



Summer 2005

# Newsletter

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(as of July 15, 2004)

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- Mary Donaldson – Newsletter
- Barbara Kley – Youth
- Gary Moffett – Litter
- Ed Moser – Business Assn., Beautification
- Vacant – Membership

**RCC meetings are held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each month, 7:30 p.m. in the library of Our Mother of Sorrows School. There is no meeting in August.**

**From the President.....Michael Watson**

While reflecting upon what I would like to share, I'm pleased to recognize and thank our strong body of committed Trustees and Chairs, which has set an example and developed a strategy for accomplishing exalted goals for our neighborhood.

**By the time this newsletter reaches you, we will have finalized the slate of Trustee and Officer candidates for the annual election on July 14, 2005. For those of you who have accepted the challenge, I commend you for making a concerted decision for our future. For those who are contemplating stronger RCC participation, please do not hesitate. Your active concern for Roselawn is always needed.**

**Reflecting upon the past few months' meetings:** We have been fortunate to have substantive and spirited dialogues with Mayoral Candidates D. Pepper and A. Reece. Councilmembers C. Monzel, C. Smitherman, and City Council Candidate D. Wilson have taken time to spend an evening with Roselawn's active community. I personally want to thank each one, and make special mention of Judge K. Cole who exhibits his appreciation for our community council through his consistent attendance at our monthly meetings.

There are issues and concerns with which we must come to grip. To mention a few:

- ✓ **Rite Aide** site (formerly Chili Time), business developments, and decisions on creating Roselawn's public perception. Each homeowner and apartment dweller has a choice to share his concerns at our meetings. Our City Councilmembers, Community Councilmembers and State Representatives rely on us to communicate our concerns, compliments, and criticisms to them, via e-mail, telephone and postal mail.
- ✓ **Property owners** who have received a recent notice from our Hamilton County Auditor on property value should respond to and attend the meeting that will allow you to influence your own property value and worth.
- ✓ **Waterworks customers should** respond to the latest notice of scheduling a date and time for meters to be installed.
- ✓ **Social Security issues** that were addressed at our May RCC Meeting by expert-in-residence, Mr. B. Rankin, reminded us that we do have a voice.

In closing, please let your voice be heard. Mrs. Donaldson is eager to print your thoughts, experiences and concerns in your Roselawn Community Council's newsletter.

The RCC Phone number is 821-8918.  
[www.Roselawn.org](http://www.Roselawn.org)



Do you have exciting news or an item of interest you would like to share with the Roselawn community? Contact Mary Donaldson, newsletter editor, via email at [mdonaldson@fuse.net](mailto:mdonaldson@fuse.net), or by phone at 821-9682.

- Here are the city phone numbers to call if you wish to report litter, trash or overgrown grass and weeds:
- 24-Hour Customer Service Hotline.....591-6000
  - Occupied Property..... 352-2908
  - Vacant residential building.....352-3275
  - Vacant lot.....564-1750
  - Vacant Commercial Property..352-3267/352-2908
  - Abandoned Vehicles.....352-3576

## What's Go'in On?

While many of us were snug in our beds, eight hearty souls spent a wet and cold Saturday morning on April 23rd picking up trash from the streets of Roselawn as part of the area effort sponsored by **Keep Cincinnati Beautiful**. Fifteen bags of litter and a tire were removed. A group from Faith Miracle Center also pitched in later in the morning.

Special thanks to Tim Phalen for the pizza lunch that was donated from the Roselawn LaRosa's. The Legacy hosted the lunch and provided beverages (thanks, Faith Hall), and the Library allowed the Community Council to hold the pre-cleanup registration in their back room (thanks, Nancy Sampson). It was indeed a team effort.

Thanks to Susan Glas, Cindy Shafer (the cookie lady), Nancy Sunnenberg, Roy Jones, Hogarth Merrick, Gary Moffett, Ed Moser, Mike Watson (Mr. M & M's) and the folks from Faith Miracle Center for braving the elements and getting the job done.

From May 3 to September 30, 2005, Hamilton County residents can once again get rid of their household hazardous waste for free at two drop-off sites. You do not need a voucher but must bring proof of Hamilton County residency.

Environmental Enterprises, Inc.  
4650 Spring Grove Avenue, 45232

Tuesdays from 3-8 p.m.  
Thursdays from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.  
Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.  
Closed July 2 and Sept. 3

Environmental Enterprises, Inc.  
10163 Cincinnati-Dayton Road, 45241  
Cincinnati, OH 45241 Wednesday from 3-8 p.m.  
Friday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

More information? 946-7734 or  
[www.hcdoes.org](http://www.hcdoes.org)

### Roselawn Lutheran Church – 1608 Summit Road

Join us for music, games, story, dance for children who have completed grades Kindergarten through 4. Weekday mornings - July 5 through July 15, 9:30 a.m. - 12:00 Noon. Come early for breakfast at 9:00 a.m. There is no charge, but please call today to reserve a spot. The phone number is **821-5730**.

Bond Hill Recreation Center is sponsoring **Sundown Fun** in the Roselawn Lutheran Church parking lot on Thursday, August 4. This is a program for youth and families to participate in games, arts and crafts. There is no charge. The program is from **6:00 PM to 8:00 PM**.

The annual council elections will be held at the monthly meeting on July 8, 7:30 p.m. The following Roselawn residents have agreed to run for open trustee and officer positions:

Proposed for 3-year terms as Trustees:  
**Pam Griffith, Hogarth Merrick, Gary Moffett, Nancy Sampson**

Proposed Officer Slate:  
**Robert Ingberg (07).....Treasurer**  
**Barbara Kley (07) .....Secretary**  
**Hogarth Merrick (08)..... Exec Vice President**  
**Nancy Sunnenberg .....Vice President**  
**Michael R. Watson ..... President**

### Roselawn Library- Valley Shopping Center – 369-6045

**Thursday, June 30, 3:00 p.m., Ages 8-14**  
Paint a Mural! Help decorate the Roselawn Branch.

**Thursday, July 7, 3:00 p.m., Ages 6-12**  
Picture Puzzlers: Decorate a picture frame with puzzle pieces. Registration required.

**Monday, July 11, 6:00 p.m., All Ages**  
The Magic of Tom Bemmes

**Thursday, July 21, 2005, 5:00 p.m., Ages 6-12**  
Science Crime Solver with Crystal Clear Science. Registration required.

**Monday, July 25, 2005, 2:00 p.m., Ages 8-12**  
Mechanical Mysteries: Take apart broken machines to find out how they work. Registration required.

**Monday, August 8, 3:30 p.m., Ages 6-12**  
Fun in the Sun: Decorate a fun summer hat! Registration required.

**Tuesday, August 16, 4:00 p.m., Ages 12-18**  
End of Summer Party for Teens: Registration required.

**Thursday, August 18, 2:00 p.m., Ages 8-16**  
Back to School Power. Learn how to use the Library's resources to help you with your home work!

## **Roselawn Condon School Notes – Pam Griffith**

### **Back to School, Ready to Learn Celebration**

**On Friday, August 12, 2005, from 6:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.**, Cincinnati Parents for Public Schools (CPPS), The WIZ 100.9 FM and Cincinnati Public Schools (CPS) will host the **Back to School, Ready to Learn Celebration** at The Legacy Banquet and Conference Center, 7617 Reading Road in Roselawn.

CPS parents, students and families are invited to come celebrate the beginning of school. As part of the festivities, a fun-filled day of entertainment is planned, with refreshments, educational information, parent seminars and free school supplies.

To help kick-off the celebration, the nationally syndicated Russ Parr Morning Show will air live at the event from 6:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. featuring national recording artists and personalities. In addition, the WIZ will continue to broadcast live the rest of the day from the event and feature local artists including CPS student talent. The WIZ also will give away lunch boxes, movie passes and numerous other surprises. An ice-cream social will top off the afternoon.

Come join us in the festivities and celebration as we kick off the 2005-06 school year! Start spreading the news now that, "It's cool to be in school" on Tuesday, August 23, and every school day!

### **Ice Cream Social**

Mark your calendar now for the Roselawn Condon School's **Annual Ice Cream Social** to be held **August 22<sup>nd</sup>, from 6:00 – 7:30 p.m.** This is the evening prior to the opening of school. Parents and students will be able to enjoy ice cream while meeting some of the school staff. The school's Partner in Education will be there to pass out free school supplies to students enrolled at R/C for the 05-06 school year. Spirit Wear T-Shirts will also be on sale, for any new and returning students or parents. Remember, at R/C every Friday is wear your **Spirit Wear Day**.

### **Positive School Culture**

Kudos to **Roselawn Condon School** for being honored by the Southwest Ohio Special Education Regional Resource Center (SERRC) for creating a positive school culture. Roselawn Condon recently was recognized for creating an environment that helps students be safe, respectful, responsible and engaged in learning. Statistics show student behavior greatly improved at Roselawn Condon as a result of its emphasis on Cincinnati Public Schools' Positive School Culture strategy. Well done everyone!

### **Roselawn Condon 2005 Science Fair List of Winners**

#### **8<sup>th</sup> Grade Category**

1<sup>st</sup> Place—Elijah White

2<sup>nd</sup> Place—Chloe Amitin and Alexis Turner

#### **7<sup>th</sup> Grade Category**

1<sup>st</sup> Place—Philip Gibert, Marland Mullins, Anthony Mullins

2<sup>nd</sup> Place—Ashley Ewing and Shamyra Holcomb

#### **6<sup>th</sup> Grade Category**

1<sup>st</sup> Place—Nia Furr

2<sup>nd</sup> Place—Jaciva Conwell, Alyssa Davis, Maya Mitchell

#### **4<sup>th</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> Grade Category**

1<sup>st</sup> Place Tie - Anthony Smith - 4<sup>th</sup> grade., Mya Reed—5<sup>th</sup> Grade

2<sup>nd</sup> Place—Kamiya Fletcher—4<sup>th</sup> Grade

**Best in Show: Breanna Treadwell & Micaiah Shells – 6<sup>th</sup> Grade C.P.**

On May 12, 2005 prominent Roselawn resident and artist **Annie Ruth** was honored as a **YWCA Career Woman of Achievement!** A partial list of the achievements that lead to her selection include:

- ❖ Nominated for Pulitzer Prize for her book of poems entitled *Sing Out for the Reader Who Loves to Explore Life*
- ❖ Work with writing students, mentors children and teaches art classes for all ages.
- ❖ 2003 Duncanson Artist-in-Residence at the Taft Museum of Art
- ❖ 1999 Enquirer Woman of the Year
- ❖ Produced her first CD in 2002, *Soul of a Sister*

According to the program bio, "**As a poet, author and visual artist, Annie Ruth uses her artwork to advocate for children and promote her message of sisterhood.**" **Congratulations, Annie Ruth!**

