



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.

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@collegetparkorlando.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 65). Membership renews yearly every September. **Please join or renew now!**

Come Join The Fun! Sunday In The Park



CPNA and Florida Hospital will present the 16th annual "Sunday in the Park" community event from **12:00 to 5:00 pm, Sunday, March 25**, in **Dartmouth Park**, 822 Dartmouth Street.

Sunday in the Park will feature games, rides, clowns entertainment, food, a variety of vendors and much more, including the "Best Brownies in

College Park" contest. The Best Brownies will be judged by Mayor Dyer, Commissioner Stuart and CPNA President, Leza Tellam, at 3:00 pm. We will also feature the Central Florida Plein Air Artists. More information is available at www.cfpaartists.org. Florida Hospital, as the title sponsor, will present the Florida Hospital Pavilion, which will be offer free screenings – such as blood pressure and body fat analysis – and free chair massages, as well as information about the hospital's internationally recognized programs in cardiology, cancer, women's medicine, neurology, diabetes, imaging, orthopedics, and rehabilitation.

The Florida Children's Hospital area at Sunday in the Park will engage children and families in relay and field games, as well as provide a bounce house for the kids. A Florida Hospital ambulance also will be on site and open for touring.

Admission to Sunday in the Park is free. Children ages 4 and up can play games all afternoon for \$10 while children ages 3 and under play games for free. Individual game tickets also will be available. For more information about Sunday in the Park, call (407) 872-7725 or visit www.collegetparkorlando.org.

Thank you to our current Sunday In The Park sponsors!

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Rotary Club Book Drive

The Rotary Club of College Park does many volunteer activities and fundraisers for our local schools. One of them is the Annual Book Drive that is running now. The Rotary Club collects gently used books for children up to age 12. The books will remain in our own elementary schools, Lake Silver and Princeton. Many people would not realize that there is a great need for books for many children that attend these schools. **Pam Potenza** will pick up donations of any quantity at the convenience of the donor. Please call her directly at (407) 375-3963. Even one or two books mean a lot to a child with none.



College Park Public School Update

By David Rose

The public schools within College Park are always a priority for CPNA. That is especially true now as plans are being made for the rebuild of Edgewater High School, the oldest high school in the system, and the School Board has included both of our elementary schools, Princeton and Lake Silver, on a list of elementary schools that they are considering for closure or consolidation.

Let's look at Edgewater first. Edgewater High School was included for renovation on the list of schools that would be updated with the half cent sales tax and is scheduled to be on line for the school year 2010. A committee formed by the Edgewater Foundation has been meeting for over two years in an effort to work with the Orange County School Board to ensure that Edgewater is rebuilt to be a functional equivalent of all the other high schools in the district. Currently Edgewater sits on twenty nine acres of land while most high schools have sixty acres of land - and at fifty five years old it is the oldest high school in the system. Many high schools have been built and rebuilt while Edgewater continues to house the same student population in outdated buildings that have long ceased to function safely.

Over a year ago, the School Board instructed the staff to begin negotiation for the purchase of the shopping center north of the school and to conduct a study to determine if that alone would provide enough land, which would bring the total to about forty acres, to build a functionally equivalent high school. The study has been completed and it was determined that there indeed would not be enough land to build the necessary school. The School Board then instructed the staff to begin negotiation to purchase the mobile home park to the north of the shopping center. In the interim the owners of the shopping center purchased the mobile home park. Both directives from the school board to the staff included the authorization of eminent domain in the purchase. While negotiations seem to be ongoing to date the school board, as of publication, has not yet filed to take the land through eminent domain.

Recently the School Board hired the architectural firm of "C T Hsu Group" as the architects for the new Edgewater High School. According to what the School Board has promised the Task Force the first step in designing the new school will be to hold meetings this spring to get input from the Edgewater High School Community as to what their dreams and desires are for the new school. We are hopeful that those meetings will begin soon.

On the Elementary School front the School Board recently released a list of twenty some elementary schools that they are considering for closure or consolidation. Both Lake Silver and Princeton Elementary are on that list. Their total enrollment is below the level that the School Board feels is most efficient. In response to the School Board's announcement, a group has been formed that calls itself

"Save our Community Schools". They are opposed to the closure of any of the schools on the list sitting the importance of having community based elementary schools and the fact many studies have shown that smaller schools are more effective.

"Save our Schools" recently presented to the local delegation of State Legislators. The School Board also attended to assure the Legislators that no decisions have been made concerning any closures and that no decision were going to be made prior to the public having ample opportunity to provide our input. Representative Gardner, Senator Constantine, Representative Quinones and Senator Siplin were joined by the remainder of the delegation in expressing to the School Board their very deep concerns that these schools were even being considered for closure.

CPNA will continue to monitor both of these matters and keep our membership informed.

Newly elected State Representative Scott Randolph would like to hear from you.

If you have a concern about the issues facing Florida or if you just want to let the State Representative know your opinion, please contact Scott Randolph at:

1504 East Concord Street, Orlando, FL 32803
(407) 893-3084
Scott.Randolph@myfloridahouse.gov

Poker Night With The Lions

The College Park Lions Club is considering creating an ongoing poker night event at the Lions Den, 1782 Fairview Shores Drive. If interested, please call **Red Christensen at (407) 695-0737**.

The Lions also are looking for new members to join the group's international network of 1.3 million men and women who work together to answer the needs that challenge communities around the world. For more information, visit www.lionsclubs.org. Known for working to end preventable blindness, Lions participate in a vast variety of projects important to their communities, ranging from cleaning up local parks to providing supplies to victims of natural disasters.

Visit the Lions booth at Sunday in the Park on March 25th. They'll be selling hot dogs, hamburgers and sodas to raise funds for their community projects.

Community Emergency Response Team

College Park CERT is planning a CERT training class in College Park. The CERT training will include before and after planning, emergency first aid, fire suppression and hazardous materials. When responses are received it will be determined if the classes will be for 7 weeks, one night a week or two Saturday classes. If you are interested please contact **Bill Jennings (407)898-2946** or CERTCollegePark@aol.com. The classes should start the end of March.



City Sidewalk Ordinance

The City has refined its Sidewalk Ordinance to allow the City Engineer flexibility in determining the practicality of sidewalk placement.

Sec. 61.225 of the Sidewalk Ordinance states that anyone constructing a new home or substantially remodeling must install a sidewalk even where that segment does not tie in to an existing sidewalk. However, these "isolated segments of concrete" or "sidewalks to nowhere" are serving no practical purpose. In past years homeowners could pay into a sidewalk fund when one patch of concrete was deemed "impractical" – there were NO existing segments on the street. Then when a continuous sidewalk was slated for a street, homeowners who paid into the fund were credited with their share of the cost. In 2003 this flexibility of interpretation was removed from the City Engineer. This has now changed due to the hard work of two College Park residents, Ann and Buck Brown, who brought this issue before the City Council, and were the catalyst for the ordinance change. CPNA also took a position in support of the effort. If you are interested in more information please email **Ann Brown** at Abrown7@cfl.rr.com.

Taste of College Park

The Rotary Club of College Park will host the **Fourth Annual Taste of College Park Food & Wine Festival** on **April 26th** from **6:00 – 9:00 pm** at **Dubsdread Clubhouse**. Taste is the Club's signature fundraising event, which combines food from the best College Park restaurants, wine pairings provided by corporate sponsor, ABC Fine Wine & Spirits, live musical entertainment, and silent and live auctions. Tickets may be purchased for \$50 each.

Proceeds benefit Ronald McDonald Houses of Orlando, the PolioPlus Initiative and local schools and charities. The goal is to raise more than \$15,000 to help children and their families in College Park.

The Rotary Club is seeking sponsors and auction items for the event. To make a donation, please contact **Brigid Williams** at **(407) 761-3950**. For more info and tickets, visit www.collegeparkrotary.org.

The Heart Gallery of Metro Orlando

The Heart Gallery of Metro Orlando is an innovative, gallery-style photo exhibit that highlights approximately 80 children in Central Florida's foster care system currently awaiting adoption. The exhibit rotates throughout the community in different venues and for different events, raising awareness of the critical need for more foster and adoptive parents. There are many benefits to adopting a U.S. child through this process.

Another component of the Heart Gallery is a web site, www.heartgallerymetroorlando.org, which includes a digital photo gallery of the children along with detailed information on adoption. For more information visit the web site or contact **Melanie Oyler** at **(407) 398-7349** or moyler@fsmetroorlando.org.

CPNA Board Member Spotlight

CPNA Board Member Cleave Frink



Cleave and his wife Elizabeth and their sons Heath and Reece

I first traveled to Orlando with some friends to attend an audition for a summer job at Walt Disney World in 1987. At the conclusion of the school year at University of Florida, my friends and I came here to work and never left. After a year at Walt Disney World, I took a scholarship to play tennis at UCF where I graduated with a degree in Advertising and Public Relations. I spent some time working for various local media outlets before I embarked on my current career in Motion Picture and Television Production. Today, I am a freelance Assistant Director, which allows me the pleasure to work with such feature directors as Spike Lee and Rob Cohen and stars like Richard Gere, Lea Thompson, Roger Bart and Tiger Woods. Television commercial production makes up the bulk of my work, much of which is produced in downtown neighborhoods.

I first moved to downtown Orlando after experiencing the big city life on my first job in New York. Being able to be so close to restaurants and nightlife and Lake Eola was very satisfying. I lived in Eola Heights for 8 years in a duplex where I met my wife, Elizabeth and her son Heath when they moved in next door. We moved to College Park in 2004 and had a second child, Reece, in 2005. I believed that I lived in a neighborhood that could not be duplicated in Eola Heights and was very sad to leave that area. However, the neighbors in College Park have really helped to make this a place we love calling home. I think we have really developed a wonderful sense of community. It is important that we do everything we can to protect our neighborhoods.

My involvement in CPNA came as a way to get help with crime in our area as well as add strength to our Neighborhood Watch program. We believed that CPNA's voice could help us get more response from OPD and city leaders regarding our problems. For me, the key to CPNA is its members standing together to create a voice that cannot be ignored. I believe this organization does this with great efficiency. CPNA also takes great pride in the events it puts together, which increase the depth of our community. College Park is such a wonderful part of our city and I'm proud to do what I can to help our City Beautiful maintain its character. Please also stop by the Crime Committee table on March 25th to see me and to get involved in Neighborhood Watch!



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MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

College Park Neighborhood Association Meeting

Monday, March 5, 7:00 pm – *All Are Welcome*

College Park Community Center

Speaker, Project Hometown on Community Venues

April 2nd Speaker, Commuter Rail

Sunday In The Park

Sunday, March 25, 12:00 – 5:00 pm

Dartmouth Park, 822 Dartmouth Street

Dusbdread Community Meeting

Thursday March 29th, College Park Community Center

Mayor Dyer's Community Summit

Saturday, April 28, 8:00 am – 2:00 pm

For more information contact (407) 246-2169

Please send this form with your dues to: **CPNA P.O. BOX 540859 Orlando, FL 32854-0859**

NAME: _____

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