

# The Rosedale *Tattler*



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## ANNUAL MEETING NRPCA ELECTIONS & POTLUCK

FRIDAY, JANUARY 11, 2013

**6:00 PM**

Polls Open

(See candidate biographies,  
pp 6-7)

**6:30 PM**

Dinner\*

**7:00 PM**

Board of Director Reports  
& Volunteer Recognition

**7:30 PM**

GRDC/LISC Quality of Life Plan

– Tom Goddeeris, GRDC

Capital Campaign Status Report

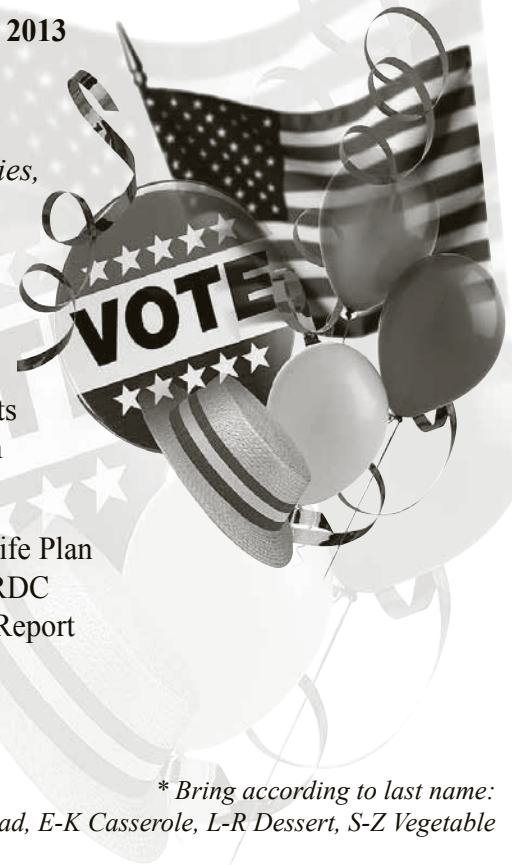
– Jim Johnson

**8:00 PM**

Polls Close

\* Bring according to last name:

A-D Salad, E-K Casserole, L-R Dessert, S-Z Vegetable



## THE VALUE OF MEMBERSHIP

**Be an active part of the civic life of your community.  
PAY YOUR NRPCA MEMBERSHIP DUES TODAY.**

See related article on page 5 on the many benefits  
of supporting the Civic Association

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# Letter from the President

The New Year has arrived. January is a month of transition for NRPCA as new faces take positions of leadership on the Board of Directors. Our thanks go to Marsha Bruhn for providing a slate of very capable candidates. There are also some recent happy memories to acknowledge. The Membership Appreciation Dinner was a great evening thanks to the efforts of Susan Steigerwalt, Liz Gruno, LaVonne Thomas, Judy Barkey, Betty Redditt and Maria Bryant. If you've been in the Community House lately, you likely noticed the new Capital Campaign Information Board in the front lobby. It was designed, built and installed by Joe Vargo. We'll appreciate his handiwork as we track the progress of the campaign throughout the year.

2012 saw many NRPCA accomplishments. The following represent a few highlights from a long list:

- The IRS determination that NRPCA is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization
- Numerous Community House repairs (heating, plumbing) and grounds beautification projects
- Crowds of residents enjoying NRPCA events – Easter Egg Hunt, June Day, Steak Roast, etc.
- Working with the GRDC community on sustainable neighborhood issues
- The work of the Code Enforcement, Neighborhood Safety and Vacant House Committees to improve the Quality of Life in the neighborhood
- The park full of soccer, baseball and softball players
- The approval of the NW Farmers' Market moving to North Rosedale Park
- The re-introduction of Wellness Programs to the Community House: Hustle and Zumba

There are still "works in progress" that should continue to bear fruit in the future. NRPCA's financial processes are being adapted to the strict requirements of 501(c)(3) organizations. New features have been added to the website. An e-Blast information medium is in the offing for 2013. The Richner & Richner group will work with NRPCA during 1Q2013 to develop a Strategic Fundraising Plan for the Capital Campaign. A grant proposal has been submitted to fund Capital Campaign operations to implement the Strategic Plan as well as for adding staff capacity to initiate and manage programs to insure our financial sustainability. Funding to renovate the patio has also been sought. Our fingers are crossed.

I've had the opportunity to serve as the President of NRPCA for two terms, in 1994 and 2012. In certain respects they were different. In '94 email was not an everyday tool, and smart phones were not available. The big difference is the economy. It was much better in the mid-1990s. The Great Recession added many challenges to neighborhoods since that time. And then there's "Global Warming". I sometimes wonder if we'll ever have another winter with ice rinks on the grounds. Yet, in another respect 1994 and 2012 are very similar. They both had many people dedicated to making our neighborhood a great place to live. Harry St. John was a founding resident of North Rosedale Park. He held many offices, including NRPCA President, and was the initial editor of the *Tattler*. One of his many articles contained the statement: *"It is easy to forget, but important to remember; that the qualities which make Rosedale Park an unusually agreeable place in which to live are not likely to be enduring unless we make them so."* I have been very fortunate to have served on the Board of Directors with fellow neighbors whose actions reinforce this statement from Harry St. John. My hope is that this quality of leadership is sustained far into the future.

In parting, I would like to thank several individuals who work very hard on behalf of NRPCA and don't receive enough recognition. Because of Tom Ridgway, Maria Bryant and Judy Barkey, you are reading this edition of the *Tattler*. In addition, Wendy Jackson has single-handedly maintained our website for many years. Their huge contributions are greatly appreciated.

I especially want to acknowledge the 2012 NRPCA Board of Directors: Cheryl Buswell, Marsha Bruhn, Gloria Adebayo, Judy Barkey, Mary Davis, Gloria Goodwine, Jeffrey Knight, Betty Redditt, Audrey Smith, Susan Steigerwalt, John Gumbel, Marcia Closson, Karen Johnson-Moore, Mary Ratkowski and Nicole Daniels. There were several hard decisions to be made during the year, as is bound to happen. Through it all, each person was motivated by their view of what was best for NRPCA. You can't ask for anything more, and it was a pleasure working with them.

Karen Johnson-Moore has recently left her position as Chair of the Membership Committee after several years of service to the community. Thank you Karen; your organizational skills were a great asset to the neighborhood, and you'll be missed.

Finally, my gratitude goes to my wife Betty for her great support throughout the year, both behind the scenes and at neighborhood events. I promise I won't do it again.



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## Behind the Footlights

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By Roger Loeb

Producers Steven Spencer, Mary Davis, and Montellis Whitt are excited to bring you the Park Players' production of *DREAMGIRLS*. The show will run for three weekends opening on Friday, March 15. After the first two weekends, the production will take a one-week hiatus for Easter weekend, closing the first weekend in April. Tickets are available from Marcia Closson at 313-835-1103. This popular musical is likely to sell out quickly, so we recommend placing your reservation early.

The Broadway musical version of

*Dreamgirls* is based on popular rhythm and blues performers such as The Shirelles, James Brown, Jackie Wilson, and, most specifically, The Supremes. We follow the ups and downs of a trio of young, female singers known as The Dreams (note the rhyme). They are originally known as the Dreamettes, much as The Supremes were originally called The Primettes. The threesome, as we all know, go on to become pop superstars.

The Broadway production opened on December 20, 1981 and closed on

August 11, 1985. It was nominated for 13 Tony Awards winning six of them. The song "And I Am Telling You I'm Not Going" was a #1 Billboard R & B hit in 1982. The original Broadway cast recording won the Grammy for Best Musical.

Dreamgirls has special meaning to Detroiters. Park Players has wanted to do this show for many years, but the production has numerous challenges. The time has finally come. Check back here next month for all of the details of show dates and special show events.



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

Our next meeting is:

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 8, 2013**

We need your involvement now more than ever.

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6 Week Session

Start ~ Jan 2

Finish ~ Feb 11

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To Register Contact:  
Theresa Taylor, Instructor  
313.204.9400  
TTaylorFitness@yahoo.com

\*Zumba Gold is the fitness party for the active older adult and beginner participant.

\*\* If registered by Mon Jan 7th

Prorate after Mon Jan 7th

Class dates are subject to change.

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  
Grandmont Rosedale neighborhoods to help with  
computer research, community outreach and property  
maintenance efforts. Contact Becki Kenderes  
from the Grandmont Rosedale Development  
Corporation at 313.387.4732 ext. 117 or [bkenderes@grandmontrosedale.com](mailto:bkenderes@grandmontrosedale.com)  
to learn more information.

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# THE VALUE OF MEMBERSHIP

## INFORMATION:

**The Rosedale Tattler**, our own monthly newsletter, is delivered to every home in the Park without charge. The cost is covered by advertising and association dues.

**The Website – northrosedalepark.com** -- provides current information about the neighborhood and upcoming activities and includes videos on the Park.

**The Block Club Program** has organized neighbors so they will have the latest information concerning what is happening in the Park. Block Captains meet monthly to share their ideas and concerns. Residents are encouraged to meet their neighbors and watch out for the welfare of those who live near them.

## EDUCATION:

**The Code Enforcement Committee** keeps residents informed of the required city zoning and building code regulations and helps to enforce them, thereby helping to maintain the quality of life in the Park that attracted people here in the first place.

**The Vacant House Task Force** has helped to secure vacant homes to prevent vandalism, and maintained the properties through grass cutting and debris removal.

**Monthly Neighborhood Safety meetings** are held with 8th Precinct police officers where residents are given tips on improving the safety of their homes, identifying suspects, and other public safety measures to improve neighborhood security.

## SOCIALIZATION:

Social events are held regularly in the neighborhood, such as the **Easter Egg Hunt, June Day, Steak Roast, Holiday Pancake Breakfast, Park Players Theatre Parties, Home and Garden Tour, and Hustle classes**. All residents are encouraged to meet and enjoy their neighbors. North Rosedale Park is the only community in Detroit to host its own community theatre group, The Park Players.

## BEAUTIFICATION:

The NRPCA is the only community association in the city of Detroit which owns its **own Community**

**House and grounds including a modern playground**. The cost of staffing and upkeep of the Community House and grounds is covered by membership dues and rentals. Residents volunteer to maintain flower beds and Park entranceways.

## CIVIC POWER:

The higher the number of members of the Association, the more powerful our voice will be when we request city, county, and state services. In numbers there is strength.

**In real terms, the cost of membership in the North Rosedale Park Civic Association for Park Residents is \$60.00 per year, or \$5 per month, or just \$.16 per day.** Being a member of the NRPCA entitles you to all of the things listed above and makes you an owner and contributing member of the community. Only residents of North Rosedale Park who have paid their dues by the **annual meeting (January 11, 2013)** and Life Members of the NRPCA can vote in the election for Board Members.

**Be an active part of the civic life of your community.  
PAY YOUR NRPCA MEMBERSHIP DUES TODAY!**

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## North Rosedale Park Civic Association *Board Elections 2013 and Absentee Ballot Procedures*

North Rosedale Park Civic Association members in good standing are eligible to vote in the 2013 Board elections to be held on Friday, January 11, 2013. Members will be voting on candidates for the positions of president, vice president and three (3) directors. The poll will be open from 6:00 to 8:00 PM at the Community House.

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 in advance of the election.

To ensure privacy, the ballot is to be placed in a sealed envelope, with no writing thereon, which is then placed in another sealed envelope bearing the name and address of

the voting member. The absentee ballot will be delivered to the tellers on election night after the name is checked by the Membership Secretary to ensure that it is the name of a qualified voter.

The ballot must be delivered to the Community House at 18445 Scarsdale before the election closes at 8:00 PM on Friday, January 11, 2013.

Ballots are sent by request only and should not be duplicated. Contact Marsha Bruhn, Chair, Nominating Committee, at 313-255-1884 or by email at [marshabruhn@yahoo.com](mailto:marshabruhn@yahoo.com) to obtain an absentee ballot or for more information.



## 2013 NRPCA President Nominee

**Name:** Cheryl Buswell

Resident of Edinborough

**Number of Years in Park:** 7

**Number of Years NRPCA Member:** 7

**Occupation:** Retired Nurse

**Education:** Master's in Anthropology, WSU

**Previous/current experience on NRPCA Board/Committees:** Current NRPCA Board Vice President; Capital Campaign Leadership Committee; Haunted House; June Day; Community House Clean-up; Beautification Task Force.

**Previous/current experience on other boards/committees:** UAW Civil Rights & Women's Committees; UAW Arts Committee—Local 735; Workers' Concept Theatre—Local 735.

**Reason for serving on the NRPCA Board of Directors:** To continue the work of capacity building of the NRPCA as well as building the working relationships among the five communities.



## 2013 NRPCA Vice President Nominee

**Name:** Sherry Gay-Dagnogo

Resident of Glastonbury

**Number of Years in Park:** 3

**Number of Years NRPCA Member:** 3

**Occupation:** Educator

**Education:** Master's in Education

**Previous/current experience on NRPCA Board/Committees:** Capital Campaign Marketing Committee; Legacy Project Fundraiser Committee; Home & Garden Tour 2011,

**Previous/current experience on other boards/committees:** Education Chair, National Congress of Black Women; Advisory Board Member, Detroit College Promise. Over 20 years public sector experience—9 years with Detroit City Council, 6 years as Science Teacher for Detroit Public Schools, and currently as Education Consultant for projects funded by City of Detroit, Kellogg, Ford and Skillman Foundations, UCLA and United Way of Southeastern Michigan. Founded non-profit Coalition to Integrate Technology and Education to integrate technology in the classroom and provide Science-Tech Camps to bridge the learning gap.

**Reason for serving on the NRPCA Board of Directors:** To utilize my community engagement expertise and knowledge of civic leadership to support further growth and development of NRPCA's economic and community development.



## 2013 NRPCA Vice President Nominee

**Name:** Gloria J. Goodwine

Resident of Ashton

**Number of Years in Park:** 17

**Number of Years NRPCA Member:** 3

**Occupation:** Risk Analyst

**Education:** BTC of WOFICC Southfield, LTU, WSU, Internat'l Center of Design, Cooper Business School

**Previous/current experience on NRPCA Board/Committees:** Capital Campaign Marketing Committee; Communication Task Force; Home & Garden Tour; Co-Chair, Spring Benefit 2012; Membership Outreach Committee; NRPCA Board of Directors.

**Previous/current experience on Other Boards/Committees:** Ashton Street Block Club, Member & Chaplain; Fundraising Committee, Ashton Street Block Club; Kiwanis Club #1; Hannon House; Board of Directors of Greek Chic, Thirty Forty Fifty Foundation, and Harbor LIFE Center.

**Reason for serving on the NRPCA Board of Directors:** I believe North Rosedale Park is a grass-root community to the City of Detroit and our Nation. I also understand Civic Partnership is more than a responsibility; it is our reasonable service. As a NRPCA board member, my goal will always be to do my "due diligence" in successfully accomplishing plans, purposes and pursuits.



## 2013 NRPCA Director Nominee

**Name:** Richard M. Castillo

Resident of Ashton

**Number of Years in Park:** 35

**Number of Years NRPCA Member:** 20

**Occupation:** Graphic Designer (Web/Print)

**Education:** Wayne State University

**Previous/current experience on NRPCA Board/Committees:** Home & Garden Tour 2012 Committee; Ashton Street Community Block Club, Block Captain & Executive Board Member 8 years; NRP Radio Patrol. Designing marketing brochure for Community House rentals.

**Previous/current experience on other boards/committees:** Oakland Choral Society 501(c)(3) Webmaster 7 years; Ford Seahorses SCUBA Diving Club, Executive Board 8 years; Warren Flying Club, Executive Board 10 years & President 2 years of this private not-for-profit corporation.

**Reason for serving on NRPCA Board of Directors:** I enjoy working with a diverse group of people towards a common goal and offer a moderate and focused approach to community activism. Being newly retired from full time employment, I have the time and resources to devote to our community. I believe that our community will regain its status as one of the most desirable places to live within southeast Michigan, but for this to happen it will take more than optimism. We must work together to define and reach short and medium range goals for our long term goals to be reached.



## 2013 NRPCA Director Nominee

**Name:** Hubert Sawyers III

Resident of Warwick

**Number of Years in Park:** 20

**Number of Years NRPCA Member:** 1 year

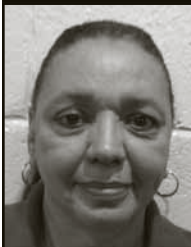
**Occupation:** Digital Marketing Strategist

**Education:** B.A in International Relations, MSU

**Previous/current experience on NRPCA Board/Committees:** Capital Campaign Marketing Committee.

**Previous/current experience on other boards/committees:** Producer of TEDx Detroit; Board Member, Brand Camp Detroit 2010/11; Sponsorship Coordinator for Future Midwest.

**Reason for serving on NRPCA Board of Directors:** North Rosedale Park is a place which means a lot to me. NRP is a big part of who I am today and I want to ensure it continues to have a similar impact on others for years to come. Our neighborhood is one of the crown jewels of our city. It will be a part of my quest on the Board to make sure all who will listen know this.



## 2013 NRPCA Director Nominee

**Name:** LaVonne Thomas

Resident of Sunderland

**Number of Years in Park:** 29

**Number of Years NRPCA Member:** 28

**Occupation:** Retired

**Education:** B.S. Biology

**Previous/current experience on NRPCA Board/Committees:** NRPCA Building Manager, 19 ½ years; Neighborhood Safety Committee; Haunted House.

**Previous/current experience on other boards/committees:** Fellowship Committee, Detroit Unity Temple; Forgiveness Ministry, Detroit Unity Temple; Fellowship Committee—Unity on Campus, University of Michigan.

**Reason for serving on NRPCA Board of Directors:** To help with the preservation of our “Gem”, the Community House and Grounds, and work with others committed to improving our neighborhood and membership.



## 2013 NRPCA Director Nominee

**Name:** Robert G. Weed (Bob)

Resident of Sunderland

**Number of Years in Park:** 8

**Number of Years NRPCA Member:** 8

**Occupation:** Attorney

**Education:** U of D School of Law

**Previous/current experience on NRPCA Board/Committees:** Provided assistance to NRPCA President in reviewing tax issues and election contribution issues; currently assisting Code Enforcement Committee in resolving legal/zoning issues.

**Previous/current experience on other boards/committees:** Secretary, Michigan Business Brokers Association—Metro, past Vice President and President; Connectors of Commerce Business Network International, Secretary-Treasurer; assisted St. Scholastica pastor and parish council in reviewing the school’s alternatives, and negotiated agreements regarding transition of Benedictine High School to a charter school; obtained 501(c)(3) designation and served as Legal Counsel and Board Member of the Livius Paoli Foundation.

**Reason for serving on NRPCA Board of Directors:** I’ve always been impressed by the attitude and commitment of the NRP residents that I’ve met since marrying my wife who has lived here for over 30 years. I live by the motto, “...Givers gain...” and, as the oldest of 10 children, realize the importance of contributing to the common good of all the people with whom I am in contact. I respect and admire board members and other residents who work to keep North Rosedale Park that special place in a big city. I believe that my past personal and professional experiences can assist the Board of Directors in making decisions required to continue their fine work.





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In 2013, GRDC will be receiving a grant from the City of Detroit Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP). This grant will enable us to buy and renovate nine more vacant area homes. Eight of the nine homes are being purchased through a cooperative arrangement with the Detroit Land Bank Authority. These long-vacant homes were foreclosed for non-payment of taxes, and will be renovated and ready to purchase this spring and summer. For more information, contact GRDC at 313-387-4732, ext. 100, or [belong@grandmontrosedale.com](mailto:belong@grandmontrosedale.com).

### OPPORTUNITY FOR LOW-INCOME CONSTRUCTION WORKERS AND BUSINESSES

– If you are a low-income resident of the Grandmont Rosedale area and have skills and experience in home renovation and construction, GRDC would like to help connect you with contractors working on federally-

funded home repair and renovation projects in our area.

GRDC utilizes federal funds provided by the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to renovate vacant houses and to provide home repair grants and loans to low-income homeowners in the Grandmont Rosedale area. Under Section 3 of the HUD Act of 1968, wherever HUD financial assistance is given for housing or community development, to the greatest extent feasible, economic opportunities must be given to low- and very low-income residents and businesses located in that area.

To qualify under Section 3, construction businesses must be owned by low- or very low-income residents, employ low- or very low-income residents in full-time positions, or subcontract with businesses that provide economic opportunities to low- and very low-income persons. GRDC will work together with local residents and contractors participating in our federally funded programs to share information about employment and/or training opportunities for residents who qualify under Section 3.

Contact GRDC Administrative Assistant Wilsie Calhoun at 313-387-4732, ext. 100, or email [info@grandmontrosedale.com](mailto:info@grandmontrosedale.com) for more information.

### NEIGHBORHOOD SAFETY

**MEETING** – After a brief holiday break, the monthly Neighborhood Safety meeting resumes on Thursday, Jan. 24 at 6 PM at the North Rosedale Park Community House, 18445 Scarsdale, when GRDC Community Security Program Manager Karen Johnson Moore will give a presentation on the Neighborhood Benefits District (NBD) campaign, a type of Special Assessment District (SAD). Detroit City Councilman James Tate and Karla Henderson, Group Executive for Planning & Facilities from Mayor Bing's office, will also be participating in the discussion about creating a SAD ordinance, that will benefit many neighborhoods in Detroit. SAD Task Force members will also be available to answer questions.

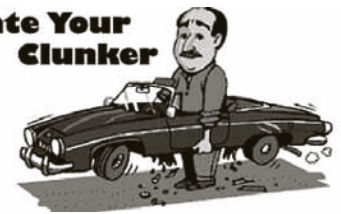
Neighborhood Safety meetings are open to the public. Please join your neighbors, local law enforcement officials, and guest speakers as we learn and share crime prevention strategies. Every meeting provides important information to help keep us and our neighborhoods safer! For more information, contact Karen Johnson Moore at [kmoore@grandmontrosedale.com](mailto:kmoore@grandmontrosedale.com) or 313-387-4732, ext. 110.

### NEW CRIME PREVENTION COORDINATOR

– GRDC's new AmeriCorps VISTA intern Scott Knoll has begun work as the Crime Prevention Coordinator for GRDC's Community Safety Program. Originally from Grand Rapids, Knoll recently moved to Detroit following graduation from Grand Valley State University with a major in philosophy and political science. Knoll's previous experience working with other non-profits will come in handy as he works closely with the Crime Prevention Task Force, the group that plans the monthly Neighborhood Safety meetings and other crime prevention activities. Knoll can be reached at 313-387-4732, ext. 109, or [sknoll@grandmontrosedale.com](mailto:sknoll@grandmontrosedale.com). Welcome, Scott!

**DONATE YOUR CLUNKER!** – Got an old car you need to get rid of? Skip all the hassle of trying to sell it yourself and instead donate it to GRDC. You'll get a tax deduction and GRDC will get the proceeds from the sale of your clunker. Make your donation to Charity Motors (313-255-1000), and designate GRDC to receive proceeds from the sale. Charity Motors will even pick up your car for free. To date, 54 families have donated their cars to GRDC, for a total of \$19,484.

### Donate Your Clunker



Want more information? Contact Cathy Marshall at [cmarshall@grandmontrosedale.com](mailto:cmarshall@grandmontrosedale.com) or 313-387-4732, ext. 103.

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# New Member Appreciation Dinner

By Liz Grunow

The holiday and neighborhood spirit was in the air December 13th at the Community House. A joyful group of neighborhood members, new and old, gathered for good food, holiday music, and great community building. The ballroom was beautifully decorated for the season by LaVonne Thomas, and many people went home with door prizes wrapped and provided by Judy Barkey. The membership table was set up right at the front door where each and every guest was greeted by the smiling faces of Sharon LeMieux and Cathy Marshall. You got a wonderful sense for the future of the association as you watched many of the evening's jobs being handled by some of our eighteen and under volunteers: Tommy Garrett, Maddy Grunow, Terrin Ludolph, and the Vaughn girls.

The dinner was followed by the December membership meeting where the slate of nominees were announced for next year's council, and nominations were taken from the floor (please see the nominees' bios elsewhere in this edition). As with every year, this was a wonderful event and a great chance to catch up with old neighbors and get to know new ones.



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## HOME REPAIR PROGRAM

– The City of Detroit, through its Planning & Development Department, provides home repair services under the CDBG Home Repair Program. Utilizing grant funds provided by the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), this program assists homeowners with their home repair needs, including eliminating lead-based paint hazards and addressing structural defects affecting the health and safety of its residents. Additionally, the CDBG Home Repair Program supports the city's efforts to preserve existing housing inventory and stabilize neighborhoods.

City of Detroit residents interested in receiving home repair services are invited to complete the "Home Repair Program Entry Form," which will place your name and information on a waiting list. Names are drawn from this list to receive a CDBG Home Repair Application as targeted areas are identified and home repair funds are available.

The Home Repair Entry Form is available online from the City of Detroit web site. Go to the Planning & Development page and click on the Home Repair Program Information link. Fill out the entry form and email to [HRP@detroitmi.gov](mailto:HRP@detroitmi.gov). To download and complete the form, you will need the latest copy of Adobe Acrobat Reader. For questions, please contact the City of Detroit's Housing Services Division at (313) 224-3461.

Eligible clients must meet the following minimum program requirements:

- Detroit must be your primary residence.
- Your home must be an owner-occupied single family or a duplex housing unit.
- You must not be delinquent on your property taxes.
- You must have current homeowner's insurance.
- The applicant must have owned the home for at least six months and the deed must be in the name of the applicant.

- Other requirements may apply.
- You must meet the income guidelines at 80% area median income (AMI) or below.

1 person	\$36,600
2 people	\$41,800
3 people	\$47,050
4 people	\$52,250
5 people	\$56,450
6 people	\$60,650
7 people	\$64,800
8 people	\$69,000

For additional information regarding the Home Repair Program, please contact:

Housing Services Division  
65 Cadillac Square, Suite 1700  
Detroit, MI 48226  
(313) 224-3461  
Hours: 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM (Monday-Friday)

**JOIN THE CRIME ALERT!** Want to know what's going on around you? Join the GRDC Crime Alert system and you'll get email messages to update you.

The GRDC Community Security Program's staff monitors and sends out email crime alerts as reported by community residents about recent suspicious or criminal incidents or activities. Our goal is to provide timely information to residents and when possible and appropriate, to offer crime prevention strategies and reminders that may help keep us safer in the future.

To join the Grandmont Rosedale Crime Alert system, send an e-mail request to [grandmontrosedalecrimealert@googlegroups.com](mailto:grandmontrosedalecrimealert@googlegroups.com). And please share this invitation and e-mail address with other neighbors and friends who also live in the Grandmont Rosedale area.

NOTE: This alert system is designed to help increase our awareness for our own personal safety and/or to show possible trends and to help increase the arrest and prosecution rate of criminals. This alert system is not to be used for community announcements about programs or activities, but only for reporting suspicious or criminal activity or crime prevention tips. We

also ask that people not "reply" to any given incident via the system, but instead to direct comments to [info@grandmontrosedale.com](mailto:info@grandmontrosedale.com) or call and leave a message at 313-387-4732, ext. 100.

**VACANT HOUSE and SQUATTER ALERT** – Do you have any vacant houses on your block? Do you suspect squatters may be occupying a vacant house on your block? If so, please give GRDC's Vacant Property Hotline a call at 313-387-4732, ext. 117, and report the addresses and any other information posted or available. You can also send an email to [vacantproperty@grandmontrosedale.com](mailto:vacantproperty@grandmontrosedale.com).

NOTE: In Rosedale Park, contact Stacy Pugh (313-574-8889) to report suspected squatters and contact Debbie Kent (313-836-4737) to report vacant property. If the house or suspected squatters are in North Rosedale Park, contact Clarendia Webb (313-330-7844). If the house or suspected squatters are in Grandmont, contact Diane Patterson (313-836-3736).

It takes a LOT of people to keep track of and take care of all of the vacant houses in our neighborhood. Please do all that you can to maintain the yards of the vacant houses on your block – pick up trash and flyers, and do what you can to make the house look occupied. If you are already taking care of vacant houses in your community, THANK YOU and thanks for being a good neighbor!

## GET THE GRDC E-MAIL

**BLAST!** – GRDC sends out a regular weekly electronic newsletter, to let everybody know what's going on in our neighborhood. Don't miss out on the latest! If you want to know what's happening, send us your e-mail address. We'll add you to our electronic mailing list and send you information of interest to the neighborhood. Send an e-mail to [info@grandmontrosedale.com](mailto:info@grandmontrosedale.com) and ask to be added to the list.

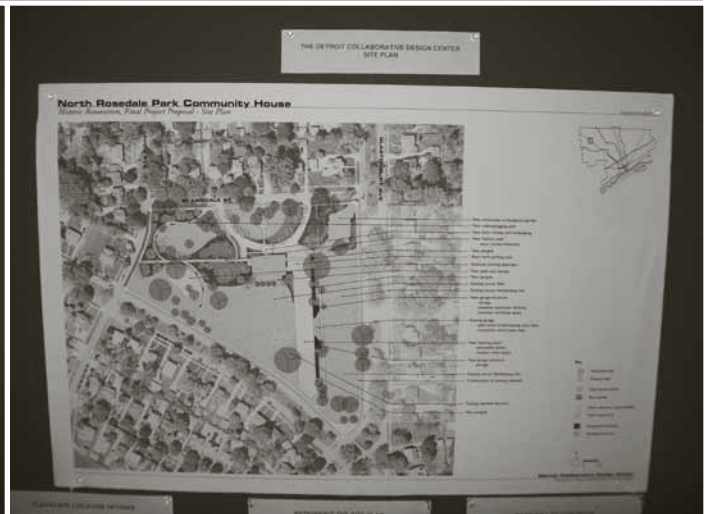
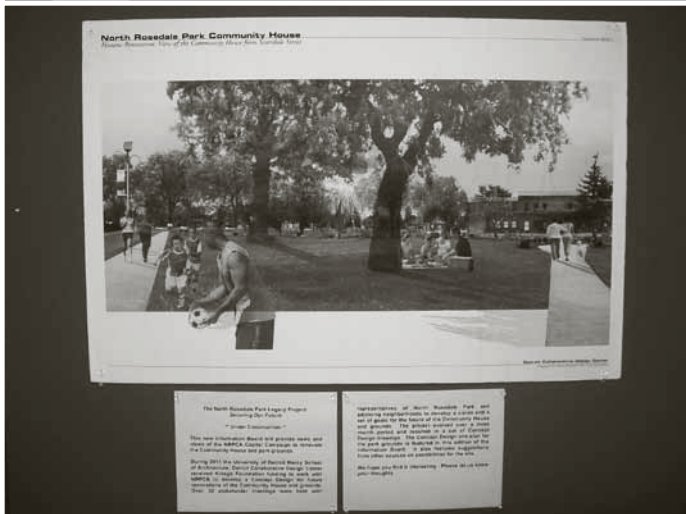
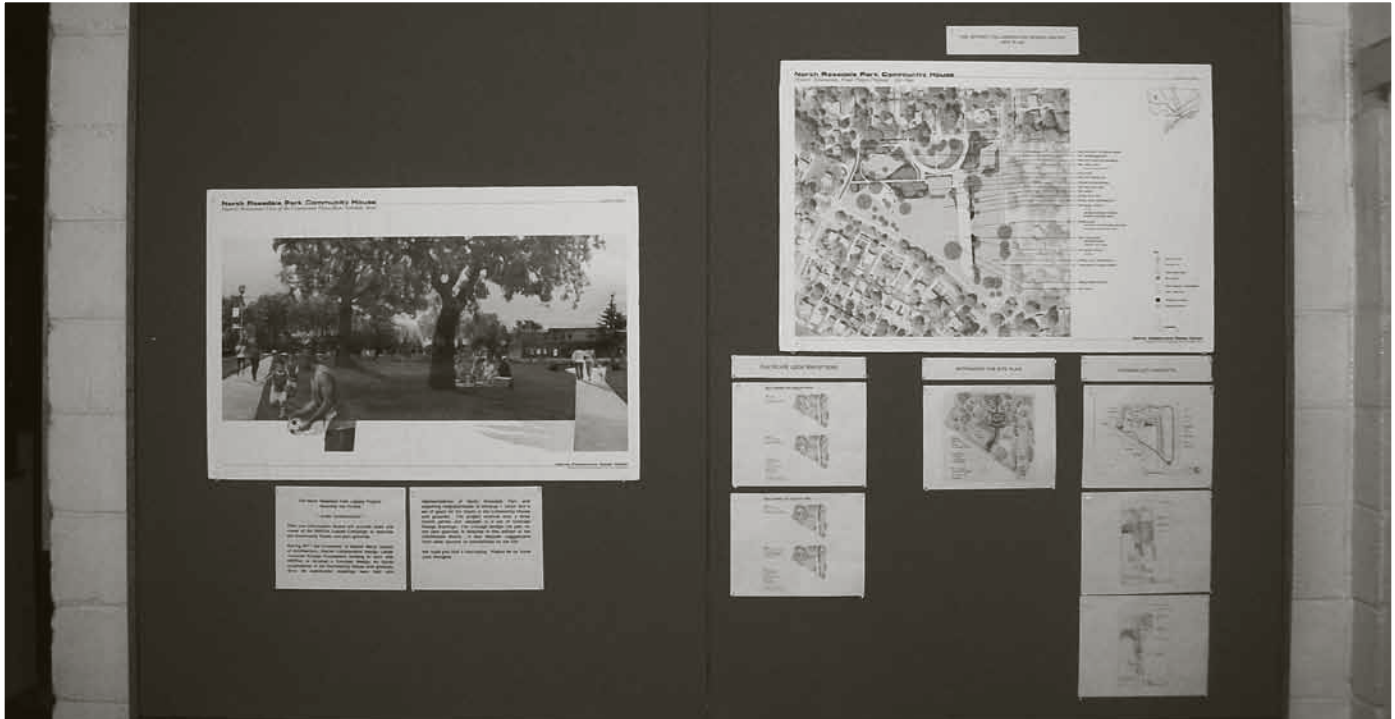


# New Display Board Installed at the Community House

While there was a little sadness when the Park Players display cabinet was removed, we're happy to report a

beautiful cork board was installed to display the architectural drawings of the Community House renovation. This

will be a wonderful place to follow the progress of the Capital Campaign and the reconstruction of our Community House.



**KEEP**  
**North Rosedale Park Beautiful**  
 when you see litter, please pick it up!



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## 2012 Holiday Pancake Breakfast

On Saturday, December 1st Rosedale Park and North Rosedale Park hosted a joint Holiday Pancake Breakfast at the Community House. It was a great turnout and I would estimate attendance around 150 residents. Besides the pancakes/sausage/scrambled eggs, it was a lot of fun. Connie Obelnicki, and Debbie Gore played the piano and led the group in carols. Mary Davis helped to lead the singing.

The highlight of the morning was, as we were all singing 'Santa Claus is Coming to Town', guess who arrived? Mr. Claus himself loaded down with gifts for all of the children! Later, I was talking with Santa and I think we both realized that sometimes as adults we just complicate life. Regardless of the amount of interneting, texting, or Twittering, we forget the simple magic that the man in the Red Suit brings to children.

The Holiday Pancake Breakfast would not be successful without the many volunteers from both Rosedale communities. Here's a list of all those who helped out:

Judy Barkey	Betty Johnson	Betty Redditt
Nancy Bitzarakis	Jim Johnson	Chris Remus
Santa Claus	Mindy Lapere	Ruth Remus
Jim Dwight	Earl McCullough	Dorothy Roman
Tom Garrett	Dorothy McKnight	Phil Schloop
Thom Gatson	Glynn McKnight	Lavonne Thomas
Deborah Gore	Mary McLeod	Clarenda Webb
Dee Jackson	Connie Obelnicki	Pam Weinstein

As the old saying goes, 'a picture is worth a thousand words' so how many 'words' were conveyed from these photos to describe the wonderful community festivities?





## 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 are the dates and times for signing up:

- Saturday, Feb. 23 from 9 AM – 12 PM
- Saturday, March 9 from 9 AM – 12 PM

You can also download an application form from the GRDC web site at [www.grandmontrosedale.com](http://www.grandmontrosedale.com) and mail it in, along with your check or money order. For more information, send an e-mail to [rglittleleague@aol.com](mailto:rglittleleague@aol.com).



## Rent the Community House for Your Next Function!

Call Nicole Daniels at (313) 837-3416 to reserve your upcoming event.

Benefits of renting the Community House... supports your community, house-sitter on duty, security on duty, short drive home!!!

## NRPCA Calendar • January 2013

2 Rental..... 6pm	11 NRPCA General Membership Mtg & Elections..... 6:30pm	22 Park Players ..... 7pm
2 Park Players ..... 7pm	12 Park Players Sets..... pam	23 Rental..... 6pm
3 Rental..... 9am	13 Park Players ..... 1pm	23 Park Players ..... 7pm
3 NRPCA Board Meeting ..... 6:30pm	14 Rental..... 9am	24 Rental..... 9am
3 Rental..... 7pm	14 Girl Scouts ..... 5:30pm	24 Neighborhood Safety Mtg ..... 6pm
5 Rental..... 7pm	15 Park Players ..... 7pm	25 Rental..... 6pm
6 Park Players ..... 1pm & 7pm	16 Rental..... 6pm	27 Park Players ..... 1pm
7 Rental..... 9am	16 Park Players ..... 7pm	28 Rental..... 9am
7 Girl Scout..... 5:30pm	17 Rental..... 9am	28 Girl Scouts ..... 5:30pm
7 Rental..... 7pm	20 Park Players ..... 1pm	28 Rental..... 7pm
8 Park Players ..... 7pm	21 Rental..... 9am	29 Park Players ..... 7pm
9 Rental..... 6pm	21 Girl Scouts ..... 5:30pm	30 Rental..... 6pm
9 Park Players ..... 7pm	21 Rental..... 7pm	30 Park Players ..... 7pm
10 Rental..... 9am		31 Rental..... 9am

## 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](mailto:mariab19@sbcglobal.net) for advertising rates and policies.

Please submit articles to [NRPCA\\_TattlerEditor@Yahoo.com](mailto: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.



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# The Case for Community Policing

By GRDC Crime Prevention Task Force

What comes to your mind when you think of community policing? Probably the usual suspects: Neighborhood Watch, radio patrols, and crime alerts. In other words, how local residents have come together for the betterment of the entire community. However, community policing is much more than simply volunteers on an island; it is a collaborative effort spearheaded by the Detroit Police Department (DPD).

Traditional policing involves tracking criminal trends, investigating suspicious activity, and arresting criminals. Law enforcement officials are seen as crime fighters, whose main purpose is to hold lawbreakers accountable, whereas, community policing goes beyond simply arresting offenders to address quality of life issues, social disorder, and the causes underlying crime. Members of the community are brought in as key stakeholders who help shape how the area is policed; attention is not just given to responding to criminal actions after they have occurred but at how to prevent them in the first place. You can see the process at work in the aforementioned Neighborhood Watch and radio patrols, but also in the dialogue at the Neighborhood Safety Meetings and people's willingness to

**SPEAK UP!** Call a neighbor, report crimes to the police department, or send an email to a crime alert that details suspicious activity going on around you. Active participation is encouraged and supported. Don't just sit back and remain silent. As we all know, silence can be seen as granting permission.

With the uncertainty surrounding the finances of the city of Detroit, community policing is more relevant now than ever. Citizens can act as a mechanism for the Police Department and enhance their overall effectiveness. For instance, the Neighborhood Watch signs you see throughout neighborhoods in the area act as a symbol that put criminals on notice. Yet, residents can go one step further by taking an active role in their neighborhood's community policing efforts so these signs don't become an empty gesture.<sup>1</sup>

Get active and involved in a number of ways:

- **Create a neighborhood or block directory with phone numbers and email addresses. Being able to easily contact neighbors can help prevent crimes from occurring. It can also help to notify neighbors when non-criminal activities are**

**occurring (e.g., home repairs/maintenance).**

- **Take 15 minutes of your day to take a drive throughout your neighborhood. Coordinate this action with neighbors to establish a baseline of surveillance.**
- **SPEAK UP! If you see a crime occurring report it. You can always maintain your anonymity by contacting crime stoppers: Phone—1-800-SPEAK UP; Text—Send CSM and your tip to CRIMES (274637); and Online—[www.1800speakup.org](http://www.1800speakup.org)**
- **GET TO KNOW YOUR NEIGHBORS! You will be less skeptical of their behavior and increase your ability to identify strangers or other suspicious individuals.**

<sup>1</sup> Information for this article provided in: Xu, Y., Fiedler, M.L., & Flaming, K.H. (2005). *Discovering the impact of community policing: The Broken Windows Thesis, Collective Efficacy, and Citizens' Judgment. Journal & Research in Crime in Delinquency*, 42 (147), 146-186.





## North Rosedale Park Civic Association Membership Application

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Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

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Areas of interest:

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**Thank you for your support!**

## NRPCA 2012 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. If you would like to work on any of the listed events or have comments or questions, contact the Board member for that activity

The Board meets on the 1st Thursday of every month except July and August.

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