



NEWSLETTER

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October 2008

Fall in College Park

Posted 1 October 2008

By Adrian La Sala, Website Chair

Fall is one of our nicest seasons, and to celebrate the slightly cooler air, it seems like there are always a variety of events all around town. College Park is no different—several things are already lined up for our neighborhood.

Politics in the Park

We're hosting our second Politics in the Park of this electoral season at Albert Park on October 25, 2008 from 6:00 - 9:00 pm. Politics in the Park is a great informal event that brings us together with the candidates. While each candidate is given a few minutes to speak, the emphasis is on interacting with the crowd - so come out and mingle, visit with the candidates and enjoy a Saturday evening on Edgewater Drive!

College Park Jazz Fest

If you have never been to the Downtown College Park Partnership's College Park Jazzfest, it's a real treat. Grab some chairs or a blanket, pack up a picnic basket and find a spot on Edgewater Drive to relax with friends and enjoy the outdoor concert.

CPNA's Historic Homes Tour

Our annual Historic Homes Tour is a great chance to see the great variety of homes throughout College Park. The theme for the 2008 tour is *College Park—Big and Small*. So, plan on spending a Sunday afternoon on November 16, walking, biking, or driving around the neighborhood exploring some of our great historic homes. There is an article in this issue that will give you all of the details about this wonderful event. (It's free for members.)

Join Us!

Another event you should consider attending is our monthly meeting. We meet the first Monday of every month. In the October meeting, the Nominating Committee will present their recommendations for next year's board members, and during the November meeting, members will have a chance to vote on them.

This year CPNA has accomplished a great deal, including a wonderfully successful Sunday in the Park, a

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

For more detail and the most up to date information, visit <http://collegeparkorlando.org/calendar>

October CPNA Meeting

Monday, October 6, 7:00 pm

College Park Community Center

Politics in the Park

Saturday, October 25, 6:00 – 9:00 pm

Come to Albert Park to interact with the candidates on the November 4th ballot.

November CPNA Meeting

Monday, November 3, 7:00 pm

College Park Community Center

College Park Jazzfest

Saturday, November 8, 6:00 – 11:00 pm

Pack a picnic basket and enjoy a warm fall evening filled with beautiful jazz music and good friends!

Historic Homes Tour

Sunday, November 16, 12:30 – 4:00 pm

The theme for the 2008 tour is *College Park—Big and Small*. See the article in this issue.

totally revamped website, two Politics in the Park events and what promises to be a fantastic Historic Homes Tour. In addition we have helped our neighbors facing crime issues, kept tabs on the Ivanhoe Pedestrian Bridge, Florida Hospital expansion, Edgewater Drive Task Force, and generally tried our best to make our neighborhood everything we want it to be.

So, if you have not renewed, please consider it. If you have never joined, well now's your chance! It costs just \$15 a year to become a member and help support our organization, our events, and our community services. Join online at <http://collegeparkorlando.org/join>.

And whether you join or not, we hope to see around College Park enjoying the Fall, just like we plan to do.



CPNA Historic Homes Tour on Sunday, November 16

Posted 27 September 2008

By Jodi Rubin, Historic Committee Chair

The theme for this year's historic homes tour is *College Park-Big and Small*. College Park is filled with houses that may be considered small by today's standards and some stunning large historic homes. The variety of houses nestled among our lakes and tree lined streets is one of the things that makes our neighborhood special. We will visit and learn about some of these extraordinary places.

The Kerouac House

In addition to the homes that are featured within the theme, the College Park house that Jack Kerouac lived in during his rise to fame will be open to tour participants.



The Kerouac Project of Orlando owns the house and sponsors four writers each year to work and live there.

For information go to <http://kerouacproject.org>

The Plein Air Artists

We are pleased to have the Central Florida Plein Air Artists painting during the tour again. The 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 landmarks and sites. The artists' paintings will be available for sale.



For information, go to <http://pleinairflorida.org>.

Check-In and Admissions

To begin the tour, check-in on November 16th at the Tour Headquarters at the College Park Community Center between 12:30 and 4:00 pm where you will be given your tour ticket/brochure. The College Park Community Center is located behind Princeton Elementary at 2393 Elizabeth Avenue.

One of the greatest benefits of membership in the College Park Neighborhood Association is that the Historic Homes Tour is free for members.

Before the tour, you can join online at our website <http://collegeparkorlando.org/join> or you can join at

check-in where Membership applications will be available.

For non-members, the admission is \$15 per person and \$10 for seniors. Information about the houses will be included with your ticket/brochures and through volunteers at each home. Refreshments will be provided at several stops.

The Michael Welborn Grant

A portion of the proceeds from this year's tour will be used to fund the Michael Welborn Education Grant. The grant will be awarded to a College Park school for a history-related activity.

For More Information

For any questions or to volunteer yourself or your house, please call Jodi Rubin at 407-422-5243.

CPNA's Online Store is Open for Business

Posted on 14 September 2008

By Adrian La Sala, Website Chair

At the September meeting, the board decided to open a Cafe Press store. Cafe Press is an online print on demand service that we can use for free.

As a result, we get the opportunity to promote College Park by making CPNA and College Park shirts and other merchandise available without having to maintain an inventory. It's a great way to promote the neighborhood without any out of pocket costs.



So, now you can buy CPNA logo-wear, as well as various items with the phrase *College Park - Small Town - Downtown*. A portion of every purchase goes to support the organization. Please visit our store at <http://cafepress.com/cpna> and show off your community pride!

We will likely change the selections over time. We already have some additional ideas for designs, so keep looking. Let us know if there is anything you would like to see.

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



Edgewater Drive Vision Task Force - Preliminary Objectives and Recommendations

Posted on 5 August 2008

By Adrian La Sala, Website Chair

The Edgewater Drive Vision Task Force held an open house on July 17th. At that open house, some preliminary objectives and recommendations were on display.

The next step will be to finalize a Vision Plan. The next meeting, according to the City of Orlando's website was on September 18th.

If you did not get a chance to go to the open house, you can view the draft objectives and recommendations that were provided on the city's site by viewing this article on the CPNA website <http://collegeparkorlando.org/news>.



They draft objectives and recommendations concern:

- Architectural Details
- Implementation
- Parking and Transportation
- Pedestrian Friendliness
- Urban Form

You can also find information about the Edgewater Drive Vision Task Force on the City of Orlando's website.

Saturday in the Park with Politicians

Posted on 20 August 2008

By Bruce Thomas

Early in the evening of August 16th, more than a dozen candidates gathered at Albert Park for the first of two Politics in the Park events. The College Park Neighborhood Association sponsors Politics in the Park each election year with events before the primary election and the general election. This event emphasized the primary election so any candidates on the primary ballot were allowed a brief speech.



Candidates for judge, sheriff, tax collector, and U.S. congressman each addressed the crowd of approximately 50. The significant number of candidates that were present reflects a crowded primary ballot. It may also reflect the importance of College Park voters. The candidates were clearly motivated to greet everyone in attendance. This presented a fantastic opportunity to anyone wanting to meet our future leaders face-to-face and informally.

With an all-American white gazebo as backdrop, the campaigners provided a reminder of the advantages of our democratic system.

The next Politics in the Park event will precede the general election. It has been scheduled for October 25, 2008 at Albert Park, from 6:00 - 9:00 pm.

OTHER NEWS

We are regularly adding **News** articles on <http://collegeparkorlando.org/news>

Here are some other recent articles that we could not fit in this issue. Visit the link above to read the full articles.

Membership Renewal Update

Posted on 17 September 2008

We just completed the bulk of our membership renewals.

Monthly Reports

Posted on 9 September 2008

If you missed the last meeting, the best way to catch up is to view the meeting minutes and treasurer's reports.

North College Park's National Night Out a Big Success

Posted on 13 August 2008

National Night Out was an outstanding success for the North College Park Neighborhood Watch groups.

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

Posted on 4 August 2008

A great grassroots way to keep each other aware of criminal activity in our neighborhood is through N.I.C.S. <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/collegeparknics>

Distinguished Citizen of the Year for District 5

Posted on 20 July 2008

Our own VP Bob Carr, Jr. received this award. Congratulations Bob!

Commissioner's Updates

Commissioner Stuart let us know his thoughts on the city's budget process, hurricanes and more.

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Enclosed is my check / cash for \$ _____ for a year's membership from my join date.

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

Yearly membership dues are \$15 per family, or \$10 for Seniors (65 and over).



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