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## THE DECEMBER General Membership Meeting

Join us for dinner and music  
**Thursday, December 13, 2012 • 6:00-8:00 pm**  
**at the Community House • 18445 Scarsdale**

The slate of nominees for NRPCA Board of Directors will be announced,  
and nominations will be taken from the floor

Children are welcome

We look forward to spending an evening with you!



## Looking for Leaders! NRPCA Board Elections Friday, January 11, 2013

If you possess organizational skills, leadership qualities and perseverance, and have a passion for this special neighborhood that we call HOME, now is the time to consider running for the Board of Directors of NRPCA. Step up to the challenge of Leadership!

The following neighbors have stepped up to lead and are running for the Board. Are you ready to join them?

<u>President:</u>	<u>Vice President:</u>	<u>Director (2 year term)</u>
Cheryl Buswell	Sherry Gay-Dagnogo	Richard M. Castillo
	Gloria J. Goodwine	Hubert Sawyers III
		Robert G. Weed

*The slate will be presented at the December 13, 2012 General Membership meeting, at which time nominations will be taken from the floor.*

*To run for the Board of Directors, you must be a resident of North Rosedale Park and a member in good standing of the North Rosedale Park Civic Association. For more information, contact Marsha Bruhn, Chair, Nominating Committee, 313-255-1884 or [marshabruhn@yahoo.com](mailto:marshabruhn@yahoo.com).*

*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

This month's edition of the President's Letter will be a bit repetitious in the sense that I'll begin by updating the status of two items that were mentioned in previous *Tattlers*. Last month I noted that many non-profits contract their payroll operations to an independent third party. During November the NRPCA Board of Directors took a step to do just this by approving Payscale, Inc., of Farmington Hills, MI, to handle NRPCA's payroll checks, withholding taxes, and the preparation of W2 and 1099 forms. As NRPCA's financial operations become more complex due to its 501(c)(3) status and the demands of the Capital Campaign, this action will greatly assist the Treasurer and Business Manager of the association.

I also mentioned that, while its public face has been somewhat quiet for several months, the Capital Campaign has had a great deal of behind-the-scenes activity. In particular, a grant proposal was submitted to obtain funds to engage professional services to develop and implement a strategic plan to meet the ambitious \$2.5 million goal of the Campaign. It is likely that the response to the proposal will be known in early December 2012, and plans are in place to begin engaging such services shortly thereafter. Please look forward to the January 2013 *Tattler* for more information.

At the time of this writing, plans are being developed to perform a change to the Community House lobby to better

inform the community of Capital Campaign developments. In particular, the current displays on the west wall of the lobby will be replaced by a Capital Campaign Information Board.

It will be used to reinforce the theme of the campaign, The North Rosedale Park Legacy Project – *Securing Our Future*, by providing historical context, goals and objectives, events, and the overall status of the Capital Campaign. We anticipate that there will be frequent updates, and your feedback will be important to gauge how well we're doing providing you with meaningful information.

A very important infrastructure project is also nearing completion. For many months Cathy Marshall and Tamara Kamara have worked very diligently on upgrading the NRPCA membership database to be accessible using "cloud" computing and to add new functionality to include donor data required by the Capital Campaign. The project is in its final stages where it will be co-located on the same computer server as NRPCA's website. NRPCA owes a great debt to Cathy and TK for the many, many hours they have devoted to this project.

The November 10 NRPCA Benefit Performance of William Shakespeare's *Much Ado About Nothing* produced and performed by the Park Players was a wonderful evening. Thank you to all who supported NRPCA by attending. A special thank you goes to Mary Davis and Marcia Closson who coordinated the evening and to all the merchants and individuals who donated the light snacks, desserts and beverages.

The Christmas Pancake Breakfast was held at the Community House on December 1, and, due to *Tattler* delivery dates, it likely occurred before you read this. This is one of the few events that is jointly sponsored by NRPCA and RPIA; the other was the Easter Egg Hunt. Both are great experiences. Thank you to Judy Barkey of NRPCA and Chris Remus of RPIA for taking the lead for each of the communities. Both neighborhoods enjoyed the occasion.

I think I join the entire North Rosedale Park neighborhood in mourning the passing of Emanuel Steward. His great contributions to the City of Detroit and to both amateur and professional Boxing organizations have been well documented. He was also a steadfast supporter of the neighborhood over many decades - from personally driving his fabulous cars in the June Day Parade, to being the Honorary Chairperson of the 2012 Home & Garden Tour. Our thoughts and prayers go to the Steward family. He will be greatly missed.



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# Behind the Footlights

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## Auditions for DREAMGIRLS

Put on your slinky dress, your big hair, and your Motown voice. It's time for *DREAMGIRLS*. Auditions will be held at the North Rosedale Park Community House from 7:00-10:00PM on WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 12 and MONDAY, DECEMBER 17. Seriously, you can wear your jeans and a sweatshirt, but if you like to sing or dance or both, the Community House is where you need to be on at least one night of Dec. 12 or 17. If possible, bring some sheet music to allow for musical accompaniment on the song you want to sing. You don't have any sheet music? Well come anyway. You can sing God Bless America or Happy Birthday. We'll also ask you to learn a few dance steps and read some lines from the script. We're a very supportive group, so don't worry if you don't have perfect pitch and haven't done a step-ball-change in thirty years. Just bring your enthusiasm.

Rehearsals are typically Tuesday and Wednesday evenings from 7:00-10:00, and Sundays, from 1:00-4:00. Performances will run from March 15-24, and a final weekend on April 5-6, with no performances during Easter weekend. There are many roles in this show - large, challenging ones, and

small individual or group parts. Here is a partial listing:

### PRINCIPAL ROLES:

Effie Melody White - lead singer of the "Dreamettes"  
Deena Jones - backup singer for the "Dreamettes"; later lead singer  
Lorrell Robinson - backup singer for the "Dreamettes"  
Curtis Taylor, Jr. - manager of Dreams  
Jimmy (James Thunder) Early - principle "soul" singer  
C.C. (Claridge Conrad) White - composer, Effie's brother  
Michelle Morris - backup singer, replacement for Effie  
Marty - theatrical agent for J. T. Early

### SECONDARY ROLES:

Charlene - backup singer for J. T. Early  
Joann - backup singer for J. T. Early  
M.C. - Master of Ceremonies, Apollo Theatre  
Jerry Norman - nightclub owner  
Dwight - TV studio director  
Stage Manager - TV studio  
Mr. Morgan - Effie's lawyer  
Security Guard - backstage, Chicago  
Wayne - record producer/director  
Tiny Joe Dixon - winning talent contest singer  
Frank - press agent

...and many more.

Want to learn more about the show? Park Players will hold their holiday meeting on Sunday, December 9 at 7:00PM. This evening will offer you the opportunity to hear lots more about the show from its co-producers: Steven Spencer, Montellis Whitt, and Mary Davis. There may even be a guest appearance from the director, Yolanda Jack. The merriment will include a festive holiday sing-a-long led by the redoubtable Connie Obelnicki, and tasty treats.

Producers George Evalt and Roger Loeb of *Much Ado About Nothing*, would like to thank their hard-working cast and crew for putting on a memorable production. Our appreciation also goes to all of you in the community who supported the show by attending.

Should anyone know of a group or organization that might be interested in a benefit performance of *Dreamgirls*, a full house or a half house can be purchased. For further information about Park Players, please call 313-538-2336.





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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  
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Our next meeting is:

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\*Zumba Gold is the fitness party for the active older adult and beginner participant.

\*\* If registered by Mon Jan 7th

Prorate after Mon Jan 7th

Class dates are subject to change.

Concerned about vacant properties in your  
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.

## Snow Removal in North Rosedale Park

Winter is upon us and dealing with snow and ice problems in our community is now top of mind. In an effort to help clarify who is responsible for snow removal in North Rosedale Park the following information was outlined in the March 2009 *Tattler*.

**Residential Streets:** According to the City's website, the Department of Public Works provides snow & ice control on major streets Detroit's jurisdiction. Residential streets are supposed to be plowed when there is more than six inches of snow. For more information on the City's snow and ice policy, go online to the City's Web site at [www.detroitmi.gov](http://www.detroitmi.gov) or call the Department of Public Works at (313) 224-3905.

**Grand River Avenue:** The Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT). For general information call 517-373-2090.



**West McNichols and West Outer Drive:** Wayne County Road Commission. Call 888-ROAD CREW to report hazardous road conditions or <http://www.waynecounty.com/dps/contacts.htm> for additional contacts.

**Private Snow Removal:** For years North Rosedale Park has secured the services of Greener Still as the company of choice for snow removal in the neighborhood. Through membership dues, the Civic Association contracts

with Greener Still to remove snow on the Community House grounds only. **NRPCA does not provide snow removal for public streets or residential property in the neighborhood.** Several years ago, the cost of snow removal was included in the Association dues but it was too problematic to administer and they were decoupled. North Rosedale Park residents are asked to contract directly with Greener Still for a special neighborhood rate to remove snow on their property. If enough homes on a particular block sign up for snow removal, Greener Still will plow the sidewalk and street. Unfortunately, Greener Still is curtailing service because residents aren't signing up. To sign up for this service, see the Greener Still ad in this month's *Tattler* or call them at (313) 838-4500.

The more residents sign up, the clearer our streets and sidewalks will be.

Happy Holidays to the North Rosedale Park  
community from your Civic Association.  
Thank you for your support during 2012.  
May your New Year be filled with comfort and joy.

### The NRPCA 2012 Board of Directors

Jim Johnson	Betty Redditt
Cheryl Buswell	Audrey Smith
Marsha Bruhn	Susan Steigerwalt
Gloria Adebayo	Marcia Closson
Judy Barkey	Karen Johnson-Moore
Mary Davis	Mary Ratkowski
Gloria Goodwine	John Gumbel
Jeffrey Knight	Nicole Daniels

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# Screams from the Haunted House Pierce the Night!

By Cheryl Buswell

On October 27th, little ghosts, goblins and fairy princesses intrepidly braved the ghouls, dead brides and monsters of the Halloween Haunted House at the Community House. Their parents anxiously heard their screams and sounds of their small feet running furiously through the maze to try to escape. And escape all of them did and not one was eaten by the monsters.

The Haunted House was the result of the volunteer efforts of many neighbors who came together to make Halloween special for our little ones. Without **LaVonne Thomas'** vast collection of Halloween decorations, masks, costumes and animatronics, the Haunted House would have been very spare. Two other stalwart volunteers, **Clarenda Webb** who contacted people and encouraged them to donate candy or help to put up the decorations and **Tamara Kamara** who helped set-up and take down the Haunted House. The following neighbors donated candy to give out after the Haunted House:

- |                 |                  |                  |
|-----------------|------------------|------------------|
| • Marsha Bruhn  | • Cynthia Miller | • Bobbette       |
| • Judy Barkey   | • Theresa Pace   | • Jackson        |
| • Jack Marshall | • Candy Duggan   | • Emily Hall     |
| • Mrs. Hammond  | • Julie Hacker   | • Annie May Holt |
| on Rosemont     | • NaJuan         | • Keara & Joe    |
| • Rachele       | Lockhart         | Kvoriak          |
| McIntosh Davis  | • Dina Jones     |                  |
| • Mr. and Mrs.  | • Charles Suber  |                  |
| Lacy            |                  |                  |

The following volunteers from the Park and around the city helped hang the curtains, decorate the Haunted House, perform as monsters and Guides as well as helping to manage the crowds and collect the money:

- |                  |                   |                   |
|------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| • Jeffrey Knight | • Michael Connor  | • Malcolm         |
| • Charles Suber  | • Keith Stringer  | Oglesby           |
| • David Randolph | • Javon Jones     | • Martin Oglesby  |
| • Lakeisha       | • Crystal Jones   | • Jon Delperdang  |
| Rogers           | • Jordan Jones    | • Alison Oglesby  |
| • Tyreese Rogers | • Binnia Autry    | • Imani Broaden   |
| • Shanae         | • Quandel Jones   | • Yakia Baldwin   |
| Kaymore          | • Sally Foster    | • Erin Jackson    |
| • Darius Todd    | • Tracey Wallace  | • Dyani Durden    |
| • Amie Kamara    | • Janelle Wallace | • Brea Mealy      |
| • Tamara Kamara  | • Carmyn Brown    | • Alana           |
| • Jalen Dingle   | • Mackenzie       | Brundage-         |
| • Lisa Kamara    | Brown             | Forrest           |
| • Raylen Hill    | • Brea Mealy      | • Janelle Wallace |
| • Martez Poke    | • Cora Duncan     |                   |
| • Mark Barkey    | Foster            |                   |
| • Judy Barkey    | • Erin Jackson    |                   |

Many thanks are also due the Girl Scout Cadett leader, Sekai Broaden who recruited Cadettes to guide the little ones through the maze. If we have omitted any contribution, our apologies. It is, undoubtedly, because the monsters ate them!

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### NEIGHBORHOOD SAFETY MEETING

– The monthly Neighborhood Safety meeting takes a holiday break for the month of December. Meetings resume on Thursday, Jan. 24 at 6 PM at the North Rosedale Park Community House, 18445 Scarsdale, when Karen Johnson Moore, GRDC's Community Security Program Manager, will do a presentation about the Neighborhood Benefits District (NBD). NBD Task Force members will also be available to answer questions.

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. Every meeting provides important information to help keep us

and our neighborhoods safer! For more information, contact Karen Johnson Moore at [kmoore@grandmontrosedale.com](mailto:kmoore@grandmontrosedale.com) or 313-387-4732, ext. 110.

**JOIN THE CRIME ALERT!** Want to know what's going on around you? Join the GRDC Crime Alert system and you'll get email messages to update you.

The GRDC Community Security Program's staff monitors and sends out email crime alerts as reported by community residents about recent suspicious or criminal incidents or activities. Our goal is to provide timely information to residents and when possible and appropriate, to offer crime prevention strategies and reminders that may help keep us safer in the future.

To join the Grandmont Rosedale Crime Alert system, send an e-mail request to [grandmontrosedalecrimealert@googlegroups.com](mailto:grandmontrosedalecrimealert@googlegroups.com). And please share this invitation and e-mail address with other neighbors and friends who also live in the Grandmont Rosedale area.

**NOTE:** This alert system is designed to help increase our awareness for our own personal safety and/or to show possible trends and to help increase the arrest and prosecution rate of criminals. This alert system is not to be used for community announcements about programs or activities, but only for reporting suspicious or criminal activity or crime prevention tips. We also ask that people not "reply" to any given incident via the system, but instead to direct comments to [info@grandmontrosedale.com](mailto:info@grandmontrosedale.com) or call and leave a message at 313-387-4732, ext. 100.

**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's Vacant Property Hotline a call at 313-387-4732, ext. 117, and report the addresses and any other information posted or available. You can also send an email to [info@grandmontrosedale.com](mailto: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 [info@grandmontrosedale.com](mailto:info@grandmontrosedale.com) and ask to be added to the list.

## North Rosedale Park Civic Association

### BOARD ELECTIONS 2013 ABSENTEE BALLOT PROCEDURES

North Rosedale Park Civic Association members in good standing are eligible to vote in the 2013 Board election to be held on January 11, 2013. Members will be voting on candidates for the positions of president, vice president and three (3) directors.

If an eligible member is unable to appear in person at the polling place during the hours designated for voting, the member may obtain an absentee ballot in advance of the election.

The ballot must be delivered to the Community House at 18445 Scarsdale before the election closes at 8:00 PM on Friday, January 11, 2013. Ballots are sent by request only and should not be duplicated. Contact Marsha Bruhn, Chair, Nominating Committee, for information on obtaining an Absentee Ballot, or call her at 313-255-1884.

# Peace on Earth Goodwill to All

from  
Susan Steigerwalt  
& Family



*Happy Holidays,  
Neighbors!*

Jack and Cathy Marshall  
Emily, Joe and Max Novick

## 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 provide monthly membership reports;
- Provide updated membership lists and templates for labels as needed 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 supports your interest in serving as membership secretary to: NRPCA Secretary Position, 18445 Scarsdale, Detroit, MI 48223.



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## The Planting of the Trees

On a cold November morning  
A huge task was at hand  
Trees were to be planted on North  
Rosedale Parks land.  
With representatives from the Greening  
of Detroit  
and three brave volunteers  
They came out with shovels and rakes  
and hats to cover cold ears.  
Thankful for the previous nights rain,  
which helped to soften the earth

The replacement of two dead trees with  
Hawthorns represented a New Birth.  
Mother Nature smiled on the volunteers  
and took away the cold  
And instead replaced it with the sun  
shining bright and bold.  
For there was a third tree to be planted,  
A Flowering Crabapple to be exact  
It was the joint effort of neighbors  
coming together in fact.

The friends and neighbors on  
Rosemont, & Midland, between  
Pilgrim and Bretton Drive  
Wanted there to be a special tree that  
would grow strong and thrive.  
This Memorial tree, which for years to  
come, can be admired by all  
Was planted in honor and memory of  
Greg and Lori Hall.

– Nicole







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by  
Ayanna D. Couch

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# Beautiful Memorial Tree

By Tom Ridgway

I was contacted last month by Mr. Ben Young of Gainsborough regarding the death of his good friend's older brother Thomas Nickelson. Tom & Jim Nickelson grew up at Rosemont and Verne and over 60 years ago became friends with Mr. Young during their time at Cooke & Redford. After Tom died in October, his brother Jim contacted Mr. Young and wanted to plant a tree in his brother's honor. We contacted Steinkopf Nursery in Farmington and even though Jim has lived in Las Vegas for decades, he spent over \$600 to have Steinkopf plant a beautiful, mature Katsura Tree at the southeast corner of the Community House grounds. The Nickelson boys left the neighborhood in the 50's but they still had very fond memories of their childhood in our community. Jim provided me the following information and photo of Jim, Tom & their father outside of their old home at Rosemont & Verne.

*Thomas Sevier Nickelson, Jr. was born 9/11/1926 in Knoxville, TN. He was the first of 2 sons of TSN, Sr. and Helen Nickelson. A family "quirk" of nicknames had both father and son called "Jack" and only until after marriage to Jean Anne Smith, also of North Rosedale Park, did the son become better known by "Tom". My father accepted a job with Detroit Edison Company after the birth of the first son, and then moved the new family*

*to Detroit just prior to the start of the Depression years. He took advantage of his good fortune to have employment and the era of low prices to acquire a vacant lot at 16703 Rosemont Rd. in Rosedale Park. He engaged an architect to modify house plans of a French Colonial style house, and had it built at the site. The family moved to their new house in 1936.*

*Tom, Jr. at age 10 then began school at Cooke elementary, followed by attendance at Redford High School. The family was active in Rosedale activities with June Day and a winter skating event the highlights of participation. Tom was active in Cub and Boy Scouts and then athletic teams at Redford during the War Years. Before the war ended Tom had accepted an appointment to the Merchant Marine Academy at Kingspoint, NY. He sailed wartime missions in the Caribbean, North Atlantic, and South Pacific before his enlistment ended.*

*Returning to Detroit he enrolled at the U of M in Ann Arbor in the engineering school. But after one year he enrolled at Lawrence Tech in Detroit to complete his engineering education. Part of that decision was a romantic interest in "the girl next door" Jean Smith. On gaining his degree the two got married and left North Rosedale to begin a new life. By this time the Korean War was taking American men*



*A memorial Katsura Tree was planted at the corner of Glastonbury & Bretton in honor of Tom (Jack) Nickelson Jr. and his wife Jean.*

*to meet the conflict, and Tom was drafted into the U.S. Army Signal Corps. At the end of the conflict the couple returned to Detroit with Tom joining Detroit Edison in their engineering department. They then moved to the Bloomfield Hills area and remained there the rest of their lives.*

*Rosedale Park was always dear to Tom and Jean even as they moved to other Detroit vicinity communities. The parents of each continued to live in the Park and weekly hosted visits from their married children.*

James E. Nickelson



*Tom (Jack) S. Nickelson Jr. and Jean Ann Smith grew up across the street from each other at Rosemont and Verne. Jean died a year or so ago and Jack died last month - they were married for 59 years.*



*Thomas Nickelson Jr. with his dad & younger brother Jim, in April of 1945 outside of the home at 16703 Rosemont which their family built in 1936.*



Thanks for a great evening at the theater! The Civic Association Benefit performance of Park Player's production of "Much Ado About Nothing" raised some much needed funds to support the Community House and grounds. Ten neighborhood businesses contributed food, beverages and cash for the benefit: Above All Creations Custom Cakes, Knudsen's Danish Bakery, Big Mama's Southern Kitchen, Motor City Java House, Sweet Potato Sensations, Shawn Jones Catering, Mason Mobil, Elias Donuts, Metro Fresh Fish and Park Lane Cork & Bottle. Neighbors donated desserts, snack and beverages: LaVonne Thomas, Judy & Mark Barkey, Mary

Ratkowski, Cheryl Buswell-Robinson, Marcia Closson, Marsha Bruhn, Bruce Kirkland, Jim & Betty Johnson, Renata Gildea, Nancy Dreisbach and Jill Boczek, who lives in Taylor and just "loves the neighborhood and Park Players!" Lavonne Thomas, Clarendia Webb and Marva Blocker made the tables beautiful, Mary Ratkowski, Carolyn Spriggs, Mary Ratkowski, Mark & Judy Barkey and Candy Doggan helped during the event. Marcia Closson handled ticket sales. Carla Blakey and the Girl Scouts ushered and helped with clean up. I send out a hearty THANK YOU to all of the above. I couldn't have done it without you.

Mary Davis, Event Chair

## NRPCA Calendar • December 2012

1	Holiday Pancake Breakfast .....	9am	6	Rental.....	9am	10	Girl Scouts.....	5:30pm
1	Rental.....	6pm	6	NRPCA Board Meeting.....	6:30pm	12	Park Players.....	7pm
2	Rental.....	12pm	6	Rental.....	7pm	13	NRPCA Gen. Mbrshp Mtg ...	6:30pm
3	Girl Scouts.....	5:30pm	7	Girl Scouts.....	9am	17	Girl Scouts.....	5:30pm
3	Rental.....	7pm	8	Rental.....	6pm	29	Rental.....	5pm
5	Rental.....	6pm	9	Park Players.....	7pm			

## 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](mailto:mariab19@sbcglobal.net) for advertising rates and policies.

Please submit articles to [NRPCA\\_TattlerEditor@Yahoo.com](mailto: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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# REPORT ANIMAL CRUELTY

*“The greatness of a nation and its moral progress can be judged by the way its animals are treated”.* – Mahatma Gandhi

The June 13, 2010 New York Times Magazine article titled “The Animal-Cruelty Syndrome” by Charles Siebert, illuminated the connection between animal abuse and other forms of violence. <http://www.nytimes.com/2010/06/13/magazine/13dogfighting-t.html>

A direct correlation between those who abuse animals and those who commit other serious crimes has been clearly documented. By reporting animal abuse, not only are you aiding a voiceless, helpless animal, you may be assisting to stem violent crimes against humans as well.

The **Michigan Humane Society** investigates more than 5,000 animal cruelty complaints each year in their service area of **Detroit, Hamtramck and Highland Park**.

If you know an animal is in distress due to negligence or violence, YOU can help the Michigan Humane Society prevent and alleviate animal suffering! **YOU have the power to make a difference in an animal’s life. Please stand up for the voiceless. Like children, they have no one to defend them, except those with a heart and a conscience. Please do not turn a blind eye. The animals are counting on you.**

**Learn to Recognize Animal Cruelty. Be the eyes and ears of the Michigan Humane Society.** Report suspected animal cruelty right away to the appropriate enforcement agents who have the authority to investigate these crimes in our area.

Animal cruelty can take many forms. To name just a few that MHS sees far too often:

- Animals left outside 24/7/365 on short chains with no companionship left in the freezing cold or blistering heat with no shelter, food or water.
  - Cats, dogs and other companion animals abandoned in a home, garage or yard- forgotten and left to die a slow death.
  - Stray or companion animals captured and used by dogfighters as bait for their dogs' training.
  - Vicious individuals harming whatever animal happens to cross their path.

State law mandates that if a dog is kept outdoors, appropriate shelter (a properly insulated and sized doghouse capable of holding in the dog’s body heat) must be provided. If a dog is tethered, the tether must be at least 3 times the length of the dog’s body. Chaining or leaving a dog outside continuously with little or no human contact is a form of abuse. Dogs are sentient beings that thrive on companionship. They are pack animals and simply want to be with their people. Many think of dogs merely as alarm systems. Because dogs are so loyal and give unconditional love, with or



without proper care, they will naturally guard their family and home. They need and deserve affection and companionship in return, just as much as they require food, water and shelter to survive. Want to protect your home, but don’t have the time or inclination to take care of a dog? Don’t get a dog. Instead, install an alarm system and subscribe to Dusing Security. Why should an animal suffer for the purpose of protecting “stuff”? Yet that is the fate of so many dogs in our city and even in this very neighborhood who are wasting away in pain and silence.

**Please Report Animal Cruelty – Who to call: The Michigan Humane Society investigates cruelty complaints in our service area of Detroit as well as Hamtramck and Highland Park. To report suspected animal cruelty in these cities, call the MHS Cruelty Hotline at (313) 872-3401, Monday through Saturday, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. or leave a detailed message any time.** Be sure to leave all the information requested on the voice mail message, including the complaint street address and major cross streets. You can remain anonymous, but please include your phone number if possible in case additional information is needed.

**In other cities, please contact the local animal control/police department** that has the authority and responsibility to enforce our state's animal cruelty laws, and any local ordinances, in that area.

Some information excerpted from the Michigan Humane Society website: [www.michiganhumane.org](http://www.michiganhumane.org)

Submitted by Chris Ridgway



## North Rosedale Park Civic Association Membership Application

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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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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