

## Newsletter

## **Summer 2004**

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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.

#### Summer Fun in Roselawn Park!

Are your children or grandchildren looking for some summer fun? The Cincinnati Recreation Commission offers games, crafts and fun in Roselawn Park. The program is offered Tuesday through Friday, 12:30 – 3:30 p.m. through July 30. There is no charge and all children between the ages of 6 and 14 are welcome to drop in at any time.

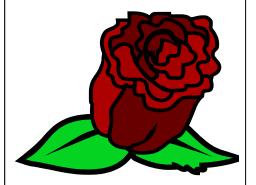
Do you have a budding artist in your family? Then enroll him/her in the *Ahimsa Art Program* at Roselawn Park. This program is made possible through a Greater Cincinnati Foundation Summertime Kids grant. Working with the theme of non-violence and respect for all, this art program is open to children ages 8 -15, and will be held Tuesday – Friday, during the first two weeks in August. The Art class is free but registration is required as space is limited. The students will work in paint, clay, fiber art, and make memory books. To sign up call 242-1094 between 10:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. and leave a message. Your call will be returned. You may also call 821-2954 (CRC Center in Carthage) but please note this phone is only answered when someone is there for a program.

This summer we have had several incidents of landlords and homeowners neglecting their lawns. 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
(provide address, license plate number, if any, and description of vehicle.	
Ask that the report be put in the <b>overtime parking book</b> .)	

Note: Newsletter schedule change. In the past we have produced four newsletters per year, on a quarterly basis. The 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> quarter newsletters have been sent to the entire Roselawn community and the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter issue has gone to members only. This is due to a cap on the Neighborhood Support Program (NSP) funds that are used to pay for printing and postage. In the future the newsletter will be created on a seasonal basis (spring, summer, fall and winter issues) that is more closely aligned to the way we all live. The summer issue will be mailed to members only. Please note that anyone can access all the issues on the website.

The RCC Phone number is 821-8918. www.roselawn.org



#### What's Goin' On?

# 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual National Night Out in Roselawn

Mark you calendar now for Tuesday, August 3<sup>rd</sup>. We will be distributing creamy ice cream and fresh toppings throughout our community so we can make and enjoy ice cream sundaes with our neighbors. We are looking for someone on each block to be the "host or hostess." Everything will be provided – ice cream, toppings, bowls, and spoons. All you need to provide is a table, a scoop and a willingness to greet and welcome your neighbors. Won't you volunteer now to be a block host? Call the RCC Office now at 821-8918 and leave a message – or contact any Trustee you know. Let's make this summer's National Night Out the biggest yet!

We would like to extend a special thanks to State Farm Insurance for a \$500 contribution to the RCC. State Farm has a program to benefit non-profit organizations that its employees support. This gift recognizes Reggie Boggs, Co-Chair of our Law and Safety Committee, and State Farm Agent for his volunteer contributions to the RCC. Thank you, Reggie!

Do you have an item of general interest you would like to share with the Roselawn community? If so please contact Mary Donaldson, newsletter editor, via email at mdonaldson@fuse.net, or by phone at 821-9682.

#### A is for Ahimsa - Nonviolence

This September the RCC will be hosting an exhibition of art right here in Roselawn! Over 30 artists are creating original works on the theme of nonviolence. The exhibit will be held at 7390 Reading Road – the former Showcase Furniture site. The exhibition opens September 11 (5:00 – 9:00) and will continue through September 25. For a complete list of participating artists, please visit the website: www.Roselawn.org.

Many volunteers will be needed as this project moves forward and we spruce up the Ahimsa exhibition site. Your time and talents are needed! To learn more about how you or your business can be involved, call Mary Donaldson at 821-9682, or email mdonaldson@fuse.net. You may also call the RCC phone number and leave your phone number on the answering machine.

Along with the exhibition we are planning several other events that we hope will be of great interest to everyone in Roselawn. A complete schedule will be available in the Fall newsletter. All the events are free to everyone. Please plan to attend!

**September 11**: *A is for Ahimsa – Nonviolence* exhibition opens. Reception from 5:00 – 9:00 will feature food and music. Fun for all ages.

**September 5**: Tai Chi in Roselawn Park begins. This ancient exercise program, based on a series of flowing, rhythmic movements, will be conducted on Sunday from 1:00 – 2:00 p.m. in the open air for 12 weeks. Note: this exercise benefits all adults, regardless of age. Senior citizens who have taken this instruction report gains in balance and flexibility.

Funding for refreshments at the opening of **A** is for **Ahimsa**, and the Tai Chi class are partially funded through INVEST in Neighborhood's 2004 Neighbor Network Merit Grant.

### Community Notes.....

<u>Litter:</u> The Roselawn portion of the Great American Cleanup held on Saturday, April 24 was a great success. There were approximately 30 bags of litter collected, plus an additional 10 bags of "yard waste" materials. A Keep Cincinnati Beautiful mini grant and a cash contribution from Rite Aid supported "Sowing the Field of Dreams at the Reading and Section Road property, a Great American Cleanup Day Project.

There were approximately 45 - 50 volunteers - a good mix of adults and kids. Thanks to Nancy Sampson and her staff at the Roselawn Branch of the library for hosting the sign-up portion of the event, Tim Phelan of LaRosa's for providing our lunch, Faith Hall of the Legacy for hosting the lunch, and Cindy Shafer and Mary Donaldson for preparing the homemade desserts served at the lunch. And a big thank you goes out to the volunteers who made a difference in our neighborhood.