



UDCA Beautification Awards

by Mary Leonard, Chair of UDCA Garden Club

Does someone on your block have an outstanding front yard? Please nominate them for a 2012 UDCA Beautification Award. The UDCA wants to recognize the effort and resources our neighbors invest in making the University District one of Detroit's most beautiful places to live. This year's contest runs from June 1 – July 1, 2012.



Last year, 63 front gardens were nominated and photographed, 20 went on to the "finals," and the most outstanding, the Top Ten, received certificates of appreciation, gift certificates from Blumz donated by neighbors Jerome Raska and Robbin Yelverton, and yard signs naming the yard the "Best on Show." The runners-up received certificates and a lovely floral arrangement donated by Blossoms.

To nominate a neighbor, a friend, or yourself (no need to be shy), email the homeowners' name, address, phone number, and/or email to UDCAgardens@gmail.com. Or leave voice mail for Mary Leonard at 345-8036 or drop a note in the mailbox at 17524 Fairfield. (Please also identify yourself and your contact info.)

Garden Club members will ask permission of each homeowner to be entered in the contest and to have their front yard (street view only) photographed. The Garden Club will select 20 finalists from the photos. On June 30, a team of three qualified judges will view each finalist yard and select the Top Ten. Awards will be distributed the next day.

The UDCA and Garden Club welcome and encourage everyone's participation in the awards contest.

Downspout Disconnection Requirements

by Nora Gessert, Chair of UDCA Home and Art Tour

Detroit residents are required by state law to disconnect downspouts leading to the sanitary sewer system. This is a requirement of all Michigan cities. Water from downspouts connected to the sewer system can overload the sewer system and can pollute our rivers and cause basement flooding. All downspouts that are now draining directly into the ground must be disconnected by June 30, 2012. The City will begin inspecting homes after this date. Failure to comply can result in penalties.

It is estimated that the cost to most homeowners will not exceed \$40. If this is a hardship, the Greening of Detroit is conducting free workshops and materials may be available. Contact the Downspout Disconnection Hotline at 313-285-2260 or www.dwsd.org.

LOOKING AHEAD

WINDMILL MARKET
JUNE 2

PALMER PARK YOGA
JUNE 2

GARAGE & YARD SALE
JUNE 9 & 10

LOG CABIN DAY
JUNE 24

GOLF OUTING JUL 21

BULK PICK-UP
JUL 23

FALL NEWSLETTER
CONTENT DEADLINE
JUL 31

HOME AND ART
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

Spring is recognized as a time of renewal — a time to move forward with the promise of opportunity.

We had a very strong turn-out at our spring meeting. Dr. Antoine Garibaldi (President of the University of Detroit Mercy) updated us on the university activities and we look forward to faculty, staff, and students' participation in our District. We had the opportunity to update the residents on the University District activities and we had many visitors from our neighboring communities. We set the bar high!

We have a full schedule of events for this spring and summer, including our Youth Round-Up, Golf Outing, Home Tour, and Fall Dinner Dance.

However, I am concerned that we will not be able to support all our plans because we only have 176 paid members of almost 1300 homes in the University District. 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 board member Nora Gessert for accepting the challenge to lead the 2012 Home and Garden Tour after the former chair had to resign due to professional obligations. I attended the latest Home Tour meeting, and this will be an incredible event coming this fall (September 16).

I look forward to continue to work diligently toward a successful year.

Sincerely,

Gregory B. O'Neal

UDCA Board President



Wednesday, April 25, President Obama nominated our neighbor, **TERRENCE BERG**, to serve as judge on the U.S. District Court in Detroit.

Mr. Berg has a distinguished record of public service, primarily as a prosecutor in the federal system. He also spent several years as the head of the state's high tech crime unit. His nomination awaits approval by the United States Senate.



Thursday, April 26, two of our neighbors were honored by Detroit Citizen Corps for their service to the city.

WILLIAM JONES, a commander in the Detroit Police Reserves and a member of University District Radio Patrol, was recognized principally for his reserve work since 1993.

MARY JO SMITH, President of University District Radio Patrol and a CERT volunteer, was recognized for serving on the city-wide transition group for radio patrols.



GESU Turns the BIG 9-0!

by Ann Kerwin

On Sunday, March 19, 1922, Father John McNichols, S.J. and twenty families celebrated Mass in the first Gesu Church, a converted farmhouse at Grove and Livernois. By October, 1923, the chapel had been enlarged to accommodate 300 people.

In the summer of 1924, construction began on a school on Six Mile Road between Quincy and Holmur (later renamed Oak Drive). In August 1924, the first resident pastor, Father Justin de La Grange, S.J., was appointed and Gesu Mission became Gesu Parish.

The cornerstone for the present church was laid on September 30, 1934 and the first Mass in the new church celebrated on August 15, 1935.

Since 1922, Gesu Catholic Church has been a major religious and cultural presence in the neighborhoods around McNichols, Livernois, Seven Mile Road, and Parkside, now known as the University

District. Gesu Parish also includes Martin Park, Bagley Community, Fitzgerald Community, Sherwood Forest, Palmer Woods, and Greenacres.

Because Gesu was founded by Jesuits and staffed by members of the Jesuit order, it has a unique role in the structure of the Archdiocese of Detroit.

In 1985 Gesu did extensive remodeling of the church interior. The architect leading the remodeling was a UDCA resident, Gerry Diehl, the son of the original architect, George Diehl. Gerry also served as president of the UDCA in the late 1970s.

In October 2000 Gesu School needed to replace the swings in the small play area at the corner of McNichols and Oak Drive with a ground cover safer than concrete. The question arose, "Do we just have a mini-

mal park or a really great one suitable for the children of the Gesu community?" Anita Sevier answered that question and Gesu Community Green was born. Gesu Community Green is now a gathering place for adults and a very attractive play area for children across this part of the city.

The Gesu Community Center on Oak Drive, which was the convent housing the IHM sisters who taught at the school, has become the neighborhood meeting center. It also houses the church offices, the offices of the neighborhood Radio Patrol and Subscriber Patrol, and yoga classes every Monday and Thursday.



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.

Beauty Up for the Home Tour

by Tom Bauer, UDCA Beautification Chair

With the University District Home coming up, it is more important than ever for our neighborhood to put its best foot forward.

This is a time when outsiders drive our streets exploring the area and decide what kind of neighborhood we are and whether or not they would like to live here. So, everybody, lets beauty-up the area for the home tour!

The Beautification Committee is doing it's part by preparing the planters along McNichols and 7 Mile Road by building them up, bringing in fresh potting soil and plantings. We have a volunteer who will be maintaining them during the season. We will be planning more dramatic and noticeable entry markers for the borders of the neighborhood and looking around for other places we need to improve our image.

If you have a vacant home next door, you can do your part by helping make that home look its best. If the owner or property manager isn't keeping the property up, then they are violating blight ordinances and you should contact the property managers and demand that they take care of the property. The next thing you can do is keep up the lawn and shrubs and watch for a buildup of flyers on the front porch. Anything that makes the vacant homes look less neglected is a big help. Adopt A Vacant House!

The Beautification Committee is also trying to contact owners of blighted and overgrown properties in the neighborhood and working with them to get the properties cleaned up. If you know anybody whose yard is getting overgrown, perhaps you can help them out. Also, look forward to a few calls for volunteers this summer for some cleanups and maybe a little planting. So, let's do our best to beauty-up our beautiful neighborhood!

UDCA Artists Abound

by Ed Stuckey, Art Show Curator

This year's autumn UDCA home tour will feature a new special event! An exhibit of arts and crafts by UDCA residents, as well as demonstrations of some of the various craft processes.

The range of items on display will include photography, ceramics, jewelry, trains, furniture, paintings, and other art works. Robert Wilbert, a nationally known artist and a UDCA resident, will have a few of his paintings on display.

This will all take place at the Gesu Community Center, the registration site for the Home and Art Tour. Home and Art Tour attendees will be able to see this wonderful display prior to beginning their home tour visits.

This showcase of artistic skill is being chaired and coordinated by Ed Stuckey, Parkside 6 Block Captain. This is another great reason for everyone to put this year's Home Tour on their calendar to plan to attend!

Fifteen local UDCA artists and craftsperson's have indicated they will display their works for tour attendees to review and admire.

Photos of some of the following artists' work which will be presented are shown to the right: [top] Ed Stuckey: designed and constructed late 18th-century, Federal- Style reproduction card table;

[second row left] Selma Goggins: hand-crafted one-of-a kind jewelry pieces; [second row right] James Howard: handcrafted lamp using different materials; [second row from bottom] Dick Cruger: artistic books; [bottom] Dave Marquardt: restored, antique wooden trunks.

NEXT BULK PICK-UP

MONDAY JULY 23

The City will collect **up to one cubic yard of bulk** from the curb in front of your home four times a year. One cubic yard of bulk is about the size of a couch, stove or refrigerator. Your one cubic yard of bulk cannot weigh more than 1,000 pounds. **NO CONSTRUCTION DEBRIS.**

UNIVERSITY DISTRICT HOME *and* ART TOUR

September 16, 2012

10 am to 5 pm

Make sure your calendars are marked for the UDCA Home Tour is set for September 16, 2012. This year we have added an Art Show lead by Ed Stuckey. The Art Show will highlight the talent in our neighborhood including demonstrations by the artists. We plan on having an Ice Cream Social, a cool food vendor, music, and the thing we love most about the home tour-7-10 beautiful homes. This is our opportunity to show case the neighborhood. Last year we had over 500 people come through our homes and expect to have more this year. Ticket prices remain the same \$15 in advance and \$18 the day of the event. Details will be posted on the UDCA website and Facebook page as we get closer to the date. For more information or to volunteer, contact Nora Gessert, Committee Chair at noragessert@yahoo.com.



UDCA ART



UDCA

Dinner Dance

September 29, 2012



12th PRECINCT NEIGHBORHOOD COALITION

by Alicia Biggers-Gaddies, President

If you are not familiar with the 12th Precinct NEIGHBORHOOD Coalition, you should know it's a coalition of the neighborhoods in the 12th precinct boundaries.

We work on issues shared by all communities, and share best practices — from security to economic development to maintaining communities. Join us on fourth Saturdays at 9 AM @ Lighthouse on Livernois to learn more.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

JUNE 2 is our **4TH ANNUAL COMMUNITY PARADE!** Come out parading down Livernois with us showing your community pride! Vehicles, floats, and walking teams are welcome. We will gather at Mike's Market at 11am and parade to Windmill Market.

JUNE 2 Windmill Market opens for the season. Come get your fresh fruit, veggies, plants, flowers, and much more at the market!

JUNE 23 is our ANNUAL NEIGHBORHOOD HOME TOUR for perspective residents and neighbors. Afterglow will be held at Baker's Keyboard Lounge.

SECURITY UPDATE: *Did you know?*

At a recent meeting, some neighbors were discussing safety concerns. In very short order, the conversation became a litany of questions and responses, with every question beginning "Did you know?" Soon thereafter it was recommended that the next newsletter column for radio patrol raise and answer some of those questions.

So.... *Did You Know?*

The police department strongly recommends leaving a porch light on in front at night? That motion detector lights around the rest of the house help discourage burglars? That most of the break-ins in this neighborhood involve a back entry to the house, so back doors and windows should also be secured? That some of our street lights are being replaced? That in our neighborhood, cars are targeted far more often than persons or houses? (Rethink where you park, if your vehicle is not in the garage).

That in the Wayne State/ Midtown area, auto theft is down 70% because of the window glass VIN etching program? That there is going to be a city wide open house/home tour June 23 to showcase Detroit neighborhoods, and encourage people to live in the city? That we've had some weird incidents, but crime is not skyrocketing in our neighborhood?

(It really is about where it has been for several years). That if you add landscaping blocks, it's better to have them anchored so they can't be used for less desirable purposes? That more and more studies seem to confirm that blight invites crime? (So if your mother kept telling you to pick up your room, she was also helping to train a crime fighter!)

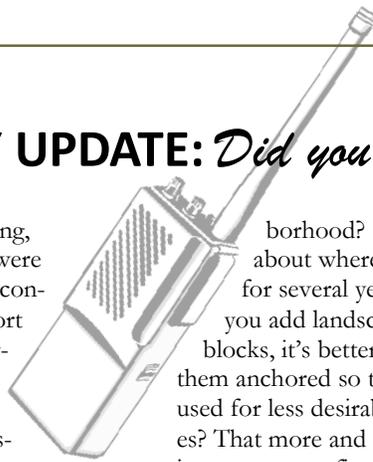
That all sorts of initiatives to stabilize and strengthen Detroit and its neighborhoods are underway? That our neighborhood was the first participant in a new blight fighting/ nuisance abatement program, and two properties have been substantially cleaned up and owners of two others are facing lawsuits? (Other cases are being reviewed).

That Radio Patrol can help with vacant properties, installing solar powered motion detector floodlights, and other crime preventing devices? (Just call, 447-0003, days).

And do remember that nobody has the right to make you the target for their criminal activity, but you don't have to invite them to try.

The final question is this: What are you doing to protect your investment? If you need ideas, call Radio Patrol!

Don't forget to LIGHT THE NIGHT!



Hello everyone,

Just a few safety tips for leaving and returning home. Everyone should pay attention to their surroundings before pulling into their driveway when they return home. After you feel it is safe, pull in the driveway and quickly exit your car. Make sure you have everything you need already in your hand before you turn off the car. Do not linger in the car. If you are on the phone, get off so you can pay attention. If someone is home, make sure you have called to let them know you are pulling up before you get in the driveway.

When you leave your home again, pay attention to your surroundings. Don't sit in the driveway adjusting mirrors and fiddling with things inside the car. If you see people walking down the street and you don't feel comfortable, don't pull into the driveway.

Also, if you are dropping someone off, finish your conversation before you stop, do not sit in the driveway or in front of the house finishing your conversation. Tell them you will call them later. Please watch out for your neighbors, especially any elderly neighbors. The more eyes and ears the better!

Thank you!
Inspector Alicia L. Terry

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TECH Talk

by Mary Tomich, Block Captain Chair



With today's mobile computing lifestyle, securing your laptop or smart phone has become an important aspect of ownership. But you can't keep an eye on all of your devices all the time and attaching your laptop to a table or taping your phone to your head is not the most practical thing to do.

I own several mobile devices, and after my Android phone was stolen in January, I decided to find a solution that allows me to track my device's location on demand. My search led me to Prey.

Prey is a small application that sits on any device you want to track. Prey works with Windows, Android, Linux, and Mac — a recent difference of opinion between Apple and the developers of Prey regarding the paid version forced Prey from the App Store for a while. Regardless, you should not have any difficulty finding a version compatible for most devices.

What's needed to set up Prey? All you need is a Prey account and a device you want track. The free version of Prey allows you to track up to three devices and receive a maximum of 10 reports before they start being deleted. There's a "Pro" version that lets you track more devices and receive up to 100 reports.

Setting up your account is easy: name, email address, and password. After you provide the required information to create your account, you will receive an email containing an activation link. Click the link to log in to your control panel. There you will have the opportunity to add devices or configure an existing device if you installed the program before opening your account. Prey is available at the Android Market, the Prey web site, and should also be available at the Apple App Store (provided that the prey project and Apple have ironed out their differences).

After you complete your set-up, Prey will then sit there, silently in the background, waiting to go to work. Prey can't be removed unless the account password is provided.

If your laptop is stolen, log in to your control panel and change the laptop's status to missing. Prey installed on a smart phone is activated by sending a specific text message to your missing phone. The default message is GO PREY, but this can be changed by accessing Prey's customization settings on your phone. I changed the default on my phone. Of course don't forget the new text message!

When the thief connects to the Internet using your laptop, Prey will start sending reports. If you're using the free version, these reports are generated at specific intervals based on your control panel settings. The pro version provides more flexibility regarding how frequently reports are sent. The content of the reports is quite extensive and includes geographic location, network address, and screen-shots from your laptop. All of these things are configured on the control panel.

If your laptop is equipped with a webcam, photographs of the thief can be taken and included in your report. I tested this function with my own laptop and it works, but the webcam light will illuminate when the picture is taken. Even if the thief notices it, it's too late; he's been memorialized in front of your laptop. Stolen phones, however, don't have the picture-taking option available.

One of the more interesting areas of Prey's web site are the stories describing laptop recoveries. Some of these stories are amazing!

One drawback to Prey, but it applies to any software-based theft recovery system, is just that: it's software



FREE OUTDOOR SUMMER YOGA in PALMER PARK

Sat June 2 to Aug 18
(no class on June 30 or July 28)
9-10 AM in Palmer Park!

All skill levels welcome.
Rainday makeup classes: Tuesday 6-7 pm.

Park in the pool Parking lot off Merrill Plaisance. Yoga takes place in the large clearing next to the lot.

Bring your own mat or towel and wear comfortable clothing that you can move around in.

Yoga in the Park is made possible through the Active Living Detroit Mini Grants program, supported by the Detroit Food and Fitness Collaborative and Healthy Environments Partnership.

based. If a thief decides to erase the laptop's hard drive, Prey will be erased along with the operating system. Setting a BIOS password will make this task more difficult. However, most thieves won't go to this extent.

The Prey program is open source software, meaning that the source code—the program's instructions—can be openly viewed and changed by anyone using the program.

No method can protect you 100% of the time, but you can tip the odds in your favor by taking a few simple steps. Check Prey out: <http://preyproject.com>. Perhaps we'll read your recovery story—although I hope you don't have to file one in the first place! And yes, you can install Prey on your desktop computer, too.



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A. Spencer Barefield Super String Quartet Friday, June 22, 8 pm

Guitarist **A. Spencer Barefield**, violinist **Jannina Barefield Norpoth**, violist **John Madison**, and bassist **John-Paul Norpoth** straddle the boundaries of traditional to adventurous jazz, classical and other music idioms. They will perform challenging works composed by 2010 Kresge Arts Fellow Barefield, as well as selections from legendary jazz composers such as John Coltrane, Charles Mingus, Thelonius Monk, Duke Ellington, Billy Strayhorn. Add some spicy classical works of Spanish composers Enrique Granados and Manuel de Falla, and Argentine tango composer Astor Piazzolla for out-of-this-world music — performed by four virtuosos.



Ralphe Armstrong Quartet Sat., June 23, 8 pm

Fabulous, phenomenal, one-of-kind master bassist, composer **Ralphe Armstrong** has been turning heads for decades. He's played with greats like John McLaughlin, Carlos Santana, Jean-Luc Ponty, Frank Zappa, Herbie Hancock, Miles Davis, Kenny Burrell, Earl Klugh, Geri

Allen, Aretha Franklin, the Funk Brothers, numerous musicians of Motown fame, and many more. He will perform with an all-star group: trumpeter **Dwight Adams** (a regular with Stevie Wonder), pianist **Henry Gibson**, and drummer **Gayelynn McKinney**).



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- Handsome signs identifying our community
- Participation in and benefit from the projects and activities listed to the right
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Please volunteer for the project that best suits your interest.

- Beautification
- Block Captain/Club
- Dinner Dance
- Family Activities
- Historic Designation
- Home & Garden Tour (2012)
- Membership Committee
- Neighborhood Garage/Yard Sale
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1917 American Bistro

by Joyce Mitchell

This quiet, cozy restaurant nestled in the heart of the Avenue of Fashion opened two and a half years ago. Chef and owner Don Studvent put it: “my restaurant is one of the best restaurants in the city.” You may find it an ideal place to eat with family and friends or dine alone.

Situated off Livernois and Outer Drive, 1917 American Bistro is conveniently located for the residents of the Sherwood Forest, Green Acres, University District, and Palmer Woods area. Don says he was looking to open a restaurant, and when this building became available, he jumped on it, and has never been sorry.



The name stems from the fact that Sherwood Forrest was established in 1917. Don wanted a bistro and just added “American” to it. Don takes pride in what he does and takes every guest personally. He said that there are thousands of restaurants in the Detroit area, and he wants to provide a setting where diners will choose the 1917 American Bistro over all the others.

Don said that the menu covers as much “territory” in food as possible, and the items on the menu can be altered to get your food the way you want it. Menu offerings include appetizers, salads, sandwiches, and entrees include chicken or shrimp Alfredo, veggie, chicken, shrimp stir fry, steak, salmon, chicken dishes as well as lamb chops and ribs.

As you are enjoying your meal, you can also enjoy the artwork on the walls. Don offers his wall space free to local artists rotating the artwork once a month. Diners can also enjoy live jazz Thursday through Saturday evenings starting at 7 PM, and the roof patio is now open!



The 1917 American Bistro hours are Monday – Saturday 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. and includes a Sunday Brunch from 10 AM to 3 PM. There is a 20% discount for University of Detroit Mercy students and free WiFi is available for diners. Carryout is also available.

The restaurant will host and cater onsite and offsite celebrations such as wedding receptions, graduations, baby showers, parties, and conferences.

Stop in for a bite to eat, and I know that you will agree that the 1917 American Bistro is one of the best restaurants in the city.



The University of Detroit Mercy track is available for use by the community from dawn to dusk, any-time there is not a varsity sport team practice or competition.

Community members wishing to use the track should enter at either the Livernois or McNichols campus entrances, even if they are walking. The UDM Public Safety staff at the entrance booth will provide a campus visitor’s pass.

There is no charge to individual community members; however, community groups or group organizations who want to use the track should contact Jeff Latinen (313-993-1700) to coordinate insurance coverage and rental fees.

There are 4 different gates to the actual track area so access is pretty and it is easy to find one. None of the gates have locks and wherever you park, an entrance gate will be close.

Proposed 14th Congressional District

by Mary Waters



As a result of the new 2010 census, Michigan lost Congressional seats due to a loss in population. Congressional candidates will run based on the new lines as drawn by the Michigan Legislature. The new district is a combination of the current 9th, 13th, 11th and 14th Congressional districts. The Michigan Legislature carved out parts of each of those districts in order to create the new 14th.

While this district is extremely diverse, it is probably one of the most highly gerrymandered districts in U.S. history. Detroit’s population for the new 14th district is approximately 30% in comparison to the current which is about 62%.

Those who live west of Greenfield will be in the new 13th Congressional district while the 14th in general is east of Greenfield and north of Fenkell. It is east in general because the 13th does extend east to Conner for those who live north of Mack. After Conner the entire east side consists of the 14th Congressional district.

The new 14th Congressional district consists of eight communities in Wayne County: Detroit, Hamtramck, The Grosse Pointes and Harper Woods, and ten Communities in Oakland County: Pontiac, Sylvan Lake, Keego Harbor, West Bloomfield (southern portion), Farmington Hills, Orchard Lake City, Lathrup Village, Southfield, Oak Park and Royal Oak Township.

As a special note, the new 14th Congressional district is highly democratic.

Annual UDCA Golf Outing

Golfers of any level are invited to join the fun at Palmer Park Golf Course.

Entry fee of \$400 for a team of four includes:
continental breakfast, lunch at the turn, and dinner.

Saturday, July 21, 2012

Registration 8 to 8:30 AM

9 AM Shotgun

Palmer Park Golf Course

Entry Fee: \$400 for team of four

Dinner only: \$35 per person

Proceeds from the outing will be used to support UDCA beautification, safety, and maintenance projects that make the University District a quality neighborhood in which to live and do business. Last year's event was a huge success, both as a fundraiser and a fun community activity. Please join the fun this year to make it even more successful. Please note that there are no refunds.

Individual and business sponsorships or contributions are welcome. For questions or to make a pledge, contact: Ken Sanders at 313.205.9872 or Urbanentertain1@aol.com.

UDCA Golf Outing Registration • July 21, 2012 • Palmer Park Golf Course

Register by July 6, 2012.

Team of four cost includes continental breakfast, lunch at the turn, and dinner: \$400

Dinner Only: \$35 per individual

Name _____

Address _____

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Number of foursomes playing _____ X \$400 = \$ _____

Number of individuals attending dinner _____ X \$35 = \$ _____

Total Amount Due = \$ _____

I /we are not able to attend; however, I/we would like to support with a contribution of \$ _____

Make check or money order payable to: **UDCA**

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The History of the Palmer Park Log Cabin

Senator Palmer contracted with the firm of George Mason and Zachariah Rice to design and build a log cabin at his farm on a knoll near Woodward overlooking a small pond fed by one of the many natural springs in the area.

The cabin, its rustic log bridge, a lighthouse and a larger pond, named Lake Frances after Palmer's wife's mother, were completed in 1885, the year that Mason and Rice hired Albert Kahn as a new apprentice. George Mason was a leader in Detroit's architectural society, and was also a well-known Freemason. As a firm Mason and Rice designed the Central Market Building, Central Woodward Christian Church (a.k.a. Little Rock Baptist), Grand Hotel on Mackinac Island, and the original Hotel Pontchartrain.

On his own Mason designed several homes for the Fisher Brothers. His most monumental work was the Masonic Temple (1926) on Cass Park just north of downtown, which is claimed to be the largest Masonic Temple in the world with approximately 1,000 rooms.

Palmer's cabin was constructed with logs from the farm and was filled with antiques and collectibles, mostly from the Palmer family farm in Connecticut. Senator Palmer enjoyed taking dignitaries and politicians to the farm by horse cart from downtown Detroit for picnics and fireworks displays, and all his events were open to the public.

The Story of Palmer Park by Greg Piazza

In 1832 Judge James Witherell (1759-1838), grandfather of Thomas W. Palmer (1830-1913) and the third Michigan Territorial judge, bought 80 acres of then-country land that ran from Hamilton Avenue to Fairway Drive. Witherell built a summer log cabin at what is now McNichols (Six Mile) and Log Cabin Street, named after the trail ending at Witherell's cabin (not the cabin that is currently in Palmer Park). Witherell left the 80 acres to his daughter Mary Palmer when he died in 1838, and Mary, in turn, passed it on to her son Thomas W. Palmer in 1874.

The Palmers

Palmer expanded his inherited acreage to some 640 acres extending from what is now McNichols (Six Mile) to Eight Mile and Woodward Avenue to Fairway Drive. On this land, Palmer built a large farm and raised prize Percheron and Arabian horses.

Thomas W. Palmer has come to be considered one of the most significant figures in Detroit history. He was born in Detroit, educated at Thompson's Academy in St. Clair, Mich., and studied at University of Michigan for a year. Palmer worked in the real estate business in Detroit before becoming involved in lumbering and agriculture. In 1855 he married Elizabeth (Lizzie) Pitts Merrill (1837-1916), the daughter of one of his business partners, Charles Merrill. Thomas and Elizabeth Palmer would adopt four children, Hidalgo (a.k.a. Higinio or Harold), Betita, Lizzie, and Gail. Palmer served on the first board of directors and was first president of the Michigan Society for the Prevention of

Cruelty to Animals (now Michigan Humane Society). He served on the Detroit Board of Estimates in 1873, was a member of the Michigan Senate from 1879 to 1880, and served on the U.S. Senate from 1883 to 1889.

While in Congress, Palmer was known as an advocate for women's suffrage, immigration restrictions, and homesteader rights. His motto was "equal rights for all, special privileges to none." On Feb. 6, 1885 he delivered a speech arguing in favor of a Constitutional amendment granting women's suffrage. Palmer was appointed Minister to Spain in 1889 by President Benjamin Harrison and served until 1890. Palmer was president of the National Commission on the World's Columbian Exposition from 1890 to 1893.

Both Lizzie Merrill Palmer and Sen. Palmer were among the major benefactors of the Michigan Soldiers and Sailors Monument in Campus Martius. They were also among the first founders of the Detroit Museum of Art (now Detroit Institute of Arts), and the Senator was its first president.

Lizzie Merrill Palmer's estate was estimated to be worth \$5 million, with a substantial portion (including land that is now the apartment district) designated for the establishment of the Merrill Palmer Institute for Motherhood and Home Training. Now known as Merrill Palmer Skillman Institute, it is part of Wayne State University. Sen. Palmer retired to their Detroit farm, and Lizzie Merrill Palmer retired to their estate in Great Neck, New York.



LOG CABIN DAY Sunday
June 24, 1-4 pm 

Celebrate Michigan Log Cabin Day at our fundraiser to restore the historic Palmer Park log cabin, built in 1885 for Senator Thomas Palmer and his wife Lizzie Merrill Palmer.

The cabin will be open for touring for the first time in decades! View the cabin's interior and partake in an old-fashioned ice-cream social with ice cream donated by UDCA resident Tom McGuire's family's dairy farm—Guernsey Dairy. Tom's great great grandfather was one of the carpenters who built the log cabin.

Other historical surprises will be in store, like WSU's Theatre students dressed in period clothes and performing in character.

JOIN
MONDAY PALMER PARK BIKE RIDES



MAY to SEPT
7:30 to 8:30 PM

Enjoy riding about 6 to 8 miles at a leisurely pace with a fun group of people. We ride through the trails in the historic forest, around the periphery of the park, through the historic Palmer Park Apartment District, Golf Club neighborhood.

Meet at the pool parking lot off Merrill Plaisance. Email info@peopleforpalmerpark.org.

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