



Historic Roser Park

Neighborhood Association Newsletter

First Quarter • January 2009

GENERAL HRPNA MEETING

Thursday,
January 15th
at 7:00 P.M.

*(Food and
beverages served)*

NEW LOCATION!

in the auditorium
of ACH Education
and Conference
Center
701 4th St. S.

**Please be sure
to attend!**

The new Roser
Park neighborhood
directories will
be distributed
as well as some
very important
information
regarding our
neighborhood!

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Quarterly President Review...

It's that time of the year – a new year!

Wow! Where did it go? It's been a year of progress in Roser Park, with increased attention to safety, more-profitable-than-ever events and neighborliness everywhere you look.

Many thanks go to the work of Michele Cardinal and the safety committee and to the diligent individual efforts of many neighbors — among them Brian Bailey and Michael Manlowe. (Brian's effort have resulted in a new sign at the gas station/store on MLK saying "No Loitering." That may not seem much, but it makes it easier for police to check out suspect behavior at that location.) Michele has established a closer working relationship with the St. Petersburg police department. Efforts are either established or underway to put critical areas of the neighborhood under video camera surveillance, supported by the neighborhood association budget. I think all of us are more vigilant of suspicious behavior. And in 2009 these efforts will increase.

Catherine Nivens led us to a really successful art festival. Although the primary goal of the festival is to get people to visit the neighborhood and enjoy its uniqueness, we made money on the event, with some of those funds going to support our neighbor, Ronald McDonald House. Thanks to the leadership of Debra Camfferman, the spring house tour was also a success — even with the rain.

Carolyn Pavonetti has created this visually pleasing newsletter and a new community directory (to be distributed at our annual meeting on Jan. 15th).

Michael Manlowe organized a great luminaries event and outdoor party by the creek. Linda Newcomb described it well: "Last night was a holiday family night. Perfect in every way and I was grateful to be part of this big family."

Kai continues to represent Roser Park at CONA (Council of Neighborhood Associations) and

lead nickel tours. He also helped make revisions to our By Laws, which are waiting for approval at our January annual meeting. The Garden Committee is doing its stealth work by planting, cleaning and protecting our park. Neighbors are doing more to keep their areas looking good and inviting. The board meetings have been productive and I thank members for their support and insight in helping us move forward.

I may have forgotten to thank everyone. I apologize if that's the case. There are so many good things that go unnoticed that keep Roser Park safe and a good place to live.

Thank you, everyone.

Larry Biddle, President, HRPNA

PS – Please plan to attend the annual meeting on Jan 15th in the auditorium of All Children's Hospital Education and Conference center – 701 4th St. S. It's going to be surprisingly different. Come and bring a neighbor with you — especially one not usually present at our meetings. Food and beverages will be served!



HRPNA Annual Membership Dues are now being accepted on line!

It's easy to pay online. Just go to our website (www.roserpark.net) and click on the contact button in the upper right hand corner.

Or you can also mail a check made out to HRPNA to 714 Roser Park Dr S, St Petersburg, FL 33701.

SEE ARTICLE INSIDE WHICH LISTS
THE BENEFITS OF BECOMING A MEMBER!

We need your support of the Historic Roser Park Neighborhood Association!

If you've never been a member before or if you just want to renew, it's now easier than ever! Just go to our webpage at www.roserpark.net and click on the tiny "Contact" button in the upper right hand corner, click "Pay Now" and fill out the info. It's as simple as that! You can also pay by mail - Send your check made out to HRPNA Treasurer and mail it to 714 Roser Park Dr. S., St. Petersburg, FL 33701. Or better yet, **bring your check to the General Meeting on January 15th!**

The cost is \$15 per adult per household. **You must be a paid member to vote for the 2009-2010 Board taking place at the March meeting.**

The Many Benefits of Being a HRPNA member

- **Free** neighborhood directory
- **Free** website advertising for your business (for paid members only)
- Membership in HRPNA gives you voting rights for the board of directors as well as allows you to become a board member.
- Your support of HRPNA allows us to continue with our donations and assistance to several local non-profits and special events that benefit the entire community.
- Your support allows us to continue with projects such as adding new plants to our park; outdoor museum additions and upkeep; monument and birdhouse upkeep; surveillance equipment; and park celebrations like *National Night Out*.
- HRPNA membership provides a greater exposure to other proactive neighbors as a networking tool and it is probably the best way for new neighbors to establish themselves with all the neighborhood activities and Roser Park in general.
- It provides the opportunity to become involved at every level in a wide range of activities.

Attention Pinellas County Homeowners & Condominium Associations:

Schedule Your Own Mobile Collection Event

Haz-to-Go Trailer Hits the Streets

Pinellas County Homeowners' Associations and Condominium Associations: You can schedule the Haz-to-Go trailer and host your own household electronics and chemical mobile collection event. At the scheduled time, the Haz-to-Go trailer pulls right into your neighborhood so association members can conveniently drop off unwanted hazardous waste items. All household mobile collection services are free for Pinellas County residents!

Hazardous waste items contain chemicals that need special disposal. These items include simple things like fluorescent light bulbs, household cleaners, computers, TV's, printers, cell phones, and household batteries. They also include items such as pesticides, paints, paint thinners, fertilizers and automotive fluids.

With a capacity of up to 20,000 pounds, the Haz-to-Go trailer helps reach homeowners' and condo associations along with other civic groups desiring to host their own mobile collection. The trailer was developed to complement the popular Saturday mobile collection events around the county. These events typically attract hundreds of residents in a five-hour period. In fact, county residents have helped divert millions of pounds of household chemicals and electronics since 2005.

The Haz-to-Go mobile collection trailer is available for scheduling on Wednesdays and Saturdays for a two-hour period. To schedule a Haz-to-Go event or get more information, contact Solid Waste Operations at (727) 464-7500.



See reverse for guidelines on scheduling and hosting a Haz-to-Go Mobile Collection event in your community.

Tour of Homes Committee

By Deb Camfferman

Calling all interested neighbors! The Tour of Homes 2009 committee will begin meeting monthly, starting in a few weeks.

The tasks are all spelled out . . . so we just have to follow the script and we can make this another successful fundraiser for HRPNA!

Our FIRST task is to identify Host Homes.

If you are ready to show off your finished project or your project-in-progress or you just want to show off (!), please contact Debra Camfferman at camffdeb@gmail.com.

Donna Young has offered to have the Ronald McDonald house open since they just went through a major renovation, and Kimberly Kistler on 10th Avenue has signed up also.

Our general rule is to have homes on the tour that have not been shown for 3 years. The exception is when there have been major changes or a completed project.

Last year, we had 210 paying customers on a day when it rained continuously! Our net profit was still over \$1500. With a little luck from the weather, I think 2009 will be much better.

Please contact me and join the fun!

The tour of homes is April 11, 2009 (Saturday of Easter weekend)

The View From My Porch

by Ron Motyka

As 2008 wraps up we consider what a year it has been! The Rays made it to the playoffs! Obama is elected president! Our long awaited creek opening happened. Another successful Home Tour and Art Festival occurred. And our grant for additional historic lights along Tenth Avenue was approved. These are great things for the neighborhood; but, they didn't happen by themselves. It took countless hours of volunteers working to achieve these goals. I would ask you to consider donating your time and efforts on a project to improve the neighborhood in the New Year. I'm sure you will experience a joy in improving your quality of life.

The Parks Committee had a great year. We established our committee with its goals and a vision. We held two successful cleanups and had regular correspondence with the city. We regularly met at members' homes and shared plants and advice. I want to thank all members of the Parks Committee who worked to make Roser Park the beautiful place it is today: Sarah,

Linda, Donna, Alma, Don, Kris, Tom, Len, and Gary. If you are interested in joining this committee just speak to one of its members or better yet come to our first meeting in January. We hope to see you there!



At the general meeting in January we will be voting for two awards. Be thinking of who had the best holiday lights this year. They will receive a \$25 dollar gift certificate to Home Depot. The other award is for the "2008 Home & Garden Award." It is interesting to note that each one represented a different part of the neighborhood. Note: Tom Barrett and Len Johnsen are nominated for the home next to theirs on Ingleside. They renovated the house and landscaped the yard in their continuing efforts to build on their successes on the south side of the neighborhood.

The nominees are:

- Kris Caskey – Roser Park Drive S.
- Danny Stewart – Ninth Avenue S.
- Tom & Len – Ingleside Avenue S.
- Sara & Trey – Eighth Avenue S.

At the general meeting in January I will have the signup sheet for our monthly porch parties.

Our first party of the year will be hosted by Ralph and Shannon at 642 12th Avenue South. The third Friday, January 16th at 7:30pm.

As usual, BYOB and a snack to share.



The first Parks Committee meeting of the New Year will be at my home – 660 Roser Park Drive South on Saturday, January 31st at 4:00 pm. We encourage guests to attend. Bring a plant for the plant exchange and a snack to share. I have just finished painting my living room ceiling and walls and it turned out nice, even if I do say so. There are several items on our agenda and remember we will be choosing the first "Home & Garden" of the New Year.



Historic Roser Park Outdoor Museum is Ten Years Old!

It is hard to believe that ten years have passed since this project was dedicated. Over the last ten years the markers have held up remarkably well. However, some of the original faces are scratched and faded; we hope to replace them this year. I have recently found a new postcard view of the corner of Roser Park Drive and Sixth Street that I hope to add to the system. It is our responsibility to maintain and see that the museum grows and stays a vital aspect of our historic neighborhood. I hope you agree that this is an important part of our City, too. If you are interested in this project, I have just matted and framed part of my materials and I will be showing some of my collection at the January Parks Committee meeting at my home on January 31st.

Roser Park neighbors, new and old ...



Report From The Safety Committee

by Michele A. Cardinal

Why not just leave the trash on the side of the street? Why call codes if you see broken windows, grass too high or a fence hanging? Why not leave the graffiti? It is **not** ok; it is **not** nice to look at; and most importantly, it **propagates more of the same!**



The following excerpt from Wikipedia explains it:

“Consider a building with a few broken windows. If the windows are not repaired, the tendency is for vandals to break a few more windows. Eventually, they may even break into the building, and if it’s unoccupied, perhaps become squatters or light fires inside.

Consider the sidewalk. Some litter accumulates. Soon, more litter accumulates. Eventually, people even start leaving bags of trash from take-out restaurants and more.”

A successful strategy for preventing vandalism, say the book’s authors, is to fix the problems when they are small. Repair the broken windows within a short time, say, a day or a week, and the tendency is that vandals are much less likely to break more windows or do further damage. Clean up the sidewalk every day, and the tendency is for litter not to accumulate (or for the rate of littering to be much less). Problems do not escalate and thus respectable residents do not flee a neighborhood.

The theory thus makes two major claims: that further petty crime and low-level anti-social behavior will be deterred, and major crime will, as a result, be prevented. Criticism of the theory has tended to focus only on the latter claim.

I would like to encourage all the neighbors to incorporate ‘Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design’ (CPTED) as a multi-disciplinary approach to deterring criminal behavior through environmental design. If you see trash, pick it up, as opposed to adding to it; if you see graffiti, call the graffiti hot line immediately, 893-7394; if you see a broken window or any other code violations in a vacant house, call Codes Compliance and Assistance, 893-7373; Illegal dumping, 893-7298.

What’s new?

To assist in the deterrence of crime, Historic Roser Park Neighborhood Association has installed and continues to install surveillance cameras to residents’ homes located in areas with consistent criminal activity. There will be more discussion on surveillance cameras at the quarterly Neighborhood Association meeting on January 15th.



The Safety Committee’s hot new goals for 2009 are:

- Increase surveillance throughout the neighborhood
- Partner with bordering neighborhoods to decrease crime/increase safety
- Increase police presence in our neighborhood



January is National Blood Donor Month!

The need for blood is great. On any given day, approximately 39,000 units of red blood cells are needed. Accident victims, people undergoing surgery, and patients receiving treatment for leukemia, cancer, or other diseases, such as sickle cell disease and thalassemia, all utilize blood. More than 29 million units of blood components are transfused every year.

Local Florida Blood Services:

1700 66th St N Ste 102
St. Petersburg, FL 33710
1 (727) 541-2644

10100 MLK Jr. St., North
St. Petersburg, FL 33716
1 (727) 568-5433

11401 Belcher Rd., Ste. E
Largo, FL 33773
1 (727) 544-5050

www.fbsblood.org



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A HABIT**

We are going to have a field trip...

The next Safety Committee meeting is on Thursday, January 8, 2009 at 7 pm on the corner of 8th St and 9th Avenue S. (outside). A community officer will be attending with important information so please join us.

2008 Annual Historic Roser Park Holiday Luminaries were a huge success!

Michael Manlowe and his wonderful team of neighborhood volunteers does it again! Hundreds of bright paper bags were placed around the neighborhood creating a spectacular holiday display that brought many of the neighbors out to stroll along the creek and enjoy the vision!

New this year was the outside party that was held at the bottom of Prospect Court. Tables were set up, people brought food and drinks and simply enjoyed this very special evening. Mother Nature even contributed to the enchanting evening by making the weather absolutely perfect.

If you missed it, you missed a great time! But there's always next year!



Our New Website is Up and Running! Check It Out!

www.roserpark.net

Many thanks to Brian Bailey, Dexter Fabian and their team at Rearden/Killion for the great job they did on our new website. If you haven't seen it yet, what are you waiting for?



The association is offering free advertising for your business on the site if you're a paid member of HRPNA. Simply send your info to Carolyn Pavonetti (carolyn@pavonetti.com) and we will get it running! In case you haven't noticed, the ads rotate everytime you go to a different link so the exposure is fair and continuous.



Meeting Location:

All Children's Hospital
Education and Conference
Center (Auiditorium)
701 4th St. S.

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We're on the Web!

www.roserpark.net

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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