



The RRA Post

For Our Neighbors

Rosedale Residential Association, White Plains, NY

Summer/Fall 2005

FALL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Wednesday, October 19th at 7:30 pm

Education House, 5 Homeside Lane

Neighborhood Watch

Not to worry, there is no crime wave in Rosedale. In fact, thanks to our excellent enforcement agencies, crime has gone down dramatically over the past 3 years. So, why a watch? The police still want and need the assistance of citizens to help them become more proactive in identifying problem areas or potential security issues. The Executive Board sought out and met with representatives from the White Plains Police Department's Community Advocacy & Strategic Initiatives Division on June 23rd to discuss the implementation of a Neighborhood Watch program.

Captain Anne FitzSimmons and Detective Gus Fazzino discussed the benefits of such a program and how it would assist not only the police, but also make the residents of Rosedale more aware and more educated in the event that assistance may be needed. They stressed that if you are concerned, make the call, there are no dumb calls. You should not feel uncomfortable using 911. If you think your concern is not an emergency, then call 422-6111, which is the WPPD main number or 422-6000, which is the WPPD emergency number. But make the call; your neighbors may thank you later.

It is not necessary to be flashlight wielding, baseball cap and t-shirt clad fanatics or busybodies to have such a program. You only need groups of concerned citizens that volunteer to look after their neighborhoods.

The Board decided that a full presentation in front of the membership was warranted. Captain FitzSimmons and Detective Fazzino have been invited to speak to the membership about organizing such an effort. They will also speak on an array of

security and safety tips that we could all use in our daily routines. Don't miss this important presentation.

RRA Spring Bash!

We are aware that some neighborhoods in Rosedale already held an annual block party. There are some areas that are unable to do so for various reasons. To bring us closer as an Association and for another reason to have a party, we will begin planning for a Spring Bash for all members of the Association to be held in May 2006. Bring your ideas for location, food, vendors, and entertainment!

Biannual Membership Meetings

You just can't get enough of the RRA! The main membership meeting at which nominations and elections take place will continue to be the Spring meeting, as outlined in the bylaws. We are adding a second meeting, in the Fall, as a follow-up to the Spring meeting and as an opportunity to discuss new business in preparation for the following year's Spring meeting and other activities.

The RRA Post

The RRA newsletter has a name and will be issued as a biannual publication in the Spring and again in the Fall; prior to each RRA meeting. We are searching for a local printer to handle the printing and mailing. Suggestions welcomed!

In addition, the RRA Post will now accept advertising and non-political announcements by RRA members in good standing and a few local businesses to help defray printing and mailing costs and to help fund other activities. Space will be limited. Final sizing and pricing will be determined after printing estimates have been received.

The RRA Online? Why not?

The Executive Board is looking into the feasibility and costs of creating and maintaining an Association web site. The site would be used as another tool for communication with the RRA membership, as well

as, providing relevant information on Association meetings/activities, local goings-on, city news, etc. The site would also be used to communicate via e-mail to the membership in addition to the newsletters. Rather than go with one national or international web hosting firm, the board thought it appropriate to give the business to a local firm; do you know any?

Whether the site becomes reality or not, if you would like to receive information from the Executive Board by e-mail send an e-mail to our Secretary (drjjsdds2@aol.com) with RRA in the subject line and your full name and mailing address in the body of the message.

A Call For Dues

If you have not yet done so, please mail your 2005 dues check for \$15 payable to Rosedale Residential Association to RRA P.O. Box 199 White Plains, NY 10605. The Association relies solely on your dues to provide the members with a sustained level of activities and communications.

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Support the Relief Effort for Hurricane Katrina victims. 1-800-HelpNow or redcross.org


RRA Committees


If you are interested in joining one or more committees, please contact the committee chairperson. There is very little effort or time needed to be a participant. These committees were established to serve the interests of the membership.


 **Zoning & Planning Board Committee:** Monitor ZBA & Planning Board monthly agendas to determine if proposals affecting RRA require our attention. Chair: Seth Mandelbaum.

 **Issue Resolution Committee:** Evaluate issues raised by board members & residents. Chair: MaryAnn Zeolla.

 **Council of Neighborhood Associations (CNA) Delegation:** Represent RRA at CNA meetings. Monitor broader issues impacting quality of life throughout White Plains. Chair: Bill Waterman.

 **Membership Committee:** Welcome new residents to White Plains area. Develop programs to increase membership and involvement. Chair: Jade Lew.

 **Garden Committee:** Ensure that the garden on the corner of Rosedale and North St. is planted and maintained on a timely basis. Chair: Abbe Goodman.

 **Newsletter Team:** Work together to develop stories and community oriented information for publication in the biannual newsletter. Chair: Patrick Sevcik.