

COLLEGE PARK

NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION, INC.



February 2006

Letter From Your CPNA President

Hello friends and neighbors,

We have now had our second monthly meeting of the new year and are in full swing executing our renewed goal to bring you information and discussions on relevant community topics.

This month we had informative and sometimes lively conversations on core issues from the Orlando Performing Arts Center, to how to ensure the long-term viability of Historic Dubsdread Golf Course (our largest downtown, public green space), to plans for enhancing EHS, to a resident concept plan for possible improvements at Matthews Park. A fuller report is included in our newsletter. I hope you will take the opportunity to learn more about these issues and engage with us in shaping our community – together.

This is exactly what we exist to do at CPNA. I was reminded of that recently when I was contacted by one of the founders of the predecessor organization to CPNA. He reached out after a number of years away to let me know that he was proud of what we are doing at CPNA now after nearly 19 years in existence. It is a testament to all of the great leaders who have "come thru the ranks" at CPNA.

Along those lines, several people have recently contacted me about joining the Board. I am encouraging anyone interested in being on our Board to be an active member first of all, to volunteer, to speak up constructively at our meetings and to have the community's best interests at heart. If you have an interest in getting more involved in CPNA – either on the Board or in a committee (including a new one you may wish to create), please let me know. We will be reviewing our structure further as we look at our Bylaws over the next few months.

In the meantime, please plan to join us for our March meeting which will include an informative session on growth issues in our region. We will feature a presentation by Shelley Lauten, Director of myregion.org, in addition to updates on other matters of interest in our community. All are welcome at our monthly meetings at the College Park Community Center.

I look forward to seeing you at our meetings and events and to hearing from you with comments or program suggestions.

Leza Tellam, CPNA President

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

College Park Neighborhood Association Meeting

Monday, March 6, 7:00 p.m. – *All Are Welcome*

The College Park Community Center

Speaker, Shelley Lauten, Director of myregion.org

College Park 81st Birthday Party

Thursday, March 2, 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Vassar Street, South of Albert Park

Sunday In The Park

Sunday, March 26, 12:00 – 5:00 p.m.

Dartmouth Park

Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, April 15, 9:00 a.m.

Albert Park

Happy 81st Birthday College Park

College Park is celebrating its 81st birthday. Join the party and enjoy cake, ice cream, a moonwalk, Robert Smith's Charature's and a live music played by Harry Straight's Band. While you're enjoying the festivities, you can also browse the College Park Farmer's Market, which will be held in adjacent Albert Park.



Vassar Street, South of Albert Park

Thursday, March 2, 2006

6:00 to 8:00 p.m.

College Park Neighborhood Association will have a historical table highlighting our community and its roots. If you're not a CPNA member, membership forms will be able at the historical table. Make sure not to miss this fun event!

Mathews Park Committee

The College Park Neighborhood Association is considering the formation of a Mathews Park committee. Recently, several residents near Mathews Park have reported issues that have generated discussion within the Association. They have also suggested park improvements that the CPNA could help promote. If you have comments regarding Mathews Park and the value of increasing our involvement, please contact Bruce Thomas (407)843-4974 or bruceanne@cfl.rr.com.

Candidate Forum For District 3 City Council's Seat Recap

We had an excellent turnout at our Candidate Forum for the District 3 City Council Seat at the Edgewater High School Auditorium on Wednesday, February 8th. Thank you to our co-sponsor, The League of Women Voters of Orange County for moderating. About 450 people attended out to hear all five of the candidates share their views. Thank you to everyone who submitted questions.

While we were not able to address every question submitted, we hope that you will contact the candidates directly for additional information. Please also note that there will be another forum hosted by the Rowena Park Neighborhood Association at Leu Gardens on Thursday, February 23 at 6:30 p.m.

You all have also showed with your participation that you care about local government and that this election is important. Please plan to vote on Tuesday, March 14, and if there is a run-off, on Tuesday, April 11. You may also vote early in person or by proxy at the Office of the Supervisor of Elections. For more information on voting or advance voting, please contact Bill Cowles' office at (407) 836-2070 or voter@ocfelections.com or visit www.ocfelections.com.

Dubsdread Update

At our February meeting, we heard from Dr. Carl "Sandy" Dann III about current plans to renovate Historic Dubsdread Golf Course. Dr. Dann is one of four resident members on the Dubsdread Golf Course Working Group with the City of Orlando. The group's first meeting with the City was on January 27th.

Dr. Dann reported that the overall plan to renovate the course and address long-standing area drainage issues seems like a good one, with one large exception. Dr. Dann reported that the City was currently pursuing a costly plan to build a new, re-routed road thru 3 holes of the golf course instead of closing that portion of the road as originally announced. The new road would reduce the length and desirability of the course significantly, carve-up green space and require funds better spent on the course and area.

Dr. Dann reminded us that we have a unique opportunity to ensure that we have green space that "pays for itself" if we create a profitable, viable course. He also reminded us that development pressure will increasingly threaten our green space if we do not manage this renovation correctly for long-term results and cited recent news of failing public courses in the region being sold for development. For more information on the Dubsdread project or to get involved, please contact Leza Tellam at lezatellam@mac.com.

The February CPNA meeting's guest speaker was Kathy Ramsberger from the **Orlando Performing Arts Center**. If you would like more information on the arts center or OPAC's mission, check out their web site at www.orlandoopac.org.

Get Ready For Sunday In The Park!

On March 26, from 12:00 to 5:00 p.m. the College Park Neighborhood Association will once again sponsor Sunday in the Park at Dartmouth Park. Sunday in the Park is an excellent opportunity for neighbors to come together to meet each other and stroll through one of Orlando's well-kept parks.

As part of the festivities, vendors from area businesses will be present to talk to you about what they have to offer the College Park neighborhood. There will be financial institutions, real estate firms, businesses showing off accessories and sporting goods. You can arrange fine photography, enroll in marital arts, learn about chiropractic services, eye care, or purchase a new car. Downtown College Park Partnership will have many fine items for a silent auction. School and church groups will be available to talk about their programs.

Vendors will be offering fine cuisine that varies from hot dogs to Kettle Korn to tasting samples from restaurants along the drive. For \$10 a bracelet can be purchased that allows the children to spend the entire day bouncing, on the inflatable rides.



The Historic Committee of the Neighborhood

Association will be set up to talk with you about the history of College Park. The committee will have displays that help explain our history and their concerns that the unique heritage of College Park is preserved.

Stop by the Neighborhood Association table located in the main gazebo in the center of the park. Meet the leaders of the association, buy a T-shirt, and of course become a member of one the most active and vibrant neighborhood associations in the City of Orlando.

An event of this size does happen without volunteers. If you would like to be part of this event you can volunteer for one or more shifts:

10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. (set up shift), 12:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. (working shift), 2:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. (working shift), 5:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. (clean up shift)

If you can volunteer, please contact Lillian Scott at scottmommy@hotmail.com or (407)456-0872.

For additional information, please contact Bill Jennings, clericbill@aol.com.

Garbage Cans Debuting in College Park

The City of Orlando's Solid Waste Division is moving forward with an automated service using special cans rather than placing bags at the curb. Conversion of District 3 will begin in a few weeks. The first area in College Park to receive this new service is the Dubsdread neighborhood, located east of the golf course as well as the area south of Par Street located between Oberlin and Winter Park Street. This service area includes the homes near Antique Row. The Solid Waste Division will begin to implement this section around April. All of College Park will be converted by the end of 2006.

CPNA Board Member Spotlight

CPNA Secretary & Board Member, Monarcha Marcet



The roots of the vine which is my life are in College Park. In 1956 I came home from the hospital to my first home in College Park. After a divorce when I was two years old my Mother and I moved to my Grandparents duplex (which they built) on Princeton Street across from the Elementary school. I spent many hours of my childhood walking “around the block”. I loved hopping up on top of the low walls and holding my Grandma’s hand so I wouldn’t fall off. Now, it surprises me that the walls are only two feet high.

The branches of my vine spread to Winter Park, Maitland, Largo, Gainesville, Nantucket, Jacksonville, Tallahassee, Boston, Merritt Island, Cocoa, Sanford, and back to College Park. I’ve owned my 1925 bungalow since 1997. Some major accomplishments are a Bachelor of Design in Architecture and a Master of Building Construction (UF – Go Gators) and two talented sons, Sebastian (21) and Christopher (20). As a licensed Building Contractor, I operate a micro business, Adventure in Building, Inc., which offers estimating and consulting services, out of my home office at 927 West Harvard Street.

I am a member in the Remodelor's Council of the Home Builder's Association of Metro Orlando, the National Association of Women in Construction and a volunteer at Arnold Palmer Hospital. Professional Designations include CGR (Certified Graduate Remodelor) and CAPS (Certified Aging in Place Specialist). Also, I am a recent Dale Carnegie graduate.

In 2001, I served as the Sanford Historic Trust's Treasurer and learned what community involvement is all about. When I moved back to College Park I felt compelled to be involved with our community. I feel honored to be serving as the CPNA Secretary.

Today, my walks have expanded from “around the block” to “around Lake Adair”. The comfort of holding my Grandmother’s hand is gone however I have you all as my neighbors. As neighbors, let’s slow down, smile and wave to each other in passing. College Park is the “small town – downtown” and the soil for my roots.

Classes At The College Park Community Center

Mommy and Me

Fitness and fun all in one for you and your child.

Tuesday & Thursdays •
10:00 a.m. • \$30 a month



Seniors Sit and Kick

Have a seat and sweat to the beat. Low-Impact aerobics with high intensity performed while sitting in a chair. Tuesday & Thursdays • 9:00 a.m. • \$30 a month

For further questions or information, contact College Park Community Center at (407) 246.4361

February CPNA Meeting Recap

- Leza Tellam, President, opened the meeting
- CPNA Officers, Directors and new members introduced themselves
- January meeting minutes were approved with no changes
- Guest Speaker was Kathy Ramsberger from the Orlando Performing Arts Center (OPAC)
- Kathy gave an explanation of OPAC and the arts center project. She spoke of what the next steps were for OPAC and what will then happen if the project is approved by Orlando City Council and Orange County Commission
- Dr. Carl Dann III, Dubsdread Golf Course Design Committee, spoke about recently meeting with the City of Orlando. He feels they will handle the golf course renovations well but Dr. Dann expressed that he has concerns about creating a new re-routed road through Dubsdread
- David Rose, Edgewater High School Task Force, mentioned that the task force has met 3 times and is working on correct development of the current land and future land purchases
- Steve Shard, CPNA Member, spoke about his efforts to float the idea of bringing tennis courts to Mathews Park to the homes surrounding the park
- Alana Brenner, Treasure, gave a very short report on our current balance
- Committee reports were given by Communications, Candidates Forum, Sunday in the Park and Bylaws
- Members were encouraged to sign up for volunteer shifts at Sunday In The Park

Volunteer Graphic Artist Needed

CPNA is looking for a volunteer graphic artist who would be willing to donate their time and talent to the community. Help is needed on flyer development and a few other upcoming creative projects. If interested, please contact Leza Tellam at president@collegeparkorlando.org.

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

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