



Homecoming Weekend Activities

Friday, Dec. 4

Ribbon-Cutting Ceremony for
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Saturday, Dec. 5

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See page 5 for more details

Annual Membership Appreciation Dinner December 10

**Every December – the second Thursday,
that is – we celebrate YOU!**

Yes, the board treats you to a delicious meal and the wonderful company of your neighbors. This is to say **THANK YOU** for being an active block club member, a volunteer at June Day, a gardener, a soccer coach or baseball parent – whatever you do to add to life in our community. Celebrate our new members and hear about the nominees for the 2016 NRPCA board, and the completion of our Community House addition. Dinner 6:30pm; meeting starts at 7:15pm. Please join us – children welcome – and celebrate life in this wonderful neighborhood. For more information or to volunteer, call Susan Steigerwalt 313-549-9523.

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Letter from the President

BREAKING NEWS:

MEMBER DINNER DECEMBER 10, THURSDAY AT 6 PM WILL HONOR OUR LIFETIME MEMBERS!! PLEASE JOIN US!! THIS IS A DINNER FOR YOU BY THE NRPCA TO SAY THANK YOU!! FOR BEING A MEMBER

The Holiday Season is upon us. Thanksgiving has passed but it has always been my total favorite. I am going to give thanks to **Akiko, Nick, Jaime** and my extended family and then to everyone who contributed to the success of this very challenging year. A shout out to: **Nicole Daniels**, our awesome building manager/organizer/psychologist/engineer/mediator – you get the idea; **Michael Matrescu**, who goes above and beyond and puts up with our foibles to set up for successful events, keep the community house spotless, fill potholes, deal with the garage!!! **Charles Kimbel**, our security guard; who keeps us safe and aware of all that is transpiring in the Park; and our house reps: **Claretha Doggan** and **Geraldine Royals** – you are our first, best face to the world of our renters.

Clarenda Webb – without our Block Clubs and Block Captains, the neighborhood would not be safe, secure and organized.

Then there is everything else you do!! This years' Entire Board of Directors: including: **Erma Leapheart-Gouch** – who's calm, insight, and intense level of organization bodes exceedingly well for 2016. **Beverly Frederick** – the consummate organizer and untiring Community activist; Steak Roast esthete and Kitchen/Volunteer coordinator and everything else. **Roland Breech** – your incredible energy and fresh new ideas keep us moving forward; your hard work makes it all happen. **Kathleen Garrett** – your quiet hard work inspires us all and your periodic incisive comments make me sit up and listen and question what I had taken for granted. **Cheryl Davis** – the River Cruise was spectacular and so was your determination to stay involved no matter what else was going on. **Robert Weed** – I can always count on you to analyze the situation and provide me with action plans and many choices and possibilities as well as great suggestions for moving the organization forward. **James Mallory** – who has coordinated volunteer community events and musical events to breathe more life into the neighborhood and the Community house. **Bob Bonner** – who is always happy to step in at a moment's notice to organize a Tiger game (next year too?), bartend, help clean up or set up/ work on committees; **Dexter Slusarski** – who fixed our website!!! updated our mailing list, fixed our emails, set up documents, improved Block Captain communication, got us on Eventbrite and improved our ability to say "charge it" on the website.

Of course, I have to recognize the board appointees. First, a special shout out to **John Gumbel** who has worked tirelessly to make sure that we're able to maintain our 501(c)(3) status, not bounce checks, keep everything straight, file taxes, keep a smile on his face despite six people telling him six different things all at once-and a sincere thank you to John's wife Joan for allowing him to work so many hours to keep our organization going. **Chelsea Neblett** what can I say?? Moving membership forward, with your loyal committee including **Mark Barkey**, organizing our walks in the neighborhood which will now be a twice yearly event helping suggest ways to approach grants to help maintain our Organization-and doing the EBLAST!!! **Chelsea** how you do this on top of very full-time job is totally unclear to me. **Marcia Closson** – who after many years of service as our corresponding secretary, is stepping down. We will miss your history and insight into the workings of the NRPCA as well as your meticulous

approach to detail and grammar – I hope you do not stay retired for long! **Gloria Goodwine** – relentless programmer and walker; finder of grants; writer of grants – thank you!!!!!! For all you do!!!

Mary Ramsey – not only do you take minutes, you remind me about motions on the floor when I am too tired to think straight. And you are relentlessly cheerful, kind, and you have the best hats!! **Tom Ridgway** – without you our neighborhood would have very poor communication. Thank you for making sure that we all stay on track and that a newspaper worthy of the NRPCA is put out 12 times a year! **Judy Barkey** – coordinating the Tattler distribution is nearly a full time job and then you volunteer for lots of other things as well thank you, thank you, thank you. **Maria Bryant** – thank you for being open to change and attending meetings when necessary and getting the business of dealing with our advertisers to keep the Tattler going.

A big Thank you must go to **Marsha Bruhn, Don Scheible** and the entire capital campaign steering committee and architectural review committee for having a vision and moving it steadily forward despite many challenges. The new addition is beautiful and you need to bask in its glow! Next a solar roof and hopefully fixing our playground as well as a walking trail and a patio and a **Rich Castillo** for chronicling it all!! Thank you!!!

Thank you to the Park Players for understanding our financial challenges and working with us to keep the Plays at the Community House and the lights on!

Please understand that my heart is full with all the other people who volunteer and contribute: Children, teenagers and adults whether they live in the neighborhood or not – without you we would not continue to function. Truly, it takes a village. **Julie Hacker** – you have worked tirelessly on June day year after year and this last year was the best in many!

Thank you!! **Mary Davis** for working on June day and many other events year upon year upon year. **Jean Krystiniak, Joan Gumbel, Kim Dorsey** and all of **Roland's** relatives plus our teenage volunteers (and **Beverly Frederick**, of course) who helped make the Steak Roast a success.

All of the former presidents who remained active in the neighborhood including, but not limited to: **Jim Johnson, Marcia Closson, Wendy Jackson, Lynn Garrett & Bill Frey** – THANK YOU!

Rose Love and Phyllis Lee: you took control of our homecoming weekend and made its preparation a huge success. If the Tattler reaches you before this Homecoming Weekend please come to the free ribbon cutting at 4pm on Friday, December 4; the dance at 7pm December 4 (\$25.00) and the reverse raffle and dinner December 5 (\$100.00) at 5:30pm. Tickets to the dance; (313) 549-9523 and the raffle; (313) 835-1103 are still available!!!

We had a new membership category this year: Red Rose and 16 families have stepped up. Thank you for helping to keep the lights on!!!!

Happy Holidays to all. Thank you for the privilege of being President of the North Rosedale Park Civic Association for 2015. **Please pay your 2016 dues** and come to all of our Fabulous Events and General Meetings in 2016.

See you around the Park!!



Behind the Footlights

By Roger Loeb

Park Players plan to produce the Fats Waller musical, *Ain't Misbehavin'*, as its spring production. Auditions are tentatively scheduled for Sunday, January 3 from 1-5 PM, and Wednesday, January 6 from 7-10 PM. Shows are tentatively scheduled for March and April opening on March 11. Dates have not yet been approved by the NRPCA Board of Directors.

Ain't Misbehavin' is a tribute to the black musicians who were part of the Harlem Renaissance in the 1920's and '30's. This was an early period of growing ethnic pride. The show opened at the Manhattan Theatre Club in February, 1978 and, in three months, it had transferred to Broadway. It played for four years, 1604 performances. In 1995, the Pointer Sisters starred in the national tour.

Besides its title song, other familiar numbers include: "I'm Gonna Sit Right Down and Write Myself a Letter", "I Can't Give You Anything but Love", and "Honeysuckle Rose". The Broadway production won Tony Awards for best musical and for best featured actress (Nell Carter).

As you have read elsewhere, the NRPCA is facing great financial challenges. Park Players has been told that we must assist in responding to these difficulties by paying substantial increases in rent and added fees. We are hopeful that our organization, which has been an integral part of the North Rosedale Park community for over 60 years, will be



able to meet these requirements. Providing opportunities for learning and growth in a diverse environment through adult and children's theater, remains our goal.

Absentee Ballot Instructions From NRPCA By-Laws Article VII-7.005

If a member otherwise qualified to vote, is unable to appear in person at the polling place during the hours designated for voting, such member may obtain an absentee ballot from the membership secretary in advance of the election. The absentee ballot, when marked by the voter, must be placed in a sealed envelope with no writing thereon, which envelope, in turn, shall be placed in another sealed envelope which must bear the name and address of the member voting. This envelope may then be delivered to the tellers, who shall see that the name appearing on the outer envelope is checked by the membership secretary against the membership rolls to assure that it is the name of a qualified voter. If so, this envelope shall be opened, and the plain envelope enclosing the ballot then be placed in the sealed ballot box. If the name on the envelope is not that of a qualified voter, the ballot shall immediately be destroyed.

North Rosedale Park Civic Association Board Elections 2016 – Absentee Ballot Procedures

North Rosedale Park Civic Association members in good standing are eligible to vote in the 2016 election of the Board of Directors to be held on January 8, 2016. Members will be voting on candidates for the positions of president, vice president and four (4) 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 from the Membership Secretary in advance of the election. The ballot must be delivered to the Community House at 18445 Scarsdale, Detroit, MI 48235 before the election closes at 8:00 PM on Friday, January 8, 2016. Ballots are sent by request only and should not be duplicated. Contact Chelsea Neblett, Membership Secretary, at cneblett@grandmontrosedale.com to obtain an Absentee Ballot, or call 313-837-3416.

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COMMUNITY HOUSE ADDITION SET TO OPEN AS NORTH ROSEDALE HOSTS HOMECOMING WEEKEND

This month, North Rosedale Park residents will get an early Christmas gift: a new, 2300-square-foot addition to the Community House. The addition officially opens Dec. 4 at 4 p.m. with a ribbon-cutting ceremony and program to recognize donors who have contributed to The Legacy Project.

The ceremony is a part of two days of events celebrating the 75th anniversary of the Community House and Homecoming Weekend, Dec. 4 & 5. Organizers are inviting former residents to come home and see the renovated Community House and reconnect with former neighbors and friends.

Following the ceremony is a mixer at 7 p.m. highlighting music through seven decades. The cost is \$25 a person. Homecoming weekend ends on Dec. 5 with a gala dinner and reverse raffle, with a chance to win \$5000. Tickets are \$100. The evening also includes a silent auction and a raffle of gift baskets.



Photograph by Richard Castillo



Important Announcement: NORTH ROSEDALE PARK RESIDENTS *You should have received your 2016 Civic Association Membership Mailing in November*

We need every resident to pay their association dues! The North Rosedale Park Civic Association depends on your dues to support the jewel of our neighborhood, the Community House and grounds.

We are the only neighborhood in Detroit that owns such a wonderful place for residents to gather, children to play, and neighborhood issues to be discussed. But the building and the grounds can't support themselves. While we generate a fair amount of revenue from the rental of the Community House, the dues provide the backbone of our finances.

As a dues paying member of the NRPCA, you are part owner of the Community House and grounds and we desperately need your support.



Take responsibility for contributing your financial share to keep our community alive.

PLAN ON ATTENDING A TOWN HALL MEETING ON THE SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT TUESDAY, DEC. 8 OR SATURDAY, DEC. 12



The details of the Special Assessment District will be explained as well as strategies for getting the required petition signatures from property owners in Grandmont Rosedale. The first Town Hall Meeting will be on Tuesday, December 8 from 6-8 pm at Greater Ebenezer Missionary Baptist Church, 18751 Fenkell. The second Town Hall Meeting will be on Saturday, December 12 from 10:30 am-12 pm at GRDC, 19800 Grand River. For questions contact Chelsea Neblett at 313.387.4732, ext. 103 or cneblett@grandmontosedale.com.

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An Evening to Remember – “A TABLE TOP AFFAIR”

Photographs by Richard Castillo



The Table Top Affair held at the North Rosedale Park Community House on November 6th was a huge success! The Table Top Committee thanks all of our sponsors and participants for their generous contributions to support handicap accessibility as a part of The Legacy Project. Special thanks go to the UAW (the hometown Big 3 really put us towards our goal). The big surprise of the evening was the announcement by UAW Ford Vice President Jimmy Settles, Jr. and his wife Karen of an additional \$5,000 donation towards the project. Another major sponsor was the Brinker Group which graciously donated carpet and its installation to

complete the finished look for the new lobby. Like Jimmy and Karen Settles, Larry and Rose Brinker are also former residents who know our community is a special place.

The Table Top event was an over-the-top stunning evening. Guests were treated to continual live music that included a vocal performance by baritone Branden Hood. Part of the excitement was the contest for best tables. The event showcased 10 designer tables, each with a unique theme. Prizes were awarded for the top 3 tables (a tie for 3rd place). The choices were difficult, as all of the designers did such a

wonderful job in creating beautiful tables for this beautiful event.

The evening ended with everyone feeling good, knowing that they were helping to make handicap accessibility become a reality for the Community House. The Table Top Affair raised over \$25,000 through donations and sales. We're grateful to Loretta Crenshaw for her vision in bringing this about, to the other committee members – Betty Redditt, Candy Doggen, Monique Styles-Perdue, Joanna Ross and Meredith Drain – and our many volunteers. It truly was an affair to remember.

Tracey Matlock and Marsha Bruhn, Co-Chairs

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NEIGHBORHOOD SAFETY MEETING THURSDAY, DEC. 17

There will be a Neighborhood Safety Meeting Thursday, December 17 at 6:30 pm at the North Rosedale Park Community House, 18445 Scarsdale.

Neighborhood Safety Meetings are a great way to learn safety tips for yourself and your home. These meetings are free and open to the

public. Light refreshments will be served. If you'd like more information, send your questions to safety@grandmontrosedale.com.

DON'T MISS OUT ON WHAT'S HAPPENING IN GRANDMONT ROSEDALE!

The holidays are a busy time. Be sure you stay up to date on all that's happening in your neighborhood! You can check in at mygrandmontrosedale.org where you can read articles about community events, Grandmont Rosedale residents, and local businesses. There is a business directory and a community calendar on this site as well. Both are great ways to connect you to your community.

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so that you will be in the know! The exception to this requirement is that we have seeded the list with a number of email addresses that we have from our membership roster so your name may be on the list already. If you're not sure, you can still push the subscribe button as the same email address will not be signed up twice. If for some reason you do not wish to be subscribed, there will be a link at the bottom of each newsletter that may be used to unsubscribe. In case you want to be sure that this newsletter does not fall into your junk mail folder, be sure to just add the newsletter sender to your address book. You are encouraged to send articles for publication to the eBlast editor: cneblett@grandmontrosedale.com.

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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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NRPCA 2015 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. The Board meets on the 1st Thursday of every month except July and August.

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