



NEWSLETTER

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Lake Ivanhoe Pedestrian Bridge & Gateway Feature

As part of the expansion of I-4, plans are being looked at to include a pedestrian bridge and gateway feature along the east side of Lake Ivanhoe. This bridge and feature would complete the sidewalk loop that runs along the banks of East Lake Ivanhoe.

The most recent development in this project has been that the Florida Department of Transportation selected TY-LIN International as the engineering/planning firm responsible for designing the pedestrian bridge and gateway feature. TY-LIN's Orlando office will oversee and staff the project, and they have committed to getting a great deal of community (including CPNA) input on the project. We will plan on having TY-LIN attend a CPNA meeting in the near future to discuss the project and their plans.

For more information, contact John Ruffier at john.ruffier@lowndes-law.com. John is the CPNA contact for this project.

14th Annual Orange County Community Conference

The Orange County Community Conference provides Orange County residents an opportunity to learn about ways to improve neighborhoods. Workshops offer a well-rounded blend of topics for individual citizens, voluntary neighborhood organizations, homeowners associations, and other community groups. The goal of the community conference is to educate and assist citizens in making their neighborhoods the best possible places to live.

Saturday, July 14, 2007 ~ 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Orange County Convention Center
West Concourse, Hall F

To sign up for the conference go to the Orange County web site www.orangecountyfl.net and Search for Orange County Community Conference to view the registration form.

How Shall We Grow? Community Summit

Sponsored by myregion.org, learn and discuss ways our region can grow and prosper given the projected doubling of our population by 2050.

Friday, August 10, 2007
8:00 - 11:30 a.m.

Omni Orlando Resort at ChampionsGate
For more information go to www.myregion.org

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

College Park Neighborhood Association Meetings

No July CPNA meeting – Enjoy Your Summer!

August CPNA meeting

Monday, August 6, 7:00 pm – *All Are Welcome*

College Park Community Center

Speaker: Bill Donegan, Property Appraiser and member of the Governor's Committee on Property Tax Reform.

Being Safe After The Storm

When people hear about CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) they often envision a neighbor marching down the street after a storm with a roll of gauze in one hand and a splint in another looking for a place to perform first aid skills.

Historically one of the reasons for the CERT program is to teach people how to be safe when a storm have passed and that often means what NOT to do. Often more people are injured or killed after a hurricane than they are injured or killed during the actual storm.

One of the classes in the CERT schedule is fire suppression - when to try to suppress a fire and when to move back. If a home is engulfed in flames this is not the time for CERT graduate to put out the fire with garden hose but to make sure citizens keep a safe distance. Another class is light search and rescue. There are times when being part of the solution and not part of the problem is staying out of a building that is severely damaged.

This thinking should apply to all citizens. After Hurricane Charley I wrote, "A hurricane is not a tourist attraction." The winds from Charley had no sooner died down and as I was standing on my front porch to make an assessment before I went into my own front yard and there were young people out on sightseeing trip.

Hurricane season is here. You need to think about extra canned goods and a way to heat them up. You need to think about securing those valuable papers and precious photo albums. You also need to think that when the storm is passed, you want be able to help your neighbor, not have the paramedics help you.

The words of the captain to his officers from the old TV show still apply - **BE SAFE OUT THERE.**

For information on the CERT program contact **Bill Jennings, CERTCollegePark@aol.com** or **(407) 898-2946.**



Update on EAR

The City's Planning Department is now conducting an Evaluation and Appraisal Report (EAR) to address growth. This process is required by the State of Florida. It is completed every 7 years and is designed to look ahead for the at least the next 20 years.

The EAR is to identify new goals and policies that the City will need over the next 20 years and to review existing goals and policies to see if they are still relevant.

CPNA identified 3 areas of concern they would like addressed through the EAR. These 3 areas were presented by Leza Tellam, CPNA President, to City Planning Staff at an EAR meeting on City Hall June 5th.

Advance presentations by developers before MPB

We support the suggestion made by the City staff at the initial EAR presentation to require and/or suggest formally to developers that they hold, OPEN, public presentations and Q & A sessions sufficiently in advance and at convenient times prior to the MPB. Leza stated that even making this a factor for consideration by the MPB in approval (vs. a firm requirement) would be a step in right direction.

Other involvement of the community

We would like further clarification in code or other formal policy on (a) the radius of abutting or proximate property owners who must be notified before a major change in zoning or land-use or "bring-down" of existing rights which substantially changes the existing use or aesthetic AND (b) the advance timeframe by which these property owners must be notified. City staff confirmed that this varied but was generally only 300 feet (vs. 500 feet discussed at our meeting). There is not a current, codified time frame by which this group of property owners (also not codified) must be notified. This could allow (and sometimes does) last-minute changes without proper notification.

Leza Tellam also raised the December MPB could be subject to abuse due to its timing near the holidays, specially combined with the factors above which don't mandate clear involvement and notification of affected property owners.

Affected property owners, as needs to be better defined as per above, should have a say of some sort in transitions between different zoning and/or land-uses. This is especially needed where changes to land use or zoning and/or exercise of long dormant rights are proposed. It was discussed that this may be a notice and consultation requirement vs. any veto on the part of affected property owners. Also discussed was that each situation may vary so it is hard to codify what transitions would or should be required between different zonings, e.g. commercial or multi-family abutting residential.

Non-transferability of development rights

CPNA supports the non-transferability of development rights, absent special circumstances. This would prevent developers trading rights, particularly unused or unusable (as a practical matter), to expand rights on other parcels (or within a parcel or block or parcels).

It was confirmed that this is the City policy except in the case of land with special natural resources worth protecting. In those cases, there would be a possible opening to trade development rights to more appropriate parcels to save wetlands or other natural resources. This is done also in the situation of agricultural land elsewhere in the state to allow higher densities along roads and preserve open space.

For more information or to make a comment on the EAR, please contact **Elisabeth Holler** at elisabeth.holler@cityoforlando.net or (407)246-3408. Information is also available online at www.cityoforlando.net/planning/cityplanning/cpgm.htm Please do not hesitate to contact CPNA also with comments and question ns at (407)872-7725 or president@collegeparkorlando.org.

N.I.C.S. Neighborhood Internet Crime Spotters

A great grassroots way to keep each other aware of criminal activity in our neighborhood is through N.I.C.S. The intent of N.I.C.S. is to provide legitimate information to members in order to enhance safety and security where we live and work...being safe is being informed. Members receive emails with crime related updates and sightings. To join N.I.C.S. go to <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/collegeparknics>

For more information contact **Bertie Hunt**, Sherlock315@bellsouth.net or (407)843-2760. Another way to join NICS is to call Bertie and leave your name, address and email address. Bertie will send you an electronic invitation to join the group.

Edgewater Drive Task Force

Commissioner Stuart has notified CPNA that he intends to set up a task force to work on an Edgewater Drive Special Plan to cover areas including Urban Form, Transportation, Pedestrian Friendliness and potential Design Guidelines. We understand that there will be a nomination process for selection. The exact details are pending but the Task Force and a Community Meeting are anticipated to begin this fall.

We also understand that an online survey will be available for community feedback. We expect further information over the summer. If you are interested in participating in a Community Meeting, the Task Force, the online survey or have ideas on planning issues, please contact **Commissioner Stuart** at robert.stuart@cityoforlando.net or (407)246-2003.



Rules for Solicitors in Our Neighborhood

Solicitors are allowed in our community but they must follow a set of rules. If they break the rules you may call the police and let them know someone is soliciting unlawfully in your neighborhood.

- Solicitations are only allowed Mon. – Sat. 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. - No Sunday solicitations
- All solicitors must have a permit for solicitation inside the City of Orlando, not Orange County
- All solicitors must have a personal permit with their name which matches their picture ID.

National Neighborhood Day

National Neighborhood Day was established as an annual day to recognize and reinforce the relationships that are the fabric of our communities. It is a day of simple gatherings of neighbors to re-ignite friendships; welcome new neighbors; catch up on each others' families, interests and needs; and share food, fellowship and fun.

On September 16th, the City of Orlando, Orange County and CPNA encourage you to plan an event with your neighbors on your street, cul-de-sac or immediate neighborhood. Pull out the grill, have a BBQ, a picnic or event a neighborhood bake sale! For more event ideas and resources go to www.neighborhoodday.org.

For information on events planned in the College Park area contact **Bruce Thomas** at bruceanne@cfl.rr.com or (407)843-4974.

Congratulations Edgewater High

Newsweek just released it's list of the top 1,200 public schools in the U.S. and our very own Edgewater High School was ranked #303.

The complete list of the 1,200 top U.S. schools Public schools are ranked according to: the number of Advanced Placement, Intl. Baccalaureate and/or Cambridge tests taken by all students at a school in 2006 divided by the number of graduating seniors. All of the schools on the list have an index of at least 1.000; they are in the top 5 percent of public schools measured this way. To read the article, visit www.newsweek.com.

Past CPNA Board Members

CPNA is looking to reconnect with all prior CPNA board members. If you know how to reach any of the following people please contact **Pam Lindon** at pamlindon@cfl.rr.com.

Sacha Aponte, Dana Clary, Ron Conkling, Sam Davis, George Davis, Mieke Gentry, Kelly Green, Don Harp, David Henry, Cynthia Keenan, Susan Kendrick, Page Killian, Kevin Kramer, Mike Mankins, Diane Markowski, Gordon Mattix, Ed Measom, Angela Nacrelli, Carolyn Nolf, Dennis Nolte, Pat Oppel, Mike Romano, John Rosselle, Janine Russ, Frank Sands, Sue Simon, Rick Skaggs, Steve Streit, Jim Stuckey, Diana Thornton, Robert Twigg, Kristin Wagner, Stephanie Watson and Sterling Wood

CPNA Board Member Spotlight

CPNA Board Member Miles Hardy



Miles at Wyoming's Wind River Range, a 3 day camping trip

I was born on a cold January day in central Indiana among the corn fields and GM factories. My Dad brought the family to Tampa to accept a teaching position in the brand new University of South Florida, which at that time consisted of four buildings and a lot of sandy fields. I grew up using my Dad's faculty card to explore the university library and play pool in the student union. I spent a year at Georgia Tech studying electrical engineering but decided psychology was far more interesting and completed my Bachelor's degree at FSU. Military service was mandatory at that time, so I served a few years as a medic with the 101st Airborne Division.

The GI bill paid for my Master's degree in Information Science and I accepted a position at the Orlando Public Library. I rented a little duplex on the corner of Harvard and Depauw and have lived in College Park ever since. I met my wife, Sally, at the Library where she worked as a Children's Librarian. After 8 years at the Library I was offered a Systems Analyst position with the Orlando Sentinel newspaper. On a summer vacation I spent a day pool side with a laptop computer and some financial modeling software. By the end of the afternoon I had crafted a plan which suggested I could retire at the age of 50 if I carefully invested in real estate. At the age of 47 I resigned from the newspaper to manage my 7 College Park rental properties.

I spend my winters in the mild Florida climate, improving the rentals and at the YMCA conditioning myself for the other 3 seasons. Spring is for traveling in the Southwest, backpacking in the Grand Canyon and hiking in Zion. Summer is for camping and fly fishing in Wyoming and Idaho. Fall is for backpacking in the Smoky Mountains and traveling through New England.

But no matter the season, the first Monday of every month you will find me faithfully attending the CPNA meeting. Being a board member is a personal honor for me. Many of the board members have served since the beginning. For decades I've admired their dedication and commitment to preserving College Park. I am proud to be among them.



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Check here if you do not have email. Using email helps us save CPNA funds.

Enclosed is my check / cash for \$ _____ for the 2007-2008 CPNA budget year.

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

Dues are \$20 a family or \$15 for Seniors (65 and over) for membership through September 2008.

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