

# Delaney Park News

JUNE/JULY, 2007



## Property Tax Changes



Representative Scott Randolph will be the guest speaker at the June Meeting

Our local Florida State Representative, Scott Randolph has offered to be the guest speaker this month at the Delaney Park Neighborhood Association meeting. He would like to invite all of the neighbors to come out to the meeting to find out more about the changes in the property tax laws, what they mean, and how they may affect you.

As you are probably aware, the Florida legislature has passed a historic property tax relief and reform package that some studies estimate will cut property taxes for Floridian property owners by almost \$16 billion dollars statewide over the next five years. The property tax reform package approved includes a statutory tax relief bill that will immediately cut taxes and cap future tax increases for all property owners, it will also limit local governments' ability to change taxes.

The second part of the planned property tax changes is a January ballot measure to pass a constitutional amendment creating a super-sized homestead exemption that may generate another \$8 billion in savings. If Florida voters approve the constitutional amendment next January, it would create a new homestead exemption formula that would exempt from taxes 75 percent of a home's first \$200,000 in taxable value. It would then exempt 15 percent of the next \$300,000 in taxable

value. The new exemption would have a maximum of \$195,000 for houses worth \$500,000 or more. As an alternative, Florida homeowners could choose to retain the current "Save Our Homes" benefits, which protect a home's taxable value from rising more than three percent annually.

The other side to these changes in the property tax laws is how they will affect local government and the services these cities and counties provide to Floridians. Since the changes require that most cities and counties need to reduce their tax collections by three to nine percent, many local governments have expressed concern over how this budget shortfall will be absorbed or mitigated, or if there may be a need to cut or scale back services and planned projects.

Representative Randolph will have some prepared comments about these changes and then will take questions. The Delaney Park Neighborhood Association Meeting is Tuesday, June 26 at 7 p.m. on the third floor of the City of Orlando Beardall Center. The Beardall Center is at the corner of Delaney Avenue and Gore Street.

## Neighborhood News & Notes

- ☞ Send us your email address! Then you can be contacted 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.
- ☞ We are gradually getting the Delaney Park web site up and running again, go to [delanepark.org](http://delanepark.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 for 2007. Info can be found on the back page.

**Upcoming:**  
**Meeting**  
**June 26, 7 pm**  
**Rep. Scott Randolph**  
**Guest Speaker**  
Beardall Center  
(Gore & Delaney)  
**Friday Social**  
**September 7 at 7 p.m.**  
509 Delaney Park

## City and Community Calendar

- **Fourth Annual Orlando City Artworks Exhibit**, Saturday, 6/18- 8/05, (Fri 8AM-9PM, Sat-Sun 12Noon-5PM, Closed major holidays), City Artworks is a juried exhibition intended to inspire and reward the inner-artist in city employees and family members. Come see the remarkable artistic talents of our public employees, Orlando City Hall, Free, For more information, contact 407. 246. 4279.
- **Celebrity Mascot Games**, Benefiting New Hope for Kids, Amway Arena - 2 SHOWS!!, Thursday, June 28 @ 12:30 p.m. and Saturday, June 30 @ 6 p.m., Tickets - \$9 (Group tickets - \$6!) ON-SALE NOW, Call 407.840.2014 for more information.
- **Sounds Of Summer II - Italia "La Più Bella", Orlando Philharmonic**, Thursday, 7/05, Enjoy this Musical Mosaic that blends regional Folk Favorites with compositions of the classic Masters, Bob Carr Performing Arts Centre, 7 p.m., Contact 407 896 6700 or orlandophil.org for more information.
- **Date Night at the Gardens** features Maid in Manhattan, Friday, July 6 at Leu Gardens. Date Night at the Gardens features romantic movies amid the beautiful gardens and will be held on the first Fridays of the month from April through October, weather permitting.
- ABC and WFTV invite Orlando residents to a free **"ABC Red Carpet Screening"** on Friday, July 6, at 6 p.m. at the Walt Disney Amphitheater at Lake Eola. The night will include ABC merchandise giveaways, WFTV talent appearances, and a first look at new shows coming this fall, "Pushing Daisies" and "Carpoolers." Families can audition for ABC's "Supernanny" and "Wife Swap". Dancers Jonathan Roberts and Anna Trebunskaya from "Dancing with the Stars" will appear. There will be games, prizes, photo opportunities and free popcorn and cotton candy. For more information visit ICFlorida.com.
- The City of Orlando **Puppetroupe** presents **Expedition: Adventure!**, an exciting journey of music and movement from the jungle to the wonders of outer space. See what penguins do when no one's watching and what lives at the bottom of the ocean. Expedition: Adventure! plays Monday, July 9 –Friday, July 13 at 10:30 a.m. and 2 p.m. Tickets are \$3 at the door. Reservations recommended for groups of 10 or more. Call 407-522-1917 for show location and reservations or e-mail puppetroupe@cityoforlando.net.
- **Sunday Eola Market** - Held every Sunday at Lake Eola, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. Offering fresh produce, plants, specialty foods, art and special event entertainment. Free, for more information, contact 407-246-3753.

### DON'T FORGET...

If you have any item that you would like published in the DPNA newsletter, email Lisa at [curtiswolf@hotmail.com](mailto:curtiswolf@hotmail.com)

You can advertise about upcoming garage or yard sales, announce birthdays / engagements / anniversaries, or maybe start up a special interest groups, etc... **all for no charge!**

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## Happy 4th of July!

Making your plans to celebrate 4th of July? Join Mayor Buddy Dyer on Wednesday, July 4th for “Fireworks at the Fountain,” a patriotic celebration of fun, food, and fanfare at Lake Eola Park! There will be live entertainment around the lake from the Colgate Country Show-down to the Orlando Concert Band at the amphitheater, classic rock on the WHTQ stage, demonstrations by the Orlando Fire and Police Departments and games in the children’s area. Activities start at 4 p.m., so get there early for a great viewing spot! Fireworks will begin at 9:15 p.m. For more information, call 407-246-3104.

## City To Expand “COP”

As part of the City's comprehensive public safety initiative, the City is expanding the Citizen Observer Program. The COP is comprised of community volunteers who help police maintain livable neighborhoods and reduce crime. Each COP member is given training that focuses on the COP's primary function ... to observe and report suspected criminal activity, but to never actively confront a situation. They are trained to “look and listen” only and what to look for (e.g. signs of burglary, vandalism, suspicious activity). Additional training focuses on reporting procedures. Currently there are approximately 70 volunteers and two vehicles for the volunteers to use to patrol the neighborhoods. The City is purchasing four additional vehicles making it possible for two vehicles to be in each patrol division. For more information and/or an application, contact OPD Volunteer Programs, (407) 246-2461.

## New Hotel Proposed Near Delaney Park

The owners of Doc’s restaurant held an open house recently to discuss plans for a new hotel they are proposing to be built at their location on Orange Avenue across from the Orlando Regional Health Center. The hotel would be built directly above the building that currently houses Doc’s Restaurant and some medical offices. The hotel would be seven stories and have approximately 150 rooms, some retail space, and banquet facilities. The parking ramp on the property would be expanded by two floors to accommodate the extra parking needs. Although they envision the hotel would mainly service hospital patients, their families, and visiting staff/guest of the hospital, it would also serve as an additional downtown hotel. The project would also include the construction of three townhouses on the backside facing the Lake Copeland neighborhood to give the building a residential feel. They have proposed building a pedestrian bridge across Orange Avenue to connect the hotel to ORMC and to limit potential traffic in the neighborhood, a traffic study will be conducted to analyze traffic patterns changes on the side streets.



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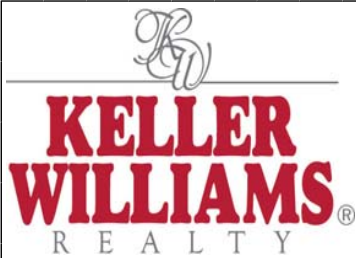
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## May and June Friday Socials



We have photos from the last two Friday Socials this month (because we forgot to publish our host's photo last month). Pictured above are Jeanette Bokland and Linda Rutzebeck who hosted a "Cinco de Mayo" themed May Social. On the right are Lisa Curtis and James Wolf who were the hosts of the recent Social in June which coincided with their annual celebration of the birthday of Broadway composer Cole Porter. Also featured in both photos is Phil Diamond, our District 1 City Commissioner and Delaney Park neighbor.



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

Neighbor Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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

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