

COLLEGE PARK

NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION, INC.



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Developer Will Speak At January CPNA Meeting About The Next Major Project On Edgewater Drive

Jim Kersey, the developer of The Wellesley, will speak at the January CPNA meeting about his next College Park project. Jim has filed a request for a new development project called The Ivy. The project will be located on Edgewater Drive between Yale and Harvard streets, opposite the Publix supermarket. Commissioner Vicki Vargo will also attend the meeting along with relevant City staff and will be available to answer questions. Residents are encouraged to attend the January CPNA meeting to hear more about this project and its impact on College Park.

For background information, residents are encouraged to review the zoning and future land use maps for Edgewater Drive on the "City Planning Department" section of the city's web site (www.cityoforlando.net). Also on the web site, the "Vision" section of the *City of Orlando Growth Management Plan* provides helpful context for the City's guiding principles on approving development. And a final document located on the city's web site, the *Horizons 2000 Plan for College Park* is also found under the Planning Division. This plan provides focus for where College Park should head in the next millennium.

For additional information on the City's review of this project, please contact **Elisabeth Holler** in the Planning Department at (407)246-3408 or elisabeth.holler@cityoforlando.net. To make additional comments to CPNA on this proposed development, please contact the incoming President, **Leza Tellam**, at president@cpna.org.

Special CPNA Board Member Meeting Regarding The Ivy Development

In effort to determine College Park Neighborhood Association's position on The Ivy development and its impact on College Park, the CPNA board members will have a special meeting. This meeting will be on January 12th from 7:00 – 8:00 p.m. at the College Park Community Center.

Directors will discuss and vote on a final position for CPNA. All members are welcome to attend the directors' meeting. The position determined at this meeting will be expressed to the City of Orlando at the Municipal Planning Board meeting on January 17th.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

College Park Neighborhood Association Meeting
Monday, January 9, 7:00 p.m. – *All Are Welcome*
At The College Park Community Center (New Location)
Speaker: Jim Kersey, Developer of The Wellesley



Happy Holidays To College Park

The Holidays are an especially beautiful time in College Park. If you get a chance this year, drive around or walk the neighborhood. The lights and decorations on the homes and businesses are so pretty and will really put you in the holiday spirit.

Also don't forget the Annual Decorating Contest. Winners will be acknowledged with yard signs. Yards will be judged the week prior to Dec 25th.

February CPNA Meeting Speaker

The February meeting on Monday, February 6, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. will feature a presentation by Kathy Ramsberger, Director of Orlando Performing Arts Center, regarding plans for a new performing arts center in Orlando. Please plan to attend and learn more about this community project.

Thanks To The 2005 CPNA Officers And Directors

Thank you to all that served CPNA in 2005. We had another productive year. A special thanks to our Officers, **President – Lillian Scott**, **Vice-President – Caramargaret Groover**, **Treasure – Alana Brenner**, **Secretary – Lynn Van Horn**. Your dedication to College Park is appreciated.



Pecky cypress was a favored material for Mediterranean Revival houses in the 1920's. Artist/builder Sam Stoltz used it frequently. Doors such as the one in the tour house at 1314 Eastin were almost a Stoltz trademark.

Welcome Surprises At Historic Homes Tour

Welcome surprises greeted attendees at CPNA's 15th Annual Historic Homes Tour on Nov. 20. Two sets of hosts decided to open their "exterior only" houses after all. Another couple offered color brochures detailing their restoration activities accomplished and planned. Still another pair had a poster display about their restoration in progress, including information about a new product, This Old House paint. And folks who were touring the Jack Kerouac House about 3:00 p.m. could view the original manuscript of *The Dharma*

Bums during its few hours' return to the house where Jack wrote it in 1957. The Jack Kerouac Writers in Residence Project of Orlando, Inc. had just completed purchase of the manuscript and brought it directly to the house for a brief preview. It now awaits display at the Orange County Regional History Center.

Also at the Kerouac House resource persons Charlie Sum and Antoinette King answered questions about the house and the Kerouac Project. At 1300 Ivanhoe Blvd., resource person Joe Guernsey recalled his boyhood days there, starting in 1928.

The tour committee is especially grateful to these resource persons and to the host families – Armstrong/Foresta, Davis, Flynn-Kramer/Kramer, Griffiths, Lindberg, Kowalski, Nabors, Piatkowski, Rossi, Steele, Taylor, Tongol - as well as to Sean MacInnes, writer-in-residence at the Kerouac House.

And of course without the hard work of our volunteer chairs, Mary Travis and David Roadcup, and the volunteer team they assembled, this tour couldn't have happened. Also helping to make the tour a success were the owners of the parking lots at 1209 Edgewater Drive and 1411 Edgewater Drive, who gave permission to set up there, and the City of Orlando's Office of Communications and Neighborhood Enhancement, which printed the brochures and postcards. Wish we had space to name all the wonderful people who contributed before, during and after the tour.

The tour involved approximately 380 people and brought in \$2,175, including 61 memberships that were recorded on tour day - 26 renewals and 35 new.

Admissions money cleared will enable the College Park Neighborhood Association to present the CPNA Michael Welborn Education Grant to Edgewater

High School early in 2006. Several Edgewater students were tour volunteers.

If you would like copies of the tour brochure, contact **Grace Hagedorn** at **(407)841-1228** or gracehagedorn@earthlink.net. Better yet, pick them up at the next CPNA meeting on January 9 at 7:00 p.m. at the College Park Community Center.

To learn about College Park Neighborhood Association, its history, upcoming events or to become a member, check out our web site at www.collegeparkorlando.org

Recap School Board Meeting Regarding Edgewater High School Expansion

The Orange County School Board met in regular session at 5:30 p.m.; here are highlights of the December 13, 2005, meeting:

Board agrees to purchase land for Edgewater High expansion. The school board voted to buy property belonging to the Demetree family for the future expansion of Edgewater High School (EHS). Under the district's current Five Year Capital Plan, renovations to the existing Edgewater campus will be complete by the beginning of the 2010 school year. In order to make these improvements, additional land is required. (The Demetree is the property is adjacent to EHS on the north side that includes the Starlight Theater).

At a previous public meeting about the Edgewater Master Plan, Diane Kramer, project manager for Orange County Public Schools (OCPS), mentioned that she expects to set up a community working group in the spring. For additional details or to get involved, please contact **Pam Lindon** at **(407)843-8298** or pamlindon@cfl.rr.com.

District 3 Election Candidates' Forum

The District 3 Commissioner election will be held on March 14th. CPNA is working on co-hosting a Candidates' Forum for the election with the League of Women Voter's of Orange County (LWVOC). LWVOC is a non-partisan organization dedicated to studying the issues. All District 3 Commission seat candidates will be invited to answer questions about the issues at the Candidates' Forum. Email president@collegeparkorlando.org with any questions for the event. More details and dates about the Candidates' Forum will follow on the CPNA web site and at our upcoming meetings.

In order to vote in the election, you must be registered to vote in District 3 no later than February 13th. For more information on how to register or to verify your registration, please contact the **Orange County Supervisor of Elections** at **(407) 836-2070** or check out their web site at www.ocfelections.com.



December CPNA Meeting Recap

- Claramargaret Groover, Vice-President, called the meeting to order
- Treasure Report was given by Alana Brenner
- 2006 proposed budget was reviewed and adapted with changes of \$100 surplus being designated to EHS Project Graduation and a \$350 item for the Holiday on the Drive removed
- Grace Hagedorn, Director, gave an update on the 15th Historic Homes Tour – see newsletter article for details
- David Rose, Director, made a motion that the CPNA President writes a letter in support of the EHS Task Force's current stance on the high school's redevelopment. Discussion ensued and it was determined a motion was not needed and that the matter would be handled by email once the CPNA Directors had researched the issue further.
- Tom Jaeger, Director, remarked how great it was finally to have our Community Center and that it was a wonderful facility
- Tom Jaeger remarked on the success of the Scarecrow Ball & Jazz-For-All and Holiday on the Drive
- Leza Tellam, 2006 President, introduced herself and spoke about some of her goals and ideas for CPNA
- Amy Stewart, Director, spoke about the Neighborhood Matching Grant for Sunday In The Park
- Leza Tellam opened the meeting for questions about The Ivy development. Residents expressed their concerns and explanations were given about the upcoming meetings regarding The Ivy. Questions posed by residents were noted and will be passed on to the developer to address at the January 9 CPNA meeting
- Leza Tellam identified that residents may contact Elizabeth Holler in the City of Orlando Planning Department with detailed comments or questions on the design or impact of the proposal and that the developer has also expressed willingness to meet with concerned citizens. Residents were directed to Lillian Scott, also present at the meeting and a representative of the Ivy developer, to schedule meetings as applicable.

Dubsdread Update

At a meeting held on December 13th at the College Park Community Center, four property owners were elected to be part of a working group with the City of Orlando, regarding the renovating of Dubsdread Golf Course, planned for 2007. The property owners elected to this working group are Carl "Sandy" Dann, Doug Fulmer, Bert Mcree and Cherie Rivett. 900 home owners in the Dubsdread area were notified about this meeting and election.

For further information on Dubsdread area issues, please contact **Leza Tellam** at (407)288-2414 or president@collegeparkorlando.org.

The Orlando Philharmonic's Performance At Holiday On The Drive, December 3rd



Hanging Out With The Phil



The Crowd Enjoys An Excellent Performance

Local School Update

Lee Middle School To Become An International Baccalaureate School

Lee Middle School is one of five middle schools in Orange County selected to begin the application process to become an International Baccalaureate school. The Middle Years Program (MYP) is specific to the middle school level and focuses on intercultural awareness as well as more challenging curriculum. There are eight subject groups in the MYP: language A (the student's best language), language B (an additional language), humanities, science, mathematics, arts, technology, and physical education. Lee will begin the program in the 2006 – 2007 school year with 6th grade, and will add 7th and 8th grades the following two years. If you would like more information on the program, check out the IB web site at www.ibo.org.

Learn About Lake Silver Elementary's Music and Fine Arts Program

Have you visited the Lake Silver Elementary web site for the Music and Fine Arts programs? Check out www.lakesilver.org to find out what is happening in drama, chorus, music and much more. Special thanks to Mary Chrisman, the Fine Arts teacher at Lake Silver, for creating and maintaining the site!

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