



Newsletter

Summer 2011

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RCC meetings are held on the 2nd Thursday of each month.

7:00 to 7:30
Social Time

7:30 – 8:30
Business Meeting

Meeting Room
Roselawn Lutheran Church

Upcoming Meeting Dates

- No August Meeting
- Sept 8**
- Oct 13**
- Nov 10**
- Dec 8**

The RCC Answering Machine Phone number is 821-8918.

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A Word from the President.....

In my most recent role as president of the Roselawn Community Council I have repeatedly found myself pondering the meaning of community service. Although community seems like a big word, its true meaning is quite simple. Community involves *each* and *every* person who lives or works in Roselawn. Community service doesn't necessarily require a fancy title or high-tech skills. It does however, call for *action*.

Throughout Roselawn there are many residents, business owners and faith-based organizations who take great pride in promoting the good of our neighborhood. These folks take the time to plant flowers, mow lawns and remove litter from their doorsteps. Others donate their talents, time and effort to beautify areas such as the Wishing Well on Reading Rd, the Arches on Rosecliff, or put sweat equity into building Roselawn's first community garden. Yet others serve our community by sharing their views at monthly meetings or work as trustees of the community council. These acts of pride are reshaping the future of Roselawn. With our ongoing effort and collaboration Roselawn will thrive and remain strong. If you're interested in strengthening the quality of life in Roselawn, please attend our next meeting on September 8th or call our business line to get more information - 513-821-8918.
Monica Plear



Celebrate at The Arches included very special guests – descendants of Robert and Raymond Wachendorf, developers of our historic community. Historian Beth Sullebarger spoke of her research on Roselawn, and its unique background in Cincinnati.

Pictured (l-r) are Great-grandsons Alex and Eric Wachendorf, Tim Rolf (Rolf Monuments, maker of the plaques), Joanne Wachendorf Martin (Raymond's daughter), Brad Wachendorf (Robert's grandson), Martha Wachendorf Broerman Brosz (mother was Robert and Raymond's Sister), Beth Sullebarger, local historian and researcher.

The first annual **Golden Trowel Awards** were handed out at **Celebrate at The Arches** on Sunday, July 17. The awards were given out to recognize outstanding residential gardeners, business landscaping, and community beautification volunteers.

The 2011 recipients are (l-r) Grace Wilson (Corvallis), Dave Hamler (Shenandoah), Beverly Powell (Corvallis), Dennis Mueller (Glendon PI), Bob Ingberg (Blackstone). Not pictured, O'Reilly Auto Parts.

Many more photos are available on the website, roselawn.org.



Although the monthly meeting starting time is 7:30 p.m., we have a **social time** prior to the meeting from **7:00 to 7:30**. Please join us at the next date for refreshments and a chance to chat and socialize prior to the business meeting. Attendance at meetings is open to everyone, not just members. You'll be glad you came!

Community News – *What's Goin' On* at your House of Worship, or on your Street?

Community Gardening is happening!

Have you been to the northeast corner of Reading Road and Section lately? Then you've seen the new Community Garden, funded by "Closing the Health Gap." Raised growing beds, on-site water, and security fencing are available. As of July 27, 4 plots remained available.

Several plots are growing vegetables, cucumbers, tomatoes and beans, for the Food Pantry. For information, email Mike Bourke at roselawncg@yahoo.com.

Need gardening tips? Go to www.roselawn.org – look on the Community Garden link on the left navigation rail. Have a gardening tip to share? Please email to address above.



Our new **SAVE A LOT** store is open in the Hillcrest Shopping Center. This bright, new grocery store occupies the space that was formerly Kroger. High-ceilings, bright and appealing displays, and friendly workers greet you. There are cases of fresh produce and meats, too.

Store hours are 8:00 am to 9:00 pm daily.

Also coming soon to Hillcrest Shopping Center, is **Rose's**, a store with a "high-end dollar store/department store" concept. This is the latest incarnation of a company that has operated in the Southeast United States for decades.

Street Trees – Green Homeowner Assets



Many of the trees in the "tree lawn" of our neighborhood have been furnished by Urban Forestry. They are ours, as homeowners, to maintain. The tree above left has many "suckers" growing out of the trunk, giving it a shrub-like appearance, and stunting upward growth of the tree. The trees in the photo at top right were recently pruned by simply clipping off these lower growths. These trees are now encouraged to grow taller and provide more shade.

The following is reprinted from the General Regulations of the Cincinnati Municipal Code. Please note that it is **illegal** to dump your lawn clippings and other yard waste in the street.

714-9 Sweeping Litter into Gutters Prohibited.

No person shall throw, deposit, or sweep into any gutter, sidewalk, street, or other public place within the city the accumulation of litter from any building or lot or from any public or private sidewalk or driveway. Persons owning, in control of or occupying property shall keep the sidewalk in front of their premises free of litter.

(Sec.759-9; ordained by Ord. No. 119-1971, eff. Apr. 30, 1971; renumbered to C.M.C. 714-9, eff. Jan 1, 1972) Penalty, Section 714-99, 714-99A.

**Please be considerate of your neighbors
and your neighborhood!**

Celebrating Roselawn's Riches – A City-Wide Open House

Join award-winning artist **Annie Ruth** – Eye of the Artist - for a tour through neighborhood services. Participating groups are RRC, Center for Children's Dentistry Foundation, Eye Institute, Roselawn Food Pantry, Computer Lab, Prison Ministry, Community Garden, Sisterhood Group and a host of others!

Thursday, Sept 1, 2011

5:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Roselawn Lutheran Church
1608 Summit Road
Cincinnati, OH 45237

**Enjoy Food , Music and
Door Prizes**

Questions? Call Barb Kley
at 513-821-5730



Are you interested in meeting with others to discuss the possibility of planning a 2012 Roselawn Garden Walk? If so, please contact Mary Donaldson, mdonaldson@fuse.net or 513-368-1833.

7th Annual Day of Fun is August 13, 2011

Plan to attend the 7th Annual Roselawn Day of Fun! There will be free food, fun, business displays, games, prizes and music for everyone.

The ever-popular bike-drawing giveaways are back too!



Roselawn Day of Fun

Saturday, August 13, 2011
Noon – 5:00 p.m.

Roselawn Lutheran Church,
South Lawn, 1608 Summit
Road (at Greenland).

**Free Games, Food, Music,
Activities, Family Fun!**

Bike Drawings on the Hour,
1:00, 2:00, 3:00, 4:00.

Bags of **school supplies**
distributed to children present
at 4:00 p.m.

**Co-Sponsored by Roselawn Community Council,
Roselawn Business Association, and Roselawn
Lutheran Church.**

On 5/21/2011, members of the **New Prospect Baptist Church**, our new neighbor, came to the newly acquired property to clean the yard, paint and plant flowers. Over 80 members went door-to-door distributing welcome packets of literature about the church, magnets and postcards for prayer requests .



If you are interested in receiving periodic emails from the RCC with the latest news and information about the neighborhood, please go to www.roselawn.org and sign up. You will see a very simple, electronic “form” on the homepage asking you for your name, street address, and email address. Just fill it out and your request will be processed promptly.

You can unsubscribe at any time.
Have information to share with the community
in the periodic blast? Email mdonaldson@fuse.net



Did you sign up and receive your new “Smart” recycle bin? If so, you’re already racking up valuable points to redeem with area retailers! The more you recycle, the more points you earn! A recent email from Sharon Smith, Community Outreach Intern for *Recyclebank* reminds us that our local **Arby’s** and **LaRosa’s** restaurants participate in the free rewards program, along with other Cincinnati companies. You can recycle household waste, and reward yourself by taking a night from cooking! Don’t forget – recycled waste is picked up every other week.

Still need to sign up? Call 1-888-727-2978 or go to www.recyclebank.com to enroll.



Wildlife Habitat Welcomes Humans, Too!

If you don’t recognize this photo, make an opportunity to check out the new furnishings at 7505 Reading Road (the SW corner of the Reading Road-Section Road Intersection.) Roselawn Community Urban Redevelopment Corporation (ROCURC) has owned and operated this property since 1986 as a free parking amenity for Patrons of the Roselawn Business District.

Redwood benches from Cincinnati Parks have two new lives in the ROCURC Garden: as the “Bench Fence,” and as living room furniture in the Shady Nook. Access is both pedestrian- and wheelchair-friendly. Period architectural artifacts from Cincinnati Parks have been put into service as planters throughout the ROCURC Garden.

The RCC will host the first public community use of the park on Tuesday, August 2, 2011 from 6:30 – 8:30pm for the annual observance of **National Night Out**, a nation-wide safety and community-building night celebrating neighbors looking out for neighbors.

ROCURC invites the Roselawn community to help stain the redwood benches on Saturday, September 10, 2011 from 9:00am until Noon. Work materials and breakfast refreshments will be provided.

New Prospect Baptist Church recently acquired the property at 1580 Summit Road that most recently housed Harmony School. Prior to that, it was the site of the Jewish Community Center. The church will eventually move from its current downtown location. Church members have recently embarked on a 3-part Capital Campaign to purchase and improve the property. Phase 1, which included property acquisition, is complete. In an on-going effort to raise funds for improvements in Phase 2 and 3, the Church is hosting a **Rummage Sale Extravaganza** on Saturday, September 10, 2011, 9:00 – 4:00, at the new church site on Summit.

Tables are \$20. Businesses and Organizations Welcome!
Contact Gladys Reid, 761-2283
or Geraldine Frazier, 721-2355
to reserve your table now!

Sponsored by The Women
Ministry of NPBC – Sisters’
United. Food/Beverages will be
available for purchase.



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ROSELAWN COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP FORM
NOTE: DUES ARE BASED ON CALENDAR YEAR

Name: _____ Date: _____
Address: _____
Telephone: Home: _____ Work: _____
E-Mail Address: _____

- **Regular Membership:**
 ___ Age 65+ @ \$3.00 ___ Individual @ \$5.00 ___ Family @ \$10.00 ___ Business/Organization @ \$25.00
- **Lifetime Membership:**
 ___ Age 65+ @ \$50.00 ___ Individual @ \$100.00 ___ Family @ \$175.00
- **Honor Roll Membership** \$ _____
 Additional Contribution: \$25.00 - \$49.99: Rosebud Level
 \$50.00 - \$99.99: Rosebush Level
 \$100 and over: Rose Garden Level

Your membership dues and contributions help to support special projects, the newsletter, the website, litter control and other programs that help make Roselawn one of the great neighborhoods in Cincinnati. The Roselawn Community Council is a Section 501(c)(3) organization under the Internal Revenue Code. Contributions in excess of your dues are tax deductible to the extent permitted by law.

Please join today and volunteer for one of the committees listed below. Your personal involvement is critical to keeping Roselawn a viable, livable community.

- ___ Beautification / Litter
- ___ Business
- ___ Membership
- ___ Education
- ___ Newsletter / website
- ___ Youth
- ___ Law and Safety

The Roselawn Community Council meets the 2nd Thursday of every month, except August, when there is no meeting. Meetings are held at Roselawn Lutheran Church located at 1608 Summit Road at 7:30 p.m. (Social Hour at 7:00 p.m.)

JOIN TODAY!

Please consider joining the RCC or attending the monthly meeting. You'll find out what is going on in Roselawn, hear the fire report, police report, committee reports, and also hear from our many guests in the political and government sectors that have important information to share. Visit the website: www.roselawn.org and Like us on Facebook.