

# LAKE LAWSONA / FERN CREEK NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

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## Neighborhood Update

### Spring Neighborhood Meeting Held April 9, 2019

- 1. Briefing by Orlando Commissioner Patty Sheehan**
  - a. Pending retention wall construction in Dickson Azalea Park
  - b. Permitting changes for residential fences
  - c. April is Community Volunteer Appreciation Month
  - d. Thanks to Anne DiCiero for her year as President, LLFCNA
  - e. Questions fielded from those attending
- 2. Orlando Police Officer Eddie Rosado**
  - a. Calls for service remain consistent with same period last year
  - b. Orlando Police increasing motorcycle units on patrol
  - c. Remember to check homes/cars for lockup at night
- 3. Neighborhood Watch Briefing by Lauri Brooks (OPD)**
  - a. Two new Neighborhood Watch signs will be installed (location TBD)
    - i. Existing signs to be cleaned up and replaced
  - b. Reporting suspicious activity to 911 operators
  - c. Know your neighbors
  - d. Home Security Systems/Exterior Lighting
  - e. Confronting strangers in neighborhood/unknown cars
  - f. Residential Safety Surveys can be scheduled by contacting OPD
  - g. More calls for service results in more police driving within neighborhood
- 4. 2019 Gardens of Historic Orlando featuring Lake Eola Heights Historic District**
  - a. Briefing by representative of Lake Eola Heights Historic District
  - b. Very successful garden tour this year
  - c. 2020 Garden Tour could feature Lake Lawsona Historic District
    - i. Begin **now** to get organized
    - ii. Initial groundwork has started (Anne DiCiero)
    - iii. Volunteers needed as docents and as garden sponsors
      1. About 10 neighborhood gardens
    - iv. Would be scheduled for March/April 2020
    - v. Sponsors, partner organizations need to be identified

- vi. First Garden Tour was 2004
- vii. Lake Eola Heights featured in odd years
- viii. Other Historic Districts featured in even years
  - 1. Lake Lawsona Historic District featured in 2014
  - 2. Lake Davis Historic District featured in 2016

**5. Lake Lawsona / Fern Creek Neighborhood recognized as the 2019 Outstanding Community Organization of the Year by the Orlando Historic Preservation Board**

- a. Letter received from Richard Forbes, Orlando Preservation Office notifying us of this recognition on March 25
- b. Specific accomplishments include Street Sign Topper Project, and application for successful nomination to the National Register of Historic Places, and new neighborhood sign at neighborhood entry on S. Thornton Ave and E. Jackson St.
- c. Award will be presented at May 13 City Council Meeting at 2pm  
All are invited to attend.

**6. Mayor's Annual Volunteer and National Service Appreciation Reception – April 16, 2019 at Orlando Science Center**

- a. Volunteers that have worked with Green-up Orlando and other city projects have been invited to attend this event. If you have worked on our park cleanup efforts or other city projects like the National Night Out, Washington Street Bridge Cleanup, or other community efforts and want to attend, please contact Jeff Smith for details. **Registration required.**

**7. Briefing on efforts to create new Orlando Historic District in Forest Manor Section of Lake Lawsona / Fern Creek Neighborhood.**

**8. Treasurer Report**

**9. Membership Report**

- a. Continue to ask neighbors to join and encourage participation
- b. Encourage neighbors to join Facebook Page and Nextdoor Group

**10. Orlando Bike Plan Update**

**11. OPD's Womens Self-Defense Course scheduled and completely filled up**

- a. Our thanks to Rebecca McClure for her efforts and her work on our Facebook group.

**12. Discussion on new officers/directors for LLFCNA for 2019/2020.**

- a. Anne DiCiero will be turning over her role of President to someone new
- b. Jarrett Bradbury will complete his year as Secretary, and we need someone to take over this role
- c. Everyone appreciates what they have contributed to the neighborhood
- d. Contact Jeff Smith if interested in joining our leadership team

**13. Meeting Adjourned**