



Historic Roser Park

Neighborhood Association Newsletter

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Third Quarter - September 2011

NEXT GENERAL HRPNA MEETING:

Thursday,
September 22nd
7:00 to 8:00 P.M.

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



UNVEILING OF OUR NEW WEBSITE!

*You won't want
to miss this one!*

Quarterly President Review...

COMMUNICATION IS THE KEY!

Communication is a valuable resource, and your board of directors has decided to up the ante, feeling that more of it will help Roser Park become better known. So, this month we'll be launching a new website. We felt we needed a site we could more easily manage and keep current. The new site will have: a gallery of photographs (thanks to Carolyn Pavonetti); a password-protected directory of the neighborhood (for those who have paid their small annual dues); current and archived newsletters; an *Association Matters* section, which will have recent board minutes, members and related items; a new email platform; new member information. It will retain the history, outdoor museum, events, news, map and contact sections. I want to thank Wayne Schrader, Brian Bailey, Dexter Fabian, Deb Camfferman and Carolyn Pavonetti for their work on former websites. Our site has been a progression, and we've built on their

efforts. By the way, we need advertising for the site. Ask potential advertisers to contact me about that.

The content may not be complete at launch. I hope neighbors will contribute to it, help make sure it's correct and pass it around through our Facebook and Twitter social media sites. Do send me your ideas and items for the website.

Regarding our annual arts festival, an ad hoc committee of neighbors is trying to determine what to do next for the festival. For this year, the committee has decided to cancel this year's festival and consider alternatives for future festivals and home tours. We welcome your suggestions and comments. (Send them to me at LarryJBiddle@me.com) We also welcome anyone who wants to serve on this temporary committee.

Larry Biddle

President, Historic Roser Park Neighborhood Association



HRPNA Financials for Two Years ended 8/31/2011

Deb Camfferman, Treasurer

Note: Our fiscal year runs from April to March

Category Description	9/1/09-8/31/10	9/1/10-8/31/11
INFLOWS		
Dues Income	490	615
Event Income	5770	4157
Grant Income	325	250
Other Inc (Verizon: George Shaw)	750	750
TOTAL INFLOWS	7335	5772
OUTFLOWS		
Bank Charge	8	5
Charity	1000	1250
Committee Expense		
(Parks/Safety/Luminaries/ Art Festival)	781	868
Corporate Expenses	61	61
Dues and Subscriptions	60	60
Education (CONA Leadership)	198	0
Event Expense		
(Art Festival/Luminaries/ Tour of Homes)	3514	2579
Maintenance (Outdoor Museum)	0	1050
Marketing (Neighborhood Banners)	0	2542
Meeting Expenses	146	60
Neighborhood Outreach	120	240
Newsletter Expense	26	20
Office	74	0
Park/ Easement Maintenance	308	501
Web Site Expense	0	1000
TOTAL OUTFLOWS	6316	10236
OVERALL TOTAL	1019	-4464

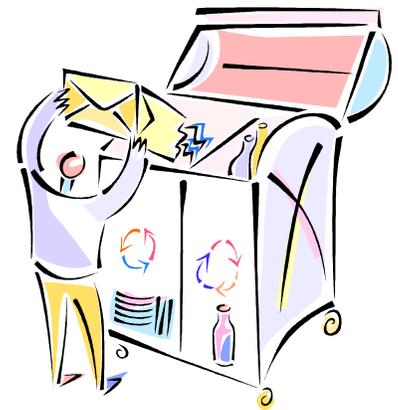
Community- Wide Clean-Up Day

**Saturday,
September 24th**

We will have a large dumpster located at Roser Park Drive and 5th Street (the east end of RPD).

This is an opportunity to put large or big volume items that need disposed of in a city container, such as sofas, etc.

Dumpster will be available all weekend.



Attention Neighbors!

Anyone who is interested in hosting a neighborhood porch party . . .

Contact Larry Biddle:
larry@planningworksonline.com to sign up!

A Chat With Joe and Susan Chilberg

In April of 2010, having sold some properties in Tennessee, we moved aboard our boat at the Harborage Marina in St. Petersburg, in order to be 11 1/2 minutes rather than 11 1/2 hours from our beloved 36' Monk Trawler, *Set Free!* Hunting for a home in St. Petersburg was a challenge.

While Joe had lived all over the U.S., Susan was leaving Nashville, TN, after 58+ years – her entire life! We were leaving all our children and grandchildren, as well as lifelong friends, back in Tennessee. Finding a neighborhood where we would feel at home seemed to be an overwhelming task.

Susan wanted an older home that had charm and soul, and she wanted to be in a diverse and eclectic neighborhood. Joe, having built and maintained a 5,200 sq. ft. log home on 6 acres, wanted no maintenance. It felt like it would be difficult to find a home that would satisfy both of us.

Then someone suggested, "Just go right out the marina and over to Roser Park."

Well, we pulled up to 700 11th Ave. South and saw our future home!

A wonderful thing happened while living across from the Historic Greenwood Cemetery

by Bob Coonrad, HRPNA Board Member

When we returned from our extended stay in Oregon, we couldn't help but notice how unkempt the parking strip was across the street from us. We'd seen folks maintaining it in times past, so we suspected something was amiss. I'd called the Mayor's hotline to report it, and was embarrassed at not knowing the name of the place when I placed my reported "code violation", i.e. grass higher than 10", other than naming the boundary streets.

Went to Google maps and found the name of the cemetery on the map, then Googled the name only to see a great write-up on its history and the name of the Trustee who was overseeing the property. While on a call to her I heard a mower working on the property. She requested that I introduce myself to him and make my request of tending to the parking strip.

Built in 2004 by Len Johnson and Tom Barrett as their model for a revitalization of the community, it looked like it came straight out of Ernest Hemingway's neighborhood; and it was built with "Hardiplank" for minimal maintenance. That took care of the low maintenance part, and the house blended in beautifully with the surrounding historic homes. (Unless we tell people it was only seven years old, they think it was built in the 1920's.)

But what about the neighborhood? Would it offer the diversity and a sense of community that Susan wanted? Oh wow, did it ever! Living in Roser Park reminds us of the neighborhoods of days long gone by. We not only know the names of our immediate neighbors, but those of folks blocks away. Most importantly, these people have become friends whom we can depend on for friendship and support.

The Historic Roser Park Neighborhood Association is very active, and from the very first meeting we attended we began to make new friends. There are so many opportunities to engage with our neighbors; monthly porch parties hosted by different residents; the monthly Ladies of Roser Park night out; the semi-annual



historic homes tour and the fabulous Art Festival. The residents of Roser Park keep an eye out for each other and take pride in the community as well as its people.

As we sit on our porch to write this, we have said hello to at least ten different folks that have walked by. Rarely does a day go by when we don't have a chat over the fence or folks joining us on our porch for conversation and a glass of wine at day's end. We truly love our little enclave here. We feel it is a hidden treasure tucked so close to downtown St. Pete yet a true neighborhood where, if everyone doesn't know your name, they at least know your face, and folks smile and wave as they pass.

We wouldn't live anywhere else!!!



If you care to satisfy your curiosity, please visit the cemetery's website: www.historicgreenwood.com/pages/exhibit.html

Kai Warren leads tours there periodically. I for one will be taking him up on a tour in the near term.

Isn't this a great neighborhood!!

So I met Jim, who'd just missed wrecking his mower when he ran over a headstone hidden by the overgrown grasses, so was still pretty shaken. It started raining not long after I met him, so he had to pull off the job, and didn't attend to the parking strip.

I emailed the trustee back and told her that I'd met and made my request of Jim and offered to help her gain the historic designation that she was seeking per my conversation with Jim. Kai informed me that the cemetery is not within the boundaries of the HRPNA, so isn't already so designated. But due to its proximity and major historic significance, it would be a slam dunk. I volunteered to assist her if she wanted to seek the designation and Kai gave her the contact information necessary to kick off that project. I thanked her for Jim's services, as by then he'd taken care of the parking strip.

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Non-emergency police	893-7780
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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