

The Rosedale *Tattler*



Your 2014 NRPCA Board of Directors



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Front row: Cheryl Buswell (Past-President), Hubert Sawyers III (President) and Susan Steigerwalt (Director).

Second row: Marcia Closson (Corresponding Secretary), Erma Leaphart-Gouch (Director), Kathy Garrett (Director), Richard Castillo (Director) and Robert Weed (Director). Missing members are Joe Kvoriak (VP), Tripp Marshall (Director), LaVonne Thomas (Director), NaJuan Lockhart (Membership Secretary), John Gumbel (Treasurer) and Nicole Daniels (Building manager).



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Letter from the President

Hi. If you are reading this, please know I am excited for the opportunity to get to know you better this year. There may be little that we know of one another currently, but one thing is true: we are or were neighbors.

I don't know about you, but that means a lot to me.

You see, my family has lived in North Rosedale Park since 1985. My brothers and sister have come and gone, come and gone again (we are the children of Boomers after all).

Regardless of what year in my NRP history I consider, the fondest memories will always involve people. Whether it is a block club picnic, hosted at the gigantic yard of the late Mel Ravitz, or the award-winning June Day parade float which became a play structure in our backyard, I always remember the people involved in those events.

Those people were North Rosedale Park to me.

Sure, the houses are all big and nice. The boulevards are a nice touch as well. None of that really matters though.

Lest we forget, Detroit has had countless big houses. Boston-Edison has some impressive boulevards. The difference is, many of the big houses are shells of their former selves, or not even in existence. The big mansions in Boston-Edison look amazing, but you cannot help but

feel it is missing something.

You know, people.

Almost 30 years later, my parents still hold down my childhood home on Warwick. Many of the fine people who lived on our block are also still there. People who I consider family.

And many of the families I came to know through reading The Tattler fortunately are around as well. The Evalts. The Ratkowskis. Jim and Betty Johnson. People who I now call friends.

In a weird twist of fate, thanks to this very publication, my wife, Eliza, and I decided to buy on the very same street about a block north.

It was a delight, but not really surprising, the reception we received when we moved here. We were quickly embraced by our immediate neighbors and casual strolling neighbors from adjoining streets. It fortified our excitement to live in a place we felt to be a prestigious area.

Neighbor, all pandering aside, North Rosedale Park is what it is because of each and every one of us.

Sure, there are many of you who would say "things are not the same". I, too, would be a part of the group.

That does not dissuade me though. Change is constant; there is no denying it. My interest is making sure the change stays positive.

North Rosedale Park remains a great place to live, thanks to people like former presidents, Cheryl Buswell, Jim Johnson, and Marsha Bruhn. Also people like Mary Davis, Nicole Daniels, Richard Castillo, and Marcia Closson.

Today, we have the opportunity to make sure change stays on our side. North Rosedale has long prospered due to consistent interpersonal activity in and around the neighborhood. NRP will continue to do so as long as we remember what is required to have such a neighborhood: being a neighbor.

I would like to make a neighborly request as President. Let's get to know one another, if nothing more to understand who reads our storied newsletter.

I am serious. I want to hear from you, regardless if you no longer live in the neighborhood. If you are reading this Tattler, then your friendship is a great interest to me. Please email me at President@NorthRosedalePark.org and let me know what you appreciate(d) most about North Rosedale Park.



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Behind the Footlights

By Roger Loeb

Nathan Detroit, organizer of the oldest, established, permanent floating crap game, has bet Sky Masterson, that he will not be able to make the next girl that he sees fall in love with him. That girl turns out to be Miss Sarah Brown of the struggling Save-a-Soul Mission. Meanwhile, Miss Adelaide, Nathan's longtime lady friend and star attraction at the Hot Box Nightclub, is desperate to get Nathan to the alter. The gamblers, the dancers, and the spunky do-gooders are thrown together in a charming, timeless story providing the text for Park Players 2014 musical, *GUYS AND DOLLS*.

The musical premiered in New York on November 24, 1950 and ran for 1200 performances. Brooks Atkinson, of the New York Times, wrote at the time: "we might as well admit that Guys and Dolls is a work of art. It is spontaneous and has form, style, and spirit." Broadway revivals demonstrate the show's durability with new productions having appeared in 1955, 1965, 1976, 1992, and 2009 *GUYS AND DOLLS* won the 1951 Tony Award for Best Musical. The film adaptation, starring Frank Sinatra and Marlon Brando, was produced in 1955.

And now, the Park Players' revival will be performed in the North Rosedale Park Community House. Show dates are as follows:

- Friday, March 21,
Dinner Theater, 6:30pm \$30
- Saturday, March 22
- Sunday, March 23, Matinee, 2:00pm
- Friday, March 28, Evening, 8:00pm



- Saturday, March 29,
Wine & Cheese, 7pm \$25
- Sunday, March 30
- Friday, April 11
- Saturday, April 12

Pricing, Fundraisers and additional food nights were not finalized before press time. For more details or ticket reservations, please contact Marcia Closson at (313) 835-1103 or visit our blog at <http://parkplayers.wordpress.com/>.

The cast includes:

- **GANGSTERS:** Nathan Detroit (Kirk Krekeler), Sky Masterson (David Musselwhite), Nicely Johnson (Kyle Sammy), Benny Southstreet (P. W. Henry), Harry the Horse (Anthony Petrucci), Big Jule (Jonathan Jones), Angie the Ox (Blake Calloway), Liver Lips Louie (Mike Cuba), and Society Max (Archie Lynch II).
- **HOT BOX GIRLS:** Miss Adelaide (Bethanne McCall), Mimi (Elizabeth Dickson-Sanders), Ferguson (Kendall Braxton), and Allison (Brittney Calloway).

- **SALVATION ARMY:** Sarah Brown (Wendy Krekeler), Arvide Abernathy (Jim Fuller), General Cartwright (Dierdre Scott), Agatha (Sadie Bernice), Martha (Linda Witherspoon), Mary (Dee Morrison).
- **COP:** Lt. Brannigan (Mark Steinhauer)

While there are no repeat performers from 1981 in the current cast, there are some connections. Wendy Krekeler is reprising the role (Sarah Brown) performed by her mother in the earlier production. Co-producers, George and Sally Evalt both appeared in the 1981 version (as Benny Southstreet and Hot Box Girl), and Assistant Director, Roger Loeb, played Rusty Charlie. Marcia Closson, who is chairing tickets, co-produced the 1981 show. Gary Baldwin was the set designer for both productions.

There will be a sneak preview of the show at the Park Players pot luck dinner meeting on Sunday, March 2, at 6:30pm.



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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 North Rosedale Park neighborhood to help with computer research, community outreach and property maintenance efforts. Contact Clarenda Webb, NRP representative of the Vacant Property Task Force at 313.330.7844 or email clarendawebb@gmail.com to learn more information.

*Monetary donations are now being accepted to install split rail fences on Stahelin where homes have been demolished in order to prevent illegal dumping. You can also donate yard waste bags, water and volunteer for clean-ups in the neighborhoods.

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 Clarenda Webb at (313) 330-7844 for more information.

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Gallery hours will run Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 5 - 9 PM, on Saturday's from noon - 3 PM or by appointment.

The reception will be February 1st from 6 - 10 PM.

GRANDMONT ROSEDALE Pop-up Art Gallery

This pop-up art gallery comes out of a desire to promote and showcase the creativity of residents in the Grandmont Rosedale area. It has the potential to act as a platform for artistic expression, while also fostering a safe space to discuss, challenge, and share thoughts and ideas about how we see and understand the neighborhood within the broader community.

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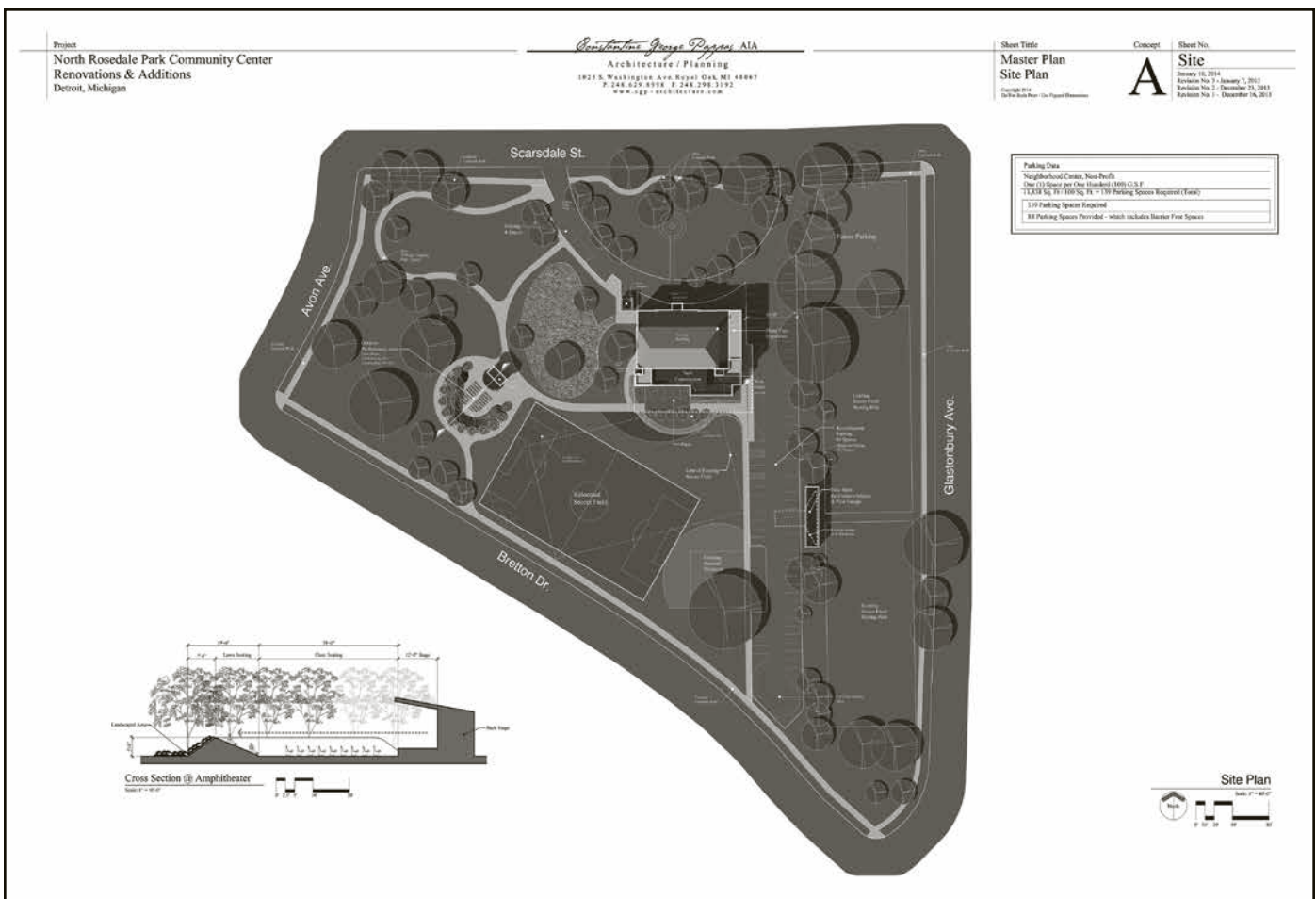
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Proposed Master Plan for Park Grounds



Community House with Proposed Addition

Proposed Master Plan for Community House and Grounds Unveiled at Annual Meeting



“This is inspiring!” Those are the words a North Rosedale Park resident used to describe the proposed master plan for the Community House and grounds presented by architect Guss Pappas at the NRPCA’s annual meeting in January.

About 75 residents saw the proposed plan complete with site plans and conceptual drawings proposed by Pappas. In November, the NRPCA board hired Pappas’ firm, Constantine George Pappas Architecture, to develop a master plan and provide design services for Phase One of the Capital Campaign. The master plan calls for construction of a 3,000-square-foot addition on the south side of the Community House to include a new lobby, handicap-accessible restrooms, office, enclosed staircases and elevator. The Community House is presently 9000 square feet.

Other features of the plan for the Community House include:

- Moving the main entrance to the east side, off of the parking lot.
- Converting the existing lobby, restrooms and office to meeting and multi-purpose rooms.
- Expanding the building on the east side to provide access to the new meeting rooms.
- Constructing a patio off the new lobby.
- Adding a concession stand and restroom by the kitchen next to the playground.

For the grounds, the plan involves:

- Adding walking/jogging paths and concrete walks on the north and east perimeters of the park.

- Adding a natural outdoor performance space with lawn and chair seating.
- Adding parking spaces along the driveway for parking for the playground.
- Replacing the garage and providing additional storage for various groups and activities.
- Expanding the exit driveway to allow two-way traffic.
- Constructing a car turnaround area at the end of the parking lot near Bretton.
- Repositioning one of the soccer fields to accommodate the patio.

Surveys completed by those at the meeting indicated strong support for the proposed improvements. Respondents felt that the improvements would serve the needs of the community. Most said they would consider making a financial contribution to the project or already had. One participant said, “We need to find a very concise way to describe and illustrate the plan...to help sell it to everyone.”

Pappas is expecting to solicit additional feedback from North Rosedale

residents. The proposed master plan will go to the NRPCA board for review and approval in March. Pappas will provide NRPCA with estimated construction and renovation costs as the board considers the plan.

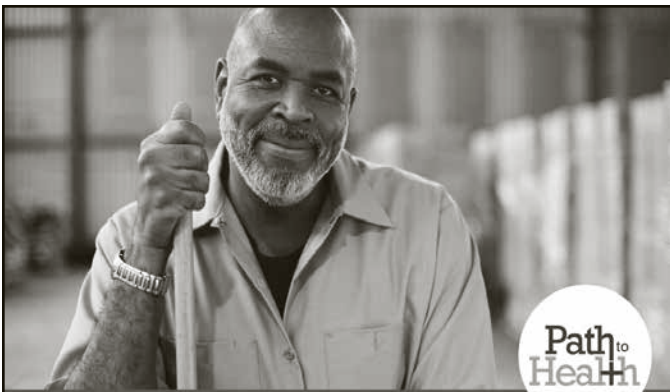
While the proposed master plan is expected to take 2 or 3 phases to complete, Capital Campaign leaders are looking to complete the addition to the Community House during Phase One. Construction could begin as soon as this fall.

Meanwhile, fundraising for the Capital Campaign continues, with \$525,000 raised thus far. The Capital Campaign now shifts to a general outreach as North Rosedale Park residents are contacted and encouraged to contribute to the campaign.

For more information on the Capital Campaign, to make a pledge or to become a volunteer, contact Marsha Bruhn at (313) 400-1192 or via email at marshabruhn@yahoo.com. To see the campaign plan or the proposed master plan, go to the NRPCA Web site at www.northrosedalepark.org.

What is the Capital Campaign?

For nearly 75 years, the North Rosedale Community House and the seven-acre park surrounding it have been the focal point of our community. As with any building, time has taken its toll on the Community House. In order to address many of structural problems and the need to update the facility, the Capital Campaign was created. Funds raised during phase one of the campaign will correct structural problems -- sinking floors, electrical and plumbing issues, and handicap accessibility -- and enhance activities by creating a new lobby, expanding the parking lot, installing additional lighting, and renovating the patio.



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PARTNERSHIP – For over 70 years the Michigan Roundtable for Diversity and Inclusion has been advocating & championing civil rights & social justice in Metro Detroit. Currently they



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are spearheading the Healing Stories Partnership, to provide metro Detroiters the opportunity to share their personal experiences during Truth Hearings, by giving testimony about injustices in the area of Housing on Saturday, March 1, 2014.

GRDC has agreed to be a community partner and is recruiting residents to participate in the Truth Hearings by participating in, or simply observing the testimony. For more information or to sign-up, please contact Becki Kenderes at: bkenderes@grandmontrosedale.com or 313-387-4732, ext. 101.

NEIGHBORHOOD SAFETY

MEETING – The next meeting will be held on Thursday February, 27th. Join us at 6:30 PM for a lively discussion at the North Rosedale Park Community House, 18445 Scarsdale.

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NETWORK – The Grandmont Rosedale Crime Alert sends out email alerts as reported by community residents about recent suspicious or criminal incidents or activities in the Grandmont Rosedale neighborhoods. The goal is to prevent crime by sharing information among area residents. To join the Grandmont Rosedale Crime Alert system, send an e-mail request to grandmontrosedalecrimealert@googlegroups.com.

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In the coming year, the Grandmont Rosedale Development Corporation (GRDC) will be teaming up with some of Detroit's best small business support organizations to help local residents and small business owners start, expand or strengthen their homegrown business. We will offer a menu of options to fit every need.

TechTown is a business incubator affiliated with Wayne State University that will be bringing its successful "SWOT City" program to the Grandmont Rosedale communities for the next three years. This program will provide strategic planning and one-on-one coaching services to existing and start-up small businesses in the Grandmont Rosedale area.

The **ProsperUS Detroit Entrepreneurship Training Program** will be offering an intensive small

business training course beginning in March 2014. In the 11-week ProsperUS program, participants will:

- Learn how to write a solid business plan
- Get 10 hours of one-on-one coaching with a trainer
- Upon completion, be eligible to apply for character-based microloans and technical assistance

Applications are due on February 22nd. To learn more about this program, interested persons should attend an Informational Meeting on Tuesday, February 18 at 6:00 PM at the GRDC Office, 19800 Grand River.

The **Center for Empowerment and Economic Development (CEED)** will continue to operate a satellite office for its small business lending program right here in Grandmont Rosedale and holds its weekly orientation sessions each

Tuesday morning at 10:00 AM at the GRDC Offices.

GRDC is also developing a "co-working" space at 19120 Grand River, which will offer office space for individuals and micro-businesses in a professional, relaxed and collaborative setting. If you are looking for a home base for your business venture, or want an economical alternative to working from home, contact GRDC to see if this new concept in office space is for you.

For more information about any of these opportunities, contact Kirsten Donoghue, GRDC's Economic Development Manager at 313-387-4732 ext 120 or kdonoghue@grandmontrosedale.com. Or visit GRDC's website at GrandmontRosedale.com.

Let's make 2014 the year of small business in Grandmont Rosedale.

Little League Sign-Up Coming Soon!

Calling all boys and girls! It's time to sign up for Rosedale-Grandmont Little League. Open to kids ages 4-16, this neighborhood instructional league has teams in several divisions, including t-ball, coach pitch, junior baseball and junior softball, senior baseball and senior softball. The four fields at Stoepel Park No. 1, the league's principle playfields, are in the process of being completely renovated, so be the first to play on our beautiful like-new fields!

To sign up, come to the GRDC office at 19800 Grand River (just east of Evergreen) to fill out an application and pay your fees. Here are the dates and times for signing up:

- Saturday, Feb. 22
from 9 AM – 12 PM
- Saturday, March 8
from 9 AM – 12 PM

You can also download an application form from <http://mygrandmontrosedale.org/organizations/> and mail it in, along



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Please join the Book Club in the Park (BCIP's) as we discuss
Their Eyes Were Watching God
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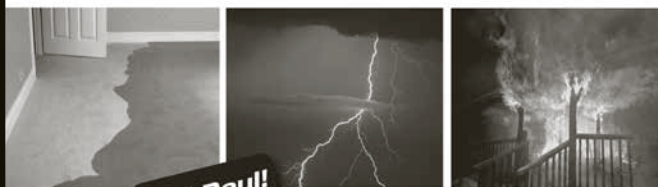
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What: "Walk in the Park" Walking Group

When: Monday, Wednesday, Friday

Time: 5:30pm – 6:30pm

Where: *The North Rosedale Park
Community House
18445 Scarsdale, Detroit, MI

Cost: \$0.00

For more info., contact Healthy Environment Partnership (HEP) certified coordinator, Gloria Goodwine at 313-971-3990

**During inclement and cold weather, walking takes place inside of the North Rosedale Park Community House*

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North Rosedale Park eBlast Newsletter

aka: Rosedale Tattler eBLAST EDITION

This April marked the beginning of the **Rosedale Tattler eBLAST EDITION**. An electronic newsletter designed to supplement the printed version of the Tattler will be distributed via email. The eBLAST EDITION is not intended to replace the printed Tattler, but to provide vital and interesting news, information and reminders that sometimes miss the Tattler deadline (the 10th of each month). The eBlast should arrive in your email around the 3rd week of each month so as to meet this objective. In order to receive the eBlast **you must be on the "list"**. However, it is really easy to signup for the list by visiting the homepage of the North Rosedale Civic Association at <http://NorthRosedalePark.org> and pushing the big red subscribe button. **Get yourself signed up today 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: eblast@northrosedalepark.org.

NRPCA Calendar • February 2014

1 Rental..... 9am	10 HEP Walk Group –	19 Rental..... 7:15pm
2 Rental..... 1pm	10 Rental..... 7pm	20 Rental..... 10am
3 Rental..... 10am	11 Rental..... 7:15pm	20 Book Club Mtg 6pm
3 HEP Walk Group 5:30pm	12 HEP Walk Group 5:30pm	21 HEP Walk Group 5:30pm
3 June Day Planning Mtg 7pm	12 Rental..... 6pm	22 Rental..... 9am
3 Rental..... 7pm	12 Rental..... 7:15pm	22 Rental..... 7pm
4 Block Captains Mtg 6:30pm	13 Rental..... 10am	23 Rental..... 1pm
5 HEP Walk Group 5:30pm	14 HEP Walk Group –	24 Rental..... 10am
5 Rental..... 6pm	15 Rental..... 9am	24 HEP Walk Group 5:30pm
5 Rental..... 7:15pm	16 Rental..... 1pm	24 Rental..... 7pm
6 Rental..... 10am	17 Rental..... 10am	25 Rental..... 7:15pm
6 NRPCA Board Mtg..... 6:30pm	17 HEP Walk Group 5:30pm	26 HEP Walk Group 5:30pm
6 Rental..... 7pm	17 Rental..... 7pm	26 Rental..... 6pm
7 HEP Walk Group 5:30pm	17 June Day Planning Mtg 7pm	26 Rental..... 7:15pm
8 Rental..... 9am	18 Rental..... 7:15pm	27 Rental..... 10am
9 Rental..... 1pm	19 HEP Walk Group 5:30pm	27 Neighborhood Safety Mtg 6pm
10 Rental..... 10am	19 Rental..... 6pm	

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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.

"Happy Birthday Book Club in the Park and The Great Michigan Read"

The January 16, 2014 book club meeting marked the 2nd Anniversary of the Book Club in the Park (BCIP). Members celebrated by having a Birthday Party complete with Balloons, Cupcakes, and Party Favors along with a fantastic discussion of Sidney Sheldon's: *The Stars Shine Down*.

The BCIP is extremely excited to announce that its application to participate in the Great Michigan Read was approved. The Great Michigan Read is a biennial program of the Michigan Humanities Council which partners with schools, libraries, museums, religious organizations and other organizations in Michigan for a statewide reading discussion. Each program focuses on a new title – written by a Michigan author or based in Michigan, selected by a statewide committee and approved by the MHC Board of Directors.

This reading initiative aims to connect Michiganders by exploring Michigan history, present and future as discussed



in a single literary title. The program is intended for young adults to senior citizens with a broad goal of making literature more accessible and appealing while also encouraging residents to learn more about our state and individual identities.

BCIP strongly encourages those who are interested in adding a variety of literary works to their 2014 calendar, to join a discussion or 2 or 3 or more. See page 12 for this month's selection.

— *The BCIPS*

BCIP meets Jan. - Jun. & Sep. - Nov. at 6:00pm on the third Thursday of each month at the North Rosedale Park Community House.

Community Organizer Dies, Touches Many Lives

By Sharon LeMieux

Many a household west of Outer Drive are familiar with the tail-less grey tabby who wandered Edinborough and surrounding streets.

Georgie the nomad, whom we referred to as everyone's cat and nobody's cat, came home to die in December. He had so much personality that some wondered if he was really a dog.

George endeared himself to neighbors by jumping into their parked cars, lounging on their porches and even breaking into a certain 3rd story window.

One summer night several years ago he got 4 or 5 concerned households to attempt to rescue him from a steep



rooftop. After an hour and the coming of dusk, it was clear we needed to let George figure it out on his own. And he did. By golly, it was the cutest thing to see grown men, including a former US Army guy, be a big softy when it concerned that cat.

Another signature of George's was when he would hear my camera click... he would come running to pose in the photo, as seen here when he dropped in for Jackie's senior pictures.

We'll miss you, little man.



North Rosedale Park Civic Association Membership Application

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Areas of interest:

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NRPCA 2014 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. The committees for the 2013 Board members will be assigned this month. These assignments will be published here in our upcoming issues.

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