



Historic Roser Park Neighborhood Association Newsletter

August 2014

NEXT GENERAL HRPNA MEETING:

Thursday,
September 17
6:30-8:30 P.M.

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



Important Neighborhood Plan Update!

Presented by the
City of St Petersburg
Community Services
Department

Quarterly President Review...

Summer is a wonderful season for vacation and relaxation. I hope that you got some of both! I have been reflecting on what a dynamic, diverse neighborhood we are a part of. The concern and passion we have for issues affecting our neighborhood will continue to protect, preserve, and evolve the neighborhood for the better.

The board of directors for the neighborhood association has set some goals for this year.

- 1) Facilitate communication between the city and the neighborhood regarding the proposed Bike and Pedestrian Trail
- 2) Update the Neighborhood Association By-Laws
- 3) Build a relationship with Bayfront Medical Center – Address Generator Noise
- 4) Update our Neighborhood Plan

Bike and Pedestrian Trail - The city has heard the concerns of the neighborhood and is interested in revising the plan. They have taken the plan back to the design team with suggested revisions. The city will host follow-up meetings with the neighborhood.

By-Laws - We have been making changes to the By-Laws and will present them at two consecutive Neighborhood Association Meetings. Revisions are voted in by a 2/3-majority vote of members.

Bayfront Medical Center – The board has worked with the police to enforce the city noise ordinance when testing their generator. It has been running less often!

New Neighborhood Plan – The city will present the updated plan and ask for feedback at the September 17 Neighborhood Association Meeting.

Stay vigilant against crime. Call all suspicious behavior to the police. We want to be known as a neighborhood that will not tolerate crime.

It's a great time to get involved in your neighborhood. We have the largest board that I can remember, with 11 members. New board members have volunteered their time to chair committees. Consider volunteering your time to help them improve and beautify our community

Catherine Nivens, NRPNA President

You are invited
to participate!

ST PETERSBURG DOWNTOWN WATERFRONT MASTER PLAN

The City is embarking upon the task of creating its first master plan for the downtown waterfront. St. Petersburg's earliest citizens had the vision and foresight to protect and preserve its downtown public waterfront, considered today the city's greatest asset. Nearly 100 years later, St. Petersburg's citizens are being asked to look into the future and envision the next generations ahead for one of the nation's largest and most beautiful downtown waterfronts.

Residents are invited to the public kick-off on **Wednesday, August 27, 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.**, at the Hilton St. Petersburg's Grand Ballroom, 331 First St. S.

**For more information, about the Project, Schedule, and Events,
please visit: <http://www.stpete.org/dtwmp>**

Treasury Report

Mishele Cardinal, Treasurer

Historic Roser Park Neighborhood has had a fiscally successful year thus far. Our account balance, as of August 8, 2014, is \$9024.51. This balance is higher than most Pinellas County Neighborhood Associations.

We have received revenue from the Tour of Homes event in April and membership dues. We paid out to advertisers, printing fees and other supplies for the Tour of Homes, 4th of July party in the park (Huge thanks to Jeff & Sharon for making that happen) website fees, food and drink for our meetings, and flowers to neighbors families for recently pasted family members.

Our Safety committee has a \$500 open budget. Some of the things we have bought in the past have been T-shirts, flashlights, solar street lights and surveillance cameras.

Our parks committee also has a \$500 open budget. Some of the things we have bought in the past for parks have been plants for neighbors easements, plants and mulch for our neighborhood entry ways, outdoor museum placards, neighborhood monuments, light post flags.

Also, we donate to a neighborhood charity most years. Past recipients have been neighbors with specific needs, Ronald McDonald House- 401 7th Ave S, Brookwood Home for Girls- 901 7th Ave S, ASAP for the Homeless- 423 11th Ave S (now current home of CASA- Community Action Stops Abuse).

Welcome to the Neighborhood

By Beth Snyder

When someone moves into Roser Park, it's generally because they know something of the character and flavor of the neighborhood and they want to be a part of it. Sometimes folks move in primarily to be closer to the hospitals or university and only afterward discover what a gem it really is. They're hooked.

So, as the established neighbors, how can we help our newcomers feel welcome and fully integrated into the life of the neighborhood? Here are a few ideas.

1.. Let the Roser Park hospitality representative (currently me - Beth Snyder), know we have a new neighbor by emailing me or calling with their name and address. I will send a welcome letter, inviting them to check our website and to provide an email address to receive information about upcoming social activities, community events and neighborhood meetings. They may also choose to be added to the Google Groups email list, which will alert them to more urgent matters of interest or safety in the neighborhood. The letter includes an invitation to officially join the association.

2. Ask them to go for a walk to view and read some of the various placards that tell a bit of the history of Roser Park. You

can point out the places where we have held past home tours and arts festivals, too.

3. Tell them about some of your favorite nearby places to shop. It's always good to know where to go for pizza, Thai food, craft beer, dry cleaners, etc. Also, because many of the houses are "vintage", it's good to know who you can trust for plumbing, electrical or AC service!

4. Invite them to go with you to the next monthly porch party and introduce them to other neighbors.

In addition to helping new neighbors feel welcome and be active, the Hospitality Team also schedules the monthly porch parties. For August, the porch party will be hosted by Tim and me on Saturday, Aug. 23, 7 pm, at 1110 Highland St S (corner of Highland and 11th Ave S). We're also looking for hosts for parties in late fall and winter. Let me know if you can open your home on a Friday or Saturday evening.

Do you know a new neighbor? Please email me their name and address (phone number and email if they are willing to share that information), so I can send them a welcome letter. It's only one step in the process of making newcomers feel they are part of a growing, active and vital presence in St Petersburg.

Attention Neighbors!

Anyone who is interested in hosting a neighborhood porch party contact Beth Snyder: bethtsnyder@gmail.com to sign up!



CareFest 2014

CareFest activities are part of St. Petersburg Mayor Rick Kriseman's I C.A.N. initiative (Involved Citizens Active in Neighborhoods), to help disseminate and support effective, efficient volunteer efforts throughout the city and throughout the year. The city's Community Services Department is spearheading the day of service in St. Petersburg. To learn more, visit www.carefestusa.com and click on "Get Involved," "Search for a Project," then "St. Petersburg."

HRPNA has a Project - Greenwood Cemetery Clean-Up September 27, 900a-1200p

For information Contact Kai Warren, 727-821-909, Kaistpete@gmail.com

Neighborhood Information

By Kathy Murphy Posey

SECLICKFIX

Reporting neighborhood issues, such as code violations and trash dumping has gotten a lot easier thanks to <http://www.seeclickfix.com/st-petersburg>, an online tool for reporting problems. The City of St. Petersburg has taken this one step further, adopting SeeClickFix as their online means of receiving reports on problems throughout the city.

Recent problems in Roser Park that have been resolved with SeeClickFix were chronic trash dumping in the alley south of N. 9th Avenue, a water leak on Martin Luther King Street, and the removal of a rotted telephone pole on Jasmine Terrace.

SeeClickFix can be downloaded to smart phones as an app, or accessed online at seeclickfix.com/st-petersburg. Any issues reported are channeled to the appropriate department of the city for resolution, with updates supplied by the department to the person reporting, or you can report an issue anonymously. You can also subscribe online to issues being reported in Roser Park if you want to keep up with neighborhood issues underway.

The Mayor's Action Line is still available by calling 893-7111 to report neighborhood issues.

ROSER PARK REPRESENTED AT CONA

The Council on Neighborhood Associations meets monthly to review issues and programs affecting the neighborhoods of St. Petersburg. The meetings present an opportunity to learn about what other neighborhoods are doing.

At a recent meeting it was learned that one neighborhood had a program aimed at cleaning up alleys that is resulting in improvements. The Roser Park Board discussed such an idea last month and is planning on implementing an Adopt-An-Alley program in which regular clean-ups are scheduled throughout the neighborhood to shape up our alleys.



2014 Tour of Homes Event – SUCCESS!

by Deb Camfferman

Our ninth Tour of Homes fundraising event was held on the Saturday of Easter weekend... April 19th, 2014. Seven (7) homes were open on the tour and the weather was an unseasonably cool day... breezy in the 70s... so our guests didn't melt while they were climbing all those stairs!

25 volunteers participated on the day of the tour covering the host homes, selling hot dogs and chips, selling tickets and Kathy Murphy was the coordinator of the day making sure everyone was at their posts and things were being done!

A committee of 5 met every other week prior to the event, beginning in January. It included a good group of complementary skills to cover all the bases... Advertising, Volunteer Coordinating, Historian to research the homes and Booklet development. I want to thank Larry Biddle, Kathy Murphy Posey, Kai Warren and Carolyn Pavonetti for serving on the committee this year.

And thank you to our hosts! Larry Biddle and David Warner,

Catherine Nivens and Michele Cardinal, Sarah McLeod, Kris Caskey, Chef Michael Baugh, and Carolyn and Nick Pavonetti had their homes open as did I.

We paid for ads in the local section of the Tampa Bay Times and in Creative Loafing and we got FREE advertizing by the Tampa Bay Times in the form of a fabulous article that came out the week of the event!

We also got free advertizing on Clear Channel digital billboards (a first!) in Pasadena and Largo.

We collected \$950 for ad sales in the booklet and we had a profit of approximately \$4,150 for our event!

The day ended with a porch party hosted by Sue and Matt Nigro. It was nice to relax after that long day...

We'll be able to do this again next year if we find other hosts willing to open their homes. I understand that others were interested, so maybe we'll be able to find another group to keep this going to the 10th Tour of Homes event!



Our Bird Houses Need Repair

If you or someone you know have the ability/know how to repair small houses please contact Michele at cardinal.michele@gmail.com. Our Birdhouses, located next the the Ronald McDonald house is in desperate need of repair.

A past neighbor, Dick Geibner, built the bird houses and a variety of birds have made them their home for almost 8 years now and two of the three are in desperate need of repair. They are such a wonderful addition to our park



Meeting Location:
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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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