



# THORNTON PARK NEWS

Neighborhood Newsletter

Winter 2016

## THE THORNTON PARK NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION



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[www.ThorntonPark.org](http://www.ThorntonPark.org)

[www.facebook.com/ThorntonParkNeighborhoodAssociation](https://www.facebook.com/ThorntonParkNeighborhoodAssociation) (Like us!)

### Other Links

Local Businesses:

[ThorntonParkDistrict.com](http://ThorntonParkDistrict.com)

[facebook.com/ThorntonParkDistrict](https://www.facebook.com/ThorntonParkDistrict)

Local News:

[Bungalower.com/category/neighborhoods/thornton-park/](http://Bungalower.com/category/neighborhoods/thornton-park/)

City Historic Preservation:

[www.cityoforlando.net/planning/cityplanning/hp\\_lawsona.htm](http://www.cityoforlando.net/planning/cityplanning/hp_lawsona.htm)

### Neighborhood Watch

Info or Volunteer

Call Dee Bendowski

407-843-2616

## EVENTS

- **Thornton Park Neighborhood Association Meeting**  
Monday, February 8, 2016, 7pm, Langford Com Center (Free pizza!)
- **Wine & Art Walk, every 2nd Thurs of the month**  
Thursday, February 11, 6:30pm  
Thursday, March 10, 6:30pm  
Thursday, April 14, 6:30pm
- **TP District Neighborhood Mixer**  
Wednesday, March 30, The Abbey
- **Spring Fiesta in the Park**  
April 2-3, Lake Eola
- **Neighborhood Yard Sale**  
Saturday, April 2, 8am - 1pm

## ONE PERSON ONE TREE PROGRAM LAUNCHED

The City of Orlando and Mayor Dyer have initiated a program to increase the tree canopy cover of Orlando. The program helps you decide and choose between trees for private property, along the street, for a neighborhood, or special dedication trees. The City website (<http://www.cityoforlando.net/trees/>) provides instructions on how to order trees, how to take care of them, and the benefits of a larger tree canopy.

For private property, residents can order one free tree per growing season (spring or fall). The City has partnered with the Arbor Day Foundation and OUC to provide energy saving trees, including Live Oaks, Nutall Oaks, and Tulip Poplars, which are all canopy trees, or Dahoon Holly or Chinese Pistache, which are understory trees. Trees for private property are shipped to your front door, and should be planted within the first few days of receiving it.

You can also request two "street trees" to be planted in the front right-of-way, or four trees for a corner lot. These choices include live oaks, nutall oaks, winged elms, magnolias, or tabebuia (pink trumpet trees). If you have a narrow parkway or overhead power lines, the following understory trees can be selected: Japanese blueberry, Eagleston holly, Yaupon holly, yellow tabebuia (trumpet tree), or crepe myrtle. Once requested, the tree will be planted on the right-of-way next to your property at no cost. In return, the homeowner must agree to be responsible for watering, fertilizing and caring for the tree.

A neighborhood group or association can also order larger trees at wholesale to plant on private property. At least 15 trees must be ordered.



The City also offers giveaways at many events held at different locations throughout the year, including Earth Day, the Wetlands Festival, National Public Lands Day, and Spring into Sustainability 2016.

Finally, the Dedicated Tree Program allows individuals to purchase a tree in honor of an individual, group or organization in a City park. The One Person One Tree program aims to increase Orlando's urban tree canopy to 40 percent. Benefits include:



**Reduce Energy Cost** - Trees planted in the right places around your home can reduce air conditioning needs by 30 percent.



**Reduce Urban Heat** - The net cooling effect of a young, healthy tree is equivalent to 10 room-sized air conditioners operating 20 hours a day.



**Clean the Air** - One acre of forest produces enough oxygen over a year for 18 people.



**Property Value** - A healthy, mature tree can add up to \$10,000 to your home's value.



**Habitats for Wildlife** - Trees provide shelter, food and places for wildlife to raise their young.



**Reduce Driving Speed** - A study in downtown Toronto showed that crashes declined 5-20 percent on streets with trees or planters along them.

## MEET YOUR PUBLIC OFFICIALS

### US Representative Daniel Webster



Daniel Webster has been our US Congressman since 2010, and serves on the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, including the Subcommittee on Highways and Transit; Subcommittee on Railroads, Pipelines and Hazardous Materials; and the Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment. Prior to being elected to Congress, Mr. Webster served in the Florida Legislature for 28 years, serving as the Speaker of the House and Majority Leader in the Senate. "I have been heavily involved in transportation legislation, particularly in pushing for the long-term authorization that will now provide certainty as we continue to progress, grow, and succeed. These policies have a huge impact on our state and affect areas like Thornton Park, providing us with the infrastructure to help our communities thrive." Mr. Webster has a degree in electrical engineering from Georgia Tech, and owns and operates his family's air conditioning and heating business. He lives in Winter Garden with his wife Sandy. They have six children, and ten grandchildren.

## PRIME LOT ON WASHINGTON ST. FOR SALE



After many years as a vacant lot, 811 E Washington Street is for sale. The lot size is 6098 sqft between Thornton Park Laundry and the building containing Regalia, Vamp, Urbanista, and the Falcon Bar. Dexter's is across the street. The asking price is \$445,000.

## NO FOAM ZONE

You may have seen signs around town for a "No Foam Zone". I was confused at first as to what this was—is someone against foam parties? No sea foam at the beach? Turns out there is a local movement in Orlando to ban polystyrene (Styrofoam) headed by Thornton Park's Soil & Water Conservation Supervisor for District 4, Eric Rollings. A petition has been started at [nofoamzone.org](http://nofoamzone.org) to prohibit the use of single-use foam containers by restaurants, food vendors, and consumers. This would affect Thornton Park restaurants, coffee shops, and of course, consumers. According to the campaign, foam used for coffee cups, to-go containers and coolers is harmful to our health, the environment and wildlife. Foam products are petroleum based and never decompose; they just break into tiny pieces, which are extremely difficult to remove from our waterways, streets and parks. Many of these pieces resemble food sources for wildlife. Each year, thousands of animals die after ingesting pieces of discarded foam containers. There are many safer alternatives to foam containers that are readily available, and only cost a tiny bit more. Cities that have already made the ban include New York, Minneapolis, Miami Beach, Washington, DC, and most of California.

## EVERYBODY'S BUSINESS

**Libertate Insurance LLC** An existing business has a new name and new sign at the former Veranda Bed & Breakfast at 707 E Washington Street. Libertate Insurance has been "vigilantly representing the insurance consumer" in Thornton Park for over 15 years. Their services include: Insurance, Data Risk Management, Payroll and Benefits Admin, Health and Disability, and Technology Resources to protect your most important assets. The foundation of what they do is based on the principle of focusing on more than just the fixed cost of insurance through use of technology, data, and analysis. According to their website, [LibertateIns.com](http://LibertateIns.com), "We are a customer first operation that embraces creativity, entrepreneurial approaches, and education of all our We seek to approach the marketplace different than our competition and will strive to continue to think outside the box to bring greater efficiency and education to the insurance marketplace."



## HISTORICAL HAPPENINGS

**Thornton Park** - Our Thornton Park neighborhood was named after one of its developers, James Thornton in 1915. The street names of Thornton Ave and Thornton Lane are also named for him. Mr. Thornton apparently lived on James Ave, which was also named after him in 1913. (From A Guide to Historic Orlando by Steve Rajtar)

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