# The Rosedale

# Tattler



Annual Potluck Dinner & Election Meeting

January 11, 2019

Agenda
Polls Open - 6:00 p.m.
Dinner - 6:30 p.m.
Looking Back - 7:00 p.m.
What's New - 7:30 p.m.
Polls Close - 8:00 p.m.
Election Results - 8:30 p.m.

See Potluck Information inside & Voting Instructions















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## Meeting Announcement- NRPCA Board of Directors

Tuesday, January 8, 2019 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 Bill Frey at bill@nrpca.org.

# Letter from the President

Happy New Year, neighbors -

Hope the New Year finds you well following a merry holiday season. The holidays started off with a terrific **Annual Holiday Breakfast** on Saturday December 1st. Thanks to Nancy Bitzarakis of Rosedale Park who chaired the event and to all the volunteers (at least 20 people from what I could see) from North Rosedale and Rosedale Park. At times there was not enough seating for all the families that attended to enjoy the Christmas decorations, pancake breakfast, Santa's appearance, and the holiday music. Thankfully they had enough food till the near the very end. We will have to set up chairs and tables on the second floor next year to allow for the crowd. This is definitely a tradition worth continuing for all the young families in the neighborhood.



Our **General Membership Meeting and Appreciation Dinner** took place on Thursday December 13th and members enjoyed pizza, salad and desert while finalizing the nominations for the Board election and hearing reports on the year's activities. We also had some discussion about ways to arrange for street snow removal and the possibilities for having a security patrol (paid or volunteer) in the neighborhood, but no decisions were made on how to proceed on either issue. We will continue to explore options and if you are interested in working on a committee on either topic let me know.

The **Holiday Bazaar** took place on Saturday December 15th and was bigger and better than ever. There were 52 vendors and rentals of the spaces brought in about \$2500 gross, with relatively minor expenses. There were a variety of crafts, food and other items for sale. The chair, Kim Dorsey, did a great job and got a lot of help from her volunteers, BrieAnne Bell, Adriane Henry, Chelsea Neblett, Gloria Goodwine, and the Teen Council members, along with the Community House staff. Keep the Bazaar in mind next year (it has usually been the second Saturday in December) and do some holiday shopping right in the neighborhood – there are plans to make it even bigger next year.

With the end of the year here, it is worth looking back and just ticking off some of the accomplishments for the NRPCA and the Legacy Project this year, which include:

- Completion of the re-paving and improvement of the driveway and parking lot, including adding a concrete pad to allow us to use a dumpster service for our waste. The addition of the dumpster allows us to save approximately \$2000 per year on garbage disposal fees
- Completion of the new plaza with the engraved brick display and the new Charles McGee sculpture "Unity North" (the name was chosen by Charles McGee because our sculpture is similar to his "Unity" sculpture in front of the Charles H. Wright Museum). The addition of this space gives us additional options for events and is so attractive that it is increasing interest in the building as a place for individuals and organizations to hold their wedding receptions, luncheons, graduations, retirements, repasts, meetings and other events
- Installation of our 3 new furnaces and one new boiler totally upgrading our heating plant and lowering our heating costs going forwards.

Any one of these accomplishments would be impressive, but the fact that we were able to complete all three this year is really outstanding, and, obviously the result of work on fundraising and grant writing that went on for 2 or 3 years before finally reaching these goals. As a result, 2018 has been a great year for our Community House and our neighborhood. There are still many things to be done, but I will hold off on those till next month.

It is customary for the president to use the end of the year letter to thank the many people that helped make the year a successful one. Some have tried to list all the people who have played different roles during the year, but I know I would miss too many names to be totally fair to all our volunteers. I believe that most volunteers do what they do because they see something that needs to be done for the good of the community and decide they are going to help out and make sure it gets done. It goes without saying that without the active involvement of literally hundreds of people in the neighborhood this association would never be able to do what it has done this year – or any year. Our volunteers graciously give us our time, talent, and treasure and having communicated with many of them at all hours of the day this year, I know that many of them are very busy people in their personal lives and are going above and beyond what a reasonable person would expect to help our neighborhood be a community we all can be proud of. Our volunteers are our life blood and I thank each and every one of them whether they were a block club captain, committee chair, June Day or Steak Roast volunteer, Director, or Tattler carrier – we need your continuous support and gratefully appreciate it.

Thank you and best wishes for a great 2019! Hope to see you at the Potluck Election Dinner on January 11th at the Community House.

Bill Frey



# PROGRAMS AT THE COMMUNITY HOUSE

Sewing Class Series
Teacher TBA

Paper Flower Workshop by Kiana Wenzell

March 4, 2019 - April 29, 2019 6:45 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

March 9, 2019, 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

\*Email Gloria Goodwine For Detail @ Gloria@nrpca.org



# Annual Potluck Dinner & Election Meeting





Polls Open - 6:00 p.m. / Polls Close - 8:00 p.m.



President - 1 Year Term

Name: Bill Frey

Number of years in Park: 31
Occupation: Attorney

Number of years NRPCA member: 31
Education: BA in Economics and J.D

Employer: Self Employed

My wife and I have enjoyed raising our 3 children here and want to continue to support the NRPCA in an active way. North Rosedale is a great place to live because of the community spirit and the relationships that develop between neighbors as they are involved in the NRPCA's events and activities. This is an important time for the NRPCA as we have completed the first stage of an ambitious campaign to modernize and improve the Community House and park. I want to run for President:

• to help move the Capital Campaign and renovations to a positive conclusion;

• to work on improving the block club network; and

• to increase the membership in the association and to bring more families into an active

participation in the association.

In order to achieve those goals, we need to carefully manage and grow our resources and continue an intense effort to reach out to the new and old neighbors. I think I can make significant contributions to those efforts and request that you vote for me for President.



Vice President - 1 Year Term

Name: Roger Loeb

Number of years in Park: 39 Number of years NRPCA member: 38

Occupation: Professor of Psychology Education: PhD

Employer: University of Michigan (Dearborn)

I am running to be the "lucky loser" in the Vice Presidential race as I strongly support our excellent candidate, Wendy Jackson.

Since the Park Players has left the neighborhood, I would like to bring cultural events to the Community House. I am interested in working for the economic strength and security of the neighborhood. I would also like to strengthen our outreach efforts to new residents of the community.

As a supporter of the Capital Campaign, I am delighted to see that work will shortly begin on the kitchen. The ability to provide extensive food service should add immeasurably to the quality of the Community House for the neighbors, as well as adding to its value as a rental property.



Vice President - 1 Year Term

Name: Wendy Jackson Number of years in Park: 22 Occupation: Managing Director

Employer: Kresge Institute

Number of years NRPCA member: No Response

Education: No Response

I believe in the power of neighborhoods to help us build a sense of community and come together for the common good. It would be a privilege to again serve on the North Rosedale Park Civic Association Board of Directors and I'm willing to volunteer my time and efforts to see that the issues concerning our neighborhood are addressed in an effective manner. I'm currently a Managing Director at the Kresge Foundation and have lived in NRP for 22 years with my husband Carlton and our two daughters. In 2009, I served as NRPCA Board President and instituted many improvements to make North Rosedale Park a fiscally sound and engaged community. I take immense pride in our neighborhood and will serve the interests of members to address the issues they care most about.



Board Director - 2 Year Term

Name: Lindsey Marr

Number of years in Park: 1 Number of years NRPCA member: 1

Occupation: Coffee Shop Manager Education: Some College

Employer: Town Hall Caffe'

I have not been on any NRPCA committees due to the fact that I only have been here for a year.

I am the Community Manager of the Grand River Business Association. In college I was president of the Parkour Sports Club, I was Vice President of the Feminist Club, and head of the Arts Committee of

Tent State.

I would like to provide fresh ideas as well as help create new events to have at the community house.



## Board Director - 2 Year Term

Name: Adriane Henry Number of years in Park: 24 Number of years NRPCA member: 3

Occupation: Transmission Designer Education: Some College

Employer: Ford

I would like to see more community programming and events that are to include outdoor summer activities on the plaza. Many neighbors expressed having cooking demonstrations at the community house with the newly renovated kitchen. Activities such as June Day, Steak Roast, and Haunted House can be revamped to take advantage of the newer facility.

I was a Board Director from 2017 to 2018. I also was the Tattler Editor in 2017 and Block Captain liason for the same year. I would like to continue to look for ways to add value to membership through community service.



## Board Director - 2 Year Term

Name: Billie Newsom Number of years in Park: 30 Number of years NRPCA member: No Response

Occupation: Retired Education: BA Degree

Employer: State of Michigan Accident Fund

I am a person to count on when volunteers are needed. I've served on several work groups in the community. I've stepped up to fill in for different projects. North Rosedale Park is a thriving community and I am compassionate about the improvement.

I bring experience, community commitment, and the passion for keeping North Rosedale Park one of the premier neighborhoods in the city of Detroit. I am a great choice for serving as one of our board directors.

- To increase revenue and be self supporting
- Increase community engagement
- Improve community house and grounds appearance
- To be fiscally responsible

# Voting in the NRPCA Elections & Potluck Instructions

Only Current Resident NRPCA Members & Life Members may vote for nominees in the NRPCA Board of Directors election. Each paid membership covers up to two (2) individuals (each with voting powers) in the household. You must be 21 years of age and older to be a member of the NRPCA. No family affiliation is necessary.

All 2018 memberships expired December 31, 2018! You must pay (a portion or in full) your 2019 dues to vote. You may pay online at www.nrpca.org, in person at the NRPCA Community house or by mail at the same address. Absentee ballots are available. For questions regarding membership or an absentee ballot email chelsea@nrpca.org.

The potluck dinner starts at 6:30 p.m. Bring the following dishes according to your last name: A-D Casserole, E-K Dessert, L-R Vegtable, S-Z Salad

# North Rosedale Park Holiday Lights Competition



We've had a very competitive year and it was a pleasure seeing all of your efforts to bring holiday cheer to this season. Your judges this year were 9 year-old Brooklyn on Lancashire, 10 year-old "Chy" of Lancashire and Board Director Adriane Henry.

First Place
Mark Flanders and Roger Loeb - Outer Drive



**Second Place** Gray Family - Shaftsbury



Third Place
Thomas Family - Lancashire



Best Decorated Block
Huntington
Congratulations and thank you to our winners of the 2018!



Just a friendly reminder...

# **Membership Dues Reminder**

Your 2019 Civic Association Membership Dues reminder was mailed in the beginning of November! Please consider supporting North Rosedale Park by paying your dues today! You can mail a check to the Community House, 18445 Scarsdale St. Detroit, MI 48223, check payable to NRPCA or pay online at www.nrpca.org!

We appreciate your support!

# \* Nextdoor

Nextdoor has become a very useful tool to connect with neighbors regarding information happening around your community. From lost pets and wildlife sightings, to safety notices and "be on the lookout", 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.



# PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION WORKSHOPS Wednesday, January 9, 2019

The Homeowners Property Tax Assistance Program (HPTAP) is holding monthly Property Tax Exemption Workshops through December 2019. The next workshop is on Wednesday, Jan. 9 from 10 am – 3 pm at the GRDC Offices, 19800 Grand River. Attendees will receive help filling out HPTAP applications. For more info, go to FromclosureDetroit.com or contact GRDC's Community Engagement Manager Kitty Yarbrough at kyarbrough@grandmontrosedale.com or 313.387.4732, ext.

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Contact Clarenda Webb, NRP representative of the Vacant Property Task Force at 313-330-7844 or email clarendawebb@gmail.com to learn more information.



Next Meeting: January 15, 2019 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

@ Town Hall Caffe, 19180 Grand River, Detroit, MI 48223

\*\*Monetary donations are now being accepted to maintain vacant properties in the hardest hit areas in NRP. You can also donate yard waste bags, water, yard tools, and volunteer for clean-ups in the neighborhoods.

## YARD WASTE! WHAT'S NEXT?



Are your lawn bags still at the curb? The next scheduled pickup is in April.

If you missed the last lawn waste pickup of the fall season, all you have to do is take them to the nearby DPW Southfield Yard Transfer Station, 12255 Southfield Service Drive South. Their hours are 8:30-12:30 & 1:30-4:00 Monday through Friday. Bring ID that shows you are a Detroit resident. Leaves must be in paper (not plastic) bags to be collected or dropped off.

You can visit the DPW yard waste info page by clicking here, or call 313-876-0004 or 313-876-0046 for more information.

# **NEIGHBORHOOD SAFETY MEETING**

FEBRUARY 28, 2019 @ 6:30 P.M.

The next Neighborhood Safety Meeting will be Thursday, Feb. 28 at 6:30 pm at the North Rosedale Park Community House, 18445 Scarsdale. Free and open to the public, the Neighborhood Safety Meetings are coordinated by GRDC's Crime Prevention Task Force, a resident-volunteer task force that works toward making Grandmont Rosedale an ever safer place to live, work, and play. Light refreshments will be served. Stay in touch with GRDC to learn what the focus of the meeting will be. Follow Grandmont Rosedale Development Corporation on Facebook, or visit grandmontrosedale.com.



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Gather information, trade clues with your guests, and solve the crime before the murderous magician gets away! Come dressed as a rival magician, a lovely assistant, or even a detective to this night of magical mystery. Use all your best tricks to get info and clues to solve the crime so the show can go on!



Of Sound Mind & Dead Body Friday, February 15th, 2018 6:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

All seats are \$25 Purchase Tickets @ www.nrpcamysterytheater2018.eventbrite.com

18445 Scarsdale, Detroit, MI 48223 Email Tamara Kamara For Details @ tamarakamara@gmail.com



North Rosedale Park Civic Association in partnership with Clear Innervision Counseling Service introduce a monthly discussion on important topics for us and our community.

> This Month: Vision Boards January 28, 2019 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

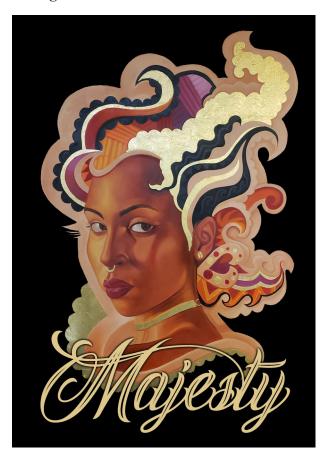
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# THE NORWEST GALLERY OF ART CHOOSES GRANDMONT ROSEDALE!

The Norwest Gallery of Art, 19556 Grand River, is choosing to remain in Grandmont Rosedale! The Grand River Annex began as a cultural incubator space at the request of local artists, business owners, and residents. For the past year, the Norwest Gallery of Art hosted exhibitions and events at the Annex that drew artists and visitors from all over the Detroit area. Curator Asia Hamilton is so pleased with her year the Annex that she has chosen to call the Annex and Grandmont Rosedale the home for the Norwest Gallery of Art. To learn more about the Gallery and to stay informed about upcoming exhibitions and events, like Norwest Gallery of Art on Facebook and follow the norwestgallery on Instagram. You can also visit their website at norwestgallery.com.norwestgallery.com

# **Showing Now**



# NW Norwest Gallery of Art Presents JASON H. PHILLIPS

MAJESTY – an exhibit birthed at a revolutionary time when women are unapologetically expressing their strength and exhibiting appreciation for their own unique form of beauty. It is in this now moment to move forward with guiding the next generation, demonstrating self-love which essentially benefits all. Artist, Jason H. Phillips captures this now moment with images adorned with 23 Karat Gold Leaf.

# North Rosedale Park COMMUNITY MEETING

# North Rosedale Park Community House

18445 Scarsdale St. Detroit, MI 48223

Saturday, January 26, 2019 12:30 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Light lunch will be served

The **Detroit Water and Sewerage Department** (DWSD) is improving service in your neighborhood, and we want to include you in advance of the construction. Join representatives from DWSD to learn about important details regarding the upcoming projects planned in North Rosedale Park.

## **TOPICS WILL INCLUDE:**

- An overview and timeline of the construction project
- How you can provide valuable input into the design of Green Stormwater Infrastructure projects in your community
- How DWSD is replacing water mains, relining sewer mains and taking out lead service lines
- Get information on how the construction will impact your neighborhood

For additional information contact 313.267.8000, visit detroitmi.gov/dwsd or connect with us on Facebook @DWSDDetroit.



# Grandmont Rosedale Home to the Jim Dandy Ski Club: The Oldest African American Ski Club in the U.S.

By Kathy Garrett



In 1958, three young Detroit men established the first African-American ski club in the United States. These men had skied before, but wanted to include after-ski activities where African-Americans would feel welcome. The wrote up a constitution, and named their ski club the "Jim Dandy Ski Club of Detroit" after rhythm and blues singer Lavern Baker's hit song "Jim Dandy to the Rescue." When these men put the call out this first year to see if others were interested in joining the Jim Dandy Ski Club, 23 people signed up. Their numbers continued to grow as did their activities and fellowship. Ebony magazine featured the ski club in 1962, which lead to Jim Dandy receiving more letters from people interested in their ski club than they could easily respond to. In 1964 about 50 Jim Dandies arrived in Denver, Colorado to ski. This was the first large gathering of African-American skiers in the United States. These Dandies also pooled their funds to support an aspiring African-American skier headed to the coming winter Olympic Games. Over the years, over 200 African-American ski clubs formed around the United States.

Detroit's Jim Dandy Ski Club became a charter member of the National Brotherhood of Skiers in 1972 and in 1973, the Jim Dandy Ski Club had become so popular it chartered its own airplane and sponsored the first "Summit" meeting of all the ski clubs in Hawaii. This Hawaiian Luau Night did not involve much skiing, but it did mark the beginning of a yearly summit of African-American skiers who have met in Europe, Canada and the U.S. This summit has gathered as many as 7000 skiers and snowboarders of color.

Jim Dandy member and president Alfred Cureau is the keeper of much of this history. Alfred's involvement with the Jim Dandies began in 1995 when a coworker invited Alfred to join her on a MLK memorial ski trip with the Jim Dandies to Canada. Alfred went because "it was something different to do and some other friends were going." He wasn't much of a skier in the beginning, but he learned "on the bunny slopes" with some others in the group. The Jim Dandies encourage anyone to start skiing at any age. According to Alfred, there are adults in the group "from 30-92.". One member started skiing at 66 and skied until he turned 90! There is a yearly dues, an 11 person board and monthly meetings where trips are planned and activities organized. It's become much more than skiing for Alfred. The 200+ members of the Detroit Jim Dandy Ski Člub have expanded their activities to include the formation of an Alpine Racing Team, youth activities, and even non-skiing activities such as camping, kayaking and white water rafting. Alfred enjoys organizing and participating in these activities because he "enjoys the relationships and friendships he has with people in the club."

If you're wondering how to get involved or where these Jim Dandies meet, you don't have to look far. They've been meeting once a month from September to May at the North Rosedale Park Community House, 18445 Scarsdale since 1992. Let Alfred know that you're interested in learning more about the Jim Dandy Ski Club at acureau@peoplepc.com. You can also check out their website at http://www.jimdandyskiclub.com/

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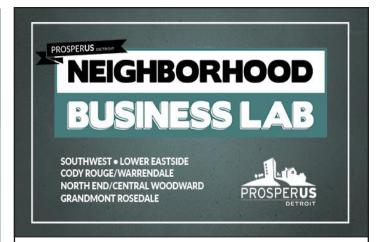
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# North Rosedale Park

# Teen Council

- Teens 9-12 grades
- Earn Community Service Volunteer Hours
- Take Trips
- Develop Leadership Skills
- Meet Other Local Teens & Community Leaders
- Make Decisions

\*Residency Not Required

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# **COMMUNITY EVENTS** December 30, 2018 - February 5, 2019

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
30DECEMBER	NEW YEARS EVE	1 JANUARY NEW YEARS DAY	•Walk Group 5:30pm •Zumba 6pm	3	4 •Walk Group 5:30pm	5
6	7 •Walk Group 5:30pm •Boy Scouts 6:30pm	8 •Hustle 5:30pm •Impact Martial Arts Systems 5:15pm (4-6yrs) 6:00pm (7 & up) 6:45pm (Gold Belt) •NRPCA Board Meeting 6:30pm	•Property Tax Exemption Workshop 10am •Walk Group 5:30pm •Zumba 6pm	10	•Annual Potluck Dinner & Election Meeting 6pm	12
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