



# THORNTON PARK NEWS

Neighborhood Newsletter

Winter 2021

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)

## A TASTE OF THORNTON PARK GIVES BACK

The annual Taste of Thornton Park was “held” at the end of 2020—but with a twist. Instead of raising funds for our neighborhood association, the Taste of Thornton Park gave back to past participants. Gift cards were purchased from our previous supporting restaurants, bars and other businesses totaling \$5550. The gift cards are being sold to neighbors at a discount, and have generated over \$3000 that also goes back to the neighborhood businesses during this difficult time. If you’d still like to purchase



the last few gift cards, email Leo at [atasteofthorntonpark@gmail.com](mailto:atasteofthorntonpark@gmail.com).



*An array of different gift cards from past participants of “A Taste of Thornton Park” were purchased by the Thornton Park Neighborhood Association as a way to give back to businesses during this difficult time (COURTESY TED ROGNES)*

## NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH RE-CERTIFIES

On January 5, the Thornton Park Neighborhood Watch & Safety Committee went through a training with officials from the Orlando Police Department and City. Participants learned about the requirements to make a street a “Neighborhood Watch” area, along with various safety tips. Even though there have been some disturbing incidents around the neighborhood, crime is actually down in Thornton Park and downtown Orlando as a whole.

Officer Eddie Rosado, who is also our District 4 Liaison Officer, gave his monthly crime statistics update, and informed us to call 911 when we see any suspicious activity, however minor. Rosado can also conduct a residential survey, giving advice on securing your property.

Lauri Brooks, Orlando Police Department Neighborhood Watch Specialist, discussed several useful tactics residents should use.

1. If you’re outside, acknowledge people you walk past, or see from your

porch. That way, they know you’re watching, and it helps build relationships between neighbors. It also makes it easier to spot someone who is not a resident.

2. Take note of suspicious behavior, such as walking constantly up and down the street, checking car doors, walking up driveways, etc. Record height, weight, clothing, gender, race, and activity. We must be the eyes and ears on the streets.

3. Never approach a suspicious person.

4. AFTER calling 911, send out a group text or post to Nextdoor, but always call 911 first.

Neighborhood Watch signs will be posted when 40% of a street participates. Pine Street will probably be first.

Committee Chair Regina Thrasher coordinated the event, and plans to have more meetings in the coming year. She also encourages neighbors to join Nextdoor, where they can post information about suspicious individuals after informing OPD.

For a copy of the Committee’s Safety information packet, please email [llampher@hotmail.com](mailto:llampher@hotmail.com).

## EVENTS

- ❖ **Thornton Park Neighborhood Association Meeting**  
Tues, Feb 9, 7-8pm, Zoom:  
[us02web.zoom.us/j/82831227782](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82831227782)  
**(Meetings will now be 2nd Tues of the 2nd month each quarter.)**
- ❖ **TPD’s 2nd Thurs Wine & Art Walk**  
Thurs, Feb 11, 6:30-9:30pm  
Thurs, March 11, 6:30-9:30pm  
Thurs, April 8, 6:30-9:30pm
- ❖ **Neighborhood Clean-Up**  
Sat, Feb 13, 9am, Island Time
- ❖ **Annual Easter Egg Hunt (Tentatively)**  
Sat, April 4, 10am, Langford Park

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(Created by neighbor Zach Thrasher)

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**EVERYBODY'S BUSINESS**

**Getaboard** - This foundation located to 1000 E. Robinson St. Their mission is to positively impact at-risk youth through action sports, art, and education.

**F&D Cantina** - a new Mexican restaurant at 617 E. Central Blvd. will take the place of Jax Deli, which closed in September due to Covid-19.

**DAMAGED SIGN. AGAIN.**

On November 30, 2020, a young person driving his grandmother's car ran into our sign at Robinson and Mills/Thornton. An eye witness reported that he



fled on foot. Keys and Honda car parts were found. The City's insurance covered resetting the sign. Luckily, the sign board itself was not damaged. A "Keep Right" highway sign had been placed in front less than a year earlier. A dashed yellow line has been painted to help direct traffic around the dividing island. It was last hit in 2010. Thanks to Leo Hunt, Brian Carwile and John Moore for helping with the repair.

**PETS IN THE PARK**

Rascal belongs to Miss Betty on Thornton Avenue—stop and say hi if you see him!



**WINTER YARD OF THE SEASON**

The Thornton Park Gardening & Beautification Committee chosen its Winter Yard of the Season: 1115 E. Jefferson St. Owner Tinsley Smith said they were trying to make the best use of limited yard space, and indeed, they have. The corner lot now has a small, hand-somely fenced dog run in a previously unused space lined with nice plantings giving a bit of privacy. Giant white birds-of-paradise complement the Mediterranean Revival house. A rebuilt stone retaining wall frames the elongated front yard, lending a discreet separation from the sidewalk. Topiaries, a variety of palms and a mature oak tree round out this pleasing property in a prominent part of Thornton Park.



**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**
- Cavo's Bar & Kitchen**