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Friday, September 12, 2014

Annual Steak Roast

6:00 PM Doors Open • 7:00 PM Dinner

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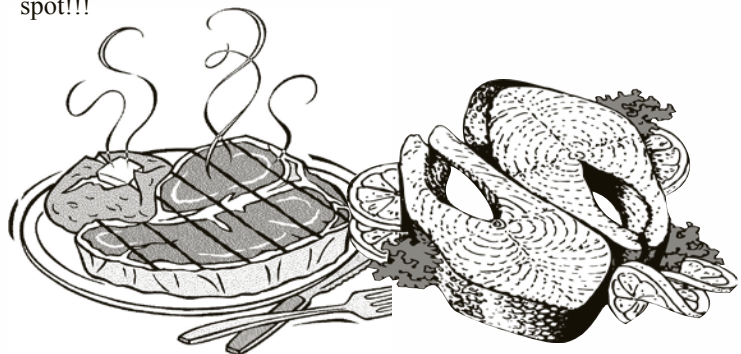
A highlight of our community calendar takes place in just a few weeks and we need your reservation!

Steak Roast 2014 is set for September 12th and the word up and down Grand River is **"The salmon are running! The salmon are running!"**

That's right, the North Rosedale Park Annual Steak Roast is not just for meat lovers!

Offering a choice of New York Strip Steak or Filet of Salmon, how can you stay home on a Friday night knowing your neighbors are enjoying an amazing dinner and raising much needed funds for our community!

Make your choice fish or steak and call Marcia Closson (313 835-1103) before Friday, September 5th to reserve your spot!!!



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 President Hubert Sawyers III



Neighbors,

I am going through a most troubling time in my life right now. I ask that you all send concentrated positive thoughts my way.

In all this turmoil, I found it hard to write my monthly letter. You can say I have been a bit distracted.

When I finally sat to write this letter, I did not have a positive message to share. In fact, I had considered just publishing an old letter. The cynic in me is raging lately, but somehow he was quelled by some inspired personal wisdom.

Randomly, I realized how much what I am experiencing can be related to the growing pains of North Rosedale Park Civic Association. Do not get me wrong, we are making great strides in a lot of areas. There is much happening, which merits a proud smile or two.

Yet as you can imagine, it never seems enough. Those in the know would like to see more faster. Unfortunately, it cannot be produced in our current state. Then people struggle to maintain hope.

I will admit to you right here: my faith has been waning lately, but mainly due to personal matters.

Please know this is not recklessly shared. I am not often shaken. My mother and father have raised me to withstand adversity. Considering they are two of the strongest people I know, I am always looking to keep a stiff chin. Whenever I struggle, I consider what I am going through, I realize what they have

survived. 25+ straight years as police officers in the city of Detroit, raising four kids, okay? Then that is when it hits me, I will survive too.

Then it hit me again: North Rosedale Park will be just fine as well.

So today, I ask everyone to keep the faith. Know that we need to stick with one another and continue to grow together as a community.

There is one coming soon way you can do that: the annual Steak Roast.

That's right. Let's pack the Community House for fresh, homemade food and classic fellowship on Friday, September 12th. Let's break bread and remind each other why we love our community. I will be there. I hope you will too and make sure everyone who lives around you comes too.

Seriously folks, I want the place spilling over with people. There will be more details you can find in this issue and next. Please make it a point to attend.

P.S. We will also be getting an updated website soon. If you haven't yet, peruse NorthRosedalePark.org maintained by the great **Wendy Jackson**. Our new site will allow us to provide information in a much faster fashion. Stay tuned, but in the meantime, make sure you have all the basic information on the current site.

Have you paid your 2014 Membership Dues?

If you haven't, we have a special deal for you!!! If you pay \$100 before September 30, 2014, your membership dues will be satisfied for 2014 and 2015. Not only will you help your Civic Association towards its' membership goals, you will also receive a voucher for a \$3.00 beverage at Always Brewing Detroit and a 10% discount coupon from Hollywood Hosiery good for all purchases through 2015.

There are 1,700 homes in North Rosedale Park and less than 500 families have paid their Civic Association dues. These dues are crucial for keeping our community house & our park grounds maintained. Please do your part and send your membership payment today!

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Behind the Footlights

Alice through the Looking Glass

By Roger Loeb

Excitement is mounting. *ALICE THROUGH THE LOOKING GLASS* auditions are coming soon - Wednesday, Sept. 3 at 7:00 PM and Sunday, Sept. 7 at 1:00 PM. They will be held at the North Rosedale Park Community House. No special preparation is needed. Just come to read.

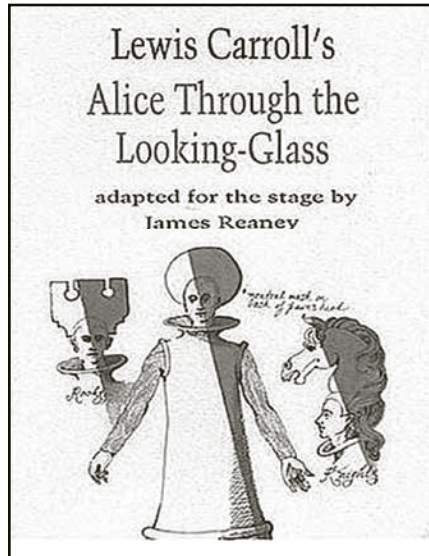
Our version of Alice will combine scenes from Alice in Wonderland and Alice through the Looking Glass. The director is still fine-tuning the script, so there may be some additions or deletions of characters.

Most parts are open to all actors. There are no age or gender requirements except for a few roles. Everyone 12 or older is encouraged to audition. Because this play is a comedy, and takes place in a dream world, parts are open to actor interpretation at the casting. What follows are guidelines for each character. It is important to note that many of the characters in this play appear in only one scene, so those roles will require less rehearsal time.

CAST OF CHARACTERS:

Alice (casting age 12-25): A young girl with lots of imagination, fond of showing off her knowledge. Polite but persistent, interested in others, precocious, with shameless curiosity; easily put off by abruptness and rudeness of others.

Red Queen/Sheep: Civil but unpleasant, hounding Alice about her lack of etiquette and general knowledge; overbearing, meticulously obsessive about manners, yet civil in a self-righteous and supercilious way; constant badgering of, and in



competition with, Alice.

White Queen: Absent-minded, untidy, disorderly, anxious mess; explains the properties of Looking-Glass World, including the reversal of time and the need to believe in the impossible.

Red King: The sleeping King; manages to frighten Alice; also plays the judge at the trial.

White King: Takes words literally; completely helpless and terrified of some other characters; sends his horses and men to rescue Humpty Dumpty.

Humpty Dumpty: An egg person who sits on a wall; constantly interrupts and instructs Alice on vocabulary and language; confident about his definitions of words even though most of what he says is ridiculous.

Tweedledum and Tweedledee: Identical twins; get along well and finish each others' thoughts; they embody proper social behavior; impart a message of caution through their strict adherence to rules; they have a mean streak and end up fighting each other.

March Hare/Haigha: Rather rude and provoking at the tea party; nervous and frightened witness at the trial.

Mad Hatter/Hatta: Host of the tea party; impolite; enjoys frustrating Alice.

White Rabbit: The herald in the Red Queen's court; nervous, always in a hurry.

The Red Knight: A knight who attempts to capture Alice; captured by the White Knight.

The Chorus: This group of actors will perform several physical actions and recitations throughout the play, perform the set changes, as well as play the various roles of: The Jury, Fawn, Gnat, Unicorn, Lion, Tiger-lily, Rose, Violet, Lily, The Daisies, Guard, Goat, Beetle, Horse, and White Paper Gentleman.

As you can see, there are many parts from the goofy to the sublime. If acting is not for you, please contact the producer TK (aka, Tamara Kamara) at tamarakamara@gmail.com, to volunteer your services for cooking, seating patrons, collecting props, running a spotlight, sewing a costume, painting on the set, or a myriad of other activities. There's a role for everyone in this production. Join us in this community group of the North Rosedale Park Players.



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Another successful June Day has come and gone, and fun was had by all! The day would not have been possible without the help of hard-working volunteers and generous, so THANK YOU all who helped make the 2014 June Day a great day! Your contributions are truly appreciated.

A special thank you must go to our wonderful Grand Marshall, Bruce Kirkland, who was dressed as a baby! That costume was fantastic!

Next year will be the 85th June Day. That means the first June Day happened in 1930. What a wonderful neighborhood tradition! We look forward to your participation next year.

– TK and Julie

The list of volunteers is way too long to list here. Volunteers helped out with everything from the early Run for the Roses to the midway to the Rosedale Café. There were also several who helped with setup and cleanup. You are all truly appreciated!

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FARMERS' MARKET AUGUST EVENTS

The Northwest Detroit Farmers' Market continues to offer fresh produce and locally made teas, popsicles, baked goods as well as a number of opportunities for our community to learn about healthy living. Coming in August is another Home Depot Youth Workshop, a Henry Ford Generation with Promise cooking demonstration, a Yoga and Stretch class sponsored by Gleaners, VIN etching, a workshop on mushroom cultivation by The Greening of Detroit, and blood pressure and health screenings by MPRO and DMC Sinai Grace. The NW Detroit Farmers' Market is held at the North Rosedale Park Community House, 18445 Scarsdale, every Thursday from 4-8pm until Oct. 9. The Farmers' Market could use your help with set-up, greeting shoppers, and/or tear-down. If you're interested in helping



out at the Farmers' Market, call Chelsea Neblett at 734-323-2487.

YOUTH ART SHOW

A Youth Art Show will be held Aug 16 from 4-7 pm at the North Rosedale Park Community House, 18445 Scarsdale. The young artists will be displaying the results of GRDC's eight week Summer Youth Arts Program, Loyal to Your Soil. The artists have experienced everything from painting on reclaimed wood to participating in Improv comedy this summer and would like to share what they've created. They will be displaying their visual art at the show and performing poetry. The event is free and open to the public. Light refreshments will be provided as well as professionally bound and printed books of the young artists' poetry.



CHANGE IS COMING TO GRAND RIVER

Look for the opening of the Grand River Workplace at 19120 Grand River Ave. sometime in August or early September! GRDC is hard at work renovating the space to make it a small business incubator. The Grand River Workplace will feature professional and affordable work spaces, including open area desk and private offices for start-up businesses and independent workers. The space will also provide high-speed internet, copying and printing equipment, mailboxes, a kitchen, and conference room facilities. Also included in the renovation is a storefront available for pop-up retail businesses. For more information about becoming a part of the Grand River Workplace, contact Tom Goddeeris at 313-387-4732, ext. 111 or tgoddeeris@grandmontrosedale.com.

TRASH TALKIN'S AUGUST LITTER PICK-UP

Trash Talkin' will meet on August 23 from 9:30 am at Always Brewing Detroit, 19180 Grand River Ave. Free coffee, compliments of GRDC, and conversation begin at 9:30am. Light trash pick-up is from 10-11am. If you have not yet volunteered in your community, this a great way to get started. You'll meet neighbors, you'll get a

free and delicious cup of coffee, and you'll help to make your neighborhood litter-free! If you know of an area in Grandmont Rosedale that could use some extra attention, let GRDC Volunteer and Outreach Coordinator Mary Lyons know at mlyons@grandmontrosedale.com or call 313-387-4732, ext. 116.

CRIME PREVENTION THROUGH ENVIRONMENTAL DESIGN

There will be no Neighborhood Safety Meeting this month. They resume next month, on Thursday, September 25th at 6:30 pm at the North Rosedale Park Community House, 18445 Scarsdale. The long anticipated topic will be Crime Prevention through Environmental Design (CPTED), with a presentation by Investigator Brian Fountain, one of our favorite presenters from the Detroit Police Department. Come learn how CPTED has emerged out of research on the relationship between crime and place! Fountain will reveal how residents can reduce opportunities for crime and other problems by understanding how to effectively use space by controlling access, providing opportunities to see and be seen, and/or defining ownership of space to encourage maintenance. As always, all Neighborhood Safety Meetings are free and open to the public. Light refreshments are provided. Bring a neighbor or friend who has never attended a meeting and you'll both be entered into a raffle to win a safety related prize. For more information, contact Karen Johnson Moore, Community Security Program Manager at 313-387-4732, ext. 110 or kmoore@grandmontrosedale.com.



Please go to the following "Community Safety Report Card" address to share your feelings about safety in your neighborhood. You will find the "Community Safety Report Card" at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/XB23MQ9>.

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Neighborhood association newsletters are also available here as is a community calendar which offers a quick way to find out what's going on. If you are a Facebook user, "like" us at facebook.com/MyGrandmontRosedale. If you'd like to receive a weekly, Wednesday morning email newsletter to keep up to date on all that's happening, send an email to info@grandmontrosedale.com and ask to be added to the list. There are so many ways to keep informed!

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4 Rental..... 10am	11 Rental..... 11am	18 Rental..... 7pm
4 Rental..... 7pm	11 Rental..... 7pm	20 Rental..... 10am
5 Election Day —	12 Rental..... 6:30pm	23 Rental..... 6pm
6 Rental..... 7pm	13 Rental..... 7pm	24 Rental..... 7pm
7 Rental..... 10am	14 Rental..... 6pm	26 Rental..... 6:30pm
7 NRPCA Board Mtg..... 6:30pm	14 Aikido 6pm	30 Rental..... 6pm
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To make an online donation to The Legacy Project campaign, go to www.northrosedalepark.org. Or, contact Marsha Bruhn at (313) 400-1192 or marshabruhn@yahoo.com. Every dollar counts towards our goal of a September groundbreaking.

What is the Legacy Project of North Rosedale Park?

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 structural problems and the need to update the facility, the Legacy Project of North Rosedale Park was created. Funds

raised 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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Enclosed is \$_____ in payment for dues for the year ending December 31, 2014.

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Make checks payable to:

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Please tell us how you would be interested in helping.

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