

The Rosedale *Tattler*



NORTH ROSEDALE PARK CIVIC ASSOCIATION'S BENEFIT PERFORMANCE

SATURDAY, April 8, 2017

7:00 PM Refreshments • 8:00 PM Performance



Photograph by Steven Wieckowski

Join your neighbors and friends at the NRPCA benefit performance of the Park Players' "*Sister Act*" on Saturday, April 8.

A portion of your \$30 ticket will go toward supporting all the programming the NRPCA offers North Rosedale Park and you'll get to see the fabulously entertaining "*Sister Act*".

You'll even get light refreshments.

Doors open at 7 pm
and the performance begins at 8 pm.

For more information, please contact
Erma Leaphart at 313-532-7184 or
vcd21@aol.com or Lynn Garrett at
(313) 400-1087 or lynn.garrett@gm.com.

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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.

Letter from the President

Each month the NRPCA hosts community activities at OUR Community House, please plan on attending events in the neighborhood. In April, we are hosting our Annual Easter Egg Hunt on April 15. It is a great time for kids to not only hunt for treats around the grounds but also a great time to connect with neighbors after our long winter hibernation.

Also April 8th is the NRPCA Sister Act Benefit! Park Players, our local theatre group, will perform the award-winning play Sister Act at our very own Community House. Don't forget to get your tickets to this absolutely joyful show. Included in your \$30 ticket price is a wonderful spread of treats. Check out the website, www.nrpga.org for information on purchasing tickets.

You might remember from last month I said that February was Membership Month – well so is March! The board approved a monthly membership payment plan for those that may choose to break up your dues into payments over the entire year. You can pay online (processing fee applies) or drop a check or money order in the mailbox every month (\$6.25).

WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS OF JOINING...BESIDES OF COURSE SUPPORTING YOUR COMMUNITY.

Your dues help pay for the maintenance and upkeep of the Community House and Grounds. We are the only neighborhood in Detroit that owns and operates its own Community House and 7-acre park. It costs over \$10,000 a

month to maintain both from paying the water bill to cutting the grass to hosting little kids hunting for eggs. It might not seem like your \$6.25 will make a difference but together with your neighbors it makes a huge difference.

Each month I will end my president's message with a running total of the benefits you receive for your membership in NRPCA, in March your benefit savings are:

ROSEDALE GRANDMONT BASEBALL SIGN UP on March 11 - Members saved \$10 per child

Now if you have 4 kids like me that 1 item paid for more than half your membership for the year! And we still have 10 more months to go! Boy oh boy are you going to save money this year. It's not too late...you can still send in your membership form (it is conveniently located at the back of the Tattler) and start saving today. Oh and don't forget the savings you just got from reading this article...priceless!

See you round the hood,
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Behind the Footlights

By Roger Loeb

Mr. President

Donald Trump was born in.....no, no, no, no. Not that president. I want to introduce you to the President of Park Players - Archie Lynch.

Robert Gordon Stinson (the vagaries of life led to his name change: Archie Franklin Lynch II) was born at Oakwood Hospital but spent his early years in Detroit. He began performing near the end of junior high with the Ford Chorus. As he was a mere twelve years old, the director felt compelled to advise his mother to "be sure he knows that he can't play on the floor with trucks".

In August, 2012, Archie and his partner were house hunting. As soon as they pulled into the driveway on Edinborough in North Rosedale Park, they knew this was the place for them. The following year, the

newly-established resident turned 50. A mid-life crisis ensued. The solution required gathering up his courage to audition for the Park Players' production of *Guys and Dolls*. Much to his amazement, Archie was cast in the show and, in his words, "I never went home." Since that fateful day, Archie has appeared in several additional plays (including the upcoming *Sister Act*). He has also built sets, painted, worked on sound and lights, produced, and served as assistant director. And then he was elected President.

Why become President? Archie says: "It was a job that needed to be done and an opportunity to learn endless new skills". Fortunately Archie is a quick learner. He and our past president, Carly Ptak, became an amazing duo. Among their numerous accomplishments, they have brought us

into the 21st century with their work at making Park Players a 501(c)3, non-profit organization, and moving our ticketing to Vendini (more on that feature below).

Sister Act

The director, music director, and choreographer are diligently putting our 27 performers (lots of nuns) through their paces. There are two ways you can order tickets for this fun-filled show:

- Go to our webpage (parkplayers.org). At the top of the page, click on Buy Tickets.
- Or go to our Facebook page (Park Players Detroit). On the left, click on Get Tickets.

Not comfortable on the computer?

Please call Park Players Customer Service: 734-752-1456.

NEW STEM Program at Cooke S.T.E.M. Academy

Cooke S.T.E.M. Academy is hosting an Environmental Educational Night on Tuesday, April 4, from 3:00-5:30. The purpose of the event is to educate students and the community on the benefits of recycling, ways to conserve energy, and Earth Awareness month. They are actively seeking partnerships and volunteers to help lead activities, donate energy saving and recycled door prizes, and attend the event.

Fun Litter Pick-up Club Press Release

Does the litter in our neighborhood get you down? Do you worry about litter's effect on our property values? Do you ever think to yourself, "someone should do something about the litter in our neighborhood"?

Now you can help address this vexing issue by joining a North Rosedale-focused endeavor named the **Fun Litter Pick-up Club** that asks no more than 30 minutes a month of neighborhood beautification enthusiasts.

Beginning on Saturday, March 11th at 9:30 a.m. at Always Brewing Detroit coffee shop

at 19180 Grand River, Fun Litter Pick-up Club members will meet to sign up for initial routes among priority residential streets. A monthly calendar will be managed by the club based on members' 30 minutes per month minimum commitment. It is hoped that some members will sign up for more weekly or bi-weekly commitments. While the first outing is on a Saturday, club members can perform their designated shift any day of the week, in buddy pairings if they prefer. But the centerpiece of the program will be Saturday morning gatherings at Always

Brewing to celebrate beautification successes, build fellowship – and have fun!

For more information about the **Fun Litter Pick-up Club**, check out ongoing discussion on Next Door (northrosedalepark.nextdoor.com) or by contacting Mary Madigan at 313-980-8850.

Together we can nip the litter issue in the bud and preserve our neighborhood's beauty! We hope to see you on March 11th (along with warmer, sunny weather)!

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North Rosedale Park Civic Association

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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.

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 is the date and time for signing up:

- **Saturday,**
March 11, 2017
from 9 am - 12 pm

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FUNDRAISING BEGINS FOR TWO MAJOR ART INSTALLATIONS IN NORTH ROSEDALE PARK

World-class art in the form of a sculpture and mosaic is coming to North Rosedale Park, and The Legacy Project organizers are already working to raise funds.

The Great Art! Great Park! Park project, with a \$76,000 grant from the John S. and James L. Knight Foundation and matching funds, will feature two major art installations by renowned Detroit artists Charles McGee and Hubert Massey.

Charles McGee, a Rosedale Park resident whose work is displayed at the Detroit Institute of Arts and the Charles Wright Museum of African American History, will create a 25-foot metal sculpture on the park grounds.

Internationally-known artist Hubert Massey will create a mosaic on the face of Cooke Academy on Puritan Street. Massey has art on display at the

Museum of African American History and Campus Martius and is completing work at Cobo Center.

To raise the needed funds, several events and activities are planned through the fall.

PATRONICITY

This spring, The Legacy Project will launch a crowdfunding campaign through Patronicity.

SISTER ACT

Proceeds from the April 8 performance of "Sister Act" by the Park Players will be split between The Legacy Project and North Rosedale Park Civic Association. To purchase tickets, contact Lynn Garrett at (313) 400-1087.

ART SHOW AND AUCTION

On May 20, an art show and auction will feature artwork for sale, artists' demonstrations, a ticketed preview and auction. The Breakfast Club, a group of

artists and collectors, will work with the capital campaign on the event.

MUSIC RECITAL

Organizers also are planning a music recital on June 25 featuring North Rosedale Park resident Peter Fletcher, a guitarist, and tenor Irwin Reese. To purchase tickets, contact Tess Tchou at (313) 533-3085.

The art installations are part of The Legacy Project of North Rosedale, a strategic plan of the North Rosedale Park Civic Association to renovate the Community House and surrounding grounds and enhance programming. The effort began approximately four years ago.

To make a contribution to The Legacy Project, go online to www.nrpga.org/the-legacy-project/ or mail your check payable to the NRPGA, 18445 Scarsdale, Detroit MI 48223.

I ♥ Book Club

First published in 1923, Jean Toomer's *Cane* is an innovative literary work—part drama, part poetry, part fiction—powerfully evoking black life in the South. Rich in imagery, Toomer's impressionistic, sometimes surrealistic sketches of Southern rural and urban life are permeated by visions of smoke, sugarcane, dusk, and fire; the northern world is pictured as a harsher reality of asphalt streets. This iconic work of American literature is published with a new afterword by Rudolph Byrd of Emory

University and Henry Louis Gates Jr. of Harvard University, who provide groundbreaking biographical information on Toomer, place his writing within the context of American modernism and the Harlem Renaissance, and examine his shifting claims about his own race and his pioneering critique of race as a scientific or biological concept.

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

Cane

By Jean Toomer

on Thursday, March 16, 2017 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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needs your support. If you have a neighborhood
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Block Captain or if you don't know who your
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(313) 330-7844 for more information.

Our next meeting is:

TUESDAY, MARCH 7, 2017

We need your involvement now more than ever.



Happy New Year Neighbors

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Deadline for the Tattler

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All articles and advertisements are due the 15th of each month.

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North Rosedale Park Civic Association Membership Application

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