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## 2010 Board Members & Volunteers

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## A Message from the Board

Greetings, Neighbors!! Happy 2010!! We are pleased to announce that the majority of last year's board members & volunteers have agreed to continue their service for this year. We are encouraged because we believe that the continuity will be beneficial to our neighborhood. However, *we are still in need of volunteers*. Our neighbors are what make NSB a great neighborhood, and we need your help. We are currently looking for volunteers for the following positions:

- Security (liaison with TPD and give monthly reports)
- Welcome (welcome new neighbors)
- Newsletter (coordinate content and production)
- Events/Parties (assist in coordinating logistics of NSB events/parties)
- Website (Oversee the expansion and redevelopment of our website)
- 'Cub Reporters' to capture our NSB community's history and personalities
- Block Captains (this consists of distributing information to your neighbors)

We would like to again extend a big thank you to those neighbors who were members of the NSB Civic Association in 2009. We would also like to thank those neighbors who have already renewed their membership or are new members for 2010. You should already have received the NSB Civic Association membership renewal forms/invoices in your mailbox. Please contact one of the board members if you did not receive the membership forms. *In order to encourage and increase membership, we will continue the trend that we started in the fall of 2009 and provide membership benefits and services to dues-paying members.*

We are excited about a number of budgeted initiatives which, with some additional volunteer help, will move more quickly to reality. Of particular note is enhancing our Website to include a secure 'members-only' access. For content we are envisioning re-instituting the baby-sitters list (which requires secure access), intra community advertising, and an "Angies list" type bulletin board of our neighbors' reviews and recommendations for contractors. Additionally, as a neighborhood, we have a colorful history that should not be lost (especially the contributions by neighbors that we may have already lost; the Wharton / Schroeder family story, which includes the original planting of the magnificent Oaks in our neighborhood, is one shining example). And there are neighbors now in our community that have, or are actively working on, interesting and contributory stories to tell. As such, we have dedicated some funding, and are looking for creative volunteer solutions to capturing our collective history.

If you interested in any of these topics, or other volunteer opportunities, please communicate that to your nearest NSB board member or, better yet, express your interest at the February 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting. The NSB Board is also exploring the ability for high school kids to earn community service credits.

**Your input is invaluable, so we hope to see you at the NSB Civic Association Annual Meeting on February 23<sup>rd</sup> !!**

## Some Important Dates –

- **NSB Civic Association Neighborhood Meeting – February 23<sup>rd</sup>, 6:00 PM**  
Location: Michael's 717 South (In the back room) – 717 S. Howard Avenue, (SOHO)  
*Enjoy complimentary appetizers, while they last, from one of NSB's trusted business partners*  
Please RSVP to Julie Brown, [juliebrown@firstam.com](mailto:juliebrown@firstam.com) or 813-205-1030
- **NSB Garage Sale – March 6<sup>th</sup>**
- **Gasparilla Festival of the Arts – March 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>**
- **Gasparilla International Film Festival – March 18<sup>th</sup> through March 21<sup>st</sup>**
- **NSB Community Members Spring Equinox Party - March 20<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 PM**
- **The Florida Aquarium's 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Sea Grapes Fine Wine and Food Festival - May 1, 2010**
- **SWEEP Program by the Solid Waste Department – May 24<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup>**

## Treasurers Report

by Jeff Rosenbeck

## Financial Projection for Year-End 2010

<b>Dues Paid (2010 in Full)</b>	<b>\$ 4,000</b>
<b>Dues Paid (2010 Scheduled)</b>	<b>\$ 6,625</b>
<b>NSB Security Expense</b>	<b>(\$ 48,250)</b>
<b>NSB Events &amp; Services Expense</b>	<b>(\$ 4,500)</b>
<b>Ending Balance (Shortfall)</b>	<b>(\$ 42,125)</b>

NSB Civic Association membership and dues are voluntary, with our annual contribution set at \$365. That is still only **one dollar a day** to ensure that we keep our programs alive and well.

*You should have already received your 2010 renewal forms. If not, please contact Jeff Rosenbeck.*

Our 2010 budget is based on 2009 revenues and expenses with a provision for increasing our security hours and reinvesting in community programs for the benefit of our members. By maintaining past participation levels and reducing costs (via business sponsorships and charging non-members for community events they utilize), we should be able to keep current programs active and support a few more.

## Security Report

by Diane Scheidle

The continuance of our Security Program **depends entirely on neighbor participation**. Thanks to those who are NSB Association members and make the security program possible.

**Police Patrol Redistricting** In an effort to redeploy resources to specially focused "squads", the city of Tampa recently redrew the police patrol District lines. This left our District, One, along with many others, almost double in size while the number of officers patrolling has not been increased. Patrol officers, now responsible for responding to calls in a much larger geographic area, are left with less time to patrol our neighborhoods. If NSB wants consistent and reliable patrols of our neighborhood, we must take advantage of the off-duty patrol program we have available to us.

**Door-to-door Solicitors** In response to recent "chatter" on Neighbors/Yackers about concerns over door to door solicitors, I spoke with our TPD program coordinator. According to Officer Craig, unless a home has a "No Soliciting" sign on it, people have a legal right to sell door-to-door and they no longer need an individual permit to do so. If your home displays a "No Soliciting" sign, you may call the police to report any violations. As always, if you see folks that appear not to be legitimate solicitors, call the TPD non-emergency number (813) 231-6130 to report them.

**2009 NSB Patrol Stats** We have presented some of the key activity statistics for 2009 below. Please keep in mind that due to declining participation in our neighborhood civic association, our patrol hours were reduced towards the end of 2009.

2009 NSB Patrol Activity

Arrests – 8

Alarms – 7

Traffic Stops – 32

Traffic Citations – 10

Traffic Violation Warnings – 18

Vacation Check Requests - 104

House/Building Checks – 2,031

Vehicle Checks – 3,741

Parking Violation Warnings - 104

Parking Violation Citations - 9

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