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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE: GOOD NEWS IN THE 'HOOD

By David Martens

This last quarter was marked by some truly good news within the borders of our neighborhood. Richard Forbes, city Historic Preservation Officer, tells me that the Central Christian Church property at the corner of Cathcart & Ridgewood is moving closer to its conversion into condos. This project will bring life back to this building that has been dormant and decaying. As stories of demolition now haunt a residential historic structure in Winter Park, this property at one time faced similar consequences. The power of protection under the national register cannot be understated.

It is also due to this stability that real estate interest and values are returning to the hood. One significant home sale on Broadway Court was a direct result of the Garden Tour. This home sold pretty quickly. Other properties scattered throughout the neighborhood are selling within a few months, some at pretty remarkable prices. Historic preservation works for all of us.

Richard also noted that Trinity Lutheran's expansion project is moving along in the right direction. This will bring three homes now on Ruth Lane, up to the corner of Amelia & Ruth, helping to restore the look of how that corner appeared almost 33 years ago. Pastor Moore may be at the meeting to give us a more detailed update.

A significant restoration to the old three-story structure at the corner of Broadway & Hillcrest is completed. Damaged wood was replaced; a new tin roof and professional painters restored this jewel to much of its original condition. Plans include the similar structure across the street on Hillcrest will undergo the same reconditioning.

If you are reading this story, then plan on attending this upcoming meeting. Whether you have lived here for a long time or are a new arrival, please come and discover more of what makes this neighborhood one of the greatest places to live. Your residential experience will be enhanced, plus after all you're more of the reason there's good news in the 'hood!

See you at the meeting ...

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

7 p.m. Thursday August 8
at Trinity Lutheran Church
123 East Livingston Street

Bring a Neighbor!

YOU GOTTA WATER GARDEN ...

By Jeff Thompson, RLA, ASLA

This has been one of the wettest summers in recent memory with daily (or multiple daily) rains since the beginning of June. And you've likely noticed impromptu water gardens along roadsides and popping up in low areas of parks and yards.

So take some inspiration from Mother Nature this summer and start a water garden! Water gardening can be as simple or as complex as you would like to make it and is great opportunity to teach kids something about ecology.

An easy way to begin is to purchase a ceramic Chinese fish bowl. You can find these ranging in size from 6 inches to 3 feet. The bigger the bowl, the more you can put in it. A galvanized tub is another great option. Then add some river-washed pebbles to the bottom to help hold down some of the aquatic plants that you want to use. The next step is to fill it with water. Tap water is fine but it should sit a day or two to let the chlorine evaporate before adding fish ... but that is jumping ahead.

The next step is to consider what type of plants to use. There are plants that will be rooted into pots or those that float. The roots from floaters help to clean the water and the foliage of submerged plants removes CO₂ from the water and replenishes oxygen. Some great native plants to consider are water lilies (*Nymphaea odorata*), lotus (*Nelumbo lutea*) and pickerel weed (*Pontederia cordata*). They all have beautiful blooms and must be grown in water to appreciate

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