

COLLEGE PARK

NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION, INC.



February 2005

Happy 80th Birthday College Park!

It's our 80th birthday! At least it's the 80th birthday of our College Park name. Our college streets are even older.

The name College Park first appeared on a February 1925 subdivision plat filed by the Cooper-Atha-Barr Company (CABCO). The 201-lot subdivision extended from today's Edgewater Drive east to University. It was bounded on the south by New Hampshire and on the north by Princeton.

The street names of Princeton, Harvard, Yale and Cornell already existed; Walter Rose had used them in his 1921 subdivision, Rosemere. In subsequent Rosemere sections, Rose added Vanderbilt, DePauw and Amherst. He recognized the nationwide enthusiasm for college-named streets, but he wanted to advertise his own name too.

And so when CABCO decided to develop just west of Rosemere, they seized the opportunity to name their large subdivision College Park. They extended the existing university streets and added more. They were so successful in selling lots that later in 1925 and in 1926 they platted the College Park Golf Course and Country Club sections and six additions.

Together the CABCO subdivisions made a rectangle that extended from University to Rio Grande, and from New Hampshire to Vassar, with another rectangle extending north to Bryn Mawr east of Edgewater, and a square extending south to Golfview between Westmoreland and Northumberland.

As the subdivisions grew, so did the idea of College Park as the name for an area that includes many other subdivisions such as Edgewater Heights, Concord Park, Adair Park, Ivanhoe Heights, Anderson Park, Dubsdread, Palm Terrace, Ardsley Manor, Biltmore Shores, and of course, Rosemere. The College Park Neighborhood Association defines College Park as the area between S. Orange Blossom Trail and Orange Avenue, and Colonial Drive and Fairbanks Avenue.

Come and celebrate College Park's 80th birthday on Thursday, February 24 from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m., next to Albert Park. All are welcome.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

CPNA Board of Directors Meeting

Monday, March 7, 7:00 p.m.

Annual Easter Egg Stuffing

At the College Park Baptist Church – Please Join Us!

College Park Birthday Party

Thursday, February 24, 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

On Vassar Street, next to Albert Park

Sunday In The Park

Vendor and sponsor reservations are now being accepted for **Sunday in the Park**, set for **April 3, 2005**. Vendor space is usually at a premium at the event, which brings more than 2,000 attendees to **Dartmouth Park** for an afternoon of fun, games, food and entertainment. Vendor reservations made before March 15, 2005 will be \$50 for a 10' x 10' space.

Sponsorship opportunities also are available at a variety of levels. Don't miss out on the chance to reach thousands of local residents during this signature event of the College Park Neighborhood Association and the Downtown College Park Partnership. Contact Nancy Glasgow at (407) 375-2433 or nancy@bitner.com for more information.

If you would like to **volunteer** to assist on the day of the event, please **contact Jill Gallagher** at (407) 629-4367 or pjg@sold-home.com. Please give a few hours of your time to ensure yet another great year for Sunday in the Park!

College Park Birthday Party!

Celebrate College Park turning 80 on **Thursday, February 24** from **6:00 – 8:00 p.m.** The party will be held on **Vassar Street next to Albert Park**. There will be a band, cake, ice cream and other festivities. College Park's Birthday Party is sponsored by the Downtown College Park Partnership.

The College Park Market will also be held as scheduled from 6:00 – 9:00 p.m. in Albert Park.

February CPNA Board of Directors Meeting Recap

- Minutes from Dec. and Jan. meetings were approved.
- Featured speaker, Steven Farrington, gave an update of the continuing issues and progress between homeowners and business owners along Rio Grande Avenue between the blocks of Smith and Stetson.
- Featured speaker, Officer Tom Sommersdorf, provided CPNA with an overview of College Park crime statistics for 2004. College Park continues to be a safe neighborhood with a lower amount of crime.
- Reports were given by the Treasurer, Sunday in the Park, Interstate 4 and Historical Committees.
- Interstate 4 Committee reported that there have been some changes to the I-4 expansion plans through College Park.
- The Historical Committee presented some suggested changes to the College Park Historical Homes Tour. Board members will be voting on the changes at the March meeting.
- Sunday in the Park committee announced that Sunday in the Park will be April 3, 2005 and is looking for volunteers to work the event.
- Updates were given about the Lake Silver Kindergarten Info Night, College Park Birthday Celebration and the Mayor's Neighborhood Matching Grant.
- At the March meeting we participate in the annual Easter Egg Stuffing – all are welcome.

Lake Silver Elementary Receives Mayor's Matching Grant

The College Park Neighborhood Association applied for the City of Orlando Mayor's Neighborhood Matching Grant. On January 24, 2005, the City Council approved the requested grant and committed to granting out Association \$5,000. The focus of the grant is Lake Silver Elementary's Math Magnet Program. The school has implemented a math magnet program to benefit all the children and the program is in need of equipment and supplies to supplement the new math based curriculum.

Thank you to Sutton and Sutton Realty Inc., Principal Rob Anderson at Edgewater High School, Mr. Loren Ford, Ms. Betty Mackey and Ms. Marci Arthur at Truffles and Trifles for their very kind donations and support of the grant.

If you have an event or item of community interest that you think should be included in the CPNA newsletter please forward to aariail@cfl.rr.com



Rendering of the College Park Community Center

College Park Community Center Breaks Ground

Ground has been officially broken for the new College Park Community Center. On January 25th the City of Orlando and McCree, Inc. held a groundbreaking ceremony at the site of the new community center. City Commissioner Vicki Vargo and Richard T. McCree Sr. spoke of how long coming this project has been and what a collaboration it has been between Orange County Public Schools and the City of Orlando.

The center will be located at the corner of Elizabeth Avenue and Rugby Avenue adjacent to the existing swimming pool. The existing tennis and basketball courts will be demolished and a number of portable classrooms will be relocated. Tennis courts will be added back in conjunction with Princeton Elementary's new classroom construction in 2008.

To fit the feel of the community, the center's architectural design will reflect the look of Princeton Elementary. Inside the center there will be a fitness area, which includes a gymnasium and workout center. In addition the facility will include a multi-purpose meeting room, a community room, computer lab and office area. Lockers, showers and public restrooms will also be added.

Construction of the center is scheduled for completion in late 2005.



College Park Community Center Groundbreaking

Advertise in the CPNA Newsletter!

Local business? Local event?
The CPNA Newsletter is a great way to reach
College Park residents.

Rates:

1/4 Page	\$50
1/2 Page	\$100
Full Page	\$200

Contact Anda Lucia Ariail at
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Police Update

At the February CPNA meeting, City of Orlando Police Officer, Tom Sommersdorf, spoke to the association about College Park's 2004 crime statistics. College Park continues to be a safe neighborhood. In part this is due to the care residents take to watch over their community. Tom encouraged residents to continue to report suspicious activity. To report an emergency, call **911** or for a non-emergency, call **(321) 235-5300**.

To receive Crime Alerts for the City of Orlando go to www.cityoforlando.net, Click on the Police icon, then Click on Crime Alert Program button. Once signed up you will receive emails about crime trends, suspect info, photos and tips about safety.

Local School Update

Lake Silver Celebrates 50 Years of Learning

The spring of 2005 marks the 50th anniversary of our Lake Silver Elementary School. We cannot let this special occasion go by without a celebration! During the morning of April 7th, the children at Lake Silver will see an exciting assembly program that combines storytelling, music, dance and comedy, as well as, sing-a-longs, giant puppets and special effects to promote reading. The program is called "Hooked on Books" and it is presented by the award winning Goose Family who has been seen on CNN, Headline News and Good Morning America. They are the winners of the 1996 Parents' Choice Seal of Approval. Their near-Broadway quality show will be presented in two sessions to the Lake Silver students.

In addition, on the evening of **April 8th, Lake Silver** will host a **dinner** for the alumni and current families, school tour, memorabilia display and student presentation to share Lake Silver's Legacy of Learning over the past 50 years. Mark your calendars for this special event! For more information contact Janice Nisbett at (407) 422-2221.

Not sure when your when your CPNA dues expire?

It's easy to check. Look at your address label on the back of this newsletter, the date above your name shows when your dues expire.

If your membership dues are over due please send your check for \$10.00 (family) or \$5.00 (senior) to CPNA, PO Box 540859, Orlando, FL 32854-0859

Citrus Harvest – A Success

This year's Citrus Harvest collection at the College Park United Methodist Church resulted in over 11,000 lbs of fruit. That is enough fruit for 34,800 individual servings of fruit for the homeless. Way to go College Park!

Edgewater High's 16th Annual Project Graduation Golf Tournament

Help support Edgewater High's Project Graduation at the annual golf tournament fundraiser. Project Graduation is a drug-free, alcohol-free, all-night party on graduation night for graduating seniors and their guests. This is the 16th year in which Edgewater High School PTSA has made this opportunity available and affordable. It is funded almost exclusively through the proceeds of the Project Graduation Golf Tournament.

This year's tournament is **April 17, 2005** at **Dubsread Golf Course**. Sign up now to be a golfer or hole sponsor. Benefit a worthy cause and put your name in front of community leaders.

Hole Sponsorships:	\$175
Entry Fees:	
Individual	\$75
EHS Staff	\$40
Student (at any school, under 18)	\$40
Sponsorship & Entry (foursome):	\$300

Entry forms are available from Ms. Pressley in the EHS main office. To sign on as a sponsor, helper, or for further information, contact **Trish Degeus** at pwd@aol.com or **407.843.3889**.

Are Your CPNA Dues Due?? Or Overdue?? Or Haven't You Joined Yet??

If your dues are past due, please send this form and a check for \$10.00 (family) or \$5.00 (senior family) to:

CPNA, PO Box 540859, Orlando, FL 32854-0859

Mail newsletter to:

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Name: _____

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to further CPNA goals

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