



# NEWSLETTER

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## 2008 Historic Homes Tour a Success

Posted on 18 November 2008

By Jodi Rubin, *Historic Committee Chair*

Each year the College Park Neighborhood Association holds a Historic Homes Tour highlighting the preservation successes in the area. This past November, with a theme of "College Park--Small", tour goers enjoyed a beautiful day visiting 12 houses that define the quainter homes of the neighborhood. These small houses represented all styles from bungalows, to more high style revival houses and even a few representatives from the post-WWII era. Approximately 500 people from all over Central Florida and beyond came to see what our proud homeowners have done with their houses.

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### Michael Welborn Grant

Some proceeds from the tour will go to Robert E. Lee Middle School in the form of the Michael Welborn Educational Grant. Michael, a committed member of the neighborhood association's Historical Committee who helped preserve historic details of Dubsdread and the College Park Publix, passed away several years ago and this award is named in his memory.

### Next Year's Tour

The theme for the 2009 tour has already been selected. It will be "Revival Styles of College Park". Colonial Revival, Mediterranean Revival, Tudor Revival--All these styles tickled the fancy of architects and homeowners from the 1910s through the middle of the 20th Century.

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

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

### December CPNA Meeting

December 01, 2008 07:00 PM - 09:00 PM

This meeting is more social than ever and still at the College Park Community Center

### Holiday on the Drive

December 06, 2008 06:00 PM - 11:00 PM

Celebrate the holiday season with The Downtown College Park Partnership's annual "Holiday on the Drive." This FREE event, in Downtown College Park on Edgewater Dr. between Smith St. and Winter Park St., will feature live music, Santa, Carolers, Horse & Carriage Rides, Face Painters, a Moonwalk and much more! Just pack your favorite food and beverages, grab a blanket or lawn chair and sit back to enjoy an evening with friends and neighbors. Merchants along Edgewater Drive will be open for shopping and dining throughout the evening.

### January CPNA Meeting

January 05, 2009 07:00 PM - 09:00 PM

College Park Community Center

In College Park, during the land boom of the 1920s, Revival styles made a significant counterpoint to the Craftsman style bungalows that were being constructed at a breakneck pace. The 2009 tour will feature a look back to our colonial heritage and to the architecture of the old country.

If you are interested in having your house on the tour, or would like to volunteer, please call Jodi Rubin at 407-422-5243.

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](mailto:cpnaadmin@gmail.com).



# Health Village Unveiled

Posted on 6 November 2008

By Adrian La Sala, Web Committee Chair

So, you might be wondering what Health Village is. It's a mixed use development project of Florida Hospital and part of it just fits into the eastern edge of what we consider College Park. Traditionally, CPNA considers Orange Avenue our Eastern Boundary.

Florida Hospital owns most of the land from Princeton Street North, and is planning to redevelop all of it as Health Village. On Wednesday November 5th, Florida Hospital and the city presented the plans to the community.

The gist of the project is a pedestrian friendly "village" that combines broad 14' sidewalks with street level retail. Above the street level will mostly be offices and scattered throughout are medical buildings, residential buildings, and parks.

## A Health Village walking tour from College Park

To explore it in a bit more detail, I'll approach it from the College Park side of things, on the west edge of the map, and describe what you might see. We'll start our brief tour as if we were walking east on Winter Park street, under I-4.

## Ponds

The first change you may notice is that immediately to your north and south is water. These ponds serve for runoff from I-4 and will have fountains and overlooks to make them more attractive than a typical runoff ditch. These overlooks are on a small unnamed access road between the buildings and the water.

## High Density Residences

Just past the ponds to the north is a 200 unit mixed-family workforce residential building with one, two, and three bedroom units. (The developer has not been identified and there are no exact plans.) It will have its own parking garage for its 400 or so residents. The hope is of course that many of these units will be purchased by nurses and others who work in the Health Village. Regardless, it may also mean a busier Winter Park street.

## Open Spaces

To the south is a park, and at least pictured here, a hotel or conference center, though that is just to illustrate one possible use. If you scan across the map you may notice other parks as well, such as near the "entrance" at Alden Road.

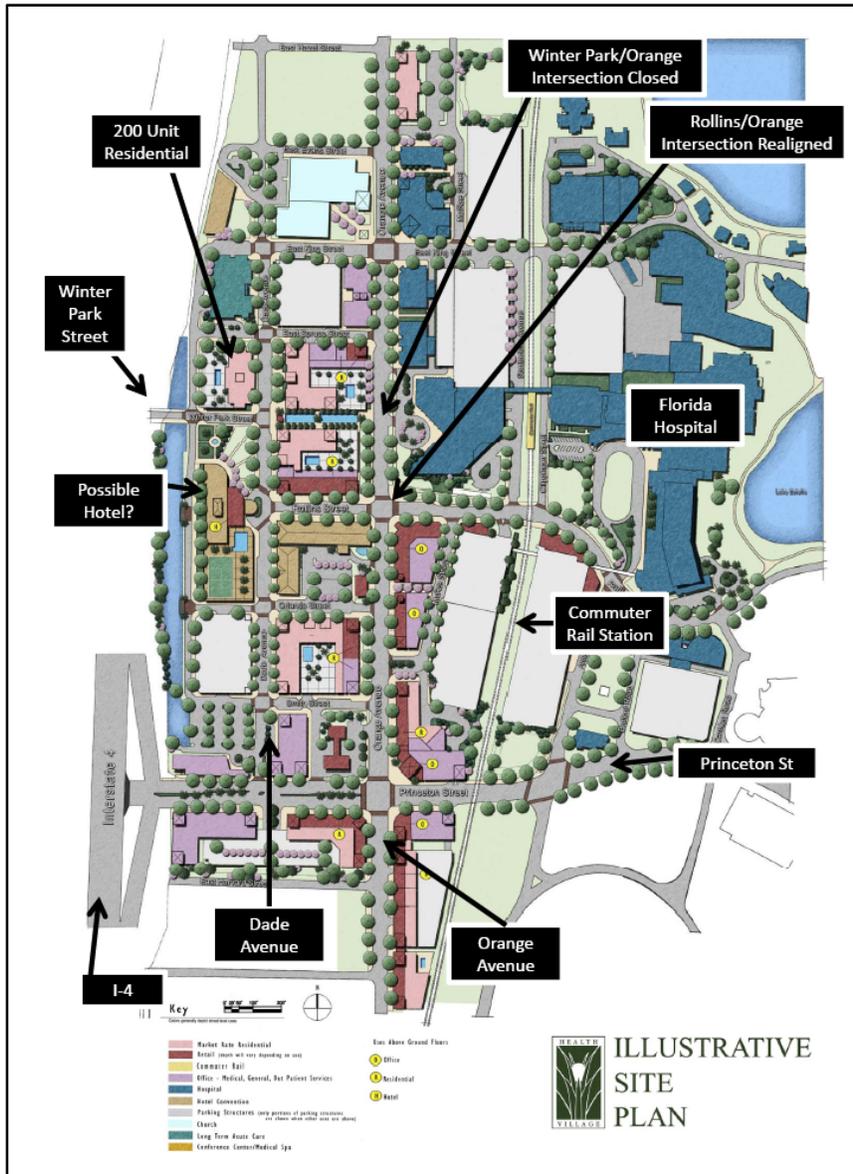
## Street Realignments

The next thing you might notice on this fictional walk down Winter Park Street are the streets. Dade Avenue is a bit wider, with a turn lane and room for parallel parking on both sides. What you are more likely to notice though is that Winter Park is now closed between Dade Avenue and Orange Avenue. Traffic is supposed to flow up to the King Street and Orange Avenue intersection if it's heading north, or down to the Rollins St and Orange Ave intersection if it's

flowing south or east. If you'll notice, that also means that Rollins will be realigned so that you can go straight across Orange Ave.

## Conclusion

And that concludes our brief stroll. There is much more information within this article online including more graphics, a presentation, and preliminary timelines. Visit <http://collegeparkorlando.org/search> and search for: **Health Village** to learn more.



## Edgewater High School Reconstruction Update

Posted on 13 November 2008

By David Rose, CPNA President

The Orange County Public Schools, OCPS, held an informational meeting on November 11th at Edgewater High School to give an update on the plans and progress of the planned reconstruction of the school.

This has been a long and sometimes controversial process but the community has come to a strong consensus on the current plan. OCPS has purchased the three parcels immediately north of the existing campus, those being the existing shopping center, an undeveloped lot on its western border, and the "College Park Leisure Homes" on its northern border. That adds about twenty seven acres of land available for the school. On October 21st the City of Orlando's Municipal Planning Board approved the rezoning of the land for public use and also vacated its right of way for what is now Preston Drive.

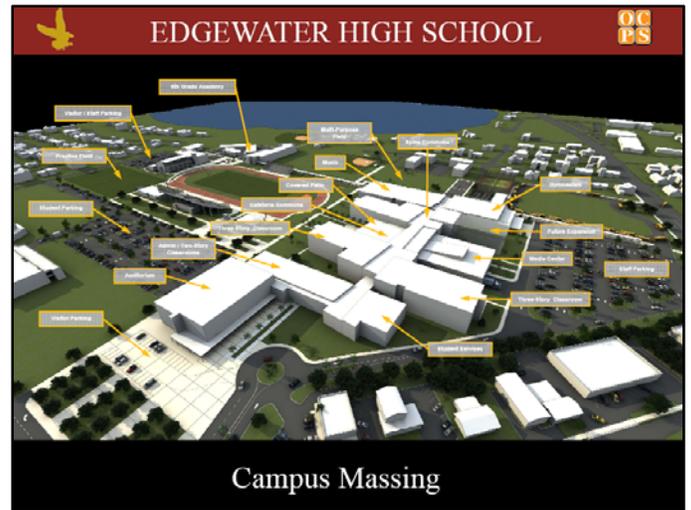
Those actions combined to provide enough room to build a comprehensive high school at the existing site, it will still be the smallest site for a comprehensive high school in Orange County.

C.T. HSU + ASSOCIATES, PA have been hired to design the school and presented their plans to the assembled crowd on Tuesday evening. The land that the current Administrative offices, music room, and Auditorium sit on will not be used for the new school, the land fronting Edgewater Drive south of Preston, effectively moving the school's Edgewater Drive frontage north to Par Ave. There will be three vehicular entrances to the new school, the main entrance at Par, a second Edgewater drive entrance at a new driveway about where the current music building sits, and a third bus only entrance on Maury Road.

Site work on the former mobile home park may begin anytime, the shopping center will continue business through the end of the year and demolition is scheduled to begin in January. The actual construction is phased so as to minimally impact the operations of the school.

The "first phase" will be the bulk of the new school which will be built on the new land with an estimated construction time of eighteen months. During that time classes and school activities will continue in the existing facilities. At the beginning of the 2010 school year the new buildings will hopefully be ready for grades 10 thru 12 while 9th grade will continue in some of the designated existing buildings while the new 9th grade academy is completed on the south campus.

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I think it was a strong consensus among those at the meeting, many of whom have been involved in these plans for many years, that the plans for the new school are realistic and that Edgewater High School can be proud of its new home once it is completed.

### 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 8 October 2008 and 4 November 2008

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

#### College Park & CPNA Featured in an Article

Posted on 17 September 2008

Read about us in The Avenue Times.

#### November: Meet About College Park Month?

Posted on 2 November 2008

Check out all the meetings that happened in November.

#### 2009 Officers and Board of Directors Named

Posted on 5 November 2008

Congratulations to our new officers and entire board.

#### Health Village Staff Report

Posted on 15 November 2008

Read the Health Village Staff Report.

#### 2008 Historic Homes Tour Prize Winner Announcement

Posted on 18 November 2008

Yes, we have a winner.

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