

The Rosedale Tattler



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**2013 EASTER
EGG HUNT**
Saturday, March 30, 2013
from 11am - 1pm
See page 5 for details

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NORTH ROSEDALE PARK CIVIC ASSOCIATION'S BENEFIT PERFORMANCE

FRIDAY, APRIL 5, 2013

7:00 PM • Appetizers and Refreshments

8:00 PM • Performance

Based upon real-life experiences of R&B acts such as The Supremes, The Shirelles, and James Brown, Dreamgirls follows an aspiring female singing trio called "The Dreams" who go on to become music superstars

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Fundraiser for the NRPCA • Refreshments 7 PM • Show 8 PM – \$25.



For more details, see page 7.

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

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN FEASIBILITY STUDY BEGINS

Dan Jenuwine of Richner & Richner made a preliminary presentation about the Feasibility Study he is doing for the North Rosedale Civic Association (NRPCA) Board of Directors (BOD) on February 7. As part of the study, the Leadership Committee of the Capital Campaign under the chairmanship of Jim Johnson, convened an Ad Hoc Committee. Jenuwine noted that the committee had met and had made recommendations for the study. Jenuwine also stated that the term Feasibility Study is "a misnomer. It is really a Cultivation Study – a cultivation of donors." At the BOD meeting Board members asked questions and also made suggestions for the study.

SEND IN YOUR PLEDGES

As part of the Capital Campaign, residents and former residents of North Rosedale Park have made pledges of varying amounts. If you have made a pledge and have forgotten to send in your pledge, please do so today. Send to the Capital Campaign at NRPCA 18445 Scarsdale, Detroit, MI 48223. You may also use PayPal on our web site at www.northrosedalepark.org/.

2013 NRPCA BUDGET AND MEMBERSHIP CAMPAIGN

The 2013 NRPCA Budget was discussed at the last Board of Director's meeting. It was decided to continue the discussion and any necessary cuts to spending at the next BOD meeting in March. In the meantime, we will ask the Block Captains and each BOD to call a minimum of ten neighbors to encourage them to join the NRPCA. We are aiming for 100 new members. Conceivably, the revenue from additional members will allow the budget to be balanced.

We ran almost a \$6,000 deficit last year just as we have every other year for the last nine years! **This is not sustainable.** Our building and its systems are aging. Electrical, plumbing and heating systems need replacement/upgrade. The building needs serious renovation. In addition to the Capital Campaign of \$2.5 million that will set us on a firm foundation, we need a larger membership base, a diversified revenue stream and strong control of spending. Consequently, we have a Financial Processes Committee that will make necessary recommendations to the BOD.

PROGRAMMING

As the unseasonably warm weather turns to snowflakes and ice, the crisp warmth of spring and our Annual Easter Egg Hunt at the Community House is not that far off. We partner with the Rosedale Park Improvement Association to present this favorite event. This year our Vice President Sherry Gay-Dagnogo will be in charge. The big hit last year was the Petting Farm which will be here again this year. The kids loved the farm animals almost as much as the hunt for the candy-filled eggs.

ICE SKATING RINK

Cross your fingers, it looks like we might continue to have enough cold weather so that the soccer fields can be flooded again for ice skating and ice hockey. Be sure to check the Community House Grounds to see if the field has been flooded if you have little ones or not so little ones who love ice skating. Thanks to Eddie Hejka for first flooding the soccer fields earlier this season.

PS: Mr. Hooks who owns Foodland in the Grandland Mall now has hard to find halal meats, organic potatoes, organic celery, organic oranges and organic apples as well as other organic products. If you want additional organic products, be sure to let him know, he'll do his best.



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Behind the Footlights

By Roger Loeb

Ever wonder what it takes for Park Players to put on a show like *DREAMGIRLS*? It's a long process involving many people and much hard work. It starts when the Board provides guidelines to the script committee concerning the type of show they wish to do. The script committee then does a thorough search for possible plays fitting the guidelines. The committee usually makes two or three suggestions and presents them back to the Board in preferential order. Typically the Board accepts the first choice. The next task for a musical like *DREAMGIRLS* is to hire a director, a music director, and a choreographer.

Next, the Board is responsible for finding people willing to produce the show. [Thank you Steven, Mary, and Montellis.] Producers are responsible for finding committee heads for the different areas of a production (costumes, sets, props, lighting, sound, stage crew, publicity, tickets, house, special food performances, afterglow, etc). They need to meet with these individuals and make sure that they and their committee members are completing their tasks in a timely manner.

With the production team in place, it is time to hold auditions. After announcing auditions as widely as possible, actors are put through their paces (reading, singing, and dancing) by the casting committee typically made up of the directors and producers. After casting decisions have been made, the arduous rehearsal process begins. We usually rehearse three days a week for about eight weeks. Then we have what is colloquially known as "Hell Week". It begins with a full day rehearsal focused on TECH; that is, the backstage crew provide the lights, the sound, the

costumes, the props, and the make-up. That last week involves running the show each night (usually everyone gets one night off) with the addition of the orchestra. And finally, exhausted but exhilarated, it is opening night.

Now everyone gets to celebrate the joy of the production. For eight performances, cast and crew are delighted to present our show to you, our audience. We look forward to seeing your smiling faces and hearing your cheers at one or more of the upcoming performances of *DREAMGIRLS*.

***DREAMGIRLS* SHOWTIMES**

- Friday, March 15** – Dinner Theater 6:30 PM; Show 8 PM — \$30
Saturday, March 16 – Show 8 PM – Regular Adult: \$18; Senior/Student: \$16
Sunday, March 17 – Fundraiser GRDC Vacant Property Task Force Refreshments 1 PM; Show 2 PM – \$25.
(For tickets: call 313-387-4732 x117 or vacantproperty@grandmontrosedale.com)
Friday, March 22 – Show 8 PM – \$18
Saturday, March 23 – Wine & Cheese 7 PM; Show 8 PM — \$25
Sunday March 24 – Light Lunch 2 PM; Show 3 PM — \$24
Friday, April 5 – Fundraiser for the NRPCA: Refreshments 7 PM; Show 8 PM – \$25.
(For tickets call 313-273-5366 or email nrpca@att.net)
Saturday, April 6 – Show 8 PM – \$18

For more information or Ticket Reservations
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neighborhood concern that needs to be resolved,
please contact your Block Captain
or if you don't know who your Block Captain is,
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Our next meeting is:
TUESDAY, MARCH 5, 2013

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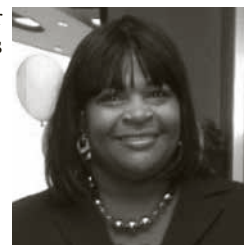
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“LOVE WHERE YOU LIVE” ANTI-LITTER CAMPAIGN

In an effort to reduce litter and illegal dumping in the community, the Grandmont Rosedale Beautification Task Force is launching a “Love Where You Live” (LWYL) campaign.

Modeled on a successful anti-littering campaign in England, LWYL aims to inspire, encourage, and enable us to make where we live, work, and play the kind of place we want it to be.

LWYL is based on five key principles:

- (1) Encourage personal responsibility and positive action,
- (2) Work in partnership with neighbors to reduce litter,
- (3) Take responsibility for keeping your own immediate area clean,
- (4) Raise awareness and education about the prevention of littering,
- (5) Make it easy for people not to drop litter.

The Beautification Task Force plans an ongoing series of activities and opportunities that will allow everyone in the Grandmont Rosedale community to get involved. It’s simple – it’s easy – a clean environment makes us all feel great – love where you live!

JOIN THE CAMPAIGN ON MARCH 23

To launch their campaign, the Beautification Task Force invites you to join them on Saturday, March 23 in a massive, volunteer-driven first annual “Grand River Clean Sweep.” Neighbors and businesses will unite to sweep, weed, scrub, pick up trash,

and just generally make the whole street clean. To sign up to volunteer, call Sustainable Communities Program Manager Becki Kenderes at 313-387-4732, ext. 101 or email bkenderes@grandmontrosedale.com. Volunteers will meet at the GRDC building at 9:30 AM to receive maps and instructions.

SIGN THE PLEDGE

Can’t make it on March 23? No problem! You can still join the campaign. You can sign a pledge card, and in exchange for your promise to keep Grandmont Rosedale clean, you will receive a LWYL window decal or litter bag for your vehicle (while supplies last). Pledge cards available at the GRDC office (19800 Grand River, starting March 23).

DONATE YOUR RETURNABLES TO THE CAUSE

To raise funds for the LWYL campaign, the Beautification Task Force will be accepting your returnable bottles at GRDC during the second week of March (3/11 - 3/15). Bring your clean bottles and cans, bagged in black plastic bags, to the GRDC building during normal business hours, Monday through Friday.

FUTURE EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

Be on the lookout for future LWYL events and activities. In the coming months, task force members will be collecting “pledge cards” (promises from residents and business owners to help keep the community clean) and organizing routine clean-ups. To find out more information, contact GRDC Sustainable Communities Program Manager Becki Kenderes at 313-387-4732, ext. 101, or visit www.facebook.com/GrandmontRosedaleLWYL.

NRPCA BENEFIT PERFORMANCE FRIDAY, APRIL 5, 2013

Join us for the NRPCA benefit performance of the wonderful musical *DREAMGIRLS* on Friday, April 5. (7 PM for food and 8 PM for the show). Tickets are only \$25 per person. This includes light snacks, desserts, and beverages and the opportunity to enjoy a great show in the company of your neighbors and friends in your own Community House.

Now is the time to make your plans and get your group together! The event is only 5 weeks away! There are 144 seats to fill and if we can fill them all, the Civic Association will have a nice profit. This revenue will be an invaluable aid to keeping the Community House and grounds our

best neighborhood investment. All seats are reserved, so act now to get the best seats. An added benefit to you: NRPCA is a 501 (c) 3 non-profit organization and \$7 of your \$25 ticket is tax deductible as a donation. Mary Davis will be taking reservations for tickets, so please get your block club, your family, your friends, etc. together and call her (313-273-5366) or e-mail nrpca@att.net to reserve tickets. She will gladly reserve seats and hold them without payment until March 22. After that, seats will be held only upon payment.

Please come out to *DREAMGIRLS* and support the NRPCA and the Park Players, two of the invaluable assets which enhance the quality of life in



Northwest Detroit. **Thank you, in advance, for your support!**

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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.

NEIGHBORHOOD SAFETY

MEETING – The monthly neighborhood safety meeting will be held on Thursday, March 28 at 6 PM at the North Rosedale Park Community House, 18445 Scarsdale. **Federal Judge, Victoria A. Roberts** is this month's speaker; her talk will include information about the importance of serving on a Federal jury and will

provide other insights into the structure of the court systems and the types of cases presented in each jurisdiction.

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 Community Security Assistant Elizabeth Wroughton at 313-387-4732, ext. 109, or ewroughton@grandmontrosedale.com.

DREAMGIRLS BENEFIT FOR VACANT PROPERTY TASK

FORCE – Purchase a ticket for a matinee performance of *Dreamgirls* by the Park Players and you'll not only get to see a great show, you'll also be helping to keep your community safe! Proceeds from the Sunday, March 17th matinee performance support the Grandmont Rosedale Vacant Property Task Force, a group of dedicated resident volunteers working to address problems associated with abandoned homes in the community. Doors open at 1 PM, show starts at 2 PM, light refreshments provided. Tickets are \$25. To purchase your tickets and reserve your seats, contact GRDC's Vacant Property Hotline at 313.387.4732, ext. 117.

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.

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

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A blast from the past, Betty Gaither, Roberta Shortt, Gary Baldwin & Mike Van De Keere preparing a backdrop for Park Players.

IN MEMORIAM

Betty Vera Lytle Gaither

January 24, 1926 to January 27, 2013

On January 27, 2013, our friend and neighbor, Betty Gaither passed into eternity. We mourn her loss with her husband of almost 63 years, Harry Gaither, her 5 children, their spouses, her 8 grandchildren, and her 4 great-grandchildren.

Betty and Harry moved into their new house on Plainview Avenue, the house that Harry designed and built for her, on March 10, 1950 just a few hours after their wedding. They enjoyed life in North Rosedale Park for almost 62 years. The Gaither's lives were busy and full of commitments and projects.

Besides raising their 5 children, Betty was an accomplished water colorist, a skilled weaver and teacher of caning and basket weaving, a clever antiques restorer, a master gardener, a dedicated concert goer and supporter of music, an avid reader, especially mystery stories, a creative set painter for Park Players, a willing participant in all Woman's Club activities, a volunteer at the YMCA and the Detroit Public Library, a lover of history and supporter of Questers, and an avid Bridge player. She and Harry entered wholly into the activities of the "Park." Betty served as President of the Rosedale Park Woman's Club, Board Member of Park Players, and fund-raiser for the Library and Questers. She was a member of at least two neighborhood Bridge Clubs, and she generously shared the lovely flowers in her garden with her friends and

neighbors in North Rosedale Park. Many of us can point to plants that came originally from the Gaither's garden.

We are thankful for Betty's talents and her zest for life. She will continue to live in the memories of her family, neighbors, and friends.

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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 contact Clarenda Webb (313-330-7844)

and report the addresses and any other information posted or available. You can also send an email to vacantproperty@grandmontrosedale.com.

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.



Maintaining North Rosedale Standards

By Beverly Frederick

The Code Enforcement Committee wants to help educate the North Rosedale

Park residents with a clear understanding of what a code violation is and the result for not complying to a code violation notice. We allow you (1) week to correct the violation. If not resolved the concern is forwarded onto the City of Detroit, Building, Safety, Environmental and Engineering Department or to the City of Detroit Police Department, Community Relations Environmental Division.

Here are some the most common code violations that impact our community and concerns that many of our residents have asked the Code Enforcement Committee to respond to:

Allowing High Weeds and Grass – Ordinance 9-1-104. All premises and exterior property shall be maintained free from weeds or grass growth in excess of (8) inches. FINE: \$50.00

Improper Disposal of Solid Waste – Place yard waste in biodegradable paper bags. **DO NOT PLACE IN PLASTIC BAGS. DO NOT PLACE BAGS ON THE BOULEVARDS OR MEDIANS.** FINE: \$200.00+

Courville Containers – should be put to the curb no earlier than 6:00pm on the day before collection and be removed no later than 9:00pm on collection day. FINE: \$100.00

Improper Placement of Courville Containers – Ordinance 22-2-43. Courville containers cannot be stored at the curb, in the front yard, or on the front porch. FINE: \$100.00

Noise – Operating or maintaining a radio or other noise making or amplifying device, by which disturbs the peace and good order of the neighborhood. FINE: COURT

Disturbing the Peace in Public or Private Area – FINE: COURT

Habitually Barking Dog(s) – FINE: COURT

Inoperable Motor Vehicle – Ordinance 9-1-110. It is unlawful to keep, park, or store inoperative or unlicensed motor vehicles on any premises or property, including any motor vehicle which is in a state of major disassembly, disrepair, or in the process of being dismantled. Inoperable vehicles must be raised off the ground and must be covered. FINE: COURT

Littering – FINE: \$200.00

Illegal Dumping – Ordinance 22-2-83. No person shall dump, store or deposit on any publicly owned property or private property within the City of Detroit, it is declared to be a blight violation. The amount of the fine is determined by the amount of solid waste dumped on the property. The minimum fine is **\$200.00** and the maximum fine is **\$10,000.00**.

All violation fines listed above are first offense amounts. Fines increase with repeat offenses.

Our committee is also working very hard with the City of Detroit, Building, Safety, Environmental and Engineering Department along with the City of Detroit, Board of Zoning and Appeals on (3) major concerns that are affecting the quality of life for our residents.

We want to stress the importance of knowing what is going on around you and to speak up, and let us know. You can contact us on our hotline, **(313) 255-1884**, or visit our website and file a complaint at <http://www.northrosedalepark.org/code-enforcement-committee.html>.



“Our lives begin to end the day we become silent about things that matter” – Martin Luther King Jr.

Capital Campaign News

It's hard to believe that the Capital Campaign is now two years old. It began in February 2011 with a visit to Community Legal Resources, now Michigan Community Resources, to learn if NRPCA would qualify as a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. Thanks to Kresge Foundation funding to the Detroit Collaborative Design Center of the University of Detroit Mercy School of Architecture we conducted a Community Engagement Program to get your thoughts about the Community House and grounds that guided their Concept Design Plans for future renovations. A Capital Campaign volunteer organization was developed and continues to be adjusted. The 501(c)(3) designation was obtained in February 2012. We partnered with Project for Public Spaces to get guidance on usage of our facilities to insure their financial sustainability. Their

work emphasized the need for a program management staff position at NRPCA. A grant application was submitted to obtain professional fundraising skills, to seed the program manager position for three years and to renovate the patio and a portion of the parking lot to accommodate the Northwest Detroit Farmers' Market. In January 2013 we engaged Richner & Richner as a fundraising consultant to develop a strategic fundraising plan for the Capital Campaign. A Community Development Block Grant application was submitted to obtain funding for handicap accessibility for the Community House. It was a busy two years.

It's always difficult to predict what will happen in the future, especially the timing. We are still awaiting the decision on our grant application for fundraising and

program management skills as well as patio and parking lot renovations. The strategic fundraising plan will be available in early May, and this will be followed for many months by requests for donations at many levels – foundations, corporations and individuals. It is very important that we engage an architectural consultant to finalize the renovation plans as soon as possible, which will involve additional community input. Hopefully an interim solution can be achieved to bring the Farmers' Market to North Rosedale Park in 2013. In short, there's a lot of work in progress.

Look for this column will appear in future Tattlers to provide updates on specific aspects of the Capital Campaign. Feel free to contact me with questions or comments.

Jim Johnson

I Book Club

PEYTON PLACE

"The town everyone's talking about...all the people of Peyton Place, with all their joys and sorrows, passion and compassion."

When Grace Metalious' debut novel about the dark underside of a small, respectable New England town was published in 1956, it quickly soared to the top of the bestseller lists.

A landmark in 20th century American pop-culture, Peyton Place spawned a successful feature film and a long-running television series-the first prime-time soap opera.

Please join the North Rosedale Park Book Club discussion of

Peyton Place
By Grace Metalious

Thursday, March 21, 2013 • 6:00pm
The North Rosedale Park Community House

LOST DOGS

This past week I received three or four community emails regarding lost dogs. As a dog owner and lover I cringe when I get these especially during our Michigan winters.

There is an easy way to get your dog back quicker. You need to have a collar with their name and phone number on the dog and have them chipped. This can be done thru your vet or look for specials at pet stores or Animal Rescue Leagues and Shelters like All About Animals Rescue. [clinic@allaboutanimalsrescue.org].

If your dog is picked up by the Humane Society or dropped off there the first thing they do is scan for a chip and then give you call to go pick them up. You should also do this for your cats. It is a great investment.

So please protect your beloved pets and get them back home.

Judy Barkey, Sunderland

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!!!

8th Annual Neighborhood Open House

Sunday, May 5, 2013

By Marsha Bruhn

Know someone who's looking for a home? Invite them to the Grandmont Rosedale Neighborhood Open House! Now in its eighth consecutive year, the five neighborhoods of North Rosedale Park, Rosedale Park, Grandmont, Grandmont #1 and Minock Park are again inviting prospective homebuyers to tour homes for sale in our area. The Open House will run from 1:00 until 5:00 PM on Sunday, May 5th and should include homes currently being rehabilitated by our partner, the Grandmont Rosedale Development Corporation (GRDC).

Registration will be at the North Rosedale Park Community House where visitors can board a shuttle bus for a short tour of the neighborhoods, talk with vendors about tax abatement and financing, enjoy popcorn and refreshments, and find out about other services in our area.

Wheelhouse Detroit will again offer cyclists a chance to tour Grandmont Rosedale. Starting at Rivard Plaza on the Detroit Riverfront, riders will travel out historic Grand River to the Community House, where they'll enjoy

refreshments and then take a guided tour of our neighborhoods. Residents are welcome to join them.

If you have a home for sale, consider including it in the Open House. If you know of a home near you that's for sale, contact the owner or realtor and encourage them to have it open. Almost 300 people attended last year, and homes have sold as a result of this well-publicized and popular event. For more information, contact Mary Sue Schottenfels at 313-909-0760. To volunteer, call Kevin Johnson, 313-835-6136.

Introducing MyGrandmontRosedale.org!

Ever wish that there was one website you could visit to find out what is happening throughout the Grandmont Rosedale neighborhoods? Well, now there is. MyGrandmontRosedale.org is your new information gateway to the Grandmont Rosedale communities.

MyGrandmontRosedale.org is sponsored by all five of the Grandmont Rosedale area neighborhood associations, as well as the Grandmont Rosedale Development Corporation.

The idea for a web site that includes comprehensive information and listings for all of Grandmont Rosedale came out of last year's neighborhood-wide Visioning event. Thanks to the hard work of several neighborhood residents and GRDC staff, as well as support

from Detroit Local Initiatives Support Corporation, that idea has now come to fruition as MyGrandmontRosedale.org.

CHECK OUT THE NEW SITE

Take a test drive on MyGrandmontRosedale.org and you'll find positive stories about the people and places in the community, information about local businesses and neighborhood amenities, as well as profiles of elected neighborhood officers, contact information for all community organizations, and a comprehensive calendar of upcoming events and activities in the Grandmont Rosedale community. We've also included a resource page with important contact information and helpful tips on a variety of topics.

EVERYONE CAN CONTRIBUTE

The best part about MyGrandmontRosedale.org? Neighborhood residents can all contribute to the site's content by sharing stories, photos, and notices of upcoming events. Just follow the instructions you'll find on the site to submit items electronically.

So, take a look around. Explore the business directory, find a task force to join, learn about the cool things your neighbors have been up to, investigate the calendar listings to find out what's going on in the neighborhood. Then let us know about the cool things you've been doing by submitting your comments, photos, and stories.

NRPCA WEBSITE

Recently I misplaced my Tattler which had information in it that I needed. Instead of searching thru the House a light bulb came on. Why don't I check our website? I must admit that although I knew we had a website I had pretty much forgotten all about it. So I googled it up and lo and behold there it was: www.northrosedalepark.org.

It had the information that I needed, but much, much more. There was information on the Capitol Campaign, the NRPCA Association, Block Captains and the CB Patrol. It had the Community House and Park regulations, important phone numbers and lists of current events. It was literally filled with stuff that you could use and, guess what, it

even had an updated copy of the Tattler to scroll thru.

The web site is constantly being updated. Why don't you take a look at www.northrosedalepark.org. You will be pleasantly surprised.

Judy Barkey
Sunderland



"It's Les Mis in Jerusalem!"

-Teresa Tomeo, Nationally syndicated Radio Host

Tickets

Ticket Master: ticketmaster.com

Music Hall Box Office: 313.887.8501

Group Sales (groups of 10+): 734.788.7073

NRPCA Calendar • March 2013

2	Park Players Sets.....	9am	11	Rental.....	9am	21	Book Club.....	6pm
3	Park Players	1pm	11	Park Players	6:30pm	22	Show	8pm
4	Rental.....	9am	12	Rental.....	7pm	23	Show	8pm
4	Girl Scouts	5:30pm	13	Park Players	6:30pm	24	Show	3pm
4	Rental.....	7pm	14	Park Players	6:30pm	25	Rental.....	9am
5	Block Captains Mtg.	6:30pm	15	Show	8pm	25	Girl Scouts	5:30pm
6	Park Players	7pm	16	Show	8pm	25	Rental.....	7pm
7	NRPCA Board Mtg.....	6:30pm	17	Show	3pm	27	Rental.....	6pm
7	Rental.....	7pm	18	Rental.....	9am	27	Park Players	7pm
9	Park Players Sets.....	9am	18	Rental.....	7pm	28	Rental.....	9am
9	Rental.....	2pm	20	Rental.....	6pm	28	Neighborhood Safety Mtg.	6pm
10	Park Players	12pm	20	Park Players	7pm			

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.

HOW WILL YOU REVEAL YOUR DETROIT?

By Gloria Adebayo

This is the question your North Rosedale Park friends, neighbors and family had to consider as community participants of the **Detroit Institute of Art Reveal Your Detroit Photography Project**. This question opened the door to countless opportunities for personal expression via filmed images about city life.

The artists of the Detroit Reveal Your Detroit used cameras to create visions that grabbed attention and encouraged deeper thing about living life in the city of Detroit. Words allow one kind of conversation about Detroit, images allow another. The goal was to increase awareness of the many ways people envisioned the past, present and future of this great American city! Last spring DIA sponsored a three month Reveal Your Detroit Photography exhibition at the Detroit Main Library. The hundreds of photos reviewed were the result of a city-wide collaboration comprised of City of Detroit citizens who took part in this amazing project.

Photos of the Reveal Your Detroit Project will become part of a coffee table tale book published by Wayne State University

Press this autumn, 2013. Our NRP neighborhood community participants included:

Gloria Adebayo
Cristina Adebayo
Judy Barkey
Mark Barkey
Mary Davis

Destini Jackson
Karen Johnson Moore
Joe Kvoriak
Erma Leaphart-Gouch
Tess Tchou

You can preview more of these fantastic photos taken by North Rosedale Park residents by visiting our website at: www.northrosedalepark.org.





North Rosedale Park Civic Association Membership Application

Name(s) _____

Address _____

Zip Code _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Membership Dues

Resident	\$60
Non-Resident	\$40
Business	\$40

Enclosed is \$ _____ in payment for dues for the
year ending December 31, 2013.

Additional Donation enclosed \$ _____

Make checks payable to:

North Rosedale Park Civic Association or NRPCA

Mail dues to:

Membership Secretary

18445 Scarsdale, Detroit MI 48223-1333

*The NRPCA is now a 501(c)(3) charitable organization.
Contributions and dues payments to the NRPCA
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.

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