



NEWSLETTER

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College Park Neighborhood Association, Who We Are

College Park Neighborhood Association (CPNA) has the goal of preserving, protecting and improving College Park. We hold meetings monthly on the first Monday of every month at 7:00 p.m. at the College Park Community Center. We feature speakers of local or regional interest on community topics at our meetings. We also have specialized committees including I-4, Lake Ivanhoe and Historical committees.

Our board members live and/or own property around College Park. We encourage membership and participation by anyone who resides or owns property within the area bounded by Fairbanks, Orange Avenue, OBT/441 and Colonial Drive.

We are reaching out to all 32804 residents this month in case you may not know about us. If you are interested in getting involved in an issue of importance to our community, receiving our newsletter (the newsletter is a benefit of membership), or just having fun getting to know your neighbors, please contact us at president@collegeparkorlando.org or (407) 872-7725. Membership information is on the back page of this newsletter or you may join at our monthly meeting or any of our events. Membership is \$15 a year per household and \$10 a year per senior household (over 60). Membership renews yearly every September. It is time to join or renew now!

Attend The CPNA Historic Homes Tour on Sunday, November 12th



Kitty Osburn, Plein Air Artist Member

Our Annual Historic Homes Tour will feature for the first time an architectural theme of Mediterranean Revival style homes of the 1920's and 1930's, the participation of the Central Florida Plein Air Artists and a Commemorative Poster.

Central Florida Plein Air Artists are dedicated to preserving and recording, through their paintings,

Florida's disappearing natural environments as well as Florida architecture and historic regions. Plein Air Artists' paintings will be available for sale. For information on Plein Air Artists' artwork, their website is www.pleinairflorida.org.

We will be selling our first-ever commemorative poster painted by College Park artist Laura Lacambra Shubert. Posters will be available at Tour Headquarters. For information on Ms. Shubert's artwork, her website is www.lsstudios.com.

To begin the tour check-in on November 12th at the Tour Headquarters at the College Park Community Center between 12:30 and 4:00 p.m. where you will be given your tour ticket/brochure. The College Park Community Center is located behind Princeton Elementary at 2393 Elizabeth Avenue.

Information about the houses will be included in your ticket/brochures and through volunteers at each home. The interiors of the majority of the approximately 8-10 homes will be open. The tour will also feature displays dealing with prominent architects and builders of the time, such as James Gamble Rogers II, Maurice Kressly and Raymond C. Stevens. Refreshments will be provided at several stops.

The Historic Homes Tour is free for CPNA members. Membership will be available at check-in for College Park residents. For non-members, the admission is \$15 per person and \$10 for seniors.

We still need volunteers. Your volunteer services will earn you an invitation to the always great thank-you party after the tour. Contact **Jackie Sneed** at jsneed3@cfl.rr.com or (407)841-3993 if you are available to assist us for a few hours on day of the tour.

Lake Silver Elementary will receive the CPNA Michael Welborn Education Grant from a portion of proceeds of this year's tour.

Our 2006 Realtor® Tour Sponsors are: Sutton and Sutton, Anne Rogers Realty, Olde Towne, Jim Pruett/Watson Realty, Jennifer Franklin/GMAC, Suzanne Tellam/Olde Verandah Realty and mycollegepark.com.

Renew or join CPNA now. You may join or renew before or at the Historic Homes Tour. A membership form is included on the back of this newsletter. Annual dues are due every September.



MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

College Park Neighborhood Association Meeting

Monday, November 6, 7:00 p.m. – *All Are Welcome*
College Park Community Center
Speaker, Anne Geiger, Orange County School Board

General Elections

Tuesday, November 7 (www.ocfelections.com)

Annual CPNA Historic Homes Tour

Sunday, November 12, 12:30 – 5:00 p.m.
Check-in begins at College Park Community Center,
until 4 p.m.

Princeton and Mathews Parks Updates

The City of Orlando recently announced two projects intended to enhance Princeton Park and Mathews Park. At Princeton Park, an overall renovation is planned that will include a replacement playground as well as a new picnic pavilion. This project was prompted by the deteriorating play equipment as well as concern for the large oaks in the park. The renovation intends to protect the oaks by moving the play area away from the trees and by adjusting drainage to prevent continued erosion. Other changes include eliminating one of three entrances for improved safety and removing the fence now standing between the park and the community center. Although the plans require the removal of two pine trees and an unhealthy oak, the designers feel that the completed project will best maintain the park's shade trees.

At Mathews Park, the baseball diamond is to be renovated as a project of College Park Little League with funds provided by Orange County's Field of Dreams program. The current diamond has substantially deteriorated and no longer meets the needs of the community. Improvements would include a graded and irrigated clay surface, a new backstop, covered dugouts and fencing along the foul lines. College Park Little League has designated the diamond as a practice field so the plans do not include restrooms, lights, bleachers or a concession. The city has suggested that improvements for the former water tower portion of Mathews Park could follow the baseball diamond renovation. No plans exist, but discussions may soon begin with the neighborhood.

Blue Ribbon Education Panel Luncheon

The public is invited to come learn about the Progress of the Blue Ribbon Education Panel at the League of Women Voters of Orange County November Luncheon. The luncheon will be on Wednesday November 15th from 11:30 to 2:00 p.m. at Doc's Restaurant, 3rd Floor Private Room. Cost is \$20, reservations required, please contact lvanscoyoc@cfl.rr.com or call **(407)894-6586**.

Orlando Opera Guild Designers' Show House In College Park

Villa ConRoy, a home built in 1949 on the shores of Lake Ivanhoe at 1521 West Ivanhoe Boulevard in the College Park, will be the site for the 2006 Orlando Opera Guild Designer Show House. The home has been extensively remodeled and enlarged from 3200 sq. ft. to 6600 sq. ft. **The show house will be open to the public from October 21 to November 12.**

Decorated by Central Florida interior designers, the home will feature the latest in trends, as well as innovative ideas for remodeling. Highlights include a 1,200 square foot master bedroom suite with his-and-her bathrooms, guest bedrooms including a 1949-era bedroom and bath, art gallery and game room with a wet bar.

For the public viewing from October 21 to November 12 tickets are \$15 at the door. The show house will be open Monday to Saturday 10:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m., Sunday 12:00 – 5:00 p.m., Thursday night 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. The show house is handicapped accessible. For more information call **(407) 426-1717** or www.orlandoopera.org click on 2006 Orlando Opera Guild Designers' Show House.

College Park Planning Update

The City of Orlando is reorganizing its planning department to include a Community Planning section. The first two Community Planning exercises will be International Drive and College Park. Details on these projects will follow when available.

Separately, the City of Orlando is reviewing its overall Growth Management Plan. The City will be working with the City Council and the community to create a strategy for public involvement at each stage of this process. The final version is due to the State of Florida on November 1, 2007. For further information, contact **Elisabeth Holler**, Planning Manager, City of Orlando at **(407) 246-3408** or elisabeth.holler@cityoforlando.net.

Thank You To Logan Kayne From CPNA

CPNA would like to thank Logan Kayne for all of his help in creating our new web site. Logan is a member of CPNA that has gone above and beyond the norm with his dedication and time. Check it out at www.collegeparkorlando.org Thank you Logan!

Logan's company, **LK Media Technologies**, provides media solutions for businesses, organizations and individuals. Logan can be reached at **(407) 925-3065** or solutions@lkmediatech.com or through his web site www.lkmediatech.com.



Community Leader Spotlight Ted Eidson



CPNA President Leza Tellam sat down with College Park's own Ted Eidson at Eidson Insurance on Edgewater Drive this month to talk about College Park, current events and how important it is to be engaged in the community. Here is what they discussed:

Leza: How long have you been in College Park?

Ted: I was born in Meigs, Georgia but, when I was 23 months old, Dad came here to Orlando to deliver a car. He returned home saying, "this is the prettiest little town I've ever seen" and "they'll need a big stick to run us out." We lived all over North Orlando in Orwin Manor (my father George renting a house from a Georgia Eidson), on Highland Street in 1939 and on Hillcrest. When I married Betty in 1957, we had a small apartment building over on DeSoto in College Park and lived there before we moved to Edgewater Court and our current residence since 1969 on Overbrook. Betty's mom had built the house next door in 1936. Betty's family came to Orlando in the late 1880s for the Audubon Society and ended up planting 5,000 oak trees back when it was mostly piney flats here.

Leza: Your roots in College Park are deep. I know that you have a ranch in Uruguay and like to travel to hunt and fish, but you chose to live here most of your adult life. Why is College Park home?

Ted: I lived here since I was 25 and married. I originally came here because I was lucky to have bought that apartment house (my father had some real estate investments and I did some early). But I have stayed because College Park is convenient and has everything that I've needed. Until we moved Eidson Insurance to Edgewater, I worked downtown. I have always advised newcomers and colleagues to live in town. Why spend free time commuting? It makes more sense to take a half day off a week! College Park has two golf courses. I even used to horseback ride here. When I was little, I'd swim over at the pool at Dubsdread Country Club and my first job was there as a lifeguard in high school. And I had a lot of friends here. I met some of my longest-term friends Sandy Dann (still a College Park resident) and Bob Stine at Cub Scouts. Now everybody is moving to College Park. Not a lot has changed so far, except these enormous houses on 50-foot lots.

Leza: College Park is growing. What do you think about that? Do you have any concerns?

Ted: I do have some concerns about increasing

density, especially traffic flow on Edgewater Drive. Any major increases in density should go near the intersection of Princeton and Smith Streets. We just don't have the infrastructure in place here otherwise. And I have a big concern about the City's provision of basic services like maintaining the streets. We have got potholes all over College Park. We need more speed-humps and 4-way stops to control traffic on the side streets.

Leza: How do you see College Park changing?

Ted: We're going thru a renaissance or a major transformation now. Dubsdread was once considered outside town, the country. College Park started in the 30's with young families moving in with lots of children. Over the years, College Park got older and we haven't had a lot of children. But now the young families are moving in again and we are going to see a lot of children. We need to look at the district size for the schools in College Park and be sure that our schools can serve the growing needs for kids in this community. We're effectively inner city now in College Park.

Leza: With all of this change, how important is it to be active in the community?

Ted: I've always gotten involved. I helped start the taxing district downtown that led to the Downtown Development Board. The first thing we did in the 1970's was hired the planning firm also used by Disney to look ahead at future growth of downtown Orlando. Residents must have input in what is going on. You can't employ people to tell you how to live. You do that in your community involvement. My dad and sister ran the office most of the time so I had the time to be involved in things like being chairman of Orange Memorial Hospital (during its seminal merger to become ORMC), the Chairman of the Central Florida Blood Bank (now Central Florida Blood Services), starting Lake Highland Preparatory School, Kiwanis, the Chamber and BBB. When I was a young father, a group of couples all organized the associate board of the Florida Symphony to bring children to music. We met in people's houses and brought Kaptain Kangaroo here and started the Symphony Ball. My advice is: make your commitments.

Leza: Ted, thank you for your advice and, if any of us need further counseling, I know that we can find you most mornings around 9:00 a.m. over at Einstein's Bagels!

Ted Eidson and his wife Betty live in College Park with their 2 poodle pointers, Spice and Ginger, and Betty's standard poodle, Maggie Mae. Ted and Betty have two daughters, Laura and Mary. Among his many accomplishments, Ted was formerly Chairman of SunTrust College Park.

Note: Positions of CPNA on community issues are determined at our monthly Board meetings which are open to the public.



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