



NEWSLETTER

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President's Update

By David Rose, President

It is the "political season" and while the College Park Neighborhood Association has always remained neutral about candidates, we do take positions on local issues and do lobby our local representatives from time to time. So we do not equate being neutral with being inactive. We have a long tradition of providing a venue for political candidates to meet our members and to express their position on the issues.

First of all, elected officials and candidates are always welcome at our monthly meetings and if they are there at beginning are introduced.

Candidate Forum in August

We also have held candidate forums for local positions that are of interest to our membership. In the past those of been primarily for City Commissioners and Mayoral candidates. This season the Board of Directors has voted to hold a forum for the District 6 School Board race on August 4th at 7:00pm in lieu of our regularly scheduled meeting. The candidates for this race are Anne Geiger, the incumbent, and Nancy Robinson -- both have agreed to participate. Should other candidates file then they too will be invited. The quality of our local schools has long been a priority to the Association and has been expressed in several ways, including our involvement in getting the historic designation for Princeton Elementary and the fact that the schools receive almost all of the funds from our events. We will be promoting this event more as the date draws near and hope to fill the Edgewater High School Auditorium. The election is August 26th.

Politics in the Park

There are other races that are of local interest where the Board felt that we needed to offer our membership and the community an opportunity to interact with the candidates. For that reason we have decided to hold two meet and greet events in Albert Park on Edgewater Drive. We have done this for many past elections and call the events "Politics in the Park." The first is scheduled before the "primary" election on Saturday evening August 16th and the second will be before the "general" election on Saturday evening October 25th. The election dates are August 26th and November 4th. The reason I put quotation marks around primary and general is that for some positions, non-partisan races

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

For the most up to date information, visit the **Calendar** on www.collegeparkorlando.org

June CPNA meeting

Monday, June 2, 7:00 pm

All are welcome!

College Park Community Center

July CPNA meeting

Monday, July 7, 7:00 pm

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College Park Community Center

and partisan races with no general candidate, the August 26th election is actually the "general" and the November election may or may not be a "run off." Some final decisions are reached at the August 26th election so calling it a primary is a little misleading.

So mark those dates on your calendar and plan on attending, or even better get in touch with us and get involved in making these things happen.

Website Update

By the way we have a great new way for you to reach us!

www.collegeparkorlando.org

For those of you that really pay attention you may be thinking that the website is not new. Well go look! You will find it completely revamped and updated with all new features. You can even sign up to be a member right there. It costs all of \$15 a year so go ahead and become part of the team.

So now the website is the second best way to stay in contact with us... the best remains to come spend a couple of hours with us on the first Monday of every month. We meet at the College Park Community Center at 7:00 p.m., and while we discuss serious topics we do so in a fun and neighborly fashion. Hope to see you there!



May 10 District 3 Picnic and Park Dedication, through the eyes of a 6 and 4 year old

By Daniel and Nicolas Ford

We were some of the first ones to arrive at Loch Haven Park Saturday morning. And that was awesome. We got right on the jumpy house with no line, and no tickets needed. Mom said the District sponsored it, whatever that is. We jumped for a while, until Daniel noticed a strange looking police truck with a robot.

We talked with the bomb squad, and he showed us a robot they use to remove bad things. And they even have a big suit to protect them. Next to that was a police dog, we can't remember his name, but he didn't speak English. He sure was big though. And don't forget the fire trucks and even a garbage truck. Oh look the jumpy house is open again.

We were right in the middle of making our pet rocks at the Science Center booth, when the DJ announced it was time for lunch. The rocks will have to wait until we get our fill of yummy hot dogs and burgers cooked up by firemen.

We grabbed our bags and went to all the booths. We played some mini golf at the Dubsdread course; got some seeds from Robert Bowden at the Leu Gardens (dad says he wasn't the coach though). We even learned about keeping our waters clean, heard stories from the library, and then the best thing, free ice cream.

We got to meet some political candidates like judges, Congress and school board. We can't vote for a while, but we did give some tips to mom and dad on who we liked. Then it was time to cut a ribbon. Commissioner Stuart, Diamond and Mayor Dyer invited us and all the kids to help dedicate the new park. We love parks.

It all wrapped up with the DJ playing lots of games with kids. Neither of us was very good at hula-hooping, but we did better at the soccer contest with the Orlando Sharks. We all had a great time and were really tired from all the activities. So we packed up our pet rocks, new plant from the city and headed back home. Thanks Commissioner Stuart and Mayor Dyer. It was a great picnic.

If you have an event or item of community interest that you think should be included in our CPNA News or Calendar please send it to cpnaadmin@gmail.com.

Dubsdread Golf Course set to Re-open

The six million-dollar renovation of the Dubsdread Golf Course is nearing completion. Dubsdread Golf Course will re-open with an invitation-only event on July 10th, 2008. It will then open to the public on Friday, July 11th, 2008. Tee time booking will begin on July 1st.

What's New?

Overall, the project improved the course in a myriad of ways, making it a little easier for the novice and just as challenging for the pro. The fairways have been reshaped with undulating hills and new ponds. The greens have been made larger, but their surfaces have more contours to keep the short game challenging. In addition, there is a new 5th hole, and the street that ran through fairways 17 and 18 has been removed. Overall the updated course is beautiful and play promises to be vastly improved.

New Rates

Though it will be the first rate increase in many years, at the April meeting Commissioner Stuart stated that the rates will be going up slightly. He expects the rates to go up about \$4 for a round of golf. He also told us that while annual memberships will be increased, they will continue to be offered at the old rates until the course opens. For more information about annual memberships, you can contact Erin Durning, the Sales Manager at erin@dubsdreadgolf.com.

Vandalism

Unfortunately, there have already been several incidents of vandalism to the Dubsdread Golf Course. Vehicles have been driving onto the course at night (between 11:00 pm and 3:00 am) and causing an extensive amount of damage. Patrols will be increased, but if you are in the Dubsdread area, please report suspicious vehicles driving through the area to the police.

Proposed College Park Lynx Route Changes

Lynx is proposing to cancel routes 14 and 16, which run along Edgewater drive. Both routes will be partially replaced with the new route 125.

There was a public hearing on Wednesday, May 28 from 10 a.m. until 12 noon, and 4:30 p.m. until 6:30 p.m. Public comments were welcomed at the hearing, and written and oral comments can be made through mail, the Lynx website, and telephone, through June 17.

For links to more information, including the new proposed routes, view this news article on our website, or visit <http://www.golynx.com/>.



Online Membership Management

By Michael Heavener, Membership Committee Chair

Hello friends and neighbors of College Park! These are exciting times for our association. Our new website www.collegeparkorlando.org is now up and running thanks to the efforts of Adrian La Sala.

He is working to make this a destination where you can stay up to date on all things College Park. One of the great features is online membership management. It allows all of us to register online as members and pay our dues electronically or by check. This saves the association money on postage and a lot of time of the volunteers that help keep the association going.

So take a minute, log onto the site click on Membership, and renew your existing membership or sign up for the first time.

Account Options

As a member, you can also manage your own account and information. In addition, you can manage options about the following:

- **Membership Directory** – Your information will not be displayed in the member directory. If you do want other members to be able to find you in the directory, you can change this.
- **Emails** – We can try to reach you through email notifications. Please feel free to *opt in* or *opt out* on either or both types of email notifications:
 - **Event Notifications** – these are automatic reminders of events. As they are automatic, they happen as often as we have events in the Calendar.
 - **Manually sent mailings** – these are manually sent emails, and will typically only be sent for newsletters or rare special announcements.

With the online membership tools, you can manage your own account information, and even renew online.

Frequently Asked Questions

Adrian has also been kind enough to put together a FAQ page that will answer most of your questions. Here are a couple of common questions and answers from that page:

I am an active member, but signed up manually—how can I log on?

If you previously provided us with your email address simply use the **Forgot Password** feature at the bottom left of the main page to reset your password.

I am a member (or was in the past) but I had not provided you with my email account—can I log on?

Unfortunately, no you can't log on. We need an email account associated to your membership record. It serves as your user ID. Please contact me at heavener328@yahoo.com to have your email account added to your record.

I will supply you with a temporary password which you can change after you log on. Alternatively once you have had your email added to your account, you can use the **Forgot Password** feature at the bottom left of the page to reset your password.

More Information

If you have other questions about membership, you can view the Membership FAQ by clicking the Membership link in the menu on the web site or contact me at heavener328@yahoo.com.

See you around the neighborhood!

Other News

We are constantly adding **News** articles on www.collegeparkorlando.org. Here are some other recent articles that we could not fit in this issue. Visit the site to read the full articles.

Revisiting EAR

An update on an article from May 2007 about the Evaluation and Appraisal Report (EAR) of the City's Growth Management Plan.

Edgewater Drive Vision Task Force

An overview of the Task Force's mission with links to the City of Orlando's site.

College Park and Neighbors Welcomed into the "Main Streets" Program

A short announcement of the Main Streets Program with hearty congratulations to our Downtown College Park Partnership!

Monthly Reports

If you miss a meeting, be sure to check out the meeting minutes and treasurer's reports—it's not the same as being there, but it keeps you "in the know".

*Other articles couldn't even fit within this list including a group discount to the Orlando Ballet's Sleeping Beauty. Stay up to date by subscribing to our **News!***



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