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Annual Membership Appreciation Dinner December 8

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

The 2016 NRPCA Board of Directors invites 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 2017 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



Hello Neighbors!!

THANK YOU:

- **Clarenda Webb** for her perennial community spirit and leadership as facilitator of the block club captains!
- **Block Club Captains** for all that they do to keep us informed and to work together to keep our community one of the best!!
- **Nicole Daniels** our Building Manager for all she does to keep our Community House functioning and a place of joy and laughter!!
- **Marsha Bruhn** who is responsible for NRPCA being a recipient of an award from the Knight Foundation for \$76,000 (challenge grant) for two major art installations along the five-mile NeighborWay walkway--one is a sculpture by Charles McGee in our park, and the other is a mosaic by Hubert Massey at Cooke School.
- **Susan Steigerwalt and Dexter Slusarski** – for chairing our benefit night performance of the Park Players production of the U.S. Premiere of “It’s a Wonderful Life” On the Air!!
- **Chelsea Neblett**, NRPCA Membership Secretary – one of the most important roles in the Association.
- **Kim Dorsey, Sarah Hulett, Tamara Kamara** – and all who showed up with candy and treats for our well-attended Spooky Halloween!!!

SNOW REMOVAL UPDATE: As of this writing, we have not been successful in identifying a replacement snow removal contractor. Also, it has been suggested that perhaps blocks can join together and solicit individual or group block contracts. But, absent that, dear neighbors, let’s do what we can to help each other out. If you know of someone who is elderly or unable to shovel their walkway, pitch in and give a helping hand. This is not the end of the world, but an opportunity to be even more neighborly and show the world that NRPCA is a place where neighbors care!!!

Fiscal Update:

Plan and simple, we are limping into the new year. We need your support of our fundraisers and to pay annual membership dues. Our annual budget is close to \$130,000 per year. Rentals income is about \$60,000, membership dues with 350 members is about \$26,000, donations are about \$15,000 and fundraisers this year about \$6,000. That totals: \$107,000. We had about \$20,000 coming into the new year from the 75th Anniversary so \$130,000 - \$127,000 equals a \$3,000 shortage and nothing going into our reserve account which has been depleted. It is not a pretty picture. Please note these are ball park figures and a financial report will be available at the membership appreciation dinner and published in the January Tattler.

Speaking of the Tattler, due to the expense of publishing the Tattler, and

absent more robust advertising income to support publication, we are anticipating that publication will change from monthly to quarterly in 2017. However, you can still get timely community information by signing up to receive the Tattler eBlast. You can sign up by emailing Chelsea@nrpca.org The eBlast is sent twice a month directly to your inbox!!!

And, don’t forget our website, www.nrpca.org and Facebook page for additional updates and information!!!

Membership:

PLEASE!!!! Pay your membership dues NOW, as in today. Membership dues of \$75 per year can be paid in full, or \$19 quarterly or \$7.00 per month. Let’s aim to double our membership rate this year. We will be actively soliciting from now until we reach the goal of 600 memberships. So expect phone calls, knocks on the door, written pleas, etc. By the time you read this, you should have received your membership letter in the mail. If you haven’t already done so, take it out of the pile and send it in!!! (smile) Thank you!!!!!! Remember: we are a 501 c 3 so your membership dues are tax deductible.

We have so much to be thankful for: beautiful homes, wonderful neighbors, our own Community House with play fields and play scape and a community association, **NRPCA** that looks out for your interests and the long-term sustainability of the neighborhood. Association members, committee members, block club captains and board members help with code violations, vacant homes, turning vacant parcels into gardens and parks, producing and distributing this newsletter, chairing events like last month’s Spooky Halloween, and this month’s Holiday Pancake Breakfast, and Holiday Bazaar. Your dues support programs at the Community House such as Zumba, walk club, book club, Pilates, hustle classes, decorating classes, ballroom dancing classes, girl scouts, (next year hopefully, boy scouts), etc. plus maintenance and improvements to our prized Community House.

Upcoming Events:

- December 3rd – Holiday Pancake Breakfast at the Community House
- December 3rd – **Holiday Bazaar** at the Community House – See page 7 of the Tattler for more details!!!!
- December 8th – Membership Meeting and Appreciation Dinner at the Community House
- January 13th – Membership Meeting and Election Night at the Community House

THANK YOU NEIGHBORS!!! BLESSINGS!! And WELL WISHES!! JOIN US AND FEEL THE PRIDE!!!

Happiest of holiday seasons to you and yours!!!

From my family to yours –

Erma Leapheart-Gouch, 2016 President

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Behind the Footlights

Sister Act comes to North Rosedale Park

By Roger Loeb

Deloris Van Cartier (a.k.a., Lady Fabulous) discovers that her boyfriend, nightclub owner Curtis Shank, is not going to introduce her to the promised record producer. On her way to break up with him and head out of Philadelphia, she witness him and his gang murdering a "squealer". Deloris makes it to the police station where the desk chief (her old classmate, "Sweaty Eddie"), decides she needs to be in the witness protection program. Thus, she is hidden away in the convent "The Holy Order of the Little Sisters of Our Mother of Perpetual Faith". Life will never be the same for the nuns of this convent.

The hit musical, based on the 1992 film, arrived at the Broadway Theatre in 2011. It was nominated for Tony awards for best musical, best book, best score, and best leading actress. Mark Kennedy of Associated Press wrote: "This is a musical that hits all the right spots, achieving something close to Broadway grace. It helps that the musical has great original tunes...from Motown, to soul and funk, to disco."

Park Players will present the first metro Detroit, community theatre production of **Sister Act** in April, 2017. Auditions will be held at the North Rosedale Community House on Wednesday evening, 7:00PM, January 18, 2017, and Sunday afternoon, 1:00PM, January 22, 2017.

All are encouraged to come. The cast includes:

- Deloris (25-35) loudmouthed and sassy, but caring
- Mother Superior (50-70) sarcastic and in opposition to Deloris
- Sister Mary Robert (16-25) a shy postulant
- Sister Mary Patrick (35-50) perky and excitable
- Sister Mary Lazarus (50-70) head of the choir, deadpan
- Monsignor O'Hara (45-60) concerned over finances
- Curtis (30-40) club owner, cocky and controlling
- Eddie (25-35) policeman who yearns for Deloris
- Tj (16-30) Curtis's nephew, ignorant bliss
- Joey (30-40) one of Curtis's thugs, sees himself as a ladies' man
- Pablo (25-40) one of Curtis's thugs, speaks in Spanish
- Sister Mary Martin-of-tours (40-60) lives in her own world
- Sister Mary Theresa (60-70) senior nun, packs a secret punch
- Michelle (20-30) one of Deloris's back-up singers, lippy
- Tina (20-30) one of Deloris's back-up singers, dense
- Ernie (25-35) undercover policeman

plus additional nuns, bar patrons, and various low life

Performances will be held at the Community House on April 7, 8, and 9, dark for Easter weekend, then additional performances on April 21, 22, and 23. The following weekend, April 28, 29, and 30, we take the show "on the road" to the Redford Theatre on Lahser, just north of Grand River. It has become necessary for Park Players to seek out alternate venues due to the dramatically increased rental charges at the Community House. We are excited to have the opportunity of performing in a grand old theatre with extensive seating, and to be able to offer our audiences a choice of locations. Additional information will be provided on our website <https://parkplayers.org/> and in future articles.



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North Rosedale Park Civic Association Board Elections 2017

– Absentee Ballot Procedures –

North Rosedale Park Civic Association members in good standing are eligible to vote in the 2017 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 13, 2017. 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.

Important Announcement: NORTH ROSEDALE PARK RESIDENTS

***You should have received your
2017 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.**

North Rosedale Park Teen Council College Admissions Workshop

Thursday, December 8, 2016
6:30 pm - 8:30 pm

Get answers to questions about:

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Community House Improvements Continue \$76,000 Grant for “Great Art! Great Park! Project”

The second phase of The Legacy Project of North Rosedale Park is underway as building improvements continue at the Community House and organizers look to raise matching funds for two major art installations.

Contractors completed installation of a new roof on the Community House and added solar panels on the south side of the peaked roof to generate energy and reduce operating costs. Individuals also will notice new entry doors at the old entrance off Scarsdale and a new exterior door near the kitchen. The Capital Campaign funded the doors as part of its commitment to long-term maintenance of the building.

Future plans call for widening of the circular drive, a new parking lot and creation of an outdoor plaza adjacent to the new lobby. Discussions are underway at the campaign’s Architectural Review Committee on the design of the driveway and parking lot, taking into account ways in which

to manage water run-off and reduce pending new charges by the Water and Sewerage Department.

The Legacy Project also received some good news in November as the John S. and James L. Knight Foundation awarded a \$76,000 grant to fund two major art installations. The “Great Art! Great Park!” project will feature artwork by renowned Detroit artists Charles McGee and Hubert Massey. Organizers are already working on strategies to raise the required matching funds for the project.

The proposed art installation by 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, is a 25-foot metal sculpture on the park grounds.

The second proposed installation is a mosaic by Hubert Massey 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 currently completing a work at Cobo Center.

The work at the Community House and 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. Please consider making a year-end donation to the project. All contributions are tax deductible to the fullest extent of the law. To make a contribution to The Legacy Project, go online to www.nrpga.org/the-legacy-project/ or mail your check payable to NRPGA, 18445 Scarsdale, Detroit, MI 48223.

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North Rosedale Park Celebrates a "Spooky Saturday"

More than 1,500 people showed up at the community house on Oct. 29 for NRPCA's "Spooky Saturday" event. Many neighbors decorated their trunks in the parking lot for a "trunk or treat" for hundreds of kids in costume. Then the party moved inside, with two movie screenings – one for little kids, and a scary flick for teens. We heard from many families that they were grateful to have a safe, fun event in the city for their kids. That would not have been possible if not for the many

volunteers from the entire Grandmont-Rosedale community who hosted trunks, kept the long line orderly and entertained, donated candy, cleaned up, did last-minute candy runs, or just brought their adorable kids for us to see! And a special shout-out to the Teen Council for being such a great partner, running the concession and helping with end-of-the-night clean-up. Thank you, neighbors. As one of you put it so well, community is a powerful, wonderful thing.



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TUESDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2016

We need your involvement now more than ever.



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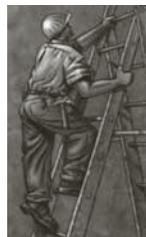
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