The Rosedale Tattler



North Rosedale Park Hosts Homecoming Weekend, Celebrates 75th Anniversary of Community House

Come December, residents and friends of North Rosedale Park will celebrate a milestone: the 75th anniversary of the Community House. As part of the celebration on December 4 & 5, organizers are inviting former residents to "come home" for a weekend of activities and a chance to see old friends and the newest improvements to the Community House.

The weekend kicks off with a ribboncutting ceremony for the 2300-square-foot addition to the center on Dec. 4 at 4 p.m. The ceremony is free of charge. A mixer follows at 7 p.m. highlighting music through the 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

"It's Time to Come Home"

are \$100. The evening also includes a silent auction and a raffle of gift baskets.

"This promises to be an historic, funfilled weekend in North Rosedale Park," said Phyllis Lee, the homecoming weekend chairperson. "We can't wait for our former residents and friends to see the new and improved Community House."

HOMECOMING WEEKEND ACTIVITIES FRIDAY, DECEMBER 4

Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for Community House Addition 4-5:30 p.m. - Free

Homecoming Mixer 7-11 p.m. – \$25 includes hors-d'oeuvres. Cash bar For tickets, contact Susan Steigerwalt at (313) 549-9523 or spspnhp52@gmail.com

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5

Homecoming Gala Dinner (w/ Cash Bar) and Reverse Raffle 5:30-10 p.m. – \$100 a person with only 200 tickets to be sold Top prize is \$5000.

For tickets, contact Marcia Closson at (313) 835-1103 or mlclosson@aol.com

For additional information or to purchase tickets online, go to www.nrpca.org/homecoming.

North Rosedale Park Presents "A TABLE TOP AFFAIR" Friday, November 6, 2015

Anyone with a flair for decorating and accessories, or just a fun evening out, will want to attend this inaugural event at the North Rosedale Park Community House on Friday, November 6, 2015 from 7-10PM. The evening features creative table arrangements by area designers, hors d'oeuvres and wine, piano and vocal favorites by MOT's Branden Hood, and a specialty boutique of items ranging from a teak ship's wheel and framed Detroit Grand Prix posters to an inlaid Damascus game table, collection of mother of pearl cufflinks, and set of Wedgwood china for 12. The evening concludes with a raffle of two festive tables with all accoutrements. Tickets are \$45 and may be purchased online at www.nrpca.org/table-top or by calling 313-273-5366. A portion of the ticket price is tax deductible in accordance with IRS regulations.

Proceeds benefit expanding handicap accessibility at the Community House, as part of The Legacy Project. This is one in a series of events to renovate the building that has been providing cultural, recreational, and educational activities to our community for the past 75 years. "A Table Top Affair" will be the first event to be held in the new 2300 square foot addition that is nearing completion, offering a larger lobby and ADA-compliant restrooms and entrances. Official ribbon cutting is scheduled for 4PM on Friday, December 4.

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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.

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Letter from the President

Another beautiful fall day- sunny and warm. The leaves are turning, and my thoughts are turning to every sung and unsung hero and heroine who make this neighborhood a wonderful place to live and raise a family. Here's just a partial list: Rosedale Soccer moms and dads who coach, assistant coach, and cheer their kids on, GRDC and its many beautification, security, and renovation projects throughout Grandmont Rosedale, the Northwest Detroit Farmers' Market and all the volunteers, vendors and shoppers, and the folks who say "Hello!" on walks through the Park. A special shout out to the 19 people who showed up in the cold weather to "Walk the Park" on October 3 to get more North Rosedale Park residents involved in the North Rosedale Park Civic Association- we are not finished; we will be walking until we are done – THANKS TO YOU ALLL!

All you solid citizens – to those of you who just moved in and those who have been here 40 years – The NRPCA needs you! Your neighborhood civic association needs residents **to join our wonderful board of directors**. The events, projects and running of the NRPCA need several hands, hearts and minds. If you have ideas of how living in North Rosedale Park can be even better, please, join the board! You can nominate yourself from the floor at the meeting after our delicious and free **Members Dinner on Thursday December 10 at 6 pm** or email Jim Johnson at jbjohnson68@sbcglobal.net as soon as you are sure. It takes a few hours per week but the rewards? Priceless!

For those of you who have time-constraints that prohibit joining the board, there are still many opportunities to get involved in your neighborhood. Here are some **upcoming events**:

Friday, November 6 at 7pm – A Table Top Affair. This fundraiser is to benefit handicap accessibility at the Community House. There will be raffle winners, and refreshments. Tickets are \$45. Contact Mary Davis at 313.273.5366 for tickets. See article in The Tattler.

Saturday, November 14 doors at 7pm, performance at 8pm – Park Players/NRPCA benefit performance of "Twilight: Los



Angeles 1992." This benefit performance includes a variety of desserts. Tickets are \$25. Contact 313.387.8117 for tickets.

Friday, December 4 from 4-7pm – Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for the Community House Addition. Join your neighbors and friends for this free event celebrating the wonderful new addition to our beloved Community House.

Friday, December 4 from 7-11pm – Homecoming Mixer and Dance Through the Decades from 7-11pm – Catch up with former neighbors and friends then hit the dance floor to dance to music through the decades. Hors-d'oeuvres and cash bar. Tickets are \$25. Contact Susan Steigerwalt at 313.549.9523 or spspnhp52@gmail.com to purchase tickets.

Saturday, December 5 doors at 5:30pm, dinner at 6pm – Homecoming Gala Dinner and Reverse Raffle. The evening includes a catered dinner, a silent auction, gift basket raffles, and an opportunity to win \$5000 during the reverse raffle. Tickets are \$100 and are limited to 200 (this makes your odds of winning \$5000 terrific!). To purchase tickets contact Marcia Closson at 313.835.1103 or mlclosson@aol.com.

DON'T FORGET TO PAY YOUR 2016 DUES! WE NEED YOU!

See you at the events and around the park!

Susan Steigerwalt

Walk the Park for NRPCA

Thanks to the board members, block captains and residents of North Rosedale Park who attended the October "Walk the Park" events! In an effort to get to know our neighbor's better, dedicated residents knocked on doors throughout North Rosedale to gather up-to-date contact information, inform about upcoming community events and distribute the NRPCA Community Check List.

If you are new to North Rosedale, or have updated contact information to share, please email or call Membership Secretary, Chelsea Neblett at 734.323.2487 or chelsea.neblett@gmail. com. Updated contact information, including an email addresses or phone number, is the best way for NRPCA to share relevant, upcoming community events.



Leaders Wanted for 2016 NRPCA Board

The North Rosedale Park Civic Association (NRPCA) is accepting nominations to fill expiring terms of office for the 2016 Board of Directors as well as for the positions of Vice-President and President. Applicants must be members in good standing of NRPCA, reside in North Rosedale Park (owner or renter), and have paid 2016 dues. Submitted names will be checked against membership records, and, if your dues are unpaid, you will be notified. Applications must be received NO LATER than November 8, 2015. Director positions are two-year terms, and four such positions must be filled for 2016. The office of Vice-President is a one-year term, and that of President is a one-year term followed by one year on the Board as the Immediate Past President.

After nominations are received, the Nominations Committee will meet

to compile a slate for presentation to the community. The slate will be finalized at the December 10, 2015 General Membership Meeting, at which time further nominations will also be accepted from the floor. All certified nominations are placed on the ballot, and all NRPCA resident and life members in good standing may vote for the slate at the NRPCA Annual Meeting on January 8, 2016.

NRPCA Candidate Profile Form

Thank you for your interest in serving on the North Rosedale Park Civic Association Board of Directors. Please complete the following information and return this signed form with a recent photo no later than November 8, 2015 to:

Jim Johnson, Chairperson • NRPCA Nominations Committee • 18445 Scarsdale, Detroit MI 48223 Email: jbjohnson68@sbcglobal.net

Please note that all information contained on this signed form will be published in the Tattler newsletter except for your house number, phone number(s) and email address. Attach additional sheets if necessary.

Check off the position you are interested in filling (*check one*): Board Director: _____ Board Officer (*indicate position*): President _____, Vice-President _____.

CONTACT INFORMATION:

Name:	Address:
Number of Years in North Rosedale Park:	Number of Yearsas a NRPCA Member:
Occupation:	_Education:
Home Phone:	Work Phone:
Cell Phone:	Email:

1. Please list up to three previous or current experiences on the NRPCA Board and/or Committees (if any):

2. Please list up to three previous or current experiences on other Boards or Committees (*if any*): (*This can include church, civic and non-profit organizations, government, school, recreational or any other volunteer experience.*)

- 3. Why do you want to serve on the North Rosedale Park Civic Association Board of Directors? (*Please be brief and specific about why you are interested in serving on the Board and what you plan to accomplish.*)
- 4. NRPCA is currently engaged in a Capital Campaign to renovate the Community House and Park grounds. Please provide your vision for the future use of these facilities.
- 5. Being on the NRPCA Board requires an uncompensated time commitment of several hours a month. Are you willing to commit the time and effort to be an effective Board member and neighborhood representative? Yes_____ No____.

6. If you are not elected, would you be willing to serve on any other NRPCA committees? Yes_____ No_____.

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Shop Small in Grandmont Rosedale This Holiday Season! Saturday, November 28

GRDC is pleased to announce "Shop Small in Grandmont Rosedale"! "Shop Small in Grandmont Rosedale" is a chance for established small businesses and entrepreneurial vendors to engage Grand River Avenue in a "Shop Small" event on Saturday, November 28th from 11am – 5pm. Four Grandmont Rosedale neighborhood businesses will host over

30 independent vendors in their brickand-mortar locations, giving residents from in and around the city of Detroit a chance to complete holiday shopping while giving new businesses some welldeserved exposure. These vendors will offer clothing, jewelry, accessories, food products (both fresh and packaged), teas and coffee, fair trade imports, greeting



cards, and much more! Special activities include a scavenger hunt, gift wrapping, a book signing by local author Paul Vachon, and a shuttle running from 12 - 3pm to help get folks around, no matter what the weather holds. We look forward to seeing you and a friend or two at the Detroit Shop Small in Grandmont Rosedale this November.

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NRPCA Receives \$32,500 Grant from State of Michigan for Legacy Project

The North Rosedale Park Community House will get a new roof next spring, with the help of a \$32,500 grant from the Michigan Council for Arts and Culture (MCACA). The funds will be combined with a \$100,000 grant from the City of Detroit to install a roof, insulation and solar shingles.

The improvements are part of The Legacy Project of North Rosedale Park, a capital campaign to raise funds to renovate the



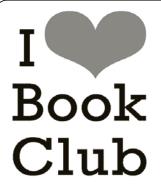
Community House and surrounding park and to enhance community programming. As part of that effort, construction on a 2300-square-foot addition is expected to be completed by early November. The campaign began three years ago.

North Rosedale Park Civic Association also received a \$24,000 grant from MCACA in 2015 that was used to upgrade the electrical system and install LED lighting in the Community House. Matching funds were used to paint the main hall, install acoustical panels and purchase hearing assisted devices.

In support of the MCACA grant, NRPCA has invited Governor Rick Snyder, State Representative Sherry Gay-Dagnogo and State Senator David Knezek to attend the benefit performance of the Park Players in November.

Join the Special Assessment District Campaign!

There is overwhelming support to make Grandmont Rosedale a Special Assessment District, and now we need your help. There are several ways to join the Special Assessment District Campaign. You can volunteer to help collect signatures from Grandmont Rosedale residents or host a House Meeting to help get the word out. For questions contact Chelsea Neblett at 313.387.4732, ext. 103 or cneblett@grandmontosedale.com.



A New York Times Notable Book of the Year

This haunting, harrowing, gloriously moving recollection of a life on the American margin is the story of Rick Bragg, who grew up dirt-poor in northeastern Alabama, seemingly destined for either the cotton mills or the penitentiary, and instead became a Pulitzer Prize-winning reporter for The New York Times. It is the story of Bragg's father, a hard-drinking man with a murderous temper and the habit of running out on the people who needed him most.

But at the center of this soaring memoir is Bragg's mother, who went eighteen years without a new dress so that her sons could have school clothes and picked other people's cotton so that her children wouldn't have to live on welfare alone. Evoking these lives-- and the country that shaped and nourished them--with artistry, honesty, and compassion, Rick Bragg brings home the love and suffering that lie at the heart of every family. The result is unforgettable.

Please join the Book Club in the Park (BCIP's) in a much anticipated discussion of

All Over but the Shoutin' By Rick Bragg

on Thursday, November 19, 2015 at 6:00pm

The North Rosedale Park Community House

The Book Club in the Park (BCIP) meets Jan. – June & Sept. – Nov. on the Third Thursday of the month, 6:00pm at the North Rosedale Park Community House. For more information call 313-837-3416



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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 mariab19@sbcglobal.net for advertising rates and policies. Please submit articles to thomas.ridgway@gmail.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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Instead of spending money on an appraisal, you can now get a free report with up-to-date values on homes for sale and sold in Rosedale Park. This data is from the MLS and the same information an appraiser would look at to value your home.

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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 maintain vacant properties in the hardest hit areas in NRP. You can also donate yard waste bags, water, yard tools, and volunteer for clean-ups in the neighborhoods.

Visit **www.nrpca.org** and use **www.goodsearch.com** to search the internet and raise money for the Civic Association

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.

Our next meeting will be **TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2015**

We need your involvement now more than ever.

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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