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Membership Dues	
Resident	\$75
Non-Resident	\$60
Business	\$60

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.



Nextdoor yet?

Nextdoor is our exclusive social page that helps you reach to your neighbors, fast!! To join Nextdoor, please email info@nrpca.org to be added to our exclusive page.



## **Tattler eBlast**

Best way to stay up-todate on neighborhood events and happenings? Sign up for the Tattler eBlast. The eBlast is sent twice a month

directly to your inbox! You can sign up by emailing chelsea@nrpca.org or by visiting www.nrpca.org and entering your email into the red box at the bottom of the page. Make sure your neighbors are signed up too!

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

#### **Deadline for the Tattler**

The Rosedale Tattler is a monthly newsletter published by the NRPCA. All articles and advertisements are due the 15th of each month.

Please contact tattler@NRPCA.org to submit articles or BrieAnn Bell brieannbell@nrpca.org for advertising rates and policies. You can pay for your advertisement online at http://www.nrpca.org/the-tattler/

We welcome and encourage submissions. The author's name, address and phone number is required for publication. The editorial staff reserves the right to edit submissions for space or for which they deem obscene, defamatory, deceptive or misleading.

## Letter from the President

Greetings, neighbors,

Hope you are well and warm as you read this February Tattler. This is my first chance to address all of you as the 95th President of North Rosedale Park Civic Association. Yes, 95th, assuming a president for every year since we were formed in 1924.

I assume many of you do not know me, so a little background seems appropriate. My wife, Eileen, and I moved here in 1987 by moving across Grand River from our first home in Rosedale Park where we lived for 10 years. We loved the community there and never considered moving anywhere else until Eileen's mother moved in with us for health reasons and we needed a bigger house. We wanted to stay in this area and found a home in North Rosedale, where we have been very happy to live for the last 30 years. We raised two sons and a daughter here and they all have fond memories of the Community House and Park, June Day, the Christmas Breakfast, Rosedale Soccer and Rosedale Grandmont Baseball. But most of all they treasure knowing what it is like to grow up in a neighborhood which welcomed a wide variety of people with open arms to make a community.

I am honored to have the opportunity to serve you again as the NRPCA president. We are a neighborhood of beautiful single-family homes built around the only park and community center in Detroit owned by the local neighborhood. The Community House and Park make our neighborhood unique in Detroit and – like any home – are both a benefit and a burden. The Community House brings us together for fun and fellowship and provides a place for us to get to know each other while we work on events and activities for the good of the neighborhood.

With your help, I will do what I can to continue the old traditions that helped build community in North Rosedale and continue to expand our educational and recreational programs to serve the wider area around us. I will work with the Board, the Legacy Project, the Block Clubs and all the neighbors to accomplish many things for the community, including, but not limited to: (a) repaving our parking lot, (b) installing the Charles McGee sculpture and new brick plaza, (c) re-doing the Community House playscape, (d) renovating the kitchen, and (e) renovating the baseball field. The parking lot and art installation are now expected to be done by June and efforts to obtain grants and other funds to do the

playscape, kitchen and baseball field are already in motion thanks to the efforts of the Legacy Project and the Board. The work of the Association involves many hands, and we need the continued active support and involvement of the entire community. This is an organization of volunteer neighbors seeking to do the best



for the community. Like any family, sometimes we differ on what is best to do or how to do it, but I hope you will do what you can to keep this neighborhood a great place to live by getting to know your neighbors, working with your block club, paying your dues to the Association, and coming to the Community House and Park to join in one or more of the many great activities. You are missing a lot if you are not involved with this community. Hope to see you around the Park!

Hope to see you around the Park Bill Frey

## **2018 NRPCA Election Results**

The January 12, 2018 North Rosedale Park Election Results are as follows:

President – William Frey

Vice President – Marsha Bruhn

Board Director – James Martin

Board Director – Chris Kruppa

Board Director – Thereasa Glenn

Board Director - Walter Nelson

We thank the membership for participating in selecting the 2018 Board of Directors

## Meeting Announcement-NRPCA Board of Directors-February 2018

Thursday, February 8, 2018
6:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
North Rosedale Park Community House
18445 Scarsdale, Detroit, MI 48223
North Rosedale Park Civic Association Board of
Directors meetings are open to the public. If you
would like to be added to the agenda email President
William Frey at william.frey1@gmail.com.

## MAYOR MEETS WITH NRPCA REPRESENTATIVES REGARDING NEIGHBORHOOD

On January 16, Mayor Duggan, with several members of his staff, met with NRPCA president Bill Frey, vicepresident Marsha Bruhn and past president Tamara Kamara (TK), and several other neighborhood residents to have an informal discussion about how the City can improve services in our neighborhood and whether there were any specific neighborhood problems that could be addressed in the immediate future. The meeting was scheduled on fairly short notice from the City. The NRPCA solicited input from current and former Board members, from Clarenda Webb our Block Captains Coordinator, Beverly Frederick, Chair of the NRPCA Code & Zoning Committee and a variety of other neighbors. As a result of this quick survey, and the desire to focus on a few "do-able" issues, the following items were raised at the meeting, which lasted a bit over an hour. It was not intended to be exhaustive

- 1. Correcting recently paved streets that have high sewers and low asphalt leading to extremely unacceptable pooling of water after any rain. Response: The city asked for details on locations and NRPCA is collecting information. If you have information regarding any drain, please forward it through Beverly Frederick at frederickbly@gmail.com as soon as you can.
- 2. Repair and improve commercial allies on Grand River and Six Mile. The discussion focused on repairing craters developing at several points in the alley, such as behind Little Caesar's. Response: The mayor said the city would repair any drains that might be causing the craters, but that repair of the cement was responsibility of the neighboring business owner and that if they did not carry out repairs the City would issue citations and continue to escalate the issue if the business did not fix the issue.
- 3. Help repairing the brick entranceway at Bretton/
  Westmoreland and Grand River that was damaged by
  a drunk driver. Damaged Wall with end column missing
  needs to be re-built. Response: The City is looking into this
  situation. With cooperation of GRDC, NRPCA has obtained
  an updated quote for repair which would be \$16,000.
  The City may be able to work in a repair when some
  improvements are done along Grand River in the near future.
  No firm commitment to repair yet.
- **4. Problem homes/buildings** We identified three

commercial and two residential problem properties where issues from requested demolition to code enforcement needed to be addressed. Response: We have received a communication from the Land Bank indicating that as to the two residential



properties owned by the Land Bank, one was scheduled for demolition and was now in "High Priority" status but that it could still take 120 days of more before demolition occurs; as to the other property where a large tree is down, the Land Bank has scheduled it for an assessment for removal. No other additional info was available on the problem commercial properties at the time this article was written.

The response from the mayor and his staff was constructive and none of these "Asks" were rejected. We see this as part of the continuing dialogue between NRPCA and the City regarding city services in our neighborhood. Although it is necessary for neighbors to raise complaints directly with the City to get responses, please feel free to pass information along to us about problems so we can do our best to support your efforts and help get the City to focus on the problems we are experiencing.

Bill Frey

## Good Luck, Chelsea Neblett

For 3 years Chelsea Neblett has been a North Rosedale Park Civic Association (NRPCA) faithful volunteer, as our Membership Secretary and Board Director. She also worked at Grandmont Rosedale Development Corporation (GRDC) for 5 years, first as an intern and then heading up community outreach for the nonprofit. If your still are not sure who Chelsea is she's the bubbly young woman who runs the Northwest Farmers Market, goes door-to-door with membership information and garbage schedules, helps animal lovers locate their lost pets, attends countless NRPCA board and committee meetings, dashes around helping new residents with resources and never has a harsh word or complaint. Chelsea is a true neighborhood fixture and gem but the time has come to share her with the world, as Chelsea has received an opportunity to spread her awesomeness in a new role with the City of Detroit. Don't fret too

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# FORECLOSURE PREVENTION INFORMATIONAL SESSIONS IN FEBRUARY

Wayne County Treasurer Eric Sabree is hosting "Taxpayer Saturdays" every Saturday in February at several different Wayne County Community College District locations. These free, informational sessions run from 10am – 2pm. Several public-private organizations will assist attendees with foreclosure prevention strategies and will also offer financial counseling, assistance with energy bills, and other services. Here is a list of dates and locations:

2018 WCTO TAXPAYER SATURDAYS AT WCCCD

Sat. Feb. 3, 2018 10 am – 2 pm Northwest Campus, Media Center 8200 West Outer Drive Detroit, MI 48219

Sat. Feb. 10, 2018 10 am – 2 pm

Downriver Campus, Ray Mix Community Room 21000 Northline Road Taylor, MI 48180

Sat. Feb. 17, 2018 10 am – 2 pm Eastern Campus, Cooper Community Room 5901 Conner Detroit, MI 48213-3457

Sat. Feb. 24, 2018 10 am – 2 pm Downtown Campus, Frank Hayden Community Room 1001 West Fort Street Detroit, MI 48226-3001

### **PIANO & GUITAR LESSONS**

For the Young and the Not-so-young 313-255-1627

## **Behind the Footlights**

The Park Players held auditions on Jan. 14 and 17 for their spring musical production of SHREK. This fun-forthe-whole-family musical is based on the Oscar-winning animated film. All of your favorite characters have been brought back to life for the Tony award winning, Broadway musical. The story demonstrates that beauty is in the eyes of the beholder; in this case, our lovable ogre, Shrek.On his seventh birthday, two ogre parents send their son Shrek out of their home and into the world to make his own way. Their parting words ("Big Bright Beautiful World") warn him that due to his appearance, everyone will almost certainly hate him. Fast forward: it is years later, an embittered grown-up Shrek is living contentedly alone in a swamp. His solitude is suddenly disrupted by a band of fairy tale creatures invading his property. Among the intruders are Pinocchio, the Three Bears, Three Little Pigs, the Wicked Witch, the Big Bad Wolf, Peter Pan, the Duckling, the Fairy Godmother, and Humpty Dumpty. As a group, they explain that they have been banished from the kingdom of Duloc by the order of the evil Lord Farquaad. Their exile is because he has labeled them as unwanted "freaks". Shrek decides to seek out Lord Farquaad and to convince him to let the Fairytale Creatures return to their home and thereby regain his peaceful, solitary swamp. So Dorothy follows the Yellow Brick Road all the way to....Oh, I'm sorry, I switched stories didn't I?

To find out what really happens, you will need to join us at the Redford Theatre at 17360 Lahser Road (just north of Grand River). Show dates are April 27-29 and May 4-6. We'll have lots more information for you next month.

#### Part time help wanted

Position: Disbursement & Payroll Specialist.

Part-Time: 10 to 16 hours per week. Compensation: \$9.30 to \$12.00 per hour

#### **Job Description**

The Disbursement and Payroll Specialist will be responsible for assisting with accounts payable and payroll processing activity for small businesses. The ideal candidate must possess common sense and proper phone etiquette.

#### **Job Requirements**

This position requires three years accounts payable and payroll experience. Applicant must be familiar with spread sheet and Word (doc.)

Contact us today at 313 532 5050 ext. 230 for additional information.

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## **Knight Foundation Approval Enables Art Installations to Move Forward**

Good news! NRPCA has received the \$76,000 match from the Knight Foundation to go with matching funds raised in 2017 to construct two major art works by celebrated Detroit artists Charles McGee and Hubert Massey in North Rosedale Park. We are grateful to the many people who supported our fundraisers to make this \$152,000 project a reality.

In order to receive the \$76,000 from the Knight Foundation, we had to show that we had raised one-to-one matching funds. We're pleased to note that we exceeded our goal!

- \$2,252 from the benefit performance of Sister Act on April 8, 2017
- \$29,933 from the May 20, 2017 Art Auction & Marketplace
- \$5,033 from the June 25, 2017 Guitar & Voice Recital
- \$20,800 from the August/September 2017 Patronicity on-line campaign
- \$24,000 award from the Michigan Council for Arts & Cultural Affairs
- \$2,403 from in-kind donations from NRPCA and Detroit Collaborative Design Center

Our expenses to date total \$16,943 for the project. Contracts have been approved by the Board and signed with Charles McGee of Detroit for his design of the sculpture and on-going oversight; Hubert Massey of Detroit for student workshops, design, fabrication and installation of the mosaic at Cooke STEM Academy; Detroit Impressions, Inc. of St. Clair Shores for fabrication of the sculpture; and LaVere Structural Engineering of Detroit for review and sign-off on the mounting of the art installations. Fifty-five percent of the contract costs have been awarded to minority and/or Detroit-based individuals/firms.

Look for more updates in future issues of the Tattler and announcements of the dedications of the art works! Ouestions? Contact Marsha Bruhn at 313-400-1192 or marshabruhn@yahoo.com.

Marsha Bruhn, Chair, The Legacy Project



A panel of health experts will help you feel empowered to take charge of your heart health with tips on controlling your blood pressure, diabetes, cholesterol and weight.

All Classes held at Sinai-Grace Hospital Auditorium (ground floor) 6071 W. Outer Dr., Detroit Refreshments included (while supplies last). Sign up at dmc.org/registration or call (888) DMC-2500.











## North Rosedale Park Civic Association Operations Statement of Financial Income and Expense January through December 2017

	Jan - Mar 17	Apr - Jun 17	Jul - Sep 17	Oct - Dec 17	TOTAL
Income 4010 · Corporate Contributions 4020 · Individual Contributions	0.00	500.00	530.00	500.00	1,530.00
4020.3 · Red Rose Society 4020.1 · Ind Contrib Operations Support	850.00 4,921.00	160.00 1,381.74	0.00 143.00	2,850.00 2,757.25	3,860.00 9,202.99
Total 4020 · Individual Contributions	5,771.00	1,541.74	143.00	5,607.25	13,062.99
4030 · Dues Income 4040 · Rental Income	24,850.93	4,021.71	1,371.64	55.92	30,300.20
4045 · Rental Income - Admin Fee 4040 · Rental Income - Other	1,550.00 20,751.16	600.00 26,969.31	100.00 21,469.00	700.00 15,291.62	2,950.00 84,481.09
Total 4040 · Rental Income	22,301.16	27,569.31	21,569.00	15,991.62	87,431.09
4050 · Advertising Income 4060 · Fundraising/Special Evnt Income 4070 · Other/Miscellaneous Income 4090 · Interest Income 4095 · Program Income	806.00 2,343.00 405.17 0.12 100.50	1,226.60 7,674.85 156.99 0.37 371.25	132.00 9,965.00 45.35 0.24 270.00	1,308.47 2,273.94 47.50 0.00 330.00	3,473.07 22,256.79 655.01 0.73 1,071.75
Total Income	56,577.88	43,062.82	34,026.23	26,114.70	159,781.63
Gross Profit	56,577.88	43,062.82	34,026.23	26,114.70	159,781.63
Expense 5000 · Payroll Expenses 5000.1 · Gross Wages 5000.2 · Payroll Tax Expense 5000.4 · Payroll Service Fee	9,481.00 1,506.34 166.18	6,406.00 0.00 134.60	3,912.00 256.05 96.00	4,188.00 0.00 123.25	23,987.00 1,762.39 520.03
Total 5000 · Payroll Expenses	11,153.52	6,540.60	4,264.05	4,311.25	26,269.42
5500 · Contract Services 5500.1 · Accounting Fees 5500.3 · Graphic design services 5500.4 · Outside Contract Services 5500 · Contract Services - Other Total 5500 · Contract Services 6000 · Advertising & Marketing	0.00 600.00 0.00 76.50 676.50 436.68	0.00 400.00 108.50 4,113.13 4,621.63	356.25 0.00 175.00 9,807.53 10,338.78	2,638.75 0.00 117.50 7,297.65 10,053.90	2,995.00 1,000.00 401.00 21,294.81 25,690.81 436.68
6010 · Bank Service Fees 6040 · Fundraiser/Special Event Exp 6045 · Insurance Expense 6050 · Interest Expense 6055 · Licenses & Fees Expense 6060 · Membership Expenses 6075 · Office Supplies & Expense 6080 · Postage & Delivery Fees 6085 · Printing & Reproduction Expense 6090 · Program Supplies & Expenses	282.00 2,700.00 3,680.36 78.20 810.00 0.00 480.21 1,252.70 738.00 301.17	315.00 6,499.69 4,444.07 54.90 8,800.00 75.00 90.02 1,217.88 992.00 205.62	203.00 4,756.30 2,243.83 9.62 2,299.00 0.00 31.79 1,216.41 812.00 0.00	348.00 0.00 3,906.49 52.46 0.00 500.00 48.39 1,662.49 1,349.00 0.00	1,148.00 13,955.99 14,274.75 195.18 11,909.00 575.00 650.41 5,349.48 3,891.00 506.79
6095 · Rental Expense 6100 · Repairs & Maintenance Expense 6100.5 · Building Supplies 6100.1 · Building Repairs & Maintenance 6100.2 · Grounds Repairs & Maintenance	2,028.01 407.74 567.95 2,625.00	2,689.39 538.52 1,226.19 3,417.10	137.50 617.60 885.36 2,545.00	0.00 879.02 1,824.30 3,875.00	4,854.90 2,442.88 4,503.80 12,462.10
Total 6100 · Repairs & Maintenance Expense	3,600.69	5,181.81	4,047.96	6,578.32	19,408.78
6105 · Security Expense 6110 · Telephone, Cable & Internt Fees 6120 · Utility Expenses 6120.4 · Gas/Electric Budget Payment 6120.3 · Water	108.00 711.59 7,288.00 810.17	108.00 702.21 4,220.00 1,473.91	108.00 702.42 0.00 483.39	108.00 702.90 0.00 1,924.90	432.00 2,819.12 11,508.00 4,692.37
Total 6120 · Utility Expenses	8,098.17	5,693.91	483.39	1,924.90	16,200.37
6130 · Website Expenses	0.00	462.00	0.00	0.00	462.00
Total Expense	37,135.80	48,693.73	31,654.05	31,546.10	149,029.68
Net Income	19,442.08	-5,630.91	2,372.18	-5,431.40	10,751.95

much because Chelsea isn't leaving the neighborhood and still will serve as NRPCA's Membership Secretary but GRDC, the Northwest Farmers Market and NRPCA Board of Directors will have to do without our powerhouse community organizer. When you see Chelsea wish her well and if you need any assistance with one of the zillion things she does for you, contact the NRPCA at (313) 837-3416 or GRDC at (313) 387-4732.

Kim Dorsey



## Community House Events\* January 28 - March 10

	<b></b>			*does not in	iclude private Co	mmunity House I	Rente
28	29 Janauary 2018	30	31	1 February	2	3	
			Walking Club 6pm	Zumba 10 am	Walking Club 6pm		
			Zumba 6 pm				
4	5 Trash & Recycling  Zumba 10 am Walking Club	6 Bulk Hustle 5:30pm	7 Walking Club 6pm	8 Zumba 10 am	9 Walking Club 6pm	10	
	6pm Boy Scouts 6:30pm	Block Captains 6:30pm	Zumba 6 pm	Board Meeting 6:30pm			
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	6:30pm		Zumba 6 pm				
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North Rosedale Park Civic Association Community House (313) 837-3416, www.nrpca.org, Hours - Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m., Thursday 3:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m., Closed Saturday & Sunday