



Curious about UDCA's Board election results?



Come to the **UDCA ANNUAL MEETING** on **DECEMBER 4** to find out who we voted for!

The UDCA Board of Directors elections were held in November. Results will be announced at the ANNUAL WINTER UDCA MEETING, published in the next newsletter, and posted at udcaonline.com.

New to the Neighborhood?

We want to properly welcome you and help you get to know us better!

Many families have recently moved into The University District and we'd like to share all of the wonderful things that the UDCA is doing. January marks the start of the planning cycle and we have many exciting things that we're looking forward to accomplishing next year.

We've recently had the first in a planned series of 'New Resident – Meet & Greet's'. If you've moved into the neighborhood in the last 24 months please contact Lucius Gunn, UDCA Membership Chair at [313-341-4866](tel:313-341-4866) to be added to a future invitation list.

Thank you for choosing the University District for your new home!

Contractor Referral List to Return to UDCAonline.com

Have you had trouble finding the right person to do repairs on your home? Reputable licensed contractors are hard enough to find, no less finding someone who knows old homes, old plumbing, or perhaps steam heat. Some of you may remember a page on our website that listed reputable contractors who have done work in the neighborhood, what kind of work they do, and the neighbor who made the recommendation.

We are trying to rebuild that UDCAOnline contractor referral list and need our neighbors to send us the names of workers they have used with good results and are comfortable recommending to other neighbors. If you have a contractor you would like to recommend, **please send their name, contact information, and type of work you have used them for to the UDCA Secretary at TABauer@ymail.com. Please include your contact information also.**

Tom will be contacting you to verify the information you sent and confirm that you are willing to include your name in the referral.



LOOKING AHEAD

UDCA ANNUAL MTG
DEC 4

BLOCK CAPTAIN MTG
DEC 13

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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 secretary to be put on the Community Voices agenda.

See page 15 for contact information.

SUPPORT GESU by shopping at The Book Beat on SUN, DEC 7



On Sunday, December 7, 2014 from noon-5PM, The Book Beat at 26010 Greenfield, Oak Park will be holding a fundraiser for Gesu School.

20% of the proceeds raised that day will be used to buy books for the **GESU SCHOOL LIBRARY**.

Help the local economy, buy local, and help Gesu School.

Thank you in advance for your support.

Anita M. Sevier
Community Outreach Coordinator
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Detroit, Michigan 48221
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Email Sign Up

Receiving UDCA emails?
sign up for our emails at www.udcaonline.com to receive information on upcoming events and news around the neighborhood.



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BLOCK CAPTAIN MEETING

December 13

**Gesu Community Center
9AM**

Everyone is welcome to hear a speaker on the impact of Medicare on senior citizens

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



Block Parties: What a wonderful way to get to know your neighbors

by Stacia Little, Co-Captain of Parkside Block 7



Parkside Block 7 had a fantastic Block Party on Saturday, August 9, in the beautiful yard of our neighbors, Jim & Theresa! *(Some of you may have had the opportunity to visit this home on our recent Home Tour!)*

We had food, fellowship, and fun! Our block has made a commitment to get together twice a year, and what a great idea this was.

We were able to welcome 3 new families to our block and the neighborhood. The UDCA Membership Chair came by to enjoy the fun and promote the benefits of paying dues. This increased an interest in membership and hopefully will result in 100 percent dues payments that will qualify us for the incentive of \$10 off the 2016 dues and, more importantly, the recognition of being a cohesive block!

Since our outing, I have noticed more communication with neighbors, which I believe is a key element to a vibrant neighborhood that starts block by block. The University District has longtime held the standard of a safe and friendly area with beautiful homes which is why my husband and I decided to move here.



Our new Neighborhood Patrol Officer, Tania Anding, attended our Block captains meeting Saturday, October 10.

Officer Anding has been listening to our concerns about traffic violations in our community and has promised to work within the department to increase traffic enforcement in the University District. She is well aware that the combination of speeding and failure to stop at stop signs has become one of our major safety issues. We have all seen stop signs disobeyed and the speed limit exceeded.

Officer Anding noted that she had recently spent several hours watching stop signs and concluded that her presence in a police car really slowed people down. Her next step will probably be to watch traffic that isn't watching her. Some of the problem is with non-residents who treat our neighborhood as a quick shortcut, but we also need to pay attention to our own driving because we don't all follow the rules all the time.

Be sure to attend the **GENERAL UDCA MEETING, THURSDAY, DECEMBER 4, 6:30PM** in the Gesu school social hall (enter from Quincy) to hear the report from the Traffic Calming Committee on what our neighborhood options include.

Notes from Block Captain Chair

by David Beaumont

Kudos to all the residents who responded to a knock on your door and to all the Block Captains (BCs) who assisted with the early Membership Campaign efforts to update membership information.

As a UDCA Board member, it gave me a great opportunity to meet new neighbors. Thanks to residents on Fairfield for providing lots of food for thought as I walked your blocks.

Thanks to BCs for hosting all those **Meet and Greets (aka Block Parties)**. Based on the feedback received, the Meet and Greet afforded neighbors an opportunity to get to know each other and to continue building a sense of community.

The BCs, UDCA Board members, and corporation presidents had a great opportunity to meet new neighbors and share with both new and old neighbors the value added to membership in each organization. It was also helpful in identifying neighbors willing to share their skills and provide additional energies to the association. Please forward any pictures from the block parties to my attention at Dbeaumont7@hotmail.com.

Sorry for the delay in getting **Welcome Bags out to the Block Captains**. If you are a new resident still waiting for a bag, shoot me a note at the above email address.

Thanks to the strong community network of our Radio Patrol, the BCs had a great opportunity to meet our new Detroit Police Department's, Neighborhood Patrol Officer, Tania Anding. Officer Anding took questions from the BCs and, to our pleasant surprise, she had already been working on issues of concern to the BCs.

One of the discussions focused on traffic calming. Officer Anding expressed that she had begun to sit in our community to more closely monitor traffic and she also committed to randomly doing so a couple times a week. The BCs also discussed the issue of blight and the how the Detroit Police Department could continue to support the efforts of UDCA's Residential Standard Committee in their enforcement of our standards, which can be found on our UDCA website.

The BCs gave their full support to Officer Anding's efforts to increase enforcement of traffic regulations and residential standards in the community. Location is a key determinant of home values over time, and most households are making a leveraged bet on the health of their communities when they make an investment to live in a community.

Please check out the updated list in this newsletter for changes and additions to the BC list. Please note we have a trend of more Co-Block Captains. **WANTED: BLOCK CAPTAINS FOR WARRINGTON, BLOCKS 2 AND 3, AND BELDEN, BLOCK 1!**



WANTED



BLOCK CAPTAINS
for
WARRINGTON,
blocks 2 and 3,
and
BELDEN,
block 1



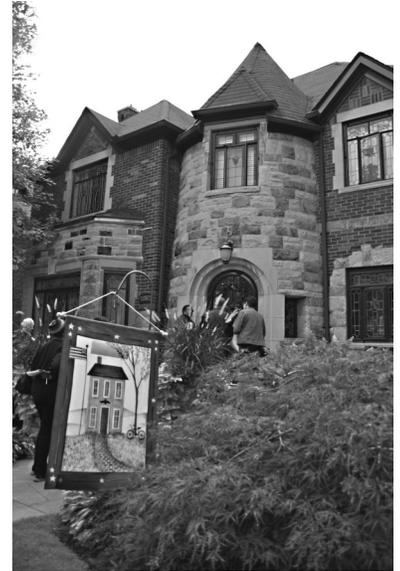
The UDCA Membership Committee has wrapped up the 2015 Door to Door campaign and every household should have received a 2015 UDCA membership invoice and self addressed envelope along with other UDCA information.

If you are still in need of an invoice please use the one contained in this newsletter. Any other membership questions may be directed to Lucius Gunn, UDCA Membership Chair, at [313-341-4866](tel:313-341-4866).



2014 Home and Garden Tour a Huge Success!

by Nora Gessert, chair of the UDCA Home and Tour



It was a lovely day to not only stroll through our neighborhood and explore the homes and gardens on the tour, but also to enjoy all the homes and all our neighborhood has to offer.

The comments received were glowing and many attendees had never been to the University District before. That is the goal of the Home and Garden Tour — to promote our neighborhood as the premier place to live in Detroit. By all measures, the day was a success.

The Home and Garden Tour continues to improve. The art show added the ability to purchase goods from the artists. All Saints Episcopal Church sold Michigan made products, a nice addition to the tour. For those who walked the route, history signs were posted along the route highlighting notables who once lived in the University District.

And, of course, the homes were stunning! We had 450+ people come through our neighborhood. A favorite story was the gentleman who lived on Warrington as a child and brought the history of his home with him. He had very fond memories and was pleased to be back in the neighborhood, if only for the day.

The tour could not succeed without the generosity of the homeowners who graciously opened their homes. I know a lot of work goes into getting ready for a big event like this. Thank you!

The Home and Garden Tour is successful because of the work of the committee. Rosa Stephens, Betty Davis, Terri Randall, Ed Stuckey, Elizabeth Miller, Nico Krohn, Kathy Bauer, Theresa Henige, Dave Marquardt, Lisa Jones, Kelda London, Mary Ferris, Jannie Warren-Green, Kim Gunn, and Muzette Stalling, as well as our spouses, family, and friends who came together to support the Home and Garden Tour.

As the chair, my job is made easy by the talent and work of the committee. I can't thank each of you enough. Knowing I could make a call, send an email, or impose on a spouse, was and is appreciated. Other committee chairs may disagree, but the Home and Garden Tour Committee is the best committee in the UDCA. Thank you all!

On to 2016! Save the date for the next home tour and if you would like to show your home, give us a call. **SEPTEMBER 18, 2016** we get to do it all again. Join the committee, show your home, plan to attend.



Let it Snow! Let it Snow!

by Roger Short, Snow Removal Chair



It is that time of year when we turn our thoughts to the upcoming holidays and, of course, the winter season.

As we all remember (who can forget?), last winter involved a record-breaking snow fall! Snow forecast predictions for southeastern Michigan's winter seem to change every day, but the latest forecast published by the Detroit Free Press indicates a normal snow fall for this season. As this is Michigan, and we never know what we are going to get from one day to the next, only time will tell!

The District has a snow plow and salting contract. To help the contractor do his job, we need our fellow residents' assistance. When a significant snowfall is predicted (three or more inches), please remove your vehicle from the streets. This will allow the contractor to quickly and more thoroughly clean each street and to salt each intersection in the District.

In the past some residents have complained about the snow plows blocking their driveways when they plow the snow off the street. I wish there was a simple cost-effective solution to this issue, but the Board will discuss it at our next meeting.

To help guide the contractor's snow-plows, the District uses red "sticks" to mark the end of the curb. This allows for more effective cleaning of the streets. Please do not remove these sticks or readjust them. If you have any questions please contact your Block Captain or me.

Thank you, and I hope you have a great holiday and upcoming winter season.

Raccoons!

by Mary Jo Smith, UDCA Radio Patrol President

In late summer neighbors began to report sick raccoons. Although raccoons are nocturnal, these animals were out in daylight, slow to move. They all showed weakness and other impairments consistent with rabies, distemper or poisoning. Consultations with Detroit Animal Control and the Michigan Humane Society wildlife specialists yielded the information that distemper was the illness affecting these raccoons. Because the symptoms of distemper and rabies are so similar, it is important to have sick animals picked up for testing.

Much of the outbreak has been attributed to the adjustment issues when wildlife and humans share the same area. Raccoons have adapted to city living and their population increases with human-provided shelter and additional food sources. An overpopulation becomes more susceptible to disease, and distemper is a disease that can go back and forth between the wild population and uninoculated pets.

Michigan's Department of Natural Resources website indicates that raccoons are susceptible to both canine and feline distemper, and dogs, cats, and ferrets may be at risk from sick raccoons. The experts were much more concerned about the risk to dogs, particularly those that have not been inoculated against distemper.

Humans are not at risk of contracting distemper—we get measles. The distemper virus is highly contagious and is often contracted by airborne transmission. It can also be transmitted through urine, feces, and other secretions. It is largely incurable and often fatal. Animals that do survive, face a life-long risk of complications.

WHAT CAN WE DO FOR PREVENTION?

DO NOT FEED RACCOONS! Do not provide habitat for raccoons in garages, sheds, attics, etc. Particularly check the eaves on your home to be certain that there is no entry available for wildlife. If you must feed your pets outside, be certain to remove the food at night to avoid feeding the raccoons. Bird feeders are also a food source for raccoons, but can be designed and installed to prevent raccoons from eating birdfeed.

BE CERTAIN YOUR DOG HAS BEEN VACCINATED FOR DISTEMPER.

Pick up animal droppings, and eliminate that source of contamination. Make certain that garbage is placed in the Courville. (Only the healthiest of the biggest raccoons have been reported as capable of opening Courvilles, but bungee cords or other tie downs should be used, if you encounter that circumstance).

What can we do with a sick raccoon? Avoid an encounter with the animal so that you will not be injured. Call for removal. Animal Control is the agency designated by law to handle these incidents, but only functions during standard business hours. Michigan Humane Society has longer hours, a 24 hour hotline and does work weekends. Michigan Anti-Cruelty may be able to assist Tuesday through Saturday, 8AM-3PM.

AGENCY	NUMBERS	HOURS
ANIMAL CONTROL	313-224-7125 313-224-6356	MON-FRI 8AM-4PM
HUMANE SOCIETY	313- 872-0026	24 HR HOTLINE
ANTI-CRUELTY	313-891-7188	TUES-SAT 8AM-3PM

Updates from Radio Patrol

by Mary Jo Smith, UDCA Radio Patrol President



Some points to keep in mind before you make your New Year's resolutions:

- After several unusual happenings, we now have our own neighborhood police officer (NPO), Tania Anding. She can be reached at the 12th Precinct, 313-596-1221. Officer Anding has been assigned to the 12th Precinct for several years and she has worked as a community relations officer in the past. Almost immediately after her assignment to our neighborhood, she was hard at work with a complicated neighborhood problem she handled well. She can assist with blight issues and other neighborhood concerns.
- The Safe Routes to School program sponsored a "Bike to Bates" day, Friday, October 17. Since departure was from All Saints church on W Seven Mile, radio patrol and some of our neighbors participated as well as our Bates students. Some of the brand new bike riders were determined, but not yet skilled enough to ride all the way to school. Nonetheless, it appeared that a good time was had by all, bikers and pedestrians. Next fall the event will be held on count day, so mark your calendars and plan to join the group.
- An important number to have available is the **Detroit School District Police** department number. **FOR ALL DPS EMERGENCIES, CALL 313-748-6000.** Soon this number will be available for safety assistance at all schools and school routes in the city. Calls to this number may be forwarded to other police agencies to produce the most effective response.
- The Special Assessment District ordinance was passed by city council, and is being analyzed as to the best way to set implementation details. A committee is being formed by UDCA and the two patrols. If you are interested in working to give the voters in the neighborhood options for using the ordinance for mosquito abatement, snow removal and security. Using current circumstances to explore options, it looks as though 24 hour a day security, sidewalk and street snow removal, and maintaining a reserve would be possible at the rate of ~\$20-25/MONTH. If you are interested, the committee analyzing the prospects would love to have you join. Contact UDCA board member, Tom Bauer at 586-945-7946. Expect to hear more as the implementation rules are established.
- After several years we are again being visited by a burglar specializing in garage break-ins. Lawnmowers and snow blowers are the targets. In some cases, the burglar broke down the door to get in. It isn't practical to keep those power tools in the basement, but consider chaining these items to something permanent in the garage. Be sure to report the thefts so the police department is better equipped to make duty assignments when the schedulers know what the issues are.
- Our burglary rate remains very low in our neighborhood. And our big problem continues to be CARS! If you cannot park in the garage, lock your vehicle, *leaving no desirable items in sight*, especially computers, phones, and GPS units. Turn your front wheels to the curb. If you have one of the new vehicles with an electronic parking brake, use the brake. (One day after we heard that recommendation from Ford Headquarters, we discovered one of our neighbors stopped an auto theft by using the electronic parking brake).
- Don't feed the raccoons.
- Remember that you have a big investment in this neighborhood. When you finish that holiday gift list, support the community association and the subscriber patrol with your membership. Remember that radio patrol is all volunteer, and we reimburse drivers for mileage. Please join us as we do our part to reduce crime and address neighborhood issues. (The big secret is that we have a lot of fun while we work).

DON'T FORGET TO 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 to be added to email list.

LIGHT THE NIGHT!





Residential Detroit Police Department 9-1-1 “Your Life Line”

By John H. Autrey, Vice President University District Patrol Organization

I talked with Detroit Police Department Captain Daniel Allen of the Communication Division. He answered a few questions regarding the 911 Communication System.

WHAT IS THE HISTORY OF 911?

911 was established as the Universal Emergency Number for citizens to dial throughout the United States when requesting emergency assistance. Detroit’s 911 was first established in 1973.

WHAT IF MY ENGLISH IS LIMITED?

Detroit 911 has access to language line services. This service enables the 911 operator to connect with an interpreter. Language Line personnel can translate over 150 languages. The five most requested languages are Spanish, Arabic, Mandarin, Polish and Romanian.

WHAT ABOUT THE HEARING IMPAIRED?

Every operator workstation is equipped with a Telecommunication Device for the Deaf (TDD). This equipment allows each operator to communicate through written text with members of the community that are hearing impaired.

WHY DO I HAVE TO WAIT SO LONG?

The latest census numbers show a population of approximately 700,000 citizens in the city of Detroit. More than 200,000 people commute and visit our downtown area each day. In 2012 Detroit received approximately 1.4 million 911 calls or 3,835 per day. One fifth of these calls were priority one runs.

WHY DO THEY ASK SO MANY QUESTIONS?

The 911 operators are required to ask a variety of questions to ascertain where and what is happening. While these questions may seem unnecessary, your answers help to determine your call’s priority, how many and what types of units are needed, or if the problem can be resolved through other means (departments within the city of Detroit or an outside agency).

SHOULD I CALL MY PRECINCT/DISTRICT FOR A CAR?

No. All scout cars, fire engines and emergency medical personnel are dispatched by 911 personnel, not by your precinct/district.

IS THERE A NON-EMERGENCY NUMBER I CAN CALL?

For assistance in bill payment, shelter, etc., call 211 or 800-552-1183 (United Way of Southeastern Michigan). To make a police report over the telephone dial the Telephone Crime Reporting Unit at 267-4600.

HOW CAN I IMPROVE MY 911 EXPERIENCE?

Stay calm. Give the location. If you don’t know the address, provide an intersection (two corner cross streets). Answer the operator’s questions to the best of your ability – Do not be afraid to say, “I don’t know.” Briefly state your problem. Never hang up. Stay on the line until the operator has advised you on whether or not a unit has been requested. Help can be notified and sent while you’re talking. If you experience any problems or feel your call was mishandled, immediately ask for a supervisor.

WHEN SHOULD I CALL 911?

- To report a situation that requires a police officer at the scene
- To summon an ambulance for medical assistance
- To report a fire
- To report a crime in progress

- To report any suspicious activity (shots fired, screams, breaking glass, etc.)

HOW DOES 911 WORK?

Your call is answered by an Emergency Services Operator (ESO). Through a series of questions the ESO obtains sufficient information that helps determine the type of response unit(s) needed and the incident’s priority.

This information is immediately forwarded to the police, fire and/or medical dispatcher. The dispatcher relays this information to an awaiting unit for service. A unit arrives at the desired location to provide assistance and hopefully remedy the problem.

WHO ARE THE PEOPLE OF 911?

911 is a dedicated team of men and women, civilian and sworn, who come from every corner of society. The only requirements are that you have the right personality, aptitude and skills.

HOW WOULD YOU SUMMARIZE 911?

- 911 are everyday people.
- 911 Operators do not send cars, they make a request for service.
- The questions they ask are required.
- Please be patient as they serve over one million people.
- Calls are dispatched from 911 not the precincts/districts.
- They service people of every dialect and the hearing impaired.
- Only use 911 when absolutely necessary.

Detroit Police Department: 911 Call Response Priorities/Telephone Crime Reporting Unit Reports

Priority	Crime	Perpetrator	Apprehension Likelihood	EMS	Comments
1: Emergency	In progress	On scene	High	Needed or requested	Urgent need to preserve evidence
2: Serious	In progress or just happened	On scene	High or low		Urgent need to preserve evidence
3: Less serious	In progress or just happened	On Scene	Low		Eg: B/E—just happened; stripping house; larceny in progress
4: Less serious	Not in progress*	Not on scene	Low		Dispatch or TCRU
5	Not in progress*	Not on scene	Unlikely		Damage less than \$10,000 TCRU

*no more than 15 minutes elapsed



**University District Security Patrol
PO Box 21041
Detroit, Michigan 48221**

Invoice Date: 10/18/2014

Security Patrol Invoice

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.

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

For online banking, it is very important that you include the period that you are paying for in your memo line. You may also use PayPal and you can find the link on our website, www.udpatrols.com. Thank you.

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Subscription Period	Price
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9-Month Subscription	\$195.00
6-Month Subscription	\$130.00
3-Month Subscription	\$65.00
1-Month Subscription	\$25.00

3 Month Payment 6 Month Payment 9 Month Payment 12 Month Payment

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Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

Amount Enclosed: _____ #Months Paid (if not below) _____

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Return with payment

Invoice Date: 10/18/2014



YOGA AT GESU
ALL ARE WELCOME!

MONDAYS & THURSDAYS—5:30 to 6:30 PM
Gesu Parish Center (17180 Oak Drive)
(Ring front door buzzer to be let in)

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An up north experience in our own backyard: WINTER FUN in PALMER PARK

by Deborah Burke, Oak Drive resident



Forget northern Michigan, join the many snowshoers and cross country skiers again this winter in beautiful Palmer Park. The park boasts with 300+ acres and trails throughout the wooded areas, a perfect winter wonderland.

Last year many took advantage of this gem and got out to snowshoe and cross country ski. This year's forecast has promised to be as snowy as last year! What's more, the park is safe, close, convenient and has several parking lots with many access points to the trails.

Don't go up north where you'd pay for an outdoor excursion like the one you can have free in your own back yard at Palmer Park. People and dogs alike love the great workout provided by both snowshoeing and cross country skiing.

Palmer Park is the perfect place to experience winter in all its splendor. So what are you waiting for, get out there and enjoy.



Winter Story Time at Good Cakes and Bakes



Families are invited to Good Cakes and Bakes on the Avenue of Fashion for a WINTER STORY TIME!

Since we don't yet have indoor space at Palmer Park (hopefully, in the future!), Good Cakes and Bakes will host our first ever Winter Story Time.

Enjoy stories about wintery fun at this charming bakery on the Avenue of Fashion with our usual People for Palmer Park story reading team!

Park on Liveronis at street parking, or across the street in the open lot.

Palmer Park WinterFest and Doggie Fashion Parade Sunday, January 31, 1-4 pm

As the park becomes submerged in snow and cold weather, People for Palmer Park will celebrate winter at our annual festival with old-fashioned horse and carriage rides; ice skating; hot chocolate, homemade soup and other nurturing treats; arts and crafts; cross-country skiing; and the famous doggie fashion parade (get your canine costumes ready)! For more information, sign up for the People for Palmer Park email blasts at www.peopleforpalmerpark.org



Winterfest photos courtesy of **BARBARA BAREFIELD**

Become a
People for Palmer Park
member

IT'S TIME TO RENEW THOSE 2015 PEOPLE FOR PALMER PARK MEMBERSHIPS!

PFPP membership is based on the calendar year, and the 2015 membership campaign is now underway! Our members are the life of this organization. Membership supports every aspect of PFPP and all projects and programs in the park!

If you are a 2014 member, get a jump start on your 2015 membership and renew today! You can also sign up for automatic withdrawal from your account, monthly or annually.

Show your love for Palmer Park and help us care for the lovely community gem over the long term. Visit the Palmer Park website at www.peopleforpalmerpark.org and click on the Become a member icon in the upper righthand corner. **By being a member of PFPP, you are doing your part to save this urban gem and helping to implement the park's 100 year master plan.**

Join us today, and please share with your friends!

Palmer Park's future is bright with our collective efforts. Together we can do this!

Palmer Park gets a Little Free Library

Take a book—return a book
<http://littlefreelibrary.org/>



Palmer Park now has a Little Free Library by the splash pad stocked with books. Take a book or leave a book! Support literacy in Detroit!



UNIVERSITY DISTRICT COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

2015 Annual UDCA Invoice (Jan 1, 2015 – Dec 1, 2015) \$60.00

Your Paid UDCA membership supports these benefits and services:

- UDCA e-mails and special notices (*Please provide your email address to be included in this service.*)
- Quarterly newsletter and website updates
- Community interest workshops
- Merchant partner discount program
- Winter - Snow plowed streets
- Summer – Beautification projects around and through the neighborhood
- Handsome signs identifying our community
- Most of all, the satisfaction of being a part of the stabilization of your most valuable asset – HOME.

Interested in supporting the UDCA? Please check the area(s) that best suit your interest:

- Communications** – Newsletter, Website, Outreach
- Membership** – Workshops, Merchant Program, Annual Membership Drive
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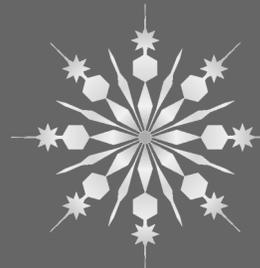
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GESU SOCIAL HALL
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Guest Speaker will be Akinya Khalfani, *Rebuild Urban America*