

# The Rosedale *Tattler*



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## ANNUAL MEETING NRPCA ELECTIONS & POTLUCK

FRIDAY, JANUARY 13, 2017

6:00 PM  
Polls Open  
(See candidate  
biographies, pp 4-5)

6:30 PM  
Dinner\*

7:00 PM  
2016 Accomplishments.  
NRPCA board  
of Directors  
On the horizon;  
what's new for 2017

8:00 PM  
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# Letter from the President



## HAPPY NEW YEAR NORTH ROSEDALE PARK!!

Well, 2016 was quite a year. I have many wonderful memories of friends and neighbors working together to bring out the best in all of us in one of the most wonderful neighborhoods in the Motor City. I am grateful for the honor of representing and serving you!!! Even with all that was done, I am already excited about what 2017 has in store to continue building and growing.

During the annual Members Appreciation Dinner, we honored over 150 volunteers and that was just scratching the surface. We know there are many many more that were not named that gave their time, shared ideas, donated something, showed up and stepped up; we absolutely appreciate and thank all of you!!

## MORE THANK YOU'S:

- **Bob Bonner / Judy Barkey** for volunteering to help make the Annual Pancake Breakfast a big success!!
- **Susan Steigerwalt** for leading the effort for our Holiday Bazaar!! Kudos!!
- **Bob Weed** for bringing forth policies and procedures and **Dexter Slusarski** for setting up our google docs both to enhance the functioning of the board.
- **Nicole Daniels, the Book Club, Claretha Doggans, etc.** for the beautiful holiday decorations in the Community House!!
- **Beverly Frederick** for leading the effort for the truly enjoyable Members Appreciation Night and **Chelsea Neblett** for printing the certificates and to the awesome crew that set up and cleaned up.
- **Clarenda Webb** whose efforts led to the collection of \$1600 in dues and donations the night of the appreciation dinner. AWESOME!! And thank you to those who gave!!!
- **John Gumbel**, NRPCA Treasurer who works quietly behind the scenes to make sure bills get paid and funds are properly accounted for.
- **Kim Dorsey** and **Amanda Rosales** for hosting the College Admissions Event for high school teens.
- **Victor Grisham** who heeded our call for help and contacted a snow removal company requesting a proposal.
- **Gloria Goodwine** Program Department Director for all she does and for the PD Open House where there was dancing, refreshments and an opportunity to hear about plans for 2017.
- **Marsha Bruhn** who works tirelessly on behalf of the Association as chair of The Legacy Project Capital Campaign; kudos to her, **Don Scheible** and members of the Steering and Architectural Review Committees.

**SNOW REMOVAL UPDATE:** Last month, it was suggested that perhaps blocks can join together and solicit individual or group block snow removal contracts; if your block is interested, attend the next Block Club Captains meeting for more information.

**Cooke School:** Leslie Vaughn made a passionate plea for community members to support the students at our neighborhood school, Cooke Elementary, located right here in North Rosedale Park. Tutors and other volunteer assistance are desperately needed. Contact Karlyn Singleton, Instructional Specialist karlyn.singleton@detroit12.org

**Membership:** PLEASE!!!! Pay your membership dues today! Membership dues of \$75 per year can be paid in full, quarterly or monthly. We will be actively soliciting until we reach our 2017 goal of 600 memberships. So expect phone calls, knocks on the door, written pleas, etc. If you are able to pay before the end of the year that will be greatly appreciated. As we are a 501 c 3, your membership dues are tax deductible – THANK YOU!!

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. Now, take a look at the following:

## 2016 ACTIVITIES AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

- **COMMUNICATIONS:** Producing and distributing 12 months of The Tattler, on line newsletter: EBlast, webpage: www.nrpca.org

- **EVENTS:** Easter Egg Hunt, Motor City Makeover, Tiger's Baseball outing, planting of Butterfly Garden on Stahelin greenway with the help of Cooke students as recipient of a Detroit Future City "Working with Lots grant, Baseball Opening Day & Parade, New Member Breakfast, Grandmont Rosedale Young Professionals Kick-Off, U. of Michigan Partnership Day, NeighborWay Grand Opening, Family Movie Night, GRDC Farmer's Market host site, Neighborhood Open House, Landlord/Tenant Rights and Responsibilities Forum, our 1st Health Fair, Trunk R Treat, Holiday Pancake Breakfast, Holiday Light Contest, Members Appreciation Dinner.
- **FUNDRAISERS:** Sock Hop, Park Player Benefit Night of "Ain't Misbehavin'", June Day Parade and Festival with special guests: Mayor Duggan, Congressman Conyers, State Representative Sherry Gay Dagnogo, and Councilman James Tate, Annual Diamond Jack Boat Cruise, Chili Cook-off, Park Player's Fall Play "It's a Wonderful Life," Steak Roast, Holiday Bazaar.
- **PROGRAMMING & ENGAGEMENT:**  
**Adult:** Hustle, Zumba, HEP Walk Group, I heart Book Club, Making Household Décor, ballroom dancing lessons, Healthy Eating class, Pilates, Rippling Hope Home Repair program  
**Youth:** soccer, baseball, ice skating, play scape, chess tournament, creation of a Teen Council, Girl Scouts, and re-chartering of Boy Scout Troop 123.  
**Workgroups/committees:** the Block Club Captains, Vacant Property Task Force, Codes & Ordinance Enforcement, Neighborhood Safety meetings
- **COMMUNITY HOUSE:** New roof, solar panels, play scape improvements: new mulch & equipment repair, new floor tile on mezzanine (pending), donated outdoor bench, award recipients of \$76,000 Kresge ArtPlace Challenge Grant for Charles McGee sculpture on community grounds and Hubert Massey mosaic at Cooke School, awarded Michigan Council for Arts & Cultural Affairs \$33,991 grant towards cost of new parking lot.

## HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!!!!!!!!!!

From the entire incredible 2016 NORTH ROSEDALE PARK CIVIC ASSOCIATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS to whom I owe a great debt of gratitude:

Richard Castillo (in memoriam), Vice President		
Susan Steigerwalt, Past President	Dexter Slusarski	Bob Bonner
Beverly Frederick	Chelsea Neblett	Kim Dorsey
Tracey Matlock	Bob Weed	Roland Breech
Marcia Bonner, Corresponding Secretary	John Gumbel, Treasurer	
Gloria Goodwine, Program Director	Judy Barkey, Tattler Distribution Coordinator	
Tom Ridgway, Tattler Editor	Adriane Henry, Tattler Advertising Coordinator	

A special thank you to Mary Ramsey who has served now for the past several years and has chosen to "retire" from being Recording Secretary. Mary – thank you so much for your words of encouragement throughout the year!!

And, a SHOUT OUT to my right and left hand, Nicole Daniels, Community House Building Manager.

Erma Leaphart-Gouch, 2016 President

**SAVE THE DATE: January 13th – Membership Meeting and Election Night at the Community House.**



# Behind the Footlights

## Auditions for Sister Act

By Roger Loeb

The musical numbers include: Take Me to Heaven, Meet the Nuns, It's Good to Be a Nun, We Never Leave the Convent, I Haven't Got a Prayer, and Benedicta-ta for Now. Is it the latest religious revival being performed in the neighborhood priory? Nope. It's *SISTER ACT*. Whether they be Dominican, Augustinian, Franciscan, Carmelites, or Benedictines, you'll never forget these lovable, singing nuns. The music was composed for them by Alan Menken whose previous shows include two musicals produced by Park Players: *Little Shop of Horrors* and *Beauty and the Beast*.

So it's time for auditions again. We'll be singing our hearts out, dancing our feet off, and acting to beat the band. Maybe this is the year, this is the show, that gets you to the Community House for your first audition. The dates are **Wednesday, January 18, 2017** at 7:00pm and **Sunday, January 22, 2017** at 1:30pm. They will be held in our own North Rosedale Park Community House.



Any idea how long the Park Players have been performing right here? In 1953, yes that's 1953, the North Rosedale Park Civic Association formed the Park Players. We have been an active, involved, integral part of the North Rosedale Park community for 64 years now. Carrying us forward towards our "social security" years will be the 2017 Board.

- President: Archie Lynch
- Vice President: Thomas Phillips
- Secretary: Jessica Brown
- Treasurer: Tom Ridgway
- Past President: Carly Ptak
- Directors: Marcia Closson, Mary Davis, Deb Holmes, Roger Loeb, Ivy Riley, Liz Dickson-Sanders, Deirdre Scott, Steve Spencer, Mark Steinhauer, and Montellis Whitt.

So start the new year off right – stop by the Community House and join your voice with ours. We guarantee a "holy" satisfying experience.

For the latest information about the show, please visit our website at [www.parkplayers.org](http://www.parkplayers.org).

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## 2017 NRPCA President Nominee

**Name:** Tamara Kamara  
**Number of Years in Park:** 19  
**Occupation:** IT Professional

**Resident of Edinborough**  
**Number of Years NRPCA Member:** 18  
**Education:** Bachelor of Science

**Previous/current experience on NRPCA Board/Committees:** Vice President x2, President, Past President.  
**Previous/current experience on other boards/committees:** June Day Chair, Open House Committee, Home and Garden Tour Docent.

**Reason for serving on the NRPCA Board of Directors:** To assist in the continued sustainability and success of our wonderful community.

**NRPCA is currently engaged in a Capital Campaign to renovate its Community House and park grounds.** Community use – I believe the Community House should be fully accessible and used by the members of the North Rosedale Park community as well as our neighbors and partners. We should be inclusive of our community as well as partners.



## 2017 NRPCA Vice President Nominee

**Name:** Bill Frey  
**Number of Years in Park:** 29  
**Occupation:** Attorney

**Resident of Westmoreland**  
**Number of Years NRPCA Member:** 29  
**Education:** BA in Economics University of Michigan 1972, J.D. Wayne State University 1980

**Previous/current experience on NRPCA Board/Committees:** I have served as President, Vice-President, and member of the board of NRPCA; I have provided pro bono legal services to NRPCA from time to time relating to contracts, legal claims, and converting to 501 (c)(3) non-profit status; I have volunteered relating to Zoning, June Day, Community House and Grounds, the Capital Campaign, and other committees. I also have served as block captain/co-captain at various times over the past 25 years, including currently.

**Previous/current experience on other boards/committees:** Currently vice president of Grandmont Rosedale Development Corporation (GRDC). Served as president of GRDC for over 10 years and prior to that was a board member - altogether serving as a member of the GRDC Board from North Rosedale for 26 years. We previously lived in Rosedale Park and for approximately five years served variously as a board member, treasurer, vice president and president of the Rosedale Park Improvement Association (RPIA). Board member of MOSES for 10 years from 2002 to 2012, including two years as treasurer. MOSES is an interdenominational coalition of congregations which works to advance social justice through improvements in civil rights, race relations, education, and mass transit.

**Reason for serving on the NRPCA Board of Directors:** My wife and I have enjoyed raising our 3 children here and want to continue to support the NRPCA in an active way. North Rosedale is a great place to live because of the community spirit and the relationships that develop between neighbors as they are involved in the NRPCA's events and activities. This is an important time for the NRPCA as we have completed the first stage of an ambitious campaign to modernize and improve the Community House and park. I want to run for Vice-President: to help move the Capital Campaign and renovations to a positive conclusion; to work on improving the block club network; and to increase the membership in the association and to bring more families into an active participation in the association. In order to achieve those goals, we need to carefully manage and grow our resources and continue an intense effort to reach out to the new and old neighbors. I think I can make significant contributions to those efforts and request that you vote for me for Vice-president.

**NRPCA is currently engaged in a Capital Campaign to renovate its Community House and park grounds:** Consistent with the current plans, I envision a modernized, energy efficient (and therefore cheaper to operate) building which can serve as the center for NRPCA events, family celebrations such as weddings and graduations, classes, meetings for neighborhood groups, stage productions, concerts, meetings and outside activities including youth sports, concerts, farmers' market, walking, running and exercise. The goal of the renovations is to allow a wide variety of income generating activities so the Community House becomes as self-sufficient as possible while expanding its use for the community.



## 2017 NRPCA Vice President Nominee

**Name:** Tracey Matlock  
**Number of Years in Park:** 23  
**Occupation:** Retired executive  
Automotive (Global)

**Resident of Gainsborough**  
**Number of Years NRPCA Member:** 2  
**Education:** M.S.M.E.

**Previous/current experience on NRPCA Board/Committees:** Current board member, Tabletop Co-chair, Bylaws (revision) and Protocol.

**Previous/current experience on other boards/committees:** Global vehicle Chief managed global staff and markets with a \$800M budget. Experience with managing projects.

**Reason for serving on NRPCA Board of Directors:** I would like for the NRPCA to shift more of its focus to the actual neighborhood. I feel that will boost membership, and participation, through actual positive, purposeful engagement. Also, I really want to completely squash the SAD, by pushing the NRPCA to un-endorse it. We need to earn the trust of the neighborhood before we start adding taxes without real consent.

**NRPCA is currently engaged in a Capital Campaign to renovate its Community House and park grounds:** –



## 2017 NRPCA Board Director Nominee

**Name:** Susan Steigerwalt

**Resident of Warwick**

**Number of Years in Park:** 26

**Number of Years NRPCA Member:** 28

**Occupation:** Physician

**Education:** MD

**Previous/current experience on NRPCA Board/Committees:** President, 2015 -2016, Board member- 2013-2015: youth sports liaison, 75th Anniversary celebration Volunteer, Home and garden Tour, co- chair 2007? Multiple years as a volunteer, Kitchen Volunteer, June Day, multiple years.

**Previous/current experience on other boards/committees:** President, Physicians for a national health program. 1996, Phone bank organizer and delegate for Bernie Sanders to the Democratic Convention, 2016. Currently, precinct delegate, Playground committee 1999 and 2016-on.

**Reason for serving on the NRPCA Board of Directors:** I would like to continue improving our financial outlook and putting processes in place so incan proceed more smoothly. Membership is incredibly important and making sure that we have folks from the community on the membership committee is critical to our success. As well as having everyone to understand that things like the playground and the community grounds are supported by our membership dues. Also, we need to do significant fundraising to fix the playground and maintain a reserve fund to pay for mulch and new sand as well as repairs going forward. I am honored to be part of that committee this year and would like to continue that work next year.

**NRPCA is currently engaged in a Capital Campaign to renovate its Community House and park grounds.** At this point I'm very excited about the roof being completed and solar panels to help decrease our energy bills. Looking to the future, we desperately need a kitchen upgrade and beginning the process to discuss that and looking for granting opportunities is important. We also need to make sure that money for operations are included in all grants where possible. We have grant funding for a bio swale that needs to be created in the spring. So that is the first priority.



## 2017 NRPCA Board Director Nominee

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

**Resident of Sunderland**

**Number of Years in Park:** 11

**Number of Years NRPCA Member:** 11

**Occupation:** Attorney, Business Broker

**Education:** U of D School of Law, JD: Georgetown Law School, LLM

**Previous/current experience on NRPCA Board/Committees:** I have been a member of the Board of Directors since 2013.

**Previous/current experience on other boards/committees:** Secretary, Vice-President and President Michigan Business Brokers Association—Metro; 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 the 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.

**NRPCA is currently engaged in a Capital Campaign to renovate its Community House and park grounds: –**

### 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.**



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Walk sessions are Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays  
5:30-6:30pm

**Cost:** The Program is Free; Benefits are Priceless & the Investment Is Personal!

**All are welcome:** Register now to reserve your place! For your convenience cash, money orders or checks are accepted (Please make payable to class instructors).

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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 – nrpca.org** – 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 Theater Parties, Home and Garden Tour, and Zumba** 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 theater 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 \$75.00 per year, or \$6.25 per month, or just \$.20 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 13, 2017) and Life Members of the NRPCA can vote in the election for Board Members. Dues can be paid the night of the election.

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

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## CUSTODIAL POSITION

**EMPLOYMENT STATUS:** Part-time (approx. 20-30hrs/wk).

**HOURS:** Schedule to be determined; some evenings and weekends as assigned.

**REPORTS TO:** Community House Building Manager

### POSITION DESCRIPTION:

Responsible for the cleaning and maintenance of the North Rosedale Park Community House with specific tasks for the grounds, general housekeeping, kitchen, restrooms, meeting and event setup, etc.

### ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS:

Maintain cleanliness of the entire Community House. Use specialized cleaning products and cleaning techniques required to maintain the special features of the Community House, according to manufacture's recommendations. Coordinate with Building Manager to maintain an inventory of supplies and products. Restock supplies as needed. Quickly respond to spills, building malfunctions, potential hazards, etc. Collaborate with contracted specialists to perform seasonal or specialty tasks. Report and remove graffiti. Basic snow and

ice removal of entrance doors. Set up to accommodate any group using the Community House for meetings or events. Be Available to open the Community House early and assist in set-up of voting polls. Light Travel.

### QUALIFICATIONS AND SKILLS:

- High School Degree
- Valid Drivers License
- Dependability, Responsibility are key
- Punctual
- Detailed oriented
- Self-Starter
- Able to lift 50lbs
- Maintain a regular schedule of maintenance and cleaning task on a daily, weekly, and monthly basis.
- Able to work alone or in teams in all weather conditions
- Ability to work weekdays, evenings and weekends

No phone calls. Please forward resumes to nrpca@att.net with "Custodial" in subject line.





## COOKE SCHOOL SEEKING TUTORS

Our Cooke Elementary has been named a "Priority" school, which means it has scored in the bottom 5% in the state and needs support! I just started tutoring there and have found the kids and teachers to be wonderful and progress to be noticeable. They are hoping for people who can commit to 2-3 times a week any time between noon and 1:30 pm (they would rather not disrupt the morning core classes), but will work with anyone willing to help.

### TARGET GROUPS & SUBJECT

1st grade - Math

2nd grade - Reading - Especially as the new law is indicating students need to be reading on grade level by 3rd grade; we need to be proactive in addressing the gaps now.

3rd grade - Math & Reading specifically students reading 1-2 grade levels below and lacking basic math foundation skills  
4th grade - All subjects, but also need to reinforce content in physical, life, and earth sciences.

All grades need help with writing, sentence structure, thought organization, and depth of content.

If you interested in helping with any of the above, please contact

**Karlyn Singleton**, Instructional Specialist  
Cooke S.T.E.M. Academy  
karlyn.singleton@detroitk12.org  
313-494-7458 (school)  
313-866-9751 (office)

# I Book Club

## Warm up this New Year with a Steamy Novel

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

### *Destiny's Surrender*

By Beverly Jenkins

on Thursday, January 19, 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



If you didn't get a chance to see the Holiday Light Display and decorations last month at the Community House, you sure missed out on a treat. Members of the Book Club in the Park (BCIP's) generously lent their time and talent to transform the Community House into a Winter Wonderland and with the assistance of North Rosedale Park resident interior designer, Loretta Crenshaw, The Brinker Group donated a BEAUTIFUL Christmas Tree that had been on display at the "Festival of Trees" in Dearborn, MI. Mary Lee, an Honorary North Rosedale Park resident, topped off two trees and a large wreath with handcrafted bows and Candy Doggan filled the Community House from front to back with an assortment of holiday floral creations all of which surprised and delighted both young and old at the Pancake Breakfast and later attendees of the North Rosedale Park Appreciation Dinner. Night time viewing of the New Lobby from Bretton Dr. rivaled any small downtown department store window. Wait 'til you see what we come up with next year!

## 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 3, 2017**

We need your involvement now more than ever.



### Happy New Year Neighbors

Thank you for your support over the years.  
I look forward to serving you in 2017. As a  
30 year resident and Chair of the annual  
Grandmont Rosedale Open House event,  
I am your neighborhood expert.

**Cheryl V. Davis**

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### Tattler eBlast

Best way to stay up-to-date  
on neighborhood events and  
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and entering your email into the red box at the  
bottom of the page. Make sure your neighbors are  
signed up too!

Have information to include in the eBlast, email  
chelsea@nrpca.org!

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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 Tom Ridgway at [thomas.ridgway@gmail.com](mailto:thomas.ridgway@gmail.com) to submit articles or Adriane Henry [adriane@nrpca.org](mailto:adriane@nrpca.org)  
for advertising rates and policies. You can pay for your advertisement online at <http://www.nrpca.org/the-tattler/>

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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***Thank you for your support!***

**Neighborhood News from  
 Cooke S.T.E.M Academy**

State Representative Sherry Gay-Dagnogo, a North Rosedale Park Community leader, has been actively involved with Cooke S.T.E.M. Academy. She recently hosted a Hands-On Science Night and led a group of enthusiastic students, parents, and staff through several S.T.E.M. based projects. She also presented an Election Day challenge to all of our students by promising a pizza party to the class that returned the most "I Voted" stickers from their friends and family. The 6th graders proudly won the challenge with a total of 142 stickers.

Cooke S.T.E.M. Academy has joined the DPSCD Go Green program! The Green Living Science Organization, a Detroit Environmental Educational Program, educated all of our students on the importance of Reducing, Reusing, and Recycling. Students received Go Green vouchers that qualifies families to receive a free curbside recycling bin, valued at \$25. We are encouraging our students and members of community to find ways to help conserve energy, minimize waste, and protect our natural resources.

As part of our S.T.E.M. family initiative, Cooke has implemented monthly S.T.E.M. Challenges where families are charged with reusing items that would otherwise be waste and engineering them into new projects. The first challenge required using empty cardboard rolls and our top winners ranged from Kindergarten through 6th graders. Our second challenge is already underway requiring families to build robots out of household items. Cooke is encouraging families to think like Scientists, Technologists, Engineers, and Mathematicians.

Karlynn Singleton, Instructional Specialist  
 Cooke S.T.E.M. Academy

**NRPCA 2017 Board of Directors**

On January 13, 2017, the community will elect it's new board of directors. Once this new board gets situated, the committee assignments will be listed in the Tattler for your reference. These committees are formed to carry out the activities for the community and volunteers are always welcome. The Board meets on the 1st Thursday of every month except July and August.

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