



# Historic Roser Park Neighborhood Association Newsletter

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## GENERAL HRPNA MEETING

Thursday,  
September 17th  
at 7:00 P.M.

*(Pizza and  
beverages served)*

At  
All Children's  
Hospital  
Continuing  
Education  
Center  
701 4th St. S.



**SPECIAL  
GUEST SPEAKER**  
Mr. George Hebert  
on  
wind mitigation  
inspections

## Quarterly President Review...

At our community meeting on September 17th, we will have an important guest with us – George Hebert of Premier Certified Inspections, LLC. He is a certified inspector for wind mitigation of real estate property. George recently inspected my home and we are likely to have reduced property insurance henceforth. Included in this newsletter is information about wind mitigation inspections. Please read it and ask questions of George during our meeting. This could be an important opportunity for you to save money on your property insurance.

Come to our neighborhood meeting and bring your questions and appetite, as we will have pizza and beverages. Hope to see you there. (Parking is available behind the All Children's Hospital Continuing Education Center.)

Larry Biddle, President  
HRPNA

## News from the Parks Committee

At our last meeting we moved eight truckloads of debris from 6th Ave. South across the MLK bridge and along Roser Park Drive. We also straightened up the easement area on 8th St. South next to the vacant lot. Thanks again to all those people who participated that day.



**Our next meeting is planned for Saturday, September 19th at 9:00 am.**

At this meeting we will be planting in the park – we have purchased trees, shrubs and ground covers to be placed strategically in the park.

Suggested items to bring: tools like a shovel, rake, snippers, clipper, a hat, sunscreen, water, gloves, and of course, plenty of energy!



Headed by Michael Manlowe  
Any questions  
or concerns please call  
727 822 5400

## A Wind Mitigation Wind Inspection By Wind Florida Can Reduce Your Policy Premiums Insurance Dramatically!

Go to [www.windflorida.net](http://www.windflorida.net) and read how having a simple wind mitigation inspection can save you money on your homeowners' insurance



**Don't miss this meeting and be ready to ask some  
important questions!**

*Pizza and beverages for all!*

## NEW (and very exciting) NEWS From CONA!

Subsequent to several discussions with Dr. Gene Webb at the SPPD, and thanks to the support of the Council of Neighborhood Associations, CrimeReports.com went 'live' August 27th - and while there is still a bit of fine-tuning to be done you can see the site and its capabilities here:

[http://crimereports.com/map/index/?search= St.%20Petersburg+ FL](http://crimereports.com/map/index/?search=St.%20Petersburg+FL)

You can enter your address (or for that matter, any address in the city) and you'll get a map and details of nearby crime events. You can sort by type of crime, number of days, and distance from the specified address. The system gets updates from the SPPD early each morning so the delay in reporting a crime event may be as

much as 24 hours; however, in most cases the delay will be less. Note that among other features you can sign up for email notifications when a crime occurs a given distance from your address. I think this site has great potential to improve the information flow - both ways - between the police department and our residents.

We owe thanks in particular to Gene Webb at the SPPD, Deputy Mayor David Metz, and to Barbara Heck, who jointly worked this issue 'in the background' and were jointly able to convince the city administration that this system was a needed, valuable service to the community.

— Travis Jarman

## Help us get ready for the ART FESTIVAL!

Dumpsters will be out for the neighborhood cleanup on Saturday, November 1st and Sunday, November 2nd.

They will be located at Roser Park Dr. at 5th St and 10th Ave S at MLK.



## Historic Roser Park Art Fest '09 November 7th and 8th



This year the Roser Park Art Fest is once again going to be brimming with both live and visual art. The festival will be located along Roser Park Drive, winding down

Booker Creek, and will host painters, sculptures, photographers, live music and more. Children will be able to participate in a number of creative activities in the KidZone.

This year, we need more volunteers than ever! Please call Shannon at 772-3860, or email [shannon.struempfh@gmail.com](mailto:shannon.struempfh@gmail.com) with your availability.

We have transportation from the Bayfront garage (a golfcart which needs a driver), our neighborhood tent, host homes, the Roser Park Hot Dog Stand and a raffle. Note: new this year, we will be asking for a \$1 admission donation and will need volunteers to staff the bridges at either end of Roser Park Drive. WE WILL NEED MANPOWER. Please join us for a fun weekend!



Also

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

The Artists Appreciation/PorchParty,  
Saturday, November 7th - 5:00 pm.  
at Deb Camfferman's.

## Safety Committee Report

by Michele A. Cardinal

Please join us on the first Saturday of each month at the footbridge on the bottom of Prospect Court, at 9:30 am.

National Nite Out was August 4th. A few of us gathered to give Neighborhood Crime and Drugs a Going Away Party!!!!

We had ice cream, games, awards and lots-of-fun!

The recipient of the Deputy McGruff Award was Brian Bailey for his diligent crime awareness and reporting. Brian was honored with a wonderful two-light motion detection light and a Deputy McGruff Certificate. The recipient of the Golden Picker Award was Kai Warren for his dedication to neighborhood trash pick-up. Kai was awarded a set of gold litter pickers and a Golden Picker Certificate!

Thanks Brian and Kai for your dedication to keeping the neighborhood safe and clean.

As always, many thanks to all of you, Michele

## Benefits of Historic Preservation

By Jo-Anne Peck

Historic Preservation is one of the most inherently “green” professions in addition to providing a multitude of benefits to communities. It can be an effective economic tool for redevelopment, foster business development, create jobs and strengthen communities. Yet many see efforts at historic preservation merely as exercises in nostalgia and as an infringement on property rights. The following are some reasons other than wanting to retain beautiful buildings for being a proponent of historic preservation:

- When you choose to repair and restore an existing home, you are performing the ultimate recycling project. Sustainable practice recommendations include considering the embodied energy of products in addition to the long-term energy savings. When a historic home is demolished, all the energy used to produce and assemble the home is wasted. Since the energy is already expended, preserving the home has much less impact on the environment.
- Historic Preservation reduces landfill wastes. Estimates vary, but it is commonly accepted that between 15% and 20% of municipal solid

waste comes from construction and demolition projects. Obviously, landfill debris would be reduced if more people choose to preserve an existing building rather than demolish and build new. When true preservation practices are followed during historic home renovations (“repair rather than replace”), waste is reduced even more.

- According to noted economist and historic preservation advocate, Donovan Rypkema, “Sustainable Development requires environmental responsibility, economic responsibility, and social/cultural responsibility.” Preservation and renovation of existing building stock is the one type of development that merges these three elements, helping maintain vibrant, livable communities in addition to being environmentally and economically responsible.
- Since most historic buildings were built without air conditioning, they already utilize many energy saving features that “green” designers are rediscovering. Items such as wide overhangs, operable windows with screens, screen doors, awnings and ceiling fans can reduce cooling costs when used during our more temperate months instead of relying on mechanical systems. In addition, historic buildings are often constructed

of more durable materials than are readily available today.

- The National Trust for Historic Preservation’s policy statement on community revitalization sums up several pro-preservation points: “Revitalizing our historic hometowns and Main Streets is not about nostalgia. It is about reinvesting in our older and historic neighborhoods. Preservation-based community development not only protects our heritage, but also is a viable alternative to sprawl that creates affordable housing, generates jobs, supports independent businesses, increases civic participation, and bolsters a community’s sense of place.”
- Historic preservation makes economic sense. Studies have shown that investment in historic neighborhoods and commercial centers stabilize property values, encourage redevelopment, stimulate business development, and generates tourist dollars.

Ms. Peck is a Historic Preservation Consultant with over 12 years’ experience working with historic Florida homes. She is President of Preservation Resource, Inc., which has recently introduced a specialized product line for historic homes at <http://www.HistoricShed.com>

## Things to help deter crime:

- TURN ON YOUR PORCH LIGHTS, front and back.
- Report non-working street lights: <https://secure.progress-energy.com/sid/custservice/fla/selfservice/electric/streetlight?page=res> or call Progress Energy at 727-443-2641.
- PICK UP TRASH!
- REPORT CODE VIOLATIONS. <http://www.stpete.org/> Or you can call at (727) 893-7373 to report a violation.

## You’re Invited To The 6th Annual MIDTOWN THROUGH OUR EYES EXHIBIT AND OPEN HOUSE

### A Photojournalism Project

Friday, October 2, 2009 5:00-8:00pm

Studio@620 620 1st Ave. S

All are welcome to this fun event at no charge

*It is going to be a lot of fun, the photos are terrific, free food, music, etc. Best of all, a great silent auction of top restaurant dining certificates.*



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and Conference Center  
(Auditorium)  
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Community Police Contact – District 1.....	551-3181
Auto theft unit.....	893-7080
Narcotics tip line.....	892-5000
City Code enforcement .....	893-7373
Mayor's Hotline .....	893-7111
County Animal control .....	582-2600

City of St Petersburg – service request: <http://www.stpete.org/action.htm>

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