

# The Rosedale *Tattler*



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## ANNUAL MEETING NRPCA ELECTIONS & POTLUCK

FRIDAY, JANUARY 10, 2014

**6:00 PM**

Polls Open  
(See candidate  
biographies, pp 5-7)

**6:30 PM**

Dinner\*

**7:00 PM**

DTE Meter Change  
in North Rosedale Park

**7:30 PM**

Capital Campaign Update  
– Marsha Bruhn, Chair, NRPCA Capital Campaign  
Proposed Designs for the Community House Phase I Renovations  
– Constantine G. Pappas, Constantine G. Pappas Architecture

**8:00 PM**

Polls Close

*\*Bring according to last name:  
A-D Casserole, E-K Dessert, L-R Vegetable, S-Z Salad*



## 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 11 on the many benefits  
of supporting the Civic Association

*The Rosedale Tattler is a publication of the North Rosedale Park Civic Association. Established in 1924, the North Rosedale Park Civic Association is a community organization that promotes the interests and welfare of North Rosedale Park residents, maintains park facilities for community use, advocates for necessary public improvements, and enforces building restrictions and ordinances within North Rosedale Park.*

# Letter from the President

## WE GOT THE HUD GRANT!

As I look back over the last year, it has been a rewarding year. We received notice that HUD approved our request for \$194,000!!! And we are moving quite well with our fundraising efforts. At last count, we had \$210,000 raised with \$150,000 received from pledges! Our neighbors are really stepping up to fund the campaign. Marsha Bruhn, Christie Peck, Cathy Marshall, Becki Kenderes and Chelsea Neblett have put a lot of work in to send off a Letter of Inquiry for an ArtPlace grant. This grant would be to spruce up the grounds with public art, an amphitheater and other enhancements. We will know next year if we have been invited to submit a full grant application.

## MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

Now is a good time to renew your membership in the North Rosedale Park Civic Association. The dues are \$60 per year. Remember, your dues are now tax deductible. Other benefits of membership include:

- **Members receive significant discounts for rentals of the Community House.**
- We, the members of North Rosedale Park Civic Association, own the Community House and 7 acre park.
- Your membership is the largest part of the operating budget (over \$120,000 per year) of the Community House and Grounds.
- Keeping the Community House and Grounds well-maintained helps to enhance North Rosedale as a neighborhood of choice. No other neighborhood in Detroit owns its own Community House and park!
- The NRPCA hosts many lively and fun events at the Community

House throughout the year that bring neighbors together and that encourage community spirit.

- The NRPCA with other organizations helps to organize a community-wide Volunteer Safety Patrol to escort residents to their homes at night and to help to deter and report crime.
- The NRPCA supports organizing and neighborhood building down to the grassroots level through our Block Clubs.
- The NRPCA helps to build coalitions with other community organizations like Rosedale Park Improvement Association and the Grandmont Rosedale Development Corporation to help to create a larger voice in advocating for community improvement.

Read more about the benefits of membership in the NRPCA on page 11 of this Tattler.

## ENCOURAGE YOUR NEIGHBORS TO READ THE TATTLER

I've noticed that some folks don't read the Tattler. You can tell this because they have no idea we have a Community House and some don't even know they live in North Rosedale Park. We really need to educate the realtors about our neighborhood, so that when folks buy their houses, the realtors can tell them a little something about the area. And Block Captains can help with visiting their new neighbors and introducing the new neighbors to our community. When you speak to a neighbor, ask them if they know about the many events we sponsor and if they know where the Community House is. And invite them to come to our January membership meeting to vote on the next Directors of the Board.

## ICE RINK?

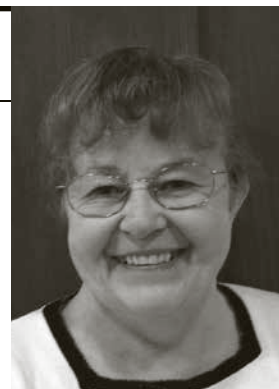
With the freezing weather, can we hope that the ground will stay frozen enough to support an ice skating rink? Mild winters mean no ice skating. Maybe this year we can flood the soccer field and have a real honest-to-goodness ice rink. Cross your fingers.

## CARLA BLAKELY AND HER CREW

Volunteering is the life's blood of our community. And we have three selfless and determined volunteers that are essential to our community. The old saying, "It takes a village to raise a child" is never truer than today with all the stressors that exist for parents. These three strong women deserve everyone's gratitude and praise for continuing the long tradition of Girl Scouts in North Rosedale Park. Carla Blakely and her Girl Scout Leaders teach many of our daughters in Daisy, Brownies, Cadets and Juniors. And the girls have supported the NRPCA by volunteering at many of our events. A tip of the hat to all the Girl Scout Leaders! You are truly an asset to our children and our community!

## A MEMORIAL TO MALLORI DEW

When you get a chance take a look at the lovely wreaths at the entrance to North Rosedale Park at Bretton and Grand River. The wreaths are a memorial to **Mallori Dew** who died of cancer in 2007 by her parents Catherine and Howard Dew of Shaftsbury. We are appreciative that the Dews chose such a wonderful way to memorialize their beloved daughter. Thank you from all your neighbors and may you have beautiful holidays.



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# Behind the Footlights

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By Sally Evalt

I remember my first audition for Park Players. The show was the musical *Carousel* and the year, 1975. I was so nervous, especially for the singing portion of the auditions that my voice went up an octave higher than necessary during my audition song and my last few notes of music squeaked out of me. But...

everyone applauded me anyway and, miracle of miracles, I was cast in the chorus. Rehearsals were hard work but rewarding for the friendships I made, and on Opening Night when the audience applauded our first number, I was hooked! Thirty-eight years later, putting a show together is still a wondrous experience for me.

The Park Players is holding auditions for its spring musical, *Guys and Dolls*, on Sunday, January 5 at 1pm, and on Wednesday, January 8 at 7:30pm at the North Rosedale Community House. We urge all men and women



of all ages, from teenagers and up to try out. We need actors, singers and dancers for this show. If you've never auditioned for a show before, we promise to be kind and supportive. Those who have been on stage before fully understand how scary it can be to perform on a stage before other people and will applaud your efforts.

Auditioners are asked to bring a monologue to read that shows off your voice and acting talents. The show's director, Jarrett Thomas, will also guide you in readings from the show. Musical Director, Rich Alder, will teach you a song from the show to

sing. Choreographer Carollette Phillips will teach everyone a short dance number at the auditions for you to perform together on stage.

Auditioners should know that Players' rehearsals are normally Tuesday and Wednesday evenings and on Sunday afternoons. Be prepared to list

any schedule conflicts you might have. Show dates are evenings of March 21, 22, 28, 29 and April 11 & 12, plus matinees on March 23 & 30.

Seriously consider auditioning for this classic American musical with great songs that people will be humming on their way out the door. It will be so much fun too! Call George or Sally Evalt, the show's producers, at 313-538-2336 for further information.

For the latest Park Players information please see our Blog at <http://parkplayers.wordpress.com/>

## Capital Campaign Raises \$500,000 of \$625,000 Phase One Goal

Attendees at NRPCA's December Membership Appreciation Dinner broke out in applause at the news that the Capital Campaign had reached \$500,000 of the \$625,000 Phase One goal to renovate the Community House and grounds. The most recent news was the verbal confirmation from the City's Planning and Development Department that HUD has approved the 2013-14 Community Development Block Grant Action Plan which includes our grant request of \$194,000 for handicapped accessibility at the Community House. In addition to the grant, by mid-December we had received \$210,000 in pledges from individuals, \$76,000 from The Kresge Foundation, and \$25,000 in-kind. While this is impressive, we still have a ways to go to reach our April target for Phase One.

We're very appreciative of the support we've received from our residents and friends of North Rosedale Park. If you've already pledged, thank you! If you haven't made a pledge, or haven't been contacted, we hope you will be receptive when you get the invitation to be part of this really momentous project for our neighborhood and the larger Grandmont Rosedale community.

Be sure to attend the January 10, 2014 NRPCA Annual Meeting when our architect will be present to discuss the progress with the building plans. We will want to hear your feedback on the conceptual drawings that he'll have at the meeting.

Marsha Bruhn



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## Join the Vacant Property Task Force!



Volunteers are needed for every street in the North Rosedale Park neighborhood to help with computer research, community outreach and property maintenance efforts. Contact Clarenda Webb, NRP representative of the Vacant Property Task Force at 313.330.7844 or email [clarendawebb@gmail.com](mailto:clarendawebb@gmail.com) to learn more information.

\*Monetary donations are now being accepted to install split rail fences on Stahelin where homes have been demolished in order to prevent illegal dumping. You can also donate yard waste bags, water and volunteer for clean-ups in the neighborhoods.

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

Our next meeting will be  
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## 2014 NRPCA President Nominee

**Name:** Hubert Sawyers III

Resident of Warwick

**Number of Years in Park:** 25+

**Number of Years NRPCA Member:** 2

**Occupation:** Digital Marketing Consultant

**Education:** Michigan State University

**Previous/current experience on NRPCA Board/Committees:** As a board member in 2013, I was the liaison for June Day, which was one of the highest profit-yielding events of the year. I also participated in the Capital Campaign as a member of the Steering Committee. In addition, I am active on the IT and Marketing Committees.

**Previous/current experience on other boards/committees:** This year, I was on the board of the Downtown Boxing Gym Youth Program. My primary contribution was the development of their website and providing marketing communication support.

**Reason for serving on the NRPCA Board of Directors:** I want to serve because I feel I owe it to the community which is integral to who I am today. I hope to help improve the neighbor culture by leading regular outreach efforts within North Rosedale. It is also a great interest of mine to get our local businesses more engaged with our neighborhood as well.

**NRPCA is currently engaged in a Capital Campaign to renovate its Community House and park grounds. Please provide your brief vision for the future use of these facilities:** The community house should be the place North Rosedale residents go to stay connected with their neighbors across our neighborhood and beyond. It should also be a place where kids develop warm memories and lifelong friendships.



## 2014 NRPCA Vice President Nominee

**Name:** Joe Kvoriak

Resident of Edinborough

**Number of Years in Park:** 3

**Number of Years NRPCA Member:** 3

**Occupation:** Project Coordinator,  
Recruitment & Special Projects WSU,  
Department of Theatre and Dance

**Education:** MFA, Theatre Management, WSU BFA, Theatre, WSU

**Previous/current experience on NRPCA Board/Committees:** Volunteer for Open House and NRPCA Capital Campaign Outreach Committee.

**Previous/current experience on other boards/committees:** I serve as a staff liaison for a Board of Donors at WSU Theatre and Dance and at the Jewish Ensemble Theatre.

**Reason for serving on the NRPCA Board of Directors:** It is important for the next generation of leadership in North Rosedale Park to start establishing their place in the neighborhood. It is time for us to become involved, develop our talents for the good of the neighborhood and to learn from the current leadership what our role is in the preservation and growth of our incredible city for the next half of a century.

**NRPCA is currently engaged in a Capital Campaign to renovate its Community House and park grounds. Please provide your brief vision for the future use of these facilities:** The Community House should continue to be the center social place of our neighborhood (we have already met some of our good friends there at the playground). The renovations should make the Community House more comfortable to encourage residents to use the space more. I don't think the Board can force people to use the space, but by creating memorable events the board is able to make the space and the grounds a part of everyone's lives and strengthen an emotional connection. Once this connection is made the residents will be more inclined to want to use the space for their personal events, weddings, birthdays, etc.



## 2014 NRPCA Vice President Nominee

**Name:** Robert G. Weed

Resident of Sunderland

**Number of Years in Park:** 9

**Number of Years NRPCA Member:** 9

**Occupation:** Attorney

**Education:** BA, University of Detroit; JD University of  
Detroit Law School; LLM Georgetown University

**Previous/current experience on NRPCA Board/Committees:** I have served as a director since December 2012.

**Previous/current experience on Other Boards/Committees:** I have been involved in the formation and management of a number of nonprofit organizations in the Detroit area, including the Livius Paoli foundation, which is a successor to the Saint Scholastica Dads' Club.

**Reason for serving on the NRPCA Board of Directors:** In the years I've spent in the park, I have been very impressed with the commitment of individuals to create a wonderful neighborhood which respects the rights of others, but at the same time maintains appropriate standards.

**NRPCA is currently engaged in a Capital Campaign to renovate its Community House and park grounds. Please provide your brief vision for the future use of these facilities:** The Community House can be the foundation for the activities of residents of the park to interact with one another and to promote the advantages of living In North Rosedale Park.



## 2014 NRPCA Director Nominee

**Name:** Kathleen Grimm Garrett

Resident of Lancashire

**Number of Years in Park:** 20

**Number of Years NRPCA Member:** 20

**Occupation:** English Instructor

**Education:** BA, MA Plus 30

**Previous/current experience on NRPCA Board/Committees:** Playground committee, volunteer for many events, former first lady.

**Previous/current experience on other boards/committees:** St. Leo Parish Council, Rosedale Co-op Preschool, volunteer for several schools' functions.

**Reason for serving on NRPCA Board of Directors:** I would like to serve because I love living in North Rosedale, and would like to share my commitment to community with others.

**NRPCA is currently engaged in a Capital Campaign to renovate its Community House and park grounds. Please provide your brief vision for the future use of these facilities:** I would like to see a stable fund for the maintenance of the Community House and Grounds for future generations.



## 2014 NRPCA Director Nominee

**Name:** Gloria Goodwine

Resident of Ashton

**Number of Years in Park:** 14

**Number of Years NRPCA Member:** 4

**Occupation:** Risk Analyst

**Education:** Grad Certificate

**Previous/current experience on NRPCA Board/Committees:** I am currently a Board member; three of my NRPCA experiences include, Capital Campaign Steering Marketing Fundraising & Outreach Committee, NRPCA & HEP (Healthy Environment Partnership) Health Incentive Walk Group Program Coordinator, and Home & Garden Tour & Classic Car Coordinator.

**Previous/current experience on other boards/committees:** Other experiences: President and Executive Board Member: Thirty Forty & Fifty Foundation, Board Member: Ashton Street Block Club, Fundraising Committee and Chaplain, Executive board member: Harbor Life Center & Compassionated Girls Rock.

**Reason for serving on NRPCA Board of Directors:** My desire to serve on the board is fueled by my passion for community and a love for giving back. I believe that strong communities need those of us who are dedicated to getting the job done (improving services street to street), believe that integrity is key (work successfully on assignments), and am loyal to the cause (keeping our community clean and safe). I choose to live in North Rosedale Park because I love it here; therefore I am more then willing to give it my best.

**NRPCA is currently engaged in a Capital Campaign to renovate its Community House and park grounds. Please provide your brief vision for the future use of these facilities:** The success of Capital Campaign will ensure the Community House and grounds are well suited to accommodate many of the social and financial needs of current day and the future. I visualize a Community House thriving with activities, somewhat like I read about in all its historic documents. It was new, fresh and all encompassing of that day. As a resident and a board member I will work diligently on raising funds, increasing community awareness and improving outreach to our neighborhood and community at large. I will do my due diligent to support, promote and encourage an aptitude that welcome all for the good of the whole.



## 2014 NRPCA Director Nominee

**Name:** Erma Leaphart-Gouch

Resident of Shaftsbury

**Number of Years in Park:** 24

**Number of Years NRPCA Member:** 22

**Occupation:** Retired: State of MI HR Mgr.

**Education:** BA Chemistry/Communication; MA Public Administration

**Previous/current experience on NRPCA Board/Committees:** I was a member of the Membership Committee for several years. During the time I was a member, we conducted an NRPCA membership survey and a targeted membership recruitment door-to-door campaign. We also, re-introduced the Welcome Wagon idea and created a Welcome Packet for new members and residents.

**Previous/current experience on other boards/committees:** I currently serve as Secretary of the board for the Tuskegee Airmen, Inc., Detroit Chapter. I am also on the board of the Case Western Reserve University African American Alumni Assoc where I serve as co-chair of the Pledge (Scholarship) Drive; and previously Director at Large. I am a member of the Sierra Club Great Lakes Program Water Team, which is committed to improving and protecting water quality in the Great Lakes Basin.

**Reason for serving on NRPCA Board of Directors:** I moved to NRP because of the many extraordinary attributes - beautiful homes, neighborhood association, community newsletter, park like atmosphere, family oriented activities. My son attended Cooke School and participated in Little League Softball; my daughter participated in the Soccer League. We met great neighbors and have all made friends with wonderful people. The memories created are truly cherished. The attributes that exist however require attention and the support of all residents. I have participated for sure, but think it is now time to step up and give more.

**NRPCA is currently engaged in a Capital Campaign to renovate its Community House and park grounds. Please provide your brief vision for the future use of these facilities:** From an environmental perspective, I am a proponent of Green Infrastructure as a means to capture storm water and reduce storm water runoff. However, GI also serves to beautify a neighborhood and is in keeping with our values. I also would like to see more sustainable features in the community and at the community house. I believe these things can reinvigorate and increase the attractiveness of our neighborhood. It will enhance our sense of place.





## 2014 NRPCA Director Nominee

**Name:** Tripp Marshall

Resident of Warwick

**Number of Years in Park:** 3

**Number of Years NRPCA Member:** 3

**Occupation:** Realtor

**Education:**

**Previous/current experience on NRPCA Board/Committees:** –

**Previous/current experience on other boards/committees:** Paradise Valley AOA, Capital Area Humane Society, Hospice of the Valley.

**Reason for serving on NRPCA Board of Directors:** I believe my experience can be of assistance to NRPCA w/ projects and basic operation.

**NRPCA is currently engaged in a Capital Campaign to renovate its Community House and park grounds. Please provide your brief vision for the future use of these facilities:** The house and grounds are a unique asset of NRPCA and should be geared to the entire residence base.



## 2014 NRPCA Director Nominee

**Name:** Susan Steigerwalt

Resident of Warwick

**Number of Years in Park:** 23

**Number of Years NRPCA Member:** 25

**Occupation:** Physician

**Education:** Medical School and "Never Stop Learning"

**Previous/current experience on NRPCA Board/Committees:** Garden Tour 2002-present; co chair, committee, now volunteer and board liaison; June Day kitchen volunteer 2001-present; currently youth sports liaison on board. Currently also in charge of Holiday Greetings and Member Appreciation Dinner.

**Previous/current experience on other boards/committees:** President (1996) and board member of PNHP (Physicians for a National Health Program). Committees in my professional organizations: American Society of Hypertension; within NRPCA the Playground Committee 1997-1999. More recently, work with my block club the Warwick Eagles Eyes.

**Reason for serving on the NRPCA Board of Directors:** I love this neighborhood! I have had the opportunity to serve and I have developed relationships that make accomplishing coordination and tasks easier. I would like to continue with youth sports and the member dinner; I would also like to be involved in the transition of the Farmers Market to the NRPCA grounds. My major goal is to increase member involvement in these activities.

**NRPCA is currently engaged in a Capital Campaign to renovate its Community House and park grounds. Please provide your brief vision for the future use of these facilities:** This is a critical time for us because of our Capital Campaign and our development as a 501C3 - we need to reach out( as we are doing with Cooke School) and increase member involvement and make the Community House a hub of activity. This includes programming such as classes and clubs in addition to our current activities.

# North Rosedale Park Civic Association

## Board Elections 2014 • Absentee Ballot Procedures

North Rosedale Park Civic Association members in good standing are eligible to vote in the 2014 Board election to be held on January 10, 2014. 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 before the election closes at 8:00 PM on Friday, January 10, 2014. Ballots are sent by request only and should not be duplicated. Contact LaJuan Lockhart, Membership Secretary, at [memsecretary@northrosedalepark.org](mailto:memsecretary@northrosedalepark.org) to obtain an Absentee Ballot, or call 313-837-3416.

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### GRANDMONT ROSEDALE SOUP –

It's that time again – the next Grandmont Rosedale SOUP will be on Sunday, Jan 26 at from 4-7pm at New St.



Paul Tabernacle, 15340 Southfield Service Drive. To submit a proposal for funding please visit [detroitssoup.com/submit](http://detroitssoup.com/submit) or drop off a hard copy at GRDC, 19800 Grand River or Always Brewing Detroit, 19180 Grand River by **January 12th**. Up to four proposals will be selected as finalists. For more information and deadlines, please check [www.mygrandmontrosedale.org](http://www.mygrandmontrosedale.org) or contact Becki Kenderes at 313-387-4732, ext. 101.

### HEALING STORIES PARTNERSHIP

For over 70 years the Michigan Roundtable for Diversity and Inclusion has been advocating & championing civil rights & social justice in Metro Detroit. Currently they are spearheading the Healing Stories Partnership, to provide metro Detroiters the opportunity to share their personal experiences during Truth Hearings, by giving testimony about injustices in the area of **Criminal Justice on Saturday, January 25, 2014 and in Housing on Saturday, March 1, 2014.**

GRDC has agreed to be a community partner and is recruiting residents to participate in the Truth Hearings by testifying or witnessing the testimony. We need your participation to help ensure as many people as possible get a chance to experience healing and reconciliation for the common good. For more information or to sign-up, please contact Karen Johnson Moore at: [kmoore@grandmontrosedale.com](mailto:kmoore@grandmontrosedale.com), 313-387-4732 ext. 110 or Becki Kenderes at: [bkenderes@grandmontrosedale.com](mailto:bkenderes@grandmontrosedale.com) or 313-387-4732, ext. 101.

### NEIGHBORHOOD SAFETY MEETING

– The next meeting will be held on Thursday January, 23rd. Join us at 6:30 PM for a lively discussion at the North Rosedale Park Community House, 18445 Scarsdale. The speaker will be Community Service

Trooper Walter Crider, presenting on crime prevention tips and scams directed towards seniors citizens.

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Tune-Ups will be held on Wednesdays from 10am-2pm at the Grandmont Rosedale

Development Corporation offices, 19800 Grand River, Detroit, MI 48223.

Appointments are required and slots are filled on a first-come first-serve basis. Please contact Ted Jones at [swotcity@techtowndetroit.org](mailto:swotcity@techtowndetroit.org) or 313-759-9593. When making an appointment, please tell us your preferred time. For more information about TechTown, visit [www.techtowndetroit.org](http://www.techtowndetroit.org)



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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 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 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.*  
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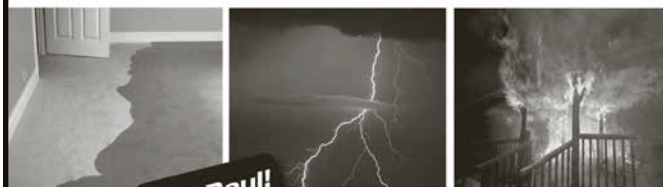
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## THE STARS SHINE DOWN

By Sidney Sheldon

Thursday, January 16, 2014 at 6:00pm

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## Neighbors Cooked Up Some Food and Friendship

The elves mixed batter, cooked eggs and turkey sausage, flipped pancakes on the grill while the sound of holiday carols filled the building. Recognize that scenario?

Of course, it's the annual Holiday Pancake Breakfast at the North Rosedale Community House, co-sponsored by the North Rosedale Park Civic Association and the Rosedale Park Improvement Association. This year's edition on Saturday, Dec. 2 was one of the best yet. The elves cooked 270 eggs and over 300 low-fat turkey sausages and made 425 pancakes.

But something was missing. Where was the big guy with the white beard? All the little kiddies were getting restless, especially after a plate of flapjacks smothered with syrup.

Finally, the curtains parted and Mr. Claus, or Santa to the little ones, walked across the Community House stage to the excited giggles of many of us big kids and all the little folks.

Well over a 125 people ate, laughed, hugged, snapped photos, sang, and kicked off the holiday season with a spirited morning of merriment and fellowship.

**Here are the elves, musicians, Santa's helpers and the big fella himself that made it all possible:** Carolyn Murphy; Nancy, Dimitris, Evan and Lindsay Bitzarakis; Mary McLeod; Lavonne and Charles Thomas; Chris and Tom

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# North Rosedale Park eBlast Newsletter

aka: Rosedale Tattler eBLAST EDITION

This April marked the beginning of the **Rosedale Tattler eBLAST EDITION**. An electronic newsletter designed to supplement the printed version of the Tattler will be distributed via email. The eBLAST EDITION is not intended to replace the printed Tattler, but to provide vital and interesting news, information and reminders that sometimes miss the Tattler deadline (the 10th of each month). The eBlast should arrive in your email around the 3rd week of each month so as to meet this objective. In order to receive the eBlast **you must be on the "list"**. However, it is really easy to signup for the list by visiting the homepage of the North Rosedale Civic Association at <http://NorthRosedalePark.org> and pushing the big red subscribe button. **Get yourself signed up today so**

**that you will be in the know!** The exception to this requirement is that we have seeded the list with a number of email addresses that we have from our membership roster so your name may be on the list already. If you're not sure you can still push the subscribe button as the same email address will not be signed up twice. If for some reason you do not wish to be subscribed there will be a link at the bottom of each newsletter that may be used to unsubscribe. In case you want to be sure that this newsletter does not fall into your junk mail folder, be sure to just add the newsletter sender to your address book. You are encouraged to send articles for publication to the eBlast editor: [eblast@northrosedalepark.org](mailto:eblast@northrosedalepark.org).

## NRPCA Calendar • January 2014

2	NRPCA Board Mtg .....	6:30pm	13	HEP Walk Group .....	5:30pm	22	Rental.....	7:15pm
2	Rental.....	7pm	13	Rental.....	7pm	23	Rental.....	9am
3	HEP Walk Group .....	5:30pm	14	Rental.....	7:15pm	23	Neighborhood Safety Mtg ....	6:30pm
5	Rental.....	1pm	15	HEP Walk Group .....	5:30pm	24	Rental.....	6pm
6	Rental.....	10am	15	Rental.....	6pm	25	Rental.....	9am
6	HEP Walk Group .....	5:30pm	15	Rental.....	7:15pm	26	Rental.....	1pm
6	Rental.....	7pm	16	Rental.....	9am	27	Rental.....	10am
7	Rental.....	10am	16	Book Club Mtg.....	6pm	27	HEP Walk Group .....	5:30pm
7	Block Captains Mtg.....	6:30pm	17	HEP Walk Group .....	5:30pm	27	Rental.....	7pm
8	HEP Walk Group .....	5:30pm	18	Rental.....	9am	28	Rental.....	10am
8	Rental.....	6pm	19	Rental.....	1pm	28	Rental.....	7:15pm
8	Rental.....	7:15pm	20	Rental.....	10am	29	HEP Walk Group .....	6:30pm
9	Rental.....	9am	20	HEP Walk Group .....	5:30pm	29	Rental.....	6pm
10	NRPCA Elections & General Membership Mtg .....	6:30pm	20	June Day Planning Mtg .....	7pm	29	Rental.....	7:15pm
11	Rental.....	9am	21	Rental.....	10am	30	Rental.....	9am
12	Rental.....	1pm	21	Rental.....	7:15pm	31	HEP Walk Group .....	5:30pm
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			22	Rental.....	6pm			

## Rent the Community House for Your Next Function!

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

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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 **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.



**Coming to North Rosedale Park**  
**Saturday June 14, 2014**  
**THE 84th ANNUAL JUNE DAY**

Planning is getting under way and we need all the creative minds we can get.  
The first planning meeting is Monday, January 20, 2014 at 7:00 PM at the Community House, 18445 Scarsdale.  
We need to start thinking about the theme for this year, a Grand Marshall for the parade and much, much more.

**ALL ARE WELCOME! SO COME AND JOIN THE FUN!**

Your June Day Co-Chairs, TK and Julie  
If you're interested, please call 313-533-7533.



**Start the New Year off right...No Excuses...**  
**WALK YOUR HEART TO HEALTH**



Did you know that the North Rosedale Park Civic Association (NRPCA) was selected by the Healthy Environments Partnership in conjunction with the University of Michigan School of Public Health to participate in a Walking Program to help you walk back to health? Also, the NRPCA is currently working towards certification as a Healthy Environments Partnership approved facility.

**What:** “Walk in the Park” Walking Group  
Healthy Environments Partnership Walking Program  
*(You will be amazed at what a 55min. walk 3 days a week can do for your overall health)*

**When:** Monday-Wednesday-Friday  
*(Just 3 days a week and you still have your weekends to yourself)*

**Time:** 5:30pm – 6:30pm  
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**Where:** \*The North Rosedale Park Community House, 18445 Scarsdale, Detroit, MI  
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## NRPCA 2013 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.

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

The committees for the 2013 Board members will be assigned this month. These assignments will be published here in our upcoming issues.

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