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are spread throughout
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THE DECEMBER GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Join us for the Annual Membership Appreciation Dinner

Thursday, December 12, 2013 • 6:30-8:00 PM

at the Community House • 18445 Scarsdale

The slate of nominees for the NRPCA Board of Directors will be announced, and nominations will be taken from the floor.

Children are welcome.

We look forward to spending an evening with you!



Looking for Leaders! NRPCA Board Elections Friday, January 10, 2014

Have you considered running for a seat on the NRPCA Board of Directors? Nominations are now being taken for the Officers and Directors to serve during the 90th year of the Civic Association. If you possess organizational skills and would like to influence NRPCA policies that will guide this neighborhood we call HOME as well as provide direction for the Capital Campaign, please step up to the challenge.

The following neighbors have accepted nominations for the 2014 Board elections. Are you ready to join them?

President:

Hubert Sawyers III

Vice President:

Joe Kvorick

Director (2 year term)

Kathleen Garrett

Gloria Goodwine

Erma Leaphart-Gouch

Tripp Marshall

Susan Steigerwalt

Robert Weed

The slate will be presented at the December 12, 2013 General Membership Meeting, at which time nominations will be taken from the floor. Nominations will be closed at the conclusion of the meeting.

To run for the Board of Directors, you must be a resident of North Rosedale Park and a member in good standing of the North Rosedale Park Civic Association. For more information, please contact Jim Johnson, Chair, Nominations Committee, 313-534-4607, or jbjohnson68@sbcglobal.net.

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

PROGRAM MANAGER AND PROGRAM ORGANIZER

Our new Program Manager, Sheariah (pronounced Sher-rye-ah) started work at the Community House on Monday, November 11. She hails from our sister neighborhood, Rosedale Park and has experience with event programming and after school programming. Our Program Organizer is Jessica Bickmann from Royal Oak. If you get a chance, stop by the Community House and introduce yourself. Their orientation is almost finished and they are already working on programming. Sheariah will be working Monday through Thursday and Jessica will be working Monday and Tuesday for us and Wednesday and Thursday for GRDC (Grandmont Rosedale Development Corp.) working on the Farmer's Market move as well as the Summer Youth Arts Program. Check out their articles in this month's Tattler.

PROGRAM COMMITTEE

Additional members are needed for the Program Committee to join Elizabeth Cooper and myself. Give me a call if you would like to volunteer. Most of the work will be through email. We also need members for the Membership Committee. Contact Na-Juan Lockhart at <membershipsecretary@northroosedalepark.org> We are gearing up for a big Membership Drive during which our new interns will help to visit neighbors. Again, please give me a call at 586-222-9454 if you would like to have input into programming or if you would like to volunteer to teach a class in scrapbooking, tatting, knitting, chess, yoga, painting, watercolor, drawing, etc.

We are planning a trip to Ypsilanti to visit the solar installations at the Ypsi Food Coop and other solar projects. They have completed 26 and have a goal of 100. The link for more information is <http://solar.ypsi.com/> Please call or email me if you would like to go and include the best days for you, so we can schedule a day that the most people can attend. We tried last month, but almost everyone backed out because of busy schedules or illness. I'd also like to schedule a trip to a couple of buildings in Midtown that are heated and cooled with geo-thermal systems. Again let me know if you are interested and I will set it up.

IT COMMITTEE AND CONTRACTOR REVIEWS

The IT Committee will complete their migration of the web site by the end of the November according to temporary chair Hubert Sawyers III. I have noticed that no one has added any reviews to the Contractor Reviews. Have you had a great experience with a painter, plasterer, carpenter, general contractor, plumber or other trades, be sure to write a review of their work. The link to the contractor Reviews is <http://www.northroosedalepark.org/recommended-contractors.html> The site is under "More" then click on "The Neighborhood," then "Community Resources," then "Recommended Contractors." Though the title says "Recommended" it would be very helpful if you include those contractors who have not done a good job for you. We need to know who to avoid as well as who takes pride in their work.

HERBICIDES INCLUDING ROUNDUP PROHIBITED AT COMMUNITY HOUSE

The Board voted at the last meeting to prohibit toxic chemicals such as 2,4D and other herbicides at the Community House and Grounds and to research organic weed control. Susan Steigerwalt and I will complete the research in December. 2, 4D is an active ingredient of Agent Orange and was sprayed extensively in Vietnam and continues to cause fatal birth defects in Vietnamese babies even today. And everyone has heard about Agent Orange Syndrome in American soldiers. Also as part of the new environmental policy, we will encourage renters to recycle paper, glass and metal.

2013

This has been a good year with progress being made:

- A \$50,000 donation from Jeff and Ellen Adler excited the community.
- Two Public Allies AmeriCorps interns are working on Community House programming.
- An eBlast alert was set-up and is now managed by an intern.
- Tons of unsightly trash were cleaned up multiple times over the year from the Southfield service drive and other areas in North Rosedale.
- The Healthy Environments Partnership Walk Group grant was written, received and walking groups started. Gloria Goodwine is working on getting us certified as an official Healthy Environments Partnership site that will make us eligible for grants of \$100,000 or more. Our goal is to position ourselves so that we can receive a grant to begin work on a rubberized walking/running track around our grounds in 2014.
- A small grant for the playground was received for engineered wood chips.
- Roses and additional flower beds were planted at the Community House and on public areas and new deciduous trees were planted on Outer Drive.
- NRPCA financial records were put in order. A CPA was hired and a professional audit showed no discrepancies or problems thanks to John Gumble's leadership.
- John also helped set up a PayPal account, so that tickets to our events can be bought online and dues can be paid online.
- Sherry Gay-Dagnogo and Marsha Bruhn helped to set up a partnership with Cooke School.
- We also have hired an architect to provide a Master Plan for our renovations and a Fundraising Consultant to help us raise the renovation funds.
- To aid in continuity, a Policy and Procedure Book for all BOD policies, processes and procedures will be finished by December.

Hopefully, next year will be as productive and as exciting as this year. Up the NRPCA!



Behind the Footlights

By Sally Evalt

Gangsters
Gambling
Humor
Cheesecake
Showgirls
New York City
Horses
Romance
Salvation Army
Strudel
Guys
Dolls

And a guy named
Nathan Detroit!

What do all these things have in common? They're all a part of author Damon Runyon's colorful vision of New York City in the 1930s. Add some of the best music ever heard in a Broadway musical, and you have the Park Players' spring production of **Guys and Dolls** which opens on March 21.

Auditions for this funny yet romantic



show are set for Sunday, Jan. 5 at 1pm, and on Wednesday, Jan. 8 at 7:30pm. There are many roles and a large chorus that needs to be filled. Men and women of all ages, teenagers included, are urged to try out. Those auditioning will be asked to sing a song so bring your own sheet music or be ready to learn and sing a song from the show. Choreographer Carollette Phillips will teach everyone a brief dance routine to perform in a group, and those auditioning will also read from the script for the directors.

This will be a fun show in which to be involved, and a wildly entertaining show to attend. The show's producers, George and Sally Evalt, were both in the chorus the last time Players did the show in 1981 on the Community House stage. Now 33 years later, they are enthusiastically tackling the job of pulling this show together so a new generation of actors and audience members can enjoy this classic stage musical.

The plot revolves around the characters of Nathan Detroit and Miss Adelaide and Sky Masterson and Sarah Brown. The Guys are incorrigible gamblers, and their Dolls' attempts to reform them make for some hilarious musical moments. Such memorable

songs as *Luck Be a Lady Tonight*, *If I Were a Bell, I'll Know (when my love comes along)*, and the show-stopping, gospel-like *Sit Down You're Rocking the Boat* are just several of the toe-tapping numbers in this show.

All Players, past and present, and any potential new members are urged to audition for this exciting production. Rehearsals are usually on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings and Sunday afternoons. Show dates are March 21, 22, 23, 28, 29, 30 and April 11 & 12. Mark your calendars NOW to attend, and support your neighborhood community theater.

Also, the Park Players invite all members, their guests and any interested neighbors to attend their annual December gathering on Sunday, Dec. 8, at 7pm at the Community House. Delicious treats, good fellowship and holiday caroling will rule the evening. Also further information will be available about auditions in January, and scripts will be available at this time to loan out to potential auditioners.

One last thing: Many, many thanks to all those who worked on the Players fall show, **A Murder is Announced**. Producer Mark Steinhauer deserves the bulk of credit for all his work in making this show a reality. The actors and actresses and all the committee heads and backstage people are to be commended for another quality Players production. Bravo!

For more information please follow our Blog at <http://parkplayers.wordpress.com/>

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Concerned about vacant properties in your neighborhood? Want to get involved?

Join the NRP 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 from the NRP Vacant Property Task Force representative at 313.330.7844 or email 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.

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Rosedale Grandmont Little League wins \$757 at Grandmont Rosedale SOUP



Rosedale Grandmont Little League (RGLL) won \$757 to purchase a storage pod at Stoepel Park during the second Grandmont Rosedale SOUP dinner. Over 70 people attended the dinner to vote for one of three community improvement project proposals that were presented at the event. Other proposals included the installation of a bus bench and the installation of split rail fencing at vacant lots.

The SOUP win for the league will help keep Stoepel Park looking great for many baseball seasons to come, as their new storage unit will help the park obtain "Satellite Status" from the City of Detroit. With a permanent place to store equipment, the City will now be able to station two full-time General Services Department employees at the park to mow, weed-whack, remove litter, and repair equipment as needed. Although the Rosedale Grandmont Little League was thrilled to receive the SOUP funds, additional funding was needed to cover the cost of the storage pod. Fortunately, Alexander Derdelakos learned of the group's efforts during the SOUP dinner and offered to finance the gap needed to purchase the pod (approximately \$200).

Thanks to all who showed up in support of the community. A special thanks to the Grandmont Rosedale SOUP committee – Amanda Brewington, Sarah Craft, Razi Jafri, Kevin Johnson, Becki Kenderes, Blake Maurice, Tom Ridgway, Sean VandenBrink and Liz Wroughton.



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 to obtain an Absentee Ballot, or call 313-837-3416.

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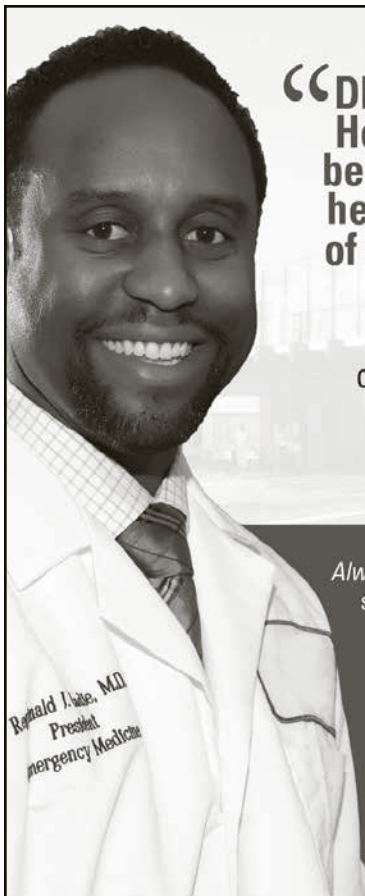
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RENOVATED HOMES AVAILABLE

SOON – GRDC has started renovations on nine vacant homes in the Grandmont Rosedale community. These homes will be transformed from neighborhood eyesores into neighborhood assets, with funding provided by the City of Detroit Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP). In addition to getting a beautifully renovated home, homebuyers will also receive down payment assistance and free homebuyer counseling to insure that they get off on the right foot. To qualify to purchase a home under this program, homebuyers must meet the following requirements:

- Have an annual household income at or below 120% of the area median income (see chart below)
- Be pre-approved for a mortgage with a reputable mortgage lender
- Complete 8 hours of pre-purchase homebuyer counseling

For additional information or to view a listing of homes to be renovated, visit the GRDC web site at www.grandmontrosedale.com.

NSP Program Income Limits

Household Size	Maximum Income
1 person	\$54,120
2 person	\$61,920
3 person	\$69,600
4 person	\$77,280
5 person	\$83,520
6 person	\$89,760
7 person	\$95,880
8 person	\$102,120

FREELANCE WRITER NEEDED FOR

GRDC – GRDC is seeking a freelance writer to work on several ongoing GRDC communications: the weekly eblast, the quarterly newsletter, the monthly neighborhood newsletter article, grant writing, website updates, and management of social media outlets.

The candidate must be an excellent writer and have experience with similar types of

writing. Grant writing and social media experience are a big plus. Basic graphic design skills are a must. Familiarity with the Grandmont Rosedale community is a plus.

If interested, send a proposal to Cathy Marshall, cmarshall@grandmontrosedale.com, by December 15, 2013. Proposal must include hourly rate, two writing samples, a resume, and a description of how writing has been integrated into past jobs and/or volunteer work.

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 next meeting will be Thursday, December 19, when Attorney and Former Deputy Mayor Saul Green will be the guest speaker. His topic is the Cease Fire Initiative, a program that requires gang members and those on probation to hear

from crime victims and business owners just how their acts of violence impacted their lives and/or the community. Join us at 6:30 PM for a lively discussion at the North Rosedale Park Community House, 18445 Scarsdale.

And remember -- if this is your first time attending a Neighborhood Safety Meeting or if you bring a new person to the meeting, you will be entered into our Safety Preparedness Raffle.

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ORG! Want to stay up to date on all the latest happenings in the Grandmont Rosedale community? It's easy – just make mygrandmontrosedale.org your new homepage or add it as a bookmark. At this neighborhood web site, you will find notices and short articles about all the various neighborhoods, a calendar of community events, a business directory, and much more. We are on Facebook, too – find us at [facebook.com/MyGrandmontRosedale!](https://facebook.com/MyGrandmontRosedale)

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.

GET THE GRDC E-MAIL BLAST!

– Every Wednesday morning at 11 AM, GRDC sends out an 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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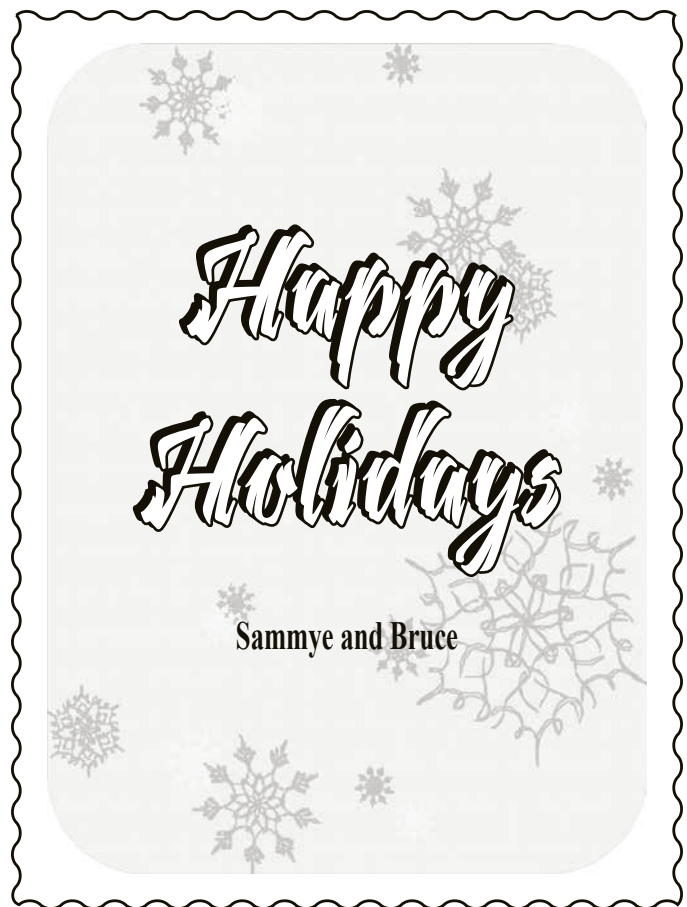
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**Happy Holidays,
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*Cathy and Jack Marshall
Emily, Joe and Max Novick*



**Happy
Holidays**

Sammye and Bruce

NRPCA APPROVES ARCHITECT FOR CAPITAL CAMPAIGN, HIRES FUNDRAISING CONSULTANT

The Capital Campaign took a big step forward with the selection of an architectural firm and the hiring of a fundraising consultant. In November, the NRPCA Board of Directors unanimously approved the selection of Constantine George Pappas Architecture/Planning, Inc., founded in 1982 and located in Royal Oak, to prepare the Master Plan and design services for the first phase of the Capital Campaign.

The Board also hired Christine Peck of Christine S. Peck & Associates as fundraising consultant to oversee all aspects of the Capital Campaign and work with committees and volunteers.

An eight-member committee (made up of representatives of the NRPCA board, Capital Campaign and Architectural Review Committee) pored over the proposals submitted by the three architectural firms that responded to the Request for Proposal. After interviews and careful consideration, Constantine George Pappas Architecture was unanimously recommended to the NRPCA Board for approval.

Constantine George Pappas has worked on numerous projects in metro Detroit, including Sam Bishop Playfield, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan Headquarters, Orchestra Hall Plaza and Parsons Street Streetscape, DTE Energy Headquarters, Troy Community Center and Livonia Community Recreation Center.

During the master planning process, North Rosedale Park residents will have several chances to comment on the overall design concepts, including

at the general membership meeting on December 12 and at the annual meeting on January 10, 2014. Plans call for the architect to present conceptual design drawings and architectural renderings at the January meeting, with the NRPCA Board giving final approval of the Phase One design by March 2014.

Phase One will include making the front and rear entrances and restrooms handicap accessible, installing a lift to the second floor, creating a new lobby, and electrical and plumbing upgrades at the Community House. Outside work entails a new patio, improved lighting in the parking lot and signage for the Farmers Market.

With architectural plans underway, Capital Campaign volunteers are still working to promote the campaign and raise the necessary funds for the Phase One goal of \$625,000. Thus far, close to \$275,000 has been raised, thanks to more than 70 residents and others who have pledged nearly \$200,000 and a \$76,500-grant from the Kresge Foundation. In addition, a \$194,000 grant from the City is pending final approval.

In October, Christie Peck began working with the various campaign committees and volunteers and has hired Mary Davis from North Rosedale Park as her project assistant. As a licensed fundraiser with more than 30 years of experience, Peck has already assisted in refining the overall plan and enhancing outreach efforts.


In the coming months, North Rosedale Park residents will receive more detailed information regarding the Capital Campaign and how they can contribute to efforts to renovate the Community House and spruce up the surrounding park.

For more information on the Capital Campaign or to become a volunteer, contact Marsha Bruhn at (313) 400-1192 or via email at marshabruhn@yahoo.com. To see the campaign plan, go to the NRPCA Web site at www.northrosedalepark.org.

Rose Love

What is the Capital Campaign?

For nearly 75 years, the North Rosedale Community House and the seven-acre park surrounding it have been the focal point of our community. As with any building, time has taken its toll on the Community House. In order to address many of structural problems and the need to update the facility, the Capital Campaign was created. Funds raised during phase one of the campaign will correct structural problems -- sinking floors, electrical and plumbing issues, and handicap accessibility -- and enhance activities by creating a new lobby, expanding the parking lot, installing additional lighting, and renovating the patio.



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With warmest wishes this holiday season,

Marsha Bruhn

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Hello North Rosedale Park residents!



My name is Sheariah Boswell-Howard and I am excited to serve as your Community Programs Manager at the North Rosedale Park Community House. I was born and raised here in the city of Detroit. I studied at the University of Michigan-Dearborn and majored in Psychology. I have worked and volunteered with a number of non-profits and organizations in the Metro Detroit area including Detroit Public Schools, City Year Detroit, Education Achievement Authority, Gleaners Food Bank, Forgotten Harvest and the Boys and Girls Clubs. I look forward to meeting and engaging with you at the upcoming activities and events in the North Rosedale Park Community House.

Here are a few of the proposed programs and activities:

1. Chess Club
2. Genealogy Group
3. Bingo Nights
4. Youth Poetry workshops
5. Field trips to museums and other historic sites throughout Michigan

Please share ideas of what you would like to see at your community house. Volunteers are always appreciated!

You can mail your ideas to the North Rosedale Community House at 18445 Scarsdale, Detroit, Michigan 48223.

You can also email me at howardshear@yahoo.com

Please tell us what activities and programs you would be interested in.

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Marsha Bruhn Wins Community Development Award!

Our very own Marsha Bruhn, Shaftsbury resident for many years and former Director of the City of Detroit Planning Commission has been selected to receive the 2013 Detroit Community Development Award for Exemplary Neighborhood Leadership. The award is co-sponsored by Detroit Local Initiatives Support Corporation (LISC) and Community Development Advocates of Detroit (CDAD). "The award was established in 2001 to publicly recognize and celebrate the residents and organizations whose commitment and hard work are revitalizing our communities," said LISC in awarding the honor."

This annual award is being given to Marsha in recognition of her leadership in bringing local residents and organizations together to improve the quality of life in our community. The panel of volunteers who reviewed the nominations noted the significant improvements that she has spearheaded as well as how she has served both as a role model for others and acted as a catalyst in neighborhood transformation.

Award was presented on November 19, 2013 at the 2013 Detroit Community Development Awards event at the Athenaeum Hotel in Greektown.



LISC, in conjunction with the community, developed the Quality of Life Program for Grandmont Rosedale. The renovation of the Community House is an integral part of that plan.

Help deter illegal dumping in North Rosedale Park!

Drive down Stahelin Street in North Rosedale Park or along Fenkell Ave in Minock Park and you'll likely notice several vacant lots framed by split rail fences. These fences not only beautify the area but also prevent illegal dumping at vacant lots where buildings once stood. This method has been tried and tested throughout Grandmont Rosedale and other parts of Detroit and has been a great success!

The North Rosedale Park Vacant Property Task Force held numerous volunteer events on Stahelin Street this past summer, which resulted in bulk clean-ups as well as over 100 lawns of abandoned homes maintained. Through September and November the street had five homes demolished! While the demolition is a huge win for the task force and

the neighborhood it also has the potential to create a ripe opportunity for illegal dumping and criminal activity.

Monetary donations are needed to install split rail fences on Stahelin where the houses have been demolished. The money will fund the material cost of the split rail fences and installation will be done by volunteered labor. Please note that donations are tax deductible. For more information or to donate, please contact the North Rosedale Park Vacant Property Task Force representative, Clarendawebb, at 313.330.7844 or email clarendawebb@gmail.com. Thank you for helping to ensure that Stahelin does not become a dumping ground!



“Cooking Matters” Class Teaches Families the Importance of Healthy Eating

The first “Cooking Matters” class was held at Cooke Elementary School on Tuesday, November 12. In partnership with Gleaners Community Food Bank of Southeastern Michigan, the six week class provides families the opportunity to learn to cook healthy meals together. Upon completion of the course, families receive free groceries and a free cookbook.

The first course covered the importance of feeding your body a balanced diet and “My Plate,” which is the current nutrition guide published by the United States Department of Agriculture replacing the food pyramid. Chef Jake Williams taught the group how to wash their hands for proper kitchen sanitation and correct knife skills. The end of the class consisted of cooking Barley Vegetable Soup and sharing the meal as a group.



Families participating in the program are eligible to receive incentives upon completion of the course. The course

runs every Tuesday from 4-6:00 pm until December 17.

Annual Haunted House Generates Screams of Terror!

By LaVonne Thomas

More than 106 thrill seekers braved the rainy evening to attend the Haunted House and No Tricks but lots of Treating at our annual event. The witches and ghouls made their appearance to test the beating hearts of the Young and Brave.

Screams were heard throughout the house as they ran away yelling we will be back next year.

Many thanks go out to our cast of players; our NRPCA President Cheryl

Buswell, her family Tamara (TK -set builder), Lisa and Matthew, friends Nia Jackson, Randall Herbert, Chris & Tom Ridgway, Mary Ratkowski, Charles Suber, David Rudolph and Katie Guitar.

Katie's Parents were our candy treaters along with Judy Barkey, David and Lois Drafts.

Again, special thanks to our wonderful and generous candy donators : Mary Davis, Judy Barkey, Theresa Taylor, Chris Davis, Silvia Puckett, Karen

Moore, Rufus Coleman, Clarenda Webb, Dina Jones, Nancy Dreisbach, Beverly and John Frederick, Marsha Bruhn, Erma Leaphart, David Rudolph, Lois and David Drafts, Victoria Pettiford, Nicole Daniels, Darlene Harris, Marcia Closson, Bruce Kirkland, Charles Suber, Mr & Mrs James Tate, Sheila Walker, Katie Guitar and Parents, those names we may have missed will turn up before the next haunting takes place (2014), until then may all Tricks be harmless and all your Treats be sweet. Whew!

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New Program Organizer, Jessica Bickmann

My name is Jessica Bickmann, and I am a graduate of Central Michigan University with a double major in English and history. I've spent the last two years working at the Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History where my primary responsibility was working on tours and children's workshops. Currently, I am a part of the inaugural class of Public Allies Metro Detroit and was placed at the North Rosedale Park Civic Association. The mission of Public Allies is to advance new leadership to strengthen communities, nonprofits and civic participation, and I am excited to do my part in the Grandmont Rosedale communities.

As Program Organizer, I will be splitting my time between the North Rosedale Park Civic Association (NRPCA) and the Grandmont Rosedale Development Corporation (GRDC). At NRPCA, I will primarily be involved in the Cooke School Partnership focusing on the cooking classes and the tutoring program. At the GRDC, I will be working on the Farmers' Market and the Summer Creative Arts Youth Program.

It is a pleasure to work at the NRPCA and GRDC and look forward to spending the next ten months working in this wonderful community.

In the photo on the right, Jessica is the first person on the left.



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The Fine Old GAR Building Is Coming Back to Life!

By Cheryl Buswell

The day was a beautiful fall day, a little nip in the air, but bright with fall colors and a warm sun. Brian Mooney who completed the renovation of our front entrance canopy and who is the General Contractor for the renovation of the GAR Building (Grand Army of the Republic) took us on a tour. I've always admired the GAR ever since I moved to Detroit in 1976. The stonework is fantastic; the turrets are so sturdy and majestic, I couldn't help but admire the craftsmanship. It was in pretty good shape until a few years ago when someone left the hatch open in one of the turrets and successive storms damaged a large part of the plasterwork and infrastructure of the turret. All of the moldy wet plaster and wood has been torn out and the building secured. Brand new heavy duty steel hatches have replaced the old ones.

Even though it has been drying out for a year, conferences have been held in the auditorium such as the famous TED

Talks and other community events. I'm so glad the media company that bought the building is into restoring the old grandeur and in preserving the past and not obliterating it. To some folks an old building has no worth. Tear it down and build something new or as Joanie Mitchell sang, "Put in a parking lot!"

The old doors and windows will be fixed, stripped and stained and varnished again. The stairs are in good shape. A painted locker that Brian thinks may have been used as a humidor will be renovated and used in one of the rooms.

The second floor was buried in six inches of pigeon droppings. The men had to shovel all the manure out and the rooms had to be disinfected. We sniffed and poked around and could not detect any foul odors!

Brian pointed out that a deed restriction requires that the building include a commemoration of the Civil War

veterans. Consequently, a museum will be incorporated into the renovation on the first floor. Period artifacts from Fort Wayne will be displayed in the museum.

We climbed all the way up to one of turrets and looked out over the city. The landscaping at the DTE Building was a block away. Other skyscrapers loomed in the distance.

We asked about the stripping process and the effort to conserve as much of the old structure as possible. Brian's craftsmen used a new process where dry ice crystals are shot under pressure much like a power washer. It takes off the mold, etc but completely dissolves when the stripping is done so there is little residue left unlike power washing which can be quite damaging in the wrong hands. And it is gentle on the wood. Work is proceeding with care. It will be quite a sight when it restored to the grandeur known by the Civil War veterans who built it.



Photography by Richard Castillo

The BCIP (Book Club in the Park)

is on Holiday

but we'll be back in 2014 to start the
New Year with a great Book.

Stay tuned for the January edition of the
Tattler to see what we're reading next.

*p.s. We heard through the grapevine that some of you
are following along with the monthly book selections.
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Happy Holidays!

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NRPCA Calendar • December 2013

1	Rental.....	12:00pm	7	Holiday Pancake Breakfast	9am	15	Rental.....	3pm
2	Rental.....	9am	7	Rental.....	5pm	16	HEP Walking Program	9am
2	HEP Walking Program	9am	8	Rental.....	7pm	16	HEP Walking Program	5:30pm
2	HEP Walking Program	5:30pm	9	HEP Walking Program	9am	17	Cook School	4pm
2	Rental.....	7pm	9	HEP Walking Program	5:30pm	18	HEP Walking Program	9am
3	Rental.....	10am	10	Cook School	4pm	18	HEP Walking Program	5:30pm
3	Block Captains Mtg	6:30pm	11	HEP Walking Program	9am	19	Neighborhood Safety Mtg	6:30pm
4	HEP Walking Program	9am	11	HEP Walking Program	5:30pm	20	HEP Walking Program	5:30pm
4	HEP Walking Program	5:30pm	12	NRPCA Membership Appreciation Dinner	6:30pm	23	HEP Walking Program	9am
4	Rental.....	6pm	12	NRPCA General Membership Mtg	7pm	23	HEP Walking Program	5:30pm
5	Rental.....	9am	13	HEP Walking Program	5:30pm	27	HEP Walking Program	5:30pm
5	NRPCA Board Mtg	–	14	Rental.....	5pm	30	HEP Walking Program	9am
5	Rental.....	7pm				30	HEP Walking Program	5:30pm
6	HEP Walking Program	5:30pm						

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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.



BARKING DOGS – A NUISANCE SUBJECT TO FINES AND JAIL TIME

The Code Enforcement Committee receives numerous complaints in connection with barking dogs that are disturbing the residents. Under Detroit's noise regulations, a dog is considered a nuisance if it "unreasonably

disturbs or annoys the quiet, comfort, and repose of persons in the vicinity by loud, frequent, habitual, or repeated barking, howling or yelping". The owner is subject to fines of up to \$500 and up to 90 days in jail for each violation of the ordinance. As a reference, the relevant sections of Chapter 6: Animals is included below.

CHAPTER 6: ANIMALS

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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.

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