

The Rosedale Tattler



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2012 NRPCA HOME AND GARDEN TOUR!

Celebrating the 80th Anniversary of North Rosedale Park!

Please **SAVE THE DATE:** Saturday, September 15th!

Please **PLAN to ATTEND:** 10AM - 4PM

Please **INVITE YOUR CO-WORKERS, FRIENDS and RELATIVES**

This 80th anniversary year of the North Rosedale Park Civic Association join the 2012 NRPCA Home and Garden Tour Honorary Chairperson Emanuel Steward Celebrating Civility, Friendliness, Welcome, and Development!

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Ticket Purchase: Contact Meredith Drain 313-531-3881

The 2012 North Rosedale Park Home and Garden Tour is mandatory!

We need you! Many hands make light work! Join the fun!

VOLUNTEER:

Betty Redditt: directorredditt@northrosedalepark.org

Susan Steigerwalt: directorsteigerwalt@northrosedalepark.org

Please PLAN to ATTEND, to WORK, to HELP OUT, and to VOLUNTEER!

The Rosedale Tattler is a publication of the North Rosedale Park Civic Association. Established in 1924, the North Rosedale Park Civic Association is a community organization that promotes the interests and welfare of North Rosedale Park residents, maintains park facilities for community use, advocates for necessary public improvements, and enforces building restrictions and ordinances within North Rosedale Park.

Letter from the President

The summer has certainly gone fast. It seems like June Day was only a few weeks ago, but it's actually been over two months since it took place. September will be a busy month, especially during its third weekend when the Steak Roast takes place on Friday evening, 9/14, followed by the Home & Garden Tour on Saturday, 9/15. The fall Garage Sale will occur on Saturday 9/29, and it should be a good opportunity for bargains. Please look for the articles in this Tattler that will provide more details.

The August meeting of the Board of Directors was a blend of the old and the new, as Board meetings tend to be. There were the important functions of approving meeting minutes and proposed agendas as well as reports by officers and directors about policies and events that they are responsible for. The words and phrases used are very familiar, but putting them all together it adds up to the fact that major changes are happening within NRPCA. More than anything else this is due to the Civic Association transitioning from a 501(c)(4) to a 501(c)(3) organization. Even though both of these labels identify us as a tax-exempt non-profit, the additional tax-deductible status of being a 501(c)(3) requires a higher level of financial reporting than before. For instance, NRPCA now has to register annually with the State of Michigan Attorney General's Office in order to solicit and accept donations, including membership dues. Additional tax schedules providing more details of where our revenues come

from are now required when we file our annual federal taxes. Annual financial audits will become routine in the future.

To facilitate our financial record keeping and the data exchanges between the NRPCA's Treasurer and Building Manager all of NRPCA's financial records

have been transferred to QuickBooks software. They are also being stored in the "cloud" so that they are protected from potential computer system failures such as the lethal power surge that occurred in July to the DTE transformer that serves the Community House. We're also in the final stages of re-organizing NRPCA's financial accounts into categories that will better align with modern accounting methods. Discussion is also taking place about integrating some portions of the Treasure's records with the membership database that I mentioned in last month's column. There's more to be considered, such as using third-party services for payroll and/or annual taxes, and you'll be informed if these are implemented.

In last month's article I mentioned that NRPCA submitted a grant proposal to obtain the services of a professional fundraising consultant to assess our potential to raise the funds required to renovate the Community House and park grounds as identified in the 2011 concept design study performed by the Detroit Collaborative Design Center. The estimated cost was \$2.5 million. The funding for the consultant position was included in a grant proposal that NRPCA submitted on 6/29 to increase our capacity to carry on a capital campaign. While waiting for the response to the proposal a process was implemented to select the leading candidate for the consultant position, and I'm happy to report that an outstanding candidate, Richner & Richner, was recommended by the Capital Campaign Leadership Committee and approved by the Board at its August meeting. We're hopeful that, if our grant proposal is approved, we can immediately engage Richner & Richner for what is envisioned to be a 4-month process of conversations with neighborhood and extended-community individuals as well as philanthropic foundations, corporations and government agencies. The result of this process will be a strategic fundraising plan for the Capital Campaign.

Sad news arrived during the past week that my former neighbor on Warwick, Clarence Leggs, passed away. He and his wife Roslyn, a former NRPCA Director, were stalwarts of the neighborhood. Clarence did innumerable Community House maintenance jobs and served on numerous committees over the years. They relocated several years ago but have kept in touch with many people in the neighborhood. Our condolences go to Roslyn as well as to their children Leslie and J.P.

Have a good month.



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Behind the Footlights

MUCH ADO ABOUT NOTHING Park Players Fall Play

"There is a kind of merry war betwixt Signior Benedick and Beatrice" explains Leonato. Thus are we introduced to our combatants in this, one of the most accessible and endearing of Shakespeare's comedies. Park Players is thrilled to be producing our second Shakespearean play. The first was the hugely successful *A Midsummer Night's Dream* in 2000. Now, under the capable stewardship of recent Wayne State University MFA graduate, Carollette Phillips, we will present a recent adaptation of *Much Ado About Nothing*.

Auditions will be held on Wednesday, September 5 from 7:30 - 10:30 pm, and on Sunday, September 9 from 1 - 4 pm. Rehearsals are generally from 7-10 pm on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings and 1-4 on Sunday afternoons. Performances will be Nov. 9, 10, 11, 16, and 17.

Everyone is welcome to audition. There are many and varied roles for experienced or novice actors. Our casting is race neutral and, when

possible, gender neutral. You will be asked to read selected passages from the script. Here are the characters of the play from Wikipedia:

Don Pedro, Prince of Aragon: a kind, good Prince who helps Claudio win Hero.

Benedick of Padua: a sarcastic, witty bachelor who swears he will never marry.

Beatrice: Hero's witty, older cousin engaged in a war of words with Benedick.

Antonio: an old man, brother of Leonato.

Margaret: a waiting gentlewoman attendant on Hero.

Claudio: a count, companion of Don Pedro.

Balthasar: an attendant on Don Pedro, a singer described by Benedick as a "cat who sounds as if someone is killing it".

Don John: "the Bastard Prince," brother of Don Pedro and the main villain.

Borachio and Conrade: followers of Don John who initiate the plot to frame Hero.

Leonato: governor of Messina.

Hero: Leonato's daughter; beautiful, sweet, gentle, and demure.

Ursula: a waiting gentlewoman attendant on Hero.

Friar Francis: a priest who believes in Hero's innocence.

Dogberry: the constable in charge of Messina's night watch; an idiot with a large sense of self-importance.

Verges: Dogberry's partner.

A Sexton: the judge of the trial of Borachio.

The Watch: a watchman of Messina.

A Boy: serving Benedick

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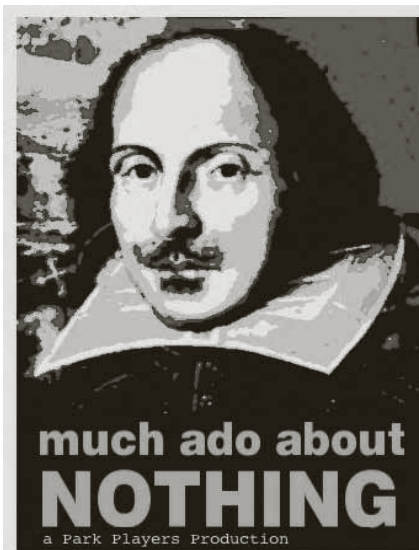
We have changed our September meeting from the Sept 9 date shown in last month's Tattler to Sunday Sept 16 at 7pm. Come on down to the Community House and find out who's been cast in the show and how you can help with the production.

****SAVE THE DATE****

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 10

Join us for the NRPCA benefit performance of Shakespeare's battle-of-the-sexes comedy, "*Much Ado About Nothing*", on Saturday, November 10 (7 PM for food and 8 PM for the show). Tickets are \$25 per person. This includes light snacks, desserts, and beverages and the opportunity to enjoy a great show in the company of your neighbors and friends in your own Community House.

Now is the time to make your plans and get your group together! The event is in 9 weeks. There are 144 seats to fill and if we



can fill them all, the Civic Association will have a \$1,000 plus profit. This will be an invaluable aid to keeping the Community House and grounds our best neighborhood investment. All seats are reserved, so act now to get the best seats. Marcia Closson will be taking reservations for tickets, so please get your block club, your family, your friends, etc. together and call her (313-835-1103) or e-mail mclosson@aol.com to reserve tickets. She will gladly reserve seats and hold them without payment until October 26. After that, seats will be held only upon payment. **Thank you, in advance, for your support!**

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The meetings are held at the Community
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leaders needs your support.

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computer research, community outreach and property
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Corporation at 313.387.4732 ext 117 or bkenderes@grandmontrosedale.com
to learn more information.

North Rosedale Park Civic Association Seeks Board Nominations for 2013

LEADERS WANTED! Ever wondered what the 11-member NRPCA Board does for this neighborhood, and why you want strong, knowledgeable and committed residents to represent your interests? NRPCA members will have the opportunity to vote in January 2013 for four (4) vacant director positions, in addition to president and vice president. As the only neighborhood association in Detroit that owns its own Community House and park, NRPCA, through its Board of Directors, is responsible for the following:

- Managing a \$120,000 budget
- Developing policies and procedures
- Maintaining the Community House and grounds
- Ensuring compliance with City codes and inspections
- Developing programming to meet the needs of residents and larger community

- Coordinating fundraising activities
- Soliciting memberships and donations
- Managing Community House rentals
- Overseeing staff services
- Ensuring compliance with tax codes and reporting
- Developing strategies to ensure long-range stability of key neighborhood assets

WHO WOULD YOU LIKE TO SEE REPRESENT YOUR INTERESTS? WOULD YOU BE WILLING TO STEP FORWARD AND PROVIDE LEADERSHIP IN 2013? We're looking for board members who meet the following criteria:

- Resident of North Rosedale Park
- Current in membership dues
- Familiarity in working with a board
- Strategic thinker, policy and results oriented
- Ability to work as a team

- Community-minded spirit
- Committed to the Capital Campaign and renovation of the Community House & grounds

Board meetings are held the 1st Thursday of each month at 6:30 PM at the Community House. Candidates must commit to attending the meetings and to taking responsibility for overseeing the implementation of specific management, fundraising, and organizational responsibilities.

The full application for candidates will be published in the October and November Tattlers. Deadline for submission of applications is November 10, 2012.

Have questions? Know someone to recommend? Interested in being a candidate? Contact Marsha Bruhn at 313-400-1192 or by email at marshabruhn@yahoo.com

Friday, September 14, 2012

Join us for one of NRPCA's most popular events!

Annual Steak Roast

6:00 PM Doors Open • 7:00 PM Dinner

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Park Resident Turns Love for Tomatoes into \$650 for North Rosedale Park Legacy Project

By Rose Love

For nearly two months, Barbara Harvey's basement and driveway looked like she might be giving up her day job as an attorney to become a farmer. Tomato plants were everywhere or so it seemed. Harvey had decided to take her love for tomatoes and do something to contribute to the Capital Campaign to renovate the Community House and the surrounding park.

She began in early April with seeds for 16 varieties of tomatoes – cherry, paste and black, to name a few. Starting in her basement, she planted seeds in small cells. Once the sprouting began, she then transferred the seedlings to pots and placed the pots in her driveway. Then began the task of watering the plants daily, sometimes several times each day, and moving plants inside to avoid frost and back outside for the sun. Once the tomato plants were established, she sold them to friends

and neighbors and during June Day activities, designating the proceeds for the Capital Campaign. She raised \$650.

A resident of North Rosedale Park for 20 years, Harvey had no idea of how much work would be involved in taking care of 300 tomato plants. "At the end, it was non-stop tomato activity," she said. "I was living tomatoes for more than a month."

Although the plants required hours of attention each day, Harvey has no regrets. "First of all I wanted to use it to make people more conscious of the Campaign. And I think I did that," Harvey said. Each person who purchased a plant received instructions on growing tomatoes and information about the fundraising effort. "A lot of people can't afford to write a big check. I wanted to motivate other residents to think about what they could do to raise money for the Capital Campaign," she

added. "Our community center is in need of some major improvements."

And this isn't the first time she has sold tomato plants to benefit the North Rosedale Park Civic Association. Last year, she raised more than \$200 from plant sales and donated the money for playground maintenance.

Now that all the plants have been sold or given away, Harvey can turn her attention to her real job and enjoying the fruits of her labor. "We have tomato salad every day. I make my own tomato sauce and gazpacho," she said. "I have enough tomatoes from my garden for the entire year. I just love tomatoes."

For more information about the North Rosedale Park Legacy Project and how you can get involved, go to NRPCA's website, www.northrosedalepark.org or contact Jim Johnson at 313-534-4607, jbjohnson68@sbcglobal.net.





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GRDC will honor all vacant property volunteers at a community-wide "Vacant Property Volunteer Recognition Ceremony" in October. But we need your help to make sure we recognize ALL the deserving volunteers who often give of their time and money, quietly, without anybody noticing or telling them to do so.

We want to include the names of all vacant property volunteers in our event program, and send them invitations to attend the event. If you, or someone you know, volunteers to help minimize the impact of abandoned and vacant properties in our community by mowing overgrown lawns, clearing debris, painting over graffiti, removing piled up handbills, etc., we want to know about it! Please send us your name or the names of neighbors you know are contributing to these efforts to maintain our community standards. Report volunteer names and contact information to Becki Kenderes at 313-387-4732, ext. 117, or by e-mail at bkenderes@grandmontrosedale.com. **DEADLINE is September 28, 2012.**

RITE AID KIDS' DAY ON SEPT. 13 AT NORTHWEST DETROIT FARMERS' MARKET !

This year's edition of the annual RITE AID Kids' Day at the Northwest Detroit Farmers' Market promises to be the best one yet! There will be bouncers on the church lawn and face painting – free farmers' market t-shirts to the first 100 kids - and free bike helmets to the first 100 kids, courtesy of AAA Michigan – should be a great day!

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Bucks, for the purchase of Michigan-grown fruits and vegetables.

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COME WORK FOR GRDC! – Would you or someone you know love to focus your energy on making the Grandmont Rosedale Communities a wonderful place to live, work, and play? Then check out the job openings at GRDC! We are looking for hard-working, dedicated, enthusiastic people to join our team. The job descriptions and application procedures can be viewed on our website, www.grandmontrosedale.com.

NEIGHBORHOOD SAFETY MEETINGS RESUME SEPT. 20 –

After a brief summer break, our regular monthly Neighborhood Safety meetings resume on Thursday, September 20 at 6 PM and will continue thereafter every 4th Thursday of the month at the North Rosedale Park Community House, 18445 Scarsdale, between Glastonbury and Avon.

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- **Thursday evenings at 7:30pm.**

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Alice Swanger is a Certified Instructor through the International Yang Family Tai Chi Chuan Association led by 5th Generation Master Yang Jun. She has been practicing Tai Chi for more than 20 years under her teacher Han Hoong Wang who is the Secretary of the International Association; a disciple of 4th Generation Grandmaster Yang Zhenduo, and the Director of the Michigan Tai Chi Center. Alice has taught locally for 10 years and continues her practice by studying with both Grandmaster Yang Zhenduo and Master Yang Jun in China.

The cost of the classes will be:

Non-NRPCA members – \$10 per session

NRPCA members – \$8 per session

Please bring your member card to receive discount rate.

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At the Sept. 20th meeting, we will hear an update on the 90-day Community Policing Pilot Program announced at the May Neighborhood Safety Meeting, which included participation by the Manhattan Institute, in cooperation with the Detroit Police Department (DPD), Michigan Department of Corrections (MDOC), and the GRDC Community Security Program.

The Neighborhood Safety Meetings are open to the public. Please join your neighbors, local law enforcement officials, and guest speakers as we learn and share crime prevention strategies. Each meeting provides important information to help keep us and our neighborhoods safer! For more information, call 313-387-4732, ext. 109.

VACANT HOUSE and SQUATTER ALERT – Do you have any vacant houses

on your block? Do you suspect squatters may be occupying a vacant house on your block? If so, please give GRDC Vacant Property Intern Becki Kenderes a call at 313-387-4732, ext. 117, and report the addresses and as much other information posted or available to her (or send an email to info@grandmontrosedale.com).

NOTE: In Rosedale Park, contact Stacy Pugh (313-574-8889) to report suspected squatters and contact Debbie Kent (313-836-4737) to report vacant property. If the house or suspected squatters are in North Rosedale Park, contact Clarendia Webb (313-330-7844). If the house or suspected squatters are in Grandmont, contact Diane Patterson (313-836-3736).

It takes a LOT of people to keep track of and take care of all of the vacant houses in our

neighborhood. Please do all that you can to maintain the yards of the vacant houses on your block – pick up trash and flyers, and do what you can to make the house look occupied. If you are already taking care of vacant houses in your community, THANK YOU and thanks for being a good neighbor!

GET THE GRDC E-MAIL BLAST! – GRDC sends out a regular weekly electronic newsletter, to let everybody know what's going on in our neighborhood. Don't miss out on the latest! If you want to know what's happening, send us your e-mail address. We'll add you to our electronic mailing list and send you information of interest to the neighborhood. Send an e-mail to tmccrory@grandmontrosedale.com and ask to be added to the list.

The NRPCA Board of Directors is seeking a Membership Secretary to start January 1, 2013

The NRPCA Board of Directors is seeking to appoint a volunteer who understands the value of being a paid member of the Association, the importance of increasing the current membership numbers and maintaining accurate records.

The main duties and responsibilities include: maintaining membership records, understanding database programs and developing strategies to increase paid dues in all categories: Resident, business and non-resident.

Other responsibilities include:

- Ability to organize membership mailings annually in October and second mailings late March;
- Provide membership confirmations for NRPCA election night held in January; design election ballots & process for absentee ballots for the election;
- Recruit membership committee members to help with membership responsibilities; help plan and oversee membership outreach activities;
- Write related membership articles as needed for the Tattler and occasional website updates;
- Attend NRPCA board meetings and providing monthly membership reports;
- Providing updated membership lists and templates for labels as need from other committees; including sports sign-ups;
- Process checks to prepare for treasurer and/or NRPCA staff to deposit;
- Order membership supplies, including envelopes and stamps;

- Forward volunteer contact information to appropriate committee or event chairperson;

For more information contact the current membership secretary Karen Johnson Moore at: kjmoore21@sbcglobal.net. Please send a brief resume of your volunteer/professional experience that support your interest in serving as membership secretary to: NRPCA Secretary Position, 18445 Scarsdale, Detroit, MI 48223.

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Chilin' with the Chili Cook-Off

By Liz Grunow

Calling all cooks! The second annual NRP Chili Cook-off has been scheduled for Saturday, October 6th, and already the competition is heating up! With a grand prize of a \$50 gift certificate to our very own Metro Foodland grocery store, the proverbial wooden spoon has been thrown down in many circles around the Park. Who will win out when it comes down to neighbor versus neighbor? Fire fighters versus police officers? West of Outer Drive versus east of Outer Drive? We could go on and on. And we don't even want to think about one of our wonderful neighbors to the south (Rosedale, Grandmont and Minock Park, that is) swooping in to claim our prizes! We must dust off our recipes, haul out those crock-pots, and get to chilin'! Your friends and neighbors are all welcome to come out and have a taste, but the final decision will be handed down by a panel of judges specifically picked for their chili-tasting prowess.

So, here are the finer points: To enter the NRP Chili Cook-off, call or email Gloria Adebayo (313.534.3624,adebayogy@yahoo.com), or Sarah Jones



(248.914.3543,swarrenjones@att.net) to register. Registration costs only \$5. You need only provide your chili and a vessel to serve it from (preferably a crock-pot). All paper goods will be provided. Each chef is asked to make at least 5 quarts of chili, and must be able to make available a basic list of ingredients for allergy sufferers. A grand prize of a \$50 gift certificate to Metro Foodland, as well as to first and second runners-up will be awarded.

If your talents lie more in the eating of chili than in the preparing of chili,

no worries! We need all our friends and neighbors to come out and crown this year's Chili Supreme Champion! Chili will be served at the Community House on **Saturday, October 6th starting at 1:00 p.m.** Tasters get to try three tasting cups of chili for the low, low, recession-adjusted price of ONE DOLLAR. Come help vote your soccer coach/next door neighbor/best friend's great-grandmother to victory and taste some of the best chili in the city at the same time.

For more information, and to see just who you need to be worried about throwing their chili beans in the race, visit our website (www.northroosedalecookoff.webs.com) or come see us on Facebook (North Rosedale Chili Cook Off).

Come out and help make this a great new fall tradition in the Park!

If you're looking to get involved in the neighborhood, volunteers are still needed! We are looking for help with set-up, registration, and clean-up. Please call Gloria or Sarah if you can lend a hand!

NRP Chili Cook-Off Registration Form

If you're ready to show everyone that your chili is the best, you can register at any time: go to our website, our Facebook page, call Gloria or Sarah, or just fill out this handy form!

Name: _____
Address: _____
Phone: _____
Email: _____

Registration is \$5—please include your payment with your registration.
If paying by check, please make it out to North Rosedale Park Civic Association.

Drop all registrations in the mailbox at the North Rosedale Park Community House • 18845 Scarsdale.

Good Luck!!



The Hustle
is going strong
at the
Community House

MONDAY'S

6:30PM

TO

8:30PM

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NRPCA Calendar • September 2012

2	Rental	5pm	12	Rental	6pm	21	Rental	7pm
3	Tai Chi.....	10am	12	Park Players Auditions.....	7:15pm	22	Park Players Sets.....	9am
3	Hustle Class	6:30pm	13	Tai Chi.....	7:30pm	22	Rental	4:30pm
4	Block Captains Meeting.....	6:30pm	13	NRPCA Gen. Membership Mtg....	7pm	23	Park Players Rehearsal.....	1pm
5	Rental Class	6pm	14	Steak Roast.....	6pm	24	Rental	9am
5	Park Players Auditions.....	7:15pm	15	Home & Garden Tour	10am	24	Tai Chi.....	10am
6	NRPCA Board Meeting	6:30pm	16	Park Players Auditions.....	1pm	24	Hustle Class	6:30pm
6	Tai Chi.....	7:30pm	17	Rental	9am	25	Park Players Rehearsal.....	7pm
8	Rental	6:00pm	17	Tai Chi.....	10am	26	Rental	6pm
9	Park Players Auditions.....	6pm	17	Hustle Class	6:30pm	26	Park Players Rehearsal.....	7:15pm
10	Rental	9am	18	Park Players Rehearsal.....	7pm	27	Book Club.....	6pm
10	Tai Chi.....	10am	19	Rental	6pm	29	Garage Sale	9am
10	Hustle Class	6:30pm	19	Park Players Rehearsal.....	7pm	30	Park Players Rehearsal.....	1pm
11	Rental	7pm	20	Neighborhood Safety Mtg.....	6pm			

Deadline for the Tattler

The Rosedale Tattler is a monthly newsletter published by the NRPCA. All articles and advertisements are due the 10th of each month. Please contact **Maria Bryant** at **313-537-1560** or **mariab19@sbcglobal.net** for advertising rates and policies.

Please submit articles to **NRPCA_TattlerEditor@Yahoo.com**.

We welcome and encourage submissions. The author's name, address and phone number is required for publication. The editorial staff reserves the right to edit submissions for space or for which they deem obscene, defamatory, deceptive or misleading.

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This Just In! NRPCA 2011 Survey Results

Patience is a virtue and we thank you for yours. Last year the NRPCA Membership Committee conducted a survey to determine needs and interests of community members. 99 people completed the survey. This is less than 10% of the 1600 households in NRP; however, the results are likely a fair reflection of our community.

SURVEY PARTICIPANT DEMOGRAPHICS:

67% of respondents were female and 33% were male. Most (68%) were in the age range of 55 and over; 29% were 36-55 years of age and 3% were in the 22-35 age range.

Survey respondents have lived in the park an average of 19.3 years. 90% were currently NRPCA members and have been members for an average of 16 years. These demographics suggest that a majority of the respondents have been members of the Association during most of their residency in the Park.

Close to half (48%) have worked as volunteers. Of those who noted that they did not volunteer most (56%) indicated having a busy schedule or no time as the reason. A vast majority of respondents (74%) indicated they would be willing to volunteer which demonstrates strong commitment to this community by its residents. Yea! Us!!

SURVEY QUESTION RESPONSES:

NRPCA activities/events and services with corresponding respondent participation rates:

Activity/Event	Rate (%)	Service	Rate (%)
June Day	82.6	Curbside Recycling	80.4
Steak Roast	52.2	Snow Removal	76.1
Home/Garden Tour	51.1	The Tattler	76.1
Garage Sale	50.0	Farmer's Market	72.8
Park Players	46.7	Playground	68.5
Haunted House	40.2	Block Captain	45.7
Pancake Breakfast	32.6	NRPCA website	44.6
Easter Egg Hunt	26.1	Rosedale Recycles	38.0
Little League	25.8	Dusing Security	37.0
Ice Cream Social	19.6	Safety Meetings	33.7
Hustle / Exercise	14.1	Community Rental	31.5
Girl / Boy Scouts	9.8	Tree Plantings	29.3
		Community Garden	7.6

There are many benefits to living in North Rosedale Park and/or being a member of the North Rosedale Park Civic Association. Just last month some of these benefits were wonderfully provided in the Tattler in a letter from Renate Gildea of Ashton Street.

IN THE SURVEY, THE FOLLOWING BENEFITS WERE RATED AS FOLLOWS:

Membership/NRP Resident Benefits	% Rated as Somewhat Important /Important
Public Services (<i>recycling, snow removal</i>)	100.0
Identity (<i>strength in numbers to maintain quality of life</i>)	97.0
Public Safety (<i>security patrols, neighborhood safety meetings</i>)	96.0
Assets (<i>Community House, park</i>)	95.9
Communication (<i>newsletter, website</i>)	95.0
Community (<i>Neighborhood Association, block clubs</i>)	94.9
Events (<i>e.g. Steak Roast, June Day</i>)	93.8
Member Discounts (<i>Community House rentals, youth sports</i>)	91.8
Youth Activities (<i>Soccer, Little League, scouting</i>)	85.8

SURVEY RESPONSES TO THE QUESTION OF WHAT DO WE CURRENTLY DO WELL:

Communication including the Tattler (30%), events and activities (27%), safety and security (13%), sense of community (11%) and maintenance of Community House and grounds (11%). 4% of respondents stated that we do everything well!! Ahh – we try!

ISSUES AND CONCERNS:

Per respondents, the top three most pressing issues facing the NRP community are crime (66.0%), vacant homes (63.8%), and property maintenance (51.1%). Other issues rated as follows: taxes (42.6%), code violations (25.5%) and lower property values (21.3%).

We also asked what we could do to improve. Highest responses included: outreach to neighbors (24%), nothing (13%), increase membership (11%), and youth and young adult activities (11%).

As an editorial comment, I absolutely realize that many of us put forth an effort to maintain and improve our community, but I would like to emphasize that to address the issues identified and make the improvements noted, all of us, not just the board of directors, committee members or block club captains but EVERYBODY who lives, works or plays in the North Rosedale Park community must contribute. You can do this by watching out for your neighbors, maintaining your property, joining the association, volunteering, etc. Overall, we do many things well and we have much to build upon. I hope you agree that *living in North Rosedale Park is insanely awesome*. We have a lot going on, and an out of this world community spirit.

We want to thank all those who responded to the survey and give props to all NRPCA members and those who volunteer. We'd love to claim that 100% of NRP households are members of the Association. Your support is needed. And, remember, membership dues are now tax deductible!!!



North Rosedale Park Civic Association Membership Application

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Zip Code _____

Phone _____

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Be a Volunteer!

Please tell us how you would be interested in helping.

Areas of interest:

Thank you for your support!

NRPCA 2012 Board of Directors

Ours is an active neighborhood, and NRPCA Board members are responsible for taking on assignments at the beginning of each year. In many cases, committees are formed to carry out the activities, and volunteers are always welcome. If you would like to work on any of the listed events or have comments or questions, contact the Board member for that activity

The Board meets on the 1st Thursday of every month except July and August.

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