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Spring 2010

Spring in College Park

By Adrian La Sala, Vice President

Spring in College Park is filled with everything you would expect: from flowers to showers and a great many spring time events. Some of these, like our own Sunday in the Park and College Park Easter Egg Hunt, have already passed.

Hopefully you had a chance to visit our Sunday in the Park event before we were hit with an unparalleled spring "shower." Before the rain hit full force, the crowd enjoyed the music, vendors, games and pony rides. We held our brownie contest, and generally had a great, if short, time. It was the first time in almost 20 years that the event was rained out.

If you have kids, hopefully you had a chance to visit our annual Easter egg hunt at Albert Park. We had a mix up on the dates at first, but once the day came, I hear the eggs went as fast as ever.

Other events--like the weekly Farmer's Market put on by the College Park Partnership and Eidson Insurance, the Taste of College Park arranged by College Park Rotary, and the annual Relay for Life for the American Cancer Society--are still to come.

So, get outside and enjoy spring in College Park with all it brings, from beautiful days, to tremendous showers, to great community events.

See you around College Park!

Highlights from the April Meeting

By Bryan Labutta, Communications Committee

After a strong start in February I had to miss last month's meeting due to work, but I am back and ready to give you the highlights from April's CPNA meeting. If you read this article and are interested in what is happening at the meetings then come join us and experience more than just the highlights! All of our meeting dates are listed on the Events page and every meeting is held at the College Park Community Center behind Princeton Elementary.

COLLEGE PARK EVENTS

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CPNA Meetings

May 3, 2010, 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM

June 7, 2010, 7:00 PM - 9:00 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 (behind Princeton Elementary).

Taste of College Park

April 22, 2010, 6:00 PM - 9:30 PM

The Rotary Club of College Park hosts the seventh annual Taste of College Park Food & Wine Festival at Dubsdread Golf Club.

Relay for Life

May 21, 2010, 6:30 PM - May 22 12:00 PM

This year marks the 26th anniversary of the Relay For Life, for the American Cancer Society.

Here are some highlights from April's meeting:

1. **Princeton Elementary Construction** - Nancy Robinson, our elected school board member from District 6, came to the meeting and updated us on the latest around our four schools: Edgewater, Lee, Lake Silver, and Princeton. She mentioned that initial discussions are starting about some planned renovations to Princeton starting possibly as soon as summer 2011. Don't worry, the main building isn't going anywhere; it's a historic building. The plans sound really exciting including a new kitchen, media center, and 2-story wing with classrooms planned for an upgraded capacity of 525 kids. Keep an eye out for more information coming from the school board as these plans develop.
2. **Taste of College Park** - Pam Potenza, Rotary Club of College Park President, spoke to the group about the upcoming Annual Taste of College Park Food



and Wine Festival on April 22nd from 6-9:30PM. The event is being held at the Historic Dubsdread Ballroom and benefits the Ronald McDonald House of Orlando, PolioPlus, and other local charities. In addition to showcasing food from many of College Park's restaurants, Pam mentioned that they have a fantastic lineup of goods that will be auctioned off at the event during a live auction including airline tickets, LASIK surgery, Zoom Whitening, and even the deed to a timeshare! Go to <http://www.collegeparkrotary.org/> to find out more and to purchase tickets.

- 3. Derby Day Soiree** - We had a fantastic presentation from the folks at Freedom Ride, who provide therapeutic horseback riding to children and adults with many types of disabilities. The stories they told about people that had been helped through their program were amazing. On May 1, from 2:30-6:30PM, Freedom Ride will be hosting their annual Derby Day Soiree, their primary fundraising event of the year coinciding with the running of the Kentucky Derby. The event includes mint juleps, finger foods, silent and live auctions, and, of course, the viewing of the Kentucky Derby. Head over to <http://www.freedomride.com/> to view more information about the event, purchase tickets, and find out more about Freedom Ride.

Be sure to watch for the full April minutes coming out later this month to get more details about the items I wrote about above as well as everything else that happened at the meeting. Hope to see you there next month!

Vassar @ Edgewater, Redefining the Intersection?

By Adrian La Sala, Vice President

On February 23rd, Commissioner Stuart held an open house to discuss the Vassar Street and Edgewater Drive intersection. If you have spent any time near that intersection during peak times, there appears to be serious issue with traffic flow.

- The left turn lanes from Edgewater to Vassar are offset, and make for a confusing intersection.
- Because they are offset, the traffic light must remain red on Edgewater Drive for so long that traffic gets backed up and clogs up the Princeton intersection.
- The crosswalks are pedestrian controlled and change the timing of the lights, so there is no way to sync them with the Princeton light.

The City is exploring options around this intersection, and soliciting our input. At the open house we were presented 2 plans (Alternatives A & B), given a chance

to discuss them and to provide our feedback and additional ideas.



I went to the meeting with the opinion that we should remove the light and all of the intersections should be right turn only.

However, after reviewing the plans, I quickly realized that people traveling south on Edgewater that might be trying to get to SunTrust or other businesses would instead be forced to turn a block earlier, onto Rugby. So, rather than just push the problem up a block, I became a fan of Alternative B (which is all right turns except for southbound Edgewater Drive). Also, Alternative B always gives the southbound lane a green light unless a pedestrian presses the crosswalk button.

Alternative B is just my opinion. Decide for yourself and even suggest other ideas. To do so, just visit this page that Commissioner Stuart has setup: <http://www.cityoforlando.net/elected/council/district03/stuart%20Edgewater%20Page.htm>. There you can learn a little more about both alternatives and share your thoughts.



Edgewater High School - Construction Update

By Adrian La Sala, Vice President

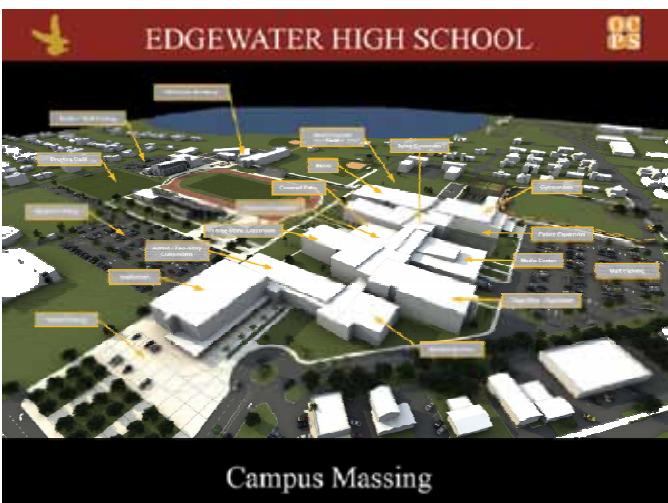
On Monday, January 22nd, the community was presented with an update to the Edgewater High School construction. It is still on track to open in January of 2011.

If you are not aware of the changes to the campus, I'll do my best to describe some of the design highlights. The new main entrance to the school will be at Par Street as shown in the picture below. You can see in this picture, the new auditorium as well as the main entrance. That entrance is to a long corridor that acts as the spine of the main classroom buildings.



View from Edgewater Drive

As you may be able to see in this view of the buildings, that main spine has various roof elevations along its length. This lets in light and generally gives an open unified feeling to the interior.



Campus Massing

At the center of these classroom buildings is the Cafeteria Commons. It is designed to be the nexus of

the classrooms, a central interior that unifies the various classroom wings.



View of Main Spine

One of the main topics people at the meeting asked about was the traffic flow. There are three main entrances to the school.

1. At the north end of the school is the bus entrance along Maury Road.
2. The main entrance will be at Par and will include a traffic light to control traffic flow. This entrance will be for student drop off and pick up, as well as staff parking.
3. There will be a new entrance for student parking, along a new road called Eagle Way. This short road will run between the current music building and the current administration building, and empties out approximately across from the Laundromat. This new entrance will receive a traffic light to control the flow of traffic, and to provide some traffic calming along the long straight-away of Edgewater.

It's a very impressive plan, and it's more impressive that it is all still on schedule. If you are interested in more visuals of the school, see the public presentation on our website, from 2008, where the images above came from: *Edgewater COVE Update 11 2008 for portal*.

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College Park Calendar

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