

**ROWENA**  
NEIGHBORHOOD



**P A R K**  
ASSOCIATION

*Meetings & Updates*

**Next RPNA Meeting**

The next meeting, Thursday, January 27, 2011, will be held in the Rose Room, Leu Gardens at 7:00 pm.



Many **THANKS** to **Betsy Hughes**, who organized the Roaming Social in October. Even though the Hughes family recently left our neighborhood for one on the other side of Leu Gardens, they will forever remain great friends.

**RPNA Officers Nominating Committee**

RPNA has open positions for President, Vice President and Secretary for 2011.

Jim Lussier (Reppard Road) is the lead neighbor on the Nominating Committee for the association officers. Please contact Jim at 407-896-4797 if you are interested in serving.

Our neighborhood needs **YOUR** involvement for continuous improvements and for the betterment of our wonderful

**Luminaries Available for Christmas Eve**



Every Christmas Eve, the neighborhood of Rowena Park is aglow with luminaries lining all of our streets. Bags and candles will be available again this year. Details will follow in a separate flyer.



**CHRISTMAS PARTY!**

**Thursday, December 9**

**Flossie & Frank Hellinger**  
1849 Wycliff Drive

Our Neighborhood Christmas Party will once again be hosted by Flossie and Frank Hellinger at their home on Wycliff Drive. This neighborly evening is a good time for everyone.

This year join us for the party on December 9 from 6 - 8pm. Bring an appetizer or dessert. Meet your neighbors to just say "Happy Holidays."



*Next RPNA Meeting*  
(CHANGE IN MEETING DATE & LOCATION)  
**Thursday, January 27, 2011; 7:00 pm**

**2010 RPNA Officers**

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| <b>President: Stephen Gidus</b>           | (407) 467-3387 |
| <b>Vice-Pres.: Merrie Vandendriessche</b> | (407) 895-8086 |
| <b>Secretary: Suzanne Tellam</b>          | (407) 897-7104 |
| <b>Treasurer: Andy Hevey</b>              | (407) 894-5344 |

**District 3 Commissioner**

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**RPNA website: rowenapark.com**

Please send information and/or photos to **Cindy LaVigne** at [clavigne2@cfl.rr.com](mailto:clavigne2@cfl.rr.com)

## RPNA Meeting Minutes from November 11, 2010

Thursday, November 11, 2010 • 7:00 PM • Leu Gardens, Rose Room

President Stephen Gidus called the meeting to order. The Pledge of Allegiance was said by all in attendance.

Treasurer, Andy Hevey, was not in attendance. Stephen read the Treasurer's Report. Currently the RPNA has a total of \$2073.55 in the association account. A total of 74 households have paid this year's dues.

Stephen discussed the neighborhood newsletter and the availability of ad space which if purchased would help to defray the cost of publishing. Please contact either Steve or Cindy LaVigne. Thank you to Cindy and her husband, Chris for editing and distributing the newsletter.

Jim Lussier (Reppard Road) is the lead neighbor on the Nominating Committee for the 2011 RPNA officers for 2011. Open opportunities to advocate for our neighborhood by becoming an officer include the positions of President, Vice President and Secretary. Our current Treasurer will remain! Thank you Andy.

Please contact Jim at 407-896-4797 if you are interested in serving. Our neighborhood needs YOUR involvement for continuous improvements and for the betterment of our wonderful neighborhood.

Our City Commissioner, Robert Stuart, was also in attendance. He brought us up-to-date on the continuation of the City bike path along the Dinky Line Trail. This will be an addition to the "rails to trails" program which repeats all across many communities in the U.S. We should next see the linking up of the bridge in Loch Haven and the bike trail that will be built down the Haven Drive street. The Trail will link the old Dinky Line down to Gertrude's Walk near Church Street.

Construction on this section is scheduled to start in July 2011. Eventually the trail will link all the way to the existing Cady Way Trail.

The ongoing traffic calming issue in Rowena Park was discussed. Please see the separate notice in this newsletter regarding a current proposal by the city.

We also discussed the possibility of a sidewalk on the north side of Nebraska linking Forrest (by Leu Gardens) to Mills Avenue.

On a final note, we want to acknowledge the City for making the meeting room at Leu Gardens available to us for our quarterly meetings and neighborhood events. If you are not a Member at Leu Gardens we strongly advocate that you become one. Not only because of the wonderful events and classes there as well as kids events and all sorts of movie nights and music BUT because Leu Gardens is right at the East boundary of OUR NEIGHBORHOOD! This is a great asset for all of us.

Submitted by Suzanne Tellam

Secretary, Rowena Park Neighborhood Association



The following letter was sent on November 10, 2010 to the two residences on either side of each of the five entrances into Rowena Park:

Dear Rowena Park Property Owner,

I am writing to you as a follow up to our August 2010 homeowners' meeting in which Orlando City Commissioner Robert Stuart and Frank A. Consoli, P.E., Traffic Operations Engineer with the City of Orlando Transportation Department attended and presented.

Our neighborhood has been concerned with cut-through traffic for quite some time now. Our neighborhood pushed for the temporary and permanent closing of McCamy Street from Mills Avenue. That attempt failed and we have been told that it is no longer an option.

### **Rowena Park Traffic-calming Issue**

Over the past year we have had a number of discussions with the City of Orlando about alternate solutions to our concerns about cut through traffic. One option the city has proposed is entryway islands at all five entrances into the neighborhood. The goal is to more clearly define each of the streets as a neighborhood and slow down incoming traffic and possibly discourage it as well. The islands would be made of concrete, textured pavement or brick. On-street parking would be restricted on either side of the islands, in front of your home.

The city has agreed to pay for the islands. The only condition the city has indicated is that each homeowner whose home is in front of an island would need to agree to allow the island to be placed in front of their home. Without your permission the city will not consider installing an island there.

On behalf of our neighborhood I would like to ask you to approve an island in front of your home. If you need any additional information please feel free to contact me. Otherwise, if you would call me at 407-467-3387 or email me at [stephen@psgconstruction.com](mailto:stephen@psgconstruction.com) with your answer I would appreciate it.

To date I have received three responses and am waiting for the others. I welcome your opinions.

Stephen Gidus

Additional Note: A car or truck would be able to roll over these types of islands.