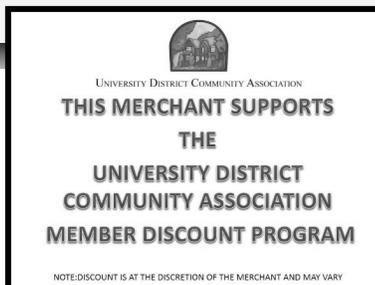


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UDCA 2013 Membership Merchant Discount Program

The New Membership Committee under the leadership of Luke Gunn is implementing a Merchant Discount Program for residents who pay their annual dues.

Joyce Reid has taken the lead to secure merchant participation and is adding more participants regularly.

Paid members have (or will receive) a member card that can be shown at local businesses that display the sign in the window stating their support of the UDCA Member Discount Program!

The following merchants agreed to provide discounts on goods or services to members of the UDCA. Discounts are at the discretion of the merchant and may vary or change at their discretion. You must present your official UDCA membership card to receive discounts.

We are always looking for more merchants in the area that we can add to the Membership Benefit Program and that will benefit from UDCA patronage. Contact Joyce Reid at jbjr117@gmail.com with ideas.



La Dolce Vita Restaurant

17546 Woodward
Tues to Thurs Lunch Only
50% off second entrée
Tues to Thurs & Sun
Free Appetizer with Dinner

Professional Racquet Service 19444 Livernois
10% off regular priced items only

House of Morrison Shoe Repair 18933 Livernois
10% discount on services

Eric's I've Been Framed 16527 Livernois
15% off custom framing

Trade Winds 17521 Livernois
Reduced prices on wine only

Dexter Quality Cleaners 13201 Dexter
25% discount
free pick-up & delivery
10+ items with advance notice

Goldfinger Training LLC
10% discount on CPL Certification class and 1 free hand gun cleaning per household

Rainy Day Hobbies 22939 Woodward
10-15% off depending on item

LOOKING AHEAD

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CLEAN YOUR GUN WORKSHOP JUL 25

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UDCA BLOCK CAPTAIN MTG AUG 10

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through Dec 31, 2013

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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.

UDCA Neighborhood Survey is Quite Revealing

by Luke Gunn



At the last neighborhood UDCA meeting a survey was distributed to gather ideas on what people are interested in, as well as how the

UDCA can improve as an organization, thus increasing membership.

The SURVEY RESULTS revealed the following:

A third were interested in **discounted events** for UDCA members (home tour, dinner dance, etc.).

Over 90% reported that the **early payment discount** (\$10 less) was an incentive.

Programs and services currently provided by UDCA were ranked in the following **order of priority** by residents:

- 1** community clean up **2** beautification
- 3** snow removal **4** youth programs **5** purchase and renovate vacant homes
- 6** representation on zoning cases
- 7** merchant discounts **8** educational programs

Specific services, workshops and/or events suggested were:

- annual cookout/benefit
- traffic safety
- gardening and landscaping
- home improvements/repair
- scholarships
- fall harvest festival
- Easter egg hunt
- lunch with Santa
- sponsored memberships for those who legitimately cannot afford payment



How people received information on the UDCA was, by a landslide, the **newsletter**, followed by email and a close tie between

the website and block captains.

When asked the **best method** to receive information the responses were: email first, newsletter, block captains, and finally the website.

So what is the membership committee doing with this information? **Taking action!**

To start, when possible, we will **discount events** for card-carrying members of the UDCA, recognizing that events such as the home tour provide some of the funding for other UDCA programs. We recently started a series of workshops that are free to members and a nominal fee for non-members

There has been a push to clean up vacant homes and a summer youth program (clean up the neighborhood and possibly make a few bucks) has been proposed. Speaking of kids, we would like to initiate a UDCA scholarship. Last but not least, we are piloting a merchant discount program (see related article) that will grow over time.

Though the survey showed that the majority of respondents prefer email communication, we have no email addresses for over 50% of the UDCA residents so that remains a challenge. The membership committee will be going **door-to-door** this summer to connect with more residents and also get updated contact information. If residents only get their information from the quarterly newsletters, any events and workshops occurring between publications may be missed so email is definitely a more efficient communication route when available. Look to our website **www.udcaonline.com** for up dated information.

Finally, we, the Membership Committee and the Board can only do so much. For \$60 per year UDCA membership has its privileges, which include many of the items requested from survey respondents. Only about a third of the UDCA residents are members yet the remaining two-thirds reap the rewards of the work and dues payment from those who support the UDCA.

In short, we hear you, we are working through suggestions, but **we need you!**

Send your contact information to Lucius Gunn, UDCA Membership Chair, at Lgunn806@aol.com so you can stay informed between newsletters as well as get timely updates on neighborhood happenings and when the request comes to renew or become a member of the UDCA, please do so.

Your support is what makes our neighborhood great!

Your New Membership Committee NEEDS YOU!

by Luke Gunn

The new UDCA Membership Committee is very excited about reaching out to our community to upgrade and enhance the UDCA membership. As your membership committee we are excited and confident that we are improving our membership value, and thus the paid numbers and with those dollars we can improve the community.

By now, every household in the University District that has paid their dues should have received their '2013 Membership Package' so you can see some of the things we are working on, including:

An annual UDCA membership card— your evidence of membership and passport to savings with area merchant partners.

A growing list of area merchants that are partnering with the UDCA to provide discounts upon presentation of your current UDCA membership card. We'll keep the UDCA website updated with the latest merchants and discount details.

A refrigerator magnet that you can put up as a reminder of your annual dues and a convenient posting of the UDCA infoline phone number.

A calendar of UDCA events — the latest information will always be available on the website, www.udcaonline.com, but for those without internet access, this is a handy bit of information.

Last year our paid UDCA membership took a major dip so this year we are reaching out to reconnect and better serve our community. We are just getting started, but we have been busy reaching out to you, gathering feedback about what is important to you in our community. We have called, emailed and passed out surveys, and **we are listening!**

We have realized there is a large number of seniors living in our community. As an organization, we need to support them. We have talked to families that have asked about youth events, and teen participation. We have talked to neighbors who are unhappy with how some properties are being maintained.

We have discovered that over the years we have lost contact with many residents as the neighborhood has transitioned and new neighbors have moved in.

We hear you! As a UDCA committee we feel that all of these are valid concerns and we want to address them.

Here are a few of the things that we are planning based on your feedback:

Community Workshops

We had our 1st workshop on computer safety in April. It was very interesting with information everyone could use and just the first of several planned for the year, free to UDCA members. We have a Gardening workshop coming up in June, Gun Cleaning planned for July and more in the works such as General Home Safety, Seniors' Safety, and Financial Planning to name a few.

Summer Youth Employment We would like to employ UDCA teens over the summer to help keep up some of the yards of the vacant homes in the community, and also help out with fellow neighbors who can use some assistance.

UDCA Scholarship for UDCA college (bound) students. We want to support our kids who are investing in their futures.

Summer 'Connection Campaign'

The UDCA volunteers will be going door to door to meet you face-to-face and make sure we are connected. We want to know you and keep you informed! This is one of the best ways to ensure a safe and secure community.

We've been asked by some, "Why should I pay my dues?" and, "what does the UDCA do for me?"

Well, the UDCA actually does a lot! Step back a minute and look at this newsletter in its entirety. It is rich with information very important to this community. Information is power! Having an informed community is one of the reasons this is still one of the most desirable neighborhoods in our city, even through difficult times.

Also, the UDCA as an organization has several crime preventative initiatives that keep our



Luke Gunn, Kimberly Gunn, Nora Gessert, Joyce Reid, & Greg O'Neal

crime rate lower than surrounding neighborhoods. There is a lot that the UDCA does! And is trying to do. But we talk about the UDCA like it's a separate entity. **The UDCA is US! You are the UDCA!** If not you, then who? Remember, every name listed in this newsletter is a volunteer. If you support the efforts of our community we all benefit.

We also heard that the UDCA made some mistakes, or forgot to do this, or did a poor job on that so, "I'm not paying my dues or helping." I'm sure we have made some mistakes, and we need to hear about them so that we can address them, but the UDCA is very similar to a family. We all make mistakes or come up short, but in a family we forgive, work things out, rally to improve, have love for each other and become stronger. Where would we be if we divorced our families after one mistake?

So please call, contact, and engage — be a block captain, join a committee, encourage your teens to help, reach out to a senior who may be alone or shut in. Call the UDCA hotline or call me. I truly want to hear from you.

Contribute where you can, but at least support the community by paying your yearly dues. Those dues will help fund the good ideas that we have and the ideas that I'm hoping to get from our interaction.

We will be out this summer individually and as a group and we're looking forward to getting to know you!

Sincerely,

Lucius Gunn
UDCA Membership Committee Chair



UDCA Membership by the Numbers

by Luke Gunn

As of April 30th, the **UDCA membership** stands at **370 homes** out of approximately **1,245 addresses**. This is a great improvement over last year! But we are still **only at 30%** and far from **our target of 80%**!

We're currently running a campaign to encourage blocks to rally membership by offering a **\$10 discount on next year's membership** to any block that gets at least **80% participation of occupied homes**. You still have time to earn the discount so rally your neighbors to join today!

Here is the current membership standing by block, as of 4/30/2013:

| 2013 UDCA MEMBERSHIP BY BLOCK, as of 4/30/13 | | | | | | | | | |
|--|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-------------|
| Block* Street | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | Grand Total |
| BELDEN | | | — | | | | | — | |
| BIRCHCREST | | 5 | 6 | 8 | 5 | 3 | 6 | 9 | 42 |
| FAIRFIELD | 4 | 8 | 7 | 8 | 10 | 7 | 5 | 7 | 56 |
| MUIRLAND | 8 | 8 | 8 | 12 | 7 | 7 | 4 | 7 | 61 |
| OAK DRIVE | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 11 | — | 15 | 8 | 44 |
| PARKSIDE | 3 | 12 | 16 | 5 | 5 | 4 | 5 | 4 | 54 |
| QUINCY | 1 | 3 | — | | | | | — | 4 |
| WARRINGTON | | 8 | 2 | 15 | 6 | 1 | 3 | 11 | 46 |
| WILDEMERE | 3 | 14 | 6 | 8 | 5 | 8 | 9 | 8 | 61 |
| SANTA MARIA | 2 | — | | | | | | — | 2 |
| Grand Total | 20 | 60 | 48 | 60 | 49 | 30 | 47 | 54 | 370 |

* Block 1 starts at McNichols

Keep up with UDCA meetings, events, bulk pick-up and recycling days, and more by visiting our UDCA calendar on our website.

www.udcaonline.com/calendar



Summer Contact Campaign

Starting this summer, the **UDCA Membership Committee** will be leading a **DOOR-TO-DOOR DRIVE** to meet the neighborhood.

How we **stay safe and connected** is by knowing one another and sharing important neighborhood updates!

We won't be intrusive or violate anyone's privacy – you can share as much information as you feel comfortable with.

Look for us this summer and be sure to say HELLO!

Here is our current neighborhood contact info snapshot:

| Resident Information | Count |
|----------------------|--------------|
| Name / Phone / Email | 481 |
| Name / Phone | 155 |
| Name / Email | 25 |
| Name Only | 176 |
| No Information | 408 |
| Total Homes | 1,245 |

COURT WATCHING, *and other news from the 12th Precinct*

by Mary Jo Smith, UDRP Radio Patrol

An anyone watching Detroit happenings the last few years is aware of the numerous changes at all levels of city government. The changes in the **12TH PRECINCT** have not been as obvious to neighbors until recently when **LT. NICHOLAS GIAQUINTO** was assigned as the commanding officer.

Lt. Giaquinto arrived familiar with the 12th since it was also his first assignment as an officer. With other stops along the way, most recently he served in the crime analysis unit. He came back to the 12th concerned about burglary rates, and convinced that additional steps could be taken, even with the austerity measures being implemented city-wide.

SAFETY ALERTS The most visible change is the expansion of the **safety alerts** emailed through the 12th precinct by various neighborhood organizations. Now Lt. Giaquinto regularly sends alerts in addition to the information sent by radio patrols and community associations. Past experience suggests that as we become more informed of crime related issues, and find easier ways to pass information to the police about suspicious behavior, crime rates should go down.

COURTWATCHING Perhaps the biggest change however, is that a 12th Precinct **courtwatching** program has been initiated. University District Radio Patrol implemented the project, which was quickly approved and adopted by the 12th Precinct Neighborhood Coalition, long a supporter of the concept. Several trips have already been made to 36th District Court for preliminary examinations, and some of those cases will have gone to trial by publication of this newsletter.

A courtwatching program can serve several goals simultaneously. Neighbors who go to testify as complaining witnesses are supported by the presence of their courtwatching neighbors.

Court personnel are reminded that crimes affect the community, not just the complainants. Courtwatchers get a far better picture of how courts

operate and a much better perspective for voting in the next election. Courtwatchers can also study and assist in developing and documenting questions raised by the operation of the court system. Currently the issues discussed most often have to do with how youthful offenders are dealt with and the terms set for bail. The concern is usually that defendants may continue to commit crimes while on bail and that younger offenders may be given many more opportunities to “go straight” than the law allows.

Almost anyone may courtwatch. Some judges will exclude young children from cases that are particularly brutal, and very young children are generally barred from courtrooms to prevent any disruption of the process. To join courtwatching, you only need to notify radio patrol that you are interested. Call **313-447-0003** days before 8PM or email radiopatrol@udradio-patrol.org.

We notify everyone of cases arising in the 12th Precinct and see who will attend. Ride-sharing to split costs is popular and is usually arranged. We also provide information to courtwatchers about parking, restrictions on

what can be taken into court, and can assist in answering questions which may arise. Typically we provide updates to courtwatchers after we attend a hearing.

Currently, our neighborhood is the most active of 12th Precinct neighborhoods. We hope to increase our presence, and assist in expansion of the program. Please contact us if you are interested. Scheduling changes for a variety of reasons so we don't expect any participants to set their schedules and stick to them—things are much less formal than that!



**RADIO
PATROL
NUMBER
313-447-0003
CALL
to join the
COURTWATCHING
PROGRAM
or
to report crime
or suspicious
activity
24 hours a day,
7 days a week**

DETROIT ONE Early this spring Detroit One, a new crime fighting initiative was announced. The plan is to use federal prosecutors to supplement round-the-clock staffing for precincts. This would make it possible for officers to get warrants as needed, not just during business hours. All patrol units—city, county, state, federal—will cooperate and share information. Crimes which can be prosecuted as federal offenses will be. The primary focus will be on violent offenders. The Detroit One task force in the 12th Precinct has indicated its interest in having citizens watch in federal courts as well as state courts.

Radio patrol continues to patrol the neighborhood. Our all volunteer patrol and the subscriber patrol continue to work together to keep the crime rates down in the neighborhood. We encourage all neighbors who haven't yet done so, to subscribe and to volunteer. We know how effective we are. For instance, last summer when Sherwood Forest became a patrolled neighborhood, their crime rates dropped to equal ours. This is a really effective way to protect the value of your real estate investment.



LIGHT THE NIGHT!



UDCA History Project Underway— Need Input from YOU

by Mary Leonard



The UDCA History Project team is documenting how our neighborhood was annexed to the City of Detroit and how it was built up beginning in the 1920s.



We are photographing its architectural styles, enumerating well-known residents over the

years and collecting information about the institutions and events that have influenced where and how we live.



The History Project will result in one or more books – hardcover, softcover, e-book

– about the University District in Detroit, available for sale in September 2014.

We now **NEED** **INFORMATION** from **YOU, OUR NEIGHBORS.**

**Please get in touch and
let us know about:**

- your reasons for choosing the University District
- your experience moving in and living here
- your house (abstracts, surveys, blueprints, former residents you may know about)
- friends and neighbors we should interview
- important events we should record
- well-known residents we should remember
- former residents we should interview

UDCA HISTORY PROJECT MONTHLY MEETINGS

THIRD SATURDAY of each month
2 to 4PM
Gesu Community Center
17180 Oak Drive
Ring the doorbell for entry

CONTACT US

Email us

udca.history@gmail.com

Call us

June Crews 863-6105

Dave Marquardt 861-5629

Mary Leonard 345-8036

Write us

UDCA History Project
17524 Fairfield
Detroit, MI 48221

Visit our blog—anyone can comment

<http://udcahistoryproject.wordpress.com/>



VIDEOGRAPHERS WEB AND SOCIAL MEDIA MAVENS

The UDCA History Project team needs volunteer videographers over the next year to record interviews with residents and former residents.

We also need volunteers to advise us on how best to use the web and social media to gather, preserve and make available the information we are collecting about the past and present of our neighborhood.

Contact Mary Leonard at 345-8036 or
udca.history@gmail.com.



BILLY DOMINGUEZ: *An inspiration*

William Carlos Dominguez, 43, died Monday, January 7, 2013 in Georgetown, SC.

The below obituary was written by Billy's sister. The Dominguez family are long-time University District residents and Gesu parishioners.

My brother Bill was dealt a harsh deal in the game of life. He was diagnosed with autism when just a young child. Extremely intelligent with an incredible sense of memory, Bill knew the states and capitals at an early age. I remember him being able to recite the presidents in order. Bill loved doing puzzles. The kitchen floor and later the basement floor used to have the completed puzzles on them. He loved astronomy and recite any fact about anything related to the solar system. He helped me in 9th grade write a speech on astronomy. Who needed the internet back then when I had a brother who could memorize facts and figures and recall them when asked?

He loved backgammon. When he was a child, he read books about strategies about backgammon and quickly became an expert. I stopped playing with him, when I realized I couldn't beat him anymore.

Despite his autism, he went on to get a Bachelor of Science in Computer Science at the University of Detroit. He was only 2 classes shy of his master's degree.

Bill became aware during his teenage years that he didn't fit in. It frustrated him frequently. There was no manual or book that he could read, that would explain the complexities of human emotion and body language. He tried so hard to bridge that gap and just wasn't able to. I remember wishing on birthday candles and first stars of the night, that he would be cured of his autism.

I regret my kids will not get to know him into their adulthood. I remember Bill as being such a sweet little brother. The only time I really remember him as being a pest was when I was about 11 and he figured out the combination to my suitcase. Taunting me, he kept unlocking and locking my suitcase. We were getting ready to leave for Maryland to visit my aunt and uncle for Thanksgiving. Angrily, I hid my suitcase behind the couch so he would leave it alone. Naturally, I forgot to tell my parents. When we reached the hotel that night, my suitcase was not found. I got in trouble and a new set of clothes.

He survived kidney cancer. He developed seizures as a young adult. Despite all of this, he biked. Bill saw the country in ways no one else did. He saw museums and zoos in the cities that he would bike through. My parents often remarked that a guardian angel sat on the handlebars of his bike. His angel protected him through other bike accidents. Bill would plan in meticulous detail each bike trip. He biked to Alaska, through Canada. He biked to Florida, to Maryland. Bill was always eager to share his plans for future bike trips. Many trips he planned were truly arduous — such as biking round trip to Alaska from Michigan — and to the average person unthinkable, but not to Bill. And those who knew Bill knew he would follow through on those plans. It was indeed rare that he could not complete a journey. Bill traveled more miles and to more states on a bike than most people travel by car, bus or plane.

Bill loved to travel. He knew the dangers of biking and had been hit by a car before. There are many things that we can learn from Bill and the way he approached life. For Bill, every day was an adventure and he faced that adventure with passion and commitment to reaching his goals. Bill set lofty goals and he knew that the only way to achieve a goal such as biking across the country was to take it one day at a time. Each day presented a new set of challenges, including weather, hills, distance, or navigational issues. Some challenges were a bit more daunting than others. In particular, Bill did not like biking in the rain or wind, yet that did not stop him. If anything it just made him more focused on reaching his goal for the day.

Bill was blessed to encounter numerous "trail angels" on his journeys. People who befriended him, offered advice and assisted him in times of need. These people were equally fortunate to have welcomed Bill into their lives. Bill has gone on to other journeys but his legacy will live on in the many lives he touched during his adventurous life.

To Bill, it wasn't the destination so much as the journey along the way. His luck came to end when he was violently hit by a pick-up truck - an accident that could have been avoided if only the driver had paid more attention to the journey instead of his destination.

Bill's ashes will be scattered on the Atlantic Ocean in South Carolina. He had gotten acquainted with the area. Bill loved Myrtle Beach because of the people that lived there and its scenic view.

My parents figured out that if you added up all the miles he had biked, it was equivalent to the distance from here to the moon. So when you look up at the sky tonight, think of Bill as he bikes to his final destination to Heaven.



Bad Computer Habits that Can Cost You Plenty of Money

by Sharon Jeter, President, PC Tutor, computer repair & training

PC Tutor

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Detroit, MI 48219

313-362-2898

Computers are fantastic machines that bring the world to your home or business. Although their relative cost decreases year-by-year, with the wrong habits, they can also be a big expense! Watch out for the following bad habits because they can cost you plenty.

Failing to Have a Backup. Believe me, it happens. In the blink of an eye your hard drive crashes. In the first instance you don't really know the value of what you've lost. It may even be weeks later when you suddenly remember you can't access that expensive graphics program you saved up to purchase. You rush to find all of the disks but realize you don't know where they are. Maybe you lost them when you moved. Only then do you realize it will cost you a fortune to replace the software. You think maybe the data can be recovered. You check and find out many data recovery companies charge a minimum of \$500 to "maybe" get back your data. Don't let this happen to you, back up your data. Now!

(The subject of how-to backup will be dealt with in a later article.)

Waiting Until Your Anti-Virus Program is "Out of Subscription." The moment your anti-virus program begins to flash "out of subscription" on your screen you should consider either renewing that subscription or immediately uninstalling the program. I have seen the aftermath of many visitors to my repair shop who failed to heed the warning. It wasn't pretty. A host of problems start to surface soon after. I have seen services on the computer get turned off, making it hard to get on the internet or perform other functions on the machine. Sometimes it becomes almost impossible to uninstall the offending program, especially if it is days after the warning date. Anti-virus application manufacturers are specialists when it comes to entangled operating systems. Don't get on their

bad side—either renew or uninstall! You don't need the expense of a repair expert to untangle you.

Downloading Cute Screen Savers or "Free" Anything. Screen savers are "terminate and stay resident" programs. What this means is that they have precedence with your computer's processor. Having such a privilege may open your computer to programs which can cause unwanted results on your machine. Sometimes this is done maliciously; sometimes it is a result of bad programming. It's just not worth it.

Downloading is you giving permission to place a piece of software on your machine. Yeah, it's free, but you didn't write this software, so you don't know what it is doing to your computer. Even reputable software manufacturers may take liberty with your computer upon downloading, but at least they aren't in business to deliberately cause you problems. With free programs you're taking a chance. Unfortunately, there are a lot of people with malicious intent who attach themselves to "free" sites and are happy to download malware to your PC. There are also inexperienced programmers who may make a program that conflicts with your operating system causing you headaches. "Free" can be not worth it.

Skipping Operating System Updates. Though I'm a Windows operating system expert, I've had Mac customers who also experience a host of problems when they don't keep the system software up-to-date. Windows and Mac Updates are the manufacturer's way of fixing known problems and vulnerabilities with the product. Hackers and others with malicious intent try to exploit these problem areas. They may be able to invade your machine by doing so. Although not the only measure you should take, updates can be the first defense for protecting your computer. I know it is annoying, but update as often as you can



THANK YOU!

Gesu's business manager, Bob Herman, has just given me information about the checks the parish has received from the Abitibi Paper Retriever through 2012.

I would like to tell you — being neither a statistician nor an accountant — that directly following the neighborhood's receipt of the city's recycling containers, the amount of the check dropped by two-thirds.

However, the first 2013 check we received (after I asked you to continue bringing your paper to Gesu) was back up in the previous range.

I would like to think that you helped make this happen, and I encourage you to continue making the sacrifice of bringing your recyclable paper to Gesu's paper retrievers. You're helping to strengthen the education of our Gesu School children, and we are most grateful.

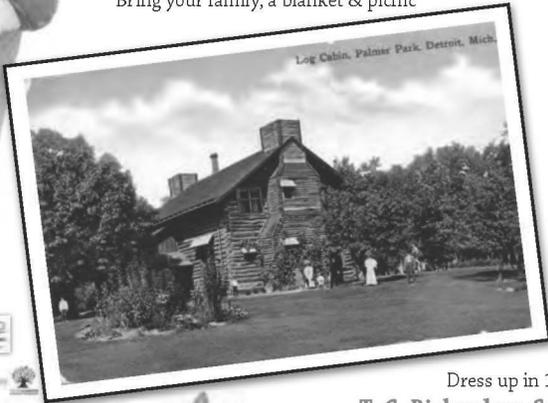
Sr. Angela Hibbard, JHM
Pastoral Associate
Gesu Church

Log Cabin Day!

Tour Palmer Park's Historic Log Cabin

Sunday, June 30 • 1-4 pm

FREE Activities for children of all ages!
Bring your family, a blanket & picnic



People for Palmer Park
peopleforpalmerpark.org



Design: Barbara Barendse

Free Ice Cream donated by Guernsey Farms served at 2 pm

Guided Tours of Cabin 1-4 pm
Rarely seen since closed over 30 years ago!

Mad Hatter & Bonnet Contest

Wear vintage, creative & crazy hats
Face painting & hat making for children. Prizes!

Dress up in 1880's attire! **Period Costumes & Actors**

T. C. Richardson Square Dancin' • Food & souvenirs to buy

Live Music: Chelsea House Orchestra (Celtic Fiddling)

Luther Badman Keith Blues • Lee Blackbear • Treats from Food Lab

People for Palmer Park

peopleforpalmerpark.org

email: info@peopleforpalmerpark.org • 313-757-2751



Located between 6 & 7 Mile Roads, west of Woodward Ave.
Detroit's Palmer Park has been a treasured nature park and recreation site for more than 100 years.

Palmer Park is 296 acres of lawns, ancient woodlands, golf course, tennis courts, hiking-biking trails, Lake Frances, historic log cabin and more.



BIKE RIDES
Thursdays @ 7 pm
Group bike rides every Thursday through Oct.

Meet at pool parking lot off Merrill Plaisance. Ride the trails in the ancient forest, around the park, through the historic Palmer Park Apartment District, Golf Club area, and other beautiful neighborhoods with great architecture near the park — about 8-10 miles at a leisurely pace. Get emails: info@peopleforpalmerpark.org

FREE TAI CHI Tuesdays @ 6:30-8 pm

Peter Guenther will teach three sessions through the middle of Sept. Pontchartrain @ 7 mile; after June 4 go to Woodward @ Merrill Plaisance. Be dressed to move!

BASEBALL Little League!
Check our website for details.



FREE YOGA Saturdays @ 9-10 am



Outdoor yoga for all skill levels (no class on July 27 during "Hotter than July"). Park in pool parking lot at

Merrill Plaisance; classes next to lot. Bring a mat; wear comfortable clothing.

WALKS June 1-Aug. 24
Saturdays @ 10:30 am-noon

After yoga, join us for a nature walk in the park. Distance: 2.5-3 miles.

STORY TIME Sunday, July 14, 4-5 pm



Family fun. Bring blankets or chairs to sit by Log Cabin. Enjoy interactive stories read and performed. Park at 910 Merrill Plaisance, mounted police lot. More dates TBA.

TENNIS Children's lessons: Tuesdays, June 18-Aug. 13; Adults: Wednesdays, June 19-Aug. 14, 6-7 pm



US Tennis Association is partnering with PFPP's programs. **10 & Under Children:** Call Lee, 313-685-1972. **Adult registration:** StartPlayingTennis.com

CLEAN UPS Sat. June 29, Sept 21
Help make our park sparkle. Meet at pool parking lot, Merrill Plaisance.

LOG CABIN DAY Sunday, June 30
1-4 pm Ice Cream Social & Mad Hatter & Bonnet Contest

Tour the Cabin, free entertainment, dancing and fun. **Raffle for Shinola bike & US Open Tennis Tickets.**



2013 UNIVERSITY COMMONS CALENDAR

STEERING COMMITTEE meetings

Every third Tuesday, 7 PM
The Lighthouse
19940 Livernois



Home and Neighborhood TOUR

June 29, 2013



JAZZ on the Ave

August 3, 2013

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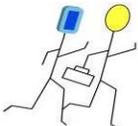
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Invoice Date:

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



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- Eat Healthier and Exercise
- Pay off High Interest Debt
- Take 7-day Vacation
- "Draft a Will and/Trust"

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January 1 through December 31, 2013
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Your membership supports these benefits and services:

- You are in the loop to receive e-mails and special notices (*Please provide your email address to be included in this service.*)
- Quarterly newsletter and website
- Winter - Snow plowed streets
- Summer - Beautiful flowers around the perimeter of the neighborhood and landscaping along McNichols Rd
- Handsome signs identifying our community
- Participation in and benefit from the projects and activities listed to the right
- Most of all, the satisfaction of being a part of the stabilization of your most valuable asset – HOME.

Please volunteer for the project that best suits your interest.

- Beautification
- Block Captain/Club
- Dinner Dance
- Family Activities
- Historic Designation
- Home & Garden Tour (2014)
- Membership Committee
- Neighborhood Garage/Yard Sale
- Communications
- Residential Standards
- School Partnerships
- Subscriber Patrol
- Volunteer Radio Patrol
- Website
- Youth Projects
- Zoning

Thank You!

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The President's Message

PRESIDENT'S LETTER TO THE COMMUNITY



Greetings Neighbors,

I would like to start with a request for all of the men in the neighborhood to start walking on your street.

We need a male presence walking up and down our streets to:

- serve as a natural deterrent to people who are up to no good
- add another layer of security.
- Show our male presence is meaningful and it is necessary in today's times
- promote male friendship

I also want to promote that we talk to our neighbors. We are doing some wonderful things if we just would share our lives.

I was speaking to Shirley Northcross recently and learned that she was selected and was honored by Ford Motor Company for the 'Silent Hero' award for her diligent work and support of the Charles H. Wright Museum. This is such an honor! I hope she doesn't mind me sharing her good news with the neighborhood.

My point is that talking to each other and being visible these are important ingredients for a high-quality life in our neighborhood.

Peace and blessings, and enjoy the summer.

Sincerely,

Gregory B. O'Neal

UDCA Board President

All UDCA residents with paid membership will receive one free gun cleaning per household.

\$20 without paid UDCA membership.

Location: Greg O'Neal's backyard at 19005 Birchcrest

Date/Time: Thursday, July 25, 2013, 4 to 7PM

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED for the 2014 UDCA Home Tour Committee

Remember the next UDCA Home Tour is **SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 14, 2014**. Be sure to **SAVE THE DATE!**

We had our first meeting and are starting to put plans in place. If you were at the 2012 Home Tour, you know there was a great addition with the **Art Show**. The committee has other ideas for enhancement, all of which will make it an even better Home and Garden Tour. YES, we've added **gardens** back into the mix, but stay tuned other ideas are fermenting.

We have an immediate need for **help with graphic design**, specifically a logo that will make the UDCA Home & Garden Tour distinctive that we can use on all of our media. If you have that skill or interest, please contact **Nora Gessert at noragessert@yahoo.com or 734-395-1693**.

As a side note, the New Membership Committee has requested that tickets are offered at a reduced price for UDCA Members. The Home & Garden Tour is working on specifics, but wholeheartedly supports the Membership Committee and will be offering discounted tickets to card carrying UDCA Members!

Most important we continue to look for:

Homes! What's a home tour without houses? We have a couple committed, but the goal is 6.

Gardens! People love gardens — front garden, backyards. We will consider them all!

Please contact Nora Gessert noragessert@yahoo.com or 734-395-1693 with questions, willingness to join our committee, or to volunteer an idea.

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SOCIAL

Dinner Dance
 General Meeting
 Golf Outing

Roger Short
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