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See page 12 to meet our new members!

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84th Annual June Day Parade and Fair

There's No Place Like Home!

8 A.M.

START OF THE RUN FOR THE ROSES

Registration for the Race begins at 7:30 a.m. in front of the Community House

Male and Female overall Winners of 5K to receive 3 month membership to Powerhouse Gym located at 18230 Grand River.



10 A.M.

PARADE REGISTRATION AND LINE-UP

(Scarsdale between Avon and Glastonbury)

10:20 A.M.

OPENING CEREMONIES IN FRONT OF THE COMMUNITY HOUSE

- Welcome Address
- Michigan National Color Guard to perform ceremonial flag raising.
- The Star Spangled Banner sung by Denise Stubbs, Winner of WDIV's Give Me the Mic Contest and lead vocalist of Intrigue.
- Miss North Rosedale Park winner will be crowned and awarded a scholarship by Wayne County Commissioner Burton Leland.
- **Grand Marshall: Elizabeth Burns, Former President of NRPCA, 1984**
Ms. Burns was the first woman elected president of the NRPCA.



11 A.M.

PARADE BEGINS FROM COMMUNITY HOUSE

Parade route goes entire length of Bretton Drive from Grand River to Grand River

12-4 P.M.

JUNE DAY FAIR

1 p.m.

Detroit Police The Blue Pigs Band

2 p.m.

DJ Ron Jackson

Game Attractions

- Ponies
- Bouncy Tent
- Water Slide
- Video Game Center (1-4 p.m.)
- Laser Tag
- Minute 2 Win It
- Face Painting
- Midway Games & More!!!

4 P.M.

PRESIDENT'S RAFFLE DRAWING

(Tickets available for purchase at the Fair)

7 P.M.

EVENING BENEFIT CONCERT

TICKETS \$10

Inside the Community House

Proceeds to Benefit NRPCA

Performances by:

- **Jennifer Pasha**, of the Michigan Opera House, will do a selection George Gershwin's *Porgy & Bess*
- **The Fred Scott Trio**, world renown Detroit jazz artists will perform at our own Community House!!

Vendor Attractions

- All About Animals
- Tupperware
- Pampered Chef
- Jewelry
- Community House T-Shirt Sale & More!



To Purchase Tickets contact Michelle Loggins at 313-231-0128
or by michellerloggins@yahoo.com

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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.

Letter from the President

Report to the Community

BY-LAWS REVISION

It was standing room only on May 16 as NRPCA members crowded the Community House for the final reading of the restated Articles of Incorporation and By-Laws revisions and the subsequent vote—124 to 2 in favor of approval. I want to thank everyone who made the effort to come. I know a lot of you juggled schedules, traveled great distances and made it a priority to be there. My appreciation again to Jim Johnson for his leadership in getting this done, to Bill Frey, Marcia Closson and Lynn Garrett for their service on the committee, to Community Legal Resources for obtaining pro bono legal assistance, and to John Burns and Plunkett Cooney for preparation of the Articles and revisions.

PROPERTY MAINTENANCE

I joined the Code Enforcement Committee recently on its spring “drive-around” to check for code violations in the neighborhood. Granted, we had a lot of rain in May, so it’s possible that some lawns with tall grass and weeds will be cut before warning letters are issued. But there were enough problems to make us aware that we have to continue to be vigilant about how our properties look. Uncut grass, high weeds, piles of debris in backyards and behind garages, unlicensed cars, commercial vehicles—all make a potential homebuyer stop and think about whether they want to invest

in our neighborhood, and current residents about whether they should stay.

The good news is that there are residents who work diligently on maintaining vacant (and sometimes occupied) properties:

- One resident who cuts the grass on six properties on her street.
- Another resident who collects contributions from her neighbors to pay for maintaining vacant properties on her block.
- Lots of residents who cut their next door neighbors’ front yards.

Other good news:

- People like Clarendia Webb, Fred Russell, Jr. and Cathy Marshall who developed the application from NRPCA to Community Legal Resources for a \$5,000 SAFE grant for vacant lot maintenance, debris removal and boarding.
- The Greening of Detroit which will begin planting 250 trees on June 4th with Detroit Water and Sewerage funding in the City’s North Rosedale Park target area bounded by McNichols, Sunderland, Florence and the Southfield service drive (see notice, page 11).
- A grant that Next Detroit Neighborhood Initiatives is bringing to our community for free litter pick-up on Grand River beginning in early June by the Clean Neighborhoods Team.
- The 300 people who attended the May 1st Neighborhood Open House, a number of whom made offers or expressed interest in purchasing a home in our neighborhood (see article, page 5).



UNTIL NEXT MONTH...

Get out of the house and enjoy June Day. Watch the parade... take the kids on a pony ride... buy the new NRP T-shirt... see the latest plans for the Community House... come back for the evening concert. How many neighborhoods have an 84 year-old tradition?



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NRPCA Constitution & By-Laws and the Capital Campaign

By Jim Johnson

At its April 14, 2011 Membership Meeting the NRPCA Board of Directors recommended amendments to its Constitution & By-Laws (C & BL). Many of the changes were descriptive and did not substantially modify operations. Others did effect changes in operational procedures. Examples include:

- Statement on a non-partisan policy on political campaigns
- Protection and indemnification of directors, officers & volunteers
- Conflicts of interest for directors, officers & volunteers
- Streamlining of membership processes
- Clarification of Building manager duties and check signing duties

A major change was a recommended restatement of NRPCA's Articles of Incorporation in order to apply to the State of Michigan and the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) for designation as a 501(c)(3) nonprofit corporation. This change in status would allow tax deductible contributions to NRPCA and will greatly improve its ability to raise funds for renovations to the Community House and grounds, as well as assist future membership drives.

The first required reading of the amended C&BL occurred at the April Membership Meeting, and this was followed with their posting in the Community House and on the northrosedalepark.org website for 30 days. The final reading occurred at the May 16, 2011 Special Membership Meeting, followed by discussion and a vote by the members present at the meeting. 126 votes were cast, which

satisfied the required quorum of 50 voting members at the meeting. 124 votes approved the amended C&BL, and 2 votes were in opposition. The votes to approve met the requirement of a 2/3 majority of the votes being cast, and the amended C&BL have thus been accepted by the membership as the governing documents of NRPCA.

As described in an article in the May Rosedale Tattler, there is a close relationship between the revisions to NRPCA's C&BL and a future Capital Campaign to renovate the Community House and grounds. The next steps in this process are to forward the restated Articles of Incorporation to the State of Michigan and to apply to the IRS for 501(c)(3) nonprofit status. These will have been done by the time you read this. Each of these processes is expected to take several months, and it's likely a determination will not be known until the end of 2011. In the interim, there's a lot to do.

The Detroit Collaborative Design Center at the University of Detroit Mercy School of Architecture has continued to gather community input for renovations to the Community House and grounds. On June Day they will be on-site to present their conceptual design drawings for proposed renovations. Please stop by and provide your feedback. Following that event, further refinements are likely to be made. Working architectural drawings will need to be created. Detailed cost estimates will be necessary. The organizational structure for the Capital Campaign will need finalization. Volunteers will be needed. There truly will be a lot to do, and the talents of the community will be necessary to move things forward. More information will be forthcoming in future editions of the Rosedale Tattler, on the NRPCA website, as well as other information channels. Stay tuned.

THE NORTH ROSEDALE PARK BLOCK CAPTAINS MEETINGS

are the first Tuesday of every month at the Grandmont Rosedale Development Corporation (GRDC) offices at 19800 Grand River (near Evergreen) at 6:30pm.

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, June 7, 2011.
We need your involvement now more than ever.



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NEIGHBORHOOD OPEN HOUSE GETS RESULTS

By Marsha Bruhn

Almost 300 people flooded our neighborhood on Sunday, May 1st for the 6th Annual Neighborhood Open House. Visitors received information on the neighborhood at the Community House Welcome Center, talked with the City Assessor on tax abatement for

new owners, found out mortgage information and energy savings from Huntington Home Lending and DTE, took a bus tour of the neighborhoods, and then set out with their listing of homes to view the 17 homes for sale that were open that day. Some differences

this year: 42% of attendees were from outside of Detroit (versus 34% last year); many were serious buyers. Results: serious interest in 8 of the 17 homes; purchase agreements on two to date (though one pre-dated the Open House). There are many people to thank for its success!

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money for the Civic Association


JUNE DAY

By. Michelle Loggins


This year, we are celebrating what makes North Rosedale Park home. In our 84 years of existence we have changed a bit, but we all have an intrinsic connection to this unique community. Thus, our theme: North Rosedale Park... There's No Place Like Home! We will celebrate traditions such

as the Run for the Roses, community pioneers, crown Miss North Rosedale Park, have more parade floats, a video game center, great food and a stellar entertainment schedule of performers such as Denise Stubbs, winner of WDIV's Give Me the Mic, the Blue Pigs and opera singer, Jennifer

Pasha, who will headline the Benefit Evening Concert and perform along with other artists. When you hear the marching band just ease on down the road (Bretton Drive) and join us in celebrating our history as we strive to make our future even better, for there truly is no place like home.



84th Annual June Day • Run for the Roses



1 Mile Fun Run and 5 K Run/Walk
Saturday, June 11, 2011
 Hosted by: North Rosedale Park Civic Association

Start Time	1 Mile & 5K Walk	8 a.m.
	5 K Run	8:30 a.m.
Location	North Rosedale Park Community House, 18445 Scarsdale, Detroit MI	
Registration	1 Mile & 5K Walk	7:30 to 7: 50 a.m.
	5 K Run	7:30 to 8: 15 a.m.
Course	1 Mile	Starting at the driveway of the Community House, this course laps twice around the 4 acres of Park grounds allowing runners to enjoy the pastoral beauty of the heart of North Rosedale Park.
	5 K	Beginning at the driveway of the Community House, runners and walkers will travel through the beautiful tree-lined streets of this historic neighborhood with lush landscaping.
Awards	1 Mile	Top male and female overall and in each age group: 10 & under, 11-13, 14-16, 17-19, 20-29, 30-39, 40-49, 50-59, and 60+
	5 K	Top male and female overall and in each age group: 15 & under, 16-19, 20-29, 30-39, 40-49, 50-59, and 60+
Entry Fee	If received by June 1, 2011	\$10 NRPCA members; \$12 non-members
	June 2nd through Race Day.	\$12 NRPCA members; \$14 non-members
Contact	Make checks payable to North Rosedale Park Civic Association or NRPCA and mail to June Day Run for the Roses Race, 18445 Scarsdale, Detroit MI 48223 or bring it on Race Day. If you are registering after June 2nd email us at run4theroses@ameritech.net to ensure T-shirt size.	

(Clip and send)

Run for the Roses Registration Form

Name:	Age on Race Day	Gender	1 Mile	5 K
1.				
2.				
Address:	City:		Zip:	
Phone Number:	Total:			
Shirt Size:	Medium: _____	Large: _____	XL: _____	

Waiver: In consideration of the acceptance of my entry, I and my executors, heirs & administrators, waive, release, and discharge all rights and claims for damages I may have against the "Run for the Roses" run, the June Day Committee, The North Rosedale Park Civic Association and its officers, directors and members.

 Signature (parent or guardian if under 18)

North Rosedale Park Shirt Sale

Show your Community Pride! Buy a North Rosedale Park Shirt! Shirt Design features our beautiful Community House! People are raving about them. Kids love them. Your friends and neighbors will be jealous! Purchase while supplies last!

Price: \$12.95 before June 11th
\$15 on June 11th

Name	Size: S, M, L, XL, XXL	Price
1.		\$12.95
2.		
Address:	City:	Zip:
Phone Number:	Total:	

Please make checks payable to North Rosedale Park Civic Association or NRPCA and mail to
18445 Scarsdale, Detroit MI 48223.

Contact Michelle Loggins michellerloggins@yahoo.com for more information



Miss North Rosedale Park Contest to be Awarded Scholarship

On Saturday June 11th during the opening ceremonies, the winner of the Miss North Rosedale Park Contest will be awarded a monetary scholarship. She will be selected based on her community service and her essay

about how she would improve North Rosedale Park by a panel of impartial judges and crowned on June Day. Miss North Rosedale Park along with the runner-ups will appear on the Rose Float in the June Day Parade.

Good Luck!

June Day Sponsor Form

Wanted: June Day Sponsors

Description: Civic minded individuals and businesses who believe in North Rosedale Park.

Such individuals or businesses will show their support of June Day by sponsoring a midway game, ride, Miss North Rosedale Park Contest, Run for the Roses race or Evening Benefit Concert. A sign recognizing their monetary gift and level will be placed on the game, ride, route or program for the evening concert. All sponsors will be acknowledged in the July edition of the Rosedale Tattler.

- Run for the Roses Race Sponsor (\$25)
- Midway Game Sponsor (\$25)
- Ride Sponsor (\$25)
- Evening Concert Sponsor (\$25)
- Miss North Rosedale Park Contest (\$25)

- Premium Run for the Roses Sponsor (\$75)
name on shirt
- Premium Game Sponsor (\$50)
- Premium Ride Sponsor (\$50)
- Premium Evening Concert Sponsor (\$50)
- Premium Miss North Rosedale Park Contest (\$50)

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Grandmont Rosedale Development Corporation now has a newly designed web site! Come check us out at www.grandmontrosedale.com to see the latest news on homes for sale, GRDC news, activities, youth sports, farmers' market, and more! Also, all staffers at GRDC have new e-mail addresses – see below:

- Tom Goddeeris – tgoddeeris@grandmontrosedale.com
- Cathy Marshall – cmarshall@grandmontrosedale.com
- Tom Ridgway – tridgway@grandmontrosedale.com
- Bill Garfield – bgarfield@grandmontrosedale.com
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- Pam Weinstein – pweinstein@grandmontrosedale.com

NORTHWEST DETROIT FARMERS' MARKET NOW OPEN!

The Northwest Detroit Farmers' Market (NWD FM) is now open every Thursday afternoon from 4-8 PM. "We invite everyone to come to best neighborhood farmers' market in Detroit!" said Market Master Pam Weinstein.



The market offers a wide variety of fresh, locally grown produce, meats, baked goods, spices, teas, and fair-trade coffee. Located in the south parking lot of Bushnell Congregational Church, 15000 Southfield Service Drive, just south of Grand River, the market is open and fully accessible through surface streets and the service drives during the current Southfield Freeway closure.

The market accepts credit and debit cards and the Bridge card, as well as Project FRESH and Senior Project FRESH coupons. The market will also once again be offering the highly popular **Double Up Food Bucks** program for Bridge card users. Double Up Food Bucks matches up to \$20 of a Bridge card purchase with an additional **FREE \$20 in Double Up Bucks**, for the purchase of Michigan-grown fruits and vegetables. You can't get a better deal than that anywhere!

For more information, and to volunteer to help at the market, contact Pam Weinstein at 313-387-4732, ext. 103, or pweinstein@grandmontrosedale.com

LOOKING FOR A HOME IN GRANDMONT ROSEDALE?

Calling all prospective homebuyers! GRDC is currently renovating several homes in the Grandmont Rosedale area. If you, or someone you know, is

interested in purchasing one of these beautifully updated, energy-efficient and highly affordable homes, call GRDC today at 313-387-4732, ext. 104 or email to tmccrory@grandmontrosedale.com.



You can also visit our web site at <http://www.grandmontrosedale.com>, to view a few of GRDC's current renovation projects.

FRIDAY MORNINGS WITH TOM R. – Grab your work gloves and sturdy shoes and get ready to beautify our community! GRDC Program Manager Tom Ridgway is leading volunteer sessions every Friday morning this summer from 9 AM until 12 noon.



Tom and his crew will plant flowers, weed landscape beds, tackle graffiti removal, and embrace any other projects that pop up throughout the summer. For more information, including how to meet your school's requirement for service hours, contact Tom Ridgway at 313-387-4732, ext. 108 or tridgway@grandmontrosedale.com.

GRDC SUMMER INTERNS TO CONDUCT COMMUNITY SURVEY –

Attention, Grandmont Rosedale neighbors! Expect to hear a knock on your front door this summer, as GRDC's four student interns from U of M/Ann Arbor spread out through our neighborhood to survey residents and collect our opinions. This will be the 6th year that GRDC has conducted these surveys in all five of our communities. This summer interns will be asking residents' opinions about options for security/crime prevention, snow removal, and other enhanced services that could be part of establishing a community improvement district in our area.



The interns start work on June 2 and will continue through the middle of August. Their hours will vary and will include some weekends. All interns will have GRDC photo ID badges and the official GRDC logo will appear on all the documents they will bring. For more information, and if there are any concerns about this program, contact Karen Johnson Moore, Community Security Program Manager, at 313-387-4732, ext. 110.

NEW COMMUNITY SECURITY COORDINATOR AUSTIN GROUT – GRDC is

pleased to announce that Austin Grout is our new Community Security Coordinator, filling the position previously held by Jeremy Orr (congratulations, Jeremy, on your new job in Kalamazoo!).



Austin has served as GRDC's Vacant Property Campaign intern for the past nine months, and recently completed his master's in social work from Wayne State. "I look forward to establishing rapport with those residents I have yet to come in contact with, and I will build on the foundation of the past year's work," Austin commented. Contact him at anytime at 313-387-4732, ext. 109, or at agrout@grandmontrosedale.com.

COMMUNITY GARDEN NEEDS YOU! – The Grandmont Rosedale Community Garden at Bushnell Church welcomes new participants. Whether you are an experienced veteran or a complete novice, you are invited to come join us. We will be planting (and harvesting) strawberries, tomatoes, cucumbers, squash, beets, lettuce, Swiss chard, collard greens, arugula, green beans and more! Come to learn, come to share your knowledge, come to have fun digging in the dirt! Contact Pam Weinstein at 313-387-4732, ext. 103, or pweinstein@grandmontrosedale.com for more information.

FORECLOSURE PREVENTION – If you or someone you know is in danger of foreclosure, DON'T DELAY. Foreclosure counselors are available from Southwest Housing Solutions. Homeowners who are behind on their mortgage payments should contact the free non-profit counselors immediately, while they still have options – call **313-841-9641 TODAY** for an appointment with a counselor.

VACANT HOUSE ALERT – Do you have any vacant houses on your block? If so, please give GRDC Vacant Property Intern Julia Billings a call at 313-387-4732, ext. 116, and give us the address (or send an email to info@grandmontrosedale.com). In cooperation with all of the neighborhood associations, GRDC is trying to keep track of all of the vacancies and we need your help! We're developing a Vacant Property Strategy and it's important to keep up to date on every vacancy. Thanks for being a good neighbor.

GET THE GRDC E-MAIL BLAST! – GRDC has been operating a neighborhood-wide listserv; we send out regular weekly notices to let everybody know what's going on in our neighborhood. Don't miss out on the latest! If you want to know what's happening, send us your e-mail address. We'll add you to our electronic mailing list and periodically send you information of interest to the neighborhood. Send an e-mail to tmccrory@grandmontrosedale.com and ask to be added to the list.



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- Landscape Installation
- Sprinkler System

Tree & Shrub Care

- Removal & Trimming
- Deep Root Fertilizing
- Micro-Injection
- Stump Grinding

Tree Planting in both Rosedale's

The Greening of Detroit, in partnership with the Detroit Water and Sewerage Department, the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments, Grandmont Rosedale Development Corporation, and the North Rosedale Park Civic Association, is planting up to 500 trees in the Rosedale Park Neighborhoods this June! These plantings are taking place in the Upper Rouge River CSO (Combined Sewage Overflow) to reduce storm water runoff and improve water quality for Detroit residents. The **North Rosedale Park Tree Planting will take place on Saturday, June 4** within the boundaries of 6 Mile, Florence, Southfield, and Sunderland. The **Rosedale Park Tree Planting will take place on Saturday, June 11** within the boundaries of 5 Mile, Lyndon, Southfield and Faust. Both plantings begin at 9am and end around

1pm. Meeting and exact planting locations to be announced. For more information or to volunteer,

please contact Caitlyn M. Pisarski at 313-285-2238 or caitlyn.pisarski@greeningofdetroit.com



Bird Watching in Your Backyard

Today I saw a Blackburnian Warbler! I am a bird watcher and I imagine that many

residents in the Park are avid bird watchers too. Although I never tire of seeing the resident Cardinals, Jays, Goldfinches, and Black Capped

Chickadees, I was excited when I spotted the Blackburnian Warbler. If you are unfamiliar with this bird, here is what to look for. They are approximately 5 inches long; males are black and white striped with a vibrant orange throat and head. Females have identical markings but are grey instead of black and are yellow instead of orange. Perhaps many here have

seen this lively little bird, but it was a first for me. If you have not given much thought to the nature that surrounds us, please take a moment and do so. You would be pleasantly surprised at how much wildlife we have in the neighborhood.

Happy Bird Watching!!!
N. Daniels, Your Building Manager

Let's Start a New Tradition! NRPCA Seeks Chairperson for Our First **CHILI COOK-OFF & BAKE-OFF**

Date: Early October
North Rosedale Park Community House

The right person will form a committee, select a date, identify categories, develop entry form, publicize the event, select judges and organize the event.

Will it be you?

Respond to Marsha Bruhn at: president @northrosedalepark.org or call 313-255-1884

Don't trash Grass...Grasscycle

What is Grasscycling?

Grasscycling is the easiest way to reduce your waste. Grasscycling simply means letting the grass clips stay on the lawn when you mow. Grass is primarily made up of two components: water and nitrogen. So, why do we cut grass, bag it and have it hauled away, only to then pay for more water and nitrogen-based fertilizer? When you let your clips fall back onto the lawn, you save time, energy water, fertilizer, and money.

Contrary to what many people believe, grass clipping do not cause thatch. Thatch is usually caused by excessive watering and over fertilizing.

If you mow very high grass and have a lot of clips left on the ground, sometimes it is necessary to rake them up. This is a perfect opportunity to put that compost bin to use!

What is Composting?

Composting is nature's way of recycling nutrients. As plants grow, they absorb nutrients from the soil. When they eventually die and decay, the nutrients are returned to the soil. Backyard composting

is a way to recapture these nutrients to enrich your yard or garden. When the leaves and grass clips decompose, they become humus, or compost.

Through Curbside Yard Waste programs your yard waste is taken to a large-scale compost site where it decomposes and becomes a rich, black humus. Backyard composting can be done at home. Both methods keep yard waste out of landfills and produce a reusable by-product.

Why Should We Compost?

As of 1995, Michigan law prohibits disposal of yard waste in landfills. This means that we must use alternate methods to handle yard waste. According to the Resource Recovery Recycling Authority of Southwestern Oakland County (RRRASOC), each year the residents in Oakland County generated 80,000 tons of waste. At least 30% of that waste could be composted. We Detroiters need to get with the program too! Composting at home not only cuts down on our dependence on trucks to haul yard waste to large-scale compost sites, but it also provides us

with our own source of rich humus to reuse in our gardens.

Benefits of Compost

- Soil conditioner. Mix compost into soil to give it better structure and water movement.
- Mix it into the first few inches of soil in flower beds and containers. Compost helps plant roots penetrate the soil and hold water in the soil.
- Use it as a top soil for new sod or grass seed. Compost acts a slow-release fertilizer to nourish your plants.
- Sprinkle sifted compost over your lawn to fertilize it.

Excerpted from: Resource Recovery and Recycling Authority of Southwest Oakland County website:
RRRASOC@aol.com
20000 W. 8 Mile Road
Southfield, MI 48075
248.208.2270

For more information on creating a Compost Pile, please refer to the following website; <http://www.rrrasoc.org/downloads/HomeComposting.pdf>

2011 NRPCA Membership Update

Since publishing last month's Tattler, 24 residents have renewed their membership, 12 residents have joined as new members, 1 non-resident joined, 2 local businesses renewed their business memberships, and we added 1 new business member. Thanks to these

supporters, our NRPCA membership totals as of May 12, 2011 are: **Life Members** - 106, **Resident Members** - 415, 50 of which are first time members, **Non-Resident Members** - 24, 1 of which is a first-time member, **Business Members** - 36, 5 of which are first-time

members. Thank you for supporting the Civic Association. If you aren't a member yet, what are you waiting for? We need you now more than ever.

The new members are as follows:

NEW RESIDENT MEMBERS

Ivan & Lynnzie Bell
Charlene Beyah
& Nasr Abdul-Mujeeb
Charles D. Boone
Aleata Cartwright
Danielle Nicole Doniver
Josh & Katie Guitar
Bobbie Jean Jackson
Jabari Long
Robert & Meaghan Nill
Gladys Smith
Brett & Rachael Stiles
Derean Winters

RENEWED RESIDENT MEMBERS

William & Yvette Ashford
Rev. Emmanuel
& Taylorie Bailey
Donn & Shelia Boyer
Ronald and Scheryl Brooks
Delbert & Terri Brown
Mrs. Dorothy M. Clarke
Marlowe & Billie Crawford
June Day
Christine Derigiotis
Elizabeth Graves-Bradley
Johnny & Andrea Harrison
O'Neal & Emma Henry

Michael & Tonya Huffman
Clayton Johnson
Jane Frances Morgan
Alvis & Greta Owens
Roger Spence
Roland & Sherry Stamps
William and Elaine Stephens
Sheryl Thomas
Frank & Ann Thompson
Ruby Washington
Robert and Dorothy Welch
Umar and Karyn Yufenu

NEW NON-RESIDENT MEMBER

Kaz Lukowski

NEW BUSINESS MEMBERS

First Metro Real Estate Services, LLC

RENEWED BUSINESS MEMBERS

5000 Shoes & More
CCAS Consulting Group, Inc.

SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY

Life Challenge has offered a one-year scholarship to its residential Christian growth program for a person 18 years of age and older in the North Rosedale Park neighborhood with life-controlling

addictions. The scholarship has been made available through the generosity of the Baggett family.

Life Challenge is located just west of North Rosedale Park at Grand River

and Pierson. If you know of someone who might benefit from this Christian-centered program, or would like to know more, please contact Cindy Goins at Life Challenge, 313-531-0111.

Museum Adventure Pass Take in some of the area's best museums for FREE!

Art that inspires and engages, hands-on science that excites and educates, history and culture that brings past and present Michigan to life – all of these and more are waiting for you at your local public library. Just use your library card to receive a Museum Adventure Pass, presented by Macy's.

There is a great way for you and your family and friends to experience some of the best museums, libraries and cultural institutions within southeastern Michigan. The Museum Adventure Pass program offers a limited number of passes for FREE admission to over 30 participating museums and cultural institutions! It's quick and easy—simply go to one of over 200

area libraries with your library card, select a museum or cultural institution that you would like to visit and check out a Museum Adventure Pass. One pass may be checked out per person per loan period, which is seven days. Depending on location, you'll get between two and four FREE passes! Among the participating institutions are the following:

- Arab American National Museum
- Art Experience Inc.
- Automotive Hall of Fame
- Birmingham Bloomfield Art Center
- Birmingham Historical Museum and Park
- Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History

- Cranbrook Institute of Science
- Detroit Children's Museum
- Dossin Great Lakes Museum
- Edsel and Eleanor Ford House
- Holocaust Memorial Center
- Huron Lightship
- Michigan Youth Theater
- Museum of Contemporary Art Detroit
- Thomas Edison Depot Museum
- Troy Museum and Historic Village
- U of M Exhibit Museum of Natural History
- U of M Matthaei Botanical Gardens
- U.S. Coast Guard Cutter Bramble Museum

For more information: www.detroitadventurepass.org.

FREEBIES for Your Home or Garden 2011!

The 2011 North Rosedale Park Home and Garden Tour is under way September 17th! September weather is perfect! September schedules open up! September summer flowers are at their best and fall plantings are just coming on!

What FREEBIES will you get out of volunteering your home or garden?

FREEBIE 1: Civic Pride, Adulation and Satisfaction! Last year's tour was "our" association's most financially successful 2010, after expense, fund raiser. Tickets will be for either Home Tour Only, or Home Tour and Garden Café Luncheon! Home Tours raise MONEY!

FREEBIE 2: Enhanced Property Value! Our home tour is the premier venue to spread the GOOD NEWS about this fine neighborhood to the metropolitan area. All local news outlets and many newsletters are desperate for positive community content and our home tour press releases are very well received. Help spread the GOOD NEWS!

FREEBIE 3: House Proud Community Minded Neighbors! Home ownership in our neighborhood is a revolving door. Every member of our North Rosedale Park family eventually moves on one way or another and if these committed community members are not replaced with **HOUSE PROUD COMMUNITY MINDED PEOPLE** each remaining member of the family will be poorer. Home tours market communities!

FREEBIE 4: Dedicated Professional Help! The North Rosedale Home Tour Committee is here to serve you. They know from years of personal experience how to make your dream home come true! They have partnered with Home and Garden Professionals who are ready to consult with you! Don't miss this opportunity to live the dream!

The 2011 North Rosedale Park Home and Garden Tour is mandatory!
We need you!
Many hands make light work!
Join the fun!

Please Join The FUN- VOLUNTEER;
Contact Duane Fueslein:
cdfueslein@yahoo.com.

The Hustle is going strong at the
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6:30PM TO 8:30PM
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Deadline for the Tattler

The Rosedale Tattler is a monthly newsletter published by the NRPCA. All articles and advertisements are due the 10th of each month. Please contact **Maria Bryant** at **313-537-1560** or **mariab19@sbeglobal.net** for advertising rates and policies. Please submit articles to **NRPCA_TattlerEditor@Yahoo.com**.

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.

NRPCA Calendar

June 2011

2 NRPCA Board	16 Rental..... 6pm
Mtd..... 6:30pm	17 Rental..... 6pm
2 Rental..... 7pm	18 Rental..... 6pm
3 Rental..... 9pm	23 Neighborhood
4 Rental..... 6pm	Safety Mtg. 6pm
5 Rental..... 1pm	24 Rental..... 7pm
11 June Day -	25 Rental..... 7pm
12 Park Players 6pm	26 Rental..... 1pm
15 Rental..... 4pm	

Please Support our NRPCA

Business Members

- 5000 Shoes & More
 - Bel Aire Cleaners
 - Beverage 1
 - CCAS Consulting Group, Inc.
 - Center for Literacy and Creativity
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 - Gospel Church of Faith
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 - Greener Still, Inc.
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 - St. James Evangelical Lutheran Church
 - SwiftPay Tax Services
 - Uniglobe Construction
 - Village Liquor Shoppe
 - Vogue Travel



North Rosedale Park Civic Association
Community House Grounds
Rules and Regulations:

The Community House and grounds are privately owned and maintained by the dues paying members of the North Rosedale Park Civic Association

Park Grounds Open Daily At Sunrise And Close At Dusk

PLEASE RESPECT THE COMMUNITY HOUSE AND GROUNDS

THIS PARK IS A DRUG AND ALCOHOL FREE ZONE

HELP KEEP THE GROUNDS BEAUTIFUL - NO LITTERING

No barbecuing or fires

No fireworks

Dogs must be leashed at all times. If your dog poops - for goodness sake scoop!

Always clean up after yourself and your animals

Scheduled activities allowed with permission and proper adult supervision

After all sports games: Clean up trash, lock door to restrooms and parking lot gate

Parking lot is reserved for renters at the time of rental

Guidelines For The Children's Playground:

Children 12 Years Old and Younger Play Here

Children Must Be Accompanied By A Responsible Adult

Teach Your Children Good Citizenship - No Littering

Courteous Manners And Polite Language Required - No Cursing

No barbecuing or fires / No cooking / No fireworks / No Loitering

No Dogs allowed on playground

The North Rosedale Park Civic Association will not be responsible for any personal injuries theft, loss or damage to personal property during the use of the Community House or Grounds





North Rosedale Park Civic Association Membership Application

Name(s) _____

Address _____

Zip Code _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Membership Dues	
Resident.....	\$60
Non-Resident	\$40
Business	\$40

Enclosed is \$ _____ in payment for dues for the year ending December 31, 2011.

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**

Contributions, gifts and dues to NRPCA are not deductible as charitable contributions for Federal income tax purposes.

Be a Volunteer!

Please tell us how you would be interested in helping.

Areas of interest:

Thank you for your support!

NRPCA 2011 Board of Directors

Ours is an active neighborhood, and NRPCA Board members are responsible for taking on assignments at the beginning of each year. In many cases, committees are formed to carry out the activities, and volunteers are always welcome. If you would like to work on any of the listed events or have comments or questions, contact the Board member for that activity

The Board meets on the 1st Thursday of every month except July and August.

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