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Interstate 4 And Our Historic Homes

The Walter W. Rose House at 226 E. Vanderbilt is the centerpiece of a proposed National Register historic district now being studied by consultants for the Interstate 4 expansion project. Listing on the National Register of Historic Places is an honor that does not restrict private property owners.

The consultants' studies are being carried out as mitigation for the loss of College Park historic resources that will result from the I-4 project. The area under study was first choice on a list submitted by CPNA. Before the construction of I-4, East Rosemere was part of the cohesive Rosemere neighborhood developed in the 1920's. Developer Walter W. Rose began selling lots here in Jan. 1922.

Rose bought an existing home in 1920 and remodeled it extensively to serve as his residence. Because of his importance as a real estate man and politician, his c. 35 years in the house comprises its most significant period.

The photo of the Rose House is from the archives of the Regional History Center. Their expert dates it as c. late1930's. The house was included in CPNA's 1996 and 2000 Historic Homes Tours.

The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) has purchased four of the significant College Park homes slated for removal because of the I-4 expansion project, and the purchase of four more is underway. FDOT expects to advertise the first four houses for bid within the month. The houses could be moved, but vacant lots in College Park are scarce. There is a vacant lot for sale on East Yale, near several of the houses. Please contact Mr. Gerald Odom at 386-943-5052 with the FDOT District Five on any inquiries about these historical homes in College Park.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

College Park Neighborhood Association Meeting
Monday, June 5, 7:00 p.m. – *All Are Welcome*
College Park Community Center
Speaker, Robert Stuart, Incoming District 3 City Commissioner

CERT Meeting
Monday, May 22, 7:00 p.m.
College Park Community Center
Speaker, Many Soto – Emergency Operations for the City of Orlando

Last Day Of School
Friday, May 23
Traffic patterns will be different – watch out for children

Meet Our New District 3 Commissioner

Come meet our incoming District 3 City Commissioner. Robert Stuart, a College Park native, was elected to City Council on April 11 and takes office on June 1.

Mr. Stuart will visit with us on the day of his first City Council meeting at City Hall at our Monday, June 5th CPNA meeting at 7:00 p.m. He will share a few words about his background and goals for his term in office. There will be an opportunity for members and other residents to share comments on College Park issues. It is always important to get off on the right foot with elected leaders . . . come help us get started correctly!

National Night Out In College Park

Patti Riva, founding member and coordinator for the Dubsdread Neighborhood Watch (now with over 100 active homes), has a passion for community involvement and what Neighborhood Watch can do for an area and for building community. She will speak with us at our June CPNA meeting about increased coordination within College Park Neighborhood Watch and preparations for this year's National Night Out Against Crime.

We will be inviting College Park Neighborhood Watch coordinators to attend this meeting to prepare for a great National Night Out in College Park and for a discussion of crime-related issues in College Park. National Night Out is Tuesday, August 1 and occurs all over College Park by block or other grouping by your local Neighborhood Watch. For more info contact Patti Riva at blackbird@gowebway.com at (407) 425-4006.

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CPNA Board Member Spotlight

CPNA Board Member & Treasurer, Alana Brenner

Alana Brenner currently serves as treasurer of CPNA but she has a long history with the association and in fact has held every office including secretary, treasurer (twice), Vice President (twice) and President (1989-1990). Alana and her husband Matt moved to College Park in 1986 because it reminded them of New England. They were involved with the creation of the CPNA in 1987 when the extension of Princeton Street and Silver Star Road and possible development threatened their beloved Smith Street.

Alana grew up on the Eastern Shore of Maryland, attended the University of Maryland (at College Park, coincidentally) and then obtained her law degree from the College of William and Mary, where she met Matt.

Alana began her legal career at the Orlando City Attorney's Office. She served as City Prosecutor and as a prosecutor for the Florida Bar then became a staff attorney with the Legal Aid Society helping people with civil cases for 8 years. More recently, Alana practiced consumer protection law in private practice for 7 years before returning to City Hall after being appointed by Mayor Buddy Dyer to serve as Orlando City Clerk in June of 2004.

Alana and Matt have an eight year old daughter, Madelyn, and two cats. They live on Radclyffe Road. Alana tells everyone her family is never leaving College Park and, as a testament to her love for the community, she has served as President of the Edgewater High School Foundation, is active in the Lake Silver Elementary PTA and has been a Girl Scout leader of a local troop for 4 years. She is also the Chair of the Family Selection Committee of Orlando Habitat for Humanity and is the incoming Vice Chair of the Howard Phillips Center for Children and Families.

Alana is a former State House candidate and proudly boasts that she has completed a triathlon (even though she is a lousy swimmer!). In her spare time (which is not much), she enjoys running, painting watercolors, playing canasta and spending time at her New Smyrna Beach house.

For more information to become a member or to reach the College Park Neighborhood Association contact president@collegeparkorlando.org or (407) 872-7725.