



# UNIVERSITY DISTRICT COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

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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JUNE/SUMMER 2011

## *A Spring Evening Affair*

DINNER DANCE - May 21, 2011

presented by UDCA  
at the Detroit Golf Club



## 2012 UDCA HOME & GARDEN TOUR

Volunteers (home owners) who are willing to show their home and/or garden; are requested to contact:

**Jessie Casida**

2012 UDCA Home Tour Chair

(313) 204-7665

[jcasida@gmail.com](mailto:jcasida@gmail.com)

More photos from the UDCA Spring Evening Affair Dinner Dance are available online on our Facebook page.



Visit us at [UDCAonline.com](http://UDCAonline.com)

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**Are you a  
UDCA  
Member?  
PLEASE  
PAY your dues!**

Help preserve the services provided to our community - street plowing 3"-6" of snow, landscaping services on 6 and 7 Mile Roads, and other community projects and services.



# *The President's Message*

## **PRESIDENT'S LETTER TO THE COMMUNITY**



It's been said that the best things in life come in threes. Therefore, I would like to focus on three areas that should be a source of pride for the entire University District Community Association family: membership; commitment to our youth; and neighborhood beautification.

**Membership:** Moving ahead sometimes requires looking back, and that is why I must reflect on our April General Membership Meeting - coming together in a packed Gesu Social Hall, with all generations of our community represented. The qualities that make the University District special were on display - commitment, concern, enthusiasm, and respect for the legacy we stand on today.

Each presenter, our neighbors, gave wonderful reports about UDCA initiatives that will improve the quality of life for everyone in our community. Through these committed individuals, representing committee members who are equally dedicated, we learned how our membership is investing in the future of the University District.

Following committee presentations we heard from our guest speaker, Detroit Police Chief Ralph Godbee, and his message of community involvement to combat crime further reinforced the importance of our neighborhood safety efforts already in place. I believe all who attended would agree that Chief Godbee is a person who respects our community and someone we can actively work with in the future.

**Commitment to our Youth:** At the General Membership Meeting, we discussed our commitment to our neighborhood youth, and then we saw this commitment in action during our first Youth Round-Up at Palmer Park Preparatory Academy on May 7. We set our expectations high for this event, and delivered - led by Angela Gardner Street's Youth committee. At a time when you hear so much about community apathy in other circles, UDCA was able to get more than 300 kids and adults to turn out on a Saturday afternoon.

We continued to receive positive feedback even after the event was over from parents and youth, who participated in an action-packed event, which included youth-fitness activities, spoken word performances, resources for parents and much more. The success of the Youth Round-Up proves again that there is no greater investment than an investment in our youth. It's success also will help to generate even more enthusiasm for our upcoming UDCA Scholarship Program, which is our next major youth initiative.

**Neighborhood Beautification:** Looking ahead, the planned neighborhood beautification projects on the perimeter of the University District are beginning to take shape and coming soon is our Beautification Competition, which we seek participation from every household in the University District. Friendly competition is great especially when it supports the goal of ensuring the University District has the most beautiful neighborhood in Detroit.

Each time UDCA members gather, I see the qualities of commitment, concern, enthusiasm, and respect for the legacy we stand on today. It is why I am so confident that we will accomplish all of our lofty goals for the University District. We do everything as a team and there is always room for more team members on our working committees. Anyone in the University District who has not joined UDCA yet, I encourage you to join today and begin making a difference in our community.

Enjoy your summer!

Sincerely,

*Nate Ford*

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 the UDCA President or Vice-President to request a spot on the Community Voices Agenda. *See page 19 for contact information.*

# UDCA Goes Social!

by Sarah James

After her Super Bowl commercial for Snickers last year, the beloved actress Betty White was summoned back into the limelight through a Facebook campaign for her to host Saturday Night Live. The creator-producer of SNL thought it would be fun, but the swell of affection for Betty convinced him to go for it. On the May 8, 2010, an 88-year old Betty White hosted the special Mother's Day SNL show to the delight of her fans.



In Betty's opening Saturday Night Live skit, she joked: "I really have to thank Facebook.... I didn't know what Facebook was, and now that I do know what it is, I have to say, it sounds like a huge waste of time. I would never say the people on it are losers, but that's only because I'm polite. People say 'But Betty, Facebook is a great way to connect with old friends.' Well at my age, if I wanna connect with old friends, I need a Ouija Board. Needless to say, we didn't have Facebook when I was growing up. We had a phone book, but you wouldn't waste an afternoon with it."

No matter your age, you're probably, like Betty White, now familiar with Facebook. Grandmothers have joined to keep up with photos of their growing grandchildren, forty-somethings have joined up to get in touch with high school buddies, and kids are trying to avoid befriending their parents! What started out just for college students at Harvard, as depicted in the Academy-Award nominated movie *The Social Network*, has grown most popular with the thirty and up crowd. A Facebook campaign to get Betty White to host next year's Academy Awards has now recently sprouted up, and has amassed over 140,000 fans.

Facebook is now THE dominant social networking website and boasts more than 500 million active users. Non-profit organizations, causes, political entities, tourist groups, universities, and businesses have all discovered the power of Facebook in communicating with constituents and people of interest. Facebook is a fast, easy, convenient, and immediate way to communicate events and up-to-the-minute news, engage, and generate interest, excitement, and energy.

Sending messages, photos, and updates to all of your fans at once is quick and easy, and fans receiving those messages can easily forward the message or post the message to their Facebook Wall or to a friend. Facebook makes it a snap to get the word out. With email messages getting out of control in today's world, Facebook allows you to go in and view your newsfeeds whenever you want instead of being pestered repeatedly.

Twitter claims fewer than half the members of Facebook, but the short status updates (only 140 characters are allowed per tweet) keep it a

busy website with an emphasis on text communications. People tweet real time. Twitter doesn't allow for photos and the level of social engagement that Facebook does, but news wires and bloggers use it to post quick text communications. Like Facebook, Twitter is a free social networking service that allows its users to send and read other users' updates, known as tweets.

Given the vast benefits of Facebook and Twitter to communicate with a large body of people, create and deepen

relationships, share excitement, ignite enthusiasm, share information, and promote events, the University District Community Association has recently launched a Facebook page and Twitter account to keep you up to date and connected. Our number of Facebook fans and Twitter followers are still humble, but we are growing!

If you are a Facebook user, we hope you will consider "liking" our page, and if you tweet, follow us on Twitter. These methods of communication will keep you on top of UDCA events – dates and details, keep up with news and current association announcements, learn more about your neighbors and neighborhood, share photos of neighborhood events, ask questions, contribute to discussions, and stay more regularly connected.

If you aren't already Facebook or Twitter users, signing up is easy and quick, and you only need to get as involved as you'd like! You can keep the Farmville animals in the barn, set your privacy settings to share only what you'd like, and never let your embarrassing photos get onto the net! The one thing we hope you will do is become a fan of the UDCA page! The process for both Facebook and Twitter sign up is simple and takes just a few minutes to set up, and both are free.

For Facebook, go to **Facebook.com** and you will see the Sign Up notice right on the first page. Minimal information is requested, and poof, you've got a Facebook page! For Twitter, go to **Twitter.com**, and the prompt to join. Type in your name and email address, and poof, you've got a Twitter account! **To find us on Facebook, simply type in "University District Community Association" in the search bar on top of the page when you are in Facebook and press enter.** You'll be taken to our page and once you click "Like", our updates will show up in your newsfeed. **To follow us on Twitter, go to the top of the Twitter page and enter "UDCAonline" into the search bar. On the right you will see the results, click "Follow" next to the UDCAonline logo to start getting UDCA tweets.**



**Let's get social!**

## UDCA BEAUTIFICATION AWARDS

A Project of the University District Garden & Landscape Club and  
University District Community Association

New in 2011, the UDCA “Best on Show” Beautification Awards program honors property owners who present an attractive, well-thought out landscape to the neighborhood and the community in their front garden. “Best on Show” recognizes properties which, through landscaping efforts, help make our community a more inviting and beautiful place to live and work. The awards are given for beautification that enhances the curb appeal of the individual building and the entire neighborhood.

Up to 10 awards are given annually to residents and institutions within the University District, and to businesses bordering the District. An award may be made to an entire block.\* The residents or representatives of each qualifying property will be invited to a presentation of award certificates where the winning properties will be recognized.

A “Best on Show” sign will be placed at each winning property for the months of August and September. (In mid-October, the signs will be collected for reuse the following year.) A map of the blocks having winning properties will be available on the UDCA website and in the September newsletter.

All front yards visible from public sidewalks within and bordering the University District will be considered. Nominations of yourself or a neighbor by mail, phone or email are welcomed.

Judging will take place in mid-July, using the following grading scale:

Components of the planting meld together in a harmonious design; there are groupings which show some variety and the overall design draws attention to the house.	25 points
The plants, to include shrubs, flowers, ground cover, create color and texture. At least three of these elements are incorporated in the landscaping.	25 points
The maintenance of the landscape is reflected in edged beds with friable soil and/or mulched, trimmed and pruned shrubs and trees, a minimum of weeds and the entire landscape has an appearance of neatness and plant health.	25 points
Hardscape: cement work, pavement, walkways are in good condition; masonry borders are level and neatly in place; hardscape does not dominate.	10 points
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.	10 points
Extra points for using every part of the front landscape.	5 points

Properties must score 80 to be considered for a Beautification Award and 85 or more to receive an award. Members of the UDCA Garden Club will complete initial screening; final awards will be decided by a panel of judges representing the Garden Club, the UDCA, and a landscaping and gardening expert from outside the neighborhood.

**Contact: Mary Leonard**  
**(313) 345-8036 or UDCAGardens@gmail.com**

*\* This UDCA awards program is distinct from Mayor Bing's “Beautify Your Block” program. UDCA residents are encouraged to participate in both. Information about the Mayor's program is available from the Community Access Centers.*

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**Call & Ask For Ray Today!**  
**God Bless!**



UNIVERSITY DISTRICT COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

## 2011 Annual Membership Application

January 1 through December 31, 2011

# \$60.00

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

New Resident     Returning Member    Year you moved into the neighborhood \_\_\_\_\_

Make check payable to: **UDCA**

Mail to: **UDCA**  
**PO BOX 21483**  
**DETROIT, MI 48221**

Amount Submitted: \$ \_\_\_\_\_     Check # \_\_\_\_\_     Money Order # \_\_\_\_\_     Other \_\_\_\_\_

*Your canceled check is your receipt. \$35 fee for returned checks.*

**Pay your membership fee ONLINE via PayPal\* (with a fee) at [www.UDCAonline.com](http://www.UDCAonline.com)**

**Your membership supports these benefits and services:**

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

**Please volunteer for the project that best suits your interest.**

- Beautification
- Block Captain/Club
- Dinner Dance
- Family Activities
- Historic Designation
- Home & Garden Tour (2012)
- Membership Committee
- Neighborhood Garage/Yard Sale
- Newsletter
- Residential Standards
- School Partnerships
- Subscriber Patrol
- Volunteer Radio Patrol
- Website
- Youth Projects
- Zoning

## Thank You!

**Administrative Use ONLY**

Payment Received \_\_\_\_\_

# Is there a seat waiting for you?

by Sidney H. Bailey III, UDCA Nominating Committee Chairperson

A UDCA Board of Directors' seat, that is. Remember, it's never too early to start planning! Summer's here, but fall will be here before we know it. And that means another season of that most American of traditions. The Vote! Yep, in just five months the ballots will be mailed for the 2011 UDCA Board of Directors Elections! And there's a slot on the ballot for you. There are no primaries, no caucuses, no straw votes, and no paparazzi. Just run. (It's *almost* that easy.) And it's well worth the effort. You can make such a difference in the University District, your home.

In October, the UDCA board will seek candidates and/or nominations for five board seats for the term of 2012 through 2014. Ballots will be distributed to UDCA paid members in November.

You have all summer to think about it. Months to remind yourself why YOU should join the Board. So, watch for election details in the fall newsletter. In the mean time, check out the web site for the bylaws, activities, community projects, current Board members terms and more. Look at all you could do.

Still not sure? Well, don't decide just yet. Talk to a current or former Board member. Participate in this summer's 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.



University District Community Association  
and Palmer Park Preparatory Academy

## YOUTH ROUND UP

*"Building Communities, Building Futures"*

by Angela Gardner-Street, LMSW, SSW, UCDA Board Member

On May 7, 2011 the collaborative efforts of the University District Community Association, Palmer Park Preparatory Academy, City Year, and a host of other agencies/organizations contributed to making this event a huge success. Over 360 participants attended the "Youth Round Up" to take part in a day of informational, healthy, safe, fun, activities for youth and families in the University District.

The children enjoyed health and fitness activities, mounted horses, magic show, face painting, SpongeBob, bounce castle, the spoken word poetry slam, open mike, music, complimentary pizza by Papa John's, ice cream, yogurt, and beverages sponsored by the Association of Food Dealers. The adults accessed resources for their families from a variety of agencies; City Year, The Social Work Consulting Firm, P.C., Detroit Health & Wellness Promotion Department, Young Men and Women in Transition, Detroit Public Schools School Social Work Department, Legal Aid, Northwest Cougars Youth Association, Detroit Police Department, Wayne County Sheriff, EMEAC, and Claddagh

Chiropractic Healing Center. The community and school created an atmosphere that revitalized our youth and instilled pride, hope, and a positive outlook for the future.

We would like to extend thanks to all the individuals who supported this event and share our vision to build our community through youth development, thus building our future.

# 4th Annual UDCA Golf Outing

Golfers of any level are invited to join the fun at Palmer Park Golf Course.  
Form a team of your own or let us pair you with other players without partners!

**Saturday, August 13, 2011**  
**8:00 AM Shotgun**  
**Palmer Park Golf Course**

**Entry Fee: \$50 per person**

Visit [www.UDCAonline.com](http://www.UDCAonline.com)  
for more information

Your individual entry fee of \$50.00 includes 18 holes of golf, use of a shared riding cart, contest entries, a hot dog, chips, and soda at the turn, plus lots of giveaways and cash prizes. Trophies go to the top three teams and to the bottom team.

**Individual and business sponsorships or contributions are welcome. For questions or to make a pledge, contact:**

**Nate Ford • (313) 862-4272**

**Henry Conerway • (313) 861-7623**

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

**UDCA Golf Outing Registration • August 13, 2011 • Palmer Park Golf Course**  
*Register by July 30, 2011.*

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

TELEPHONE \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

Number of people attending \_\_\_\_\_ X \$50.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_ .00 Total Amount Due

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

Mail this form with payment to: **UDCA "Golf Outing"**  
**PO Box 21483 • Detroit, MI 48221**

For more information visit [www.UDCAonline.com](http://www.UDCAonline.com) or contact: **Henry Conerway • swankhank@aol.com • (313) 861-7623** or  
**Nate Ford • nate@fordsolutionsdetroit.com • (313) 862-4272**

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Check / M.O. # \_\_\_\_\_

Processed \_\_\_\_\_ Date Deposited: \_\_\_\_\_

# Look at Our Alley Now!

by Sarah James

A few good people and some big toys can make an amazing difference! Tony Kinsey, manager at the Community Access Center (formerly called Neighborhood City Hall) for our neighborhood, came through big time. The city's Motor City Makeover event was discontinued this year due to budget cuts, and replaced with Catch the Spirit – a resource to give neighborhood association gloves and bags and to schedule special pick-up for their clean-up days, but dumpsters would be in small supply this year. The area of focus selected for this year's UDCA spring clean-up was the alley behind the Livernois commercial district on block 2 (between Santa Clara and Santa Maria). Residents had been working to clean those areas up, particularly behind vacant buildings, but a concerted effort was needed for larger construction debris.

UDCA was told by the city that it was cost-prohibitive to give us a dumpster. No matter; we got something way better! After seeing photos of the illegally-dumped debris in our alley behind the Livernois commercial district on block 2, Mr. Kinsey assured us that everything we left in that entire block alley would be picked up by the city. We crossed our fingers that the city would keep their promise. The clean-up day came (May 14) and UDCA volunteers didn't let the drizzle slow them down. About two hours in of volunteers shoveling damp drywall and other layers of debris into heavy-duty garbage bags, city workers showed up with a front loader and huge dumpster truck! Volunteers helped load all the bags and other debris into the front loader in between the front loader's trips to the dumpster truck.

Now the alley looks great! We have more projects planned for the alley this summer, like murals on the garage doors to have some fun with kids on the block, brighten up the alley, and hopefully lessen illegal dumping. A HUGE thank you to our hard-working and dedicated volunteers, a mixture of long-time and more-recent residents: Tom Bauer, Henry Ford, Andrea Fiondro, Mike Hendrian, John Hooper, Bob Herman, Jill Kress, Sarah James, and Mary Tomich. There's no greater combination than meeting our neighbors and improving our neighborhood, and just look at our alley now!



# Important Information for Our Residents!

Property Maintenance, Codes,  
Recycling Information & More



## Our Goal: Clean, Healthy and Safe!

The following is a selection of city ordinances relating to property maintenance. Following city code will help to ensure a clean, safe and healthy neighborhood for yourself and your neighbors.

Prior to a violation ticket, the City may issue a correction order allowing the resident or property owner to make appropriate corrections.

All violation fines listed are first offense amounts. Fines increase with repeat offenses. Some violations are misdemeanors. A judge in court determines fines for all misdemeanor violations. Download the complete Detroit Code or Ordinances at [www.municode.com](http://www.municode.com).

### MAINTENANCE

**Failure to Obtain Certificate of Compliance.** Occupants of a dwelling unit are responsible for keeping that part of the dwelling unit or premises, which they occupy and control, in a clean, habitable, sanitary, and safe condition. This includes falling gutters, broken windows, etc. The city may inspect an owner-occupied structure and issue a correction order for multiple violations. The occupant must make repairs in order to receive a certificate of compliance. **FINE: \$250**

**Failure to Comply with Emergency Order.** Emergency conditions: sewage in basement, no heat or electric, falling porches **FINE: \$500**

**Grass & Weeds in Excess of 8 Inches.** Grass and weeds should be maintained to a height less than eight (8) inches by the owner or occupant of that property. This does not include exterior areas where flowers and gardens are maintained and cultivated. Noxious weeds are not permitted. **FINE: \$50**

**Failure to Remove Snow and Ice.** All occupants or owners of property must clear ice, snow and filth or other obstructions from sidewalks. Snow may not obstruct street or right-of-way. **FINE: \$50**

### SOLID WASTE

**Improper Disposal of Solid Waste.** Place yard waste in biodegradable paper bags. Do not use plastic bags. **FINE: \$200+**

**Breakdown boxes, crates and place in refuse container, not alongside the container.** **FINE: \$200**

**Brush and shrubbery should not exceed eight (8) feet in length or eight (8) inches in diameter.** Bulk trash pickup must not exceed one (1) cubic yard, six (6) feet in length or one thousand (1,000) pounds in weight. Only tires may be put out on assigned bulk pickup days. **FINE: \$200**

**Trash containers should be put to the curb no earlier than 6:00 pm on the day before collection and be removed no later than 9:00 pm on collection day.** **FINE: \$100**

**Trash containers should be set out six (6) feet away from yard waste on collection day.** **FINE: CONTAINER NOT COLLECTED**

**Trash containers cannot be stored at the curb, in the front yard or on the front porch.** **FINE: \$100**

**Animal waste deposited on private property must be removed within twenty-four (24) hours.** Animal waste deposited on public property or rights-of-way must be removed immediately. **FINE: \$200**

### HAZARDOUS WASTE

**Pet waste must be bagged before placing in approved trash container.** Improperly disposed pet waste creates a health hazard for sanitation workers. **FINE: \$1500**

**Burning solid waste in open fires.** **FINE: \$200**

**Failing to secure City of private solid waste collection containers and services.** **FINE: \$200**

**Abandoned, unlicensed and/or inoperable vehicle on the street.** An inoperable vehicle is any vehicle that is not equipped with all parts that are required to operate legally and safely on public streets and/or that is not drivable under its own power. Unlicensed and/or inoperable vehicles not moved with 24 hours will be tagged for 48 hours and then towed. **FINE: COURT**

**Inoperable vehicles stored on premises must be raised off the ground (e.g., on a trailer) and must be covered (e.g. with a tarp).** **FINE: COURT**

**Dumping or depositing solid waste from a motor vehicle.** **FINE: \$1000**

**Storing or depositing solid waste on private or public property.** **FINE: \$200**

**Littering.** **FINE: \$200**

### NOISE

**Operate or maintain a radio or other noise making or amplifying device, by which disturbs the peace and good order of the neighborhood.** **FINE: COURT**

**Sound device audible greater than 10 feet from motor vehicle.** **FINE: COURT**

**Disturbing the peace in public or private area.** **FINE: COURT**

**Three (3) false alarms within any three (3) MONTH PERIOD.** **FINE: COURT**

**Allowing burglary alarm to emit for more than (1) hour.** **FINE: COURT**

**Habitually barking dog(s).** **FINE: COURT**

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### **ANIMAL CONTROL**

The City will collect dead animals if reported. Place dead animals at the curbside for collection. Do not place dead animals in the Courville container.

Violations of the animal control ordinances subject to a \$500 fine and/or 90-day imprisonment for failure to comply. Ordinances include:

- Failure to vaccinate dogs against rabies
- More than four (4) dogs or cats over the age of four (4) months
- Failure to obtain license for a dog over the age of four (4) months
- Failure to have a collar or harness with license tag attached on dog or cat

## **Clean Neighborhoods Reminder**

Occupants of a dwelling unit are responsible for keeping the dwelling unit or premises they occupy in a clean, habitable, sanitary and safe condition following city code.

### **Below is a list of violations of property maintenance and residential guidelines.**

- Lawn and/or shrubs need maintenance
- Leaves or snow not cleared
- Yard waste not in biodegradable bags
- Yard waste out at curb more than 24 hours before pickup day
- Trash containers out before 6 PM the day before pick up
- Trash containers not in by 9 PM the day of pick up
- Broken/missing garage door, gutters, fence
- Broken window/missing shutters
- House or garage needs paint and /or structural maintenance
- Unlicensed or inoperable vehicle on property or on lawn
- Dangerous city sidewalk, porch/steps need maintenance
- Excessive noise, barking dog, excessive alarm (house or auto)

### **City of Detroit Top Ten Blight Violations**

- 1. Solid Waste.**  
Ord 22-2-88(b) Fine: \$250 to \$2,500
- 2. Failure to Register Rental Property.**  
Ord 9-1-81(a) Fine: \$250
- 3. Failure to Obtain Certificate of Compliance.**  
Ord 9-1-36(a) Fine: \$250
- 4. Violation Time Limits for Container- Curb Side.**  
Ord 22-2-45 Fine:\$100
- 5. Illegal Dumping.**  
Ord 22-2-83 Fine:\$500 to \$2,500
- 6. Improper Placement-Courville Container.**  
Ord 22-2-43 Fine: \$100
- 7. Inoperable Vehicle.**  
Ord 9-1-110 (a) Fine: \$50
- 8. Allowing High Weeds.**  
Ord 9-1-104 Fine: \$50
- 9. Allowing Rodent Harborage.**  
Ord 9-1-105(a) Fine: \$100

### **10. Early Bulk Set Out.**

Ord 22-2-22 (a) Fine: \$100

Go to [www.municode.com](http://www.municode.com) for the Detroit Code of Ordinances

### **Useful Telephone Numbers**

Buildings & Safety Engineering  
and Environmental Department.....(313) 224-2733  
Department of Administrative Hearings..... (313) 224-0098

### **Be A Good Neighbor**

- Pick up trash (paper, cans bottles, etc) in yard or street.
- Remove flyers from front door/ porch
- Remove leaves/debris from street sewer grate

The police will ticket property owners after three false burglar alarms in one month. *(More than 75% of police runs are to false alarms.)*

## **FLOODED STREETS, SEWERS and BASEMENTS**

### **FLOODED STREETS & SEWER PROBLEMS**



**City agency to contact:**  
**Detroit Water & Sewerage Department**  
**(DWSD) - (313) 267-7401**

- **City Catch Basin Cleaning Cycle:** 3.5 to 4 years when all 90,000 basins are cleaned and other cleaning tasks as needed
- **Homeowner Responsibilities:** Removal of leaves and grass clippings from streets, alleys, berms, and top of basins
- **DWSD Responsibilities:** Lawn, street, sidewalk, alley, and berm restoration tasks related to work tasks performed by DWSD or their contractors.
- **Street catch basins are for storm water ONLY!**
- Call DWSD at (313) 267-7401 for sunken and missing covers for catch basins, sewer manholes, stop boxes, and water gatewells.

### **BASEMENT FLOODING PROBLEMS**

- **Public sewers are the responsibility of DWSD.** Public sewers are those lines running in and parallel to streets, alleys, public easements and agreed to right-of-ways. If public sewers fail or become blocked, all costs to correct such conditions are borne by DWSD with no involvement by property owners.
- **Private sewers are the responsibility of property owners.** Private sewers are those lines running from private homes and buildings, up to and including connections to public sewers, regardless of the location. If such sewers fail, property owners must bear the cost for repairs, and cleaning with no involvement by the City of Detroit. The City will investigate such problems.



# UDCA Recycles Where? Here!

Did you know that Recycle Here! has a drop off location at PALMER PARK the **THIRD SATURDAY** of every month? Drop off is from 8:00 AM - 12:00 PM at the swimming pool parking lot.

Recycle Here! began as a grassroots neighborhood recycling event and has evolved into a city-wide, fully-funded, neighborhood recycling program.

Please visit the Recycle Here! website [www.recyclehere.net](http://www.recyclehere.net) for details identifying what can be recycled, how it should be separated, and some uses for recycling materials.

**RECYCLE HERE!**

Recycle Here! is funded by the City of Detroit through the Greater Detroit Resource Recovery Authority (GDRRA)

**PAPER** separate into the following four categories:  
**Newspaper**  
**Mixed:** white & colored paper, envelopes, folders, phone books, shredded paper.  
**Glossy:** magazines, flyers, catalogs.  
**Books:** bound, hardcover & soft cover.  
**Shredded Paper:** in transparent bags.

**CARDBOARD & CHIPBOARD**

**GLASS**  
Color or clear. Please separate by color.

**ALL METALS**

**PLASTICS**  
#1 & #2 only. Check bottom of container. Please remove tops and discard.

**STYROFOAM**  
Carry out boxes, packing materials - in translucent bags.

**ASEPTIC**  
Orange juice, milk and soy milk containers.

**BATTERIES**  
Household only. Please bag them.

**PLASTIC BAGS**  
Grocery bags only. #1, 2 and 4 only.

**COMPUTERS & ELECTRONICS**

**CLEAN MATERIAL ONLY!!! PLEASE PARK, SIGN IN, AND SEPARATE!**

PAPER is an item that accumulates quickly in most households. If you want to take your recyclable paper more regularly than once a month to a recycling drop off site, **PAPER RETRIEVER** has two recycling bins next to Gesu Community Green. You can drop paper off into the bins on any day, at any time.

**Paper of most types is accepted in the Gesu bins, and the items not accepted by Paper Retriever can be taken to the Palmer Park Recycle Here! site.**

**Paper Retriever CAN accept:** newspaper and inserts, magazines/catalogs, office/school papers.

**Paper Retriever CANNOT accept the following; however, you can recycle these at the Palmer Park site:** NO cardboard, NO food boxes, fiberboard or chipboard, No phone books.

## HELPFUL TIPS

To make recycling a habit for you and your family, it needs to be easy and convenient. Set up recycling at your home with designated bins to conveniently separate waste. After setting up our recycling system at home, you will be amazed at the drop in your trash volume.

- Set up a place in your home for collection of clean paper, cans, plastic containers and unbroken glass.
- Find a place out of the way to put things daily so it doesn't take up all of your space and is out of the way
- Wash bins holding the recyclable items regularly with soap or bleach to help reduce any odors.
- Crush plastic containers and cans to save space in your cans and in the truck that transports them.
- To cut down on clutter, consider a can and plastic crushing recycling bin such as the Ecopod.
- The best paper to recycle is computer paper. The least useful is construction paper. Shredded paper is difficult to separate so it goes into a lower grade paper. Only shred what you must shred.
- Try to avoid making special trips in your car to recycle, as you will be using fuel unnecessarily. Combine it with a trip you are making anyway.
- Automobile fluids can be recycled too. Take used oil and other fluids to a local repair shop and they will recycle it for you.

## HAPPY RECYCLING!

# Free Safety & Security Evaluation of Your Home

The police department will do a free safety and security evaluation of your home.

**Call Sgt. Bledsoe, Community Relations, 12th Precinct at (313) 596-1221 to schedule an appointment.**

**Please turn on exterior lights at night - front, side, and back.**

**Remember to Move To The Right For Sirens and Lights.**

## Help for Homeowners

The Detroit Office of Foreclosure Protection & Response works to reduce the effects of the foreclosure crisis on families and neighborhoods. **They can be reached by phone at 313-481-2691 or through their website at [www.foreclosedetroit.org](http://www.foreclosedetroit.org)**

The office has speakers, brochures and information, among other resources. They can help find legal help as well. Laws for homeowners have changed recently, so anyone with mortgage issues might benefit from working with a HUD certified counselor at no charge. Some services may also be available to renters.

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# FIRE SAFETY

*The following is an adaptation of a recent fire safety message in the local Army Base's Safety Gram distribution as administered by the Installation's Safety Office.*

## Home Fire Safety & Prevention Tools

In light of so many important losses in the past days and weeks resulting from building and house fires, it seemed like a good time to provide our UDCA residents with some important reminders and resources for preventing home fires.

It is reported that a residential fire claims a life every three hours, making fires the third leading cause of fatal home injury in the United States. Every half hour someone survive a home fire, but does not escape without injuries. Fire deaths and injuries are preventable, and that is why the CDC's National Center for Injury Prevention Control (NCIPC) partnered with the U.S. Fire Administration (USFA) and the Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) to develop a consolidated, powerful voice in fire safety and prevention. Please access this vital information, including life-saving tips and tools at [FireSafety.gov](http://FireSafety.gov), an information resource for elimination of fire deaths.

## Home Fires: The Big Picture

People are used to seeing news reports about home fires. They tell where and when the fire occurred, whether anyone was injured or killed, and maybe the cause of the fire. Sometimes, a follow-up report tells about the status of victims, notes investigation findings, or describes the community's response to the fire. These reports tell the story of one fire, in some particular home, at one particular time. Most people probably think, "That unfortunate family." However, they probably don't think, "That could happen to me." or, "How can I prevent a fire in my home?"

Home fires, and the injuries and deaths that result, are not rare and isolated events. Home fires happen in communities all over the country, every day. They are deadly, they are costly, and they can change the lives of families forever. But they're not unavoidable. Home fires and fire deaths can be prevented.

## Fires are costly

- In 2006 alone, residential fires cost nearly \$7 billion in property damage.
- Injuries related to fires and burns cost \$1.3 billion in 2000.
- Fatal fire injuries cost \$66 million.
- Fires and burns caused \$6.2 billion in lost productivity in 2000.

## Fires are devastating

- The sentimental value of lost personal items and keepsakes cannot be estimated.
- A fire can destroy a home and everything in it in a matter of minutes.
- Recovering from a fire can be physically and mentally draining.
- The loss of personal belongings and keepsakes can be traumatic.

- The loss of a home to fire can be particularly difficult for the elderly, who may have lived in a home for decades, or for young children who have lost the safe familiarity of toys, clothes, and rooms and may be confused by the distraught adults around them.

## Fire deaths can happen to anyone, some groups are at greater risk:

- **Young children:** Children younger than 5 have a higher risk of fire injury and death than older children.
- **Older adults:** Adults 65 and older are twice as likely as any other age group to die in a home fire. The death rate for those 85 and older is five times the national average.
- **People in rural areas:** Death rates in rural communities are more than twice the rates in large cities and more than three times higher than rates in large towns and small cities.

## Fires and resulting deaths can be prevented

People need to know they can help prevent home fires and survive them if they happen:

- By installing smoke alarms on every floor, outside every sleeping area (ideally, in every sleeping area, too).
- By having an escape plan and practicing it with the whole family.
- By practicing fire safety when cooking, smoking, using space heaters or lighting candles.

## Barriers make fire prevention more difficult

The biggest barrier to preventing fire deaths is lack of access to smoke alarms. The homes at greatest risk of deadly fires are also those least likely to have working smoke alarms. Another barrier is lack of information – people can't prevent fire deaths if they don't know what to do.

## Fire prevention programs can overcome barriers

- Many communities have programs to install free smoke alarms in homes at high risk for deadly fires.
- Programs funded by the Center for Disease Control and Prevention alone have installed more than 320,000 free smoke alarms. These alarms have potentially saved 1,374 lives.
- Including prevention tips in news stories about home fires and fire deaths can also help save lives.

Please go to the following sites for more information on how to keep your family safe and informed of what to do in the event of a house fire. There are games for the kids, home fire safety questions and answers, home fire safety escape plans, etc. A whole lot of valuable information is available. You can also contact your local fire department if you have further questions.

[www.firesafety.gov](http://www.firesafety.gov) and [www.firesafety.gov/kids/resources](http://www.firesafety.gov/kids/resources)

Bottom line is that you must have working smoke alarms in numerous locations throughout your home, including on every level, outside sleeping areas, inside bedrooms and consider placing them in (attached) garages. Every year, about 3,000 people lose their life because of non-working or no smoke alarms. And think about this, two-thirds of home fire deaths occur in homes with either **no smoke alarms** or **no working smoke alarms**.



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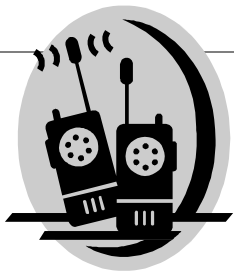
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# Radio Patrol Update

by Mary Jo Smith, Radio Patrol

Report Crime/Suspicious Activity  
24 Hours a Day  
7 Days a Week

RADIO PATROL NUMBER  
**(313) 447-0003**

## Hibernation Ends at Vacant Homes

After several years of relative quiet at the vacant homes in the neighborhood, the situation is rapidly changing. The criminal house strippers have ended their hibernation and gone back to work. Beginning in March vacant houses were under attack. Metal prices began to rise, and stripping again looked worth the risks. Typically entry is made at side *and* back doors, with locks damaged so reentry can be accomplished quickly and quietly later.

By the time you read this, Radio Patrol will have completed a house by house check of the vacant homes to be certain that they all remain secure. Following the survey, we will again notify the responsible owners and agents of any problems. The registry we maintain for patrol and police use will include updates with the new developments, and a vacant house list will be delivered to the city to assist in enforcement of the new Vacant Property Registration Ordinance (VPRO).

As a neighborhood we have many tools and techniques to prevent many break-ins and to successfully fight back when a break-in occurs. The checklists below will help to highlight effective techniques for protecting our neighborhood. Radio patrol has applied for another grant — this time with No More Broken Windows and Belden Orchard Project — to expand our options. We continue to maintain our connection with the 12th Precinct to alert them to new developments. For example, if we see any unacceptable behavior at a playground, we pass along the details, and officers make an effort to drive back to the precinct by way of the area of concern. This means a greater police presence at a variety of times and is frequently much more effective than a call and response.

Special thanks go out to our neighbors who have been creative in assisting others. Several were involved in transforming a fallen tree into a woodpile, relieving new neighbors of a problem for which they had no tools. Another neighbor found a creative solution on bulk pick-up day....Had you noticed that the huge and growing pile of yard waste and other refuse near CVS? Neighbor + city crew = solution! All of these extra efforts bring big dividends. There is an increased sense of community with its many benefits, *and* increased risks and disincentives for burglars.

Spring also brought some burglary attempts and some entries to neighborhood homes. While our continued low rates of burglary are no comfort to neighbors who were burglarized, the arrests of the four young males who included impersonating meter readers in their techniques may bring some solace.

### Prevention:

- ✓ Maintain a block directory so neighbors can be contacted quickly
- ✓ Extend the directory to reach at least the block captains in adjacent blocks
- ✓ *Think about a noise-making alert system for your block to use "in the moment." Several Detroit neighborhoods have*

*been quite pleased with the results when neighbors respond as a group with noise [air horns, whistles, cowbells,] and cameras to discourage criminal activity.*

- ✓ Don't forget to include contacts for vacant property (owner, real estate agents, property management companies, etc. Radio Patrol can be a partner here).
- ✓ Pick up flyers and other debris, especially from front yards
- ✓ Be sure that front lawns are mowed, leaves raked at vacant properties. (Doing the back is less critical) If the responsible parties won't do it, as neighbors we can step in
- ✓ Assess the status of vacant property. Would solar-powered, motion detector floodlights help? What about alarms to alert neighbors if anyone is on the property? Radio Patrol has equipment options available as well as information resources
- ✓ Use the information provided through neighborhood email, especially Radio Patrol and UDCA Communications to adapt to new situations
- ✓ Keep alert
- ✓ Keep the front light on at night. (Officers in the Detroit Police Department who have worked with the Burglary Task Force consistently recommend the use of motion detector lights. Motion detector lighting can be an option all around the house).

### Response:

- For burglaries or any other crimes in progress, call 911. (Yes, sometimes people forget to do that.)
- Call the patrol number: (313) 447-0003
- Alert the neighbors
- Report suspicious behavior to Radio Patrol by phone at (313) 447-0003, or email [radiopatrol@udradio-patrol.org](mailto:radiopatrol@udradio-patrol.org). *If something just seems suspicious to you, your assessment is very likely to be accurate. Suspicions tend to get overwhelmed in the 911 system, but Radio Patrol can send that information to the officers at the 12<sup>th</sup> Precinct and to other area neighborhoods.*

Remember our power is more than sufficient to successfully address issues facing our neighborhood. (...still working on the stray dog problem!) If each household contributes just one hour a week, we become invincible! (H)our Power! Light the night!

**Join the UDCA Radio Patrol  
and help deter crime in our district.**

For more information, call:  
**Mary Jo Smith (313) 862-3754**



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## April 2011 Legislative Brief

Dear Friends of the Seventh District:

We've entered a crucial time here in the legislature during what some economist are referring to as the worst economic climate in Michigan's history. Addressing this issue, the Governor has offered several proposals for consideration along with a request that the budget be adopted by May 31, 2011. Unfortunately, those proposals by the Governor include several factors that I cannot support, such as:

- Taxing the majority of our seniors' pensions, which they have worked hard for all their lives and planned their retirements around.
- Imposing drastic K-12 education cuts of about \$715 per pupil. This plan permanently ends a major source of support for K-12 by funneling hundreds of millions of dollars into the General Fund, where it will undoubtedly be used for something else.
- Cutting funding to universities by 15 percent or more, putting a college education out of reach for more middle-class families.
- Giving corporations an 82 percent tax cut at the expense of residents, with no guarantee of new jobs.
- Eliminating the state Earned Income Tax Credit as we know it, hurting thousands of working families in our district who rely on it to remain self-sufficient. It would also take millions out of our local economy and away from small businesses.
- Eliminating tax credits for donations to food banks and other nonprofits, at a time when food banks are seeing increased demand.
- Making yet another year of cuts to crucial funding that local governments use to keep firefighters and police on the street.

I believe Governor Snyder's proposals fail to spread the financial burden around equally. His solutions clearly increase taxes on some seniors and other residents by hundreds of millions of dollars over the next two years, while providing over a billion dollars worth of tax relief for Michigan's largest businesses. Perhaps the sleeping giant in the Governor's proposed budget are his recommended cuts to revenue sharing, which brings Detroit closer to a state take-over and an appointment of an Emergency Manager. Historically, many Emergency Financial Managers, as they were once called, have increased the level of economic hardship to the city's or school districts to which they were appointed to restore to financial viability. As lawmakers continue the daunting task of balancing the state budget we all should pay careful attention to the process as the threat of the appointment of a Financial Manager may have unintended consequences that include possible violations of your Constitutional rights.

Sincerely,

Jimmy Womack M.Div, M.D.  
State Representative  
District 7



# UDCA Garage & Yard Sale

The UDCA Garage and Yard Sale is planned for Saturday and Sunday, September 10-11, 2011, and we will have an added feature this year. Each participant that pays the \$5.00 fee will have their street number shown on the website map to help channel shoppers to their treasurers. Listed below are a few helpful hints to aid with your planning and preparations. Remember, being organized is critical for reduced stress and increased success!

There will be advertising in the UDCA Newsletter and daily newspaper on the week-end before and the weekend of the event. Come join us and earn some money.

**Contact: Board Representative Addie Smith at (313) 863-4706**


## Helpful Tips



- Place price tags on items to be sold before the sale. Use stickers, index cards, etc.
- Make sure you have small change.
- You may want to place like items together (e.g., kitchen wares, jewelry, furniture, tools, etc.)
- Keep doors locked to prevent strangers from entering your home while you are occupied selling your goods.
- Keep your money in a secure location.

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## STATUS REPORT:

### University District Patrol Inc.

*by Reginald Cunningham, President, University District Patrol*

The patrol board appreciates the support of the University District community. If you are not a subscriber, please consider becoming one. We live in a very safe neighborhood due to our patrol officers.

We have made some changes to our web site. Please visit our site at [www.udpatrols.com](http://www.udpatrols.com). There is some new information about the patrol on our web site. You can now pay for membership online with your credit card. In the future, we are planning to send out invoices by email. Some invoices will still be sent out by regular mail. Contact us and let us know what you think of our web site and invoices being sent out by email. You can contact us on our administrative phone. The number is (313) 459-0770.

Our **next general membership** will be held on **July 9, 2011 at 10:00 AM at Gesu Social Hall at 17139 Oak Drive Detroit**. This will be a joint meeting with the block captains. The block captains will have a meeting at 9:00 AM and the general membership will follow that meeting. We will provide you with updated financial and other information about the patrol. We are planning to have a crime prevention speaker from the police department at the meeting. This is a good opportunity to meet with and talk to the patrol board.

The patrol is a great asset to our community. Please the important services that the patrol provides:

- **Escort Service:** The patrol officer can escort you to your door when you return home.
- **Vacation Watch:** The officer can pay closer attention to your home when you are out of town.



**Addie Lanora Thomas**

*November 15, 1918 - April 2, 2011*

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4th Annual  
UDCA Golf Outing

Saturday, August 13, 2011

Palmer Park Golf Course

8:00 AM Shotgun

See page 7 for details.

*Noteworthy News*

**UCO Home Tour & Unsung Heroes Reception.....June 25**

5:00 PM - 8:00 PM • Marygrove College, 8425 McNichols  
(See page 16 for details.)

**UDCA Block Captains Meeting .....July 9**

9:00 AM • Gesu Social Hall (Joint meeting w/ UD Patrol)

**UD Security Patrol General Membership Meeting .....July 9**

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