

# COLLEGE PARK

NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION, INC.



May 2005

## Recap of the FDOT Presentation Given at May's CPNA Meeting Regarding I-4

At the May meeting of the College Park Neighborhood Association the Florida Department of Transportation presented the latest revision to the proposed realignment and expansion of Interstate Four.

Because of the success of the additional auxiliary lanes that were added a couple of years ago it was decided that a permanent fourth lane would be added and that lane would impact College Park. The footprint of the interstate would need to be expanded and at least partial takes of property the Department of Transportation had not planned on using.

The other development was the proposed exfiltration; underground pipes to carry storm water run off. Exfiltration could not be placed under the interstate as originally proposed. The first reason was that soil samples had shown the water table in some areas was too high to use exfiltration. The second concern was the Department of Transportation felt that putting the pipes under the interstate could pose problems with the maintenance that exfiltration required. It was also pointed out that besides the periodic maintenance, when pipes needed to be replaced it would mean digging up lanes on the interstate.

Since there was partial property being taken for the expansion the feeling was to do whole takes and use the land for exfiltration.

Between Lake Ivanhoe and Fairbanks this would mean an additional 33 structures would be impacted. The proposal was that the land take would provide an opportunity for green space instead of just a wall up against the expansion line.

Questions were raised about structures that would be purchased for the project. How long would they be vacant before demolition, who would take care of the property once buildings are demolished. Mark Robinson, Project Coordinator with the FDOT said he had been assured that once they had confirmation that there was no asbestos, or the asbestos had been removed it would be about a 90-day time frame.

Mark Robinson also said that once the project is completed FDOT would most likely enter into a contract with the City of Orlando for the maintenance of the green space. He anticipated that there would be community input into some of the landscape design.

Bill Jennings, Interstate Four Committee Chairman spoke of his disappointment that the project

would take homes that he thought had been saved. Bill also suggested that the new proposal would make it so some property owners next to the interstate will have green space between their homes and the wall.

The start of the project is estimated now to start somewhere around 2009 depending funding.

If you have additional questions or concerns contact Bill Jennings by phone at (407)898-2946 or by email at [Clericbill@aol.com](mailto:Clericbill@aol.com).

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

### College Park Neighborhood Association Meeting

Monday, June 6, 7:00 p.m.

At the College Park Baptist Church – Please Join Us!

### CERT Community Meeting

Thursday, May 12, 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

At the Anglican Church Fellowship Hall



## College Park's Coolest Pet Contest

MyCollegePark.com is looking for College Park's COOLEST Pet. Simply email your favorite photo of College Park's COOLEST Pet to [Karen@MyCollegePark.com](mailto:Karen@MyCollegePark.com) or drop off a photo at Dog & Friends (2806 Edgewater Drive) or Bowser College (1309 Edgewater Drive) or The Bird Cabin (4477 Edgewater Drive). Photos will not be returned.

The winner's will be announced on July 4th and winner's photos will be posted on the front page of MyCollegePark.com. Prizes include \$100 Gift Certificate from Dog & Friends, a 6 Week PuppyGarten Class for Puppy and Human from Bowser College and a \$25 Gift Certificate from The Bird Cabin.

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](mailto:aariail@cfl.rr.com)



## Guernsey Park Undergoes Renovation

As the city looks to improve the quality of life in our neighborhoods, the city parks department has completed the final design for the improvements to Guernsey Park. Renovations will begin around the beginning of June. The park will be closed this summer and reopen this fall with new playground equipment and landscaping. Guernsey Park is located in southwest corner of Guernsey Street and Northumberland Avenue.

## I-4 Changes Lead To Loss of Historic Properties

Recent changes in the proposed plans for expanding and realigning Interstate-4 have CPNA's Historical Committee re-living history. From the late 1990's through 2002, representatives of the Historical Committee prepared questions, research and letters in order to effectively participate in the many government-mandated Cultural Resources Committee (CRC) meetings with regard to the I-4 project.

The aim was to get mitigation (i.e. a kind of community recompense) for the loss of or other adverse effects to cultural (historic) resources as a result of the project. Historic preservation law and regulations call for related mitigation.

We didn't ask for the relocation of historic buildings, as is often done. Instead we asked for the preparation of a National Register Historic District nomination for much of College Park. In the end, we got a promise for nominations for four separate districts totaling a much smaller area. Most of that work, except for the mapping, has now been accomplished. If you attended the May 2 CPNA Board Meeting, you probably met staffers from Carter Burgess, the firm that is doing the mapping. They said the mapping could be finished in a couple of months. We are urging them not to put this work on the back burner.

Now the proposed plans for the I-4 project have changed so that more properties in College Park will be adversely affected. Thus CPNA is getting another chance at mitigation for the loss of historic properties. Historical Committee representatives had a small group meeting with FDOT consultants on May 27 to get up to speed on the affected areas, and plan to visit these areas on May 13 in advance of a recently-scheduled May 18 CRC meeting. We want to emphasize the historic value of the properties that will be impacted and

on that basis ask for National Register nomination work for other areas of College Park.

Listing on the National Register of Historic Places is an honor that CPNA has been seeking for years. It is a non-regulatory designation. In some states National Register listing automatically results in listing on a state or local register that is regulatory (i.e. restrictive). This is not true in Florida. Look for updates in the June issue of the CPNA newsletter.

## May CPNA Board of Directors Meeting Recap

- Lillian Scott, President, opened the meeting and overviewed the meeting's agenda
- A quick vote of the CPNA Board of Directors was taken to approve Alana Brenner as the new CPNA Treasurer. Susan Genovese, the past Treasurer, has taken a job out of state and had to resign.
- Lyn Van Horn spoke about the treasurer's report. There has been an issue with accessing the data on the disk provided by outgoing treasurer Susan Genovese. Due to this issue, a treasurer's report was not available in time for the CPNA monthly meeting. The treasurer's report will be emailed later this month to all CPNA Directors.
- The CPNA board voted to approve, with two changes, a newsletter policy for accepting paid advertisements and Letters to the Editor
- The majority of May's meeting was dedicated to a presentation by the Florida Department of Transportation regarding changes to the I-4 expansion project that effect College Park
- Bill Jennings kicked off the I-4 presentation with a history of the project and the work CPNA has done to protect College Park from losing many homes and way of life due to the I-4 expansion.
- Mark Robinson, Interstate Program Manager, gave an overview of the current and completed I-4 projects in Central Florida
- Mark Callahan spoke of the I-4 expansion that effects College Park
- The two major changes to the expansion plan regard the auxiliary lanes at Princeton & Fairbanks and the exfiltration system locations.
- Changes to the plans for auxiliary lanes and exfiltration systems means more homes in College Park will be taken for the I-4 expansion
- Pictures were shown of proposed exfiltration systems, sound walls and landscaping
- Next step for the DOT is to continue to work with the neighborhood on landscaping opportunities and to acquire the additional properties
- Questions were then taken from the audience and the audience was invited to look at large aerial photos which should the I-4 expansion and its impact on College Park.

## College Park CERT Receives Grant

College Park CERT has received a \$500 grant from the Allstate Insurance Foundation to assist the team in disaster response.

The money will be used to cover the cost of installing a ham radio repeater on the new Wellesley Building on Edgewater Dr. Through the kindness of Jim Kersey and his design team, space will be provided on top of the 75-foot building. The Orlando Fire Department with a FEMA Grant had purchased the repeater.

In the recent hurricanes Jerry Porter – KF4ZRN had manned a ham radio base station that linked directly to the Orlando Emergency Operation Center. Teresa Bruce - KG4WIP, Gene Ash – KI4HXV, Angelo DiCarlo-KG4WIN, Richard Adamczyk (Rosemont) – KG4WIM, Mary Hoag – KI4HXY, Charlie Blanchard – KI4IHO, and Bill Jennings – KI4DGD as ham operators will use hand held receivers to contact Jerry and he provided a single response to the OOC. The repeater will greatly enhance their ability to communicate with all the team members.

The team is grateful for the efforts of both Dale Revels, CERT member and Allstate Agent, who secured the grant and Jim Kersey for their part in working with the College Park to make our community better equipped to respond to disaster in our community.

## Recap of Dubsdread Golf Course Renovations Public Meeting on May 19

- Approximately 110 citizens attended the meeting. Byron Brooks, Director of Parks and Recreation introduced Commissioner Vicki Vargo for opening remarks. Commissioner Vargo then introduced City of Orlando staff.
- The professional staff from CDM Engineering (Larry Schwartz) and Dasher Golf Design (Mike Dasher) provided overall design concepts for treatment of storm water, wetland enhancement, golf course renovation and rehabilitation of Little Lake Fairview. The presentation consisted of two conceptual golf course enhancement plans. The 1<sup>st</sup> option closes both Overspin Drive (fairway #6 conflict) and a portion of Dubsdread Circle West between Niblick and Dubsdread Circle South where the #17th and #18th fairways cross the active roadway. The 2<sup>nd</sup> option leaves Dubsdread Circle West open, closing Overspin Drive and realigning the golf course to alleviate fairways crossing the active roadway.
- The golf course redesign involves replacement of the greens and tees, incorporation of the new and/or expanded pond system, a new aqua range and practice area, fairway sculpting and a new irrigation system. Mike Dasher presented these major components of the renovation, criteria used to generate the concept plans and proposed course lengths from the shortest and longest tee boxes. Mike's presentation showed that the course length from the shortest tees will

go from 4,225 yards to 4,253 yards and the longest tee boxes from 6,055 yards to 6,059.

- Stephen Wiedenbeck, City of Orlando Project Manager, gave a summary of the project budget and sources for funding. The overall project with all the proposed improvements has an estimated construction budget of \$8.1 million. Funding for the project will come from various other sources.
- Jay Goldrick with City of Orlando Risk Management Department provided insight about accessing the course for walking/jogging purposes. He explained that although the open space of the golf course gives the appearance of being a park, it is in fact a facility in which patrons must pay to have access. People may not access the course prior to the course opening or after it closes. Commissioner Vargo is seeking funds to install sidewalks in the area.
- Alan Oyler, Director of Public Works, presented the schedule for the sale of the seven lots, sanitary sewer construction and traffic study. The lots will be sold when the plat is recorded, which is in process now and should be completed in the July/August time frame.
- The meeting ended with a formal 30-minute question and answer period for those in attendance. After the formal question and answer session, the meeting was adjourned.

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## Local School Update



### Last PTA Meeting of the Year at Lake Silver Elementary (LSE)

Wednesday, May 18<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 p.m. in LSE Media Center will be the last general PTA meeting of the year. New Officers will be installed and bylaws will be ratified, but there's fun to be had with the "Math Fun in the Sun" summer packets that will be distributed by Patty Preston, our Math Resources Teacher.

The Lake Silver Drama Club will perform after the PTA meeting in the LSE Auditorium, so join us for our end of the year sendoff!

### Lake Silver Elementary Congratulates Connor McDonough

Connor McDonough, a 5th grader at Lake Silver Elementary won third place in the statewide Oration competition! The topic for the competitors was "A Great Time in American History," and Connor chose the Industrial Revolution. Congrats Connor!

### New Policy for CPNA Newsletter Paid Advertisements

- Paid advertisements will be limited to products and services.
- Political and position ads will not be accepted
- Each ad will be labeled with a PAID ADVERTISEMENT title
- The Newsletter Committee reserves the right to decline any advertisement

#### 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:  
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