

Roselawn Community Council Newsletter

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(as of January 1, 2004)

- Alycia Boggs
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- Dan Joyner
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- Rick Menefield
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- Maureen Royle
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- Reginald Boggs - Law & Safety
- Mary Donaldson - Newsletter
- Ed Moser - Business
- Gary Moffett - Litter
- Maureen Royle - Membership
- Cynthia Shafer - Law & Safety
- Ed Moser - 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.

Time to get serious.....

At the April RCC Meeting the upcoming election of officers was discussed. At the present time there are not enough candidates to fill all the officer positions that are up for election at the May 13 meeting. This is a very serious situation, since the RCC cannot receive city funding for its many projects without an elected, governing body.

The positions up for election are: President, Executive Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary. Terms are for one year.

If you are interested in any of these positions, please contact a member of the Nominating Committee. The committee members are Nancy Sunnenberg, Dan Joyner and Lorie Buxton. You may either leave a message on the RCC answering machine, or contact them via email (nancysunnenberg@hotmail.com, djoyner@cinci.rr.com, or lkbuxton@one.net). Job descriptions for the officer positions and the RCC ByLaws describing Trustee expectations are available on the RCC website, www.roselawn.org .

Your attendance and vote at the May meeting is very important. Please mark your calendar now and plan to attend.

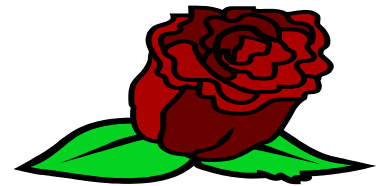
At the March RCC members meeting we were saddened to learn of the deaths of two former Roselawn residents.

Ruby Wright Rapp, radio and TV personality on the Ruth Lyon's show passed away on March 12. Mrs. Rapp was married to Barney Rapp, leader of Barney Rapps's New Englanders Orchestra and toured with the orchestra all over the country in the 1930s. When Mrs. Rapp retired to raise her family she was replaced by Doris Kappelhoff, whom Mr. Rapp convinced to change her name to Doris Day. After staying home raising her four daughters for several years, Mrs. Rapp began her second career in broadcasting.

Rosalyn Chudnof Schickler passed away February 5. Mrs. Schickler and her husband Rolf Schickler were very involved with the Jewish Community Center in Roselawn. In 1947 Mrs. Schickler was the recipient of the prestigious C-Ring Women's Leadership Award from the University of Cincinnati. The Rosalyn Chudnof Schickler Endowment for Senior Adult Services and Facilities at the JCCxxxxxxxx

If you wish to report litter, trash or overgrown grass and weeds:
 Occupied Property352-
 Vacant residential building.....352-
 Vacant lot.....564-
 Vacant Commercial Property. 352-3267/352-
 Abandoned Vehicles.....352-
 (provide address, license plate number, if any, and description of vehicle. Ask that the report be put in the **overtime parking book.**)

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



What's Goin' On?

CPOP TRAINING - What is it?

CPOP -- Community Problem Oriented Policing - is the City of Cincinnati's new method of working with communities to solve community problems. If anyone in Roselawn -- a resident, a business, a church, a property owner, an organization -- identifies a problem in the community, our neighborhood police officer will gather together City staff to meet with the people of the community of Roselawn and use the SARA method of problem solving (scanning, analysis, response, assessment) to solve the problem.

The free training session, conducted by our neighborhood officer and a representative of the Community Police Partnering Center that was recently established pursuant to the Collaborative Agreement, will train us in how to use CPOP.

Tuesday, April 20, 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. ,Our Mother of Sorrows School cafeteria, 7243 Eastlawn Dr., (corner of Eastlawn and Losantiville). If you plan to attend, please call the Roselawn Community Council office at 821-8918 and leave your name and a message that you intend to be present.

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.

CRC staff installed 18 trees representing 4 species (Burr Oak, Winter King Hawthorn, Purple Autumn Mountain Ash, and Robinson Crabapple) in the islands of the Seymour Avenue parking lot at Roselawn Park in December 2003 utilizing \$1000 from the 2003 Neighbor Network Merit Grant, and \$800 in accumulated prize monies from Beautification grants. The species and layout recommended by Kurt Kastner, Urban Forester, incorporate diversity into the tree stock at Roselawn Park.

Kurt Kastner also has advice for us relating to the upcoming Cicada season: "**Your readers may want to hold off planting small trees this spring.** When the cicadas find these small trees they can do some damage. They emerge in mid-May and stop being a threat by the end of June. If you still want to plant small trees, apply cheese cloth around the crown of tree. This prevents the damage caused by females laying eggs on small twigs. Although cicadas feed on trees, their piercing / sucking mouth parts do not do substantial harm. Most damage is caused by the laying of eggs. Cicadas do not harm mature trees. They only cause the ends of the twigs to die back about 8-10") so you can think of it as a light pruning."

To propose a candidate for recognition in the Tree Recognition Program, or for additional information on beautification efforts in our neighborhood, please inquire through the RCC website www.Roselawn.org, or by phone to the Community Council office answering machine, 821-8918.

Roselawn Community Notes

Law & Safety: Residents of Roselawn are resuming evening walks. Please join us! The walk begins at the parking lot at the corner of Reading and Section, Monday evenings at 7:00 p.m. The group generally walks for almost an hour. Everyone, whether a slow walker or a fast walker or somewhere in between, is encouraged to participate. It's an opportunity to get some exercise, catch up on what is happening with your neighbors and around the neighborhood, and also to be a positive influence in the community.

If you are interested but have a preference for another day of the week or starting time, let Cindy Shafer know via e-mail. The walking group would like to schedule two or more evening walks per week depending on the level of interest from potential walkers.

Roselawn Condon School:

Upcoming Dates and Events

The following are some upcoming events that you should note on your calendar:

April 21 PTA Mtg. /Bookfair/Science Fair 6:00

April 22 LSDMC @ 4:30 PM (Library) April 12th * Report Card distribution. Have an enjoyable and safe spring break!

From Roselawn's Past.....The Very First Newsletter, 1978

Recently trustee Roy Jones came across a copy of the very first Newsletter published by the RCC. Volume I, number 1 – is dated October, 1978 – 26 years ago. The publisher was Gordon Schilmeister and the Executive Secretary was Sue Koch. An excerpt is reprinted here – and as you may surmise, the challenges faced 26 years ago are still relevant today.

“A Beginning – Roselawn.....It’s a community that features old world beauty and serenity. And it has an eye on the future. As a Roselawn resident, you have surely discovered the many advantages of living here. But, just as in any community, there’s always room for improvement – and a need for a change.

That’s why the Roselawn Community Council has started this monthly newsletter. Better communication among our many residents can help preserve the quality of life in Roselawn – and help us face the challenges of the future together.”

The 1978 newsletter also contains information about the Veteran’s plaque in front of the Post office. ***“Veterans’ Plaque Re-dedication Set – A rededication of a plaque honoring Roselawn residents who served in WWII will be held on Sunday, November 12 in front of the U.S. Post Office on Section Road. The plaque was originally dedicated in 1947 by the Roselawn Women’s Club. But as the years passed, overgrown weeds and shrubbery hid the plaque from view at its original location. This came to the attention of the RCC whose members took it upon themselves to relocate and rededicate the plaque. And as a special attraction, the Roselawn Women’s Club will once again take part in the dedication ceremonies. All Roselawn residents are invited to attend this special event.”***

If you have memories or anecdotes about early RCC events, or the clubs such as the *Roselawn Women’s Club* that can be shared with readers in a future issue, please call Mary Donaldson, newsletter editor.

The **Council on Aging** offers many services to help seniors remain independent in their own homes. They can provide medical transportation, medical equipment, home delivered meals, homemaking and personal care assistance. The Council offers caregiver training, education and support to persons taking care of elderly loved ones in their homes. Information about services for seniors offered in Cincinnati is available by calling 721-7670 from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Congratulations! RCC Trustee, **Mr. Clifford Jones** is a December 2003 graduate of Central Michigan University’s Extended Degree Program earning a Master of Science in Administration degree with a concentration in Health Services Administration. The fact that he earned this degree while also maintaining a full-time job is certainly commendable. Mr. Jones has recently been elected President-elect of the Ohio Dental Hygienists’ Association (ODHA). He will be the first male president of ODHA, and will be installed in November, 2004.

Looking Ahead.....

If you attended the March RCC meeting you heard about **“A is for Ahimsa -Nonviolence,”** a proposal for an arts project that will culminate in an art exhibition in Roselawn this September. City funding for this project was approved. The funds will be used, in part, to purchase identically sized canvases that will be given to 25 greater Cincinnati artists representing the rich ethnic and cultural diversity of Roselawn. The resulting artworks, which will present artists’ visual representations of the concept of ahimsa, will be exhibited in a donated public space.

Since the March meeting, tentative plans have been formed, with the help of Carole Douglas, CRC Bondhill/Roselawn coordinator, to include an *“A is for Ahimsa”* component in the children’s summer art program at Roselawn Park. It is envisioned that the resulting artwork will be displayed in Roselawn businesses this September, in conjunction with the artists’ exhibition. If you are a local business owner and are interested in displaying one or more of the children’s artworks in your lobby or store front window in September, please see the contact information noted below.

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

Due to the impending cicada hatching, Cincinnati Urban Forestry’s annual **“Spring Re-leaf”** program to distribute free trees has been postponed until fall 2004. If you are interested in learning more about how you may apply for free trees, look for further details in the next newsletter

The annual **Garden District Blockwatch Blockparty** has been scheduled for July 17, 2:00 – 6:00 p.m. The cost is \$5 per family. There will be food, fun and fellowship for the whole family. If you have a suggestion for this year’s party, contact Reggie Boggs via email - bothboggs@fuse.net

Great American Clean-Up – Saturday, April 24, 2004, 10:00 a.m. – Noon

Let's all plant pride and flowers! Let's beautify Roselawn!!

Many hands are needed – Plan now to join the Roselawn Team for the **Great American Clean-Up** on Saturday, April 24, 2004. Sign-in at the Roselawn Branch Library in the Valley Shopping Center beginning at 9:30 a.m. Clean-up activities will begin immediately and last until Noon.

In addition to picking up unsightly litter along Reading Road and intersecting streets, our teams will work on the empty lot next to the Post Office (corner of Reading Road and Section). The RCC has been given permission to improve this site by the owner, Rite Aid Corporation.

An **urban wildflower and poppy garden** is planned– our very own field of dreams. If you have a sturdy rake please bring it with you. Other gardening implements will be provided.

Please dress appropriately for the Great American Clean up (light colored, layered clothing, sturdy shoes) and bring gloves if you have them. Trash collection bags will be provided and rubber gloves will be available. Please call Gary Moffett at 731-4559 with any questions or comments you may have.

After the Clean-up we will gather back at the Valley Shopping Center to enjoy pizza provided by our own Roselawn **LaRosas** along with other refreshments.