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## NRPCA'S DOUBLE FEATURE!

**Friday, September 14, 2012**

## Annual Steak Roast & Silent Auction

**6:00 PM Doors Open • 7:00 PM Dinner**

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## Letter from the President

July 12 was a busy day at the Community House. Mayor Bing and many City officials visited North Rosedale Park to interact with the broad northwest Detroit community about the present and future delivery of City services in Detroit's diminished budget environment. Several media reports of the event had their usual cut-and-paste negative tone with a focus on the one or two outspoken individuals among the many that made thoughtful statements or asked questions. However, a great deal of information was exchanged, both ways, and the capacity crowd in the building was well served by our hosting the event. Many thanks go to Marsha Bruhn for working with the City to make this happen. Earlier that day, in spite of the heat, Betty Redditt, Michael Matrescu, Matthew Kamara, Duane Fueslein, Marcia Closson, Cheryl Buswell-Robinson and Marsha Bruhn rejuvenated the flower beds in front of the Community House by adding a new layer of compost. It looks great, and they have plans for other areas of the park. Please speak to Betty or Cheryl if you would like to join their work crew. Their contact information is on the back page of the *Tattler*.

Last month I wrote about what the Civic Association does and why it's important that everyone be open to serving on the NRPCA Board of Directors and/or to plugging into its many activities. There are a few changes on the horizon to bring to your attention. The Membership Committee is one of the oldest and most valuable units of the Civic Association. However, just because it's been around for 80 years doesn't mean that it's standing still. Cathy Marshall and

Tamara Kamara have assessed its catalog of membership information and concluded that an upgrade is needed. So, a completely new database is being constructed. It will reside in the "cloud" to insure data security, and it will help us facilitate acknowledgements for membership dues as well as other donations in accordance with our new 501(c)(3)

non-profit status. Also, after several years of great service, Karen Johnson-Moore will be stepping down as chair of the Membership Committee at the end of 2012. She's very interested in assisting the Board to identify potential successors for consideration, so please contact Karen at [kjmoore21@sbcglobal.net](mailto:kjmoore21@sbcglobal.net) to learn more about the position. You can also see Karen's article on page 13 of the *Tattler*.

The Capital Campaign is currently in somewhat of a quiet stage. NRPCA has submitted a grant proposal to obtain professional support for its fundraising operations, to obtain seed money to establish a new staff position known as a program manager, and to perform some early renovations to the patio and the south-end of the parking lot. This month a brief description of the fundraising positions will be given, and more information will be provided about the program manager and patio and parking lot renovations in later editions.

Two fundraising positions are being sought on the advice of the Capital Campaign's Fundraising Advisory Committee. In June a request was sent out to several professional firms to obtain proposals for the consulting services they could provide to determine the feasibility of NRPCA raising \$2.5 million to renovate our Community House and park grounds. With that knowledge, a fundraising plan will be developed to identify a donor base, a schedule, and NRPCA's requirements to run a successful capital campaign. The time-frame for this consulting phase is approximately four months. This would be followed by the introduction of a fundraising manager that would execute the fundraising plan on a day-to-day basis. It's estimated that the manager's length of service will be two years. The time frame for receiving a decision on the grant proposal has a degree of uncertainty to it, but we're hopeful that something will be known in September. Until then, as noted above, we're in somewhat of a quiet phase. Hopefully it's only temporary.

Have a good month.



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## Behind the Footlights

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Park Players joint production with NRPCA, *How to Eat Like a Child*, played to three full houses of happy people the last weekend of June. A good time and experience was had by all of the 30+ kids involved both on stage and backstage. The audience members were reminded about how they thought and acted as children by their own children, grandchildren and NW Grandmont-Rosedale neighbors. Over 300 people attended, bought some food (ever have a walking taco? That's a small bag of corn chips filled up with taco fixins and eaten by hand-messy but very kid friendly) and some even went home with a T-shirt. As a result, Players and NRPCA were each able to add nicely to their respective treasuries. Many thanks to our Producers Mary Davis and Tamara Kamara.

Perhaps some of the older kids and/or parents will be interested in furthering their theatrical interests by auditioning for, or working in a supporting position for, the Players fall production of William Shakespeare's *Much Ado About Nothing*. Players will be producing a version with updated English to make it more understandable to us 21st century Americans. It's a story about two pairs of lovers, Beatrice and Benedick, and Claudio and Hero. As described in Wikipedia, Benedick and Beatrice are engaged in a very "merry war"; they are both very glib and proclaim their scorn for love, marriage, and each other. In contrast, Claudio and Hero are sweet young people who are rendered practically speechless by their love for one another. Love, deceit, trickery,

humor and some plain silliness pervade this romantic comedy of Shakespeare.

Sound like fun? Sure does. There are roles for everyone, young and not so young. Players rehearse three times a week, Tuesday and Wednesday evenings and Sunday afternoons. Auditions are scheduled for Sept 5 at 7pm and Sept 9 at 1pm at the Community House, so please save those dates and come on down! Shows are scheduled for November 9, 10, 16 and 17 at 8pm and Sunday, November 11 at 2pm. In addition, our general meeting will be held after auditions on Sunday Sept 9 at 7pm. Hope to see some new faces as well as many longtime members. If you have any questions, please call George Evalt at 313-538-2336.



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## North Rosedale Park Legacy Project • *Securing Our Future*

By Marsha Bruhn

**Capital Campaign Update.** Much behind the scenes work has been taking place the last few months as NRPCA's Leadership Committee prepares to launch the formal part of the Capital Campaign to renovate the Community House and Grounds. Here are some highlights.

1. Formation of an Honorary Committee. The purpose of the Honorary Committee is to identify persons with stature in the community who will act as active ambassadors for our cause, help to identify resources, and, hopefully, make a personally meaningful gift towards the Campaign. The fifteen persons who have agreed to serve range from Mayor Dave Bing and Justice Patricia Boyle to Freman Hendrix and Councilman James Tate.
2. Kick-off event to raise Leadership Gift donations. Having some funds in hand helps in going to foundations, by showing that there is an up-front financial commitment from the neighborhood, even before initiating a full campaign. The lovely May 19th event at Chris and Carol Allen's Bretton Drive home raised \$58,000 in pledges. With other pledges received to date, including donations from the Boy Scouts and Park Players, the seed money totals almost \$70,000.
3. Board commitments. There is a 100% commitment from Board members and officers to make a pledge in support of the Campaign.
4. Capacity-building grants. While our grant to the Ford Motor Company to fund capital improvements to support the move of the Northwest Farmers Market to the park grounds was not approved, our grant request to the Kresge Foundation has been revised and is under consideration for patio and parking lot renovations, a short-term fundraising consultant, and fundraising and program manager positions.
5. Fundraising consultant. Interviews have been held for a fundraising consultant to develop a Capital Campaign feasibility study and plan. A recommendation is expected to go to the full board in August.
6. Hiring of an owner's representative. Former NRP resident Don Scheible has been approved by the Board as our Owner's Representative for architectural and engineering activities. Don is generously donating his time as we undertake this major project.



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## THE NORTH ROSEDALE PARK BLOCK CAPTAINS MEETINGS

are the first Tuesday of every month at 6:30pm.

The meetings are held at the Community  
House which is at 18445 Scarsdale.

This vitally important group of community  
leaders needs your support.

If you have a neighborhood concern that  
needs to be resolved, please contact your  
Block Captain or if you don't know who your  
Block Captain is, please contact Clarendia Webb  
at (313) 330-7844 for more information.

Our next meetings is  
**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 2012**

We need your involvement now more than ever.

## City of Detroit Bulk Pickup is Tuesday, August 7, 2012

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neighborhood? Want to get involved?

## Join the Vacant Property Task Force!



Volunteers are needed for every street in the  
Grandmont Rosedale neighborhoods to help with  
computer research, community outreach and property  
maintenance efforts. Contact Becki Kenderes  
from the Grandmont Rosedale Development  
Corporation at 313.387.4732 ext 117 or [bkenderes@grandmontrosedale.com](mailto:bkenderes@grandmontrosedale.com)  
to learn more information.

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## The Greening of Detroit: Be a part of it!

Many thanks to all the generous, visionary North Rosedale Park residents who participated in tree plantings over the last three years with The Greening of Detroit. Because of your foresight and willingness to tackle Emerald Ash Borer Disease which decimated the Ash trees lining our blocks, our neighborhood is a step ahead of many other communities in re-forestation. With your help, almost 500 new trees were planted in the Park. Though much progress has been made, there is much work to be done. Too many homes are still without a tree on their berm. If *your* berm is bare, please consider this: trees provide beauty, air cleansing, noise reduction, much needed cooling - which reduces utility bills as well as shelter and food for wildlife. If this is not enough to convince you to plant a tree, please note: trees add 10% to your property values and those of your neighbors!

To reduce stress on your trees and to help them thrive, The Greening of Detroit



advises that in the first 2 years after transplanting, it is important that your tree

receive approximately 15 gallons of water per week - especially during periods of drought. Please remember to water your trees! Mulching around the base of your tree will retain moisture, reduce weeds and help prevent injury from lawn equipment. A rigid plastic collar placed around the trunk also protects the tree's delicate cambium from deadly weed whackers. To avoid rot, do not pile mulch or dirt directly against the tree's trunk; instead configure the mulch to form a shallow basin, which will help collect water.

Greening has been sending out volunteers who are members of the Green Corps to help water in extreme dry spells, however their resources are limited and your trees need your tender loving care to stay healthy and grow tall. With your help, formally bare streets will soon be beautiful, cool, shady boulevards once again.

Thank you for your attention to these important matters, Tom and Chris Ridgway.

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## The NRPCA Home and Garden Tour • Saturday September 15, 2012 Celebrating the 80th Anniversary of North Rosedale Park!

The 2012 NRPCA Home and Garden Tour is pleased to announce that this year's Honorary Chairperson is 32 year North Rosedale Park resident Emanuel Steward! Emanuel is a champion of Good Will, dedicated to making a difference!

September weather is perfect! September summer flowers and fall plantings are at their best! This premier event is Dedicated to House Proud, Community Minded People – YOU!

**Please SAVE THE DATE!**

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

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

**CELEBRATE!** Living in North Rosedale Park is an honor!

For 80 years our North Rosedale Park Community Association has successfully stood for Civility, Friendliness, Welcome, and Development! 80 years ago North Rosedale Park amounted to a handful of new homes in a mostly empty residential development, Grand River Avenue was a gravel road lined with a handful of

mail boxes, our boulevards were drainage ditches and the Inter Urban turned around and headed back downtown at a coney on the other side of Oakman... Early resident Mable Maynard stated "If you lived here you had to have a CAR!"

**CELEBRATE 1932-2012!** We are again focused on development with the Capitol Campaign! We will also recognize the pivotal role automotive transportation played in fostering our community by hosting for the first time a collection of Classic Cars!

**CELEBRATE FINE HOMES and LOVELY GARDENS!** With your friends and neighbors celebrate all that has been accomplished! Celebrate with each homeowner who has gone the extra mile to prepare and open their private accommodations and gardens to the public. Each deserves our utmost in Attendance, Service and Thanks!

**CELEBRATE SUMSCIOUS FOOD!** The Garden Café will be Elegant and Fine! Garden brunch tickets are the best deal in Michigan *and are limited*. Relax, Slow-down, Tune-in with friends... White Linens, Fresh Flowers, Homemade Summer Fare... You and your friends deserve it!

**Don't miss this opportunity to live the dream!**

**Tour ONLY tickets are \$15.00 • Tour AND Garden Café Brunch tickets are @ 25.00**

**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!**

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**COOKING DEMOS AND HEALTH SCREENINGS AT NORTHWEST DETROIT FARMERS' MARKET** – The Northwest Detroit Farmers' Market is now the site of more than just local, delicious food. You can come to our neighborhood farmers' market and learn healthy cooking techniques and get your blood pressure and cholesterol checked as well! Generous grants from the Health and Wellness Foundation of Greater Detroit are providing these valuable programs.

**Cooking Demonstrations by DMC Executive Chef Antonio**  
Chef Antonio Moore wants everyone to understand the

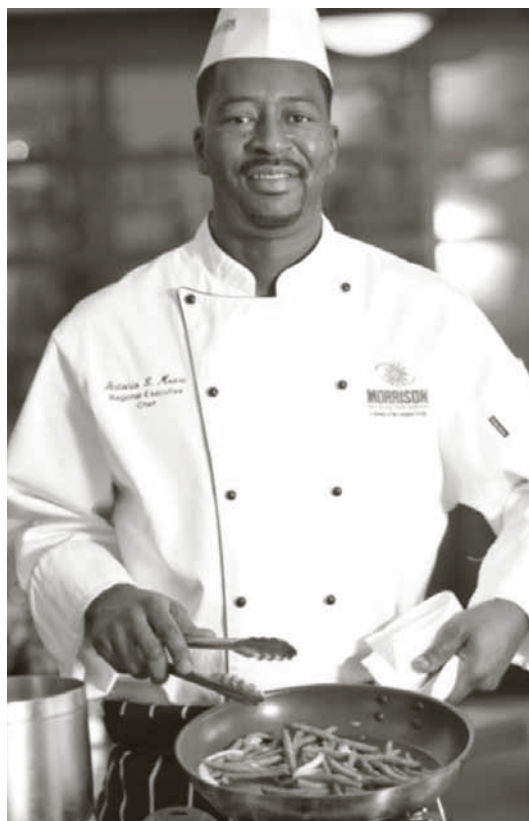
benefits of healthy eating. "I will be preparing simple but delicious recipes, using fresh, healthy, locally grown produce that everyone will enjoy," he explained. Don't miss these demonstrations on August 9, Sept. 13, and Oct. 11!

#### **FREE Health Screenings**

In partnership with DMC Sinai-Grace Hospital, the market offers FREE health screenings on designated Thursdays – come find out what your blood pressure, cholesterol, and blood sugar are! These screenings are scheduled for August 16, Sept. 20, and Oct. 11.

#### **We Take Plastic – All Kinds!**

The Northwest Detroit Farmers' Market accepts credit and debit cards and the Bridge card, as well as Project FRESH and Market FRESH coupons. The market also offers the highly popular Double Up Food Bucks program for Bridge card users, which matches up to \$20 of a Bridge card purchase with an additional FREE \$20 in Double Up Bucks, for the purchase of Michigan-grown fruits and vegetables.



For more information, and to volunteer to help at the market, contact Pam Weinstein at 313-387-4732, ext. 103, or [pweinstein@grandmontrosedale.com](mailto:pweinstein@grandmontrosedale.com).

#### **HOME FOR SALE ON ASHTON IN NORTH ROSEDALE PARK**

GRDC's home renovation and sales program continues to make progress, with the latest project at 15435 Ashton, in the North Rosedale neighborhood currently undergoing renovations.

NOTE: you could receive \$10,000 in down payment assistance if you qualify for a new mortgage on this home.

For more information, go to the GRDC web site at <http://www.grandmontrosedale.com/homes/homesforsale.html>

#### **QUALITY OF LIFE PLAN**

**AVAILABLE ONLINE** – This spring GRDC helped coordinate a community-wide planning process focused on improving the quality of life in the Grandmont Rosedale neighborhoods. Over 200 residents took part in the planning process. The resulting Quality of Life Plan is available for viewing on the GRDC website at [www.grandmontrosedale.com](http://www.grandmontrosedale.com). The plan addresses such issues as vacant houses, community safety, commercial revitalization, neighborhood beautification, youth activities, and community organizing. Check out the plan and let us know how you would like to get involved.

**GRANTS POSSIBLE TO IMPROVE BALL DIAMONDS AT STOEPEL PARK** – The Rosedale Grandmont

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# Grandmont Rosedale Development Corporation, *continued from page 7*

Little League (RGLL recently received a \$5,000 grant from the Baseball Tomorrow Fund (BTF), a program of Major League Baseball and the Major League Baseball Players Association. This grant will provide funding for professional grant writing services to assist in raising funds for the renovation of four youth baseball fields located at Stoepel Park #1.

Located in northwest Detroit, Stoepel Park #1 is used by over 500 players. To address the need for an improved playing facility, RGLL has hired a professional grant writer to raise funds for the overall renovation of the fields.

Other major supporters of the project to date include the City of Detroit, Detroit Local Initiatives Support Corporation, Ford Motor Company, and a host of other local businesses. The Rosedale Grandmont Little League is still accepting in-kind and monetary contributions. Those interested in donating to the project may contact Cathy Marshall at the Grandmont Rosedale Development Corporation, 313-387-4732, ext. 105.

## **COMMUNITY POLICING**

**PILOT PROGRAM** – At the May Neighborhood Safety Meeting, the Manhattan Institute, in cooperation with the Detroit Police Department (DPD), Michigan Department of Corrections (MDOC), and the GRDC Community Security Program, unveiled a new 90-day Community Policing Pilot Program for the Grandmont Rosedale neighborhoods.

This pilot includes increased police activity on the streets beginning June 4, 2012 (i.e., “broken-window” policing); pro-active home visits to the men and women who have caused the most harm by invading OUR homes (i.e., committing B & E’s); and increased citizen participation, the backbone of this program and every

form of community policing. Residents must accept the responsibility of “see something, say something,” and incorporate it into their everyday lives. Learn more about this initiative’s scope and the role of local residents in the *Guidelines for Community Policing & Checklist: How to Identify and Report Suspicious Behavior*. Get your copy of the guidelines from GRDC Crime Prevention Coordinator Austin Grout at 313-387-4732, ext. 109, or [agrout@grandmontrosedale.com](mailto:agrout@grandmontrosedale.com)

## **SUMMER BREAK FOR NEIGHBORHOOD SAFETY MEETINGS**

– The monthly Neighborhood Safety Meeting will take a brief summer hiatus in July and August. But don’t fret; regular meetings return on Thursday, September 27 from 6-8 PM, when we expect to have a preliminary update on the ongoing Community Policing Pilot Project, as well as a presentation from Karen Johnson Moore regarding the Neighborhood Benefits District (NBD).

In the meantime, the GRDC Community Security Program and the Crime Prevention Task Force are putting together several summer workshops and presentations that will highlight crime prevention information to engage our audience in a new and unique way. Watch the GRDC e-blast for more details, or contact GRDC Crime Prevention Coordinator Austin Grout at 313-387-4732, ext. 109, or [agrout@grandmontrosedale.com](mailto:agrout@grandmontrosedale.com)

## **COMMUNITY GARDEN NEEDS YOU!**

– The Grandmont Rosedale Community Garden at Bushnell Church welcomes new participants. Whether you are an experienced veteran or a complete novice, you are welcome to come join us. We will be planting (and harvesting) strawberries,

tomatoes, cucumbers, squash, beets, lettuce, Swiss chard, collard greens, arugula, green beans and more!

Come to learn, come to share your knowledge, come to have fun digging in the dirt! For more information, contact Pam Weinstein at 313-387-4732, ext. 103, or [pweinstein@grandmontrosedale.com](mailto:pweinstein@grandmontrosedale.com).

## **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 any information available to her (or send an email to [info@grandmontrosedale.com](mailto:info@grandmontrosedale.com)). You can also contact the NRP Task Force member, Clarendia Webb (313-330-7844).

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](mailto:tmccrory@grandmontrosedale.com) and ask to be added to the list.

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## Tai Chi Classes

The North Rosedale Park Civic Association (NRPCA) is proud to announce that Alice Swanger, who has been taught by Master Han Hoong Wang, a disciple of Grand Master Yang Zhen Duo will teach Tai Chi on **Mondays at 10am beginning August 6th**. Classes will also be held on **Thursday evenings at 7:30pm beginning August 16th** at the Community House at 18445 Scarsdale.

Come join us for a beautiful, harmonious and gentle way to exercise.

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 Zhen duo, 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 Zhen duo and Master Yang Jun in China.

The cost of the classes will be:

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Grandmont Rosedale Development Corporation (GRDC) is partnering with BetterBuildings for Michigan to offer a low-cost Energy Audit for residents of the City of Detroit. This audit could save you hundreds of dollars on your energy bills. A similar program was offered to 480 Rosedale Park residents in early 2011, and nearly 100 residents participated!

For \$50, Grandmont Rosedale residents will receive a comprehensive audit conducted by a BPI Certified Building Analyst. The audit includes an air leakage and insulation test using a blower door and infra-red camera, installation of a programmable digital thermostat, replacement of your incandescent bulbs with high efficiency CFL bulbs and installation of a low-flow showerhead. They will also check all appliances for gas leaks and provide a personalized report on your home energy usage, along with quotes for recommended energy-saving home improvements.

**Residents are eligible to save hundreds of dollars on their energy bills, and get cash back on energy-saving investments in their homes.** This could include 0% APR financing or up to \$3,000 in incentives toward any energy-saving projects you choose!

This program is available to residents of the Grandmont Rosedale Communities for a limited time. You can visit <http://regionalenergyoffice.org/betterbuildings/sign-up/> or call Kendal Conerly at 313-566-4801, ext .721 for details. **Be sure to tell them GRDC referred you!**



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**Want to save lives? Here's how: "Primp Your Pit" at All About Animals Rescue!**

***During the month of August, All About Animals Rescue in Warren is sterilizing Pit Bulls and Pit mixes for \$20.***

***It doesn't get much cheaper than that!***

***You must mention the "Primp Your Pit" promotion when making your appointment in order to qualify for the reduced sterilization fee. As a bonus, your dog will also receive a free nail trim. You gotta primp that pit!***

If your dog is a different breed - the fee for sterilization is \$80. This is still a great bargain! (Dogs 6 months and under are \$40.)

The fee to sterilize a cat is \$40. (six months and under- \$20.) AAAR also sterilizes feral cats.



Call 586-435-6930 or request an appointment on line.  
<http://www.allaboutanimalsrescue.org/veterinary-services/vet-sub-1/>  
<http://www.allaboutanimalsrescue.org/>

"Our ultimate mission is to promote responsible pet owner behavior and ensure every dog and cat has a home," said Catherine Garrett, All About Animals Rescue's Director

of Development & Marketing. "Eliminating the worsening problem of stray and abandoned animals, overcrowded shelters and staggeringly high euthanasia rates begins with basic spaying and neutering. This can be done when an animal is at least 8 weeks old; weighing more than 2 lbs."

Each year, more than 100,000 animals are put to death in Michigan animal shelters, while nationally 6 out of 10 dogs and 7 out of 10 cats that temporarily reside in shelters are killed. Moreover, with an unseasonably warm winter and a proliferation of abandoned and foreclosed homes, birth rates of strays are on the rise. Added Garrett: "It is vital that we fight these birth and euthanasia trends, which are often fueled by a range of socioeconomic challenges.

***Please do YOUR part to prevent needless suffering and death by sterilizing your pets.***

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## 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](mailto: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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## NRPCA Calendar • August 2012

4	Rental.....	7pm	13	Tai Chi .....	10am	20	Hustle.....	6:30pm
6	Tai Chi .....	10am	13	Hustle Class.....	6:30pm	21	Genealogy Mtg.....	7pm
6	Hustle.....	6:30pm	15	Gardening Club .....	7pm	24	Rental.....	8pm
7	Election Day .....	—	16	Book Club.....	6pm	25	Rental.....	8pm
9	NRPCA Board Mtg .....	6:30pm	18	Rental.....	6pm	27	Tai Chi .....	10am
11	Rental.....	6pm	19	Rental.....	3pm	27	Hustle.....	6:30pm
12	Rental.....	6pm	20	Tai Chi .....	10am			

## 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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**DEAR NEIGHBOR** – Please help to keep alive the qualities that make this neighborhood special. For those who are still new to North Rosedale Park, congratulations and welcome! You have chosen a truly unique place among great people who are socially conscious and animal friendly. Here in North Rosedale Park, we are proud of our homes, its people, and of course *OUR* park and Community House that *WE*, not the city, *OWN*. In addition to each other, we have a pretty darn good neighborhood safety monitoring and notification network in place to help prevent crime and to keep each other informed of suspicious activity. A big reminder from the police is to leave our porch lights on all night. It costs only pennies yet sends a message to would-be criminals that we are watching. It's especially important for perimeter streets, so let's reveal our "Northern Lights" in the hood!

**NEIGHBORHOOD STANDARDS** – The North Rosedale Park Civic Association (NRPCA) manages our park, Community House and addresses many neighborhood related issues. *This definitely requires support from us. Two key ways for us all to help raise money to maintain our neighborhood standards are (1) pay the modest tax deductible annual dues to NRPCA and (2) attend our fantastic NRPCA social events.* Visit your website at <http://www.northrosedalepark.org/join.html>

**NEIGHBORHOOD HAPPENINGS** – *Read The Tattler our monthly neighborhood newsletter & email blasts, talk to your neighbors, and attend events.* Join the Google group to receive helpful emails: <http://groups.google.com/group/grandmont-information-network?hl=en>

**CRIME AND SAFETY** – *Join DSS, read email crime alerts, join our Citizen patrol, attend safety meetings, observe & report*

1. **Dusing Security & Surveillance (DSS)** – Michigan-based Security Company of choice who patrols North Rosedale Park houses displaying the DSS sign, though everyone benefits from their surveillance. They do a fantastic job! More subscribers mean longer patrol hours and more trucks on our streets. Join for \$30/month. DSS

*will also monitor your home security alarm for no additional cost, even if a different company installed the alarm. Plus, for added safety, you can call the security truck for an escort when you return home and they will wait until you are safely inside.* Nobody else offers these services or quality - it's a sweet deal so please join today! Other Detroit neighborhoods using DSS have a very high rate of participation. To contact DSS call 586/779-5002. Visit their website at <http://www.safewithdss.com/>

2. **Google Crime Alerts** – our neighborhood email blast to alert each other of suspicious activities/ individuals. To join and receive emails go to <http://groups.google.com/group/rosedalecrimealerts?hl=en>
3. **Citizen Patrol** – our neighborhood volunteer security patrol who reports suspicious activity to the police. To volunteer some hours contact a board member.
4. **Be Seen** – *Neighborhoods whose residents show their presence have lower crime incidents.* Send the message any way you can that **WE ARE WATCHING!** "Porch sit" whenever you can. Walk your street. Observe people and cars. Report suspicious activity. Attend monthly safety meetings. Create a block phone directory. Look out for each other.

5. **Important Numbers other than 911**
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6. **Development** – Another organization that has been essential to keeping our neighborhood vital is the Grandmont Rosedale Development Corporation (GRDC), a fantastic non-profit located on Grand River/Evergreen, which has been *instrumental in preventing blight*

*in our neighborhood* by purchasing vacant or foreclosed homes, renovating them beautifully, and selling them to great families. GRDC works tirelessly to implement numerous programs that improve and benefit NRP and its sister neighborhoods. Get their newsletter by sending an email to [info@grandmontrosedale.com](mailto:info@grandmontrosedale.com) and ask to be added to their weekly e-blast. To find out more about GRDC visit their website: <http://www.grandmontrosedale.com/about.html>

7. **Farmer's Market** – Yet another great benefit of living in the neighborhood is the weekly (June –October) *Northwest Detroit Farmer's Market, located at Bushnell Church parking lot on Thursdays from 4pm – 8pm.* The market is sponsored by GRDC. Enjoy locally grown produce- some from our community garden. Yes, we have an organic community garden too! Get out and visit with your neighbors while supporting our local farmers. Indulge in artisan breads and baked goods, cheeses, clean meats, flowers, honey, teas, and many other great locally produced products.
8. **Organized sports** for children and adults, keep the entire family busy with soccer and baseball games. Our 5-acre park provides the perfect playing fields.
9. And let's not forget **Park Players**. One of the oldest community theatre groups in the state, located right here in our very own neighborhood, Park Players has consistently been producing quality plays for over 50 years. Come out to the Community House and audition for the upcoming play in the fall- Shakespeare's "Much Ado About Nothing" or join the audience and let yourself be entertained!
10. The benefits of living in North Rosedale Park are too numerous to list in one article, I've touched upon the main points of why our community has been deemed a "neighborhood of choice" I hope you will consider the exceptional neighborhood you live in and ask yourself what you can personally do to keep it a desirable place to own a home and raise a family. It's up to all of us to do our part!

Your fellow NRP neighbor,  
Renate Gildea, Ashton Street



## North Rosedale Park Civic Association Membership Application

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**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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