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ROSEDALE TATTTLER



**THE WAY
FORWARD**

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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NORTH ROSEDALE PARK CIVIC ASSOCIATION

2021

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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Check NRPCA.org to
confirm these events

JUNE

3 Farmers Market Begins **5** DSO Outdoor Concert (Salute to Members) **12** June Day (Always the 2nd Saturday) **26** Graduation Tributes

JULY

TBD Family Movie Night

AUGUST

Summer Concerts in the Park **19** Family Movie Night **21** Home and Garden Tour

SEPTEMBER

10 Steak Roast

OCTOBER

14 General Membership Meeting **31** Trunk-or-Treat

NOVEMBER

To Be Determined

DECEMBER

1-21 Holiday Lights Contest **9** General Membership Meeting and 2022 Board Nominations
Holiday Greetings

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT



DEAR NEIGHBORS,

As spring begins to emerge, we are starting to make our way to a new future. The abundant supply of strength and relationships in North Rosedale Park has served our neighborhood well in the last year and gives us a foundation to rebuild from this pandemic. After a month of surging COVID-19 cases, we begin the month of May with life-saving vaccines that are allowing Detroit to cautiously reopen and the fully vaccinated are making plans to reconnect with our families and neighborhood life.

Naturally, we are all eager for the pandemic to end so we can supposedly “return to normal,” but instead of going back let’s begin to raise our aspirations higher and lay the building blocks for a better future – starting with our neighborhood. One of the clear lessons from this past year is embodied in a quote from Margaret Wheatley, “whatever the problem, community is the solution.” We can use this opportunity to re-emerge from a long winter as a stronger neighborhood focused on each of us doing our part to make North Rosedale Park a more loving, generous, and connected neighborhood.

I continue to be grateful to all the volunteers in North Rosedale Park that provide leadership for the myriad of neighborhood successes we’ve been able to achieve despite the pandemic.

THE NORTH ROSEDALE PARK COMMUNITY HOUSE IS PARTIALLY OPEN FOR BUSINESS

The North Rosedale Park Community House is partially open for business, in accordance with mandated federal, state, and local COVID-19 guidelines. We are now taking reservations for indoor and outdoor gatherings. Thanks to Beverly Frederick and Billie Newsom, who are serving as volunteer interim co-Building Managers, the long-overdue repairs and maintenance are being addressed. Together with the assistance of Elizabeth Cooper, James Courtney, and Eric Willingham, several improvements to the building and grounds are also underway. They have also initiated an overhaul of Community House policies and procedures.

WELCOME OUR NEW TATTLER EDITOR

You may have noticed a new look for the Tattler in the last month and it’s with great pleasure that we announce Tamara Halliburton who will lead the tradition of this neighborhood gem as our new editor-in-chief. The NRPCA Board of Directors is thrilled to have her leadership, experience, and creativity on this important mode of communication for North Rosedale Park.

NORTH ROSEDALE PARK FEATURED ON CHANNEL 7 AND MODEL D

As part of a series on Detroit neighborhoods, North Rosedale Park was one of several Detroit neighborhoods featured in an interview with Channel 7 reporter Andrea Isom on Wednesday, March 30. If you missed the interview, it can be found at www.wxyz.com. Our neighborhood was also featured in the online publication Model D.

MAYOR DUGGAN MEETS WITH GRANDMONT ROSEDALE COMMUNITY

Fortunately, the pandemic hasn’t stopped Mayor Duggan from connecting with residents through his virtual House Party format. Facilitated by the Grandmont Rosedale Development Corporation and the District 1 Neighborhood Managers, five North Rosedale Park residents were able to join with five representatives each from Grandmont, Grandmont #1, Minock Park, and Rosedale Park in a two-hour Q&A session with the mayor. Various topics were discussed from vacant lot acquisition, building and safety issues, small business development, Grand River Streetscape, and development along the 6 Mile commercial corridor. James Courtney, Beverly Frederick, James Martin, Melissa Poirier, and I represented North Rosedale Park at the meeting. Thank you to Kenyatta Yarbrough, Karla Williamson, Kya Robertson, Tenecia Johnson for facilitating an important conversation and opportunity for partnership across the neighborhoods. We’re grateful that Mayor Duggan made the time to hear what is going well in the Grandmont Rosedale community and the areas where we need more support from the City of Detroit.

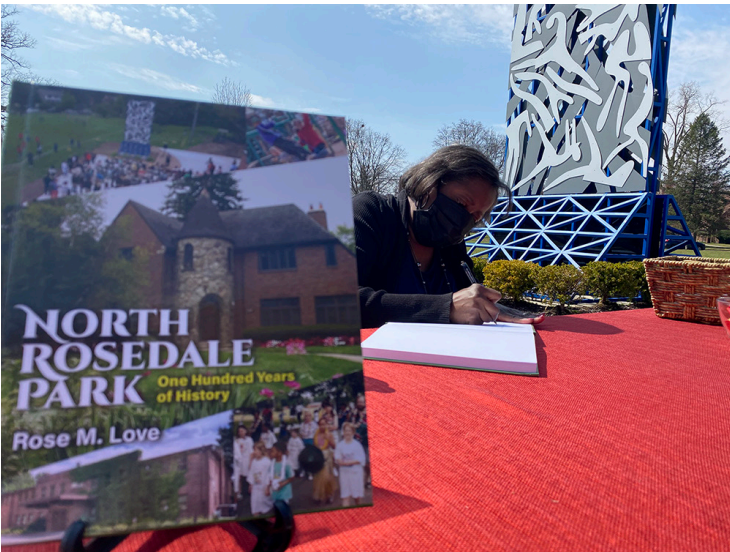
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NORTH ROSEDALE PARK HISTORY BOOK LAUNCH

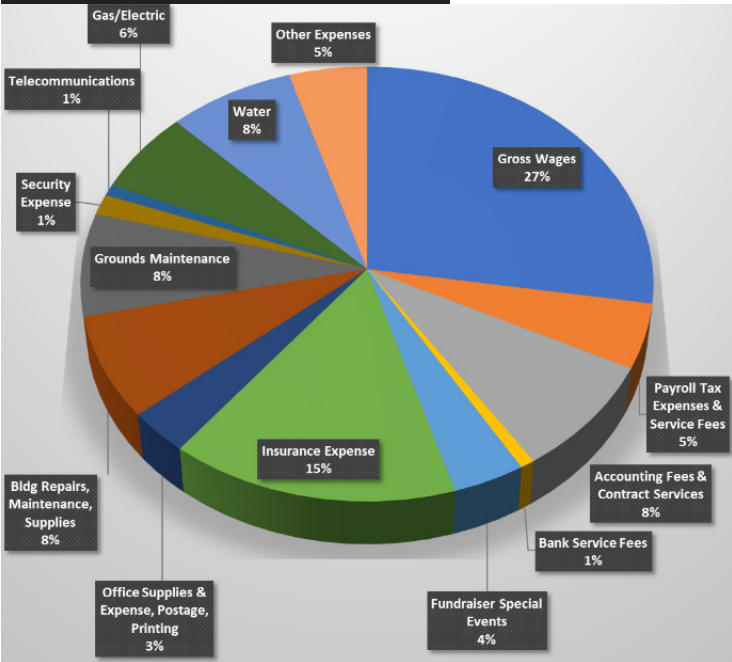
Congratulations to author and North Rosedale Park resident, Rose Love on the release of the North Rosedale Park History book launch. A project of the NRPCA Legacy Committee, Rose took on the daunting task of compiling 100 years of neighborhood history with grace and a fidelity to getting the story as accurate as possible.

ONGOING NRPCA BOARD MATTERS

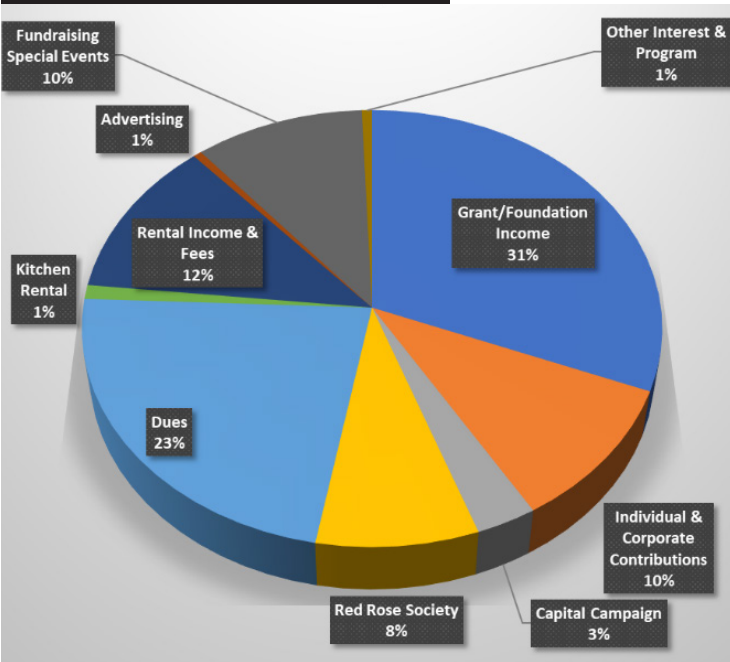
The NRPCA Board of Directors continues to meet virtually every month. Current matters being addressed include improvements and repairs to the Community House, maintenance of park grounds, the need to make faster progress on updating our systems for financial reporting, and the increases in NRPCA membership. At the April 1st NRPCA board meeting, the board approved a 2021 budget in the amount of \$130,050 for the Association. The board continues our trend to budget conservatively due to the unexpected nature of the pandemic on revenue and expenses. Requests for rentals at the Community House are picking up and if all trends hold, the board anticipates revenue increases that will offset expenses. The following charts provide members with the percentages of projected revenues and expenses for the year.



NRPCA 2021 PROPOSED EXPENSES



NRPCA 2021 PROPOSED REVENUE



MEMBERSHIP DRIVE CONTINUES

Membership in the North Rosedale Park Civic Association means a stronger neighborhood. By renewing your general membership at \$75, you can provide for the maintenance of the Community House and park grounds as well as community programs from the Steak Roast to June Day. To become a member, please visit www.nrPCA.org.

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

CHARLES McGEE

Although praised as an iconic Detroit artist whose works are featured at the Detroit Institute of Arts and Charles Wright Museum of African American History, our North Rosedale Park family knew Charles McGee best as the creator of Unity North – the 24-foot-high aluminum and steel sculpture that anchors the plaza at the North Rosedale Park Community House. The collaboration between NRPCA and McGee began in 2014 when architect Guss Pappas showed his vision for the new lobby to Legacy Project Chair Marsha Bruhn and said, “There, on the far wall, a Charles McGee!”

The painting didn’t materialize, but a new vision did two years later when NRPCA received a grant from the Knight Foundation for a sculpture by McGee and a mosaic at Cooke School by muralist Hubert Massey. McGee, a fifty-year resident of Rosedale Park, wanted to see a special piece for our park.

Seeing himself as a man “who walks humbly in this world,” the piece that emerged echoed what McGee felt about his community. He saw his art as an expression of togetherness, of connectivity, of community. Unity North is reflective of everyone who helped to create it—from those who determined its placement on the site to the fabricators and installers, from those who made the aluminum and steel to those who dug the foundation and poured the concrete base. According to McGee, “We work better when we work together.” His fingerprint was on every step of the process – selecting the site, identifying the fabricator, refining color and materials, and checking its progress to be sure the final product was the quality he demanded. Sitting in the small first floor room in his home that functioned as both his bedroom and studio since his stroke 10 years ago, he studied the model of the sculpture. At the last minute, he revised the design - adding figures and rearranging others.

In McGee’s words, “Art is my life, the reason I’m here on this planet.” We are grateful for having known him and for the collaboration that resulted in the magnificent sculpture that graces the Community House plaza today. Many will miss him, as do we.

Marsha Bruhn 2/8/21



PROVIDE FEEDBACK ON DETROIT REDISTRICTING MAPS

THURSDAY, JUNE 7th

The Independent [Citizens Redistricting Commission](#) is hosting a public, in-person forum to solicit feedback on new redistricting maps in Detroit on Thursday, June 17 from 6 - 9 pm at the TCF Center, 1 Washington Blvd.

To register, [CLICK HERE](#).



ROSEDALE 60-BLOCK YARD SALE RETURNS ON SATURDAY, JUNE 26

After taking a break during the 2020 pandemic, the Rosedale 60-Block Yard Sale returns this year on Saturday, June 26*.

The sale runs from 9 am till 3 pm. For questions or more information, contact:

RPIA President Kimberly Uhuru
kuhuru@gmail.com

*RAIN DATE: Sunday, June 27, 9 am – 3 pm



ARMED FORCES

By Mary Lee | 5/28/18

Thank you for your service,
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Coast Guard and the National Guard too.

You've put your lives on the line,
And some have never returned.

To families who loved them dearly,
When of their loss they learned.

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To keep America blessed and second only to none.

The sacrifices you have made are too numerous to name,
You're amazing each and everyone and that will remain my claim.

And when your time in the service is over,
A veteran you'll become.

All your remarkable gifted experience,
Should be honored by more than some.

Down through the ages I will lift up you,
Praising the things you've done and also the things you do.

These thanks are deeply from my heart forever and a day,
To the Armed Forces of America a standing ovation I'll pay.



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CORPORATION IS HIRING!**

Are you community-minded with an eye to making Grandmont Rosedale an even better place to live, work, shop, and play? Be a part of GRDC's team! Join a friendly, hard-working team dedicated to building community. Currently there are three employment opportunities at the [Grandmont Rosedale Development Corporation](#): Program Director, Economic Development Manager, and Farmers' Market Manager. To learn more about all three, [CLICK HERE](#).



STREETS FOR PEOPLE

The City of Detroit is developing Streets for People, a transportation plan with a singular focus — to make it easier and safer for all Detroiters to move around the city. The plan seeks to knit together diverse neighborhoods, prioritize safety of the most vulnerable road users, and identify clear implementation and design strategies for roadways improvement. Most importantly, it will be rooted in an inclusive planning process that gives a voice to the City's residents who are most implicated by the transportation system. The plan will be completed over the next two years by the Department of Public Works in partnership with MDOT, SEMCOG, city departments, and partner agencies.

Add your input to our map! We need YOUR help to better understand your transportation needs and challenges and where the City should prioritize improvements. Please provide your feedback on our map! For more information and to provide feedback, [CLICK HERE](#).

DETROIT'S GOOD NEIGHBOR PROGRAM

Have you heard about Detroit's Good Neighbor program? On Wednesday, May 5th, Detroit mayor Mike Duggan announced the launch of the Good Neighbor program with the hope of boosting COVID-19 vaccine rates in the city. Under the program, registered Good Neighbors can earn \$50 gift cards for driving Detroiters to vaccination sites. Residents can go to the TCF Center, Northwest Activities Center, and community churches on the weekends. For more information, [CLICK HERE](#). For more information on COVID-19, including city resources, drive thru testing or to view local case data, [CLICK HERE](#).



JUNE DAY 2021 | JUNE 12TH

9/9:30 am (1 mi/5k): Run for the Roses (masks required)

1 - 3 pm: Distanced, Drive-thru

"summer fun kit" giveaway for kids in the circle drive.

Please wear masks and stay in your cars.

Detroit Public Library will be on hand too - every kid can pick out a free book!

Dusk (9:15 pm): Family movie night on the Park Lawn

Bring a chair or blanket, wear a mask - we'll make sure every one is distanced.



POP UP ON OPENING DAY AT THE NORTHWEST DETROIT FARMERS' MARKET

THURSDAY, JUNE 3RD

Be a part of the Opening Day celebrations of the 16th season of the Northwest Detroit Farmers' Market on Thursday June 3 - be a pop-up vendor! If you would like to pop-up at the Market this season, let Jocelyn know at jocelyn@grandmontrosedale.com. The Market begins on Thursday, June 3 from 4 - 8 pm and runs every Thursday through early October in the parking lot at the North Rosedale Park Community House, 18445 Scarsdale. To learn more about being a pop-up vendor, or a weekly vendor at our market, and to find the application, [CLICK HERE](#).

Follow Northwest Detroit Farmers' Market to learn the latest:

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MUSIC IN THE
PARK WITH
THE DSO

A SALUTE TO NRPCA MEMBERS

Saturday, June 5 | 7-8 p.m.

**North Rosedale Park Community House Grounds
18445 Scarsdale Street**

Join us as we celebrate our members and acknowledge
their commitment to our community. Bring a chair or
blanket and enjoy a night of beautiful music.

**FREE Event in partnership with the
Detroit Symphony Orchestra**

Reserve tickets at www.nrPCA.org/dso



GRANDMONT ROSEDALE

JOIN GRDC,
DI\$COVER D1,
AND DEGC AT THE

SPRING BLOCK PARTY!

Saturday, June 19 10 am - 3 pm
from Evergreen to Warwick

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SAVE THE DATE: SPRING BLOCK PARTY

SATURDAY, JUNE 19th

[Grandmont Rosedale Development Corporation](#), along with [District One, DI\\$COVER D1](#), and [Detroit Economic Growth Corporation](#) are hosting a Spring Block Party on Saturday, June 19 from 10 am - 3 pm!

There will be vendors, live music, a DJ, food trucks, and activities all along Grand River from Evergreen to Warwick! Stay tuned for more info, and don't forget to put in on your calendar!

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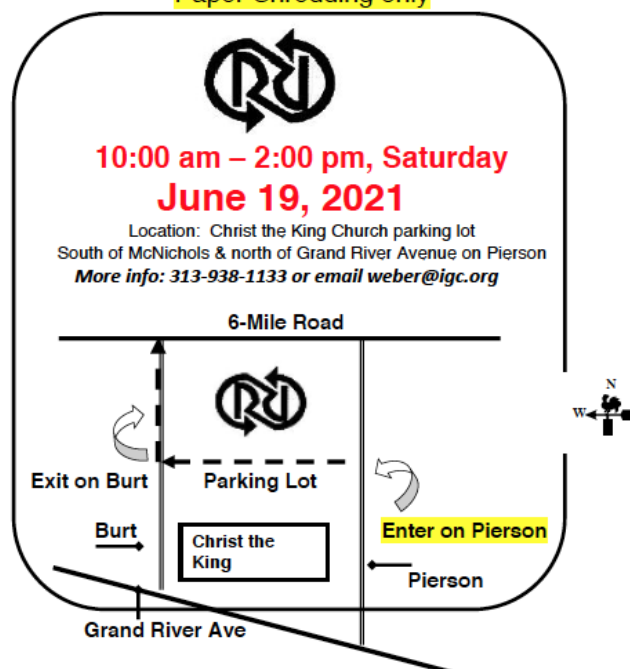
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**10:00 am – 2:00 pm, Saturday
June 19, 2021**

Location: Christ the King Church parking lot
South of McNichols & north of Grand River Avenue on Pierson
More info: 313-938-1133 or email weber@igc.org

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