



THORNTON PARK NEWS

Neighborhood Newsletter

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A TASTE OF THORNTON PARK IS NOV 2

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

Thanks to Downtown Development Board and Thornton Park District for sponsoring us!

Proceeds go to maintaining the fountain, funding all of our other activities. For \$40 (\$50 at the gate), you get unlimited tastes, treats and drinks

from an amazing line-up of local businesses:

- Graffiti Junktion
- Maxine's on Shine
- Falcon
- Jinya Ramen Bar
- RareTea
- Persimmon Hollow
- Anthony's of Thornton Park
- Olde Town Brokers
- Ten10 Brewing Co.
- The Veranda
- Stubborn Mule
- Island Time
- Animal Medical Clinic of Orlando
- Burton's
- The Classic
- Cavo's Bar & Kitchen
- Vamp
- Orange Blossom Brewing Co
- Benjamin's French Bakery
- The Community Paper



- Thornton Park Main Street District
- Maxine's on Shine
- Keller Williams Realty at The Parks
- Jomigos
- Eola Wine
- Art Infinitum
- RusTeak
- The Broken Cage
- Jack & Honey's
- Earthy Picks Vegan
- Cannabis Consultants

EVERYBODY'S BUSINESS

Jack & Honey's

The 808 has transformed into a new upscale diner, "Jack & Honey's." Owner Wendy Connor teamed up with Jason Lambert from the Hammered Lamb. Jack and Honey were Lambert's grandparents. Lambert got his start at Dexter's, which occupied the 808 E. Washington space for many years.

Island Time creates Secret Garden

After Island Time's parklet was ruined by a drunk driver in March, owner Devon Tillman received a waiver from the City to turn his rear parking lot into a garden with additional seating. Sunday drag brunches are now being held there.

Jomigo's Deli & Good Eatzz at the Veranda

A new deli has opened at the Veranda at 707 E. Washington Street. In addition to traditional deli sandwiches such as pastrami, rubens, and egg salad, Jomigo's also offers a duck and brie sandwich, a Cuban, grilled cheese and a Greek salad. Jomigo's has also partnered with popular Karelyn's Vegan to offer vegan deli options such as "turkey, beef, steak, pork BBQ and cheese."

Rochelle's Bean and Boba Bar at the Veranda

Also at the Veranda at 707 E. Washington Street, Rochelle's Bean and Boba Bar offers various coffees, espressos and cappuccinos. They also have boba and Thai teas, with vegan tapioca options.

Power Move Fabrics (PMF) moves from 818 to 888 E. Washington

Local clothier PMF, operating online since 2009, has moved a few doors down into Jay Johnson's old salon. The space will allow owner Chris Privilege, who runs The Shave Shop next door, to better display his line of unisex everyday clothes and athletic wear that he hopes to gear towards Thornton Park neighbors.

EVENTS

- ❖ **Gardening & Beautification Comm.**
Wed, Nov 8, 7-8pm, Falcon
- ❖ **Annual Plant Exchange**
Sat, Nov 11, 10am-noon, 30 James Ave (Leo & Jamie's driveway)
- ❖ **Thornton Park Neighborhood Association Meeting**
Tues, Nov 14, 7-8pm,
Mayor Langford Park Ctr & Zoom:
us02web.zoom.us/j/81112424040
- ❖ **Historic Committee**
Wed, Nov 15, 7-8pm, Island Time
- ❖ **Neighborhood Clean-Up**
Sat, Nov 18, 9am, Island Time
- ❖ **Neighborhood Social**
Fri, Nov 30, 6-8pm, Anthony's
- ❖ **Holiday Luminaries, Sat. Dec 16**

FALL 2023 YARD OF THE SEASON



The Thornton Park Gardening & Beautification Committee has chosen 16 N. Thornton Ave. as our Yard of the Season. This property achieves a seamless flow from the yard up on to the porch, with a nice variety of potted plants. Bougainvillea provide seasonal shots of color, while two hedges of different levels and textures create interest. Potted, colorful coleus are easy to propagate, and moss roses, pentas, tiny yellow mecardonia and silver-white artemisia provide pops of color and texture. Crotons, Hawaiian Ti and tropical pandanus round out the wide variety of plants in this nicely kept yard along busy Thornton Avenue.

Check out our website! ThorntonPark.org

THE CHANGING FACE OF CHURCH STREET

If you've walked down the 700-800 block of Church Street, you've probably noticed some new houses. This section of Thornton Park is not in the Lake Lawsona Historic District, and therefore properties can be redeveloped.

In 1994 when the Historic District was created, the houses were considered too new to qualify for protection. Most of the houses were built in the 1950s and 1960s and are good examples of Mid-Century Modern architecture. The two new houses on the south side of the street are a "neo-Modern" style, and compliment the others on the street pretty well.



PRIDE: TASTE OF THE TOWN SINCE THE '20S

TPNA had a float in this year's Pride Parade on Oct. 21, promoting "A Taste of Thornton Park". Participants wore Roaring 20s costumes and had a great time. We showed that we are an inclusive, historic neighborhood that knows how to have fun!

VILASA TOWNHOMES MOVING FORWARD

The lot with the run-down office building that was torn down last year at 1000 E. Robinson Street is now the site of a townhome project that is underway. Originally designed by developer Mark Kinchla as the "T-Park 11", the property was later purchased by Verax Investments, a group of three doctors, who also bought the Veranda and the Thornton Park Central building.

According to their website, there will be "11 luxurious townhomes offering spacious living, ranging from 2,300 to 2,500 square feet each, and one duplex featuring two 2,000-square-foot units." It is planned to be finished by summer 2024.



The two-story duplex will border the one-story houses to the south along E. Jefferson Street, which are in the Lake Lawsona Historic District. This creates a step-down height transition from the three-story townhomes. There will also be new public parking spaces on Hyer Avenue. They are keeping as many of the old trees around the perimeter as they can, and will also plant new ones. They will also be burying the powerlines along both Hyer Avenue and Robinson Street.