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September Is CPNA Membership Renewal Month

Please don't forget to send in your yearly renewal for College Park Neighborhood Association membership. You may renew at any CPNA event or meeting, via the web site or by mailing the renewal form available on the back of this newsletter. To renew via the web site go to www.collegeparkorlando.org and click on the **Join CPNA** link on the left side. The CPNA annual membership fee is \$20 dollars per household and \$15 for senior households.

This is still an unbelievably low fee considering all that a CPNA membership delivers. Besides the newsletter, CPNA members benefit from the informative monthly meetings and from a variety of events free to CPNA members such as: Sunday in the Park, Historic Homes Tour, Easter Egg Hunt and candidates forums. There is no better way to stay up to date on what is going on in your neighborhood! We appreciate your continued support of CPNA.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

Edgewater High Renovation Meeting

Monday, October 1, 7:00 pm
College Park Baptist Church
Hosted by The Edgewater High School Community Reconstruction Task Force

October CPNA meeting

Monday, October 8, 7:00 pm – *All Are Welcome*
College Park Community Center

College Park Jazz Festival

Saturday, November 3, 2007 6:00 – 10:00 pm
Albert Park along Edgewater Drive

New CPNA President Named

By Bob Carr

Leza Tellam announced her resignation as CPNA President and from the Board at the end of August. In accordance with Association by-laws, the Vice President succeeded immediately to the office. In assuming this post, I would like to extend many thanks to Leza for her time and tireless application of her professional acumen. She leaves behind her an organization well-organized and well-funded, and no successor could ask for better.

In related business, because the by-laws do not provide for the filling of a vacancy in the office of Vice President, nominations were taken and an election held at the September meeting for the position of Vice President Pro Tempore. David Rose allowed his name to be placed in nomination, and he was subsequently elected. On behalf of our entire organization, I thank David for his willingness to serve.

The able members of CPNA's board and its loyal membership will be, as always, the pillars upon which future success is built. The September 10th meeting illustrates the kind of influence -- and responsibility - the College Park Neighborhood Association possesses in events affecting our community.

As always, I am excited about the energy and commitment I see in CPNA and look forward to the work ahead. If you would like to contact me I may be reached at macbobby@bellsouth.net or (407) 425-1102.

Sincerely,
Bob Carr

CPNA Meeting Date Changed For October

The CPNA meeting for October will be the 2nd Monday of the month instead of the 1st Monday. This is due to a community meeting regarding Edgewater High School Renovations being held on October 1st. The CPNA monthly meeting will be held on **October 8th at 7:00 pm** at the **College Park Community Center**.

College Park Jazz Festival

The Downtown College Park Partnership is hosting The 2007 College Park JazzFest – bringing neighbors and friends together to enjoy an evening of live jazz music, shopping and dining. Musical acts will be Orlando Sanchez & Akangana, The Steve Luciano Quartet and Leon Kennington



November 3, 2007 6 pm to 10 pm

Albert Park on Edgewater Drive between Smith and Rugby Streets

Come early with your lawn chairs, food and drinks to find your best seats in the house. Merchants along Edgewater Drive will be open offering shopping and dining throughout the JazzFest. This annual event is free to the public. Edgewater Drive will be blocked off to vehicle traffic in front of Albert Park during the event.



A Crowd of 250 Attends September's CPNA Meeting

The CPNA meeting of September 10, 2007, featured our School Board representative, Anne Geiger, who earlier had committed to speak to the Neighborhood Association on the subject of College Park schools and their progress. In the days preceding the meeting, however, rumors surfaced that OCPS was considering a plan for Edgewater High School's renovation that included the possibility of using Evans High School as a "swing school".

Under the then rumored plan, EHS students and programs would be relocated to Evans (vacated by 2009) while their College Park campus is razed and rebuilt on its present 29-acre site. While this plan was only one under discussion by staff, the whole process was shrouded by a lack of information. The neighborhood's curiosity was aroused.

A bustle of promotion arose in the community to bring the public to ask questions at the September CPNA meeting. The capacity of the meeting room is limited to 85 persons. Finding that the College Park Community Center gymnasium was already booked, provision was made to televise Ms. Geiger's remarks in the lobby and to carry them over a speaker located outside the building.

That Monday evening, an estimated 250 citizens crowded the meeting room, filled the lobby and looked in at windows. Although there were tense moments, both crowd and speaker maintained their composure, and the program, including a question-and-answer session, proceeded in an orderly fashion. At the end of the evening, Ms. Geiger was awarded polite applause for honoring her commitment to appear. News organizations interviewed several participants.

The meeting highlighted a central theme of CPNA's mission: To provide a platform for the dissemination of information about issues affecting our community.

College Park Neighborhood Association appreciates Ms. Geiger's willingness to speak. While it is her job to respond to residents, she did not have to do so at a CPNA function. Her trust that the Association would provide an appropriate venue is gratifying, and she is welcome, as our representative or as a neighbor, at any time.

Thanks are also due to residents who showed so much interest, provided challenging questions and demonstrated restraint and decorum. The entire stock of membership applications was depleted. Please stay involved -- our community needs you!

Finally, CPNA wishes to express sincere gratitude to the staff of the College Park Community Center, who did everything they could to help the Association conduct a successful meeting. College Park is fortunate in many ways, not the least of which is the spirit of cheerful service shown by these City employees.

Edgewater High School Community Reconstruction Task Force Meeting

The Task Force will hold a community meeting on the future of Edgewater High School. The meeting will be on **Monday, October 1st at 7:00 pm** at the **College Park Baptist Church** in the Fellowship Hall. The College Park Baptist Church is located at 1914 Edgewater Drive.

The meeting will review current information regarding the reconstruction plan, address concerns and answer general questions. This will also be an opportunity for the community to provide ideas and feedback. For questions regarding the Reconstruction Task Force please contact **David Rose** at **David.Rose@Realtor.com**.

A Note on the Status of Edgewater High School Renovation

It has been elsewhere noted that not much new information on the progress of Edgewater high School's renovation plan was presented at CPNA's hugely attended meeting on September 10th at which our School Board representative Anne Geiger spoke.

On the following Thursday, however, OCPS planners made a presentation to COVE, a board that serves as a watchdog for the spending of sales-tax proceeds aimed at school construction. This presentation outlined four possible plans for Edgewater's rebuilding, from one that adds no land and requires the use of Evans High as a "swing school" to one that utilizes both the adjacent shopping center as well as the adjacent trailer park property and requires no moving of students.

Edgewater advocates questioned whether OCPS had done its homework in supplying sufficient facts and figures, particularly concerning hidden costs associated especially with the small-footprint, 29-acre plans. In the end, the COVE members likewise decided they did not have enough of the right data to make a decision. COVE meets again in November, and OCPS has committed to supplying the needed information by the next meeting.

Thus, by press time of this newsletter, no decision had been reached on a plan to reconstruct Edgewater High School either by OCPS or its advisory board. The community is encouraged to attend the community meeting on October 1 at 7:00pm at College Park Baptist Church and to visit community related web sites at **www.equality4ehs.com** and **www.orlandosentinel.com/newedgewaterhigh** for additional information.

CPNA Erects Two New Historical Exhibits At The College Park Community Center

A painting of the Kerouac House is now hanging in the College Park Community Center. The painting is right by the main door and looks great. A plaque created by the City of Orlando acknowledging CPNA and the



painter, Mary J. Gray, who made the donation is posted next to the painting. For more information on Mary J. Gray's paintings go to www.pleinairflorida.org. Hopefully this will inspire residents and visitors to go see the Kerouac House, learn about Jack Kerouac's work and support this College Park establishment.

The second exhibit is a short "picture story" of 4 photos showing how the Dubsdread frescoes were recovered. These photos were documented by Michael Welborn, after whom CPNA names a grant from the Annual Historic Homes Tour proceeds. These photos show residents how much care is required to preserve and/or recover our historic assets.

Thank you to Leza Tellam and Mary J. Gray for facilitating the hanging of these two exhibits. Preserving and protecting College Park is one of CPNA's purposes. We have a rich history in College Park and it important to remember our roots.

CPNA Celebrates 20 Years



Past CPNA Presidents at CPNA's 20th Anniversary Party

Forty past and present CPNA board members gathered at Dubsdread on September 6th for a sentimental reunion celebrating the Association's twentieth anniversary. Old friendships were renewed and stories swapped as the crowd reminisced over CPNA's accomplishments throughout the past two decades.

Several past presidents were in attendance, and many spoke, citing significant events that occurred during their tenures. Entertainment was provided by talented current president Bob Carr Jr., who sang and played the guitar, and even inspired the crowd to participate. Many **thanks** to **Dubsdread**, **Apenberry's Gardens** and **Dahlquist Printing** for helping to make the evening very special!

CPNA Board Call For Nominations

Are you interested in serving on the CPNA Board or in being an Officer? Please send your name, contact details, how long you have lived in College Park and why you would like to serve to CPNA at **(407) 872-7725** or **president@collegeparkorlando.org**.

The nominating committee was established at the September CPNA meeting and will start to work on the slate of Officers and Directors for the 2007 Board. The nominating committee consists of David Rose, Bruce Thomas and Anda Lucia Ariail. You may also speak to anyone on the nominating committee if interested in a Board or Officer position.

Attend The CPNA Historic Homes Tour on Sunday, November 18th

The theme this year is "Great Additions". College Park is filled with houses that may be considered small by today's standards. Many families have built additions that are compatible with the original architecture and character of their houses. See how these homeowners have provided space for the needs of the 21st century, while preserving the charm of an earlier time.

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.

Once again, the Central Florida Plein Air Artists will be painting during the tour. 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 their artwork, go to www.pleinairflorida.org.

To begin the tour, check-in on **November 18th** 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. The Historic Homes Tour is free for CPNA members. Membership will be available at check-in for College Park residents. For non-members, the admission is \$15 per person and \$10 for seniors.

Information about the houses will be included in your ticket/brochures and through volunteers at each home. Refreshments will be provided at several stops. 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.

CPNA Bylaw Revision

At the October CPNA meeting a vote will be taken on revising CPNA Bylaw Article V Section 1. The Bylaw currently reads:

"The membership of the Board shall consist of the four Officers of the Association and (19) nineteen members of the Board of Directors. Members at Large shall serve for one year or until their successors are elected. Their term of office shall begin on January 1 following the Annual Meeting at which they are elected. There shall be no restriction on the number of terms that a Member at Large may serve. "

The motion is to change the bi-laws to read 16 (sixteen) members of the Board of Directors. CPNA currently operates with 16 Directors. Keeping the number of Director to 16 will make meeting quorums easier to reach.



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Enclosed is my check / cash for \$_____ for the 2007-2008 CPNA budget year.

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

Dues are \$20 a family or \$15 for Seniors (65 and over) for membership through September 2008.

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