

# COLLEGE PARK

NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION, INC.



January 2006

## Welcome From The New CPNA President, Leza Tellam

Hello and happy new year. My name is Leza Tellam and I am thrilled to be the President of the College Park Neighborhood Association (CPNA) this year.

I lived in Orlando a number of years ago before my profession as a corporate lawyer, handling major mergers and acquisitions, and then as an international bank executive took me to Manhattan, Tokyo, Europe as well as other parts of Asia and Latin America.

Being back in my native Florida after so much traveling, it is clear to me that we are truly at "the tipping point" in Orlando. The decisions that we make now and over the next few years will affect the shape of our community and natural and economic resources for decades to come. We have the opportunity to be architects of what could be, what should be a modern international capital city, while preserving and improving the best of our quality of life.

College Park, our beloved small town downtown, is a very important part of the overall picture for Orlando. Along with our wonderful neighborhoods, we have some unique features; Lake Ivanhoe, architecturally significant historic homes and the large, open, public access green space at Historic Dubsdread Golf Course. These are real treasures to be preserved and celebrated.

There are ways that we can certainly improve our area through, for example, a more pedestrian friendly and comfortable Edgewater Drive and review of traffic flow and planning for arterial roads. We all can probably agree that residential side streets should not morph into the main traffic grid, particularly as development increases. And the expansion of Edgewater High School is very important.

I am glad that we have a voice and a way, as citizens, to come together and have a hand in our own fate in College Park. We can do that through CPNA. CPNA has been a voice for residents and property owners here for over 15 years and a key part of our mission of our organization is to preserve, protect and improve the character of College Park.

As this year moves forward, we will be working to ensure that CPNA remains a vital and relevant part of informing our members and neighbors about key issues so that we can have a positive impact on our community together. We will also be working to increase our membership within College Park and our connections to

neighboring area neighborhood associations where we have issues of common interest (like the upcoming District 3 Council Seat election). We will also streamline and enhance some of our administration (such as our website and members database) to allow for more and better communication with College Park.

We also hope to get to know each other better and have more fun. Some additional social events are being planned in addition to CPNA's signature events like the annual Sunday in the Park in the spring and Historic Homes Tour in the fall.

We are already off to a running start. Our first meeting of the year on, January 9<sup>th</sup>, had about 125 members and guests. Our meetings are our most important and direct way of interacting with each other on community issues. It was great to see so many interested and engaged neighbors.

Please feel free to contact me with questions or comments or community topic program suggestions at [president@collegetparkorlando.org](mailto:president@collegetparkorlando.org) or (407)872-7725. I look forward to seeing you at our meetings and events and around College Park.

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

### College Park Neighborhood Association Meeting

Monday, February 6, 7:00 p.m. – *All Are Welcome*  
The College Park Community Center  
Speaker, Kathy Ramsberger from the Orlando  
Performing Arts Center

### Candidate's Forum

Wednesday, February 8, 6:30 – 9:00 p.m.  
Edgewater High School Auditorium

### Green-Up College Park

Saturday, February 11, 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.  
Corner of Princeton and Elizabeth streets

## 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 (OPAC), regarding plans for a new performing arts center in Orlando. Please plan to attend and learn more about this community project. For information on OPAC please visit the web site at <http://www.orlandopac.org>.

## Candidate Forum For District 3 City Council's Seat

Edgewater High School  
Auditorium  
Wednesday, February 8, 2006  
6:30 p.m. meet and greet  
7:00 – 9:00 p.m. forum



College Park Neighborhood Association (CPNA) and the League of Women Voters of Orange County will present voter registration and a candidate forum for the District 3 City Council Seat on February 8<sup>th</sup> in the Edgewater High School auditorium. Voter registration and a candidate meet and greet will be held from 6:30 p.m. The forum will begin at 7:00 p.m. The event is free and open to the public. All five candidates for the District 3 seat have agreed to participate in the forum. The candidates are Bob Carr, Jr., Jeff Horn, John Ruffier, Robert Stuart and Vicki Vargo.

Candidates will be asked a series of questions regarding a variety of community issues. Questions will be selected by a Questions Committee consisting of members from both CPNA and the League of Women Voters. If you would like to suggest a question please email your suggestion to Leza Tellam, CPNA President, at [president@collegeparkorlando.org](mailto:president@collegeparkorlando.org). In addition, the forum audience will have the opportunity to submit questions in writing at the event. These questions will be used as time permits.

## City of Orlando Solicitation Laws

Our City Commissioner, Vicki Vargo, has reported that recently there have been many inquiries, from our community, regarding our city solicitation laws. Here is a review of our city's solicitation laws.

First, every person must have a permit from the City of Orlando with their own name on it. The City does not issue solicitation permits to organizations but rather to individuals. Therefore, if a person says "my boss has it", they are operating illegally. Second, people with a permit on their person may solicit between 9:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. at your front door only. They may not come to your side or back door. Third, the City of Orlando prohibits solicitation on Sundays.

If solicitors are violating the ordinance, report these persons to the Orlando Police Department at either (321)235-5300 or 9-1-1. The same staff who answer the non-emergency telephone line also answer the 9-1-1 lines. Therefore, it really does not matter which number you call. It is though very important that you do in fact report these incidences. The Orlando Police Department has a tremendous statistical department that tracks reported crimes. If they receive a lot of calls in any given area, they will automatically send more patrol cars to the trouble spot. If you do not report the crime, then the Orlando Police Department thinks your neighborhood is fine and they will work on another hot spot.

## Idea For Mathews Park Revitalization And Tennis Courts For College Park

By Steve Allen Shard, AIBD

Ever since the demise of our tennis courts to make way for the new College Park Community Center, there has been much discussion as to how and where to build new tennis courts. From the beginning of the discussions nearly two years ago, the consensus seems to be that Mathews Park would be the logical place.

I've begun to think of ways to completely revitalize the entire park and would encourage family participation in a wide variety of activities. In the process, I came up with four tennis courts, a revitalized ball field, new volleyball courts, a concession stand and restrooms.

Having tennis courts, volleyball courts, a baseball field and a playground all in one convenient location would be very feasible to College Park, especially in the area where Mathews Park is located, since there is nothing else within walking distance that has such amenities. The first priority is the tennis courts. Depending on the financial resources available, the other amenities could be the baseball field and the volleyball courts.

The purpose of this article is simply to float the *concept*, not the actual implementation of the idea. When I presented this idea at the January CPNA meeting there was overwhelming support of the concept. Next step is to present this idea to the residents immediately adjacent to Mathews Park and get their reaction and input. After all, it is their immediate neighborhood and they should have the greatest input.

I am soliciting volunteers to assist me on this committee to continue this process. If interested please contact me, **Steve Shard**, at (407) 425-1301 or [designorlando@yahoo.com](mailto:designorlando@yahoo.com).

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Edgewater High School Foundation Fundraiser

The Second Annual Edgewater High School Foundation Fundraiser will be held on February 16, 2006, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the home of Bob and Leigh Mycoff, 3310 N. Westmoreland Drive. The minimum donation is \$75.00 per person. Please join the Mycoffs and the rest of the College Park community for an evening of information and fellowship. Edgewater Principal Rob Anderson will discuss the joint plan of Edgewater High School and Orange County Public Schools to make Edgewater the premier technology school in Orange County. Plans for the renovated and expanded Edgewater High School will also be discussed. Don't miss this opportunity to support and learn more about Edgewater High School. Please **RSVP** by calling (407) 629-0090 by February 10, 2006.

**District 3 City Council Seat General Election**  
**Tuesday, March 14**  
**Run-off Election (if necessary)**  
**Tuesday, April 11**

## Come Join Your Community Green-Up Princeton Elementary

We are looking for lots of volunteers, (including supervised children) to help Green-Up and beautify the area in front of the portables along Princeton Street and Elizabeth. Email **Lillian Scott** at [scottmommy@hotmail.com](mailto:scottmommy@hotmail.com) if you would like to volunteer.



Corner of Princeton & Elizabeth streets

Saturday, February 11, 2006

9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

(Come out even if you can't stay the entire time)



The Green-Up Orlando program was created in 1985 to increase the City's available tree canopy and to improve the appearance of our community. The program is designed to stimulate improvements to public places in neighborhoods through volunteer efforts and contributions.

Green-Up Orlando encourages citizens and groups to plant trees and shrubs, beautify their neighborhoods, raise public awareness and pride in Orlando, "The City Beautiful," and promote the benefits of volunteer efforts in partnership with the City.

## January CPNA Meeting Recap

- Leza Tellam, President, opened the meeting and outlined some personal goals for CPNA in 2006
- CPNA Officers, Directors and new members introduced themselves
- The importance of membership was stressed – due to the large number of meeting attendees
- December meeting minutes were approved
- Leza provided a history/update on the proposed Ivy project
- Lillian Scott, Real Estate Collaborative, stated that the Ivy project had been deferred and they were currently working on development changes
- Lillian Scott stated that Real Estate Collaborative was planning in the next 60 days to submit a proposal for the Edgewater block between Smith & Princeton (Blockbuster/ CVS)
- Dr. Ron Crawford, College Park Baptist Church, explained why the church had collaborated with Real Estate Collaborative to develop a building on the church's land
- David Rose, CPNA Director, stated that the Orange County School Board had voted to acquire the Demetree property for the redevelopment of Edgewater High School
- Steve Shard, CPNA member, shared an idea he had for building tennis courts in College Park
- Alana Brenner, CPNA Treasurer, gave the Treasure report and stated that CPNA ended 2005 with \$7,436.03
- Committee reports were given by Sunday In The Park, Communications & Candidates Forum

## Edgewater High School Planning Committee

A committee has been organized involving all interested parties in the redevelopment of Edgewater High School. David Rose is CPNA's representative for this working committee. The first committee meeting was January 16<sup>th</sup>. Committee minutes may be accessed at [www.collegeparkorlando.org](http://www.collegeparkorlando.org). For more information about this committee please contact David Rose at [david.rose@realtor.com](mailto:david.rose@realtor.com).

## CPNA Member Spotlight

### CPNA Member Dan Bergondy



Dan in Alaska - far, far away from College Park

I grew up as part of a military family and was brought up around many of our country's naval bases. I eventually settled here in Orlando and graduated from UCF with a B.S. in Computer Science (1987). My first job out of college was with Martin Marietta. I then moved into the banking industry, working in San Francisco at Bank of America (1992). While living in the Bay Area, I lived in a neighborhood called Rockridge. Rockridge has great restaurants, unique bars, friendly coffee shops and an overwhelming sense of community. I moved back to Orlando in 1996 and wanted to find a neighborhood like Rockridge, so I rented a home next to Lake Cherokee. During that time I looked to buy a home and College Park was an obvious choice for me. The stores, coffee shops, diners, and bars popping up on Edgewater provided me the community for which I hoped. The biggest development in College Park today and going forward is not any one building, condo development, expansion of the High School or road closures, the biggest development in College Park is the sense of community that the College Park people bring our beautiful neighborhood!

I live at 2100 Elizabeth Avenue. I am currently involved in a business venture importing building materials into the U.S. I am involved with a few charities: Orlando Science Center Community Council Membership Chair and Feed the Need benefiting the Christian Science Center. For fitness, I work out at the RDV Sportsplex. Socially, I frequent spots in College Park including: Einstein's (conducting morning meetings where the guys and I solve all of the world's problems), Shaker's, Christo's, Jax, Alfonzo's, Babo's,

I want to see College Park continue its evolution as Orlando's premier community. The primary reason I joined the CPNA was to become more aware of the issues our neighborhood faces and, in turn, I believe my contribution will be making mutually beneficial decisions necessary to facilitate this transformation.

**2006 Officers And Board Of Directors**

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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)

Please send this form with your dues/contributions to:  
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Enclosed is my check / cash for \$\_\_\_\_\_ for the 2006 CPNA budget year.

As a CPNA member, I would like to supplement my dues with a contribution of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ .

Dues are a yearly cost of \$10 a family or \$5 for Seniors (65 and over)

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