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# ROSEDALE TATTLER



The Rosedale Tattler is a publication of the North Rosedale Park Civic Association. Established in 1924, the North Rosedale Park Civic Association is a community organization that promotes the interests and welfare of North Rosedale Park residents, maintains park facilities for community use, advocates for necessary public improvements, and enforces building restrictions and ordinances within North Rosedale Park.

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#### **2020 DUES REMINDER NOTICE**

As a dues paying member of NRPCA, you are part owner of the Community House and grounds and we desperately need your support! North Rosedale Park is the only

neighborhood in Detroit that owns such a wonderful place for residents to gather, children to play and neighborhood issues to be discussed.

# The cost of membership is \$75 per year, or \$6.25 per month, or just 20¢ per day.

Only residents of North Rosedale Park who have paid their dues by the annual meeting (Jan. 10, 2020) and Life Members of the NRPCA can vote in the election for Board Members.

Dues can be paid the night of the election and anytime online at www.nrpca.org/membership



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#### LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

# SHELTER FROM THE STORM

# DEAR NEIGHBORS,



When the storm of life begins to rage, I hope you're reminded that we are neighbors bound together in a faith that North Rosedale Park provides us an opportunity to rekindle our relationships and connections to one another. Over these last several months, I've been grateful for the tremendous strength of our community, the love of family and friends, and the shelter of my home. As neighbors, we've supported and guided each other through the months of masking up and social distancing to stay safe from COVID-19 and all the emotion that it evokes. Our homes and neighborhood became a lifeline as we all sheltered from what we thought was a public health threat to find that the pandemic was an overlay to our underlying national virus, systemic racism. The disproportionate impact of COVID-19 on Black and Latinx communities and the racial reckoning that this country is grappling with, highlight our unfinished business for equity and justice. One of the North Rosedale Park events that once again reminded me how special our community is happened on June 7, when we came together to participate in the citywide candlelight vigil for neighborhoods to safely speak out about racial and social injustice. In that candlelit moment of silence (8 minutes and 46 seconds), we stood in unity as a community of neighbors.

The seismic challenges brought by the last seven months for our country, city, neighborhood have been astonishing. There were days where it was painful to look at another headline and even the best pundits couldn't have predicted the degree to which the world became so unstable all at once. Like many of you, I took solace and rejuvenation in the comfort of home and community. The time we've spent sheltered from the turbulence of this year has been an important reminder – Time is precious in our life. I hope that you've been able to use the time we've been given amid this storm to stop and ask yourself what is most important.

#### VOTE AS IF YOUR LIFE DEPENDS ON IT! BECAUSE IT DOES!

If we've learned anything as a nation during this tumultuous time, it's that elections matter and the power of YOUR vote counts. Detroit's voter turnout for the November 2016 General Election was about 50% citywide and to increase that percentage for this critical election, the North Rosedale Park Civic Association (NRPCA) Board of Directors approved participation in a new initiative by the Detroit City Clerk, Janice Winfrey to install Absentee Ballot Drop Boxes at key locations across the city. We now have an Official Absentee Ballot Drop Box at the North Rosedale Park Community House where you can securely return your absentee ballot.

For more information about voting in the upcoming November 3, **General Election visit www.detroitvotes2020.org**.



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## LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT CONT.



Gary Torgow commits \$10,000 to the North Rosedale Park Civic Association

#### THANK YOUTCF BANK

On July 23, TCF Bank chose North Rosedale Park as the site for their 2020 S.W.A.G. Scholarship Awards Ceremony, a partnership with the Michigan Chronicle. Gary Torgow, Executive Chairman of TCF Financial Corporation and Latrice McClendon, Vice President of Corporate Community Relations for TCF Bank celebrated the accomplishments of 15 Detroit high school seniors with over \$95,000 in scholarships. In a surprise announcement at the outdoor ceremony, NRPCA Board Member Beverly Fredericks accepted on behalf of the Association a generous \$10,000 donation. This donation will be used to support the general operations of NRPCA. We are grateful for the generosity from our neighborhood partners at TCF Bank.

#### NORTH ROSEDALE PARK VS. COVID-19

Working together, North Rosedale Park continues to respond to the challenges presented by the COVID-19 pandemic. With the Community House closed to comply with the Governor's Executive Order regarding event facilities, the NRPCA and neighborhood volunteers have worked to identify ways to safely use the grounds to focus on health and safety as well as promote community connection. During July and August, we were able to partner with the American Red Cross and the Rosedale Park Improvement Association to host a series of neighborhood blood drives. These blood drives were a great success and we plan to schedule more as the need for blood continues due to the pandemic, and collection locations in Detroit are scarce. In August, the Community House also served as a neighborhood hub for the distribution of Personal Protection Equipment (PPE) kits. Thanks to generous donors, the Grandmont Rosedale Development Corporation (GRDC) partnered with the NRPCA Block Captains and the other GRDC neighborhoods to distribute these needed supplies of gloves, masks, and cleaning supplies.

Earlier this summer, Tamara Kamara encouraged NRPCA to sign-up for the 2020 Neighborhood Census Challenge and we're glad she did. With the help of our very committed block captains and residents, North Rosedale Park won the contest for District One (D1) and received a \$1000 gift card that will be used for neighborhood and Community House beautification projects.

Once the Governor allowed for outdoor gatherings of 100 people or less, your neighbors worked hard to put the park back into community use but still meet social distancing and mask requirements. Thanks to James Martin and Deena Policicchio for organizing our Summer Concerts in the Park series. They were joined by Ebonee West and Sarah Hulett, who volunteered to support this fun event.

#### ON SEPTEMBER 2, NORTH ROSEDALE PARK AND ROSEDALE PARK

shared in a special outdoor performance of "Solace: A Community Healing Project" by the ConTexture Dance Detroit Company. The North Rosedale Park Performance took place at the McGee Plaza on the Community House grounds. In addition to the performance, ConTexture established a Go Fund Me account for "Solace" that split the proceeds between our two communities. This fundraiser will go on for several more weeks, but we are happy to announce that as of September 9th each neighborhood association will get a check for at least \$500. We can't thank former RP resident Tracy Halloran and ConTexture Dance Detroit Company enough for this gift.



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## LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT CONT.

One tradition that I'm tremendously thankful we didn't have to cancel was the North Rosedale Park annual Steak Roast. Thanks to the creativity of Ebonee West, Beverly Frederick, the Steak Roast Committee, and Boy Scout Troop 123, we were able to convert the event to a "drive thru" neighborhood dinner in honor of our essential workers. The article in this edition of the Tattler will provide all the details on the beautiful socially distanced evening of good food and music.

#### FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

The loss of Community House rental income hit the NRPCA budget hard and the Board scaled back its ambition for several events and fundraisers to celebrate the neighborhood's centennial year. Our immediate focus was on two priorities: 1) community health and safety; and 2) strong governance and financial stewardship for the park and Community House. The NRPCA 2020 budget approved in March (right before Michigan's Stay Home, Stay Safe Order), projected an income of \$157,126 for the year with \$80,000 expected in rental income. To maintain staff, the Board applied for and received a \$7,700 Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) Loan. This allowed us to keep our part-time Building Manager and Custodian as essential workers. We have an opportunity to convert the PPP Loan to a grant and are working to complete the requirements. In May, the Board held a special budget meeting to revise the projections to expect a 50% loss of rental income and a potential deficit to end the year. Thanks to significant cuts in expenses, the generous donation from TCF Bank and the receipt of a \$10,000 Michigan Restart Grant, NRPCA is on a better path to a balanced budget at year end barring any major financial changes.

As the NRPCA continues to grow in its role as a nonprofit neighborhood steward and take on more comprehensive projects, our financial systems haven't kept pace. Thanks to the support of the Kresge Foundation, NRPCA was selected to participate in a program for Detroit nonprofits to receive technical assistance from Apparatus Solutions, a firm with over 50 years of collective experience supporting the unique accounting, finance, and talent retention needs of the nonprofit community. NRPCA's engagement with Apparatus will include:

- Reviewing the current financial budget and organizational documents.
- Identifying a list of financial goals to create a budget model.
- Ensuring we receive loan forgiveness for Personal Protection Loan.
- Reviewing our accounting system to ensure we receive the appropriate training and tutorials for the current procedures.
- Creating a manual for accounting procedures.

#### THANK YOU DEENA POLICICCHIO!

Deena Policicchio has stepped down from her position as the NRPCA Building Manager but will remain in the role until we identify a new replacement. Please join me in thanking Deena for her contributions and during the next few weeks, please wish her well as she dedicates more time to her family, business, and volunteer endeavors. We wish her all the best! Deena joined the NRPCA in 2017 and brought a wealth of knowledge and experience from a long career in the nonprofit sector, including serving as the former Director of Outreach and Education Services at Alternatives for Girls. During her tenure with NRPCA, she provided leadership for many improvements to Community House operations and the North Rosedale Park community more broadly. We all benefited from her steadfast dedication to making the North Rosedale Park Community House an exemplary place for our neighborhood to come together. I can't begin to adequately express our gratitude to Deena for her passion to make a difference in our neighborhood. We'll miss her spirit for new ideas and dedication to always lead through service.

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### LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT CONT.

#### SOCIAL DISTANCING IN THE PARK

The North Rosedale Park Civic Association will continue to follow the guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and local and state health officials. We will share updates with you on our neighborhood social media feeds and eBlast as appropriate. As you walk, bike, and jog around our beautiful neighborhood, please continue to practice social distancing and take other safety precautions. Thank you for your patience and understanding as we move forward as a community - together. Be safe!

#### WITH GRATITUDE, WENDY LEWIS JACKSON PRESIDENT NORTH ROSEDALE PARK CIVIC ASSOCIATION



Although COVID-19 has forced the North Rosedale Park Centennial Committee to postpone several events until 2021, several projects are moving forward. Under Rose Love's leadership, the Centennial Book, planned for publication later this year in time for the holidays, will relive Park history by the decades, beginning with the 1920s. Additional chapters chronicle famous and infamous people, the Woman's Club, Park Players, Home & Garden Tour, and The Legacy Project, all highlighted with photos of key documents, personages and events.

A State of Michigan Historical Marker to be erected in 2021 at the Community House will chronicle the unique story of this beloved neighborhood asset for the thousands who visit the Community House and park each year. The marker will complement permanent Centennial Signs to be placed by this fall at key intersections in the neighborhood: Bretton/Grand River, Bretton/Westmoreland, Glastonbury/Puritan, and Evergreen/Florence.





In the year of a pandemic, the question arises, how do we continue with a long-standing tradition of hosting our annual Steak Roast? An event that brings neighbors across five communities together up under one roof. The experience had to feel the same as previous years, though we're six feet apart, wearing facial masks and gloves. The first decision was easy, have the dinner served "curbside pick-up". Of course, we hire one the best chefs in Detroit, Chef Omar Mitchell. Whose food was beyond delicious! Just ask someone who was lucky enough to get a ticket...

Imagine the perfect day with a beautiful backdrop, seeing car after car pull into the circular drive of the Community House. Where guests are greeted by Scout Troop 123, while being serenaded by guitarist, Rickie Constantennia. WOW!! Some guests decided to stay, which was perfectly okay, because there was a cozy clutter of tables and chairs waiting just for them. A few even thought to bring their blankets. Talk about community!

To place a cherry on top on everything else, we honored North Rosedale Park's essential and frontline workers, by providing them with a FREE dinner. We get used to these individuals being our neighbors, that we sometimes forget, he's Officer Jones, Fireman Dorsey, Nurse Dixon and Mail Carrier Banks, just to name a few. As you glance at the photos, remember we're a community of heroes.

A special thank your to all who continue to support the Steak Roast, especially this year. You joined us in our leap of faith, with not knowing what "curbside" would look like or how it would work. You have our utmost appreciation.

Co-chairperson, Ebonee West said it best, "What A Night!"

#### WITH GRATITUDE AND LOVE,

NORTH ROSEDALE PARK CIVIC ASSOCIATION STEAK ROAST COMMITTEE

### A HUGE THANK YOU TO OUR ESSENTIAL WORKERS & FRONTLINE RESPONDERS

We are forever grateful for your hard work, commitment, and invaluable contributions in keeping us safe and helping those in need.



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# **CURBSIDE STEAK ROAST FUNDRAISER 2020 CONT.**









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#### **BLOOD DRIVE** \_

After our highly successful drives in June, July, and August, let's keep the momentum going! Please sign up for an appointment to donate blood at the North Rosedale Community House on Wednesday, Oct. 21! We'll be there from 12 noon till 6 pm - socially distancing, wearing masks, washing our hands, and ready to welcome you back!!

#### Wednesday, October 21 from 12 pm - 6 pm

Sign up to donate at www.redcrossblood.org.

#### **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

Each 6-hour drive needs about 15 community volunteers to assist. Assignments include taking donor temperatures, using a computer to check pre-registration details, and passing out juice and cookies after donations. Volunteer shifts are two and a half hours long, starting at 10:30 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. To volunteer, contact Pam Weinstein; weinstein148@ameritech.net or (313) 231-2244.



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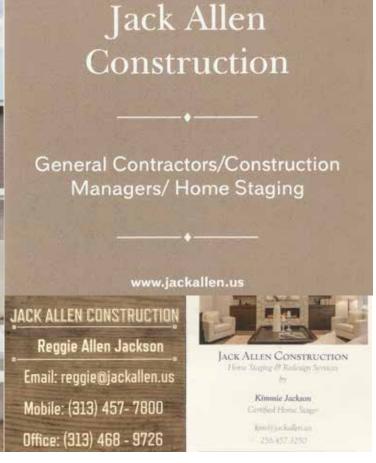
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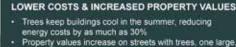
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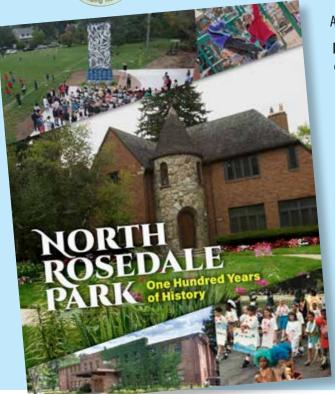
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North Rosedale Park is the only local neighborhood with its own community house and park. How did that happen?

Can you name former residents who served as Detroit's mayor, Michigan governor and lieutenant governor, and on City Council?

How did June Day begin and how long has it been in existence?

When did the all-male North Rosedale Park Civic Association finally wise up and allow women to join?

Did you know that Greenview, Avon and Stahelin streets weren't always a part of North Rosedale Park?

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Be one of the first to get the book that chronicles how North Rosedale Park came to be and all that's happened since 1919. Books are \$39.95 each plus shipping. Books will be available early to mid-December.

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