



# THORNTON PARK NEWS

Neighborhood Newsletter

Summer 2021

THE THORNTON PARK  
NEIGHBORHOOD  
ASSOCIATION



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## A TASTE OF THORNTON PARK SUPPORTS OUR TASTE BUDS

In what was supposed to be its 21st year, *A Taste of Thornton Park* will once again turn to other means of supporting our neighborhood businesses by designating October as the “Support Our ‘Taste Buds’” month!

Due to the return of Covid concerns and staffing issues of local businesses, organizers decided to give back to past participants by marketing to local residents. Businesses will receive a past participant poster, and will be highlighted each day of October on social media. A banner will be hung on the Thornton Park neighborhood sign, and an article will be published in the *Community Paper*, along with this newsletter.

The popular event is typically the only fundraiser for the Thornton Park Neighborhood Association, with proceeds going to maintain the fountain, print newsletters, support the Welcome Wagon, and put on events such as the annual Easter Egg Hunt and Holiday Luminaries.

Last year, the TPNA raised over \$6000 for local businesses by buying gift cards from past participants and reselling them. Learn more at [ThorntonPark.org](http://ThorntonPark.org).

## SUPPORT OUR “TASTE BUDS”

The following local businesses support the Thornton Park Neighborhood Association’s annual fundraiser, “A Taste of Thornton Park”. Now it’s time to support them!

- ◆ Keller Williams Realty at the Parks
- ◆ Graffiti Junktion Thornton Park
- ◆ Bites & Bubbles
- ◆ Animal Medical Clinic of Orlando
- ◆ Maxine’s on Shine
- ◆ Novelty at 101
- ◆ 310 Lakeside Restaurant
- ◆ Jinya Ramen Bar
- ◆ Roque Pub
- ◆ Anthony’s of Thornton Park
- ◆ Olde Town Brokers
- ◆ Ten10 Brewing Company
- ◆ The Veranda
- ◆ Nathan Vanags Design
- ◆ Firebirds Wood Fired Grill
- ◆ Stubborn Mule
- ◆ Island Time
- ◆ Hourglass Brewery
- ◆ Menagerie Eatery & Bar
- ◆ Mamak Asian Street Food
- ◆ Cavo’s Bar & Kitchen
- ◆ Raw Juice Bar
- ◆ Orange Blossom Brewing Co
- ◆ Eola Wine Company
- ◆ The 808
- ◆ Persimmon Hollow Brewery



## EVENTS

- ❖ TPNA Gardening & Beautification Committee  
Thurs, Sept 30, 7-8pm, Island Time
- ❖ National Night Out  
Tues, Oct 5, 5-9pm, James Ave
- ❖ A Taste of Thornton Park: Supports Our “Taste Buds!”  
The month of October, neighborhood-wide
- ❖ Thornton Park Neighborhood Association Meeting (Location TBD)  
Tues, Nov 9, 7-8pm
- ❖ Neighborhood Clean-Up  
Sat, Nov 13, 9am, Island Time
- ❖ Fall Plant Exchange  
Sat, Nov 13, 10-noon, 30 James Ave

## NATIONAL NIGHT OUT RETURNS OCT 5

Thornton Park will be participating in the National Night Out, Tuesday, October 5, starting at 5 pm on James Ave. The TPNA will be providing free hot dogs and hamburgers, water and soda. Please bring a side dish or dessert and your own drink, if you’d like. At 6 pm we will be showing the family-friendly movie *Hocus Pocus* from our friends at Motion Flix, and bring a chair. OPD usually brings their K9 unit, too.

## GARDENING & BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE TO MEET SEPT 30: MONARCH WAY STATIONS

The Thornton Park Neighborhood Association's Gardening & Beautification Committee plans to meet in-person on Thursday, September 30 at 7 p.m. at Island Time.

Neighbor Patience will give a talk on the Monarch Waystation Project, which she has implemented at Island Time.

Other agenda items include choosing the fall 2021 Yard of the Season, discussing UCF's air quality sensor program, reviewing the City's free trees for this fall, noodling over ideas for the utility box at Thornton/Central, and planning a time to remove the graffiti from Howard Middle School.

All are welcome to attend!

## PETS IN THE PARK

Sophie and Pearl like to be driven. Here they are with Dave and Scott, driving to North Carolina from their home on Mills!



## NEW STOP SIGNS AT WASHINGTON & SUMMERLIN



After many years of lobbying and experimenting with flashing crosswalks, the intersection of Washington Street and Summerlin Avenue finally has become a four-way stop.

Thornton Park District director Lisa Cuatt made the announcement on Facebook on June 24, and was installed July 1. It will only be there for a six-month evaluation.

Edward Arent, who works nearby, commented on the Facebook announcement that he believes it's definitely needed, especially with the kids walking to nearby Howard Middle School, and will provide better safety for both pedestrians and drivers.

## PLANT EXCHANGE—NOVEMBER 13

The Thornton Park Gardening & Beautification Committee will be holding their annual plant exchange on Saturday, November 13, from 10 a.m. to noon at 30 James Avenue (Leo's driveway).

You can bring indoor or outdoor plants, seeds, cuttings, natives, exotics or store-bought--whatever you'd like! Feel free to bring your excess gardening equipment, pots, fertilizer, books, tools, etc., too. Fall is a good time to plant in Central Florida.

## SCARECROWS OF THORNTON PARK!

Residents and businesses of Thornton Park will once again erect scarecrows this autumn! To learn more and build your own, visit [ScarecrowsOfThorntonPark.com](http://ScarecrowsOfThorntonPark.com)!



## SUMMER YARD OF THE SEASON

Congratulations to 1106 E Washington, the Summer Yard of the Season for 2021!

Chris and Tori and have lived here a long time and have created a delightful mix of sizes, shapes, textures and colors with their front yard foliage and flowers.

Crystalline orange bursts from the *Justicia spicigera*, a native of Central America contrast with the soft purple tiboucina flowers of Brazil.

A welcoming brick path unites the front yard with the right-of-way along the street, and terra cotta urns overflow with yellow begonias, cheering up pedestrians as they stroll through Thornton Park.

