



Historic Roser Park

Neighborhood Association Newsletter

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HRPNA Community Meeting

Thursday,
March 18th
7:00 – 8:30 P.M. at
All Children's
Conference
Center
701 4th St. S.
(parking and entrance
in rear of building)



TENTATIVE AGENDA:

- **Election of Board (please pay your 2010 dues to be eligible to vote***
- **Report from City Councilman Karl Nurse**
- **Progress Energy Spokesperson on help to save home energy**
- **Review of Park development plan**
- **Board committee reports**

* You can pay dues online by going to www.roserpark.net/neighborhood_association.php

Quarterly President Review...

It's a new decade. I don't know about you, but I am personally glad the '00s are over.

We've made lots of progress in Historic Roser Park over the past few years. I am most grateful we have as many of our residents involved as we do. From the tour of homes to the improvement of our streetscape to the growth of the art festival, our neighborhood has accomplished lots and contributed to the well-being of its residents.

It takes a community of people to progress, and the more we find even a skinch of time to help and participate, the better it is for us to live here and, hopefully, benefit from the value of our properties.

My appeal to you is for you too to find some time, no matter how small, to get involved this year. Give me a call and I can likely help you find something you might be interested in doing for Roser Park and that will work for you. We need you!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR for our next neighborhood meeting on March 18th from 7 to 8:30 p.m. With cold weather just behind us (and hot weather due back soon), it's

timely to think about how we can reduce our power/energy bills. I have invited a Progress Energy Home Energy representative to attend and tell us about the various programs they have to do just that. I can vouch for the program. PE did an energy efficiency audit of our home, then shared in the expense of new insulation, and as a result we have significantly reduced our electric bill.

We will ask Councilman Karl Nurse to give us a City Hall update. We will also take a look at a long-standing community/neighborhood development plan for Roser Park. Many of us haven't seen this plan and are very interested in reviewing it and talking about it. We will also have the election of a new board of directors. **VERY IMPORTANT MEETING – PLEASE ATTEND.**

Please plan on attending the community meeting at the All Children's Continuing Education and Conference center – 401 4th Street South (use rear/parking lot entrance).

I hope to see you!

Larry Biddle, President, HRPNA

Tour of Homes

By Deb Camfferman

The 8th Annual Historic Roser Park Tour of Homes will NOT happen in April as planned. It was scheduled for Easter weekend again (April 3rd this year), but too many factors prevent it. The major problem is that the road/wall construction project is not scheduled to be completed until May. We want the neighborhood to look its best when we invite the paying public!

Later this year, we'll decide whether to hold the tour during the Art Festival or just skip it until next year.

During the art festival, several people

commented about wanting to see some open houses. The biggest problem we would have holding both events together is the **lack of volunteers**...so we'll see how it goes.

Another big factor in the cancellation is the fact that very few people (only two!) offered to open their homes this year. It seems very clear that in order to have a Tour of Homes, we need HOMES! So our challenge will be to get more interested people when we do this again. I hope you'll consider opening your home to this event in the future.

It's time to pay the HRPNA 2010 Dues

It's easy! Just go to
http://www.roserpark.net/neighborhood_association.php
and pay your dues online! . . . or bring a check to the meeting!

\$15 per person

The Historic Roser Park Corridor Improvements

By Kai Warren



The first part of this phase of rebuilding our retaining walls along Roser Park Drive is completed. All the metal sheeting has been inserted behind the old rusticated block that formed the original retaining walls. These corrugated metal sheets serve as the main wall to keep the hills from sliding into Roser Park Drive and Booker Creek.

The next stage is the removal of the old rusticated block. This will take just a couple weeks. Then a concrete footer will be poured to create a base for the new rusticated block walls. This is something that the original walls didn't have and we have been told that this is why some of the original walls collapsed; they weren't on a solid base. This should take about six weeks. Once the footer is in place then we will see the new walls go up and that is expected to take another two months. After the walls are up the street brick, sidewalks, and granite curbing will be reset and finally the disturbed landscaping will be replaced. That will add an additional 5 weeks to the project.

Upon completion the new walls will replicate the original in almost

every detail. The height, shape, curve, and entrances will still be there only they will be new, clean, and stronger than before. The job should be completed sometime this May.

Unexpected

Everything has been going pretty much according to plan except for one mishap. On December 7 the large pile driving machine was moving along Roser Park Drive at the base of Prospect Court when its great weight broke a water main below the surface. (We were told that the main was only a couple of feet below the surface but should have been four or more feet lower.) This sent huge fountain of water shooting up about forty or fifty feet into the air. About half the water was directed toward the creek and park to the north but the other half shot up and onto Sarah McLeods front porch and yard. Sarah joked that she had always wanted a fountain in her front yard. This water display only lasted for about a half hour before the crew got the water shut off. From this point on the pile driver moved about on large timbers to distribute the weight on the road.



Art Festival News

By Shannon Struempf

Thanks to all Roser Park residents and friends who helped make our 2009 Art Festival a success! Believe it or not, we are already beginning plans for the 2010 festival. We were recently notified that the art festival has been awarded a \$15,000 grant from Bighthouse Networks. This grant money will be used in the form of a 30-second public service announcement that will run approximately 400 times on several channels in the weeks leading up to the festival!

Our goal for the 2010 festival is to make a great effort to gear our event more towards the "arts" and less towards "crafts". We plan to recruit as many local artists as we can. Please begin spreading the word to any local artists you may know who would like to be a part of our festival. They may contact Shannon for more information (727-772-3860, or email address below).

If you are interested in serving on the art festival committee for 2010, please email Shannon at shannon.struempf@gmail.com

From The Streets of Roser Park

By Michele Cardinal

The Safety Committee oversees Crime Watch and other safety issues in the neighborhood like streetlight outages, code violations, and the overall cleanliness of the neighborhood.

2009 was a very bad year for criminals in the Roser Park neighborhood – believe it or not, crime is down in our neighborhood (actual figures will be shared at the safety meeting.) We want to maintain this positive trend and talk about all the wonderful things that helped make it happen. I would like to invite everyone to a neighborhood safety meeting on **January 28th @ 6:30 pm at 909 Prospect Ct.** I want to hear from the neighborhood, good, bad or indifferent. The purpose of the meeting is to kick the new year off with some safety goals for

Historic Roser Park and make 2010 even better than 2009.

A Community Service Officer will be present to provide new information and answer any questions.

Drinks and snacks will be served.

Agenda is as followed:

- Introductions
- SPPD Community Officer
- 2009 accomplishments
- Cameras
- Street Sweeps
- 2010 Goals
- National Nite Out
- Neighbor feedback/concerns
- Wrap up

FYI By Donna Young

I wanted to make people aware of what has been thrown into the canal over the past few months by putting the following list in the newsletter of what we found on our recent canal clean out.

Here's the list: a Dell computer – VHS recorder – Cell phone in a case – 2 car

rims – 2 car tires – 1 bike – 2 bike seats – 2 bike tires – 5 pairs shorts/jeans – fishing cast net – 40 feet of heavy rope – 1 dish drain – pvc pipe – metal pipe – 2 sections of water hose – tons of plastic grocery bags.

This is just since the last clean up in the spring of this year!

News From The Parks Committee



By Michael Manlowe

Since our last planting, the parks committee has initiated a beautification program throughout Historic Roser Park. This program focuses on the easement areas in front of association members homes. (The easement is the area between the sidewalk and the street.) The association-funded program allows for 3 native plants (3-gal.) to be installed by a *Twigs & Leaves* staff member and the homeowner will then take responsibility to maintain the plantings.

There are many plant materials available and can be viewed at *Twigs & Leaves Nursery*, 1013 Dr. MLK Jr. St. S. in Roser Park Business District.

(Remember, Roser Park neighbors get 10% off of plant materials for personal landscaping needs at *Twigs & Leaves!*)

Any questions, call 727-822-5400.