



NEWSLETTER

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February 2009

Sunday in the Park - Date Announced

Posted on 19 January 2009

By Bruce Thomas, Historic Committee Chair

This year's Sunday in the Park will take place on March 22nd, 2009.



Sunday in the Park is a signature event for the College Park Neighborhood Association and a defining event for College Park. Every spring friends and neighbors meet at the annual Sunday in the Park in Dartmouth Park. Sunday in the Park is a true College Park community

event, produced by the College Park Neighborhood Association in conjunction with the Downtown College Park Partnership.

The event features something for everyone:

- Entertainment by local performing groups
- A variety of food vendors
- Activities including: bounce houses, a climbing wall and pony rides
- Vendors selling a variety of goods, from home décor, to jewelry, to children's items
- The "Best Brownies in College Park" contest
- And much, much more...

Admission to Sunday in the Park is free. Children can play games all day for just \$10 and kids under 4 can play games for free.

This year, vendors can register and reserve booth space online. Visit <http://collegeparkorlando.org/calendar> and click the **Register** button in the Sunday in the Park calendar entry to get the process started.

For questions or more information email Bruce Thomas: sundayinthepark@collegeparkorlando.org.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

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

February CPNA Meeting

February 02, 2009 07:00 PM - 09:00 PM

Everyone that lives, works, plays, or simply loves College Park is welcome to come out and join us for our monthly meeting at the College Park Community Center.

Hearts in the Park

February 08, 2009 01:00 PM - 04:00 PM

Come Help College Park Community Center celebrate Valentines Day! Join us for Free Food and Entertainment. For more information contact the Community Center at 407-246-4361.

March CPNA Meeting

March 02, 2009 07:00 PM - 09:00 PM

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Sunday in the Park

March 22, 2009 12:00 PM - 05:00 PM

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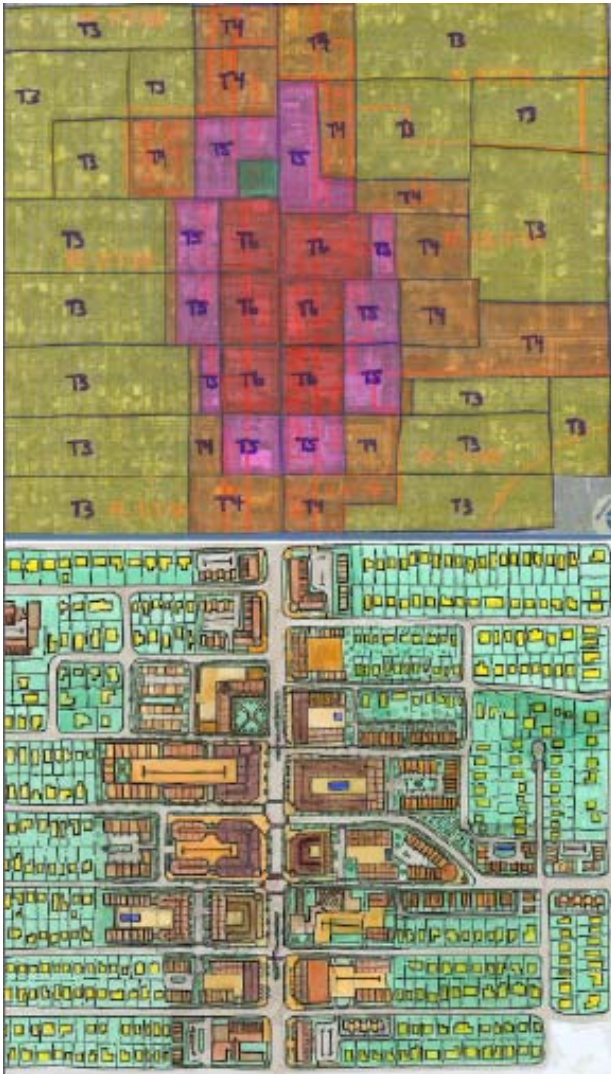
Our Position on Edgewater Drive Task Force Recommendations

Posted on 18 January 2009

By Adrian La Sala, Web Committee Chair

During January's monthly meeting, there was a long discussion about the final recommendations of the Edgewater Drive Task Force. While everyone appreciated the effort that went into drafting them and generally applauded the overall recommendations, for some there were a few items of concern.

In general, these items revolve around the term "transect" and what the outcome of overlaying transects (pictured below) on the current zoning will mean for land owners.



Following the meeting the discussion continued on our Board Forum. You can access our Forums at <http://collegeparkorlando.org/forums>.

Once in the forum you can review the discussion in the topic: *Our Position On The Edgewater Drive Vision Task Force Final Recommendations*.

There was so much debate within the forums over the best way to proceed that a special meeting was called on January 14th. From the discussions at that meeting the following statement was drafted:

January 15, 2009

College Park Neighborhood Association Position Statement Edgewater Drive Vision Task Force

The College Park Neighborhood Association's Board of Directors, after careful and thoughtful review of the Edgewater Drive Vision Task Force's final recommendations, urges that no GMP nor LDC text or graphics be prepared on the 'Urban Form' section of that document until the following questions are resolved.

1. What is the definition of 'Transect' and how will the concept be applied to College Park?
2. Which Transect designations will be assigned to which individual properties?
3. What are the boundaries of the new 'special plan'?
4. What is the definition and boundary of the 'core'?

CPNA is confident that action will be taken only after notification of affected property owners as City regulations require whenever a zoning or land use change occurs.

CPNA board does not feel that the scheduled Community Meeting a week before the April MPB meeting provides sufficient time for meaningful input by the community. Therefore, we request frequent public informational meetings throughout the process of formulating the plan.

The College Park Neighborhood Association wishes to express its appreciation and gratitude to the city's planning department, Commissioner Stuart and to all the Task Force members for working so hard to envision a better downtown College Park.

We are especially grateful for the emphasis the Task Force placed on protecting the low density residential character of our neighborhood.

Mr. David Rose represented the Association at the January 20th Municipal Planning Board meeting. There, the statement was read into the minutes. Claramargaret Groover presented the Task Force recommendations as Chair of that group. On a motion by Roger Chapin the Edgewater Drive Task Force recommendations were adopted with the understanding that the graphics (left) were not a part of what was being adopted.



Florida's Castle Doctrine, A NICS Tip

Posted on 10 December 2008

By Bertie Hunt, Crime Committee Co-chair
Neighborhood Internet Crime Spotters (N.I.C.S.)

The Florida Castle Doctrine law basically does three things:

1. It establishes, in law, the presumption that a criminal who forcibly enters or intrudes into your home or occupied vehicle is there to cause death or great bodily harm. Therefore a person may use any manner of force, including deadly force, against that person.
2. It removes the "duty to retreat" if you are attacked in any place you have a right to be. You no longer have to turn your back on a criminal and try to run when attacked. Instead, you may stand your ground and fight back, meeting force with force, including deadly force, if you reasonably believe it is necessary to prevent death or great bodily harm to yourself or others.
3. It provides that persons using force authorized by law shall not be prosecuted for using such force.

Real Estate Collaborative Abandons Plans

Posted on 20 November 2008

By David Rose via our Forums

On Tuesday November 18th, Real Estate Collaboratives LLC, went before the Municipal Planning Board of the City of Orlando.

At the meeting they formally asked the City to remove the Planned Development zoning from the property located at the South East corner of Smith Street and Edgewater Drive, the CVS - Blockbuster block. The zoning will now go back to the former zoning which was primarily AC-1/T with one parcel an R-2/T.

You can see the full report on the City's website: <http://www.cityoforlando.net/planning/cityplanning/MPBMmeetings.htm>

This merely means that the building that Real Estate Collaboratives had planned to build at this location, and the City had approved, is no longer approved. What can be built there is what is allowed by the zoning.

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.

Google Car in College Park

Posted on 20 November 2008

By Adrian La Sala via our Forums

So, twice today I saw the Google Car zip by--at least I think that's what it was. It was a little white car with the "Blue Dasher" logo on the side, a pole on the roof, a red siren and 360 degree camera on the top of the pole.

<http://www.bluedashertech.com/>

If you have never seen street view on Google Maps, it lets you view the street from street level and lets you move up and down the block. I guess they decided to fill in the remaining holes in College Park.

To see street view in CP, visit Google Maps, then click the Street View button near the top of the map. You will see a little gold man on the street, and streets you can place him on will be in blue. Drag him to wherever you like, pan around, and move up and down the block.

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.

Monthly Reports

Posted on 3 December 2008 and 6 January 2009

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

Happy Holidays

Posted on 23 December 2008

We took a moment to remember the year and wish you and yours a great holiday season.

See the Edgewater High School of Tomorrow

Posted on 20 November 2008

We've got pictures of the future.

2008 Historic Homes Tour a Success

Posted on 18 November 2008

Another Fantastic Homes Tour this year!

Health Village Unveiled

Posted on 6 November 2008

See what's growing to our east.

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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 \$ _____ .

Dues are \$15 a family or \$10 for Seniors (65 and over) for a year's membership.

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