

# Delaney Park News

NOVEMBER 2006



## Upcoming Meeting:

**November 21, 7 p.m.**

Board meeting, no guest speaker.

## Friday Socials

No social in December or January; the next one will be February 2.

## Fountain Update

We've received a few e-mails asking about the progress of the fountain construction. The project has seen a few delays, the primary one being the cost of the electrical connection came in significantly higher than the original estimate. Because of this we decided to apply for a Mayor's Neighborhood Matching Grant to cover \$5,000 of the additional costs. The grants are awarded in December, but can only cover expenses after January 1, 2007, so we had to hold off on some of the work. Additionally, the city has generously offered to pick up the entire cost of the labor for the hookups, but the cost of the materials are quite high due to the distance that the power line needs to travel across the park.

Park of the matching grant process requires the neighborhood to contribute a certain number of hours (again, after January 1). We will need approximately 74 hours of volunteer labor, so we will probably be looking for some help at that time. These hours can include meetings and organizing, as well as, physical work on the fountain such as helping with landscaping or helping set the bricks.

The good news is, we have started the ball rolling by purchasing the necessary materials and supplies from Hughes Supply that the city needed. The city has already made great progress on the work to run the power/water over from the bathrooms area to the fountain site; the run is ready and the junction box has been installed near the fountain. So we now have some level of tangible progress on the fountain!!

## Neighborhood News & Notes

- ☞ Send us your email address! Then we can contact you for notification of meetings, socials, other neighborhood events, or crime alerts. We currently have approximately 225 addresses on the list (out of over 500 homes total); so we're only reaching less than half the neighborhood with these timely announcements.
- ☞ First Fridays are fun to host! We still are looking for people to host our Friday Socials after the first of the year. Please email Lisa Curtis at: [curtiswolf@hotmail.com](mailto:curtiswolf@hotmail.com) if you would like to host a Social.
- ☞ We are gradually getting the Delaney Park web site up and running again, go to [delaney-park.org](http://delaney-park.org) to check it out. If you have any items you would like to see on the site, please contact a board member.
- ☞ Have you renewed your DPNA membership? We like to remind everyone to send in your voluntary dues in the December/January time-frame. Info can be found on the back page.



## November First Friday

Thanks to Randi & John for hosting the November Social. Randi is pictured on the left; John decided to go to London instead of staying for the party!

## City and Community Calendar

- **Annual Turkey Trot**, 5K (3.1 mile) foot race, **11/23**, Robinson St. & Lake Eola Drive, 8:00 a.m. - 9:30 a.m. Free. Contact Dani Guillermo 407-896-1160 for more information.
- **K-9s & Kids Holiday Festival & Pet Parade**, **11/24**, Lake Eola Park, 2:30 pm to 3:30 pm, \$20 donation to participate. For more information call 407.293. 1877.
- **The Orlando Christmas Parade and Poinsettia Festival**, Lake Eola Park, Saturday, **11/25**, Parade, 11 am to 1 pm, Festival, 1 pm to 7 pm. For more information go to [www.orlandochristmasparade.com](http://www.orlandochristmasparade.com).
- **Messiah Choral Society presents Handel's Messiah**, **11/26**, Bob Carr Performing Arts Centre, 3 pm, Free, [contact@messiahchoralsociety.org](mailto:contact@messiahchoralsociety.org)
- **Holiday Lighting of Heritage Square**, **11/29**, Heritage Square Park, 4 pm to 6:30 pm, Free, Contact 407.836.8546
- **Holiday Lights Orlando at City Hall Plaza**, **12/05**, City Hall Plaza, 5 pm, Free
- On **12/07** The **Boone Chorus** department will perform **John Rutter's Requiem** with organ and small orchestral ensemble. This work will be performed with musicians from the Orlando Philharmonic as a part of their Major Works performance. Contact the Boone High Chorus Department at 407.893.7274 for info.

## Adopt an Instrument

The Chorus Department at Boone High School is looking to raise funds for their upcoming concert (see listing above), they are seeking community support with their "Adopt an Instrument" fundraiser. The concert will include professional orchestra members from the Orlando Philharmonic. The expense of this production is exorbitant, but highly valuable when considering the benefits to the students. Please consider either becoming a sponsor or sharing this with local businesses and places of employment. For info, contact Mr. Evans or Ms. Nelson at the Boone High Chorus Department (407-893-7274) or download the info and form at the DPNA web site: [www.delaneypark.org](http://www.delaneypark.org).

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## A Note From Commissioner Diamond

Dear Friends,

By now, you have probably heard about "Community Venues"; for those of you that haven't heard, this refers to the proposal for the City to build a new arena, renovate the Citrus Bowl and build a new performing arts center.

This effort, or any part of it, will need to be approved by the city council and the county commission. Certain parts of this proposal have been reviewed and approved by the city, the county or both. However, there are still several more decisions that need to be made before any of these venues are approved.

I am currently reviewing the information that has been made available to me and am looking forward to receiving and reviewing more information. I have heard from many of you on all sides of this issue and appreciate your questions and comments; positive and negative. The decision to proceed with all or some of these venues will have a long lasting impact on the City of Orlando. The venues would all be nice additions to downtown Orlando. On the other hand, the cost to build these venues will exceed \$1 billion dollars. The city will be required to borrow over \$800 million dollars to finance the construction costs.

I think a vibrant downtown is important to our community, but, I am a fiscal conservative and believe that the city should not spend or borrow more money that it can afford. Your opinion is important to me, therefore, I want to make sure that everyone that wants to comment has a chance and makes his or her opinions known to me. This will give me the benefit of your opinion before any final votes.

So, if you have an opinion on any of the venues, let me know. I would be especially interested to know if you support or oppose any of the venues in particular and your reasons. Also, if you personally use any of those venues now or in the future, that would be interesting as well.

Finally, I am interested in all opinions but, would appreciate it if you let me know if you live within the City of Orlando and District #1 (which is the district that I have been elected to represent.) You can email me at phil.diamond@cityoforlando.net, call at 407-246-2001, fax to 407-246-3010 or, write to P.O. Box 4990, Orlando, Fl 32802-4990. -- Thank you, Phil Diamond



District 1 Picnic at Wadeview Park on 11/04



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## The Neighborhood Gardens *by W. Gerry Braun*

*(The following is a new column that is being added to the newsletter. This column is written by one of our Delaney Park neighbors and will cover a variety of garden and landscape issues)*



### Cassias

Fall color arrives very subtly here in Orlando if you are looking for leaf color; but if you are looking for flowering shrubs, it gives you quite a punch. The yellow flowers of the *Cassia bicapsularis* and the *Cassia surattensis* are at their peak

right now. *Cassia bicapsularis* can be seen at 1610 Summerlin, 1619 Eola, and 1101 Walnut St. Considered to be a large flowering multi stemmed shrub up to 12 feet, it can easily be trimmed to any height. The masses of blazing yellow flowers smother the shrub and add a welcome punch to the fall landscape. They grow best in full sun but I have one under the filtered shade of a Live Oak and it is blooming pro-

fusely. Bloom season is about two or three months. *Cassia surattensis* is usually grown as a single trunk small tree 15 to 20 feet and most often requires staking. It can be seen at 1002 Delaney Park Dr or 600 Avalon. Its flowering is not as prolific but the season of flowering is longer. It seems to flower 5 to 6 months and hence the seed pods and flowers are clustered on the ends of the branches at the same time. Both Cassias that I have seen in our neighborhood have a medium drought tolerance and adapt to a wide range of soils and fertilizers.

This cool season is also the time for planting the many varieties of pansy, petunia, snapdragon, alyssum and marigold which will bloom through the winter. Be sure to give them a feeding of Bloom Special fertilizer such as 2-10-10 for health and vigor.

*As a neighborhood resident since 1983, W. Gerry Braun operates a neighborhood landscape company. He can be reached at braunw@bellsouth.net or 407-423-7775*



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***Please make checks payable to DPNA.***

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