

The Rosedale *Tattler*



YOUR 2013 NRPCA BOARD OF DIRECTORS



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Seated (from left): Jim Johnson, Immediate Past President; Cheryl Buswell, President; Susan Steigerwalt, Director;

Standing (from left): John Gumbel, Treasurer; LaVonne Thomas, Director; NaJuan Lockhart, Membership Secretary; Mary Davis, Director; Hubert Sawyer III, Director; Richard Castillo, Director; Bob Weed, Director.

Not pictured: Sherry Gay-Dagnogo, Vice President; Gloria Goodwine, Director; Marcia Closson, Corresponding Secretary; Mary Ratkowski, Recording Secretary.

**PAY YOUR
2013 MEMBERSHIP DUES
TODAY!**



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

GOOD NEWS! TWO GRANTS TO NRPCA!

I am happy to announce that we have, thanks to Jim Johnson's grant writing skills, received two grants from the DMC Foundation (formerly the Health and Wellness Foundation). One award was for \$1,100 for vision screening during our annual Easter Egg Hunt. We also received a grant award of \$900 for Rosedale Grandmont Little League Opening Day.

Well, the North Rosedale Park Civic Association (NRPCA) elections are over and we have new members of the Board of Directors. Please welcome Hubert Sawyers, Richard Castillo, Robert Weed and LaVonne Thomas to the leadership of the NRPCA. We couldn't ask for a better crew to lead our organization forward. They are all very talented and accomplished leaders.

Orientation of the new members with the assistance of the veteran board members occurred during a Board Retreat on January 26 at the Community House. The new assignments of the board members will be listed on the back cover of the *Tattler* in the March issue. If you see an event for which you would like to volunteer, give the Board member a call.

I'd also like to remind everyone to pay their dues. This year promises to be an exciting one for our community with lots of new things happening.

Our Capital Campaign, under the leadership of Jim Johnson, is moving right along. Richner and Richner will complete their feasibility study by May. We have not heard anything yet about our Kresge grant, but we are optimistic. The Marketing Committee of the Capital Campaign has resumed meeting.

This would be a chance for all those recently graduated marketing majors to get some valuable experience. If you'd like to help, give Marsha Bruhn a call at 313-255-1884.

We also have a new Membership Secretary in Na-Juan Lockhart. And Irma Leaphart-Gooch has volunteered to put together a new Welcome Wagon packet. When you see both of them, don't forget to give them a big thank you.

TREE PLANTING ON OUTER DRIVE

Anyone who is interested in planting trees along the median islands from about Bretton to Grand River on Outer Drive, please contact me at 586-222-9454. Tom Ridgway and the Grandmont Rosedale Development Corporation (GRDC) have generously donated trees from the GRDC Tree Nursery on Stahelin to help beautify Outer Drive. The idea is to do plantings of colorful flowers and trees at the entrances to our community, so that it is evident at a glance when entering North Rosedale that you are entering some place special.

On that note, the Beautification Task Force of GRDC's Sustainable Communities project has undertaken an anti-litter campaign. Their slogan is "Love Where You Live." They will be having several neat fundraisers. The first one is "Buy a Rose for Your Sweetheart" on Valentine's Day. Each rose is \$5 and is hand delivered with a beautiful hand written card. Call Beck Kenderes at 313-387-4732 for more info.

Richard Castillo, a new NRPCA Board member, has volunteered to get an e-blast service up and running for North Rosedale. That will be a benefit of membership. Also Mark Barkey has volunteered to maintain our database and make sure everything runs smoothly. Again thank these civic minded members when you see them. It's volunteering like this that has always made North Rosedale the place to be!

GRANDMONT ROSEDALE WINS CONTEST!

Lastly, after round after round of online voting Grandmont Rosedale emerged the premier neighborhood in Detroit on the Curbed Detroit web site. Palmer Park, Downtown, Corktown and Midtown all were defeated! Consequently, we have bragging rights for one full year. Some of the voters complained about our superior organizational skills that turned out the votes as if it was somehow "unseemly". My goodness! Fancy that! Good work in all five communities, I say.



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Behind the Footlights

By Roger Loeb

Co-producers Steven Spencer, Mary Davis, and Montellis Whitt are delighted to present their cast for the spring production of *DREAMGIRLS*.

The following list provides each character followed by (the actor) playing the role: Deena Jones (Liz Dickson-Sanders), Effie Melody White (Asiya El), Lorrell Robinson (Paris Mason), Michelle Morris (Kimberly Brink), Curtis Taylor Jr. (Daniel Strawder/Kyle Sammy, understudy), Claridge Conrad (C.C.) White (Jonathan Jones), Marty (Montellis Whitt), James "Thunder" Early (Sealoyd Jones III), Charlene (Aneesa El Amin-Sims), Joann (Amanda Lee), Apollo M.C. (Steven Spencer), Stepp Sisters (Carla Jones, May Powell, Sherae Bell), Little Alice and the Tru-Tones (Kimberly Brink, Walter Middlebrook, Cornel Dickson), Tiny Joe Dixon (Maurice "Skip" Turner), Wayne (Thomas Phillips), Dave and the Sweethearts (Bill Davenport, Kimberly Brink, Katy Schoetzow), Frank (Walter Middlebrook), Stage Manager (Cornel Dickson), Edna Burke (Sadie Bernice), Mr. Morgan (Maurice "Skip" Turner), Security Guard (Kyle Sammy), reporters, Dancers, Execs (Carman Cooper). You will see many new faces in this show, alongside of some of our most talented "old timers". Tickets are now available for all shows.

For updated information (or reservations for the non-benefit performances), please call Marcia Closson at 313-835-1103 or check our blog at <http://parkplayers.wordpress.com/>.

NOTE: There are no performance during Easter weekend (3/29-3/31). Below is the information available at press time.

MARCH 15	Opening Night Dinner Theater	6:30pm	\$30
MARCH 16	Evening Performance.....	8:00pm	\$18
MARCH 17	Vacant Property Task Force Benefit	1:00pm	\$25
MARCH 22	Evening Performance.....	8:00pm	\$18
MARCH 23	Wine and Cheese.....	7:00pm	\$25
MARCH 24	Soup and Salad	2:00pm	\$24
APRIL 5	Evening Performance.....	8:00pm	\$18
APRIL 6	Closing Night.....	8:00pm	\$18



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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, FEBRUARY 5, 2013

We need your involvement now more than ever.

KEEP North Rosedale Park Beautiful

when you see litter, please pick it up!



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
to learn more information.

Shaftsbury Progressive Dinner

By Marsha Bruhn

“This is what everyone should see” was the comment at the Shaftsbury Avenue Progressive Dinner on Saturday, January 12, 2013. Young and old, newcomers and long-time residents and their friends joined in this (almost) annual event, starting first at

one home for appetizers, then walking to the second for the main course, and ending up at a third for dessert and after-dinner socializing. The mix of delicious food with great conversation made for a fun evening and reflected the traditional spirit of neighborliness for

which North Rosedale Park is known. Many thanks to the other committee members who helped plan and organize the event—Mary Ramsey, Theresa and Oscar Wallace, Nonearl Jones, and Judy Richardson—and to Melanie Binder for delivering the flyers.



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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.

VALENTINE'S DAY ROSES KEEP GRANDMONT ROSEDALE BEAUTIFUL –

This Valentine's Day you have the opportunity to put more roses into Grandmont Rosedale while



supporting efforts to keep litter away! The Grandmont Rosedale Beautification Task Force is launching a new anti-litter campaign in our area ("Love Where You Live") this spring. To raise funds to support this effort, the Task Force is selling roses for Valentine's Day.

For just \$5, you can have a rose hand-delivered to your sweetheart in the neighborhood on Feb. 14, along with your personal message displayed on a handmade card. To place your order, contact GRDC Sustainable Communities Program Manager Becki Kenderes at 313.387.4732, ext. 101, or bkenderes@grandmontrosedale.com. Deadline for orders: Feb. 11. You can also download an order form from the GRDC website at www.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 for more information.

NEIGHBORHOOD SAFETY MEETING – The monthly neighborhood safety meeting will be held on Thursday, Feb. 28 at 6 PM at the North Rosedale Park Community House, 18445 Scarsdale. The topic is **"Emergency Preparedness: Going Beyond Bottled Water & Batteries!"** Watch for more details in the GRDC eblast on Wednesday mornings.

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 Crime Prevention Coordinator Scott Knoll at 313-387-4732, ext. 109, or sknoll@grandmontrosedale.com.

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. 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 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.

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 and ask to be added to the list.

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2	Park Players Sets.....	9am	11	Girl Scouts	5:30pm	21	Book Club	6pm
3	Park Players	1pm	11	Rental.....	7pm	23	Rental.....	6pm
4	Rental.....	9am	12	Park Players	7pm	23	Park Players Sets.....	9am
4	Rental.....	7pm	13	Park Players	6:30pm	24	Park Players	1pm & 7pm
5	Block Captains Mtg.	6:30pm	16	Park Players Sets.....	9am	25	Rental.....	9am
6	Rental.....	6pm	14	Girl Scouts	5:30pm	25	Girl Scouts	5:30pm
7	Girl Scout.....	5:30pm	17	Park Players	1pm	25	Rental Park.....	7pm
7	Rental.....	9am	18	Rental.....	9am	26	Park Players	7pm
7	NRPCA Board Mtg.....	6:30pm	18	Rental.....	7pm	27	Rental.....	6pm
7	Rental.....	7pm	19	Park Players	7pm	27	Park Players	7pm
9	Park Players Sets.....	9am	20	Rental.....	6pm	28	Neighborhood Safety Mtg.	6pm
10	Park Players	1pm	20	Park Players	7pm			
11	Rental.....	9am	21	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** for advertising rates and policies.

Please submit articles to **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.

North Rosedale Park Civic Association

2012 Detail Income Statement

For the Period Ended December 31, 2012

BALANCE SHEET 2012

	December 31, 2012
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
1000 Operating Funds (Com CK)	\$13,109
1100 Operating Reserve Funds (ML)	\$28,063
1200 Capital Campaign Funds (Com Sv)	\$55,387
1300 Petty Cash (Com Ck2)	\$132
Total Checking/Savings	\$96,691
Total Current Assets	\$96,691
FIXED ASSETS	
1500 Community House	\$700,000
1525 Air Conditioner	\$8,284
1550 Kitchen Equipment	\$686
1600 Accumulated Depreciation	(\$28,274)
1700 Land	\$65,625
Total Fixed Assets	\$746,320
TOTAL ASSETS	\$843,011
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Other Current Liabilities	
2310 Prepaid Donations	\$2,640
2100 Payroll Tax Withholding	\$2,271
2300 Prepaid Dues - Early	\$13,765
Total Other Current Liabilities	\$18,676
Total Current Liabilities	\$18,676
Total Liabilities	\$18,676
EQUITY	
3000 Opening Balance Equity	\$782,998
3100 Unrestricted Net Assets	(\$4,577)
Net Income	\$45,914
Total Equity	\$824,335
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	\$843,011

ACTUAL VS BUDGET 2012

	Jan - Dec 12	Budget
INCOME		
4010 Corporate Contributions	\$540	-
4020 Individual Contributions	\$8,246	\$3,700
4030 Dues Income	\$26,820	\$30,000
4040 Rental Income	\$46,495	\$50,650
4050 Advertising Income	\$8,279	\$9,500
4060 Fundraising/Special Evnt Income	\$30,126	\$27,100
4070 Other/Miscellaneous Income	\$605	-
4090 Interest Income	\$12	\$50
4095 Program Income	\$702	-
Total Income	\$121,825	\$121,000
Gross Profit	\$121,825	\$121,000
EXPENSE		
5000 Payroll Expenses	\$22,604	\$21,450
5500 Contract Services	\$6,870	\$5,500
6000 Advertising & Marketing	\$2,938	-
6010 Bank Service Fees	\$156	\$350
6015 Computer/Technology Expense	\$943	\$500
6020 Depreciation Expense	\$1,950	-
6030 Donation Expense	\$340	-
6040 Fundraiser/Special Event Exp	\$16,942	\$12,550
6045 Insurance Expense	\$14,546	\$15,000
6055 Licenses & Fees Expense	\$1,890	\$2,500
6060 Membership Expenses	\$120	\$2,250
6065 Meeting & Conference Expenses	\$32	\$950
6073 Miscellaneous Expenses	\$768	\$800
6075 Office Supplies & Expense	\$2,670	\$2,000
6080 Postage & Delivery Fees	\$4,223	\$2,948
6085 Printing & Reproduction Expense	\$7,500	\$7,152
6087 Property Tax Expense	\$252	-
6090 Program Supplies & Expenses	\$1,683	-
6095 Rental Expense	\$2,263	\$9,000
6100 Repairs & Maintenance Expense	\$18,304	\$16,350
6105 Security Expense	\$4,850	\$500
6110 Telephone, Cable & Internt Fees	\$2,945	\$3,000
6115 Trash Pickup	\$-	\$500
6120 Utility Expenses	\$12,321	\$17,700
6130 Website Expenses	\$-	\$-
Total Expense	\$127,109	\$121,000
Net Income	(\$5,284)	\$-

Submitted by:
 John Gumbel 313-531-5817
 NRPCA Treasurer
 TreasurerNRPCA@gmail.com



North Rosedale Park Civic Association Membership Application

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Membership Dues

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Non-Resident	\$40
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are tax deductible under state and federal tax laws.*

Be a Volunteer!

Please tell us how you would be interested in helping.

Areas of interest:

Thank you for your support!

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.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND THEIR ASSIGNMENTS

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