



# NEWSLETTER

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## Another Fantastic Sunday in the Park

By Bruce Thomas, Sunday in the Park Co-Chair

College Park Neighborhood Association's 17<sup>th</sup> annual Sunday in the Park drew thousands of attendees and approximately 60 vendors to Dartmouth Park on March 16<sup>th</sup>. The event was a resounding success thanks to the efforts of the Sunday in the Park committee members,



the volunteers who worked tirelessly throughout the day, and neighbors that came out to enjoy it all.

As David Rose said, "The real measure of the success is the fun that thousands of people had this afternoon."

## Thanks to our Sponsors

We'd like to thank the following sponsors of this year's Sunday in the Park:

- **Presenting Sponsor:** Florida Hospital
- **Diamond Sponsor:** ABC Fine Wine and Spirits
- **Platinum Sponsors:** Cathedral of the Incarnation, and McCall Properties
- **Gold Sponsors:** Publix, Sutton and Sutton Realtors and the City of Orlando
- **Silver Sponsor:** Downtown College Park
- **Bronze Sponsors:** Dellecker, Wilson, King, McKenna and Ruffier Attorneys At Law, My Towne Realty, Cole Construction, Mills Park Dental, College Park Lions Club, Anne Rogers Realty, College Park Yoga, and Eidson Insurance.

These community-oriented organizations provided the support necessary for a great event. They have helped Sunday in the Park grow into a festival that now attracts thousands from throughout our neighborhood. Each sponsor recognizes that events like this strengthen College Park's sense of community and they are eager to be a part of it. They have made an investment in the event and in the neighborhood. Their investment assures many more years of Sunday in the Park so

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

### April CPNA meeting

Monday, April 7, 7:00 pm

All are welcome!

College Park Community Center

### Relay for Life

Friday, April 11, 6:00 pm – April 12, noon

18 hour overnight event

St. Charles Borromeo track and field

Edgewater Drive

### Taste of College Park

April 24, 6:00 pm - 9:30 pm

Dubsdread Clubhouse

please consider the goods and services they provide whenever the need arises.



## Thanks to our Volunteers

This event is run entirely by CPNA for the community and is only possible with the help of the volunteers. As Lillian Scott, co-chair, said, "Thank you, thank you, and thank you for coming out and volunteering at Sunday in the Park this year... Without you it would not have been possible."

We hope you enjoyed the event, and hope you can spare some time again next year for this great event!



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## Princeton/Smith Corridor Update

By Miles S. Hardy, Princeton/Smith Corridor Committee Chair

Twenty years ago the College Park Neighborhood Association was born. It came into being as a neighborhood response to a new road, the Silver Star realignment, which threatened to change the quiet residential nature of Princeton and Smith streets. Today we know this road as the continuation of Princeton Street past Orange Blossom Trail. On our Association's 20th anniversary it is ironic that we once again find ourselves concerned about the potential impact upon our community resulting from development just beyond our western border.

Nearly a year ago the City approved permits and zoning for a 24-hour Super Wal-Mart at the Princeton Street and John Young Parkway intersection. This spurred the formation of the Princeton/Smith Corridor Committee. The Committee had humble beginnings. Ten residents met in a garage one evening and shared their concerns for College Park.

The following mission statement was established:

1. Enforce the current speed limits and the current restrictions prohibiting large trucks from intruding the corridor.
2. Establish a system to monitor traffic within the corridor.
3. Develop a plan involving citizens and the city to protect the corridor in the future.

### Accomplishments

These are some of the Committee's accomplishment over the past year:

The Princeton/Smith Corridor Committee has held regular meetings on the first Wednesday of each month. City Commissioner Robert Stuart, City Transportation Engineering Division Manager Charles Ramdatt and Orlando Police Department Traffic Safety Coordinator Sheryl Bradley have spoken at our meetings.

The College Park Neighborhood Association has welcomed the Princeton/Smith Corridor Committee into the Association as a standing committee.

With City Commissioner Stuart's invaluable support, a real-time traffic monitoring system has been permanently installed in the road bed where Reading intersects with Princeton and Smith streets. This system records date, time, speed, and vehicle classification of each motorcycle, car, pick-up truck or semi-truck which passes over its sensors and will transmit the data to the City's Traffic Monitoring Center. Testing of the system is being conducted at this time.

New truck signs have been installed at the east and west entrances of the corridor prohibiting trucks with more than two axles.

In the future, the Orlando Police Department will implement a campaign of 'targeted enforcement' which will use data provided by the Traffic Monitoring System to send officers into the corridor at the optimum day and time to achieve maximized enforcement effectiveness. The Traffic Monitoring System will also identify and quantify any significant changes in the nature of traffic within the corridor.

### Phase Three

The Corridor Committee is beginning to work on phase three of its mission by collecting ideas and suggestions which will influence drivers:

- Yard signs and magnetic bumper stickers should encourage local residents to be respectful of their neighbors and aware of children at play.
- Tinting of the asphalt, to create the illusion of a narrowing roadway, should cause infrequent travelers of the corridor to slow down.
- Letters to local trucking companies may help reduce truck intrusions.
- Monitoring the Municipal Planning Board agenda will alert the committee of new developments which could impact traffic on the corridor. The City Council should specifically require new developments to keep their larger trucks out of the corridor as a condition of permit and zoning approval.

More ideas will be gathered and ultimately a plan for the ongoing maintenance of the corridor will be presented to the City.

When I undertook this task, I estimated that it would take about two years to accomplish. I think the project is on schedule and has an excellent chance of success.

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## Easter Egg Hunt as Fun and Fast as Ever

This year's Annual Easter Egg Hunt at Albert Park was again a great success. The 2,500 eggs and 50 pounds of candy that Mike Norato brought to March's meeting were all discovered in under 10 minutes! Way to go College Park kids!

Thanks to those who participated and made for another successful College Park event. Special thanks to the Easter Bunny (Mike Norato), and the volunteers who hid 2,500 eggs.



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## CPNA Update

By David Rose, President

WHEW !!! The College Park Neighborhood Association just finished one of its biggest events of the year, Sunday in the Park. It was an absolutely fabulous event with thousands of neighbors joining together for a relaxing Sunday afternoon in Dartmouth Park. There were games for the children, food and entertainment for everyone, Realtors giving away cookies, politicians collecting signatures, and even somebody trying to give out the "Funniest Face" winner for charity. We stated this event over fifteen years ago to bring the community together for an afternoon of fun and it continues to do just that. A big thank you to all in the community that showed up, some to help, some to play, and some of you for a little of both because it was fun!



So we at the Neighborhood Association have a few months to get back to some of our routine business and community concerns. We meet at 7:00 pm at the College Community Center on the first Monday of every month so come out and join the discussions and put your dreams for College Park on the table for consideration.

That should end this article but would ruin my reputation, so I will write on.

Several big events are on the immediate calendar for College Park so I will use my space to give them a plug, they deserve it.

### **Relay for Life**

Next on the calendar is the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life. This is the nationwide signature event for the American Cancer Society. Relay is a community, volunteer driven, team event to fight cancer. This year's College Park Relay for Life event begins at 6:00 pm on April 11<sup>th</sup> and ends April 12<sup>th</sup> at noon.

It is an 18 hour overnight event that takes place at St. Charles Borromeo track and field on Edgewater Drive.

For more information on joining or forming a team, call Pam Potenza at 407-375-3963, or go to: <http://www.events.cancer.org/rflcollegeparkfl>



### **Taste of College Park**

The following week on April 24<sup>th</sup> The Rotary Club of College Park will host the 5<sup>th</sup> annual Taste of College Park - Food and Wine Festival, 6:00 pm, Thursday, April 24, 2008 at Dubsdread Golf Club, 549 W. Par Street, Orlando.

The event showcases College Park's best neighborhood restaurants, including: Harmoni Market, Infusion Tea, Jade Bistro, Juliana's Fine Tuscan Cuisine, K Restaurant and Wine Bar, Logan's Bistro, Nonna Trattoria ed Enoteca, Publix and The Tap Room at Dubsdread. The evening includes wine pairings provided again this year by ABC Fine Wine & Spirits.

The proceeds from this event go to support the many charitable activities of the College Park Rotary Club and Rotary International. Locally the Club sponsors a room at the Ronald McDonald House, a student of the month from four local schools each month, six scholarships to the Rotary Youth Leadership Assembly each year, and much more. At the International level Rotary's activities take books to fill but to mention a few here they include eradicating Polio world wide, sponsoring the "Rotary Ambassadorial Scholarship", the world's largest privately funded post graduate scholarship program, and an almost endless list of humanitarian efforts world wide.

But the important thing you need to know for this event is that there is a whole lot of food, drink, and fun.

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### **Welborn Grant Awarded**

By Jodi Rubin, Historical Committee Chair

An Ad Hoc committee of the College Park Neighborhood Association decided to award Michael Welborn Educational Grants to each of College Park's public schools, Lake Silver, Princeton, Lee and Edgewater. Typically, only one grant has been given per year, but due to the success of the 2007 College Park Historic Homes Tour (which funds the grants), it was decided that all the schools should benefit.

The success was partly due to the support of our sponsors, Sutton and Sutton, Guardian Home Lending Group, Anne Rogers Realty Group, David Rose/ReMax, Olde Town Brokers, Jim Pruett/Watson, Keller Williams Realty, and Classic Renovations. Also, there was no excuse for anyone to not know about the tour due to the great coverage in the press, the new banner across Edgewater Drive and the tour announcement on each school's marquee.

Next year's College Park Historic Homes Tour theme is College Park: Big and Small. Contact Jodi Rubin at 407-422-5243 if you have a house that is at least 50 years old that works with the theme.



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