

Dear College Park Neighbor:

As you may have read in last month's edition, the Edgewater Drive Walkabout event that took place in December served to recognize assets and opportunities along the corridor as well as to collect data, which will serve as the jumping off point to create a vision that manages future growth. Now it is time for the 11-member task force, with the public's help and input, to analyze what they learned and to identify specific steps to implement changes for an improved Edgewater Drive.

This information will be vetted in public meetings that will take place during the next 5 months. Each meeting will focus on a specific topic so that each one can be vetted and analyzed thoroughly. All meetings will be held from 3:30 – 5 p.m. and will take place at City Hall, 400 South Orange Avenue in the 2nd Floor conference rooms. The schedule is as follows:

February 7 & 21

Urban Form

March 6 & 20

Transportation/Parking

April 3 & 17

Pedestrian Friendliness

May 8 & 22

Architectural Details

June 5 & 19

Finance and other Issues

And while our hearts are always in College Park, it is o.k. to venture out of our beloved neighborhood every once in a while to see what is happening in other parts of the City and to get ideas for our community. With that in mind, I wanted to share with you some fun events that are taking place around Orlando in February.

On February 2nd, the City will host its second annual Blues B-Q. Come join us in front of City Hall for great barbecue and blues music from 2-10 p.m. Then, on February 10th, enjoy "Music in the Gazebo" at Langford Park from 1-4:30 p.m.

And do something different on Valentine's Day! At Leu Gardens, you can pack a picnic basket and enjoy a concert under the stars, at 7 p.m., featuring Michael Andrew and Swinghead. Or you can head over to Lake Eola Ampitheatre at 6:30 p.m. and enjoy a free concert with Argentine band Otros Aires.

For the many College Park dog lovers, the SPCA will be hosting its annual "Paws in the Park" event at Lake Eola from 8 a.m. – 3 p.m. on Saturday, February 16th. And finally, our Orlando Museum of Art will be hosting its annual Antique Show and Sale from Friday, February 22 through Sunday, February 24. So if you want to enjoy the great February weather, please venture out with your family and friends and reacquaint yourself with some of the unique amenities that our Great City has to offer!

