



# Historic Roser Park

## Neighborhood Association Newsletter

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**PLEASE ATTEND  
THE GENERAL  
HRPNA  
MEETING**

**Thursday,  
January 17th at  
7:00 P.M.**

**Resource Center  
1001 4th St. S  
St. Petersburg**

**SPECIAL  
GUEST  
SPEAKER!**

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### **A message from our president...**

In 2007, Participation was the Key to Our Success...

I cannot believe how fast 2007 went by and what a successful year it was for Historic Roser Park — thanks in no small part to its residents.

With twice as many vendors as last year, calling the 4th annual Art Festival a huge success is an understatement. Under the leadership of Catherine Nevins and with the support of the neighborhood, we outdid ourselves once again.

Thanks to the due diligence of Wayne Schrader, we were able to certify our neighborhood with the St. Pete Police Department's Crime Watch program. The effort brought the establishment of neighborhood block captains and additional safety equipment purchased through a Police Forfeiture Grant. Soon, we will be implementing programs that will strengthen the security of our neighborhood even further.

I want to remind all residents to remain extra vigilant in 2008. Do not hesitate to call the non-emergency number on any suspicious people or

activity. If it crosses your mind, you should probably just do it. In fact, go ahead and program the number (893-7780) right into your cell phone.

Thank you to Nick and Carolyn Pavonetti for a hosting another great holiday party. While the weather may have put a damper on the luminaries that night, nothing could keep this neighborhood from a reason to get together. We did put out Luminaries the following Solstice weekend. To that end, thanks to all that opened their homes up for porch party celebrations in 2007.

The board continues to work on important neighborhood issues including repairing the outdoor museum plaques, ordering new monument signs and pursuing important 2008 grant opportunities.

The 2008 Historic Roser Park Tour of Homes has been scheduled for Easter Weekend on Saturday with Deb Cafferman graciously heading the committee. Please contact her about opening your home and/or volunteering for this fundraising event.

And, if you haven't checked it out yet, please visit the neighborhood blog at [www.RoserPark.blogspot.com](http://www.RoserPark.blogspot.com). We are now truly on the cutting edge among neighborhoods in St. Petersburg and Tampa Bay.

Last but not least is what was probably the most significant contribution of 2007 to our neighborhood—Charlotte Burns. While she may technically belong to Jarrod and Emily, we all feel a great sense of pride and ownership in this addition.

On behalf of your entire board, I would like to thank you for a productive 2007 and I encourage you to continue that enthusiasm well into 2008 and beyond.

Our next General Meeting is on Thursday, January 17, 2007 at 7:00 pm. Please note that I have scheduled a guest speaker for the General Meeting in January who will address the Baseball stadium expansion downtown.

See you there!

Michael L. Manlowe,  
President

## Report on the 2007 Art Festival

By Catherine Nivens

What a weekend! Our neighborhood is a wonderful venue for an art festival. Sixty artists and crafters, 8 to 10,000 visitors, food vendors, and four musical artists found their way to Roser Park the weekend of November 10th and 11th. The weather could not have been better to stroll through our historic neighborhood and visit artist booths.



What a perfect place to get a jump on holiday shopping. Our historic neighborhood's hospitality is what makes the Roser Park Art Festival a unique event. The artists praised our neighborhood for its hospitality while they were here for the weekend. They enjoyed the host homes and the artist appreciation party on Saturday night. TNT Events already has artists signed up for next year! Once again, the outdoor historic walks, led by Ron Moytika, were a huge success. On Prospect Court there were outdoor installations organized by Zen Glass. What a treat to walk along the sidewalk and be surprised by glass art, wall art, or a totem pole sculpture!



The music artists enhanced the atmosphere with a variety of background music, jazz, blues, folk, and swing. Lounge Cat closed out the stage Sunday afternoon with an awesome set that had some people dancing in the street. Mayor Baker enjoyed walking down Roser Park Drive and seeing how the art festival has grown. He commented on how important the event was for St. Petersburg.



The event wouldn't have been possible without our media and cash sponsors. Two neighborhood businesses have sponsored the festival for two consecutive years: PlanningWorks (Larry Biddle) and ReardenKillion Communications (Brian Bailey and Dexter Fabian).

Also, a big thank you to the following people for their time and efforts:

Ron Moytika – Outdoor Tour Guide

Gary Guthrie – Host Home

Kris and Kim Caskey – Host Home

Debra Camfferman – Host of Artist Appreciation Party

Roser Park Booth – Philippe Piquet and Dexter Fabian

Outdoor Installations – Joshua Poll and David Walker (Zen Glass)

All of the volunteers during the festival

The Art Festival Committee:  
Emily and Jerrod Burns, Carolyn Pavonetti, Michele Cardinal, Michael Manlowe, Dexter Fabian, Philippe Piquet, Larry Biddle, David Warner



MARK YOUR  
CALENDARS FOR NEXT  
YEAR'S  
ART FESTIVAL

**NOVEMBER  
8TH AND 9TH**

## Get Ready For The Tour of Homes

*2008 Committee Chairman, Debra Camfferman*

We are beginning the process of organizing our Tour Of Homes event. Since our date is earlier this year (Saturday, March 22nd) we'll need to get going early in January.

I'm asking for volunteers to serve on the committee as well as anyone interested in opening your home for this tour.

This year, all host homes are asked to have a representative attend the committee meetings which we will have every 2 or 3 weeks in January and February.

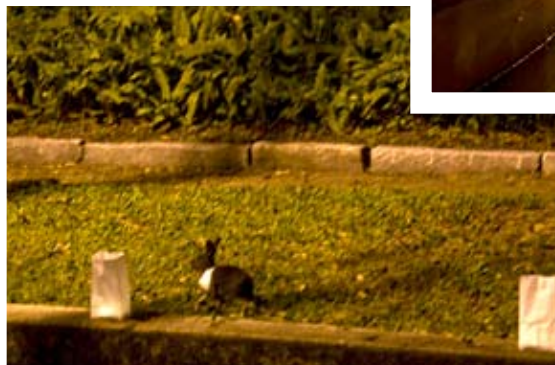
We have 3 homes committed - 2 homes that were on the tour last year with renovations "in progress" so guests can see the "after" product and my home which hasn't been on the tour for 3 years.

We would like to have 7 or 8 homes on the tour (hopefully a few that have never been) so please consider having yours. It's fun to be a part of the neighborhood and it's also very gratifying to have new people coming up to you and complimenting you on all your hard work!



## 2007 Luminaries

Although it didn't come off as planned (weather-related issues) it was magnificent when they finally got them going! Roser Park neighbors, lead by Michael Manlowe, created a truly spectacular event. Even Rosie, the Roser Park bunny got in on the act.



## The View from My Porch

By Ron Motyka

Wow! Another year in Historic Roser Park has come to an end. Great things have happened this year, too. The walls along the slopes of Roser Park Drive are looking grand. I'm sure Mr. Roser himself would be proud of their new look. However, there are more sections in need. Let's hope the next sections look as good and can be completed in the next city budget.



Further down Roser Park Drive, just east of the Sixth Street Bridge, the footbridge has been removed. When the Garden Club first brought the condition of the footbridge to the attention of the City we were told that they would repair the bridge before the "Art Festival. Later we discovered that the bridge would be totally rebuilt. It will now match the footbridge at the bottom of Prospect Court. More importantly, it will be a safer bridge.

You may have noticed that the faces of five historic outdoor museum markers have been removed. Don't be alarmed. They are being replaced as we speak. The removal process made it able for us to clean and repaint the markers as they await their new faces. Our outdoor museum markers are getting ready for their ten year anniversary. They have held up pretty well for that length of time. I'm excited at the prospect of adding more markers to our outdoor museum in the coming year.

Tenth Avenue South looks great with its colorful lights of blue and white. When you drive down a street where the homes are decorated in a theme, it is a great experience. If

you are new to Historic Roser Park you may wonder why we chose blue and white. Several reasons: it gives a winter feel to the area, it respects other holidays besides Christmas, and it wasn't being used somewhere else, it gives a magical feeling to our special neighborhood. Each year as more and more people follow the theme it creates greater beauty. This year we are trying something new. You will have an opportunity to vote for the Lighting Winners at our January general membership meeting. Last year's top prize went to Wayne and Stacia Schrader at 692 Tenth Avenue South. This year it looks like their next door neighbors, Russ and Rita Peterman are giving them a run for the money.



## Garden Club News

The Garden Club of Historic Roser Park will meet at Ron Motyka's home the second Sunday of January. We hope to have a schedule for the remainder of the meetings at that time. Until then remember, this is a good time to transplant trees as they are dormant. Remember to water newly planted trees and shrubs as we are in our dry season. I would not recommend trimming any plants until the danger of frost has past, usually late February.



Please be sure to attend January's general membership meeting of Historic Roser Park Neighborhood Association for another reason. It is time to vote for the *Home & Garden of Year for 2007*. The nominees are winners of the 2007 Garden of the Quarter and include:

538 Roser Park Drive  
Jesse & Evelyn Oliver



735 Eighth Avenue S.  
Linda Clark



720 Martin Luther King Street S.  
Rob Tarsitano



636 Tenth Avenue S.  
Tim & Victoria Welby



Please try to walk or drive by the homes before the voting.

## Porch Parties in Historic Roser Park

by Ron Motika

What a wonderful time was had by all in attendance at the December Porch Party at the home of Nick and Carolyn Pavonetti. Carolyn created individual photo ornaments of Roser Park for each of her guests. I love my ornament! The chili was a special family recipe. Yumm! The assortment of appetizers, snacks, and sweets were a great treat to the palate. The Pavonetti's answered many questions about their lovely home. One guest was fascinated by the kitchen vent that extended down 6 feet from the ceiling. Another was interested in their choice of pendant lights. You could feel the pride in their home and neighborhood whenever they spoke.



Our neighborhood porch parties are a chance to relax and get to know our neighbors. Please invite a neighbor to come with you. Bring a dish to share. (I've been experimenting with making different pies.) Please consider hosting one. If you are interested in doing so, call Ron Motyka at 823-4706. We try to hold them on the third Friday of the month. But, we are flexible if that doesn't work for you. Our first Porch Party for 2008 will be at the home of Ben Chertok on Saturday, January 19.

So far the months of January, March, and October are taken. Don't wait to sign up.

## A personal story from the Roser Park Art Festival

by Linda Newcomb



Sometimes you make things and like them a lot but no one else on the planet does. Sometimes its the other way around. I make things. Before the festival I was trying to think of things to make for everyone's budget. I had things of all price ranges and one thing I made was called an intentional post card. They were hand painted with a message: "Have fun!" "Enjoy life!" "Swim free!" "Live the moment!" "Be brave!" "Be strong!", etc. They were fun to do and before I knew it I had about fifty of them. Whoohoo!

I thought, dang! If I get a buck for each one, that would be great and everyone has a dollar. Each one was different and I liked them a lot.

Well, apparently no one else did. It was a mystery. Usually if I like something others do too.

The second day of the festival a woman came by right as we got started in the morning and said she saw a wall hanging I did the day before and wanted to buy it. So while we were doing the transaction, I asked her if she was living in the area and she said no, her son was in the hospital on the hill. So I said Yeah? What's wrong with him. He is in a coma. Well, through my mind flashed everything I knew about comas and I said darn, man. What are you going to do? She said I'm going to sit there with him until he wakes up! Her bottom lip quivered. I looked away and saw those cards. The one on top was a picture of a horse on a hill with his chest out and his mane blowing in the wind. It said "Be brave." We did our transaction and I gave her the card and said, on one of those nights when he is sleeping and you start to doubt, remember your card. She started to sob and hugged me and said I'll keep this in his room. I'll never forget you. I'll never forget this - and off she went clutching her card to her chest. So - I figured that that one card was why all the others existed. They did their jobs. If I never sell one, that will be fine. And this is why I continue to make things.

I want to thank all of my Roser Park neighbors for their continued support and encouragement.

Linda Newcomb



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