



Winter 2005

Newsletter

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(as of July, 2005)

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COMMITTEE CHAIRS:

- Lorie Buxton – Website
- Mary Donaldson – Newsletter
- Barbara Kley – Youth
- Gary Moffett – Litter
- Nancy Sampson – NBD Manager
- Maurice Taylor - Membership

LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

- Beautification
- Law & Safety
- NSP Manager

RCC meetings are held on the 2nd 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

The holidays and spiritual months are upon us once again. While spending time valuing the graces of family, food and friends, give a moment's thought to imagining the Roselawn we can create through the shared conviction and hard work of all of our neighbors in this growing community. If Roselawn and Bond Hill could sway the deciding vote for Mayor of Cincinnati, what change could we make in our own neighborhoods by working together?

New neighbors and businesses are moving next door. We have an obligation to welcome them. Their obligation should be to value their new home or business as if it were the Taj Mahal. Ed Moser asked kids from Marva Collins School to create the colorful trashcans we see around Roselawn so that they would learn to be responsible caretakers of our neighborhood. We adults should already be practicing responsibility in caring about our neighborhood. Thank you, Ed, for caring.

My porch light is on at night because Specialist Dukes educated me about simple ways to make our neighborhood a safer place, for me, and for my neighbors. Thank you, Specialist Dukes, for caring.

Bond Hill is installing cameras to deter crime. Has Roselawn made the same decision? Please think about the pros & cons. I personally do not want them. There are reasons that deviant behaviors are occurring in our neighborhood. I shall not expound on the crimes because I am looking for solutions. The solutions come from the individual commitments Each-and-Every-One-of-Us makes to the community where we have chosen to make our home and raise our families. Please, choose to care.

There are exciting changes developing in Roselawn, because we are the northern gateway into the City of Cincinnati. I see Roselawn as a neighborhood that cares to make a difference. What do you see? I invite you to share your ideas at our first Community Council meeting of the New Year, January 12, 2006, in the Library of Our Mother of Sorrows School, beginning promptly at 7:30PM.

Michael R. Watson
RCC President

The RCC Phone number is 821-8918.
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Do you have news or an item of interest you to share with the Roselawn community? Contact Mary Donaldson, newsletter editor, via email at 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

DEAR READERS, PLEASE TAKE A MOMENT TO SHARE YOUR THOUGHTS WITH US BY COMPLETING THIS SURVEY. YOUR ANSWERS SUPPORT THE REDEVELOPMENT OF THE ROSELAWN BUSINESS DISTRICT.

TYPE OF RESPONDENT (CIRCLE ALL THAT APPLY): BUSINESS PERSON RESIDENT COMMERCIAL PROPERTY OWNER

LIST THREE ROSELAWN BUSINESSES YOU HAVE USED IN THE PAST FOUR WEEKS.

A. _____

B. _____

C. _____

WHERE DO YOU DO YOUR PRIMARY GROCERY SHOPPING (STORE NAME AND LOCATION)?

WHERE DO YOU TAKE YOUR DRYCLEANABLES (STORE NAME AND LOCATION)?

DO YOU FREQUENT A COFFEE SHOP AT LEAST ONCE PER WEEK? YES NO

IF YES, WHAT IS THE NAME AND LOCATION OF THAT COFFEE SHOP?

DO YOU OWN A PET? YES NO

IF SO, WHERE DO YOU BUY YOUR PET FOOD AND SUPPLIES (STORE NAME AND LOCATION)?

WHERE IS YOUR VETERINARIAN LOCATED? _____

HOW OFTEN DO YOU MEET FRIENDS FOR A SOCIAL LUNCH OR DINNER, OTHER THAN A BIRTHDAY OR ANNIVERSARY? WEEKLY MONTHLY SELDOM NEVER

NAME YOUR MOST FREQUENTLY VISITED RESTAURANT. _____

IF YOU ARE A ROSELAWN BUSINESS OWNER:

DO YOU ADVERTISE YOUR BUSINESS? YES NO

IF YES, WHERE AND WHEN WAS YOUR LAST ADVERTISEMENT PUBLISHED?

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN DISCUSSING COOPERATIVE ADVERTISING WITH OTHER ROSELAWN BUSINESS OWNERS? YES NO

NAME THE DAY OF WEEK OR DAY OF MONTH, AND TIME, WHEN YOU WOULD ATTEND A ROSELAWN BUSINESS ASSOCIATION MEETING. _____

THANK YOU KATIE CAPPEL (JLS PROPERTIES), CEDRIC NEWBERRY (MEINEKE) AND BARBARA KLEY (ROSELAWN LUTHERAN) FOR REPRESENTING YOUR BUSINESS AT THE NOVEMBER 16 MEETING OF THE ROSELAWN BUSINESS ASSOCIATION!

NEXT MEETING OF THE ROSELAWN BUSINESS ASSOCIATION: FRIDAY JANUARY 6. 2006 AT 8AM. BREAKFAST

**Roselawn Condon Community Learning Center –
School for the Future: By Caryl S. Cooley Fullman**

**Beautification and Litter
Committee News**

The school located in Roselawn (by whatever name through the years) has always held a position of central importance, a pivotal point for the overall neighborhood. It is, therefore, appropriate that it continue to have a vibrant connection. The Cincinnati Public Schools has deemed Roselawn Condon to go forward as a renovated Community Learning Center, while maintaining its initial and primary purpose for education of a diverse population of children, including those with varying degrees of challenges.

A planning process has been initiated. The Community Building Institute has contracted with Cincinnati Public Schools to facilitate this multi-step procedure, with strong representation from all segments of the educational and residential community. Several meetings have take place to assess the strengths of the Roselawn neighborhood (and there are MANY). Likewise, we are envisioning the ways in which the school could serve in a host of new programs, services, and out-reach opportunities for all residents of the Roselawn environs.

Some of the current considerations are after-school programs, recreation and fitness, arts collaborative, health collaborative, parent center, social services, tutoring, adult education, and computer services. Several other ideas are being evaluated. Your suggestions are welcome. Call the school at 363-4800.

Road Repair Plans: Reading Road, from Section Road to the corporation line, will be improved between the spring and summer of 2006. The road work will include: 1) grind-off; 2) leveling; 3) wedging of manholes; and 4) final course paving (late summer). Some limited curb repair will also likely occur. No sidewalk repair or replacement will be included in this ODOT Urban Paving Program project.

**Are you interested in Disaster Preparedness training??
Rick Dieringer, President of Invest in Neighborhoods, Inc. writes:**

Community councils and other community individuals can play a big part in the event of a disaster. The best and most timely response is local, with individuals prepared to look to their own well-being and that of those around them.

There was discussion of Citizens Emergency Response Teams (CERT) and how they could be organized along the CPOP team model in each neighborhood. As with CPOP teams, basic training is involved. This training will enable the neighborhood councils to have a group of citizens trained to respond to disasters within their neighborhoods, before the arrival of emergency agencies.

Hamilton County Emergency Management has funding available to train about 150 CERT volunteers. We encourage every community council to mention this at your next meeting.

More information available on the web at
<http://www.citizencorps.gov/programs/cert.shtm>

Ed Moser resigned as Beautification Chair in early September. The RCC needs to select someone new to handle those obligations. If you feel inclined to add some color to your community during the coming years, please contact Ed. The RCC has a supply of tools that would allow several people to work together as a family activity or with friends. Ed can be reached at 615-3638 or Handyone@one.net

Our entry in the mini project category with **Keep Cincinnati Beautiful**, won an Honorable Mention at the Annual Awards Celebration. Our project this year focused on shifting the viewer's perspective at the Rite Aid site. (NE corner of Reading Road and Section Avenue) The prize was an Honorable Mention Certificate and a \$25 Gift Card for Benken Greenhouse, and recognition for Roselawn at this annual event.

Litter Chair Gary Moffett writes:

There were six (6) folks who participated in the October 22 clean-up - two Roselawners (Susan Glas and myself), a Price Hillian/Hellian (Ed Moser), a friend of Ed's from Symmes Township (Steve Pelle), and two gentleman parolees (Dexter and Michael). Forty (40) bags of litter and vegetation (from overgrown tree areas) along the Reading Road and other streets were collected.

I propose that a minimum of fifteen (15) folks commit to any future KCB efforts in the future.

TALK TO US! TALK TO US! TALK TO US!
Your response to the **BUSINESS SURVEY** is important to us! THANK YOU for returning your completed survey to the Community Council office ASAP!

Roselawn Condon School

We are in the planning/design stage for the school renovation process. Roselawn Condon will be renovated as part of the CPS Master Facilities Plan. We are requesting your input on the building design and the programs that should be included. We will open a Parent Center in mod. IV in early December to serve our parents. Mrs. Beatrice Mays, Assistant School Coordinator, will be overseeing the center and working with parents. Our goal is to increase parental involvement and to assist the parents with instructional and daily living skills pertaining to their children.

As the weather changes and we have snow or inclement weather, please note the following:

Listen to radio or TV stations for school closing announcements. There are two different messages for Cincinnati Public Schools

1. Cincinnati Public Schools Closed.
2. Cincinnati Public Schools "Two hour delay." In the event of a two-hour delay, students should report to school at 11:15 a.m. with dismissal at 3:45 p.m.

*Students will be served lunch, not breakfast. It is essential for students to attend school on inclement weather days.

Regular class instruction will take place.

Important Dates & Events: The following are some upcoming events that you should note on your calendar:

- ✓ **Monday, December 19-January 1 –Holiday Vacation Break**
- ✓ **Monday, January 2, 2006 –School Resumes.**
- ✓ **Monday, January 16, 2006 Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday. No school.**
- ✓ **Friday, January 22, 2006 End of the 2nd Quarter. No school**
- ✓ **Friday, February 17, 2006 Staff Development Day. No school**
- ✓ **Monday, February 20, 2006 Presidents Day. No school**

“CPOP” Community Problem Oriented Policing

CPOP is a proven method for resolving community safety problems using teams that include citizens and police. CPOP also empowers community stakeholders to take control of their neighborhoods. Cincinnati Police Department personnel, Community Police Partnering Center staff, and CPOP teams are improving safety and quality of life in Cincinnati's neighborhoods.

So what is a problem that a CPOP team might address? Drug sales, blighted properties, loitering, prostitution, absentee landlords, litter

CPOP teams are often able to:

- Eliminate or reduce harm from the problem
- Reduce the number of incidents
- Improve management of the problem
- Refer the problem to the proper authority

There is a CPOP meeting scheduled for the Roselawn community on December 13, 2005 from 6:30 – 7:30 PM at the Police Sub-Station located in the Valley Shopping Center next to Franklin Savings and Loan. Roselawn Neighborhood Officer Charles Dukes and Community Outreach Worker for the Community Police Partnering Center Charles Houston will be conducting the meeting. For more information, please call your Roselawn Community Outreach Worker, Charles Houston at (513) 236 – 7216 or by email chouston@gcul.org. In order for CPOP to be effective in Roselawn, we need your participation.

A Library Planning Opinion by RCC Trustee Bob Ingberg

How does a new, improved Roselawn library sound to you? In the 1940s, '50s and '60s our Roselawn library was situated in the Roselawn Center Building along Section Avenue. When this location proved to be too small to satisfy the needs and requirements of the community, it was moved to the Valley Shopping Center where, for over 25 years, we have enjoyed its services.

At the November Roselawn Community Council general meeting, library representatives discussed the possibility of again expanding our local facilities, combining with the Bond Hill library unit and moving into a portion of the recently renovated former Elder-Beerman building at Jordan Crossing. This plan would allow the storage of a much larger number and variety of books, including valuable resource material. It would permit an improved and expanded computer usage system as well as provide increased number of hours open to the public. Also, a larger parking area and additional meeting rooms would be a part of the expansion.

Looking at the big picture, the move would be more economical for the entire Hamilton County Public Library system. It is nice to know that at least one public institution is seeking ways to improve services, plan for the future and use our tax dollars more efficiently.

