

The Rosedale Tattler



February 10th, 2018

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My Neighbor?**

FREE

Community Screening

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8:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.**



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

Join the Vacant Property Task Force!

Volunteers are needed for every street in the North Rosedale Park neighborhood to help with computer research, community outreach and property maintenance efforts. 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:

February 19, 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.*

PIANO & GUITAR LESSONS

For the Young and the Not-so-young

313-255-1627

NORTH ROSEDALE PARK CIVIC ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION 2019

Name(s) (adults in household) _____

Address _____

Phone Number _____

Email _____

2018 MEMBERSHIP DUES RATE

RESIDENT	\$75
NON-RESIDENT	\$60
BUSINESS	\$60

ENCLOSED IS \$ _____ IN PAYMENT FOR DUES FOR THE YEAR ENDING IN **DECEMBER 31, 2018.**

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.

You can also pay online at www.nrpca.org

Thank you for your support!

Meeting Announcement- NRPCA Board of Directors

Thursday, February 7, 2019

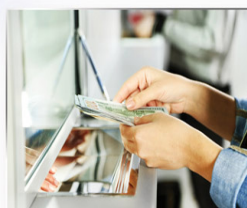
6:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

North Rosedale Park Community House
 18445 Scarsdale, Detroit, MI 48223

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Letter from the President

Greetings, neighbors.

Hope you are surviving the winter weather which finally appeared in mid-January. February will undoubtedly be a bit colder than we wish, but at least we know that the end of winter is near. As I write this column in late January, the ice-skating rink at the Park was flooded for the first time on January 21 and despite the late onset of winter, another North Rosedale tradition continues as the weather and the volunteer workers permit. **If you or your kids ice skate (or want to skate), the use of the rink is free, so please make use of it – it is another great activity that brings people in the neighborhood together.** If you want to help maintain the rink, which requires some re-flooding after thaws, you should contact Eddie Hejka by texting him at 313-702-0044 and let him know you can help. No need to wait to volunteer - just contact him now and get on the list to help continue to make this opportunity available to the neighborhood.



Some of you may be wondering why I am still writing this column? You may think - Doesn't he know the NRPCA has a new president every year? You are right - usually that has been the pattern, but the NRPCA By-Laws do not prevent any office holder from being re-nominated for a position they hold at the end of their current term of office. Normally, no one who has held this office has thought twice (or even once) about doing it two years in a row, but this year, the nominating committee proposed that I be re-nominated for president and, in a moment of weakness (or indiscretion or foolishness), I agreed. Hopefully, that will work out well for the Association, but you will have to read my monthly musings for another 12 months. Please accept my apologies for that.

A primary reason for me to agree to be re-nominated as president was to help maintain the progress we have been making with the community house renovations. As 2018 wrapped up, we were in the process of getting the kitchen renovation project moving from conception to construction and we wanted to maintain continuity of leadership as much as possible until that project was completed. The construction drawings were completed on December 21st, the day city offices closed for two weeks until January 7th. By January 24th, we had submitted our plans to the city Building Department and Health Department, had received our building permit and were waiting for final approval by the Health Department. Once we have the Health Department approval (which we expect) we will get the general contractor on the job as soon as possible and hope to have the project completed in February.

We do need to fill an important appointed position on the NRPCA Board – that of the Recording Secretary. Last year's Secretary, BrieAnne Bell, had an employment change and found that she could not continue to serve in the position this year. The Recording Secretary is an appointed officer that would be appointed to serve one-year at a time. The responsibilities of the Recording Secretary would be to prepare the minutes of each Board Meeting and each General Meeting of the Association, make sure that a final approved copy of each set of minutes is filed with the NRPCA office manager and in our electronic files. The Recording Secretary would also maintain a chronological and topical Register of Motions which would provide a ready reference for all previously passed resolutions/motions. If you can volunteer one evening a month for Board Meetings and another four or five evenings for General Meetings during the year (Second Thursday of January, April, October and December), along with the time necessary to type up the minutes, please consider volunteering for this position and email me at bill@nrpca.org. Please feel free to ask me any questions you may have about the position.

In addition to the Kitchen renovations, we are looking forward to renovating the playscape, baseball diamond, soccer fields and potentially installing a walking path in the Park this year. These renovations will help the neighborhood maintain its identity as a premier neighborhood in Detroit for families with children. Much of this work is being financed by the Kresge grant we obtained last year, but, as usual, we will have to raise additional funds to complete the improvement goals we have set for ourselves. First on this list chronologically is beginning the Playground renovations which will include: excavation of the current base and the Canadian Thistle that has infested the area, addition of 12" of Engineered Wood Fibers as a base, installation of a cozy cocoon, an accessible swing, and miscellaneous parts (including a tot seat), slide removal, and bench relocation. The Playground Rescue Committee also hopes to add a poured-in-place rubber surface to allow wheel chair access and removal of adult fitness equipment which will require additional funds. To obtain more information about the plans, see some photos, and to donate to the Playground project go to <https://www.nrpca.org/playground> and/or come to the free movie fundraiser described below. We will make further information available about the other Park renovations in the coming months as they are finalized.

Please take note of the following events/opportunities:

- **Free showing** of the award-winning documentary “**Won't You Be My Neighbor**” **Sunday February 10th at 2:30** – voluntary donations requested to support the Playground Renovation Project.
- **Professional Mystery Theater Production** – **Friday February 15th at 8 PM at the Community House** - \$25 fundraiser for the Kitchen Renovation Project. Please come, have fun while helping to solve the mystery while you support the kitchen project.
- **Rosedale Grandmont Little League registration begins on line on February 1.** See notice on page 5 for more information go to rosedalegrandmontlittleleague.org. PLEASE NOTE TWO IMPORTANT CHANGES FOR THE LEAGUE: its website is now rosedalegrandmontbaseball.org and its email address is rosedalegrandmontbaseball@gmail.com.

And, remember – with baseball registration starting, Spring is coming soon. So, smile.

Bill Frey

North Rosedale Park Civic Association Won't You Be My Neighbor? FREE Community Screening



North Rosedale Park Civic Association has been selected to host a free community screening of *Won't You Be My Neighbor?* This is a preview of the feature length film which is opening in select theaters June 8, 2019

Film Synopsis

Academy Award-winning filmmaker Morgan Neville looks back on the legacy of Fred Rogers, focusing on his radically kind ideas. While the nation changed around him, Fred Rogers stood firm in his beliefs about the importance of protecting childhood. Neville pays tribute to this legacy with the latest in this highly engaging, moving documentary portrait of an essential American artist.

"In his beloved television program, Fred and his cast of puppets and friends spoke directly to young children about some of life's weightiest issues, in simple, direct fashion.

Sunday, February 10, 2019

**North Rosedale Park Community House
18445 Scarsdale
Detroit, MI 48223**

**Doors Open - 2:30 p.m.
Movie Starts - 3:00 p.m.
Community Chat - 4:45 p.m.**

- *VIP seating for NRPCA Red Rose Society Members
- *Donations & Concession Sales will benefit the NRPCA playground handicapped-accessible equipment

See Movie Trailer at:

www.focusfeatures.com/wont-you-be-my-neighbor/.about

Recording Secretary

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- Make sure that a final approved copy of each set of minutes is filed with the NRPCA office manager and in our electronic files
- Maintain a chronological and topical Register of Motions which would provide a ready reference for all previously passed resolutions/motions.

Time Commitment:

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- Four or five evenings for General Meetings during the year (Second Thursday of January, April, October and December) • Time necessary to type up the minutes

To be considered for this volunteer position, email Bill Frey at bill@nrpca.org

Event & Committee Volunteers

To volunteer your time to participate in a NRPCA one time event or planning committee go to the online volunteer sign up form at:

<http://bit.ly/2019NRPCAVolunteer>

*All ages are welcome
Email kimberly@nrpca.org for details



2019 Rosedale Grandmont Baseball League 27th Season

Spring is on its way --- It really is!
Registration Session (In Person):
Saturday, March 9, 2019
9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
Grandmont Rosedale Development Corporation.



19800 Grand River
Detroit, MI. 48223

OR

Register online today

@ <https://www.rosedalegrandmontbaseball.org/>

Opening Day is Saturday, April 27, 2019

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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.



**Mystery Theater:
Of Sound Mind & Dead Body
Magic, Mystery & Murder**

Friday, February 15th, 2018
Doors Open at 7:30 p.m.
Show Starts at 8:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.

All seats are \$25
(This is a NRPCA Kitchen Fundraiser)

Purchase Online Tickets @
www.nrpcamysterytheater2018.eventbrite.com

Purchase Printed Tickets by
Contacting Cheryl at (586) 222-9454

18445 Scarsdale, Detroit, MI 48223

Email Tamara Kamara For Details @ tamarakamara@gmail.com

**OF SOUND MIND
&
DEAD BODY**

When a magical mishap leaves a million dollar inheritance up for grabs, the next trick will be figuring out who the lucky winner is, and who will end up behind bars for malicious magical mayhem! This is an abracadabra disaster, and it's up to you to find the murderer before they vanish into thin air. Spend the evening glimpsing through the smoke and mirrors to uncover which hocus pocus hitman offed the poor fellow, and stop them before this goes down as the most dangerous magic trick in history.

Gather information, trade clues with your guests, and solve the crime before the murderous magician gets away! Use all your best tricks to get info and clues to solve the crime so the show can go on!

Join us for an event of Mystery Mayhem and Murder hosted by the North Rosedale Park Civic Association and performed by the Murder Mystery Theatre Company. The interactive theatrical experience is fun for all!



PROGRAMS AT THE COMMUNITY HOUSE

Walk Group
by Gloria Goodwine

**Mondays, Wednesdays &
Fridays**
5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Hustle Class
by Lady P

Tuesdays
5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Martial Arts Youth Classes
by Eugene Plowden

Tuesdays & Thursdays
6:00 p.m. to 6:45 p.m.

Zumba
by Kiana Wenzell

Wednesdays
6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Paper Flower Workshop
by Kiana Wenzell

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

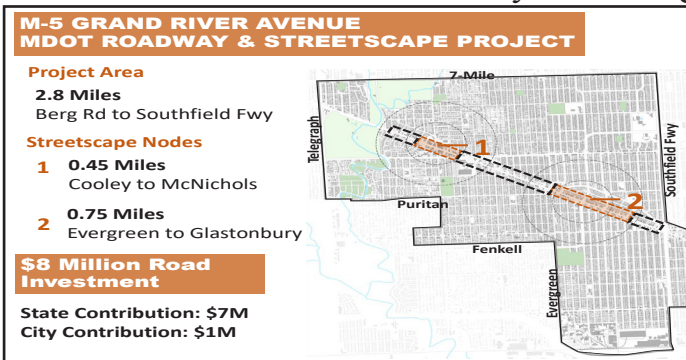
Sewing Class Series
Beginner - Belinda Knight
Advanced - Gloria Goodwine

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

*Email Gloria Goodwine For Details at Gloria@nrpca.org

Grand River Construction Project Slated Summer 2019

by David Legg



Representatives from the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT), the City of Detroit Planning Department, and our District 1 Manager's office joined over 100 community members at a public meeting in mid-December 2018 regarding road and streetscape design features for Grand River Avenue.



MDOT and the Detroit Water and Sewerage Department (DWSD) will begin an \$8 million construction project on Grand River in July 2019. DWSD will replace several sections of water main along Grand River, and MDOT will repave and make changes to traffic lanes and pedestrian crossings, as well as adding amenities, on Grand River between Southfield Freeway and Berg Road. The two projects will be carried out at the same time, so only one construction period will be required.

"Complete Streets"

MDOT now has an updated policy that requires all road-resurfacing projects to be designed with "complete streets" as part of the goals. Basically, "complete streets" means that all forms of use, not just auto traffic, will be considered. Earlier meetings with community members along the Grand River corridor indicated that the top two community concerns are (1) speeding and dangerous traffic on Grand River, and (2) speeding traffic through neighborhood streets that intersect Grand River. The Detroit Planning Department is also working with MDOT to add pedestrian and traffic safety features, along with "traffic calming" elements to the design. The aim is to reduce traffic speeds to the posted 35 mph.

Road Diet

According to MDOT engineers, there are some features that they know will be included in the project, while others are still under consideration. Traffic lanes will be reduced from 7 to 5 (center turn lane, two traffic lanes in each direction), and the lanes will be narrowed. This is a proven method of slowing down traffic. Also, "curb bump outs" will be added at all signal

crossings, shortening crosswalks for pedestrians and reducing the possibility of vehicles passing in the parking lanes. Any added traffic signals will include bump-outs. They also plan to add pedestrian refuge islands at crosswalks.

The exact configuration of the lanes is still in the design stage, and the representatives took written comments from attendees about their preferences, which was the main goal of the December meeting. Three configurations were presented. The street Right of Way (which is the distance across Grand River from building front to building front) is wider north of McNichols than it is south of McNichols, so the lane configurations may be different in the two areas. They asked for opinions on where additional traffic signals are needed. Comments during the discussion overwhelmingly supported a new traffic signal at the CVS-Grandland area.

Streetscape Improvements

There are two areas in the project that will receive "streetscape" improvements. One is from McNichols to Cooley, and the other is between Evergreen and Glastonbury. Meeting participants were asked to rank improvements they would like to see, including street trees, bus shelters, sidewalk cafe seating, benches, plantings, lighting, and so on.



Next Community Meeting Feb. 6, 2019







MDOT and Detroit Planning reps plan another meeting on February 6, 2019, exact time and place to be announced. That meeting will seek input on the final design features. You can find more about the project at www.detroitmi.gov/northwest.

MDOT is still seeking written comments – go to https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSftKMFkLPhXY0SE_A3V0I8OUtSwmWEZVQBiyg3GAqcWkHZN0w/viewform. You can also send comments by fax (517-335-5696) or email to grabj@michigan.gov or RichardsonA13@michigan.gov.

View the full presentation at <https://www.detroitmi.gov/document/grand-river-northwest-presentation-2>

COMMUNITY EVENTS

January 27, 2019 - March 9, 2019

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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