

ROWENA

NEIGHBORHOOD



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ASSOCIATION

Meetings & Updates

Next RPNA Meeting. Due to the Mennello Museum being unable to staff in the evening, they are unable to keep the Museum open for our meetings. Robert Bowden at Leu Gardens is happy to accommodate us as long as there is another group meeting there. The next meeting, scheduled for Tuesday, August 17 is now scheduled for Monday, August 16 at Leu Gardens in the Orchard Room.

Ice Cream Social. This popular event has been confirmed to be held at Leu Gardens on Thursday, July 29 at 6:30 pm. Fun for all including the children.

Traffic-calming Solutions.

The committee is still working with the City to agree on traffic calming solutions. The committee members are:

Joel Remigio
Nancy Jacobson
Jim Lussier
Joe Knight
Ron Zinnato

Thank You

Many **THANKS** to Betsy Hughes for once again planning and organizing the last Rowena Park Roaming Social on April 22.



Did you know??

Stay current on issues affecting your neighborhood - like Traffic-calming solutions, special neighborhood events and candidates' debate.

The most effective form of ensuring you get the information in a timely manner is through E-mail. To stay informed, supply your e-mail address to Stephen Gidus at Stephen@psgconstruction.com.



Bridget Grace is the new addition to the **Story** family. She was born Sunday, June 6 and checked in at 7 lbs. 3.5 oz. and 19.75 inches. ***Congratulations to Alli and Dan!***

Things to Do

Check out the following websites for fun summer things to do with friends or family:

www.leugardens.org
www.mennellomuseum.org
www.orlandoshakes.org
www.meadgarden.org

NEXT RPNA MEETING

(CHANGE IN MEETING DATE & LOCATION)

Monday, August 16, 2010
Orchard Room, Leu Gardens

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Meeting Minutes from May 18, 2010

Rowena Park Neighborhood Meeting • Tuesday, May 18, 2010; 7:00 PM • Mennello Museum

After Stephen Gidus brought us up-to-date on happenings from the past meeting he introduced Robert Bowden, director of Leu Gardens. Mr. Bowden announced that Leu Gardens has a full schedule of events and classes for the summer months. He volunteered to advise on plant selection advice for neighborhood yards and invites you to talk with him at Leu Gardens.

There were only 7 people in attendance including the officers, President, Secretary and Treasurer.

Andy, RPNA Treasurer, gave a report on the membership and dues paid thus far for 2010. He will contact any new homeowners in the neighborhood to see if they are interested in participating both with dues and ideas.

Cindy LaVigne has agreed to produce the quarterly newsletter. Remember that there is space available if you have a business to advertise or would like to sell any household items. Please contact Cindy or Stephen Gidus.

Stephen met with the City engineers for traffic and safety and also with Robert Stuart in reference to the age old problem of 'traffic calming' in the neighborhood. Now that we have even more children - congrats to all the new and newer parents - we want to make sure the City is listening on the amount of 'cut through' traffic we have. Stephen let us know that the City has informed him that there will be no closing of McCamy in the foreseeable future.

Stephen said there has been and will continue to be reviews and discussion of the Master Plan. So far the City has laid recording cables 3 times including the ones that are currently on the streets in the neighborhood. With the Mills Project still not finished the City is apparently willing to investigate whether traffic has increased as a result of the construction on Mills.

Our annual ICE CREAM SOCIAL was then discussed with Flossie and Frank Hellinger offering to once again have it at their house, which has been a neighborhood tradition. Robert Bowden suggested that he would like to have us all over to Leu Gardens for the Social this year! So Stephen will coordinate with Robert so we can give Frank and Flossie a 'vacation' from the preparations at their house. The ICE CREAM SOCIAL is held in JULY. Get ready to have some fun and meet your neighbors!

*Thus far we have had 2 ROAMING SOCIALS where we have set up tables on various neighborhood streets and neighbors have brought food and good cheer! The association has provided drinks and many neighbors have shown up to say hello as they are munching. We hope to see you ALL at our next "ROAMING SOCIAL" in October when the weather is slightly cooler. We will notify everyone about the agreed date. Betsy Hughes has been the guiding light on getting the food and accessories set up. **Thanks again Betsy.***

As you all know, Betsy and John have been an active force in the neighborhood for many years. They own and run the TRACK SHACK on Mills Avenue and the TRACK SHACK FOUNDATION. Please check in with the Hughes at the Track Shack if you are currently or would like to be a runner!

Going to the Mennello Museum for the RPNA neighborhood meetings always kindles the curiosity of what is on exhibit there. If you haven't been over lately you may want to stop by as the Mennello has some wonderful folk art to see.

Lastly, the RPNA is searching for new Board members. It is not a huge time-consuming job and it is one that has given the neighborhood a voice in happenings closer to our homes. There is a Master Plan for the neighborhood which includes not only calming the cut-through traffic but also working with the City to clean up "our" side of Nebraska. In general helping to keep our property values up and the appearance of the roads and entries to the neighborhood clean and in good shape.

With property changing hands and new families moving in we can see the duty we all have to maintain the neighborhood in whatever positive ways we can. Let's all keep up the good work and stay together in our desire to have this neighborhood be the great place that it is now, for many years to come! Volunteer!!!!

RPNA Board members and your neighbors working as best we can to do all we can for Rowena Park.

*Suzanne Doucette Tellam GRI, CLHMS, TRC
RPNA Secretary*