



THORNTON PARK NEWS

Neighborhood Newsletter

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A TASTE OF THORNTON PARK IS COMING!

The 22nd annual Taste of Thornton Park will be held Thursday, November 2, from 6:30 to 9:30 pm on Washington Street around the Four Rivers Fountain. This event is the annual (and only) fundraiser for the Thornton Park Neighborhood Association.

Proceeds go to maintaining the fountain, printing the newsletter, hosting the annual Easter egg hunt, setting out the holiday luminaries, participating in the National Night Out, welcoming new residents, sustaining thorntonpark.org, and all the rest of our activities.

During the event, attendees pay a flat fee for unlimited “tastes” and drinks from participating Thornton Park area businesses. Live music and a festive atmosphere top off one of the year’s most anticipated events. It’s a great way to meet neighbors, discover new businesses, and support the TPNA.

Many neighborhood associations charge a voluntary membership fee, but this event keeps our organization free for all residents, so please consider attending.

Tickets are \$40 at thorntonpark.org, or \$50 at the event.



NEW OUTREACH COMMITTEE

Thornton Park has started an Outreach Committee for the neighborhood. A group of neighbor’s realized that they were often sending flowers to neighbors for special occasions, losses of family members or pets, or neighbors recovering from illness. At the May 16 TPNA meeting, the association voted to fund cards or gifts for the aforementioned circumstances.

If you know of an ailing neighbor who needs a pick-me-up, or perhaps has suffered a recent loss, contact Regina at reginalthrasher@gmail.com.

EVENTS

- ❖ Thornton Park Neighborhood Association Meeting
 Tues, Aug 8, 7-8pm,
 Summerlin Ave OUC project up date from Natalie Urick
 Mayor Langford Park Ctr & Zoom:
us02web.zoom.us/j/84813906405
- ❖ Neighborhood Clean-Up
 Sat, Aug 12, 9am, Island Time
- ❖ Gardening & Beautification Comm.
 Tues, Sept 20, 7-8pm, Anthony’s
- ❖ Neighborhood Social
 Fri, Sept 22, 6-8pm, Graffiti Jnktn
- ❖ Historic Committee
 Wed, Sept 27, 7-8pm, Island Time
- ❖ National Night Out Block Party
 Tues, Oct 3, 5-8pm, James Ave

EVERYBODY’S BUSINESS

Art Infinitum Fashion House; QB Elite Models

A new boutique has opened at 908 East Washington Street. Art Infinitum hand crafts made-to-order men’s and women’s clothing, which avoids waste according to their website. They share the office space with QB Elite Model Talent agency.

Owners Sebastien and Dedra Syssau said they chose Thornton Park “for its peaceful atmosphere and beautiful streets, yet, good foot traffic, Lake Eola and its Festivals and Market days. East Washington is always alive at anytime of the day.”

The designs often use Sebastien Syssau’s art transferred to premium fabrics such as leather, silk and velvet. They also create their own colors such as “Blue Infinitum”. Delivery takes seven to ten days on average.

Other items include paintings, purses, backpacks, ties, towels, cushions, scarves, jewelry, hats and shoes.



SPRING 2023 YARD OF THE SEASON

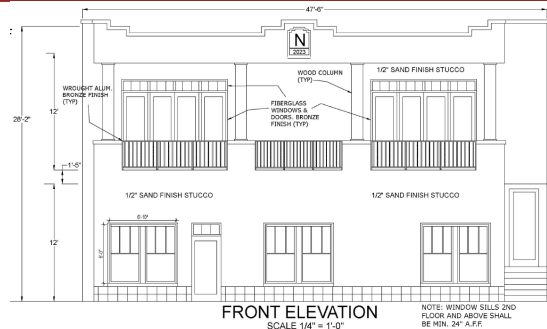


The Thornton Park Gardening & Beautification Committee has chosen 1107 E. Washington St. as our Yard of the Season! This cute little formal yard is framed by nicely sculpted Asiatic jasmine that has been trained to go under the front steps of the porch. Pigmy date palms (*roebelenii*) flank each side of the porch and agave plants provide another level of height and different texture. An inviting brick path winds its way from the front porch and a live oak provides shade from the southeast corner.

Check out our website! ThorntonPark.org

EMPTY LOT ON WASHINGTON TO DEVELOP?

The empty lot at 811 E. Washington Street has been empty for nearly 20 years may finally get a new building. Plans for mixed-use buildings in 2005, 2018, and 2021 all fell through. Now, a plan for a two-story, two-unit residential building appears to be making progress by breaking ground. Owner Rocky Narain plans to live in one of the two units.



Coyotes

Did you hear there are coyotes in Thornton Park?!? In all my time living here, I've never heard of them coming this far into the city. There have been sightings at James & Central, James & Jefferson, and Brown & Washington.



As you know, I like to take FuFu on his walks, but sometimes I think he can smell them nearby! It's another good reason to keep your kitties in at night. An outdoor cat could make a nice coyote meal. They're probably harmless to people at night, but if you see a coyote in the daytime, steer clear, since they could have rabies.

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT PARTY SET FOR OCT 3

Thornton Park will once again be participating in the National Night Out, Tuesday, October 3, starting at 5pm on James Ave. 2023 marks the 40th annual National Night Out, a program created to bring communities together and raise awareness on



crime prevention. The TPNA will provide free hot dogs, hamburgers, water and soda. Please bring a side dish or dessert. Entertainment will be provided, so bring a chair. OPD usually makes an appearance and has brought police horses and their K9 unit in the past, so bring the kids!

HISTORIC COMM. FORMED

The first meeting of the new TPNA Historic Committee met on May 18 at Island Time to brainstorm ideas and set goals. About a dozen neighbors have joined the committee.

The main goals include:

- Create awareness of the historic district and our historic character
- Create pride in our historic district and celebrate it with visitors and residents

To achieve these goals, the group chose the following projects to pursue over the next year:

- Install street sign toppers
- Create a packet of historic information
- Update thorntonpark.org with historic info
- Celebrate Faye Yacobian's 100th birthday in November (longest residing neighbor!)

Our next meeting will be Wed., Sept. 20, 7 p.m. at Island Time.

SUPPORT OUR SPONSORS

The following businesses support "A Taste of Thornton Park"

- KellerWilliams at the Parks
- Graffiti Junktion 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 Co.
- 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