



THORNTON PARK NEWS

Neighborhood Newsletter

Spring 2022

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SIGN TO BE REBUILT BY CITY

Nearly a year after a teenager drove into our neighborhood welcome sign, a drunk driver drove into it again. Although the Thornton Park Neighborhood Association built and maintains the sign, the City will rebuild it for us, since it is on their right-of-way and they have the driver's insurance information.

Leo Hunt and John Moore have been working with the City on the repair, since it is unscheduled work. The curb will also be built up, to try and divert future cars that careen off

of Mills as they approach Thornton Avenue. Bollards would be too dangerous to drivers, so will not be installed. We are also considering installing lighting, to better illuminate the sign.



EVERYBODY'S BUSINESS

The Golden Sewing Machine

A new business has opened at 23 N. Summerlin Avenue at Lab 23 on the second floor. The Golden Sewing Machine does alterations, tailoring, drapery, proms, weddings, etc. Give them a call at 407-613-7664.



O Brew Coffee Bean Co.

The Veranda's Summerlin House at 111 N. Summerlin Avenue has a new permanent business: O Brew Coffee Bean Co. The coffee shop is open Tuesday to Saturday, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and on Sundays from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. It will also be hosting the Lilly Rose VC Bakery.



EVENTS

- ❖ Thornton Park Neighborhood Association Meeting
Tues, May 10, 7-8pm,
Mayor Langford Park Ctr, Zoom:
us02web.zoom.us/j/89934154073
- ❖ Neighborhood Clean-Up
Sat, May 14, 9am, Island Time
- ❖ Spring Fling Cook Out
Sat, May 14, 4-9pm, at the Veranda put on by Island Time
- ❖ Welcome Wagon
Sat, May 21, 10am, from Wayne's
- ❖ TPNA May Social
Fri, May 27, 5-7pm, Cavo's
- ❖ Gardening & Beautification Comm.
Tues, May 31, 7-8pm, The 808

EASTER EGG HUNT HELD

After a two year hiatus due to Covid, the TPNA held our annual Easter Egg Hunt on April 16 in Mayor Langford Park. There was a great turnout, and the Easter Bunny even made an appearance.

Thanks to Jamie White and the neighbors who helped make it a success.



SPRING 2022 YARD OF THE SEASON

The Spring 2022 Yard of the Season is 1114 E. Washington St. This classically manicured yard has long been a favorite of Thornton Park residents. It boasts multiple levels of groomed topiaries and large, grassy mondo tufts.

Shaped crepe myrtles front the street, while olive trees bask in the sun between the house and the neighbor's driveway.

Potted succulents cascade over the rails of the wrap-around porch, and pretty red hibiscus and pygmy date palms accentuate the corners.

Asiatic jasmine surrounds the myrtles and lines the sidewalks, minimizing the grassy area, which is kept immaculate. The smell of gardenias wafts out to the sidewalks on a warm spring evening.



PETS IN THE PARK

Frankie (short for Francesca) is a West Highland White Terrier who lives with KC and Bob on Washington Street. She caught her first rat the other day, proving her breed's vermin catching abilities.



TPNA Social at Cavo's May 27!!

"EARNEST" HOUSE TO BE REPLACED

The 1918 Frame Vernacular house at 116 N. Hyer Avenue has been demolished and will soon be replaced with a two-story house and garage apartment.

Owner Robert Nunziata, who lives across the street, had hoped to rehab it, but literally every board had termite damage. The Historic Preservation Board

agreed that the structure was too far gone to be saved. Having been neglected for decades, the tin-roofed house was full of rot and termite damage.

Nunziata has rehabbed several other houses in Thornton Park and wants to preserve the historic character.

The property was locally famous for being the film site for the 1988 movie, "Earnest Saves Christmas."

The new structure, which has to conform to the standards of the Lake Lawsona Historic District, will have 2,831 sqft of living space, and 513 sqft of living space for the garage apartment.

Based on feedback by the Design Review Committee on April 28, 2021, Nunziata is proposing a design similar to the award-winning Craftsman house located at 1612 E. Washington Street. The contractor is progressing quickly, according to Nunziata.



I love my little dog FuFu! We walk around daily, but I always pick up after her (although sometimes we run out of bags, so I get extras at the park dispensers).

Some neighbors don't pick up after their pets, but I assume they must have just run out of bags

and will be right back. Did you know that dog and cat waste poo-lutes our lakes? Tests from the Lake Lawsona show their bacteria—eww! And sometimes my FuFu likes to snack on cat pooh and once got icky worms, so please pick up after both cats and dogs!