

# Delaney Park News

MAY 2009



## Downtown Theater Opens This Week!

It may have been decades since you could go to a movie downtown, and the newest ones may be years behind their original scheduled opening, but there is finally a date set on when the new downtown movie theater will open. Yes, after years of delays and financial problems, the new theaters will open two months ahead of schedule! The new "Plaza Cinema Café", a 12-screen theater, will have a grand opening May 28 and then be open to the public the next day.

The 55,000 square-foot theater at the corner of Church St. and Orange Ave. will be operated by the Orlando Movie Company Inc., whose parent company is Atlanta-based American Theater Corp. The firm is planning a high-end experience at the theater, with plans for plush, reclining seats that feature fold-out tables, more upscale hot food choices, a completely redone lobby, and will include two wine bars that will front Orange Avenue.

The long-stalled project, which was a key part of the city's re-development plans for downtown, got a boost last December when they approved a \$6 million incentive to the RP Realty, the new building developers. The city proposes to raise the funds for the incentive by levying two special assessments: a retail assessment totaling \$2.5 million, to be paid to the city over 15 years and a parking assessment of a total of \$3.5 million paid to the city over 10 years.



Plaza Cinema Café at Orange & Church



The last movie theater downtown:  
The Beacham Theater (now Taboo nightclub)

Downtown Development Board director, Thomas Chatmon said that with the theater projected to bring 500,000 to 600,000 people a year downtown, "we're not just getting movies back downtown. This will bring families into the area and benefit businesses all around".

Once the theater opens, it's also expected to become a venue for the annual Orlando Film Festival. The owners also plan to donate 1,500 movie tickets to Parramore Kidz Zone each year for at least the next 10 years.

## Neighborhood News & Notes

- ☞ Send us your email address! Then you can be contacted for meetings, socials, events, or alerts. We currently have 225 addresses on the list (out of over 500 homes total); so we're reaching less than half the neighborhood.
- ☞ The Delaney Park web site up and running, with online copies of the newsletter and other news and information. Go to [www.delaneypark.org](http://www.delaneypark.org) to check it out. Please contact us if you have items to add.
- ☞ **Have you renewed your membership?** You can send your voluntary association dues for 2009 (\$25 per household is suggested), use the form on last page to mail in your donation.

### Upcoming:

~ **Meetings** ~

No Board  
Meeting in June

~ **Friday Social** ~

June 12, 7 p.m.  
Lisa & James  
611 E. Kaley  
(Yearly celebration of  
Cole Porter's birthday)

## City and Community Calendar

- **Orlando International Fringe Festival**, Continues to Mon. 5/25, 5/18-22, 5-10 p.m. 5/16,17,23,24, 10 a.m.- 10 p.m., 5/25, noon – 5 p.m., Live Theater, food, and beverage provided for theater attendees, Loch Haven Park, for more information go to [www.orlandofringe.org](http://www.orlandofringe.org)
- **"360 Road Block" Block Party**, Fri. 5/22 – Mon. 5/25, 9 p.m. – 2 a.m., Nightly parties. DJ's, and performing artists, State Lane (between Robinson & Livingston), \$15 per person, For more information, contact Nalini Herpal at (813) 997-3962.
- **Make 'm Smile**, Sat. 6/06, 7:30 – 1 p.m., Event for kids with special needs, Community stroll around the lake, Lake Eola & Robinson St., Free, For more information, contact Marie Kuck (407) 857-8224.
- **20th Annual Gay Days**, Tue. 6/02 - Mon. 6/08 This Central Florida all-over-town, something-for-everyone event features theme park visits, parties, concerts, exhibits, & special activities, info at [www.gaydays.com](http://www.gaydays.com)
- **19th Annual Corn Festival/An Old Fashion Flea Market**, Sat.6/13, 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m., This year's Corn Festival will feature an Old Fashion Flea Market. Come out and enjoy! DJ Reginald Gillis will spin the sounds of Motown. L. Claudia Allen Senior Center, 1840 Mable Butler Ave., For more information, contact Brenda Clark (407) 521-3663 or e-mail: [brenda.clark@cityoforlando.net](mailto:brenda.clark@cityoforlando.net)
- **Juneteenth Music Festival and Celebration**, Sat. 6/20, 9:30 a.m. - 10:30 p.m., Performances, food vendors, health fair, Lake Eola Park, Free, For more information, Geraldine Thompson (407) 245-7535.
- **Drum Circle & Summer Solstice** Sun. 6/21 7:00 p.m. - 10 p.m. at the Dandelion CommuniTea Cafe - 618 N Thornton Ave. Sponsored by the Florida School of Holistic Living, call (407) 595-3731 for additional info.
- **Orlando Farmers Market**, Join us every Sunday for baked goods, fresh produce, flowers, plants, and home-made crafts, Lake Eola, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., For more information, contact Dana Brown, (321) 202-5855.

### *Door-To-Door Soliciting*

From time to time, we are asked about the rules regarding neighborhood solicitors; here's a quick list of the city law. The full list of rules, regulations, and prohibitions can be found in City Ordinance Sec. 45.01 - 45.08.

Anyone coming to your door for the purpose of selling merchandise or services, must first identify themselves as such and show their city solicitor's permit if requested. Additionally, they **may not**: remain if on premises once requested to leave; conduct business between 5:00 p.m. and 9:00 a.m. (or at any time on Sundays); approach back or sides door of a residential premises; intentionally make any physical contact with solicited person without consent; block the free passage of the person being solicited; or intentionally approach in an intimidating manner or use obscene or abusive language or gestures.

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## Young Neighbor Organizes SPCA Drive

Joshua Rosenfeld is 12 years old and has gotten his last two pets from the SPCA on Conway Rd. A couple of months ago, while visiting the shelter, he decided that he needed to do something to help the animals (other than bring all of them home); so he decided to organize a supply drive.

He printed flyers, left them on neighbors doors, and almost immediately supplies started getting dropped off. Every time something new arrived, Joshua was as excited as if he was getting birthday presents for himself. Joshua is shown here with some of the supplies collected and he would like to thank everyone who helped with a contribution.



### A Note From: Commissioner Phil Diamond

**What is Happening on Kaley Street?** The long planned Pinebluff/Kaley/Hackney stormwater project will be starting very shortly. At my request, the Public Works Department is setting up a neighborhood meeting for Tuesday, May 19th, at 7 p.m. at the Wadeview Community Center. This informational meeting will provide details on the improvements pending for the drainage and sewer systems in this area. More details to follow.

**Check out that Strip Center at Michigan and Bethaway!** I am committed to improving the South Orange Ave. area. The city has a matching grant program for facade improvements to enhance neighborhoods. The economic development department and I worked together to develop a site improvement plan that the property owner has implemented. You can see the results. Hopefully, more and more properties will continue to improve in the area.

**District 1 E-Mail List** As many of you know, from time to time, I periodically send emails to keep people up to date on District issues and events. If you would like to be added to this list, please email me or call me.

**Questions or Comments** If you have any other questions, comments or concerns, please call me at 407-246-2001 or email me at [phil.diamond@cityoforlando.net](mailto:phil.diamond@cityoforlando.net). My aide, Jeanne Rosenthal, can be reached at 407-246-3011 or email at [jeanne.rosenthal@cityoforlando.net](mailto:jeanne.rosenthal@cityoforlando.net) and Police Officer Edgar Malave can be reached at 407-246-2513 or email at [edgar.malave@cityoforlando.net](mailto:edgar.malave@cityoforlando.net).



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### RUNNERS

Interested in running with other runners in the neighborhood? Me, too! Please contact me, Ilana Stone [imastone3@hotmail.com](mailto:imastone3@hotmail.com)  
All paces and distances welcome!

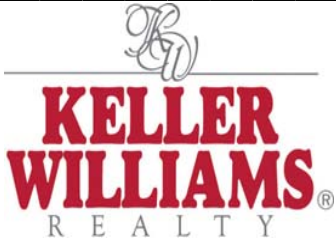
### Attention Delaney Park Moms

My 4 year old is looking for other preschoolers in the neighborhood for playtime. If your preschooler is looking for a friend too, please contact me, Ilana Stone [imastone3@hotmail.com](mailto:imastone3@hotmail.com)

### Remember...

If you have any item/announcement/suggestion for an article that you would like published in the DPNA newsletter, send an e-mail to Lisa ([secretary@delaneypark.org](mailto:secretary@delaneypark.org)).

**Note:** If you has a business and would an ad in the Delaney Park Newsletter, contact Lisa for a rate sheet with the sizes and prices of the ads. Ads can placed for a single/multiple issue or the entire years.



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## May Social



We had another great Friday Social in May, with lots of great neighbors to meet. Thanks to Kim and Henry for hosting the annual "Cinco de Mayo" edition of the Delaney Park neighborhood social! Kim and Henry are pictured above with our District 1 City Commissioner (and neighbor) Phil Diamond (center).

## First Friday Socials!!

We have just one opening for the socials in 2009, the month of August. If you would like to host this last available month this year or if you are interested in reserving a month in 2010 or if you just want to find out more information, please email our secretary, Lisa at [secretary@delanepark.org](mailto:secretary@delanepark.org).



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*Support DPNA by becoming a member! Membership is voluntary and the suggested donation of only \$25 per household for an annual membership. Membership fees are used for operation expenses and to provide services to members. If you are interested in joining the DPNA, please fill out the following form and return to Joel Garris at 614 Richmond Street, Orlando, Florida 32806.*

*Please make checks payable to DPNA.*

Neighbor's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_