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# Roselawn Community Council Newsletter

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Beautification

**Roselawn Community  
Council meetings are  
held on the 2nd  
Thursday of each  
month at 7:30 p.m. in  
the library of Our  
Mother of Sorrows  
School. There is no  
meeting in August.**

## *A word from the President ---*

Good things are happening in Roselawn. Throughout the summer, neighbors have gotten together for block parties to get to know each other. The Law and Safety Committee orchestrated wonderful mini ice cream socials on August 6, **National Night Out**. This committee also worked successfully with City officials to rid our community of two pay telephones that have been a cause of trouble in Roselawn. Recently, a group of concerned residents on Stillwell Rd. formed a Blockwatch and held their first meeting in September. The RCC supported the City of Cincinnati's proposal for new legislation that strengthens laws against illegally posted signs and litter. Roselawn residents are in step with these efforts and are investing time and energy to clean up our community.

There is new energy surrounding the Roselawn Business Association as well. Let's all make an effort to support our Roselawn businesses. We have so many convenient stores and services right here -- from banking, to restaurants, to the Roselawn Branch of the Library. If you appreciate having a business at your convenience in Roselawn, please support it. For example, if you are interested in the Library staying here in Roselawn, please use it, and show them you care that it stays in the community.

While good things are happening in Roselawn, am I at all discouraged? Well, there are certainly things in Roselawn that would look discouraging, like the note from a frustrated resident, calling for help with quality-of-life issues such as drug dealers in the area, and litter. How could we tell this anonymous, frustrated resident that we are working with various agencies on these issues, that progress is being made, and though it is slower than we hope for, the progress is steady?

But I'm encouraged. Is it because we have accomplished all that we wanted in Roselawn? Is it because all our residents are members of and active in the RCC? No. Not all of Roselawn's problems have been solved, but the good news is we have accomplished several good things recently. And while the RCC currently has more members than it has had in recent years, we are still looking for more members and neighbors to participate in the community.

I'm encouraged because Roselawn is a community that cares. As you read this newsletter, you will find many opportunities for involvement mentioned. Look around you; the progress you see is likely because somebody living near you cared enough to help make it happen. Be encouraged by the progress; be inspired to help make progress; and be thankful that we are making progress together.

And I hope it's not too early to wish you Happy Holidays!

Paul Probst, President

A special Thank You to Mr. Vito Folchi for a generous donation to the RCC. This special gift was used to purchase ice cream and supplies for the "Take Back the Night" ice cream socials. Thank you for making this community event possible!

**Our neighborhood is a treasure of diversity.** Just look at our neighbors and the houses around us. But look too closely and you’ll see a problem that could turn our treasure into an eyesore. The problem is litter.

The police tell us that trash invites trouble into a neighborhood. Litter in yards, on sidewalks, and in streets sends a message that we don’t care, that we aren’t keeping an eye on our property. That is a message we don’t want to send.

Here’s what we can do. We can tell youngsters not to toss candy wrappers on the ground. We can tell teenagers not to toss food containers in the street. We can set an example by checking our property daily and picking up what we find. We can take care of litter. **Let’s not let anyone talk trash about Roselawn.**

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**A Word to the Owners of our Canine Friends**

Please, oh please, clean up after your dog! You don’t want to step in animal waste – and neither do your neighbors! Practice Neighborhood Etiquette – everyone in Roselawn will thank you.

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Is there someone you would like to honor in Roselawn? Consider participating in the **Tree Recognition Program.** This brings new tree stock into Roselawn Park and creates a lasting, living tribute to the honoree. For more information contact the RCC office, **821-8918.**

**Make A Difference Day - October 26, 2002**

The 2002 Great America Cleanup, held this past April, in which 42 of your Roselawn neighbors participated, was a huge success, as 298,115 lbs. of trash and 84,683 lbs. of illegally dumped tires were collected from 70 neighborhoods.

As a result, we are joining Keep Cincinnati Beautiful by holding a **Fall Cleanup event** – on **Make A Difference Day, Saturday, October 26.** To participate, come to the Roselawn branch library, in the Valley Shopping Center, at 9:30 AM. You can "Make A Difference" - join your friends and neighbors on Saturday, October 26 and help make Roselawn a better place to live and work by picking up unsightly trash and litter. Wear gloves, thick-soled shoes and bright colored clothing. Bags will be provided. If you have a rake or broom to bring that is helpful too. Let’s keep Cincinnati beautiful! Questions? Call Gary Moffett at 731-4559.

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**The Beautification Committee** is looking for a new site manager for The Arches (Reading Road at Rosecliff). There is also an opportunity for someone to assume responsibility for the birdfeeder at this location. If you are interested in coordinating care and plantings at this community garden, or assuming birdfeeder duties, please call 821-7488 and leave your name and phone number.

**Our Schools and Youth**

Principal Randy Yunker of **Roselawn Condon** writes “School has been in session for over 4 weeks and I would like to report that everything is running smoothly. We highly encourage parents and community members to take an active role in supporting Roselawn Condon School in any capacity—**tutoring, mentoring, volunteering,** etc.” Important Dates to Remember: Thursday, October 17, **PTO Mtg.** at 6:00 p.m. (Auditorium); Tuesday, October 22, "CPSs School of Choice Fair” on the Xavier University Campus from 4:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Please contact the school at 482-3440 for further information.

**Community Notes**

The Cincinnati Police Department is asking for donations of cell phones you are no longer using. The phones will be programmed to dial only 911 and will be given to senior citizens and then, if enough phones are donated, to younger people on public assistance, single mothers and others who would be provided some measure of safety by having such a phone available. If you have a phone to donate:

1. Drop it off at Police District 4 on Reading Road, care of Charlie Dukes
2. Drop it off at the FREE Russian Center, 7685 Reading Road
3. Bring it to the next Roselawn Community Council meeting
4. Bring it to a monthly Block Watch meeting at the Public Library in the Valley Shopping Center.  
Next meeting date is Saturday, October 19 at 10:00 a.m.

## Community Notes – Cont.

### Get A Discount From Subway By Supporting Roselawn Businesses

Roselawn's Subway sandwich shop, located in the Summit Plaza at Summit Avenue and Reading Road, will give you a **20% discount** on your food purchase if you show a receipt for a purchase from any Roselawn business.

### Community Night Out – Tuesday, October 22, 6:30 p.m., Rare Elegance Café, 7655 Reading Road

Restaurateur Diane Mitchell will prepare a special dinner and host us for an evening of dining and fellowship. Call in your reservation to her at 761-3661. Cost is \$10 per person. This will be a popular event – call early!

### Roselawn Business Association

The Roselawn Business Association had its first meeting in quite some time on September 17, generously hosted by Diane Mitchell at her restaurant, Rare Elegance, 7655 Reading Road. The attendance by 34 people energized long-term members of the Association. The meeting was very informative, including presentations by City and County business development representatives about assistance available for small businesses; Roselawn's Urban Forester regarding the extensive work Urban Forestry will be doing on the street trees in Roselawn; the Principal of Roselawn Condon School regarding the school and its needs; a representative of the RCC discussing efforts of the RCC in the business district; and a presentation on safety by our neighborhood officer. With renewed enthusiasm, the Business Association expects to make plans and progress at the next two meetings, scheduled for October 15 and November 19 at the same location, 10:00 a.m. Any interested business representatives or residents are urged to attend.

### Make a date to visit the Roselawn library.

You probably have heard that the Roselawn branch of the library has made modest reductions in hours of operation. The library will no longer be open on Wednesday evening past 5:30 p.m., but other days are unchanged. Librarian Debbie Kiner is at your service (369-6045). Check out books or videos, browse the Internet or attend a program. Some upcoming choices are:

October 22: Chemistry Week Program 4:00 p.m.

November 12: "Scrapbooking Made Simple" 7:00 p.m. (This is a demonstration – no materials necessary)

November 14: Book club 10:30 a.m. (call for title of book selection)

Weekly: Preschool storytimes, Wednesday 10:30 a.m.

### The Garden District is Walking! Monday and Wednesday evenings: 7:00 p.m. Don't be a couch potato.

Come out and join your neighbors for a brisk walk. Bring your spouse, your kids, your dog, your pet iguana. You'll improve your health, see what's new, and what's happening on the street corner. The Walking Group meets at the intersection of Parkdale and Rosecliff. Everyone (and just about everything) is welcome.

### Opportunities

#### Website Manager

Task: Website Design and Update

Timeframe: 11/01/02 thru 12/31/02

Remuneration: \$499

Receipt Deadline for consideration: 10/31/02

Mail or fax resume with pertinent references (website addresses and client reference contact info) to:

Roselawn Community Council

C/O Nancy Sunnenberg

1607 Rosecliff Avenue

Cincinnati, OH 45237 (Fax 731-0090)

### Important Phone Numbers

If you wish to report litter, trash or overgrown grass and weeds:

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 **overtime parking book**.)



It's time to fill out your 2003 **Membership Form**. Joining the Roselawn Community Council is quick, easy and a bargain. Either mail the form in with your check or bring it to a meeting. We invite you to attend—your input is encouraged. This is a lively, congenial event and you'll hear all the latest news about your community. Take part actively, or just sit back and listen — you'll be welcomed. Find out why Roselawn is regarded as an engaged and organized neighborhood by City Hall. If you are a new member, we'd love to meet you. If you're a renewing member, we welcome you back, and thanks to all!