

Historic Roser Park

Neighborhood Association Newsletter

March, 2015

NEXT GENERAL HRPNA MEETING:

**Thursday, March
26th
7:00 PM**

**New Location:
Bayfront Health
St Petersburg
701 Sixth Street
SouthSheen
Conference
Center, Salon A**

IMPORTANT!

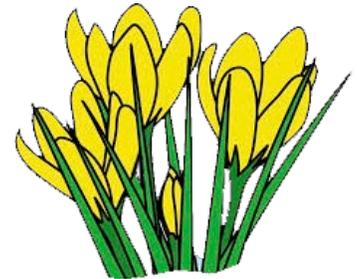
**Voting for new
board members
will take place!**

**(Must be a paid
member to vote)**

Letter from the President

Roser Park is ready to spring forward. The birds are singing and flowers are blooming. It's a beautiful time of year in our historic neighborhood. We have two dynamic issues the neighborhood will decide this year. First is the Pedestrian/Bike Trail. We have had a follow-up meeting with the city of Saint Petersburg. This meeting disclosed two possible paths to take (no pun intended) both supported by the city. One is a boardwalk path, less disruptive to our landscape than the previous plan. The other, signage that directs cyclists along Roser Park Drive and biking would be on the road. The second plan would mean no path through our neighborhood. These options will be available for the neighborhood to review soon. The city has asked neighbors to submit comments to Cheryl Stacks.

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The second issue is implementing our Neighborhood Plan.

The plan is a compilation of goals for our neighborhood. The final document is the product of several planning meetings with the city, a neighborhood consulting group, and Roser Park neighbors. The projects have to be funded by September 2015. Read more on the Neighborhood Plan implementation in a separate article by Larry Biddle.

At our March Community Meeting we will be hearing from Bayfront COO, regarding the generator noise, electing board members and voting on revised By-Laws. Neighborhood association members interested in serving on the board, please submit your name to Debra Camfferman, camffdeb@gmail.com, to get your name on the ballot.

Regards,

Catherine Nivens
HRPNA President

HRPNA Dues are only \$15 per person per year

Members paid in full between January 1 and the March meeting may vote on Board Members at the annual meeting.

Associate memberships (for persons or organizations outside Historic Roser Park neighborhood boundaries) are also \$15 per person per year.

To pay online, go to our website, HistoricRoserPark.org and click the Membership button on the right and choose the number of members in the dropdown box. You can pay with PayPal or credit card.

To pay by check, please mail your name(s) and address with a check made out to "HRPNA" to HRPNA Treasurer, 909 Prospect Ct., St Petersburg, FL 33701

Be sure to sign up for updates on our website to receive HRPNA email news and notices.

Treasury Report

Michele Cardinal, Treasurer

The close of another year is upon us and so comes forth the annual Treasurer's Report. Our current balance with C1 Bank is \$8,824.81.

We began the year with our Tour of Homes which was a wonderful success generating a gross revenue of \$2,682.

This year HRPNA sponsored two of our residents, who are also board members, for CONA (Council of Neighborhood Association) Leadership, which by the way, HRPNA is a paid member of CONA.

HRPNA also provides food, drinks and snacks for meetings and neighborhood holidays/celebrations, neighborhood clean-up supplies (as you will soon read more about), and have assisted others in the community who need help.

We also nearly doubled our membership for 2014. Speaking of membership did you know you can go paperless and pay via PayPal. Simply go to the Paypal website, sign up, search for Roser Park...it is free and convenient! OR you can go to our website, HistoricRoserPark.org and click the Membership button on the right and choose the number of members in the dropdown box

CONA Leadership Training

The Council of Neighborhood Associations offers annual training for community leaders from Jan through May.

Kathy Murphy-Posey and Sharon Ewe are attending this year's training, supported by the neighborhood association.

PROGRAM OBJECTIVES:

1. To broaden potential neighborhood leaders' understanding of the community;
2. To expand the pool of skilled neighborhood Leaders;
3. To encourage the establishment of networks among neighborhood leaders;
4. To enhance the ability of neighborhoods to resolve problems on their own or in cooperation with other neighborhoods and/or institutions and;
5. To introduce participants to decision-makers in our City and County governments, and throughout our community.

Roser Park Dr. and Sewer Lines Repair

by Deb Camfferman

The City has begun a project that will take several months to rehabilitate the aging and deteriorating sewer lines under Roser Park Drive. This will involve road closures (as we've already seen) as they move from one section to another. The project scope includes Roser Park Drive from Martin Luther King JR Street to 5th Street S.



HRPNA Purchases Lawn Equipment for Members Use

By Kathy Posey

Recent clean-up projects have been hampered by the lack of gas-powered weed eaters and blowers to facilitate these clean ups. To improve effectiveness of these projects, and to provide equipment that will improve the appearance of Roser Park, the neighborhood association has purchased a Husqvarna gas-powered backpack blower and weed eater for use by association members.

In addition to neighborhood clean-up projects, the equipment can be used in members' yards. In return for using the equipment, members are being asked to do a little something to help improve the neighborhood's appearance while they've got the equipment checked out, such as blowing leaves and dirt from the street, or cutting weeds or growth in the neighborhood streets and alleys.

This new equipment is being kept at Board members Aron and Alexis Kaloostian's home on 9th Avenue South and can be booked by emailing Aron at akaloostian@gmail.com. This equipment is a benefit of membership in the neighborhood association and members are encouraged to make use of the equipment.

To use the equipment, send Aron an email 24 hours before wanting the equipment and Aron will have it fueled up and ready to go for you. The rental period will be for 24 hours, unless longer is requested. The equipment uses a special fuel mix that Aron is handling so we're leaving the fuel mixing to Aron solely. If you want to check out the pre-mixed fuel can, just let Aron know. When you pick up the equipment, Aron will check you out on it. While the equipment is in your possession, you are responsible for its security.

Thanks to Aron Kaloostian for arranging for the purchase of the equipment and for volunteering to house the equipment and keeping it in running condition.



March Porch Party

Saturday, March 28, 6:00 PM

Hosts: Paul and Lisa Suprenand

Location: 835 7th Str S - next to the Ronald McDonald House

We will have a St. Paddy's Day theme and guests are welcome to bring beer, wine or appetizers to share. We've lived in the neighborhood for about a year and a half. We have two young ones - other kiddos welcome.



Neighborhood Plan

by Larry Biddle

In 2014, Historic Roser Park neighbors, with the help and guidance of the City of St. Petersburg Department of Community Services, was able to complete a revised neighborhood plan (original plan was created in 1992). Participation by residents was vital to the development of the plan. Now it is time for neighbors to work on the implementation phase of the plan. A specific action plan will be created along with a list of priorities for implementation. A series of meetings are now underway and we invite neighbors to become members of the

HRPNA Codes Officer

Hello Roser Parkians! My name is Aron Kaloostian and for the past year I have had the privilege of serving as the HRPNA Codes Officer.

You may be asking yourself right now, "What does a Codes Officer do?" The truth of the matter is that we weren't really sure what my role was going to be in the beginning and it's a position that is still in the works of its creation. The basic idea was that you, as members of the HRPNA would have a point of contact to talk with regarding issues you may be having with things in the neighborhood that need to be fixed or addressed and are possibly in violation of city code.

I am certainly not a codes expert but I have learned a lot over the past year with small issues and projects I have pursued. I am more than happy any time to help you along with the process of researching a code or even talking about something you're unsure of.

Some of the things I have personally been working on recently range from noise violations to junk, rubbish and improper outdoor storage. I must say that I have been very impressed with the city's response to my pursuits and our Zone 8 Codes Officer, Shelley Thomas has been extremely helpful. She is extremely busy but still finds the time to keep me informed and up to speed on issues I have brought her way.

I want to take this time to give you a few

planning committee. Check the HRPNA website for meeting announcements. The first meeting was held March 11th.

Here is the URL to see the full plan and determine if you are interested in being a committee member and helping:

<http://www.stpete.org/neighborhoods/neighborhoodplans.asp>

PURPOSE

The Historic Roser Park Neighborhood Plan establishes the neighborhood's long-term vision with an action plan and priorities for achieving the vision. The plan builds on Historic Roser Park's strengths and assets, and seeks to preserve and enhance the neighborhood's historic

pieces of advice when it comes to reporting a violation and also to share some of the resources are that we as residents of "The Burg" have available to us.

First and foremost the St. Petersburg Police non-emergency line is a great number to call when you have an incident that doesn't qualify as an emergency. Examples of this are continuous noise from a residence/establishment keeping you up at night, to suspicious activities in the neighborhood. I was not only commended recently but also encouraged by District 1 Community Service Sergeant Larry Hordge to remind you as residents to call in every non-emergency issue no matter the time of day/night. Although the St. Petersburg Police's response time varies depending on their call load, I assure you these calls don't go unnoticed. A simple call can be the baseline for your case and is a catalyst for future justice. I can't stress the importance of utilizing this number and don't be discouraged if you are told that they are very busy. The call is still logged and creates a paper trail regarding your concern.

Another great resource is a website and phone app called *See Click Fix*. This is a program that allows you to take a picture with your smartphone and report an issue right there on the spot. Even if you are unsure of using this app, you can still create a username on the website and report violations from there. The reason I like this program so much is that you

fabric and unique character. Expanded commercial development, enhanced mobility, and accessibility for all segments of the community, involvement of neighborhood residents, and integration with surrounding city neighborhoods are central features of the plan.

Community partnerships, collaboration, and leveraging of resources will be integral to implementation of the plan as several of the actions are intended to be community initiated and orchestrated. The Plan will also inform city decision making for policy, land use, project, or program actions that could influence the achievement of the Historic Roser Park vision.

are continuously emailed with updates regarding the progress of your case and other cases you may be following. Also you are given an issue ID number so if you call the codes department for follow up there's a reference for them to look it up. You are also capable of reporting a violation anonymously for some of the more sensitive issues to deal with. I highly encourage you all to go on the See Click Fix website or download the app to create a username and password. The more people that start using it, the better the program will become!

I want to lastly say that my wife Lex and I are very proud to be a part of this neighborhood and that we have seen so many positive changes occur in just the past 2 years of living here. I know many of you have been living here for quite some time so thank you for the foundation you have already laid out for us new residents. I am highly motivated to make things better around here and encourage all of you to keep up the hard work because it's absolutely making a difference.

Please feel free to contact me anytime regarding anything you may have questions about regarding codes or to simply chat about something that may be bothering you around the neighborhood. If we can't fix it hopefully we can find someone who can. Keep up the good work everyone and let's keep looking out for one another and heading in the direction we are.

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Meeting Location:
All Children's Hospital Continuing
Education Center
701 4th St. S.

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Newsletter Submissions:
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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
Report a problem	www.seeclickfix.com/st-petersburg
County Animal control	582-2600
City of St Petersburg – service request:	http://www.stpete.org/action.htm

If you would like to submit an article for HRPNA newsletter, please contact Carolyn Pavonetti via email: carolyn@pavonetti.com

Attention Neighbors!

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



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