

University District Community Association

# NEWSLETTER

SEPTEMBER/FALL 2014

PO BOX 21483 DETROIT, MI



How well do you know the homes in our neighborhood? Take the UDCA Home and Garden Tour Quiz on page 3.



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SEPT 14

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SEPT 27

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OCT 10

BLOCK CAPTAIN MTG  
OCT 11

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DETROIT'S UNIVERSITY DISTRICT

## HOME & GARDEN TOUR



**SEPTEMBER 14 - 11 AM TO 5 PM**

**\$15 in advance - [udcaonline.com](http://udcaonline.com)**

**\$18 at the door - 17139 Oak, Detroit**

At Gesu Church, a mile from Palmer Park

**(313) 318-7498**

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through Dec 31, 2014

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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 19 for contact information.



**Community Meeting  
about Traffic Calming  
September 27**

**Gesu School Gym  
10 to 11:30AM  
(We will start promptly)**

We recently surveyed the neighborhood about traffic in and through the University District. Over 100 neighbors replied.

There were some interesting observations and suggestions—and a lot of concern about speeders. Will speed bumps work for our neighborhood? What about closing some entrances to the University District? We need more police presence! What other options do we have?

We've compiled the results and plan to share them with the community at a meeting we have scheduled for Saturday, September 27. We'll also discuss what's next in our quest for a more walkable, bikeable neighborhood.

*Please plan to attend!*



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AND NEWS AROUND  
THE NEIGHBORHOOD.



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**BLOCK CAPTAIN  
MEETING  
October 11  
Gesu Community Center  
9AM**

**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](http://www.udcaonline.com/calendar)**

## UDCA Home and Garden Tour QUIZ

*The 2014 UDCA Home and Garden Tour is so exciting that we have created a quiz.*

Here are four of the six homes on the tour. Can you match the home with the trivia question? *Come to the tour and get the answers!*

**PURCHASE TICKETS TODAY** at [www.udcaonline.com](http://www.udcaonline.com)

**\$15 in advance • \$18 at the door.**

**UDCA Home and Garden Tour**  
**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2014**  
**11 am to 5 pm**

One of the homes on Wildemere was originally the home of jeweler Jules R. Schubot.

This 1930 Tudor has over 100 windows – all are either stained, wine, or leaded glass.

A King's table set for sixteen graces this lovely home's dining room.

Libraries abound – this home boasts more than 1000 books from the world's greatest authors.

Hollywood film actress Lin Shaye and her brother Bob, who founded New Line Cinema in 1967, grew up in this beautiful home.

Lawrence Fisher (of Fisher Auto Body) bought this home on Parkside for his long-time love Dolly, although they did not marry and live together until she was 61 and he was 69.





## 2015 UDCA Membership Campaign!

### *It's that time of year!*

The UDCA Membership Committee has been busy this past month, along with block captains and other volunteers, knocking on doors and reaching out to each UDCA resident as part of our annual Door-to-Door campaign.

By now, each household should have received a packet of information, containing a few key items including a 2015 Membership invoice. Please take a few minutes, if you haven't already, and complete the form.

For your convenience, we accept PayPal payments on our website ([www.udcaonline.com](http://www.udcaonline.com)), or use the included self-addressed envelope and drop it off at one of the homes accepting payment or add a stamp and drop it in the nearest mailbox.

### New to the UDCA in 2014?

Contact Lucius Gunn, Membership Chair, at 313-341-4866 for a complimentary membership.

## YOUR Seat is Waiting: Announcing the 2015 UDCA Board of Directors Elections

*by Sid Bailey III, UDCA Parliamentarian*

### Why become a Board Member?

- **Because** you have the ideas, talent, knowledge, wisdom and energy that our community needs to continue to prosper!
- **Because** you know that you cannot be "in it and not of it."
- **Because** you believe that "from those to whom much is given, much is expected!"
- **Because** you see things in the University District and say: "we can do better than that!"
- **Because** you are looking for specific ways to improve the safety, security and desirability of our community.
- **Because** you are ready and eager to do your part!
- **Because** you know that together: We Can Do Anything!

Now is the time to serve your term on the University District Community Association Board of Directors. It's the perfect place to make a positive difference.

### Join us and be sure your voice is heard!

### Seeking Candidates

The UDCA board is seeking candidates and/or nominations for five board vacancies for the term of 2015 through 2017. Ballots will be distributed to UDCA paid members in November.

### Eligibility

To be eligible to run and sit on the board, a resident must be a current paid member of the University District Community Association and remain a paid member throughout the three-year term.

### Requirements

Board members attend a monthly meeting and the semi-annual General Membership meetings, vote on issues, attend UDCA-sponsored social functions, serve on at least one committee and report on activities as required, and represent the Board to the community. Board members are also encouraged to submit articles to the newsletter.

### How to become a candidate

It's easy! Prepare a short biographical sketch with the information listed in the "Candidate Biographical Profile" at the end of this article.

Then submit it to:  
UDCA Election Committee  
PO Box 21483  
Detroit, MI 48221.

If you have questions, email Sid Bailey, Election Committee Chairperson at [pianoman.sbi@gmail.com](mailto:pianoman.sbi@gmail.com).

Deadline for Submitting Biographical Information: **OCTOBER 10, 2014**

### The Voting Process

Residents who are paid UDCA members will receive ballots in early November. Ballots must be returned by the due date noted on the ballots. The votes will be tallied and newly elected board members will be notified and announced at the Annual General Membership meeting, currently scheduled for December.

### The UDCA Board

The purpose of the UDCA Board is to:

- Maintain and support the neighborhood integrity
- Promote active partnership and membership
- Coordinate cultural and family events
- Maintain and enforce zoning ordinances and equitable tax assessments related the use of property in the District
- Promote and monitor public improvements
- Facilitate regular communications among the members.

One third (5) of the Board members' terms expire each year. This ensures that stability and consistency on the Board are maintained while assuring the opportunity for an infusion of "new blood." The table on page 6 shows the current Board members' terms in office.



## Candidate Biographical Profile

When preparing your Biographical profiles (sketches) candidates must follow the format below. In order to be included in this election, the profiles must be submitted to the UDCA Election Committee on or before October 10, 2013.

- Your name, street address, telephone number and email address
- Describe your qualifications and skills – list your degrees, certifications, and previous experience in the community
- State why you want to serve on the Board. Describe the changes you would bring about in the community
- List your areas of interest
- List the BES (Beautification, Education, Safety/Security) team(s) or projects you'd like to work on (e.g., Youth, Special Assessment District, Newsletter, Bylaws, Membership Drives, Residential Standards, Zoning, Property Taxes, Snow Removal, Dinner Dance/Cruise, Home & Garden Tour, Golf Outing, Garage/Yard Sale, Vacant Homes, Project Clean Sweep). Visit [udcaonline.com](http://udcaonline.com) for details
- State how long you've been a resident
- Tell us about your family

**NOTE:** Addresses and telephone numbers are for UDCA's use only. This information will not be included with the ballot that is sent to voting member residents.

**Still not sure?** Well, don't decide just yet. Talk to a current or former Board member! Participate in upcoming UDCA activities. Come to a monthly Board meeting and see just how well you'd fit in. Remember, together we can do anything.

**Just take your seat!**

## Board Terms

NAME	CONSECUTIVE TERMS SERVED	YEAR CURRENT TERM BEGAN	YEAR CURRENT TERM EXPIRES
Sidney H. Bailey III	4	Jan 2013	Dec 2015
Thomas Bauer	1	Jan 2012	Dec 2014
David Beaumont	1	Jan 2014	Dec 2016
Henry Conerway	2	Jan 2013	Dec 2015
Clarence Gayles	1	Jan 2014	Dec 2016
Nora Gessert	1	Jan 2013	Dec 2015
Rainy Hamilton	3	Jan 2014	Dec 2016
Sarah James	1	Jan 2012	Dec 2014
Lenora Koyton*	1	Jan 2014	Dec 2014
Valerie McPhaul	1	Jan 2013	Dec 2015
Gregory B. O'Neal	2	Jan 2014	Dec 2016
Ken Sanders	1	Jan 2012	Dec 2014
Roger Short	2	Jan 2013	Dec 2015
Mary Tomich	1	Jan 2012	Dec 2014
Sharon Vlahovich	1	Jan 2014	Dec 2016

\* Lenora Koyton was appointed to complete the term of Tamar Jeffery.



## 2014 UDCA Beautification Award Winners Announced

by Mary Leonard, UDCA History Project and former Garden Club Chair



**A**gain this year, nominators surveyed all streets in the University District and asked over 40 homeowners of outstanding front yards to participate in our neighborhood beautification awards.

The nominees agreeing to participate were judged on the basis of :

- Harmonious design – groupings which show some variety and an overall design that draws attention to the house
- Plants, to include shrubs, flowers, ground cover, create color and texture (at least three elements are incorporated in the landscaping)
- Maintenance of the landscape is reflected in edged beds with friable and/or mulched soil, trimmed and pruned shrubs and trees, a minimum of weeds and the entire landscape has an appearance of neatness and plant health
- Hardscape: cement work, pavement, walkways are in good condition
- Grace notes: unusual, difficult to grow, rare or unusual plants, shrubs or ornamentals; espalier; sculpture; out-of-the-ordinary house numbers or lighting which highlights the landscape, or use of rock or other materials in a creative way
- Extra points for using every part of the front landscape

### Here are winning nominees for 2014:

*Congratulations to all! Look for “Best On Show” signs in these front yards:*

18283 Muirland - *Lajeff and Yumi Woodberry*  
 18434 Muirland - *Michael and LaDonna Dean*  
 18634 Oak Drive - *Sally and Jim Howard*  
 18993 Oak Drive - *Brenda Kokumo*  
 18485 Warrington - *Jaqueline Bond*  
 17166 Wildemere - *Kip Fowler*  
 18300 Wildemere - *Edward Sanders*  
 18685 Wildemere - *Ronald and Susan Williams*



Winners receive a certificate of appreciation from the community and gift certificates from Blumz in Ferndale. donated by neighbors Jerome Raska and Robbin Yelverton.

Our thanks to the UDCA Board and Beautification Committee and to everyone who gets outside and invests effort in the beautifying the public face of our neighborhood.



A  
**GREAT BIG**  
*thank you*  
 to all the  
 neighbors who  
 planted flowers  
 in May and all  
 those neighbors  
 who have  
 tended those  
 flowers  
 throughout the  
 summer!

## Updates from Radio Patrol

by Mary Jo Smith, UDCA Radio Patrol President



### NEIGHBORHOOD POLICE OFFICER [NPO]



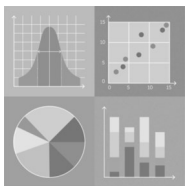
Shortly after press deadline for the last issue, we were saddened to hear of the death of our assigned NPO, Officer Elaine Frinkley.

Those of us who were privileged to work with her when she was in 12<sup>th</sup> Precinct

Community Relations, and in the few weeks she served as an NPO, greatly appreciated her dedication to Detroit and its residents. Over the years she was involved with a number of projects with radio patrol and with No More Broken Windows. She particularly enjoyed the opportunity to assist in getting graffiti removed from places it did not belong. We miss her and extend our condolences to her family and her 12<sup>th</sup> Precinct family.

The police department has taken great care in selecting an officer to fill the vacancy created by Officer Frinkley's death, since she and the 12<sup>th</sup> have set standards so high. Officer Shannon Richardson has just been appointed to work as the NPO in our neighborhood, and will be getting to know us soon.

### STATISTICS



Burglary is still reduced in the neighborhood. If we keep watching, we can continue this trend. Helping us in that regard, is the revival of the Bagley Radio Patrol. With a decline in membership a few

years ago, the patrol ceased operations, but returned to service early this spring. Within a few weeks, crime rates began falling on the

other side of Livernois. It appears that the Bagley patrol activity also has helped keep our crime rates low. We welcome them back into action, and we look forward to continuing to work with them in the future.

We would like everyone to pay attention to what happens on Six Mile and on Livernois, both adjacent to our neighborhood and nearby. Much of the undesirable behavior over the summer has been on our nearby commercial streets. If we watch those areas as well as our residential streets, we can decrease crime even more.

This summer we actually had some reduction in car related crimes. Maybe the bad guys went on vacation, but by early August, they were back in the neighborhood. Please remember that garaged cars fare much better. If you must park on the street, don't leave anything interesting in sight, and turn your wheels to the curb to diminish your risk. Any vehicle with a tire strapped on the front is highly suspicious. Thieves have been using those vehicles to push others away from the owner's sight for stripping or other theft.

### DOGS AND CATS AND TURKEYS

Pets presented us with the usual challenges, but recently added a new twist. Several cats and at

least one dog decided to change location, and invited themselves into other households. One cat refused to stay at



the original homestead and ended up with a new family. Other reunions were more successful. Remember that dogs are not allowed to run loose; several in the neighborhood do so regularly. And once again, a wild turkey has been touring the neighborhood. As always, the turkeys attract a lot of attention; it was particularly interesting to see the wild turkey stalked by a cat less than a third the bird's size.

### SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT

The ordinance that will allow neighborhood options for services is being reviewed for implementation details. It looks as though the complete process will not be developed until late this year or early next year, and first implementation by neighborhoods which opt in would probably be in early 2016.

### AND FINALLY,



Thanks to all of you who expressed your appreciation for the coverage radio patrol was given by Channel 7's Detroit 20-20. We are glad to know that we too have a fan club. Remember that radio patrol is open to anyone over 16 connected with the neighborhood. Please let us know if you are interested in joining us.

**AND,** even with the new street lights, **LIGHT THE NIGHT!**

## RADIO PATROL NUMBER (313) 447-0003

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

*Want to stay tuned in on neighborhood safety?*

Send email to [radiopatrol@udradio-patrol.org](mailto:radiopatrol@udradio-patrol.org) to be added to email list.

## LIGHT THE NIGHT!



## Residential Security

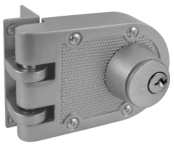
John H. Autrey, Vice President University District Patrol Organization



**P**ersonal safety is a concern and responsibility we must all take seriously. Residential burglary is a common problem with one break-in occurring every fifteen seconds in the United States. Entries are more likely to occur during the day and are generally crimes of opportunity with little pre-planning.

The following are suggestions to help you keep safe:

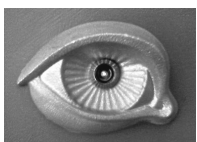
### Use Your Locks



This includes locks on your residential doors and windows as well as on your vehicle.

Remember to close the overhead garage door. Roughly 37% of illegal entries take place by way of unlocked doors and windows with no force used. Consider installing deadbolts and special locks for sliding doors and windows. Install new locks after moving. Don't hide a key outside.

### When Answering the Door, View who is Outside



A peephole works well. Also take a portable telephone with you to the door. In an emergency, you can easily dial 911. Do not

open the door to strangers. If they claim to have an emergency, call 911 for them, but do not let them in your home.

### Door-to-Door Sales



Ask to see the license and ID of any door-to-door salesperson before you open the door. Be aware that many

door-to-door sales persons use techniques which are very aggressive and once in, it can take hours to get them out of your house. Ask for their contact information and tell them you will call them when you have time.

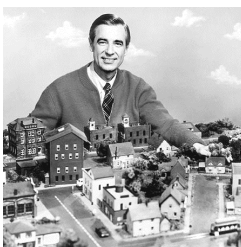
### You May Wish to Obtain a Dog



Even small dogs seem to provide some deterrence to break-ins. A dog dish, or leash or "Beware of Dog" sign placed outside may be helpful for those without pets

### Exterior Lighting – We Need to Increase

Exterior lighting is important for your safety and for the safety of others visiting your home. For convenience, choose automatic photocell lighting; it eliminates the need to flick a light switch. Motion-sensing lighting is good for spots you don't want lit all the time. Doorway entry lighting should be sufficient for easy viewing. The local utility provider may be able to install exterior lighting for a nominal fee.



### Know Your Neighbors

If you know your neighbors and they know you, there is an increase in the number of individuals watching for

safety. Use a buddy system with a neighbor and have him or her watch your residence whether you are at home or away.

## Home Alarm System

Consider a home alarm system. Many types are available. Select one from a reputable dealer who meets your individual needs. Some systems also provide fire and medical alarm features.



**Do Not Hesitate to Call 911**

You are the most effective eyes and ears for our local law enforcement. The Detroit Police department wants to know if you see, hear or experience something suspicious around your home. You are not bothering the police officers when you call 911; you are actually helping them do a good job.

### Other Ideas and Considerations

- Display one or more reflective house number signs.
- Engrave your driver's license number on valuables (TV, VCR, tools, golf clubs, etc).
- Keep a limited amount of cash at home.
- Trim exterior trees or shrubs to create a clear view from the street.
- Install a locking mailbox.
- Recharge your cell phone near your bedside at night so your cell phone is available in case of an emergency.

### Resource for you on Residential Security

Investigator Brian Fountain  
Detroit Police Department  
Phone – (313) 596-2520 / email: fountainboo4@detroitmi.gov

### Join or renew your membership for University District Patrol (UDP) (Form on right page)

Contact: John H. Autrey  
Vice President, University District Patrol  
phone: 313-727-4194  
email: autrey@aol.com





## University District Security Patrol

PO Box 312891

Detroit, Michigan 48231

### Security Patrol Invoice

*Invoice Date:*

Dear Neighbor:

Thank you for joining the Security Patrol and becoming a paid member. Your neighbors appreciate your participation. As a member you enjoy many benefits including professional patrol service, escort service, alarm response, and vacation watching.

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## UDCA Resident's Business Receives Prestigious Award



### **Hamilton Anderson Associates Received High Honors in 2013 American Institute of Architects Detroit Chapter Awards**

The Board of Directors of The Detroit Chapter American Institute of Architects (AIA) voted to award the 2013 AIA Detroit Gold Medal to Rainy Hamilton Jr., FAIA, NOMA, principal at Hamilton Anderson Associates and AIA Fellow. The honor is awarded to an individual with notable contributions to the AIA Detroit Chapter and outstanding achievement of professional endeavor. This is the highest honor that AIA Detroit can bestow upon a member.

The distinguished Gold Medal award has been given, annually, since 1947. Hamilton, who ascended to prominence through his ambitious work in hospitality, government and institutional projects, was selected as the 2013 AIA Detroit Gold recipient for his dedication to the profession and greater world of design, commitment to the future and prosperity of the City of Detroit, and leadership in the National Organization for Minority Architects (NOMA).

Rainy Hamilton, Jr. is a native Detroit and graduate of the University of Detroit-Mercy School of Architecture. Rainy established his own Detroit-based architectural firm as a solo practitioner in 1993.

Since that time, Hamilton Anderson Associates (HAA) has grown to include partner, Kent Anderson, landscape architect, and over 50 full-time employees. Hamilton Anderson's mission is to contribute to the positive evolution of urban environments and progressive social cultures. With offices in Detroit, Las Vegas and New Orleans, the firm has been active in the rebuilding of the economic and physical fabric of these communities.

Detroit projects include: Wayne County Community College District Northwest Campus, Queen Lillian/WSU Medical Office Building, Detroit/Wayne County Port Authority Terminal, Woodward/M1 Light Rail and the Detroit Future City Strategic Framework Plan.

Rainy's dedication to his profession is illustrated by his activities in the professional arena. In 1999, he was appointed by Governor John Engler to serve on the Michigan Board of Architects, and in 2000 he was ap-

pointed to serve on the Michigan Board of Land Surveyors. Rainy became President of the Detroit Chapter of the American Institute of Architects in 2001, the first African American to serve in this position. In 2012 Rainy served as president of the Detroit Chapter of the National Organization of Minority Architects (NOMA) which hosted the NOMA 40th Anniversary Conference in Detroit.

Hamilton Anderson, celebrating its 20th Anniversary of business next year, is also pleased to announce it has won the Chapter's Building Honor Award for its design of the Wells Hall Language Arts Building located on Michigan State University's campus in East Lansing.

As lead design architect and landscape architect, Hamilton Anderson created a new state-of-the-art faculty and classroom building to foster advanced, interactive learning and the open, collaborative exchange of ideas. To support these goals, the program includes flexible "learn-lab" instructional spaces, break-out areas, open faculty offices and graduate assistant centers positioned to maximize student and instructor interaction. The project is intended to relocate and consolidate departments from the College of Arts of Letters, reinforcing critical program relationships and encouraging cross-disciplinary interaction.

Site work for the building enhances the idea of integration and transparency with highly visible roof gardens and entry plazas connecting seamlessly to the building's interior. Wells Hall is designed to meet LEED standards for energy efficiency.

All 2013 Award winners were honored at the 2013 AIA Detroit Celebration of Architecture in Eastern Market's premiere venue.

*Hamilton Anderson Associates is a Detroit headquartered, design firm with over 50 professionals in the fields of architecture, landscape architecture, urban design and interior design.*

[www.hamilton-anderson.com](http://www.hamilton-anderson.com)

## UDCA Resident Receives Champions Award from Detroit Tigers

On July 1, 2014 Garrett Street received the **CHAMPIONS AWARD FROM THE DETROIT TIGERS** for outstanding and longstanding commitment to the advancement of youth baseball in our community and city.

In 2005 former UDCA president Nate Ford and Coach Garrett Street started the Detroit Braves family baseball organization. In 2009 they represented the Detroit Tigers in St. Louis in an urban youth tournament that was held during MLB Allstar weekend. It was there that Garrett realized that he could do more for the youth of his community.

In 2010, Keith Williams, a Wayne County Commissioner at the time, was also interested in bringing baseball back to our community. They came together and brought 75 kids from local elementary schools to Pal summer baseball and held an Allstar game for them.

After a 4-team pool play tournament and Allstar game in 2011, Coach Street received a grant from Wayne County which he used to form Legends league baseball, which is a DYFF (Developing Youth For the Future) program funded by Courageous, Inc.

They began going into neighborhood schools and giving baseball clinics with an average of 35-40 kids per school. In 2012 they had our first season in 6 public elementary schools featuring 90 kids. They adopted Tindal Rec. as a league field and cleaned up the trash, painted over graffiti, and dragged the fields.

The program was an immediate success. In 2013 the league expanded to 11 teams and was granted a charter with Little League International. They also partnered with the People For Palmer Park and cleaned up the field playing organized baseball for the first time in 25 years.



Now in 2014 they have an 11 school Jr. High division and a 6 team elementary league and the program was picked up by DPS. Through clinics, spring league, tournaments, and summer league, Coach Street has touched over a 1,000 kids in his 10 years of coaching and organizing. Thanks to DYFF, Courageous Inc.,

People for Palmer Park, DPS, UAW, DTE, Continental Foods, The Ambassador Bridge Co., and many more, the reward Coach Street received is really a reflection of the group effort put forth by many coaches and people who care about the communities they live in and also service.





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## The Palmer Park Orchards and Garden need YOU!

**People for Palmer Park Orchard and Garden Workdays:**  
Every Saturday from 10AM to 1PM

Bring a friend and your gardening gloves. If there are veggies ready to harvest, our helpers get to take some home! Meet PFPP's new farm manager Lindsay to help weed and clean our beautiful garden, pumpkin patch, and orchards.

Park at the Splash Park lot on Merrill Plaisance and look for volunteers in the raised bed garden and/or the orchards across the street.



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## Historic Windows CAN BE Repaired

by James Hamilton, Boston Edison neighborhood



**T**he original windows in our historic homes **can** be repaired and **can** be energy efficient. Homeowners just need to **know, what** to do, **how** to do it, and **who** can help.

"I've...assessed the condition of more than a thousand [sashes], and never seen a sash that could not be repaired," wrote [John Leeke](#), a nationally-known preservationist. Older original

windows that need repair may seem like they are worn out and hopeless. In fact, they almost never are.

"[T]he repair...of existing windows is more practical than most people realize, ...because [they] lack...awareness of techniques for evaluation, repair, and weatherization" (National Park Service, *Preservation Briefs 9 and 13*.) Most repairs actually are pretty simple. Even for windows that need a good deal of repair, mostly they just need several different simple repairs.

And here's how! The Boston Edison web site now has a great deal of information on how to repair and restore windows at [www.historicbostonedison.org/pres9.shtml](http://www.historicbostonedison.org/pres9.shtml). There is general information about historic window

repair. For specific repairs, there are many how-to video demonstrations. How to refresh glazing, replace a broken pane, un-stick windows, restore rotted wood, replace a window rope, and many more. Take a look. DIY. Save some money.

For homeowners who cannot "do-it-yourself," there are specialists who can repair and weatherize windows. Unfortunately, many carpenters and general contractors don't know how to repair windows. Not knowing, they think that it can't be done. But it can! Fortunately, there are more and more skilled specialists in window repair and restoration, and in weatherizing. The web site lists some.

The web site also has information on how to make windows energy efficient, as dis-

cussed in a previous article, [www.historicbostonedison.org/pres7.shtml](http://www.historicbostonedison.org/pres7.shtml). This also has how-to videos.

Since we live in an historic district, we also have an obligation to the historic preservation of our homes and our neighborhood. The main message from the Secretary of Interior's Standards for Historic Preservation of buildings is that whatever *can* be repaired *should* be repaired, not replaced. *That is what historic preservation is all about.* The same standard applies for windows. Any historic window that *can* be repaired *should* be repaired and preserved, not destroyed and replaced. See [www.nps.gov/hps/tps/](http://www.nps.gov/hps/tps/)

## 4th Annual "Raise The Roof" Jazz Concert



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**All Saints Episcopal Church  
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**Saturday, September 27, 2014**

## A Place to Help

By Jackie Fulbright



cass community social services  
fighting poverty, creating opportunity

**My** name is Jackie Fulbright. I've been a member of the Gesu parish community since 1987. Some family members were involved here, and they told me what a great place it was. I'm carrying on their tradition, and one thing I've helped with for years is the Gesu Rotating Homeless Shelter. This week-long event is an outreach of Cass Community Social Services (CCSS) which provides many programs for Detroit's homeless. I'm a retired police officer, so I've seen the poverty and trouble that so many Detroiters live with. This annual shelter gives me and the other volunteers an opportunity to help a little.

For a full week in the winter we provide reliable shelter, clothing, health screening, conversation, entertainment, a full hot dinner, a good breakfast, a bag lunch for the day, and a safe place to keep possessions for about sixty homeless people – men, women, and occasional children. It has certainly broadened my concept of the word "hospitality."

This whole project is done with volunteer assistance from scores and scores of Gesu parishioners and neighboring community groups. We partner with UDM and Marygrove students, members of Better Men Outreach, and Boy Scouts, to name a few. Here comes the punch line: We are now hoping to attract some volunteers from the UDCA neighborhood!

Here are the basic facts: Gesu's shelter happens during the school's winter break. Guests are selected and screened by CCSS security people before they board a bus to come here. A CCSS security person stays with them at all times. They come about 5PM every evening and leave after breakfast each morning. The screening and relatively stable structure greatly reduce our need to manage behavioral or health problems we're not equipped to handle.

How could you volunteer? Here are some of the ways: you could help set up the area prior to the first day, join a group in preparing and serving dinner, run a bingo game, launder towels, donate money, prepare bag lunches, read a book by the Quincy entrance and call yourself "security," mingle and chat with guests, show a movie, set up a loaner book cart, sing/dance/tell jokes/juggle/perform magic/play music, referee a basketball game, cook breakfast, decorate the common meal area, clean the showers, greet and support nightly shift volunteers, shovel snow by the door if this winter is like last, lead a craft project of your choice, wipe tables and carry out garbage bags, coordinate the nightly showers, donate gently used clothing, don an apron and become a kitchen wench, donate cookies or desserts, listen, escort volunteers to the parking lot after dark, clean toilets (a job usually reserved for our pastor, who is willing to accept help), or clean up after the last day.

There are also volunteer opportunities for responsible teens. Children often come along with their parents, but they don't have official tasks beyond entertaining the guests. If you can think of other ways to provide a home-like atmosphere for people without a home, we're open to creativity.

Next winter the shelter is scheduled from February 14 to February 21. Besides the arrival and departure Saturdays, there is work to do each day from about 3:30PM until about 8AM. Over the next few months, please consider lending us a hand. The shelter would be an opportunity for us to get to know you better as neighbors and friends – and we would greatly appreciate the assistance.

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## What is a Special Assessment District (SAD)?

by Tom Bauer, UDCA Board Secretary

Some of us may have heard of a Special Assessment District (SAD) or may be more familiar with it than others, but the one sure thing is that we are going to hear the term more and more often in the coming months. Some communities have adopted the expression NBD (Neighborhood Benefits District). SAD and NBD are the same.

This June, with the effort of a city wide coalition led by the Grandmont Rosedale Community, Detroit's City Council amended Chapter 18 of the City Code of Ordinance, creating the Special Assessment District. I had the pleasure of representing the UDCA in this coalition and speaking to our city council on our behalf.

The amendment is titled "Special Assessments for Snow Removal, Mosquito Abatement and Security Services" and that is just the title! The ordinance is 23 pages long and I and a few other members of the UDCA are studying it and developing a knowledge base which will determine if this is good for our neighborhood, and if so, how to implement it.

An example would be to increase our security to 24 hours a day or provide more snow removal. Wouldn't that be great! The function of a SAD is to provide a means of neighborhood enhancement through increased security, snow removal, and mosquito abatement or any of the three.

By majority rule, we would impose an additional assessment on ourselves, collected with our property taxes and then returned to our neighborhood, which we would then spend at our will on the services above, or any one or two of them.

The dollar amount and who in our neighborhood would administer it, e.g. UDCA board, would be determined before it is implemented and our entire plan would have to be developed and approved by the city.

Right now there are many questions people are asking. The foremost of them is how hard the city is going to make it for us to get our money back. I don't know the answer to that, and the process is still being worked on by the city.

I have also been asked what effect this would have on our existing organizations. The intention is not to eliminate our two patrols, but to enhance them, especially the Subscriber Patrol ([www.universitydistrictpatrol.org](http://www.universitydistrictpatrol.org)—see page 9 for participation form) which provides our current security patrol. The radio patrol would hardly be affected at all and would continue to operate in the amazing way they always have.

The UDCA (who provides this newsletter) could have more funds available for supplemental snow plowing and perhaps would be the group responsible for administering our SAD and its funds if we should choose to have be a SAD. This would also free up existing funds UDCA uses for snow removal for other projects like beautification or signage.

With 1,200 homes in the district, about 40% paying UDCA dues and less than 20% paying subscriber patrol dues, we are not doing all we can to maintain the best quality of life we can for selves and the neighborhood. Imagine the changes we could make with 100% participation in security alone!

Some things we know are that the funds would be collected universally throughout the defined neighborhood and can only be used for security, snow, and mosquitos. We are able to determine the amount of assessment and our chosen neighborhood organization would be responsible for managing the funds and accountability of the funds.

The city has several requirements that are designed to control the funds and how they are used. That's something new for Detroit! At this point, the University District Community Association has established a committee to study the ordinance, develop a plan, and determine if this is a good choice for us, and if, so implement the establishment of a SAD.

We currently have four members including one from the neighborhood and three board members. I intend to call the first meeting after Labor Day. If you would like to learn more or are interested in helping the committee, feel free to contact me personally or do a google search on Detroit Special Assessment District.



## HARVEST FEST SUN, OCT 5 2 to 5PM

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- autumn games and
- many more surprises!

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## Spooky Story Time in Palmer Park SUN, OCT 19 4 to 5PM

Join People for Palmer Park for Spooky Story Time in the Park on Sunday, October 19 from 4 to 5PM. We have a NEW LOCATION for our FALL STORY TIME - we will be meeting near the Palmer Park vegetable gardens off of Merrill Plaisance near the Splash Park lot! Bring blankets or chairs.

Join **People for Palmer Park's** email list at [www.peopleforpalmerpark.org](http://www.peopleforpalmerpark.org) to keep up with all the happenings in the park, or follow on Facebook!





UNIVERSITY DISTRICT COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

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## The UDDC Needs YOU!

**T**he UDDC needs YOU! The University District Development Corporation, affectionately known as the UDDC, has big plans for 2014 and we want you to be a part of them. For those of you that don't know, the UDDC is the non-profit arm of the UDCA. As a 501c3, the UDDC can qualify for non-profit funding as well as offer donors a tax-break for all donations.

The University District Development Corporation is dedicated to building a stronger more prosperous future for the University District area of northwest Detroit through the development of residential neighborhoods and public spaces.

The UDDC board has recently transitioned from an interim status and now a regular board has been established. The current board has announced the 2014 initiatives which include blight reduction, beautification and neighborhood planning. Visit our website at: **[WWW.UNIVERSITYDISTRICTDETROIT.ORG](http://WWW.UNIVERSITYDISTRICTDETROIT.ORG)** for details and the latest updates.

Volunteers are a welcomed, needed, and appreciated addition to the UDDC, lending a hand in keeping the University District a great place to live!

### SOME OF THE TALENT THAT WE ARE LOOKING FOR INCLUDES:

- Grant writers
- Web designers/developers
- UDDC boosters
- Fund raisers

We're also looking for a few passionate, talented board members that can help the UDDC forge ahead and make a difference this year and beyond. Is that you? If so, craft a brief bio, highlighting what you will bring to the UDDC and submit it online at [www.UniversityDistrictDetroit.org](http://www.UniversityDistrictDetroit.org).

Have more money than time? Please consider donating to the UDDC – all donations are tax deductible and your money will be well spent towards initiatives that support the UDCA neighborhood.

The UDDC holds regularly scheduled board meetings from 9 to 11 AM, the first Saturday of every month at the Gesu Community Center. Please join us if you can – we're looking forward to working with you to make a difference in 2014!

*The University District Development Corporation*

## UDCA COMMUNICATIONS Chair & Team Needed for 2015 and Beyond



**O**ur communications chair needs to take a break and add some balance to her life! When her Board term ends in December 2014, she will be stepping down from the Board.

We need to build a communications team to implement the following methods of communication:

- Quarterly newsletter—layout, writing, design, ad management, and editing
- Email blasts—preparing UDCA email blasts and uploading new UDCA members into the email system
- Website—assisting with UDCA web content
- Phone outreach—help implement a phone call system for our residents who don't use email
- Social media—posting to UDCA's facebook page and twitter account
- Video clips—helping create video for UDCA promotion
- Media—writing press releases

If you are interested in participating in the UDCA Communications Team, please contact Greg O'Neal, UDCA president, at 313-806-2726 or David Beaumont, UDCA Block Captain Chair at 734-417-8232.

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