



# THORNTON PARK NEWS

Neighborhood Newsletter

Spring 2021

## THE THORNTON PARK NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION



### Association Officers

**President** – Leo Hunt, 407-316-8640

[thorntonparkorl@aol.com](mailto:thorntonparkorl@aol.com)

**Vice President** – David Desforges

**Secretary** – Wayne Johnson

**Treasurer** – John Moore

**Newsletter Editor** – Logan Lamphere

Please email news, kudos, events, or article ideas to [llampher@hotmail.com](mailto:llampher@hotmail.com) or call 605-490-0732

Facebook:

[www.facebook.com/ThorntonParkNeighborhoodAssociation](https://www.facebook.com/ThorntonParkNeighborhoodAssociation) (Like us!)

Local Businesses:

[ThorntonParkDistrict.com](http://ThorntonParkDistrict.com)  
[facebook.com/ThorntonParkDistrict](https://facebook.com/ThorntonParkDistrict)

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)

## EVERYBODY'S BUSINESS

### The 808

The old Dexter's location may finally have a new tenant! The 808 will be a Hawaiian/Caribbean themed restaurant and bar, created by Wendy Connor from The Abbey and Todd Ulmer from Aku Aku, The Lodge and others. They are working with KitchenAF chef "Surfer Dan" Weber to create the menu. They hope to open in early summer with lunch, dinner and late night.

### The Menagerie to switch to RusTeak

The owners of the Menagerie, who also own Stubborn Mule, have decided to change the concept at 101 S. Eola Drive to another one of their popular brands: RusTeak. It is their third location after the original in Ocoee and College Park. The adjoining Broken Cage will continue as normal.

## NEWEST MURAL

The newest mural in Thornton Park has been completed at Burton's, under the watchful eye of RBG. It is from Los Angeles-based activist and street artist Shepard Fairey who has painted murals in support of transparent pricing of medical procedures. You can learn more at [powertothepatients.org](http://powertothepatients.org).



## EVENTS

- ❖ Thornton Park Neighborhood Association Meeting  
Tues, May 11, 7-8pm, Zoom:  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81399845234?pwd=TWJOVXd4dDdaK2RrdEFTYlpqM2N3dz09>
- ❖ Spring Plant Exchange  
Sat, May 1, 9-11am, 30 James Ave (Leo's driveway)
- ❖ TPD's 2nd Thurs Wine & Art Walk  
Thurs, May 13, 6:30-9:30pm  
Thurs, June 10, 6:30-9:30pm  
Thurs, July 8, 6:30-9:30pm

Neighbors Molly and Lauren and their friends helped brighten up their block, E. Washington Street, by creating this chalk sidewalk art.

Buy local at **407ToGo.com!**

(Created by neighbor Zach Thrasher)

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



## PLANT EXCHANGES HELD

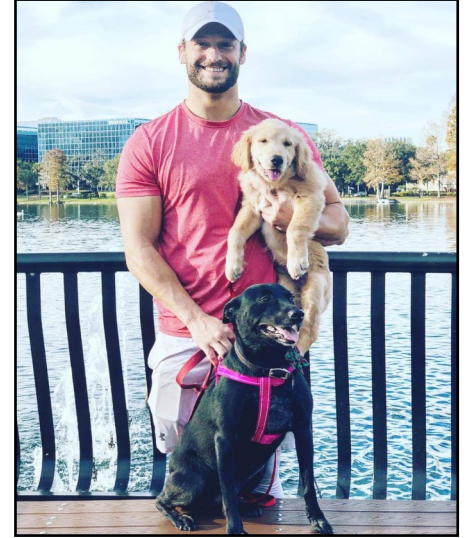
After a successful first-ever plant exchange last fall, the Thornton Park Gardening & Beautification Committee decided to hold a spring plant exchange on May 1, again in Leo & Jamie's back driveway.



The outdoor event was a way to bring together residents in Thornton Park and elsewhere to swap seeds, seedlings, cuttings, house plants, outdoor plants, natives, exotics, and even spare gardening tools. Tips and advice, success stories and not-so-successful stories were also swapped. The group hopes to conduct one each fall and spring.

## PETS IN THE PARK

This is Gunner, Lucy and Chase from E. Jefferson Street. Chase is the one who claims to be the human, Lucy is sitting and Gunner is the puppy (but he's all grown up now!).



## WAYNE JOHNSON ELECTED SECRETARY

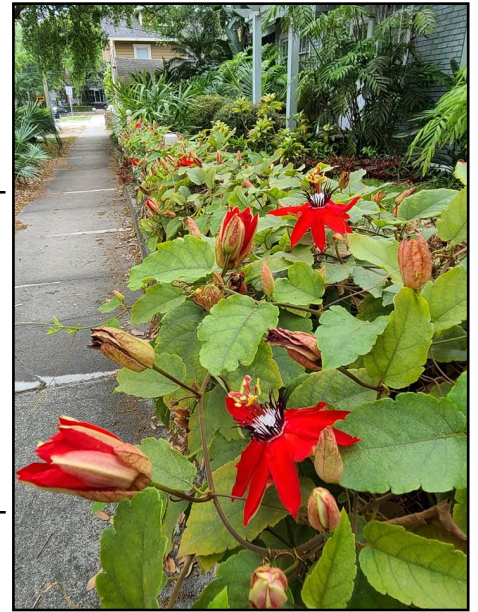
During the February Thornton Park Neighborhood Association meeting, Wayne Johnson from Thornton Avenue was elected Secretary. Wayne has already been very active with TPNA, running the quarterly neighborhood clean-ups, organizing the efforts to create TPNA polo shirts and T-shirts, and getting new meeting notification yard signs. Duties of the Secretary include taking and publishing minutes of the quarterly TPNA meetings, and helping with other activities such as the Taste of Thornton Park fundraiser.



## WINTER YARD OF THE SEASON

True plant lovers live here! The Spring 2021 Yard of the Season goes to 200 N. Brown Ave, home to Joe and Ed. This property, locally famous for its beautiful passion fruit vine that rambles along the white fence, is home to an academic collection of bromeliads, cycads and palms.

In fact, they may have more plant species than any other yard in Thornton Park! Native saw palmettos and foreign cycads provide a bit of a barrier between the brisk bustle at that awkward intersection of Brown Avenue and Jefferson Street, where cars are supposed to continue in one direction curve up Florida Highway 15. Look closely and you may spy the little fountain hidden in the bushes, a rabbit hiding under an avocado tree, or tiny climbing bromeliads on the side of the garage. Spring is here!



## 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**