

# The Rosedale *Tattler*



## ***Important Announcement:***

### **NORTH ROSEDALE PARK RESIDENTS**

You should have received your 2017 Civic Association Membership Mailing in November. We need every resident to pay their association dues and this year, we will offer 5 Easy Electronic Payment Options.

The options are \$75 per year, \$10 monthly, \$25 Quarterly, \$45 Biannually. Seniors can also apply for a \$6.25 monthly plan (+ processing fee). You can bring your payment up to the community house (see application on pg 8) or you can pay your dues online at [www.nrPCA.org](http://www.nrPCA.org).

The North Rosedale Park Civic Association depends on your dues to support the jewel of our neighborhood, the Community House and grounds.

We are the only neighborhood in Detroit that owns such a wonderful place for residents to gather, children to play, and neighborhood issues to be discussed. But the building and the grounds can't support themselves.

While we generate a fair amount of revenue from the rental of the Community House, the dues provide the backbone of our finances.

As a dues paying member of the NRPCA, you are part owner of the Community House and grounds and we desperately need your support. Take responsibility for contributing your financial share to keep our community alive.

For more information about membership or our new payment payment options, please contact Chelsea Neblett, [chelsea@nrPCA.org](mailto:chelsea@nrPCA.org).

*Do you know why it's great living in  
North Rosedale Park?*

### **Join Us At The NRPCA Open House to Find Out**

**Saturday, February 25, 2017  
1:00 pm - 6:00 pm**

**The Community House • 18445 Scarsdale**

- Meet Neighbors & Enjoy Free Refreshments
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## Letter from the President



Thank you for entrusting me to provide leadership of your association as the 91st President of the NRPCA. It is an honor and privilege to serve you. I'm sure all 90 Presidents before me had the same vision I have, to ensure this great organization, in this wonderful and truly unique neighborhood maintains its rich traditions while providing the community with impeccable service and pride of ownership.

### A LITTLE ABOUT ME

My name is Tamara Kamara (everyone calls me TK) and am 45 years old with four terrific kids: a son, Matthew, age 26; daughters, Amie, age 21; Lisa, age 16 (getting her learner's permit so watch out!) and Sarah, age 6. I moved into the Park in 1997 and truly love living here. I have served on the Park Players board of Directors and am a Past President of NRPCA (2006). I am a professional computer nerd and have been for almost 25 years.

There are many things I can promise you in 2017 but the most important is that I will give you my best and work very hard to have an extremely successful year. Success being defined as bringing value to the community and you.

We all have choices in our life. We, as members of this community, choose to live in North Rosedale Park. We could

have chosen any other place in the world but we choose here. I have traveled around the US and aboard and there is no place like North Rosedale Park. I challenge you to make sure that we remain for generations to come the best place to live in the world. No other place has the same feel and sense of community spirit as North Rosedale Park. Having a civic association and the ability to enjoy: a Community House, Open House, Easter Egg Hunt, June Day, Steak Roast, Christmas Breakfast, a neighborhood newsletter (the Tattler), Community Theatre, Block Captains, Baseball, Soccer and so on and so on. Sometimes it takes looking from the outside to remind us how truly good we have it! With all that in mind, if you haven't joined the NRPCA already go ahead and join to help support your neighborhood and continue our great traditions. If you are reading this article, you already have one of the benefits of your dues - the Tattler!

**Remember February is Membership Month!**

Peace and happiness to all my neighbors,  
TK

## Tax Foreclosure Prevention Workshop Thursday, February 16th

Grandmont Rosedale Development Corporation and the Vacant Property Task Force will host a Tax Foreclosure Prevention Workshop on Thursday, February 16th from 5-8pm at the North Rosedale Park Community House, located at 18445 Scarsdale St. Individuals will receive one on one assistance on a first come, first serve basis. Leading the workshop will be the experts from United Community Housing Coalition who have helped thousands of Detroiters stay in their homes.

Space is limited, so please RSVP to Chelsea Neblett at [cneblett@grandmontrosedale.com](mailto:cneblett@grandmontrosedale.com) or call 313-387-4732 x103.

Please bring the following documents with you:

- 1) A copy of your deed
- 2) driver's license or state identification card,
- 3) recent letter or bill with your name and address on it and
- 4) any and all correspondence from Wayne Country.

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# Behind the Footlights

## SISTER ACT

By Roger Loeb

Scene 1: a disco;  
Scene 2: an alley;  
Scene 3: a chase;  
Scene 4: a police station;  
Scene 5: Queen of Angels Cathedral  
(the narthex);  
Scene 6: the dining hall;  
Scene 7: the chapel.

And so it continues for twenty-five scenes. How is it possible to create the sense of place when every few minutes, we must take the audience to a different locale? Easy to accomplish in a film; not so easy on the North Rosedale Park Community House stage. Even more challenging when the entire set must be transported to the Redford Theatre, where the Park Players will present the final weekend of their spring musical. And then there is the issue of the much larger space at the Redford.

Drops (the painted fabric that is rolled up and down at the back of the stage) are not an option. Can't be moved. Flats (muslin or luan covered surfaces which create a background) are cumbersome and challenging to move. A third option, periactoids (triangular prisms of wood with different scenes on each of the three sides) can not provide the multitude of scenes needed. They also pose difficulties of scale, different sizes being needed for the two venues.

What is a harried set designer to do? Rely on the magic of theater.

First, keep it simple. Provide suggestions of environment; avoid trying to create a literal place. Then open your tool bag of theatrical tricks. Use set pieces. Use



furniture (a confessional, a table, a row of chairs, a street lamp). Then add lights – blue suggests a place that is cold or dark, red is hot, passionate, energetic; amber is warm, comfortable, friendly; white is bright, harsh, institutional. Next we have sound. We hear cars; we're on a street. Sirens – police or fire trucks. Birds and insects – out-of-doors. Church bells – well, you get the idea.

The final piece is most critical. It's called "dramatic license". It is the real magic of theater and you, our audience, help to create it. Call it the "willing suspension of disbelief". You walk into the theatre, and you set aside your usual expectation of rational assessment. You cheerfully fly backwards or forwards in time. You are transported to another city or another country or another planet. One moment you are in a leafy park; an instant later, a fashionable boudoir. Only when the curtain is lowered do you return to real time in your not altogether comfortable seat in a drafty theatre.

We hope that you will come see how we have responded to these challenges. Tickets for all performances other than the benefits can be purchased on our website:

parkplayers.org. Just click on the button that says "Buy tickets". If computer phobic, call Marcia (313-835-1103).

- April 7 Opening night: Soup, salad, and desert 7:00 pm, show 8:00 pm \$30
- April 8 NRPCA and Capital Campaign Benefit 7:00 pm, show 8:00 pm \$30
- April 9 Vacant Property Task Force Benefit 2:00 pm, show 3:00 pm \$25
- April 14-16 Easter weekend, no performances
- April 21 Evening show 8:00 pm \$20
- April 22 Evening show 8:00 pm \$20
- April 23 Matinee show\* 2:00 pm \$20  
\*Students/seniors \$18

Redford Theatre performances will feature a half hour organ concert prior to the show. VIP seats (\$20) are front and center, and a glass of wine will be offered.

- April 28 Evening show at the Redford 8:00 pm \$15/20
- April 29 Evening show at the Redford 8:00 pm \$15/20
- April 30 Matinee show at the Redford 2:00 pm \$15/20

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February Free Lunch & Learns

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Health

Fri. Feb. 3, Noon

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(Wear Red and be  
entered into drawing)

Path to Recovery:  
Patient Stories

Thurs. Feb. 16, Noon

Heart disease  
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their journey to  
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Walk sessions are Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays  
5:30-6:30pm

**Cost:** The Program is Free; Benefits are Priceless & the Investment Is Personal!

**All are welcome:** Register now to reserve your place! For your convenience cash, money orders or checks are accepted (Please make payable to class instructors).



*North Rosedale Park Civic Association*

*Hosts Excerpts From*

## **Girl of the Golden West**

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**Sunday, March 26, 2017**

**2:30 pm - 4:30 pm**

18445 Scarsdale, Detroit, MI 48223 • [kimberly@nrpca.org](mailto:kimberly@nrpca.org)

## **Little League Sign-Up Coming Soon!**

Calling all boys and girls! It's time to sign up for Rosedale-Grandmont Little League. Open to kids ages 4-16, this neighborhood instructional league has teams in several divisions, including t-ball, coach pitch, junior baseball and junior softball, senior baseball and senior softball.

To sign up, come to the GRDC office at 19800 Grand River (just east of Evergreen) to fill out an application and pay your fees. Here is the date and time for signing up:

- **Saturday,  
February 25, 2017  
from 9 am - 12 pm**

You can also download an application form from the GRDC web site at [www.grandmontrosedale.com](http://www.grandmontrosedale.com) and mail it in, along with your check or money order.

For more information, send an email to [rglitleague@aol.com](mailto:rglitleague@aol.com).



## **Gleaner's Cooking Matters' Program**

**Cooking Matters™** is a groundbreaking nutrition-education program that connects low-income individuals and families with food by teaching them how to prepare healthy, tasty meals on a limited budget.

Gleaner's is looking for people with an interest in nutritional/dietetic/nursing or culinary arts to help with this program. It's a 12 hour commitment, for two hours once a week for six weeks. They hold classes all over Wayne and Monroe County, and on average have 12-15 classes that need volunteers on any given week.

If you're interested, please contact:

Brittney Rooney, Cooking Matters Coordinator  
**Gleaners Community Food Bank of  
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P: 313-923-3535 ext 281  
[brooney@gcfb.org](mailto:brooney@gcfb.org)  
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# FUNDRAISING BEGINS FOR TWO MAJOR ART INSTALLATIONS IN NORTH ROSEDALE PARK

World-class art in the form of a sculpture and mosaic is coming to North Rosedale Park, and The Legacy Project organizers are already working to raise funds.

The Great Art! Great Park! Park project, with a \$76,000 grant from the John S. and James L. Knight Foundation and matching funds, will feature two major art installations by renowned Detroit artists Charles McGee and Hubert Massey.

Charles McGee, a Rosedale Park resident whose work is displayed at the Detroit Institute of Arts and the Charles Wright Museum of African American History, will create a 25-foot metal sculpture on the park grounds.

Internationally-known artist Hubert Massey will create a mosaic on the face of Cooke Academy on Puritan Street. Massey has art on display at

the Museum of African American History and Campus Martius and is completing work at Cobo Center.

To raise the needed funds, several events and activities are planned through the fall.

### Patronicity

This spring, The Legacy Project will launch a crowdfunding campaign through Patronicity.

### Sister Act

Proceeds from the April 8 performance of "Sister Act" by the Park Players will be split between The Legacy Project and North Rosedale Park Civic Association. To purchase tickets, contact Lynn Garrett at (313) 400-1087.

### Art Show and Auction

On May 20, an art show and auction will feature artwork for sale, artists' demonstrations, a ticketed preview and auction. The Breakfast Club, a

group of artists and collectors, will work with the capital campaign on the event.

### Music Recital

Organizers also are planning a music recital on June 25 featuring North Rosedale Park resident Peter Fletcher, a guitarist, and tenor Irwin Reese. To purchase tickets, contact Tess Tchou at (313) 533-3085.

The art installations are part of The Legacy Project of North Rosedale, a strategic plan of the North Rosedale Park Civic Association to renovate the Community House and surrounding grounds and enhance programming. The effort began approximately four years ago.

To make a contribution to The Legacy Project, go online to [www.nrpga.org/the-legacy-project/](http://www.nrpga.org/the-legacy-project/) or mail your check payable to the NRPGA, 18445 Scarsdale, Detroit MI 48223.

## I Book Club

*With In Search Of Satisfaction*, Cooper gracefully portrays men and women, some good and others wickedly twisted, caught in their individual thickets of want and need on a once-grand plantation.

In Yoville, "a legal town-ship founded by the very rich for their own personal use," a freed slave named Josephus fathers two daughters, Ruth and Yinyang, by two different women. His desire to give

Yinyang and himself money and opportunities oozes through the family like an elixir. In seeking the legacy left by their father, Ruth and Yinyang pull each other, their families, and their Yoville neighbors into a vortex of ever-powerful emotion.

Please join the Book Club in the Park (BCIP's) in a much anticipated discussion of

### In Search of Satisfaction

By J. California Cooper

on Thursday, February 16, 2017 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

## UPCOMING TRASH SCHEDULE

### FEBRUARY

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 Monday Feb 13 ..... Garbage  
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 Monday, Feb 27 ..... Garbage

### MARCH

Monday, March 6 ..... Garbage and Recycling  
 Tuesday, March 7 ..... Bulk  
 Monday, March 13 ..... Garbage  
 Monday, March 20 ..... Garbage and Recycling  
 Tuesday, March 21 ..... Bulk  
 Monday, March 27 ..... Garbage

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# 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 Clarendia Webb at (313) 330-7844 for more information.

Our next meeting is:

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2017**

We need your involvement now more than ever.



## Happy New Year Neighbors

Thank you for your support over the years. I look forward to serving you in 2017. As a 30 year resident and Chair of the annual Grandmont Rosedale Open House event, I am your neighborhood expert.

**Cheryl V. Davis**

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## 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)!

## 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 Tom Ridgway at [thomas.ridgway@gmail.com](mailto:thomas.ridgway@gmail.com) to submit articles or Adriane Henry [adriane@nrpca.org](mailto:adriane@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.



## North Rosedale Park Civic Association Membership Application

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

### Membership Dues

Resident .....	\$75
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