



University District

UNIVERSITY DISTRICT COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

Mission Statement: *The University District strives to maintain and support the integrity of the neighborhood, provide communication of events and issues to its residents, promote a quality education in our local school while maintaining health, safety and happiness in a family friendly diverse community.*

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UDCA NEEDS YOU!

by Vicky Reyes, Treasurer

By now, every household in the University District community should have received a 2010 UDCA Membership Drive letter. If you did not, the membership form is available in this newsletter (*see page 5*). You will note that a \$10 discount is offered for those whose pay dues by December 31, 2009.

We urge you to pay your annual membership dues by the beginning of the year. The importance is two-fold. First, the Board has funds to work with helping us to budget for the services and activities we provide to this community. Secondly, if a vote on any issue, such changes to the bylaws, board elections or any other proposal that requires the board to request a vote from the membership comes up, per our bylaws, only those who have paid their dues for the current year are eligible to vote at that time. By paying your dues at the beginning of the year, you are represented and may vote for the full year.

The UDCA Board provides through membership dues; snow removal, beautification (including cutting of the vacant property on Six Mile), communications (newsletter, website, and email), security, social activities, support for our schools, and more.

Last year, less than 50% of the University District residents paid dues making it very difficult to provide all the services necessary to keep YOUR community clear of snow, safe, informed, and active. Please help us continue to provide the services and activities you are accustomed to by paying your dues as soon as possible. Not doing so may lead to suspension of snow removal and other services/activities due to lack of funds.

NEW TREES for UDCA

by Lenora Koyton

Some of the residents on Muirland and Fairfield between Thatcher and Seven Mile were the recipients of new trees that were planted in front of their homes. On October 10, Volunteer Coordinator Anthony Todd and Sarah Hayosh from the Greening of Detroit, and foresters from the City of Detroit supervised a multitude of volunteers from as far away as Michigan State and the University of Michigan. I met a few of the high school students from Cass Tech and Renaissance High Schools who were earning some of the volunteer hours they need for graduation. A few of our neighbors were also volunteers. There were people of all ages – families with children as young as 7 or 8, to some of our more seasoned senior citizens. It was a fun project, and I hope

more of you will be able to assist when the next planting is done. In the spring and fall of 2010, plantings will be done on Wildemere and Parkside. If, at that time, you happen to notice a white X in front of your house between the sidewalk and the curb-where a tree used to be – then you will be getting a new, young tree there to replace the one you lost.

After watching a demonstration showing us what to do, we were supplied with all of the tools we would need, and got to work. We divided ourselves into groups of 3-5, and each group planted 3-4 trees. Trees were already placed at each spot, ready for new homes. It was a well organized effort, and by 11:00am we were all done! Think about it next year. You can earn (H)our Power time, have fun, get a little exercise, and enjoy the camaraderie of your friends and neighbors.



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UDCA
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Patrol
and help deter
crime in our
district.**

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for details.



**Are you a UDCA
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Help preserve the services
provided to our community
- street plowing 3"-6" of
snow, landscaping services
on 6 and 7 Mile Roads, and
other association services.

Go to www.udcaonline.com to
pay online or to download form.
Form also available on page 5.

The President's Message

PRESIDENT'S LETTER TO THE COMMUNITY



As we near the end of the year, I want to thank all the 2009 UDCA Board Members for their hard work and the residents for their support of the UDCA activities for a very successful year. I also want to welcome the new residents who have moved into our community in 2009. It is good to see activity in so many of our previously vacant homes.

By now the election of new board members has taken place and you will have a chance to meet the 2010 UDCA Board at the General Membership Meeting for all residents scheduled for December 15 at 6:00pm in the Gesu School Social Hall (enter from Quincy Street). This is also a good opportunity to meet new neighbors and celebrate the holiday season (*see page 12 for more details*).

With winter weather coming, I would like to remind everyone of the importance of clearing leaves and other debris from the street gutters in front of your homes and on the corners from the catch basins. This will help avoid flooding followed by freezing that could make our streets dangerous. Also remember to take your cars off the street during a snow storm to make it easier for our snow removal contractor to clear the snow curb to curb. During the holiday season and winter travel, lets all keep an eye out for the security of our own and our neighbors' homes.

Speaking of security, please consider joining the volunteer citizens' Radio Patrol, which serves to enhance safety in the community. Also, if not yet a subscriber of UD Patrol Inc., please consider joining to enjoy the personalized services offered and help expand the hours of coverage. You can read more about both in this issue.

Continue to watch for email and newsletter communications regarding UDCA projects and activities. If you are not getting emails from UDCA Communications, send an email to: communications@udcaonline.com and ask to be added to the distribution list. Note that for privacy reasons individual email addresses are not disclosed in these communications.

I have enjoyed serving the community as the Board President this year and look forward to serving out the remaining two years of my term in whatever capacity desired by the 2010 Board of Directors. I look forward to seeing our membership increase so that the Board can do even more for the community in the future.

Sincerely,

Ricardo Reyes

UDCA Board President

Attention UDCA Residents! The UDCA Board meets at 7:00 P.M. on the first Tuesday of each month (except July and August) at the Gesu Community Center (17180 Oak Drive). Everyone is welcome! You can simply drop in to observe a meeting. If you would like to present an idea or concern, contact President Ricardo Reyes or Vice-President Holly Clements to request a spot on the Community Voices Agenda.

Announcements

Proud grandparents **ELIJAH AND LAVERNE PORTER'S sixth grandchild, AMBER LANAE PORTER** was born on August 19 to their son Elijah II and DeMeria Porter. She weighed 6 lbs 13 ozs.



We are proud to announce that **RAPHAEL GUNN** is a 2010 National Achievement Semi-Finalist. He is one of only 13 Detroit students, and 70 Michigan students, to receive this recognition, which is based on standardized test results from junior year. He is currently a senior at U of D Jesuit High School, and plays on the varsity baseball team, and varsity football team among other things. He recently completed the football season as a place kicker, with an eight for eight record for extra points kicked. He plans to major in Communications/Public Relations/Pre-Law in college.

"ORCHARD PROJECT" BELDEN PARK

by Ricardo Reyes

Several months ago, Bill Hickey, a representative of Gloryland Garden, approached me as President of UDCA. Gloryland is an organization within our community that maintains a parcel of land at Gesu by planting vegetables and other garden varieties of plants. The Gloryland members were working on an idea to undertake an "Orchard Project" within Belden Park, also known as the Belden Tot Lot. With the work of the Gloryland members and the help of our residents, this idea can become reality.

Belden Park was chosen for its ideal location to incorporate a variety of fruit bearing trees and plants surrounding the existing playscape.

The plan includes a mixture of 19 pear and plum trees, along with a variety of fruit bearing ground covers (e.g., raspberries and grapes at the borders of the park, and strawberry beds in between the trees).

Preparation for the orchard project will begin with the ordering of trees in December, with the trees arriving in late March or early May 2010. The site preparation to remove sod for replacement with ground cover and the actual planting of the trees will require a small army of approximately twenty volunteers.

The following 2010 dates have been identified:

Saturday, March 2: Remove sod and replace with ground cover

Saturday, May 1: Plant 19 trees

With the help of volunteers both tasks should take 3 to 4 hours.

The name of the orchard has not yet been determined; however, there will be a sign erected at the park containing the UDCA logo and Gloryland name.

The Orchard Project is a good opportunity for our residents to participate in the continued beautification of our community. Please mark your calendar, volunteer an hour or more ("(H)our power") or consider adopt-a-tree as a memorial for a loved one.

Thank you all in your anticipated support.

TIME in Detroit

by Vicky Reyes

In their October 5, 2009 issue, Time Magazine introduced a year long special report on Detroit. The cover story of the issue is "The Tragedy of Detroit: How a great city fell – and how it can rise again," by former Detroit resident Daniel Okrent is a discussion on "how the city got off track and how the hearty souls who remain are fighting for the city's future."

The article also profiles of some people the author thinks may play a role in the city's recovery. There is also an article on Mayor Bing and



"his third career is by far his most challenging" by Steven Gray.

Time has even gone so far as to purchase a home in Detroit where Gray will live for the year while covering this series. He will be joined by the various other writers and photographers as they come to town for their reports.

Future print issues of Time will feature articles about our city's struggle and hoped for progress. There will also be daily audio and video coverage at www.TIME.com as well as on the Detroit Blog at www.TIME.com/Detroit.

I thought we all might be interested in following this series.

2010 Home & Garden Tour

by Rosa Stephens

The Home & Garden Tour committee thanks each resident who volunteered his or her home or garden for the 2010 Home & Garden Tour. In addition, a "Thank You" goes to those residents who encouraged a neighbor to participate in the 2010 Tour. Both the residents who volunteered your homes or gardens, and the residents, who encouraged your neighbor to volunteer, demonstrate the sterling commitment that you have for your neighborhood. It is without a doubt, your kind of participation that makes 2010 Home & Garden Tour possible.

Inquiring minds want to know, "What can we expect for the 2010 Home and Garden Tour?"

We can expect to see gorgeous, elegant, and palatial homes which were built in the 1920's and 30's, during the "Golden Age of Housing" in Detroit. In viewing these seven awe-inspiring homes and three beautiful gardens, you will observe the finest in architectural detail, superior workmanship, and quality materials that are all hallmarks of that era. These features (as we already know) are now almost impossible or too expensive to duplicate in present day construction.

Each of the homes and gardens' visual interest and distinctive appearance evokes the "wow" factor. So plan now to see the University District Home & Garden Tour in August 2010. You will not want to miss this spectacular event!

The Selection Committee members are: Sue Ditsky, Elaine Gilbert, Cleo Hedgepath, Vicky Reyes and Holly Clements. Thanks to each of you for a job well done!

If you are interested in serving on the Home & Garden Tour Committee contact:

Vicky Reyes, Co-Chairperson
(313) 864-2834 or vickyreyes@ameritech.net

www.UDCAtour.com

For more news and information, visit:
www.udcaonline.com

UDCA Block Captain List

Your assistance is needed in keeping this list updated. Contact a Block Captain chairperson if: (1) you are interested in being a Block Captain for a block without a captain, or (2) you want to update your contact information (address/phone) - Keep in mind that your name and phone number will be published in the newsletter and on the website for residents to contact you.

Tiffany Alexander, Block Captain Chair
(313) 342-6406 or talexander@udcaonline.com

Dave Marquardt, Block Captain Co-Chair
(313) 861-5629 or dave.marquardt@yahoo.com

The primary purpose of a Block Captain is to disseminate information to and from the residents. Residents are encouraged to contact their Block Captain to share and obtain information about activities within the district. *The following list was last updated October 3, 2009.*

WARRINGTON

- 1... Shirley King 862-7313
- 2... Mary Jo Smith 862-3754
- 3... VACANT**
- 4... Sundiata Mateen 861-2754
- 5... Terri Conerway 861-7623
- 6... VACANT**
- 7... Cynthia Banks 345-4278
- 8... Shirley Northcross 863-8251

OAK DRIVE

- 1... *Gesu Rectory* N/A
- 2... Evelyn Foreman 861-9490
- 3... Toney Hughes 861-0287
- 4... Sam Kirkland 862-3962
- 5... Selma Goggans 861-1223
- 6... *Barbara Jordan School* N/A
- 7... James/Kim Beasley 861-1568
- 8... Anita Sevier 345-5004

QUINCY

- 1... La'Tangalar Brady 861-5611
- 2... John Hooper 864-9562

BIRCHCREST

- 1... Esther Epps 863-1235
- 2... Esther Epps 863-1235
- 3... Ev Belfon 341-1996
- 3... Vivian Gladden 341-0289
- 4... VACANT**
- 5... Paula Green-Smith 861-6315
- 5... Reginald Cunningham* 342-8755
- 6... Steven Ellison 862-7016
- 6... Vincent Smith 345-2898
- 7... Melvin Askew 861-0299
- 7... Mya Ndiaye 414-1945
- 8... Jeffrey C. Gisstennar* 407-6265
- 8... Gregory O'Neal* 345-3767

BELDEN

- 1... VACANT**
- 2... Jamie Ferguson 345-2578

* Denotes Co-Captain

The block numbers are listed in order from McNichols to Seven Mile Road.

FAIRFIELD

- 1... Jeff Stema 861-5858
- 2... Faye Knox 863-6011
- 3... Myron Watts 864-6763
- 4... Robert Hunter 863-5675
- 5... VACANT**
- 6... Preston West 342-3356
- 7... Frank Benedict 342-7535
- 8... Calesther Smith-Arnold 862-1302

MUIRLAND

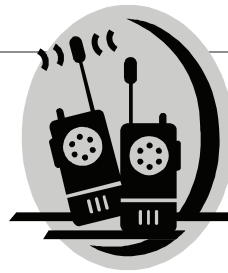
- 1... VACANT**
- 2... Kim Sims 861-2907
- 3... Sidney H. Bailey III 862-2716
- 4... Judy Betts 862-0568
- 5... Robert Carpenter 861-0151
- 6... LaDonna Dean 342-4401
- 7... VACANT**
- 8... Sandra Complas 341-5962

WILDEMERE

- 1... Joyce Khalfani 248-632-0907
- 2... Sheila Womack 864-4766
- 2... Odell Bridges* 862-2551
- 3... VACANT**
- 4... Rick Thues 615-6701
- 5... Frank Varner 864-2449
- 6... Jim Zemboy 345-7227
- 7... Virgil Spight 863-2406
- 8... Willetta Rhodes 341-7462

PARKSIDE

- 1... VACANT**
- 2... Bettie Carter 861-9196
- 3... Lucius Gunn 341-4866
- 4... Kirsten Schoster* 332-4092
- 4... Bridget Howard*
- 5... Rosetta McCamey 864-3915
- 6... Ed Stuckey & Elizabeth Miller 345-3671
- 7... Sylvia Wilson 863-4554
- 8... Lawanda Harrison 345-3882



Radio Patrol Update

by Mary Jo Smith

Despite all the dire warnings of huge surges in crime, the University District has not experienced the fate predicted. Instead, we have seen a couple of short term increases of particular types of crimes. We find that with ever more efficient coordination of efforts we really are doing far better than projected. Our vacancy rate is dropping and continues to inch downward. The once astronomical rate of break-ins on vacant property has dropped to “infrequent.” While there were a couple of bad weeks in October when it began to look as though burglaries were skyrocketing, that increase abruptly ended. For those crimes that seem problems everywhere, particularly car theft/stripping, we have offered the “tools”, techniques, and suggestions available to help with prevention. Our watchfulness keeps our neighborhood far safer than would be the case with “eyes closed.”

For a safe neighborhood, what works?

- Watchful neighbors
- Exterior lights on at night
- Communicating safety/security concerns to Radio Patrol or UDCA
- Calling 911 in emergencies
- Knowing our neighbors well enough to ask if “those guys” actually are supposed to be working on their home
- Safely getting license plate information (partial plates helps) when something doesn’t seem right and Passing the information along
- Getting on the UDCA email list and paying attention to developing patterns of concern
- Any (H)our Power project
- Keeping our homes and yards and the vacant ones nearby looking cared for

We are fortunate to have a highly cooperative relationship with the 12th Precinct. Some of the comments made by the officers at the 12th indicate that they are pleased to respond to our calls because our neighborhood has high expectations coupled with a deep commitment to a safe, quiet, pleasant place to live. Our willingness to work on

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Assemble a Kit of Information for Medical Emergencies

by Judy Betts

Your personal kit should contain the following information:

1. Personal Information: age, profession, medical conditions/history, names and contact information for relatives, and insurance info.
2. Physician Information: contact information, specialty, and hospital affiliations (identify primary care physician).
3. Medications: list all medications (prescription and over-the-counter), include dosages, frequency, and pharmacist/pharmacy information.
4. Health/Treatment Affiliations: list organizations (e.g., MS Society, Cancer Institute, etc.) and home health care agencies utilized.

Inform family members of where this information is kept. *Suggestion: Place info in a Ziploc bag and stick it on the refrigerator.* Make a kit for everyone in your household. Good luck and good health!

University District Community Association

2010 Annual Membership Application/Renewal

January 1 through December 31, 2010

\$60

DISCOUNT AVAILABLE: \$50.00 ONLY IF RECEIVED PRIOR TO DECEMBER 31, 2009

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE NUMBER _____ E-Mail _____

Year you moved into the neighborhood _____ New Resident Returning member

Make check payable to: UDCA

Mail to: P.O. BOX 21483

DETROIT, MI 48221

Check # _____ Money Order # _____ Other _____

Your canceled check is your receipt.

Payments can also be made through PayPal via **www.UDCAonline.com**

Your membership supports these benefits and services:

- ❖ You are in the loop to receive e-mails and special notices –Please provide email address to be included in this service
- ❖ Quarterly newsletter and community website
- ❖ Winter - Snow plowed streets
- ❖ Summer to Fall - Beautiful flowers around the perimeter of the neighborhood and landscaping along McNichols
- ❖ Handsome signs identifying our community
- ❖ Participation in and benefit from the projects & activities listed to the right

Most of all, the satisfaction of being a part of the stabilization of your most valuable asset – Your Home.

Please volunteer for the project that best suits your interests:

- Beautification
- Block Club Development
- Dinner Dance
- Family Activities
- Golf Outing
- Historic Designation
- Home & Garden Tour 2010
- Membership Committee
- Neighborhood Yard Sale
- Newsletter Writing & Editing
- Residential Standards
- Safety & Security
- School Partnerships
- Subscriber Patrol
- Volunteer Radio Patrol
- Web Page Development
- Youth Projects

Thank You!

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Responding to Questions Surrounding Historic Designation

by LaDonna S. Dean, Block Captain Muirland #6

Our family moved into the beautiful University District over 26 years ago. During that time, there was a mass exodus of residents in this community. There were literally three to four homes for sale in every block. Moving to this community was a free choice for my family. We could have moved to any community urban or suburban, but we believed in Detroit, and we believed in this community. It's beautiful architecture, the beautiful trees, and as it turned out, the wonderful neighbors and friends of this community.

In late 2003, there was an effort to establish this area as a Historical Designation. It was not an open effort to inform the 1,200 residents of this community of what was happening. The group that spearheaded this effort knew that the majority of residents would be against the Historical Designation, due to the vast restrictions it places on the homeowners. The community came together and expressed their decision not to be apart of the designation, and felt this would not benefit this community. All we asked, is for the group for Historical Designation to be truthful and forthright with the true Pros and Cons of being Historical Designated.

Mr. Mathew Aldrich wrote a 2-page article that was published in the last UDCA Newsletter. Mr. Aldrich failed in the effort in revealing how Historical Designation would really impact the homeowner.

Let me say that I do not speak to you blindly about this issue. I have been a Mortgage Loan Officer for the last 13 years. I have watched the values in this community rise steadily over the last 22 years (until the recent recession) – and it was not due to being a Historical Designated area. The growth came from this community taking pride in homeownership and keeping the integrity of this community.

There have been many areas designated as historical that has experienced blight, neglect and home value depreciation for years. Boston/Edison, Indian Village, and Corktown are some of the better known areas that have been struggling with this very problem.

Mr. Aldrich suggested that only exterior changes to your property needed a permit and would have to be reviewed and approved by the Historical Commission. THIS IS NOT TRUE, any and all exterior changes to your property would have to be submitted, reviewed and approved by the Historical Commission before any work is done. This includes:

- Changing paint colors
- Removing large trees, shrubbery and plants
- Replacing roofing, flashing and gutters
- Installing new or replacement windows and storm windows
- Reconstructing areas of masonry walls, chimneys, floors, porches, sidewalks and driveways
- Installing new exterior doors, storm and security doors, garage doors
- Reconstructing all or part of a porch, including rear decks
- Replacing a fence or installing a privacy fence
- Exterior cleaning of your home and garage
- Demolishing all or part of a home, including the garage
- Removal and replacement of any landscaping, front and rear

This is only a few listings of what has to be reviewed and approved by the Historical Designation Commission; you can get more information by visiting:

Detroit Historical Commission Office

65 Cadillac Sq., 13th floor • Detroit, MI 48226
(313) 224-8907 • (313) 628-0194 • (313) 224-6536
www.ci.detroit.mi.us/historic

Just as we made informed and educated decisions when purchasing our homes in this community, our community should have full knowledge when significant changes affect the rights and privileges in our homeownership.

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The UDCA Newsletter is published quarterly. Please indicate issue(s) for advertisement:

- Spring Issue (March 1) Summer Issue (June 1)
 Fall Issue (September 1) Winter Issue (December 1)

Ad Specifications and Cost

- Full Page (8.0" wide X 10.0" high).....\$100.00
 ½-Page Option 1: (4.0" wide X 10.0" high).....\$60.00
 ½-Page Option 2: (8.0" wide X 5.0" high).....\$60.00
 ¼-Page (4.0" wide X 5.0" high)\$40.00
 Business Card (3.5" wide X 2.0" high).....\$25.00

IMPORTANT NOTE: Camera ready-artwork will be accepted in the following formats: Word document, PDF, JPG image, TIF image. Artwork should be formatted to size of ad (*see specifications above*). If setup is required, please add \$10.00. Scanning of photographs will be an additional \$10.00. **Photos will not be returned.**

Ad Submission Schedule

	Spring Issue	Summer Issue	Fall Issue	Winter Issue
Ad/Content Due	January 31	April 30	July 31	October 31

For additional information contact:
Lenora Koyton at koyton@sbcglobal.net or call (313) 341-UDCA (8322)

Submit your ad to newsletter@udcaonline.com put "Newsletter Ad" in subject line.

Calculation for Payment Due

# of Issues Selected		_____		
Ad Cost (based on size)	X	_____		Send contract and payment to:
Sub-Total	=	_____		UDCA Newsletter
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Photograph Scanning (if applicable) (\$10.00)	+	_____		Detroit, MI 48221
TOTAL PAYMENT DUE	=	_____		

IMPORTANT NOTE: Payment must be received by due date or ad will not be published. There is a \$35.00 fee for returned checks.

Business/Contact Information:

Business Name: _____
 Contact Name: _____
 Address: _____
 Telephone: _____ Email: _____
 Signature: _____ Date: _____

Radio Patrol Update...continued from page 4.

12th Precinct projects which further everyone's safety strengthens that assessment by the 12th Precinct. Our cooperation has also increased our awareness of ways to increase our successes.

Do you remember last issue's comments about efforts underway to combat gang activity? We found that our response has kept our neighborhood and the 12th Precinct from the encroachments other areas have suffered. In the final "paintout" of the season, we joined some neighbors from Green Acres, officers from NorthEast, and of course, our crew of 12th Precinct officers in treating our area and some of NorthEast to more eradication of gang tags. Through the winter we need assistance in identifying areas with graffiti so that we will have our maps ready for our action when spring returns. (Contact www.nomorebrokenwindows.com, UDCA, or Radio Patrol with details).

For the holiday shopping season Commander Tuttle, 12th Precinct, asked that we remind everyone of some advice the police department recommends year round. If you are the target of a purse snatcher or pickpocket and have credit cards or a cell phone stolen, you do not need to cancel/close accounts immediately while you wait for the police. Many robberies have been solved because of tracking made possible in the first hours after a robbery. *(I have to say from my experience that calling the credit card companies within 20 minutes did me no good, as all companies involved accepted charges on the cards after notification, and rolled those over; no questions asked, to the new account. It all got straightened out, but I would have been happier with more photos on security cameras to help with the prosecution.)* You will have plenty of time to make any cancellation calls after working with the police, and perhaps have the satisfaction of assisting in the apprehension of the thief as well.

On behalf of Radio Patrol, I extend best wishes for a safe, happy, and healthy holiday season. Please join us in **LIGHTing THE NIGHT**, and the other projects to preserve and enhance our neighborhood.

Curfew for Minors

by Mary Jo Smith

DETROIT HAS A YEAR-ROUND CURFEW FOR MINORS.

A parent or guardian **MUST** accompany anyone under eighteen years of age out after curfew. While enforcement is more rigorous around Halloween, when 6:00 PM is the curfew hour, juveniles can be arrested and fined for curfew violation any day of the year.

As curfew violations increase, so does crime. The other significant consideration, of course, is the safety of the minor out at night.

AGES	Sunday - Thursday	Friday - Saturday and Summer Months
15 and younger	8:00 PM - 6:00 AM	10:00 PM - 6:00 AM
16-17	9:00 PM - 6:00 AM	11:00 PM - 6:00 AM

Report curfew violators to the 12th Precinct and Radio Patrol.

STATUS REPORT: University District Patrol Inc.

by Nick Kyser, Board Member, University District Patrol, Inc.

Your subscriber patrol continues to seek new ways to improve service and hold down or reduce costs. As you probably know by now, our switch to Apex as a security provider did not work out, and we are once again working with Securitas, still with Mike Thomas as the person in the vehicle for 40 hours of prime time every week. The board is actively exploring the possibility of purchasing a vehicle, while still contracting with Securitas to provide the guards. This could save enough money to provide additional hours of patrol every week.

We are in the process of converting to a better and cheaper telephone system. More details will be available soon.

Like several other board members, I also volunteer on the University District Radio Patrol. This gives me a first-hand understanding of the difference patrols can make. On several recent occasions, the presence of Mike Thomas has interrupted break-ins of homes or cars. Suspicious cars frequently turn around and leave the neighborhood when they realize they are being observed. Quite probably at least some of these occasions have prevented crimes. Quite possibly one of those crimes that never happened would have been at your home.

Please become a member of the subscriber patrol if you can possibly do so. What do you get when you become a member? After all, the above benefits are shared by the whole neighborhood, subscribers and non-subscribers alike. The first thing you get is the warm feeling of being an active citizen rather than a free rider. But you get more tangible benefits as well. You get special attention to your house while you are away on vacation, as I will be the week after I write this. You get escort service; the patrol truck will meet you as you arrive at your house and make sure you get in safely. All you have to do is call, and with darkness coming early for the next few months we should all be using this service more regularly than we do. And of course, in the event you do have an attempted or successful break-in, the security patrol vehicle will be at your door in minutes.

The math is very simple; the more subscribers, the more hours of patrol, and the safer we all are. If you can't spare the modest amount to subscribe to the paid patrol, consider becoming one of those neighbors who donate time to the radio patrol. Information about both patrols can be found on the shared website: www.udpatrols.com. You can also call our administrative phone number, (313) 459-0770.

Both members and non-members are welcome at the Annual Meeting, to be held Thursday, December 3 at 7:00 pm in the Gesu social hall. We hope to have a speaker from the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office. Please plan to attend.

If you have misplaced your latest invoice for patrol dues, or you would like to become a member, please send your payment to:

University District Patrol, Inc.
PO Box 313891
Detroit, MI 48231

UNIVERSITY DISTRICT PATROL
 PO BOX 312891
 Detroit MI 48231

Subscriber patrol membership application / Invoice

<u>Subscription Period</u>	<u>Price</u>	<u>Expires</u>
12 months	\$260	12/31/2010
9 months	\$195	9/30/2010
6 months	\$130	6/30/2010
3 months	\$65	3/31/2010
1 month	\$25	1/31/2010

Non Deductible one-time contribution for purchase of truck – we suggest \$50 or \$100 to enable us to purchase a truck and add approximately 15 hours of patrol a month. Please give what you can as every little bit helps!

MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO → UNIVERSITY DISTRICT PATROL INC.

Return Stub Below to Address at Top of Page with Your Check. When we receive your payment, we will contact you with instructions on how to use the patrol's services.

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD!

Name _____

Address _____

Email Address _____

Phone _____

1) Membership:

Circle One → \$65 \$130 \$260 Other _____
Expires 3/31/2010 Expires 6/30/2010 Expires 12/31/2010 Expiration Date _____

2) Truck Purchase: Yes, I'd also like to support neighborhood security by making a nondeductible contribution for the purchase of a security patrol vehicle. A contribution alone is not a membership, but it shows that I care about neighborhood security.

\$50 \$100 Other

For Office Use Only:	Check Number	Deposit Date	Payment Date
Deposit to Account 3008261 - University District Patrol - d/b/a University District Security Patrol			

Garden Party Raises Funds for Charity

The Party Was Great – The Vault, Not So Much

by Mary Leonard, Vicky Reyes and Holly Clements

The rust was defeated – the mystery vault was sawed and pried open after 40 years. Locksmith Orest Kalba put in 7 hours over 2 days with specialized tools, brute force – and the safecracking skills to know where to use them. And now we know – UDCA neighbor Joann Roberts' basement vault contained...wait for it...a world-class collection of cobwebs, several dozen moldy books and all the missing screens for the house! (But Joann is still hoping one of the books is a first edition, or has cash hidden inside.)

Thanks to publicity by Crain's Detroit Business and Fox 2 Detroit, the party brought former residents of the house back to the neighborhood, including Margaret Ulrich Maxwell, whose parents bought the house in 1940, and several of the twelve Vincent siblings, among them Bill and his friend David Howe, the neighbor kid (and "13th Vincent") who slammed the vault shut in the 1960s.

The vault, of course, was just an excuse for a delightful August garden party on the Roberts' beautiful lawn, and a chance to raise funds for Joann's preferred charity, Alternatives for Girls. All who attended were blown away hearing from the lovely young women who spoke at the event about having been strengthened and supported by AFG's many efforts in Detroit. We are tremendously grateful for the quick and generous donations from many individuals and businesses listed on our website (<http://udcaonline.com/AFGVaultOpening.html>), and to our friends and neighbors who bought tickets or donated volunteer effort and auction items: the result was over \$7600 and many new friends for Alternatives for Girls.



903 W. Grand Boulevard • Detroit, MI 48208-2365
Business Line (313) 361-4000 • Toll Free Crisis Line (888) AFG-3919
Fax (313) 361-8938
www.alternativesforgirls.org

September 24, 2009

University District Community Association
P.O. Box 21483
Detroit, MI 48221

Dear Friends,

On behalf of Alternatives For Girls, I would like to thank you for hosting a very creative and successful fundraiser. The vault opening benefit was wonderful. We very much appreciate your donation of \$4,627.73 and the countless hours and dedication it must have taken to pull off such a fantastic event.

Thanks to gifts such as yours, in the last fiscal year:

- We provided 7,607 nights of care to 97 homeless young women and their children
- We made 6,530 outreach contacts with teens and women on the streets
- In the last 6 years, 100% of the young women in our Prevention Program old enough to graduate from high school not only graduated but went on to college

We look forward to a continuing partnership with the University District Community Association, and thank you for once again demonstrating your commitment to our mission. Your ongoing support makes a real difference for our work.

Sincerely,

Amy
Amanda L. Good
CEO

*you all are lifesavers. Literally.
I can't find sufficient words to thank
you all for your gifts of creative energy,
commitment, perseverance, hard work, and
love for the girls & women we serve.
We all felt lifted up by your support, esp.
at this time, more than you will ever know -
Amy*

Letter written to UDCA for the August 22 Garden Party Fundraiser to benefit Alternatives For Girls

Who to Call in the District

Abandoned Cars.....	UDRP	862-3754
Beautification	Judy Betts	862-0568
Block Captains	Tiffany Alexander	342-6406
Board Elections	Sidney Bailey III	862-2716
Bylaws, Policies & Procedures	Sidney Bailey III	862-2716
City Information or Issues (Non-Police Matters)		311
Curfew Violations	12th Precinct Desk	596-1200
EMERGENCY DISPATCH		911
Gangs (e.g., groups, assistance with graffiti removal).....	UDRP	862-3754
	www.NoMoreBrokenWindows.com	
General Membership Meetings	Holly Clements	736-3738
	Leon Atchison	863-3504
	Ray Womack	864-4766
Historic Designation	Rainy Hamilton	862-7200
UDCA Hotline		341-UDCA
Involvement with		
Outside Organizations.....	Ricardo Reyes	864-2834
	Nate Ford.....	862-4272
Make Police Report by Phone.....		267-4600 or 267-4602
Membership Drive	Judy Betts	862-0568
	Vicky Reyes	864-2834
	Ray Womack	864-4766
Neighborhood Schools.....	Shirley Lusby	862-1233
	Ray Womack	864-4766
New Residents		
Welcome Package	Yvonne Evans.....	862-6212
Newsletter	Tiffany Alexander	342-6406
Project Clean Sweep	Lenora Koyton	864-7557
Property Taxes.....	Rainy Hamilton	862-7200
Residential Standards.....	Kwame Robinson	863-8004
School Newsletter Column	Shirley Lusby	862-1233
	Ray Womack	864-4766
	Judy Betts	862-0568
Signage.....	Lenora Koyton	864-7557
Snow Removal	Vicky Reyes	864-2834
Social/Family Activities	Addie Smith	863-4706
	Judy Betts	862-0568
Vacant Houses.....	12th Precinct Desk	596-1200
	Lieutenant.....	596-1234
Vacant House Registry.....	UDRP	862-3754
Web Page.....	Holly Clements	736-3738
Youth.....	Addie Smith	863-4706
	Judy Betts	862-0568
Zoning	Nate Ford.....	862-4272
FUNDRAISING:		
Cookbook Project/Party	Holly Clements	736-3738
	Judy Betts	862-0568
Dinner Dance or Cruise	Leon Atchison	863-3504
District Garage/Yard Sale	Addie Smith	863-4706
	Yvonne Evans.....	862-6212
	Vicky Reyes	864-2834
Golf Outing	Jack Betts	862-0568
	Nate Ford.....	862-4272
Home & Garden Tour	Vicky Reyes	864-2834
	Holly Clements	736-3738
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UD Radio Patrol.....	Mary Jo Smith.....	862-3754
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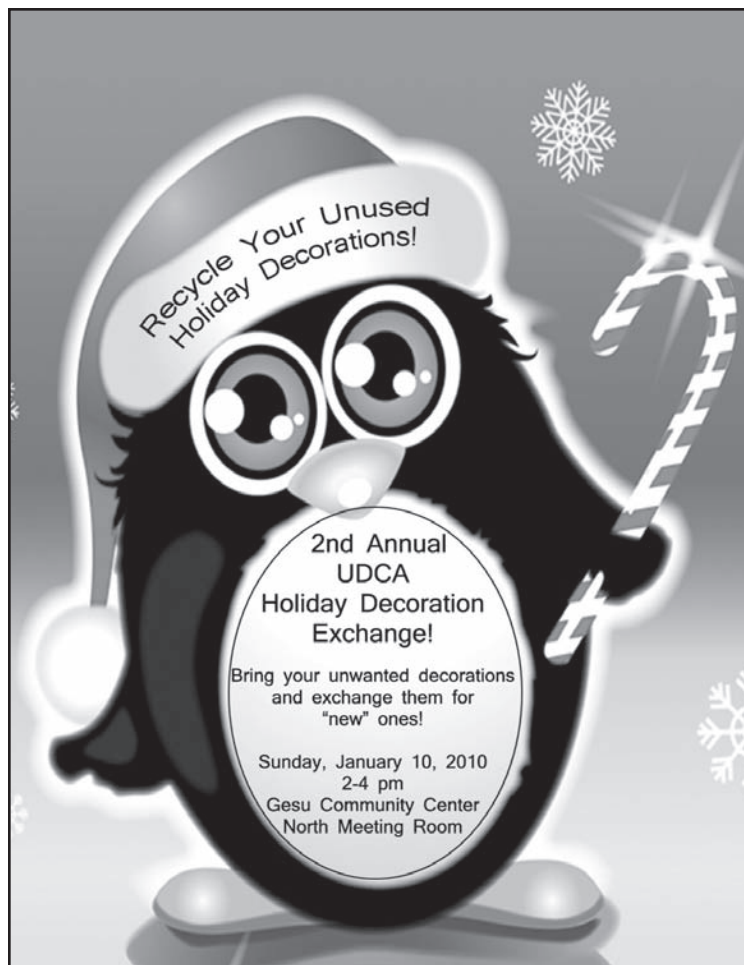
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SHOP LIVERNOIS!

You are encouraged to participate in the third annual “Home for the Holidays” events on Livernois. Look for and support the many Shop Livernois activities that will occur between November 27 and December 5. Mark your calendars for the big finale:

Livernois Open House at the 1917 Bistro • 19416 Livernois
December 5 • 6:00 – 8:00 PM

This is your chance to enjoy some holiday refreshments, check out our new neighborhood restaurant, meet and greet local business owners, and find out about a proposed new streetscape for the Livernois median.

General Membership Holiday Gathering

For ALL Residents

**December 15, 2009
6:00 PM**

- Guest Speaker
Sheriff Benny Napoleon
- Meet the Newly Elected Board
- Meet & Greet Neighbors
- Refreshments



**Gesu Social Hall
17139 Oak Drive
Quincy Entrance**

