



THORNTON PARK NEWS

Neighborhood Newsletter

Winter 2023

ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT APRIL 8

Please join us at the far rear pavilion at Mayor Carl Langford Park on Saturday, April 8, at 10:00 a.m., for the Thornton Park Neighborhood Association's annual Easter Egg Hunt!

There will be refreshments for both kids and adults. The little ones will be turned loose at about 10:15, so be sure to get there on time. The Easter Bunny will be making an appearance at the start of the event, so bring your cameras for photo opportunities!

Please RSVP to Jamie White at jamiorl@aol.com so that we are sure to have enough of everything.

We hope to see you there!



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EVERYBODY'S BUSINESS

Lake Eola Yoga

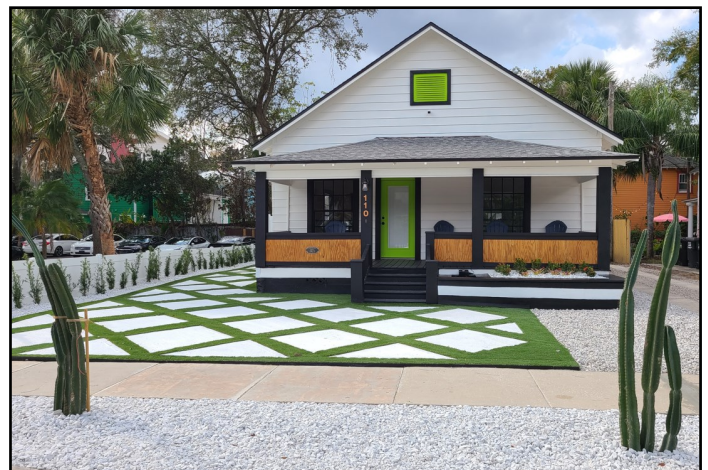
Neighbor and Brown Avenue Block Captain Miriam Reh teaches yoga at Lake Eola Park. All levels are welcome at her class, which is held on Sundays from 11:00 a.m. to noon on the Northeast Lawn at the corner of Robinson St. and Eola Dr. The cost is \$15 per person. Follow her on Instagram at [@lake_eola_yoga](https://www.instagram.com/lake_eola_yoga).

Clean & Classy

You may have noticed a slight change at 716 E. Washington Street, Suite C. Defined Culture Hair Studio has changed hands and is now Clean & Classy. Owner Angel Ortiz came from Dr. Phillips, and offers a craftsman style for men, and has kept on several barbers. Ortiz chose the location because it was a close-knit neighborhood, and he would like to become more involved in the community.

Smokelink; juice shop

The former rental unit in the front half of 110 Hill Avenue will soon be opening as a Smokelink smoke shop and juice bar. The locally-owned business has four other locations in Orlando and Kissimmee. They sell various vapes, tobacco products, CBD and THC items, along with glass and silicone smoking pieces.



The manager, Kate, said they have also applied for a food and beverage license to eventually serve CBD coffee and other beverages. The property is zoned AC-N, which is Neighborhood Activity Center, and can include both commercial and residential use. The business hopes to become involved with the community and has special plans to make donations for Pride events and the onePULSE Foundation. Kate hopes to open by February 5, and will have hours from 9 a.m. to 3 a.m.

EVENTS

- ❖ **Thornton Park Neighborhood Association Meeting**
Tues, Feb. 7, 7-8pm,
Mayor Langford Park Ctr & Zoom:
us02web.zoom.us/j/88387874346
- ❖ **Neighborhood Clean-Up**
Sat, Feb 11, 9am, Island Time
- ❖ **Social Committee**
Tues, Feb 21, 7-8pm, The Falcon
- ❖ **Gardening & Beautification Comm.**
Tues, March 14, 7-8pm, Anthony's
- ❖ **Annual Easter Egg Hunt**
Sat, April 8, 10-11am,
Mayor Langford Park
- ❖ **TPD's 2nd Thurs, Wine & Art Walk**
Thurs, Feb 9, 6:30-9:30pm
Thurs, March 9, 6:30-9:30pm

WINTER 2022 YARD OF THE SEASON

The Thornton Park Neighborhood Association's Gardening & Beautification Committee chose 909 E. Central Blvd as its Winter 2022 Yard of the Season.

The neat and manicured yard features a mix of topiaries and hedges of different levels, with no grass to cut! A native sand live oak is nicely shaped in the front right-of-way, hovering over a bed of Asiatic jasmine.

Smooth river rocks lie below attractively formed native yaupon holly bushes with mushroom-like lights, providing a Zen feeling for neighbors walking by. (Did you know that yaupon holly is the only plant native to the U.S. that is naturally caffeinated and makes great tea!?)

Mixed with the natives is a hedge of Chinese fringe flower that puts on pretty pink flowers and multi-colored leaves. Traditional holly trees on the left are balanced with red roses on the right of the path to the front porch. Circular leaves of native sea grapes and reddish-orange bougainvillea blooms line the driveway, rounding out this yard of the season.



PETS IN THE PARK

This is Peanut and he belongs to Randy near Lake Lawsona. He's 13 years old and is the goodest most gentle loving boy—everyone knows him!



SUPPORT OUR SPONSORS

The following businesses support "A Taste of Thornton Park"

- KellerWilliams at the Parks
- Graffiti Junktion Thornton Park
- The 808
- Animal Medical Clinic of Orlando
- Maxine's on Shine
- Falcon
- 310 Lakeside Restaurant
- Jinya Ramen Bar
- Roque Pub
- Anthony's of Thornton Park
- Olde Town Brokers
- Ten10 Brewing Company
- The Veranda
- F&D Cantina
- Stubborn Mule
- Island Time
- Burton's
- Remixed
- The Classic
- Cavo's Bar & Kitchen
- Vamp
- Orange Blossom Brewing Co
- The Commission
- Dolce
- Downtown Development Board
- Thornton Park Main Street District

MEET YOUR PUBLIC OFFICIALS

U.S. Representative
Maxwell Alejandro Frost



(Editor's note: we used to regularly introduce newly elected public officials, but we haven't had a new official representing Thornton Park at any level of government for several years.)

On November 8, 2022, Maxwell Alejandro Frost was elected to represent us in Congress from Florida's 10th District, formerly Val Demings' district. Thornton Park had previously been in District 7, which was represented by Stephanie Murphy, but after the 2020 redistricting, we were moved into District 10.

Frost was born in Orlando in 1997, making him the first Generation-Z member of Congress, just meeting the Constitutional minimum age of 25 to be eligible to run for Congress. He is also the first Afro-Cuban member of Congress.

Prior to running for the House, Frost was the National Organization Director for March for Our Lives, the gun violence prevention group created after the 2018 school shooting in Parkland, Florida.

Frost also worked at the American Civil Liberties Union and has been involved with community organizing, and volunteered for three Democratic presidential campaigns. He is currently enrolled as a student at Valencia College where he is about to finish his degree.

Frost is also a jazz drummer and plays the timbales. His nine-member high school band *Seguro Que Si* performed in President Obama's second inaugural parade in 2013. Contact him through frost.house.gov.