

2008 Historic Preservation Board Calendar Lake Lawsona Historic District



Photo By: Paul H. Hennessy *Washington Street Bridge, Dickson Azalea Park*

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January 2008



1002 East Jackson Street • Circa 1940 • Photo by Jake Droege

The Tudor Revival residence at 1002 East Jackson Street was built circa 1940.

February 2008



1103 East Washington Street • Circa 1925 • Photo by Giannina Rodriguez

The bungalow at 1103 East Washington Street was built circa 1925.

March 2008



1817 East Washington Street • Circa 1924 • Photo by Katherine Magley

The house at 1817 East Washington Street was built circa 1924 and is a good example of the Japanese influence within the Craftsman Bungalow style.

April 2008



Fern Creek below the Washington Street Bridge, Dickson Azalea Park • 1926 • Photo by Allen Crowder

Dickson Azalea Park was designated as an Orlando Landmark in 1991. The concrete bridge was built in 1926 as a replacement for the original wooden bridge.

May 2008



214 South Thornton Avenue • 1926 • Photo by Glenn Green

The two-story wood frame bungalow at 214 South Thornton Avenue was constructed in 1926 at a cost of \$3500.00.

June 2008



104 South Lawsona Boulevard • Photo by Rosarina Carreno

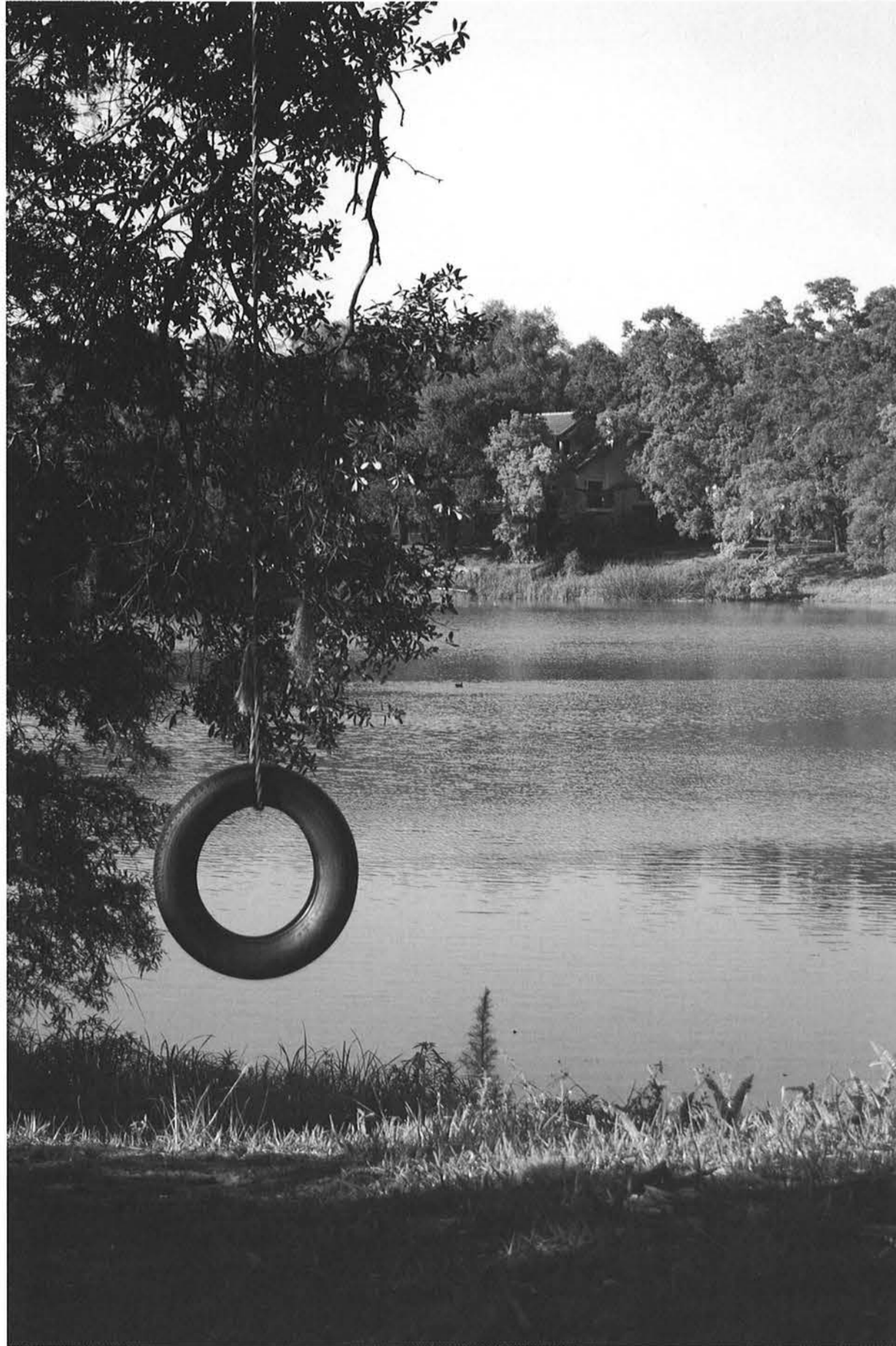
Lake Lawsona was known as Lake Hardaman before the area was developed as a subdivision.

July 2008



129 James Avenue was built circa 1924 and is a two-story Prairie style residence.

August 2008



Lake Lawsona • Photo by Leah Nash

Lake Lawsona is named for Mr. W.C. Lawson, who with Chester Kennison and George Gray platted a subdivision around the lake and donated the land to the City for Lake Lawsona Park.

September 2008



Howard Middle School • 1927 • Photo by Paul H. Hennessy

Howard Middle School was built in 1927 as Orlando High School. The building is Greek Revival in style and constructed of blond brick with massive two-story fluted ionic columns.

October 2008



114 South Lawsona Boulevard • Circa 1910 • Photo by Allen Crowder

*The two-story wood frame Vernacular house
at 114 South Lawsona Boulevard was built in circa 1910.*

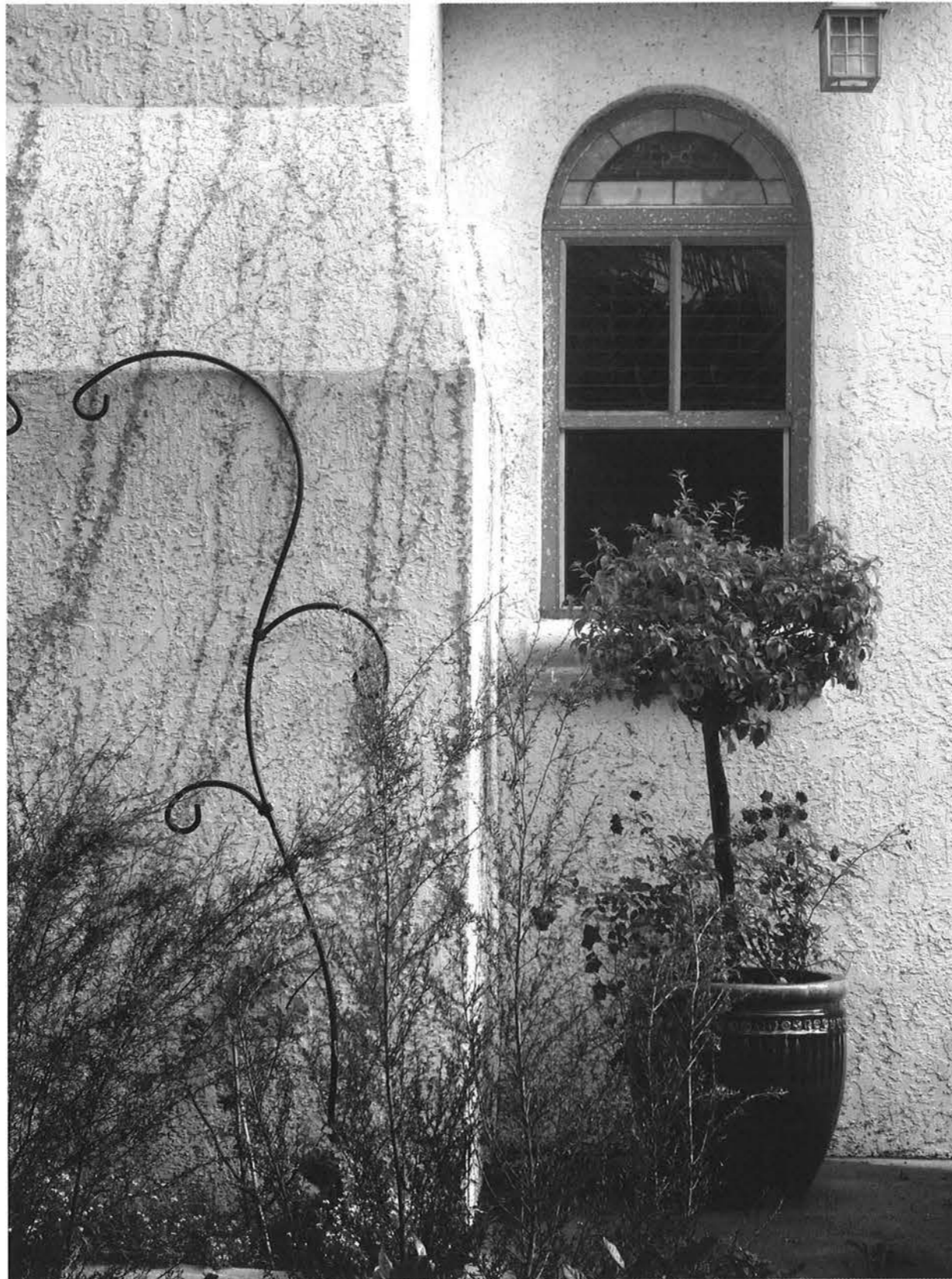
November 2008



1302 East Central Boulevard • Circa 1923 • Photo by Giannina Rodriguez

The one and one half-story Craftsman style bungalow at 1302 East Central Boulevard was built circa 1920 and has an unusual angled entry.

December 2008



1115 East Jefferson Street • Photo by Gail Peck

Our historic districts help us understand where we have come from as a society and where we should go in the future. The Lake Lawsona Historic District is a vibrant and important part of Orlando and continues to be a cherished place for its residents, both new and old and their desire and efforts to maintain the historic integrity of their homes and the neighborhood is evident throughout.



Vibrant neighborhoods are the heartbeat of our city and this year we are celebrating the Lake Lawsona Historic District, a beautiful Downtown Orlando area neighborhood with roots dating to the late 1800s. Lake Lawsona is one of Orlando's six Historic Districts that seek to recognize and preserve the City's significant buildings, neighborhoods and diverse landscape.

Lake Lawsona is a short walk from Downtown Orlando, our urban core that is undergoing a renaissance attracting new residents, workers and visitors. Currently, Downtown Orlando is experiencing more than \$3 billion in investment, including the construction of new offices, restaurants and residential units. As new jobs pour into Downtown Orlando, Lake Lawsona provides a nearby oasis of trees, historic homes and brick streets for people who choose to live near the workplace. Lake Lawsona's historical value will grow even more as our city adds Community Venues that will bring a new events center, performing arts center and renovated Florida Citrus Bowl Stadium to our Downtown area.

At a time when Orlando is undergoing unprecedented modernization, the Lake Lawsona Historic District provides a wonderful reminder of our city's beautiful architectural past. I hope you enjoy this year's calendar and appreciate all that the Lake Lawsona Historic District offers.

Sincerely,

Buddy Dyer,
Mayor

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The theme for this year's calendar is the Lake Lawsona Historic District. Encompassing the neighborhoods of Lawsona/Fern Creek and Thornton Park, the Lake Lawsona Historic district was established in 1994 as a local historic district. The land that comprises the historic district was platted by many individuals between 1886 and 1924 with most of the subdivision activity occurring between 1919 and 1924. It was during that time that Central Florida experienced the land boom that was affecting the entire state. Orlando's population tripled during this period and land surrounding downtown that had formerly been orange groves, wooded acreage or open space was subdivided into lots and new houses of every description were constructed to keep up with the demand. Growth slowed with the bust but infill development continued into the 1950's.

The District contains approximately 500 buildings and is illustrative of the growth patterns of Orlando in the first half of the 20th century with its mix of residential, educational and commercial structures. There is a wonderful variety of architectural styles to be found in the district including many Bungalows, Craftsman, Minimal Traditional, and Colonial, Mediterranean, Mission, Neoclassical and Tudor Revivals. Bungalows are the predominant contributing structures in the district.

Three sites within the Lake Lawsona Historic District are also local Orlando Historic Landmarks. They are H.H. Dickson Azalea Park (1935), the Washington Street Bridge (1926) and Orlando High School, now Howard Middle School (1927).

Dickson Azalea Park is named for a city beautification advocate and co-founder of one of Orlando's earliest department stores, Dickson-Ives. Mulford Foster, a local landscape architect, horticulturist and painter, designed the park with natural plantings interspersed with azaleas, which were relatively new plants for Orlando at that time. The park consists of five acres of lush vegetation through which Fern Creek flows. The Washington Street Bridge which traverses the park has a Beaux Arts influenced design.

The Neoclassical Revival Orlando High School, constructed in 1927, was used as a high school until 1952 when Edgewater and Boone High Schools opened. The structure was renovated and rededicated on May 10, 2002 as Howard Middle School.

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The City of Orlando's Historic Preservation Board has actively pursued the recognition and protection of the significant buildings, neighborhoods, objects and landscapes of our diverse city since 1976. The Board has designated 48 individual landmarks as well as six historic districts: Downtown, Lake Cherokee, Lake Copeland, Lake Eola Heights, Lake Lawsona and Colonialtown South. Richard Forbes is the Historic Preservation Officer and can be reached at 407-246-3350. Diane Rivera is the Historic Preservation Board Recording Secretary and can be reached at 407-246-3416.