



THORNTON PARK NEWS

Neighborhood Newsletter

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THE THORNTON PARK NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION



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SOCIAL COMMITTEE FORMS

Residents of Thornton Park are a social group of people. Just walk up and down any of our streets, and you're bound to run into a friendly face. Now that Covid is winding down (again), Thornton Parkers (yes, that's apparently what we're called) want to get out of the house and make some new friends.

On January 6, the first meeting of the Thornton Park Neighborhood Social Committee met and brainstormed ideas for the coming year. Their primary goal is to connect neighbors to neighbors. A neighborhood where neighbors know each other makes for a happier, healthier, and safer place. Research proves it!

The committee hopes to do a variety of events, including a couple larger productions and several smaller events. Look for monthly happy hours patronizing our neighborhood establishments. Other ideas include porch parties, movie nights, entering teams in all those charity footraces that go through Thornton Park, board game nights, attending Magic/Orlando City/Pride/Solar Bears games, pub crawls, scavenger hunts, wine & cheese parties, progressive dinners and others.

If you'd like to join and help, contact Denise at degan@optimumhit.com.

"LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR" PARTY SET FOR FEBRUARY 20



The Social Committee Kickoff party will be a "Love Your Neighbor" meet and greet on Sunday, February 20, from 5 to 7 p.m. at Island Time. Everyone is welcome—the Neighborhood Association will be providing some light bites—come meet some new neighbors! (Thanks KC Cali for the graphics!)

WINTER YARD OF THE SEASON

The TPNA Gardening & Beautification Committee chose its 2021 Winter Yard of the Season: 115 N Hyer Avenue. Owners Basil Dennis and John Manson have lived here for over 20 years.

They have made wonderful use of a small space, replacing grass with Asiatic jasmine, which carries over from a white picket-fenced front yard to the public verge.

Miniature poinsettias line a well-utilized narrow space along the driveway, and an impressive orchid tower greets visitors near the front porch.

A nice variety of plants with different colors and textures lines the front porch and flows up onto the porch in pots.



EVENTS

- ❖ **Thornton Park Neighborhood Association Meeting**
Tues, Feb 8, 7-8pm,
Mayor Langford Park Center
Zoom: us02web.zoom.us/j/86229465732
- ❖ **Neighborhood Clean-Up**
Sat, Feb 12, 9am, Island Time
- ❖ **Love Your Neighbor Social**
Sun, Feb 20, 5-7pm, Island Time
- ❖ **TPNA Gardening & Beautification Committee**
Thurs, March 10, 7-8pm, Island Time
- ❖ **Annual Easter Egg Hunt**
Sat, April 16, 10-11am,
Mayor Langford Park

MEET YOUR BLOCK CAPTAIN

Each street in Thornton Park has a volunteer "Block Captain," who helps distribute newsletters and participates in Neighborhood Watch events. We still need Captains for South St./Summerlin, and Hyer.



Kelley Fenn, Church St



Emily Funk, Hill Ave



Ted Rognes, Jefferson



Regina Thrasher, Washington St



Joe Lapchick, James Ave



Leo Hunt, Businesses



Eric Hawley, Thornton Ave



Lisa Novak, Central Blvd



Scott Dunkle, Mills Ave



Sarah Blake, Pine St



Miriam Reh, Brown Ave

PETS IN THE PARK

This is Penelope and she likes to practice yoga with her momma Mandy. She also got a new picket fence around her front yard!

They live with Wylie on Washington St.



THE VERANDA TRANSITIONS TO NEW OWNERS

If you have questions, please contact Felicia Vestal at 336-491-8489.



Why do parked cars seem to cause most of our problems in Thornton Park? Here are some common courtesies (and laws) to remember, courtesy of Cora:

1. Thou shalt not park cars over sidewalks.
2. Thou shalt not block driveways.

3. Thou shalt not park in front yards unless said yard has pavers/pavement.

Now, we don't want to be tattle-tales; the neighborly thing to do would be to kindly let them know that they may be in violation...but you can report violations to 407-246-2686 or codeenforcement@orlando.gov.

NEW OLD HOUSE BUILT ON HILL AVENUE

A beautiful new Craftsman bungalow has been built at 31 N Hill Avenue. The mostly empty lot previously had a driveway and garage for 29 N Hill Avenue.

The four bedroom, 2.5 bathroom construction meets Lake Lawsona Historic District guidelines and fits perfectly in the neighborhood. It was built to sell by Main Street Builders.

A two car garage is in the rear and a large, open porch will someday welcome residents and visitors alike.

