

# The Rosedale *Tattler*



Gather with Neighbors at North Rosedale Park

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# Letter from the President



Hello Neighbors!

As I contemplate the passing of our Vice President, Richard Castillo, I am reminded of how fragile life is and how important it is to savor every precious moment in which our words and actions count towards something constructive and positive and can be described as life affirming. We are a great community because of people like Richard and because of people like you. I appreciate him for all he did and for who he was and all of you for the kindness, thoughtfulness and selfless contributions made on behalf of our NRPCA home.

Being in a leadership role in an organization is both rewarding and challenging. To help me, I often reflect upon, and try my best to adhere to, the words from a book titled: “*The Four Agreements*” by Don Miguel Ruiz. I would like to share them.

1. Be impeccable with your word (Speak with integrity. Say only what you mean. Avoid using the word to speak against yourself or to gossip about others. Use the power of your word in the direction of truth and love.)
2. Don't take anything personally (Nothing others do is because of you. What others say and do is a projection of their own reality, their own dream. When you are immune to the opinions and actions of others, you won't be the victim of needless suffering.)
3. Don't make assumptions (Find the courage to ask questions and to express what you really want. Communicate with others as clearly as you can to avoid misunderstandings, sadness and drama. With just this one agreement, you can completely transform your life.)
4. Always do your best. (Your best is going to change from moment to moment; it will be different when you are healthy as opposed to sick. Under any circumstance, simply do your best and you will avoid self-judgement, self-abuse and regret.)

I continue to witness the beauty of our community spirit. I see it at the Community House during the walk group, hustle class, healthy eating program, youth soccer games, GRDC Farmers Market, on the playground, and as people volunteer to help, or walk their dog, walk alone or with friends. I saw it during the NeighborWay Grand Opening celebration on Stahelin on “Arise Detroit” Day and most recently at the Shaftsbury Block Party, and during the wonderful **Diamond Jack Boat Cruise**. Huge shout out to Cheryl Davis for chairing this fun-filled event.

Additionally, my hat is off to Judy Barkey, who coordinates the delivery of the Tattler. This is no small task and I appreciate

her tremendous effort!! Kudos to Tom Ridgway our Tattler editor, for providing advice and editorial expertise on matters related to the Tattler. Thank you both!!

I'd also like to thank Becki Kenderes, Beverly Frederick, Clarendia Webb, and Chelsea Neblett for the NeighborWay celebration and your ongoing efforts on the Stahelin greenway. Good luck to Becky as she moves on to a new endeavor.

**Call to serve!!** Please consider running or nominating someone else for a position on the 2017 NRPCA Board of Directors. The nominating committee is in the process of identifying people to run. Please contact NRPCA Past Presidents: Jim Johnson or Susan Steigerwalt to nominate someone or obtain more information. Jbjohnson68@sbcglobal.net or spspnhp52@gmail.com. See page 7 for more details

The DIA's “Inside Out” program has installed “**The Fruit Vendor**” on the Community House garage. Take a look the next time you are at the Community House or perhaps while shopping at one of the fruit/vegetable or other vendors at the GRDC **Northwest Detroit Farmers Market**, on Thursdays from 4 pm to 8pm. I ate the best vegetarian egg rolls I've ever eaten last week from the food truck at the market.

**NEXT UP!!** Check out our September events!! ***There is something for everyone!! Bring your family, a friend or a neighbor!! Or come and meet someone new!!! Whatever the case, just come out!! We'd love to see you!***

NRPCA Board members and Block Club Captains will be “walking the neighborhood” on September 10th and 17th. Soooo...when you hear a knock at the door and see a friendly and hopefully familiar face, open the door and allow us to share a bit of information and time.

We hope that our efforts will lead to an increase in the number of people who volunteer; the number of residents who become members; and those who participate in events. We are stronger together.

**THANK YOU NEIGHBORS!!! BLESSINGS AND WELL WISHES!! SEE YOU AROUND THE PARK!!!**

Erma Leaphart-Gouch



## Tattler eBlast

Best way to stay up-to-date 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](mailto:chelsea@nrpca.org) or by visiting [www.nrpca.org](http://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](mailto:chelsea@nrpca.org)!

# Behind the Footlights

## Auditions for It's a Wonderful Life

By Roger Loeb

*It's a Wonderful Life: On the Air* will be cast through auditions held on Wednesday, Sept. 7 at 7:00 and Sunday, Sept. 11 at 1:00. The auditions will be held at the North Rosedale Park Community House. Auditioners will be asked to read (or sing) a variety of scenes from the script.

What happens at auditions? First of all, much work has already been done prior to the first reading. The producers have prepared a budget and selected committee heads for most aspects of the production. The Board of the Park Players has developed a schedule and hired a director. The director has put in many hours of planning her artistic vision of the show. Only then is it time to cast the show.

Everyone who shows up for the auditions is given multiple opportunities to read with other aspiring actors. This show also has opportunities for a Foley artist (sound effects) and singers (commercials). In most cases, the auditioners are grouped with other readers to perform specific scenes. In some situations, they are asked to return for additional readings.



After everyone has had an opportunity to audition for the show, the director (Sarah Hedeem) meets with the assistant director (Roger Loeb) and the producers (Archie Lynch and Mary Davis) to select the cast. There are many considerations involved in making these often difficult decisions. Most critical is availability for rehearsals (usually Tuesday and Wednesday evenings, and Sunday afternoons) and the performances (November 11, 12, 13, 18, 19, and 20). In most situations, the next

key consideration is does the person fit the part (e.g., appropriate age and gender)? In this show, such variables will not always be essential in the casting process as many roles are somewhat flexible.

Then comes the most difficult and subjective part of the task: judging talent. Did the reader project (i.e., could s/he be heard)? Was the actor able to interpret and present the character/s in an interesting and appropriate manner? Such attributes as clarity and variety of speech are important here. Did the auditioner demonstrate the capacity to take direction from the director? Was there evidence of motivation and focus?

Next come the intangibles which are not controlled by the actor. These include who else was auditioning? Can the director visualize you fitting the role? Would you mesh with the rest of the acting team?

Once these decisions have been made, the producers get on the phone and start offering the parts to those who auditioned. Everyone high school age and older is encouraged to try out. Race, religion, and ethnicity are not factors in casting decisions. All are welcome regardless of experience. Please contact Archie Lynch (Archie.lynch2@gmail.com) with any questions. We look forward to welcoming you there.

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## Community Activist Richard Castillo

It is with deep regret and sympathy to inform you that Richard Castillo, NRPCA Vice President, passed away on July 23, 2016 while on a diving trip on Lake Huron in Oscoda Michigan. Richard's contributions to the NRPCA Board of Directors and to the North Rosedale Park Civic Association were invaluable and his service to and passion for this Community are beyond measure. Richard could be called upon to help with mowing lawns of vacant homes, taking pictures and

making videos to capture the richness of our community pride. He will be greatly missed. Richard is survived by his lovely wife, Amy; brother, David Riddle; in-laws, Mr. and Mrs. James Bohlander, of Bloomfield Hills, Michigan and sister in law, Lisa Dickieson and husband, Mark; nieces: Wendy, Rebecca and Jill and nephew, Phillip and 7 great nieces and nephews.

A Celebration of Richard's Life will be held on October 22nd from 1 p.m.

to 4 p.m. at the North Rosedale Park Community House. The family is asking that, in lieu of flowers, that donations be given, in memory of Richard, to the North Rosedale Park Civic Association.

To learn more about Rich's extremely interesting life, please take a moment to read the article on the next page which written by Kathy Garrett for the MyGrandmont Rosedale Blog. I think you will enjoy his story.

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# From Ballroom Dancing to Deep Sea Photography: NRP's Rich Castillo

Written on September 8, 2014 for GRDC by Kathy Garrett

It's an interesting story, that of Rich Castillo. The path from ballroom dancing lessons at the North Rosedale Park Community House to an underwater stand-off with a male sea lion weighing in at 1000 lb.s is unusual and unusually interesting. While his footwork was no help in that situation, he did manage to escape unharmed, ready for his next dive. Rich is a man for whom retirement means extra time to engage sharks, film sting rays, sit on the NRPCA board of directors, mow lawns at vacant houses, and create a film commemorating GRDC's 25th anniversary.

While many are satisfied sitting bidding farewell to summer on a boat on, say, Lake Huron, Rich prefers to go below, to photograph or film Great Lake shipwrecks of which there are apparently many. Late August or early September will probably be his last dive of the season and then he'll get ready to enter his film in the Great Lakes Shipwreck Film Festival this winter at Washtenaw Community College. Rich makes retirement look like a lot of fun.

Rich's first dive as a certified deep sea diver was in 1975 in Orchard Lake. There were no sea lions, sharks or shipwrecks, "just lots of mud," but Rich was hooked. His most recent dive was in the Sea of Cortez between Mexico and the Baja Peninsula. Again he was photographing big game in the deep sea. The only thing not surprising about Rich's hobby is that it was inspired by "Sea Hunt," the television program starring Lloyd Bridges from the late 1950s. Unlike Lloyd Bridges, Rich has not salvaged a nuclear missile, or a downed Navy pilot, but Rich has had his share of underwater thrills.

According to Rich his scariest dive happened off the coast of Cocos Island which is more than 300 miles off the coast of Costa Rica. Fascinated by the sheer amount of underwater wildlife, Rich chose to stay where he was rather than follow his fellow divers who swam off to film elsewhere. The current was strong and Rich was tired but also entranced by the "21 hammerhead sharks that paraded

in front of me while my air ran low". When Rich finally turned his attention to his growing problem and resurfaced, he was alone. The current soon began to take Rich and his heavy camera equipment further out to sea. The safety tube and horn he had with him proved to be what saved Rich from simply floating off. He was the last of the crew to be picked up from the dive off of Cocos Island.

Before Rich retired to the sea he worked as a commercial imaging and design developer for industrial clients. Before that he sold scientific optical instruments to such customers such as universities for industrial research. Before that Rich worked at Henry Ford Hospital as a medical photographer, and before that Rich worked as a VW mechanic which he liked quite a bit. He liked it so much in fact that when it came time to choose between being a mechanic and being a photographer, Rich made a list of pros and cons. Photography won.

Rich was in the reserves before he became a mechanic and even lived on a commune



in California for a year between the reserves and his stint as a mechanic. His decision to go into the reserves was based on his disappointment in learning that while his pilot's license (yes, he's also a licensed airplane pilot), could get him into the air, his eyesight prevented him from flying in the military. Just a few years before that was the first time Rich stepped into the North Rosedale Park Community House to take ballroom dancing lessons. It was then, when Rich was 13 and taking lessons because he "liked the girls" that Rich looked around the Community House and North Rosedale Park and said to himself: "I'm going to live here when I grow up." And in 1977 he did. For 37 years Rich has been living in North Rosedale Park, cutting his and others' lawns, taking out his garbage, sitting on the NRPCA board, and taking the occasional vacation to see what's under the sea.



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North Rosedale Park Community House, is a certified Walk Your Heart to Health center under the Healthy Environment Partnership program sponsored and supported by University of Michigan, downtown Detroit campus, North Rosedale Park Civic Association, Walk in the Park walking group members, community health facilities and local businesses.


**Walk Sessions:** Monday, Wednesday and Fridays 5:30-6:30pm  
**Cost:** The Program is Free; Benefits are Priceless & the Investment Is Personal




Please sign up for our Annual Fit for Life Challenges

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# Leaders Wanted for 2017 NRPCA Board

The North Rosedale Park Civic Association (NRPCA) is accepting nominations to fill expiring terms of office for the 2017 Board of Directors as well as for the positions of Vice-President and President. Applicants must be members in good standing of NRPCA, reside in North Rosedale Park (owner or renter), and have paid 2016 dues. Submitted names will be checked against membership records,

and, if your dues are unpaid, you will be notified. Applications must be received NO LATER than November 6, 2016. Director positions are two-year terms, and four such positions must be filled for 2017. The office of Vice-President is a one-year term, and that of President is a one-year term followed by one year on the Board as the Immediate Past President. After nominations are received, the Nominations Committee

will meet to compile a slate for presentation to the community. The slate will be finalized at the December 8, 2016 General Membership Meeting, at which time further nominations will also be accepted from the floor. All certified nominations are placed on the ballot, and all NRPCA resident and life members in good standing may vote for the slate at the NRPCA Annual Meeting on January 13, 2017.

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## NRPCA Candidate Profile Form

Thank you for your interest in serving on the North Rosedale Park Civic Association Board of Directors. Please complete the following information and return this signed form with a recent photo no later than November 6, 2016 to:

**Jim Johnson, Chairperson • NRPCA Nominations Committee • 18445 Scarsdale, Detroit MI 48223**  
**Email: [jbjohnson68@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jbjohnson68@sbcglobal.net)**

Please note that all information contained on this signed form will be published in the Tattler newsletter except for your house number, phone number(s) and email address. Attach additional sheets if necessary.

Check off the position you are interested in filling (*check one*):

Board Director: \_\_\_\_\_ Board Officer (*indicate position*): President \_\_\_\_\_, Vice-President \_\_\_\_\_.

### CONTACT INFORMATION:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Years in North Rosedale Park: \_\_\_\_\_ Number of Years as a NRPCA Member: \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_ Education: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

1. Please list up to three previous or current experiences on the NRPCA Board and/or Committees (*if any*):

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

2. Please list up to three previous or current experiences on other Boards or Committees (*if any*):

(*This can include church, civic and non-profit organizations, government, school, recreational or any other volunteer experience.*)

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

3. Why do you want to serve on the North Rosedale Park Civic Association Board of Directors?

(*Please be brief and specific about why you are interested in serving on the Board and what you plan to accomplish.*)

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

4. NRPCA is currently engaged in a Capital Campaign to renovate the Community House and Park grounds. Please provide your vision for the future use of these facilities.

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

5. Being on the NRPCA Board requires an uncompensated time commitment of several hours a month. Are you willing to commit the time and effort to be an effective Board member and neighborhood representative? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_  
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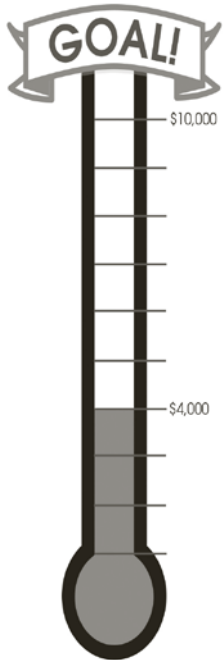
6. If you are not elected, would you be willing to serve on any other NRPCA committees? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_.

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**REMEMBER: Put out ONLY those items listed on the scheduled dates!**

## SEPTEMBER

Monday, Sept 5 .....HOLIDAY no pickup  
Tuesday, Sept 6 .....Garbage and Recycling  
Tuesday, Sept 6 .....Yard Waste & Bulk \*  
Monday, Sept 12 .....Garbage  
Monday, Sept 19 .....Garbage and Recycling  
Tuesday, Sept 20 .....Yard Waste & Bulk \*  
Monday, Sept 26 .....Garbage

## OCTOBER

Monday, October 3 .....Garbage and Recycling  
Tuesday, October 4 .....Yard Waste and Bulk  
Monday, October 10 .....Garbage  
Monday, October 17 .....Garbage and Recycling  
Tuesday, October 18 .....Yard Waste and Bulk  
Monday, October 24 .....Garbage  
Monday, October 31 .....Garbage and Recycling

## NOVEMBER

Tuesday, November 1 .....Yard Waste and Bulk  
Monday, November 7 .....Garbage  
Monday, November 14 .....Garbage and Recycling  
Tuesday, November 15 .....Yard Waste and Bulk  
Monday, November 21 .....Garbage  
Monday, November 28 .....Garbage and Recycling

\* May also include yard waste pick-up – check. Advanced Disposal web site for details.

## REMINDERS

- Absolutely NO plastic bags in recycling! Place items, unsorted, directly into the recycling cart.
- Do NOT put recycling into the garbage containers.
- NO plastic bags for yard waste.
- Bulk waste: limit of 1 cubic yard per pickup.

## WHAT CAN I RECYCLE?

- Paper
- Paper Grocery Bags
- Clear and Colored Glass
- Paper Board and Boxes
- Plastic Bottles and Containers
- Metals

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION TO REMEMBER

- All items should be empty, rinsed and free of food and dirt
- Lids, tops and labels do not need to be removed
- Shred personal information first (*bank or credit card statements*)

## WHAT IS NOT RECYCLABLE?

- Garbage
- Propane tanks
- Paint cans
- Medical waste
- Flammable liquids
- Household cleaners
- Dry or liquid chemicals
- Wood items
- Styrofoam
- Household batteries
- Fabrics
- Electronics
- Any items that are dirty with food (*paper plates, donut boxes, etc.*)
- Any items that are soiled (*used tissues, toilet paper, napkins or paper towel, wrapping paper, diapers, etc.*)



Master storyteller Stephen King presents the classic #1 New York Times bestseller about a mysterious store that can sell you whatever you desire—but not without exacting a terrible price in return.

*“There are two prices for this. Half...and half. One half is cash. The other is a deed. Do you understand?”*

The town of Castle Rock, Maine has seen its fair share of oddities over the years, but nothing is as peculiar as the little curio shop that’s just opened for business. Its mysterious proprietor, Leland Gaunt, seems to have something for everyone out on display at *Needful Things*...interesting items that run the gamut from worthless to priceless. Nothing has a price tag in this place, but everything is certainly for sale. The heart’s desire for any resident of Castle Rock can easily be found among the curiosities...in exchange for a little money and—at the specific request of Leland Gaunt—a whole lot of menace against their fellow neighbors. Everyone in town seems willing to make a deal at *Needful Things*, but the devil is in the details. And no one takes heed of the little sign hanging on the wall: *Caveat emptor*. In other words, let the buyer beware...

Please join the Book Club in the Park (BCIP's) to discuss

## Needful Things

By Stephen King

on Thursday, September 15, 2016 at 6:00pm

The North Rosedale Park Community House

The Book Club in the Park (BCIP) meets Jan. – June & Sept. – Nov. on the Third Thursday of the month, 6:00pm at the North Rosedale Park Community House.

For more information call 313-837-3416

## 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.

Our next meeting is:

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2016**

We need your involvement now more than ever.



## UPCOMING NRPCA EVENTS:

**SAVE THE DATES** – Contact any board member if you are  
interested in volunteering!!!!

**September 9**      **STEAK ROAST!!!**  
September 10 & 17   Block Captains Walk the Neighborhood

**October 1**        **Health Fair!!!**  
October 12        General Membership meeting

**October 20**      **Chili Cook-off**

**October 29**      **Trunk or Treat** (UofM / MSU tailgate)

October 29        Family Movie Night

**November 5**      **Jazzy Masquerade**  
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# Former North Rosedale Park Resident Publishes New Book on the Attica Rebellion

Heather Ann Thompson is an award-winning historian at the University of Michigan. She has written on the history of mass incarceration, as well as its current impact, for *The New York Times*, *Time*, *The Atlantic*, *Salon*, *Dissent*, *New Labor Forum*, and *The Huffington Post*. She served on a National Academy of Sciences blue-ribbon panel that studied the causes and consequences of mass incarcerations in the United States and has given Congressional staff briefings on this subject. Thompson is also the author of *Whose Detroit?: Politics, Labor, and Race in a Modern American City* and editor of *Speaking Out: Activism and Protest in the 1960s and 1970s*.

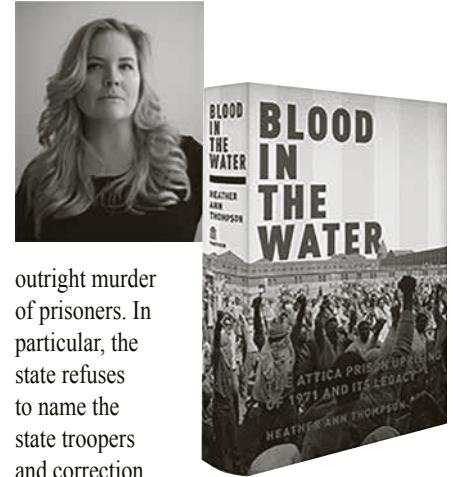
Heather grew up in North Rosedale Park on Bretton Drive, her parents are Frank and Ann Thompson and her sister is Saskia Thompson. Heather went to Cass Tech for high school, then to Michigan for her BA and MA, then off to Princeton for her PhD. Heather and her husband, fellow historian Jon Wells, lived in the park on Ashton with sons Dillon and Wilder and then moved to North Carolina and then Philly. They have just moved back home with their daughter Ava and are now on faculty at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor.

Thompson's new book, **BLOOD IN THE WATER: The Attica Prison Uprising of 1971 and its Legacy** (*Pantheon, August 23, 2016, \$35*) is the first comprehensive history of the Attica Prison Rebellion. This book was released in time for the 45th anniversary of the Attica rebellion. To recover this story Thompson has immersed herself in legal, state, federal, prison, and personal records related to the Attica uprising and its aftermath (some never-before-seen) located in archives, governmental institutions, and various individual collections

around the country and the world. With these varied and rich resources she seeks to recapture the full, dramatic, gripping, multi-faceted, and complex story that was Attica, and hopes to underscore for readers everywhere this event's historical as well as contemporary importance.

**For those of you who don't remember**, on September 9, 1971, nearly 1,300 prisoners took over the Attica Correctional Facility in upstate New York to protest years of mistreatment. Holding guards and civilian employees hostage, during the four long days and nights that followed, the inmates negotiated with state officials for improved living conditions. On September 13, the state abruptly ended talks and sent hundreds of heavily armed state troopers and corrections officers to retake the prison by force. In the ensuing gunfire, thirty-nine men were killed—hostages as well as prisoners—and more than one hundred were severely injured. After the prison was secured, troopers and officers brutally retaliated against the prisoners during the weeks that followed.

Thompson offers an overwhelming and damning indictment of how the state of New York—from police on the ground all the way up to Governor Rockefeller's administration—handled the uprising at Attica. For decades afterward, instead of charging any state employee who had carried out egregious human rights abuses, New York officials prosecuted only the prisoners and failed to provide necessary support to the hostage survivors or to the families of any of the men who'd been killed. Since the day of the retaking of the prison, the state has fought tooth and nail to protect itself and those who committed crimes, ranging from evidence tampering to the



outright murder of prisoners. In particular, the state refuses to name the state troopers and correction officers who were known to investigators to have killed prisoners and hostages in the retaking of Attica, and to have tortured and otherwise violently retaliated against those who had managed to survive that assault, and never indicted them.

Despite facing resistance from New York State officials, Thompson spent over ten years researching Attica, working her way through oral histories, letters, newspaper articles, memoirs, and extensive interviews. The most shocking information she uncovered was found in a cache of boxes in a Buffalo, NY courthouse in 2006, which included documents never made public: sealed grand jury transcripts, files from the criminal trials, minutes from secret meetings held by the Governor, and documents from inside the official Attica Investigation. As a result, **BLOOD IN THE WATER** reveals, for the first time, the crimes committed during the uprising and its aftermath, who committed them, and how they were covered up.

**Book talk and signing opportunities:** September 6th at 6pm at Pages Bookshop at 19560 Grand River or Sept 17th at 2pm at the Charles Wright Museum 315 E Warren Ave, Detroit, MI 48201.

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