



THORNTON PARK NEWS

Neighborhood Newsletter

Winter 2026

RECORD-SETTING COLD HITS THORNTON PARK

In the early morning of February 1, Thornton Park and downtown Orlando experienced record-setting cold, dropping to 25F, with even colder wind chills. Freezing temps were recorded the following two nights, and despite neighbors covering tropical plants and trees, many will undoubtedly lose their leaves and suffer freeze damage.

Orlando native and Thornton park resident Zach Thrasher sent in this photo of the Four Rivers Fountain covered in icicles. It was about the coldest he could recall.

The cold sunny day didn't stop people from walking about, taking in the Lake Eola Farmers' Market and experiencing the chill familiar to Northerners.



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EVERYBODY'S BUSINESS

Thornton Park Pub

The "Reindeer Room" and its various incarnations of pop-up themed bars has permanently transformed into the Thornton Park Pub at 808 E. Washington Street. It will continue to feature Italian food from Tornatore's Kitchen and will still rotate themes.



EVENTS

- ❖ **Neighborhood Association Mtg**
Tues, Feb 10, 7-8pm,
Mayor Langford Park Ctr & Zoom:
us02web.zoom.us/j/88053828339
- ❖ **TPD Wine & Art Walk**
Thurs, Feb 12, 6:30-9:30pm
- ❖ **Neighborhood Clean-Up**
Sat, Feb 14, 9-10am, Kaleidoscope
- ❖ **Social**
Fri, Feb 27, 5-8pm, Thornton Park Pub
- ❖ **History Committee**
Wed, March 4, 7-8pm, Cavo's
- ❖ **Gardening & Beautification Comm.**
Wed, March 18, 7-8pm, Thornton Park Pub
- ❖ **Easter Egg Hunt**
Sat, April 4, 10am, Langford Park



Burning Yard Waste

In my old age, I've noticed how air quality affects my breathing. Did you know that burning yard waste is prohibited in Orlando and Orange County? Firepits are OK, but they can only burn clean, seasoned firewood, which creates less smoke. Burning trash, paper, or treated lumber is also prohibited, as are fires more than 3' in diameter and 2' in height.

SPIRIT OF THE SEASON: CHRISTMAS 2025

The Christmas Spirit of the Season Award was given to 22 N Mills! Thanks to all the neighbors who decorated.

The next Spirit of the Season will be 4th of July, when we celebrate the 250th anniversary of the founding of the United States of America.





PETS IN THE PARK: COCOA TURNS 16

Long time neighborhood favorite pet, Cocoa (18 James Ave), turned 16 recently and celebrated with lots of neighborhood friends—and treats.

WINTER 2026 YARD OF THE SEASON



The Winter 2025-26 Yard of the Season goes to 815 E Pine Street! Jay has spent a lot of time replanting his front yard into a tropical oasis. Hawaiian ti plants provide tall spikes of color near the porch, while short Blue Daze (evolvulus) line the winding path to the gate of a handsome wrought iron fence. Stately foxtail ferns line the driveway and a pink bougainvillea adds a pop of color. Variegated Aztec grass, cardboard palms and heliconia provide a mix of textures, colors and heights--and no grass to mow! Congratulations!

SUPPORT OUR SPONSORS

The following businesses support our fundraiser: "A Taste of Thornton Park"

- Aku Aku
- Alpine Bar & Grill
- Animal Medical Clinic
- Anthony's Thornton Park
- Benjamin's French Bakery & Café
- Burton's
- Capital Realty Group
- Cavo's Bar & Kitchen
- Downtown Development Board
- Eola Pets
- Eola Wine Co.
- F&D Cantina
- Flower Girl Green House
- Great Harvest Bakery & Café
- JINYA Ramen Bar
- Kaleidoscope Thornton Park
- Keller Williams Realty at The Parks
- Maxine's on Shine
- Olde Town Brokers
- Orange Blossom Brewing Co.
- Outpost Neighborhood Tavern
- Red Scarlet Salon
- Roque Pub
- Ten10 Brewing Co.
- The Classic Thornton Park
- The Commission
- The Falcon Bar & Gallery
- Thornton Park District
- Thornton Park Pub
- Vamp Hair Studio
- Wellness Concierge
- World of Beer - Downtown Orlando

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