & Crafts-style light pushes up like a mushroom beside the creek. The greenery continues up onto the porch via a series of potted plants, watered by hidden drip irrigation hoses.



**SUPPORT OUR SPONSORS**

The following local businesses supported the Thornton Park Neighborhood Association at last year’s “Taste of Thornton Park”. Now it’s time to support them!

- KellerWilliams at the Parks**
- Animal Medical Clinic of Orlando**
- 310 Lakeside Restaurant**
- Anthony’s of Thornton Park**
- The Veranda**
- Stubborn Mule**
- Menagerie Eatery & Bar**
- Raw Juice Bar**

- Graffiti Junktion Thornton Park**
- Maxine’s on Shine**
- Jinya Ramen Bar**
- Olde Town Brokers**
- Nathan Vanags Design**
- Island Time**
- Mamak Asian Street Food**
- Orange Blossom Brewing Co**

- Bites & Bubbles**
- Novelty at 101**
- Roque Pub**
- Ten10 Brewing Company**
- Firebirds Wood Fired Grill**
- Hourglass Brewery**