



# THORNTON PARK NEWS

Neighborhood Newsletter

Fall 2021

THE THORNTON PARK  
NEIGHBORHOOD  
ASSOCIATION



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City Historic Preservation:

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Neighborhood Postings:

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## A TASTE OF THORNTON PARK SUPPORTED "TASTE BUDS"

Residents of Thornton Park patronized past participants of our annual "Taste of Thornton Park" fundraiser during October, and added extra marketing via social media, yard signs, and a banner across the neighborhood welcome sign.

Next year, we hope to return to the popular event in-person, which would be 22 years after the original event was started to raise funds for the Four Rivers Fountain on Washington Street.

The fundraiser helps keep our Neighborhood Association (not a homeowners' association) free and able to maintain our fountain and welcome sign, print newsletters, welcome new residents, and put on events such as our Easter egg hunt, National Night Out, Holiday Luminaries, etc.

But supporting our local businesses doesn't conclude with the end of October. Whether a bar, restaurant, hair salon, realtor or insurance agent, our local Thornton Park businesses need your support year-round.



## 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 extra gardening equipment, fertilizer, pots, etc. Fall is a good time to plant!

## EVERYBODY'S BUSINESS

**Coldwell Banker Realty**

The former Woofgang Bakery on the corner of Washington Street and Summerlin Avenue has a new tenant. Coldwell Banker Realty opened their new Thornton Park office on October 1 and celebrated with a luau.



## EVENTS

- ❖ **TPNA Meeting returns to LANGFORD PARK CENTER and Zoom:**  
[us02web.zoom.us/j/88069528855](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88069528855)  
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 (Leo's driveway)
- ❖ **Movie Night: "Elf"**  
Fri, Dec 3, 5:45-8pm, James Ave
- ❖ **Holiday Luminaries**  
Sat, Dec 4, 3pm, 30 James Ave;  
light at 7pm with Lake Lawsona
- ❖ **Gardening & Beautification Comm.**  
Tuesday, Dec 14, 5-6pm, Island Time

## MOVIE NIGHT, DEC 3: "ELF"

Since we took a rain-check from showing a movie at the National Night Out, the Neighborhood Watch & Safety Committee in conjunction with our new Social Committee has rescheduled a movie night for Friday, Dec. 3. Starting at 5:45pm the movie "Elf," starring Will Ferrell will be shown by MotionFlix, who will supply popcorn and other goodies. There will be a special competition at 5:45pm to win a prize from Commissioner Patty Sheehan. Please bring a chair.

### PETS IN THE PARK



Rizzo likes to FLY and go on adventures with Lorena and Nate, who live on Hill Avenue.

### GARDENING & BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE TO MEET DEC 14:

The Thornton Park Neighborhood Association's Gardening & Beautification Committee plans to meet in-person on Tuesday, December 14 at 5 p.m. at Island Time to choose the Winter Yard of the Season and discuss their latest projects.

Agenda items include discussing UCF's air quality sensor program, 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!

### MANY NEW SCARECROWS IN THORNTON PARK!



Thanks for showing your autumn spirit!



### NEW SOCIAL COMMITTEE

Residents of Thornton Park are ready to get back out and socialize! We realized that after the huge turnout at the National Night Out in October.

So, after talking about it for several years, we have formed a Social Committee, to be headed up by Mills Avenue socialite, Denise Egan.



Some ideas we've had include regular mixers at our local Thornton park bars/restaurants, a porch prowl, themed block parties, and progressive dinners. If you have ideas or would like to join the committee, you can email her at [degan@optimumhit.com](mailto:degan@optimumhit.com).

### THORNTON PARK GETS ITS OWN LITTLE FREE LIBRARY

Our neighbors at 705 E. Pine Street have installed a "Little Free Library". Tiny libraries, sometimes part of the Little Free Library network like this one, are a fun way to share books and encourage reading in a neighborhood.

This "micro-urbanism" action offer four benefits, according to Little Free Libraries: 1) supporting literacy, 2) demonstrating a reading lifestyle, 3) forging partnerships with parents, and 4) establishing new avenues of community service. Plus they're cute!

Thank you neighbors for doing this!

