



Attention all UDCA Artists and Craftspersons!

By Ed Stuckey



On Saturday, September 16, 2012, the UDCA will hold its Biannual UDCA Home Tour, from 10 AM to 5 PM. The plans are to have approximately 10 beautiful, distinctive homes for residents and others to visit and tour the lovely homes.

In addition, we are also planning to hold an indoor UDCA artist exhibit at the same time, which would take place in the registration site for the tour, either at All Saints Episcopal Church on 7 Mile near Fairfield or at the Gesu Social Hall on Oak Drive near McNichols.

UDCA HOME TOUR SEPTEMBER 16, 2012

People purchasing tickets for the tour and those with pre-paid tickets getting their tour booklets at the registration site would be able to also see items that our skillful UDCA residents have created or restored.

Examples of such items could include paintings, furniture, ceramics, quilts, knit and crocheted pieces, designer jewelry, etc. If you have high school students who are in art programs, we would also like to display some of their work.

Ed Stuckey is the vice chair for the art exhibit portion of the tour, assisting home tour chair Jesse Cassida. All UDCA artists and craftspersons, please call Ed Stuckey at 345-3671 to let him know that you would like to display some of your art or craft work at the home tour.

We will arrange to have a room to display the pieces near the tour registration site. We will also try to have the community residents who created the items on display to be present so people will get a chance to meet and talk with them. Arrangements will be worked out for artists and craftspersons to bring their item(s) to the exhibit site the day before the tour and to pick them up at the end of the day.

We think that this will be an extra added attraction for people coming on the home tour, for which we want to have a great turnout.

LOOKING AHEAD

UDCA COMMUNITY MEETING APR 4

SUMMER NEWSLETTER CONTENT DUE APR 30

GARAGE & YARD SALE JUNE 9 & 10

GOLF OUTING JUL 21

HOME TOUR SEPT 16

DINNER DANCE SEPT 29

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The UDCA Board meets at 7 PM on the first Tuesday of each month (except Jul and Aug) at Gesu Community Center (17180 Oak Drive). Everyone is welcome! You can drop in to observe a meeting, or contact the president or vice president to be put on the Community Voices agenda. See page 15 for contact information.

The President's Message



PRESIDENT'S LETTER TO THE COMMUNITY

It is with regret that we say good bye to Nathan Ford and Tiffany Alexander, our recent past president and vice president. They have served this community well. A special thanks also goes to our outgoing Board members Shirley Lusby, Lawanda Harrison, Cales-ther Smith-Arnold, and Deadra Rahaman (who recently relocated).

Having been elected as President of the UDCA Board, it is my honor to serve this community and its residence along with our elected board members and dedicated volunteers who lead the community projects.

At our January 21 workshop, three priorities for 2012 were established: Beautification; Member-ship; and Safety & Security. Board Liaisons were identified for each community project, both priority and mandatory (required by the Bylaws).

I want to acknowledge and thank the residents who support this community by paying their dues and encourage those who have not yet done so to pay your 2012 dues as soon as possible.

I also want to acknowledge Jessie Casida, the chairman for the 2012 Home Tour and Sarah James the UDCA board liaison for this incredible event coming this fall (September 16).

I look forward to meeting all of you at the next General Membership meeting.

Sincerely,

Gregory B. O'Neal

UDCA Board President

CONGRATULATIONS

to Our Citizens of the Year Right Here in UDCA

January 12th 2012, the Board of Police Commissioners met in the 12 Precinct. For the second year in a row, a University District Radio Patrol member was recognized as "Citizen of the Year." **MARY JO SMITH** was recognized for her work with Radio Patrol, several programs to address the problem of vacant houses, and for connecting the neighborhood with the precinct.

HOLLY CLEMENTS was recognized in 2011 for her work with Radio Patrol, No More Broken Windows, and several police department projects.

A Solution Resurrected by Mary Jo Smith

Several mayoral administrations back, Detroit considered the possibility of enacting an ordinance to permit Special Assessment Districts within the city. The idea then, as now, would be to allow a neighborhood to assess itself and provide services the city doesn't. The original state law allowed the assessment for snow removal, security, and for mosquito abatement. In December 2011 that statute was amended to allow for today's smaller Detroit to pass such an ordinance, again permitting the same three services.

In Detroit, the Grandmont Rosedale Development Corporation has been coordinating efforts to encourage passage of such an ordinance. Supporters have identified themselves in a number of neighborhoods throughout the city, and are attempting to get an ordinance passed now while it is still within the power of city council to do so. (Under Emergency Financial Management or bankruptcy, council might not have power to enact an ordinance).

Many questions asked cannot be answered unless or until an ordinance is passed. State law specifies the required population count before an ordinance can be passed (600,000-750,000). It further requires that owners of 51% of the property must agree to an assessment for it to be

applied in a neighborhood. The assessed-for services, again are limited to snow removal, security, and mosquito abatement, but not all three are required.

“The idea behind Special Assessment Districts is to allow a neighborhood to assess itself and provide services the city doesn't.”

The ordinance would contain the details of how the process would work. Details of the agreement process, services to be provided, rates, methods of collection and disbursement, etc., are TBD—to be determined. Similar circumstances suggest that the assessment would be collected by the same mechanism as property taxes, but would not flow into the general fund.

Does the concept of a Special Assessment District (also called Neighborhood Benefits District) sound like a good tool for a neighborhood? Persons with an opinion on the concept may wish to indicate their preferences to city council as council hones its agenda for

the next few weeks. Support or opposition at this time will mostly have an impact on whether an ordinance is enacted. Only if one passes, do questions arise as to what might happen in a neighborhood.

When the University District Patrol was restructured in 2008, costs of several services were considered. At that time, based on only 1000 residential structures of the nearly 1300 in the University District, at \$30/month, the neighborhood would be able to provide itself with 24/7 patrol coverage, snow plowing of all 4" or greater snowfalls, sidewalk snow removal, all Community Association expenses, and fund a contingency fund for very snowy winters, or security emergencies. (Community Association dues could not come from such an assessment, but by far, the largest on-going expense for the UDCA is snow removal). With every property assessed, and association dues not included, the cost would be closer to \$20/month than to \$30 at 2012 rates.

In recent years the Community Association and the subscriber patrol with overlapping, but not identical memberships, have been providing services to the entire neighborhood with costs underwritten by the one third (or less) of the neighborhood's householders who participate. With a special assessment district, the costs, not just the benefits, would be a neighborhood endeavor.



UDCA GARAGE & YARD SALE

Save the date! The UDCA Garage and Yard Sale will be held on **SATURDAY AND SUNDAY, JUNE 9 AND 10, 2012.**

Each participant is asked to pay a **\$5 fee** to help with **advertising the event**, which includes in the UDCA newsletter, on the UDCA website, and in daily newspapers the weekend before and of the event.

SOME HELPFUL TIPS:

PLACE price tags on items to be sold before the sale. Use stickers, index cards, etc.

KEEP doors locked during the sale to prevent strangers from entering your home while you are occupied selling your goods

MAKE sure you have small change.

KEEP your money in a secure location.

SAVE THE DATE to join us and earn some money!

Contact **BOARD REPRESENTATIVE ADDIE SMITH** at 313-863-4706 with questions.



Gloryland Community Garden Beginning Its Fifth Year! *By Billie Hickey*

Behind the Gesu Parish Center, 17180 Oak Drive, is a vacant lot that was transformed in the fall of 2007 into an organic garden where fruits, vegetables, herbs and flowers grow and are enjoyed by our volunteers and clients from Gesu's St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry. Our members belongs to the Detroit Garden Resource Program, which in 2008 included 169 community gardens, 40 school gardens and 359 family gardens, and in 2011 had grown to include 1,351 gardens across the city, utilizing about 110 acres!

We are welcoming new members to be a part of this movement to grow healthy food, beautify our neighborhood, and build community as we learn new and old methods of gardening from each other and classes offered through the Garden Resource Program.

Membership fee for Gloryland Community Garden is still \$10/household for the season. This year we are also offering a limited number of rental plots, (hooked up to our irrigation system), 3'x18' for \$20. These will be first come, first serve, and so get your applications in soon. Together we can make Detroit a "growing" place once again and become healthier in the process!



FROM LEFT TO RIGHT: DEDICATED COMMUNITY GARDENING TEAM BILLIE HICKEY, ROWENA ROBINSON, VAL ERVIN, BILL HICKEY, AND JACKIE FULBRIGHT

Our first meeting of the year was held on Monday, February 27, 7-8pm at the Parish Center. **FIRST WORKDAY IS MARCH 10, 12:30-2:30 PM!** We hope you will join us to meet other volunteers and find out more about what we will be growing this season.

FOR MORE INFORMATION OR AN APPLICATION FORM, email billiehickey@yahoo.com or call 313-541-2601, or contact Jackie Fulbright at 313-891-8713.

UDCA LANDSCAPE & GARDEN CLUB BY MARY LEONARD

MONTHLY MEETINGS

The University District Landscape & Club meets the second Monday of every month from February through August. Meetings are held at Gesu Community House, 17139 Oak Drive, at 7:30 p.m. All are welcome!

SPRING GARDENING WORKSHOP

The Garden Club is sponsoring a Spring yard and garden workshop on Saturday, March 24, from 9:00 a.m. to noon. Join us in the Community Room of Gesu School to get a head start on plans for your yard and garden in 2012. Look for details at UDCAonline.com.

TO JOIN THE GARDEN CLUB MAILING LIST

or for more information about the spring gardening workshop, contact **MARY LEONARD** at 345-8036 or UDCAGardens@gmail.com.





ABOVE: THE BOUNTY FROM GLORYLAND COMMUNITY GARDEN



ABOVE: GESU COMMUNITY GREEN PLAYScape

BELOW: CHILDREN ENJOYING A LOVELY FALL DAY AT GESU COMMUNITY GREEN



CALLING VOLUNTEERS

PALMER PARK PREPARATORY ACADEMY right in our neighborhood needs our help! Give back to the community and strengthen our neighborhood.

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED FOR:

- Lunch time
- Changing of classes
- Teacher support in classroom
- Tutoring
- Female mentoring
- Life skills academic summer camp for MEAP

Contact **ANGELA GARDNER-STREET AT 313-864-0327** if you would like to volunteer.

GESU COMMUNITY GREEN

BY ANITA SEVIER

We are still working hard to maintain Gesu Community Green for all the children of our community.

We recently received a grant from Kaboom and Dr. Pepper Snapple Group for \$750 to purchase woodchips. 100 cubic yards of woodchips (which is what we need every 3-4 years) costs \$2,158. Gesu will make up the difference to purchase woodchips this spring. We get the funds for this through our **ANNUAL FLOWER SALES** that take place in **MAY**.

This year the **12TH ANNUAL GESU FLOWER SALE** will accept orders by **May 17, 2012** and you will receive your flowers on **May 24, 2012**. We order flowers through Gaier Farms who sells at Eastern Market and we are able to get almost any annual you want to plant. As the date gets closer to order flowers, we will send out an email with an order form and more information.

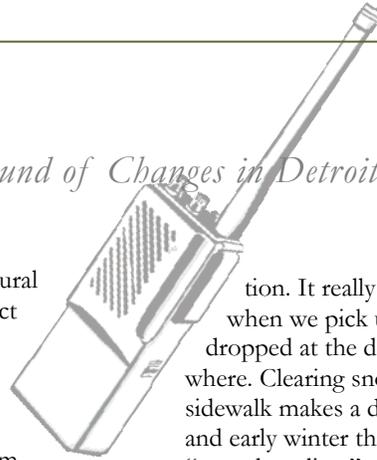
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ANITA M. SEVIER
 Gesu Volunteer Coordinator
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RADIO PATROL UPDATE

Winter 2012 Marks Yet Another Round of Changes in Detroit By Mary Jo Smith, Radio Patrol



Over the last six months, we have had many questions about crime rates in our neighborhood. We now are able to say that short term spikes in some crimes have been followed by significant drops, so the overall rates have not increased. With the exception of theft of (or from) cars, rates have remained at our usual relatively low rates, or they have dropped a bit. Cars remain popular targets, with personal items, catalytic converters, wheels, or the cars themselves disappearing.

Neighborhood response when the catalytic converter crews were targeting us helped keep the number of thefts very low compared to other city or suburban neighborhoods that got hit. Neighbors heeded the alerts, began watching, and at least one went out to yell at the thieves! The crew left in a few days, while other areas have been plagued for weeks. We also had the great satisfaction of knowing that neighbors interrupted a burglary crew and held one for arrest.

Winter 2012 marks yet another round of changes in Detroit. It is a bit daunting to write anything, even for immediate distribution, because of the rate of change. At deadline for this newsletter, the police department was implementing

significant structural change in precinct function. What attracted media attention was “Virtual Precincts,” a program designed to get more officers on street duty.

Precincts “gone virtual” will not be completely out of service overnight. There will still be officers on duty, but they will no longer be available for routine matters. Instead service on the phone lines taking reports by phone will be expanded considerably. (That number is 267-4600).

Other changes, not so well publicized may well be more significant. Many functions previously performed at the precincts, have now been centralized. Community Relations officers are still assigned to the precincts, at least for now, but all other non-patrol units have been relocated.

The impact on neighborhoods is hard to predict. Suggestions to adapt include continuing many of the things we are doing: our subscriber patrol, radio patrol, the email communications to update neighbors of things we need to be aware of, active block clubs, neighborhood watch, etc. all reduce crime.

We shouldn’t forget that cared-for property is at less risk than property that doesn’t get atten-

tion. It really does matter when we pick up ads dropped at the door or elsewhere. Clearing snow from the sidewalk makes a difference—and early winter this year was “easy shoveling.”

Perhaps the most obvious difference will be for those people who have a car stolen. In our neighborhood, the most common crime is theft of or from cars. Auto theft reports previously had to be made in person by the owner. Now owners may begin the process of reporting an auto theft by telephone. Documentation may need to be produced in person later. Again, remember that parking locked cars in the garage is safest. We increase our prospects for problems when we leave cars on the street...If we get snow, we also could get plowed in, and slicker streets when the plow can’t go curb to curb.

Our night patrols all comment on the number of households that do not turn on front lights and have no interior lights visible from the street. Again, Radio Patrol wants to encourage everyone to keep the front light on at night, and to make your home look occupied. There are many inexpensive “green” options available to improve safety for you at home and on your block.

LIGHT THE NIGHT!

CERT TRAINING

Interested in having you and your community PREPARED FOR EMERGENCIES?

Detroit’s Citizen Corps has announced its 2012 training schedule, providing you an opportunity to become one of the prepared.

The training schedule consists of 20 HOURS OF CLASSES, ALL SET FOR THURSDAY, FRIDAY EVENINGS, AND THE NEXT TWO SATURDAYS.

The first series was in February, but the NEXT SESSIONS BEGIN MAY 17, AUGUST 9, AND OCTOBER 4, 2012.

FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO REGISTER CONTACT: Donna Northern
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CERT Training Coordinator
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Ten members of radio patrol are CERT-trained. Radio Patrol will also be happy to answer any questions they can.

RADIO PATROL NUMBER (313) 447-0003

Report crime or suspicious activity — 24 Hours a day, 7 days a week

Inhale, Exhale: Yoga at Gesu

by Cathy Lee

On Monday and Thursday nights, the quietest, most peaceful place in the University District just might be the north meeting room at the Gesu Parish Center. There a group of dedicated yoga students stretch, breathe and move through classic yoga poses to the reassuring voice of teacher Jim Stout.

The dedicated core of students have been practicing at Gesu for several years, and their numbers have grown from just a handful to a full dozen on most nights. The graceful room with its French doors and Palladian windows provides a beautiful setting. Stout supplies the training, encouragement, and a range of meditative music to accompany the practice.

UDCA residents Pat Harrington and Judy Mouch, RSM, initiated yoga at Gesu going on ten years ago. Stout is the group's second teacher and has been there since 2009. He had finished his training in Hatha Yoga in the spring of 2009 and began teaching at Gesu that fall. A member of the technical services department at the University of Detroit Mercy, he currently teaches at area studios as well.

Stout explains that Hatha Yoga centers on awareness of breathing and on holding poses for a few deep breaths before transitioning to the next pose. He believes it has many benefits — toning and strengthening the body, aiding digestion and increasing flexibility. But he feels that yoga

can have an impact on daily life as well.

“Being more calm, more aware and having a better balance in the day-to-day pressures of modern life is a wonderful benefit of the practice,” he says. “That calmness translates into an ability to be less reactive to stressful situations when they arise.”

Another pillar of yoga at Gesu is Pat Harrington. She faithfully emails participants with weekly reminders about yoga practices and the occasional schedule change. When medical issues kept her from participating for a few months, she kept right on emailing. This consistency of support has helped the group to grow and flourish.

“It’s wonderful,” says Amy Feigley-Lee of the Gesu practice. “The atmosphere is calm and non-competitive.”

Other participants come from Gesu, UDM, the neighborhood and beyond. They pay just \$5 per class, with no need to sign up for a certain number of sessions. Whatever they are in their daily lives, on Mondays and Thursdays they become a friendly, focused, meditative group of practicing yogis.

Jim Stout says he is delighted to be able to teach them. “Being a part of the yoga tradition at Gesu is just such an honor and a privilege,” he says. “The space is beautiful and I feel a real, loving, positive energy in the room. Seeing students enjoy and progress in their practice is always rewarding.”



YOGA AT GESU ALL ARE WELCOME!

MONDAYS & THURSDAYS

5:30 to 6:30 PM

Gesu Parish Center

17180 Oak Drive

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FOR INFORMATION, contact **PAT HARRINGTON** at 313-864-9562 or hoopingtonpatricia@gmail.com



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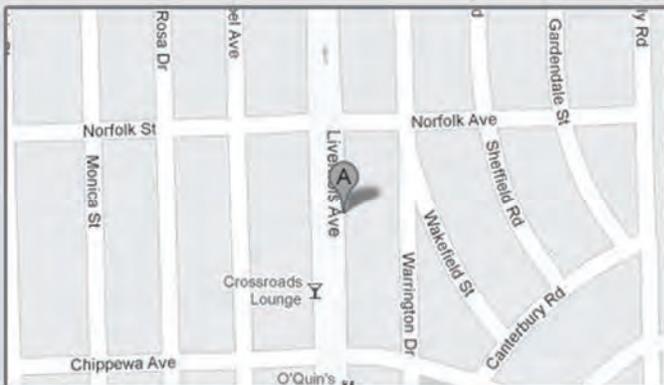
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Security Patrol Invoice

Invoice Date:

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Please understand that this is an organization run by unpaid volunteers. We appreciate your cooperation and prompt payment. Please provide an email address and check out our website at www.udpatrols.com. For billing issues, please email billing@udpatrols.com. For general inquiries, please email subscribers@udpatrols.com or send us a letter.

Thank you.

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Subscription Period	Price
12-Month Subscription	\$260.00
9-Month Subscription	\$195.00
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Status Report: University District Patrol, Inc.

By Nickolas Kyser, member of Board of Directors

It's a new year and time to join the Patrol or renew your membership. Renewals were due January 1, and if you renewed on time, thank you very much! Extra thanks if you renewed for the full year, which makes our planning easier and saves time in billing and processing.

If you intended to renew, and haven't gotten around to it, please do as soon as possible. If you are not a member and are still thinking about joining, please keep thinking until you decide to join! See below for a reminder of subscriber benefits and maybe a little guilt trip about free riders.

NEW BOARD MEMBERS

Margit Ervin, David Northcross, and Muzette Hill Stallings were elected to two-year terms ending December 31, 2013. They replace Ken Clements, Lonnie Brewer, and Nickolas Kyser. Reginald Cunningham was re-elected to a two-year term. John Autrey and Tamara Perrin continue as members, with terms expiring December 31, 2012. At its January meeting, the Board accepted the resignation of Matthew Aldrich and appointed Nickolas Kyser to take his place, with the understanding that this would be temporary. We are still seeking a replacement for the balance of Matt's term, which ends December 31, 2012. If you are interested, or would like to nominate someone, please contact a board member.

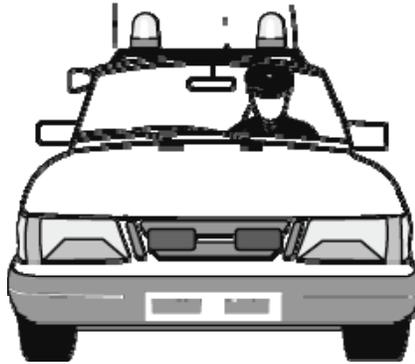
NEW OFFICERS

Reginald Cunningham and John Autrey continue as president and vice-president, respectively. Tamara Perrin is treasurer, and David Northcross is secretary.

The neighborhood continues to have challenges. At the peak of the foreclosure crisis, there were about 200 vacant homes in the University District. This number declined to about 70, but has now gone back up to perhaps 120. (These numbers are courtesy of Radio Patrol, which has put considerable effort into maintaining a pretty accurate database.) Vacant homes are potential breeders of crime. They attract strippers. They may become shelter for drug sellers, bases of operation for burglaries of occupied houses, etc.

Many of the vacant homes are owned by banks. We are working with University District Community Association and University District Radio Patrol to find ways of encouraging the banks to contribute to the community organizations that protect their property interests.

Meanwhile, if you live near an abandoned home, please keep an eye on it, and do what you can to make it less obvious that the house is vacant. If you see suspicious activity, please call it in. If it's not during patrol hours (currently 8pm to 4am), or you are not a subscriber, call 447-0003. Call 911 first, of course, if there is a crime in progress.



Our truck helps deter crime by patrolling the neighborhood, and responding to reports of possible crimes in process. If you go to CrimeMapping.com, you will see a marked difference between our neighborhood, which has both the subscriber patrol and the volunteer Radio Patrol, and nearby neighborhoods that do not have patrols.

Our service depends directly on the number of paying subscribers. If too few subscribers renew, we will have to reduce the number of hours our truck is on the streets each night. If there is a net increase in subscribers, we may be able to expand the hours of operation. Essentially all of our money goes directly into providing the patrol service. All of the administrative work is done by the volunteer directors.

MEMBER-ONLY SERVICES

If you are not a member, you are a free rider on all the things the Patrol does for the community as a whole. If that doesn't make you feel guilty enough to sign up, consider some of these benefits that only subscribers get.

ESCORT SERVICE

Call a few minutes before you get home, and the on-duty officer will meet you at your house and see that you get in safely. Or if you are concerned about being followed, he or she can meet you as you come into the neighborhood and accompany you to your home. This is an under-utilized service, especially as there have been increased reports of armed robberies throughout the city.

VACATION WATCH SERVICE

Before you leave town, inform the patrol officer of your plans. The officer on duty will check your home several times each night while you are away.

ALARM RESPONSE

You can give the Patrol number to your alarm company. If the alarm is triggered during patrol hours, the monitoring service will call the patrol officer, who will investigate within minutes.

VISIT OUR WEBSITE:

udpatrols.com

CONTACT THE BOARD:

313-459-0770

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Please help make Palmer Park playground a safer place!



People for Palmer Park is trying to raise \$6,000 through ThePoint.com to create a safer play area for children in Palmer Park. Every single dollar pledged helps

DONATE IN 3 EASY STEPS

1. Go to ThePoint.com website

Go to www.thepoint.com/campaigns/campaign-0-3611

2. In the middle of the page, enter your pledge amount and click the green JOIN button.

3. Provide your debit/credit card details.

Your debit/credit card won't be charged until the \$6,000 fundraising goal is hit and the project is fully funded. This website is safe and secure and has been used by many non-profits, including Scripps Park in Detroit, to fund worthy projects.

UDCA MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

Your
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PLEASE JOIN THE UDCA TODAY!

YOUR 2012 MEMBERSHIP IS VERY IMPORTANT

in order to maintain and sustain a good quality of life in our community. Your dues will support street snow removal, the quarterly newsletter, safety, education, beautification and social activities in the neighborhood.

THE 2012 UDCA ANNUAL DUES ARE \$60. Your payment is for a period of one year, **JANUARY 1 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2012.** This will provide you with membership in an organization that cares about you and one of your greatest investments - your home and community.

PLEASE USE THE MEMBERSHIP FORM TO THE RIGHT to send in your payment today. For more information, please leave a message on the UDCA hotline at 313-318-7498 and someone will return your call or visit www.udcaonline.com.

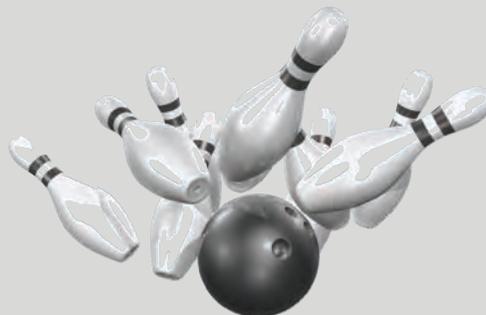
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UNIVERSITY DISTRICT COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

2012 Annual Membership Application

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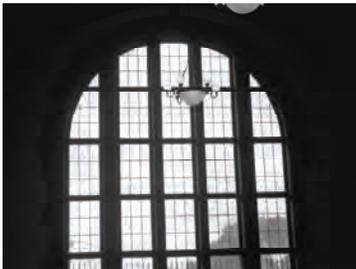
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PARKMAN BRANCH LIBRARY, DETROIT 2011

Dr. Sweet Talk at Parkman Branch

by Sharon Vlahovich

A black family moves into a white neighborhood. An angry mob gathers outside. Rocks are thrown, shots are fired. One man is killed, a second wounded. The incident results in two murder trials, one resulting in a hung jury, the second in acquittal.

This sums up the saga of Dr. Ossian Sweet, a black Detroit physician, when he attempted to settle his family in an all-white Detroit east side neighborhood east side in the early 20th century.

Daniel A. Baxter, who grew up in the Garland Avenue home that Dr. Sweet lived in, will give a presentation about Dr. Sweet and the 1925 incident at the Detroit Public Library's Parkman Branch Wednesday, April 25 at 7 p.m. Baxter was instrumental in having a state historical marker placed in front of the home, which is also listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

Why You Should Visit Parkman

by Sarah James

If you haven't been to the Parkman Branch Library, you have a treat in store for you. Recently renovated, this beautiful Tudor-style library first opened its doors to the public in 1931 to serve the fast growing upper middle class neighborhoods along Oakman Boulevard near Linwood. Designed by architects Marcus Burrowes and Frank Eurich, the Parkman Branch was the eighth branch library opened by the Detroit Public Library system. This library's namesake is Francis Parkman, a prominent nineteenth century historian studying the struggle between the English and the French to dominant North America, which Detroit knew something about firsthand. Enjoy just a few of the photos I've taken of some of the details of this stunning building, pictured on the left. If you can't make this talk, I strongly encourage you to take an afternoon to stroll through this impressive Detroit building. You won't be disappointed!

Dr. Sweet, grandson of slaves, received his medical degree from Howard University in Washington, DC, and received additional medical training in Vienna and Paris. He and his family settled in Detroit and moved into what was an all-white neighborhood in 1925 where they met with mob resistance.

Sweet and other family members faced murder charges after shots were fired into the mob gathered outside their home, killing one person and wounding another. The Sweet's defense team included nationally known attorney Clarence Darrow.

The jury was unable to reach a verdict after Ossian Sweet's first trial. A second jury acquitted the physician and prosecutors then dropped charges against the remaining defendants.

Gaining repossession of the home three years after his second trial Dr. Sweet lived there until 1958, at which time it was sold. He died in 1960.

Detroit Public Library's Parkman Branch
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 25
7 PM

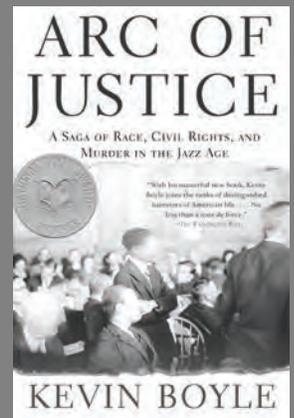
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DANIEL A. BAXTER will present on Dr. Sweet and the 1925 incident.

During the presentation, twenty-five copies of native Detroiter Kevin BOYLE'S book *Arc of Justice: A Saga of Race, Civil Rights and Murder in the Jazz Age* will be provided by the Michigan Humanities Council during the presentation as part of the GREAT MICHIGAN READ.

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For more information on this year's Great Michigan Read program, visit www.michiganhumanities.org/programs/tgmr/.



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SPRING COMMUNITY MEETING**

WEDNESDAY APRIL 4

6:30 to 8:30 PM

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17139 Oak Drive *(use Quincy Street entrance)*

Guest Speaker President Antoine M. Garibaldi, Ph.D.

University of Detroit Mercy

MEET & GREET NEIGHBORS, UDCA UPDATE, REFRESHMENTS

Meeting is for **ALL** University District residents

