



THORNTON PARK NEWS

Neighborhood Newsletter

Winter 2024

OLYMPIC MARATHON TO GO THROUGH THORNTON PARK FEB 3

While Thornton Park is used to hosting footraces, parades and other large events, one historic marathon will come through our neighborhood on Saturday, February 3. The U.S. Olympic Team Trials for Marathon will determine the top three men and top three women who will represent Team USA at the 2024 Paris Summer Olympic Games.



Starting at 10:00 a.m., the race should last about 2.5 hours. Women will start ten minutes behind the men. A marathon is 26.2 miles long, so runners will make three loops around the course.

The City is encouraging spectators to line the streets to cheer on the runners. Roadways, including South Street, will be fully closed from 5:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., but unlike the Corporate 5K and other races, most of Thornton Park will not be boxed in. Residents on South Street, Daniels Avenue and S. Hyer Avenue need to be aware that they will be boxed in. Pedestrian crossings of South Street will be at Summerlin and Mills.

The Veranda will also be hosting major sponsor Brooks Running shoes with a retail area and a meet-and-greet with some of the Olympic athletes.

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EVENTS

- ❖ **Gardening & Beautification Comm.**
Tues, Feb 6, 7-8pm, Island Time
- ❖ **Historic Committee**
Wed, Feb 7, 7-8pm,
118 N Thornton Ave (Logan's)
- ❖ **Neighborhood Association Mtg**
Tues, Feb 13, 7-8pm,
Mayor Langford Park Ctr & Zoom:
us02web.zoom.us/j/81232560014
- ❖ **Social**
Thurs, Feb 15, 5-8pm, Cavo's
- ❖ **Neighborhood Clean-Up**
Sat, Feb 17, 9am, Island Time
- ❖ **Social, March 28, Jack & Honey's**
- ❖ **Easter Egg Hunt**
Sat, March 30, 10-11am, Mayor Langford Park

EVERYBODY'S BUSINESS

1692 Botanica & Bakeshop, Haus of Deetz

Two businesses run by two friends have paired up and opened a new storefront, also at the Veranda's 707 E. Washington Street location. [1692 Botanica & Bakeshop](#) blends herbalism and baking by offering mysterious products like handmade spell kits, crystals, candles and baked goods. The [Haus of Deetz](#) sells tumblers, hats, T-shirts and stickers with dark and spooky prints.



Honey House Vintage

A new vintage store has opened at the Veranda's 115 N. Summerlin location. [Honey House Vintage](#) offers vintage items, women's clothing, handmade home décor, candles and other gift items. The store is owned by Nicole Escobar who began the store as a pop-up in 2020.

The Nursery Project

Brothers Victor and Jesus Castro opened The Nursery Project indoor plant nursery at 110 Hill Ave. They specialize in exotic tropical plants, such as hoyas, monstera and philodendrons. Victor and his mother pose in the new store.



WINTER 2023 YARD OF THE SEASON



The Thornton Park Gardening & Beautification Committee chose 1007 E. Washington St as its Winter 2023 Yard of the Season. Winter is appropriate considering this yard succeeds in growing plants that normally enjoy colder weather including blooming hostas and two types of roses. The coleus are doing really well in this shaded garden, along with aloe and foxtail ferns. A pygmy date palm frames the grassless yard on one side, while a small retaining wall helps keep the elevated garden in place. Colorful crotons, bright fusia Hawaii Tis, butterfly-friendly pentas, and a star jasmine round out this yard.

FIRST "SPIRIT OF THE SEASON" AWARD

The Thornton Park Gardening & Beautification Committee announced 809 E Central Blvd as its first ever "Spirit of the Season" award winner for Christmas 2023 (sign by KC Cali).



The entire cast of The Peanuts, which have been handmade from wood by family members over the years, provided holiday joy during both day and night. Thoughtful decorations on the porch and the rest of the property tied in nicely with this whimsical, yet classic set of Christmas decorations. Honorable Mentions were also posted on Facebook. Longtime residents agreed that this was maybe the most decorations ever seen in Thornton Park--thanks to all! The next Spirit of the Season will be awarded for 4th of July decorations. There will also be a Spirit of the Season in October for Halloween decorations!

Fay Jacobian turned 100 on November 2!



HISTORIC CALENDAR HAS 4 TP BUILDINGS

The 2024 Historic Preservation Board's calendar features four buildings from Thornton Park. The theme is "Lake Lawsona Historic District," to which we belong. Included are Howard Middle School, 122 N. Hyer, 1114 E. Washington, and 125 James Ave shown below.



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The following businesses, Downtown Development Board, and TPD support "A Taste of Thornton Park"

- Graffiti Junktion
- Maxine's on Shine
- The 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
- 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
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