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## LAKE EOLA HEIGHTS HISTORIC NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

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### **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE: MAINTAINING OUR BRICK STREETS JUST GOT BETTER**

By David Martens

Our brick streets represent a great deal of charm and history to the Lake Eola Heights neighborhood. As Jeff Thompson points out, "2018 is an historic anniversary with regards to brick streets. It was in 1918 that women voted for the first time in Orlando and on that ballot was a bond issue for the original installation of the bricks" ... so were it not be for these women voters, we might not have this historic resource!

The President at Thornton Park, Leo Hunt, asked that we get involved in discovering where we stand at this point on the repair conditions of the brick streets in our neighborhoods. At his request, we submitted a letter to the Mayor's office in early September asking about funding with the new budget for our brick street repairs.

Our letter forwarded to Richard Howard, Public Works Director, and he explained that the city has been spending its time and resources on trip-and-fall issues with the many irregular sidewalks. With that project now complete, he explains, "We have identified a budget source that would allow us to address the conditions of brick streets throughout the city over the span of several years. Public Works is in the process of identifying brick roads that are in the most need of repair."

Commissioner Patty Sheehan has also gotten involved and was able to get a commitment of "rapid response" to our requests for repair.

We have already seen progress in recent repairs. The asphalt is gone on Amelia, near Mills, and replaced by bricks, there is a repair to a pothole at Broadway and Amelia and another repair next to a tree lawn, also on Amelia.

If you see a pothole or street problem needing repair, simply take a picture, note the location very specifically, then go to the city's website at: <http://www.cityoforlando.net/streets-stormwater/> and submit a report.

See you at the meeting ...

### **GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING**

7 p.m. Thursday November 8  
at Trinity Lutheran Church  
123 East Livingston Street  
*Bring a Neighbor!*

### **WATER MAIN BREAK**

From the city:

To facilitate the reopening of the roadway to traffic as soon as possible, asphalt will be used to match the existing surface of Summerlin Avenue.

Since the water main break and impacts to the roadway, the City has been exploring options for the roadway replacement. Through these evaluations, the City has committed to restore the portion of Summerlin Avenue from Concord Street to Hillcrest Street with brick.

With the recent announcement of OUC's plans to replace the water line, the City will align any brick restoration work of the roadway in conjunction with this future project.

### **GARDEN TOUR IS COMING!**

By Jeff Thompson, RLA, ASLA

For those who have't heard, the "Private Gardens of Historic Orlando Featuring Lake Eola Heights" will soon be upon us! Sunday, March 31, from noon until 5 p.m. to be precise.

The tour will be a few weeks earlier than usual and there will be another big change. Garden Central will be moving to the block of Broadway Avenue in Front of the Broadway United Methodist Church. There will be plenty of parking and the Church will be providing the food and drink concession. Tickets will be available starting in January either on line or at the Church.

We are still looking for gardens to be on the tour, so if you need an excuse to get your garden in tip top shape, there's nothing like being on

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