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See page 12 to meet our new members!

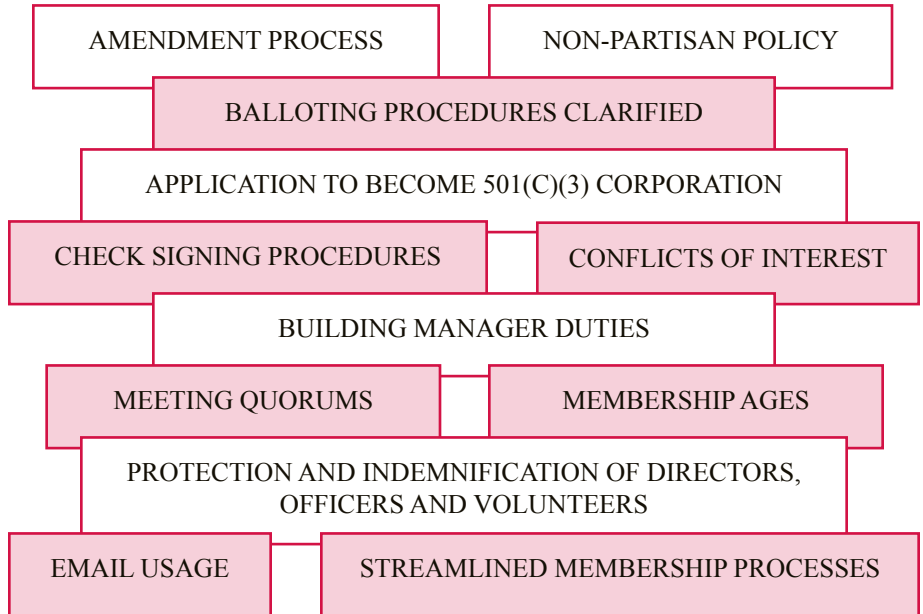
Your involvement is crucial to our survival!



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SPECIAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MONDAY, MAY 16, 2011



7:00 PM

Second reading of the Proposed Revisions to the NRPCA Constitution and By-Laws

8:00 PM

Discussion and Vote by NRPCA Resident and Life Members on the Acceptance of the Proposed Revisions to the Constitution and By-Laws

It is very important that there be full participation of the NRPCA membership in this significant event.

See page 5 for further information.

The 84th Annual June Day is June 11, 2011
There's No Place Like Home

Please see the following for details:

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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

We're only three months into the year, and it's exciting to see how much the new board has accomplished with your help and support. People tell me there's a new energy in the Park (you can certainly feel it at the Hustle classes!), and I'm enjoying meeting residents and working with such a dynamic board of directors. Here's a brief update:

Community House

It's no secret that much of what we're doing is building the basis for a future capital campaign for renovation of the Community House.

1. Short-term, we've accomplished the following:
 - Replaced the flat roof by our April 1 target date and at 1/3 below our estimated cost.
 - Reduced energy costs by installing Energy Star CFL's, and a programmable thermostat, courtesy of DTE, and negotiated for a free energy audit of the building.
 - Received Attorney John Burns' proposed revisions to our Constitution and By-Laws in anticipation of forming a 501(c)(3) organization.
 - Presented the proposed revisions to the membership (see related article, page 5).
2. Longer-term, we've:
 - Hosted a workshop by University of Detroit Mercy with NRP stakeholders to develop a vision and goals for the Community House.
 - Provided comment cards at the Community House for your input: "If nothing else, the Community House should..."
 - Conducted a review of the Community House with architect Tom Roberts relative to renovations consistent with the historic character of the building.

- Presented workshop results at the April 14th General Membership meeting, including next steps in soliciting additional input from the neighborhood.
- Initiated formation of a Leadership Committee to develop the framework for a Capital Campaign.



We need you to weigh in on the future of the Community House and Park. Fill out a comment card at the Community House, send an email to detroitcollab.designcenter@gmail.com, or participate in one of the small group meetings over the next month. Be sure to attend the Special Membership meeting on Monday, May 16. We need your vote on Articles and By-Laws to get us to the next step.

Neighborhood Investment

North Rosedale Park and its sister neighborhoods of Rosedale Park, Grandmont and Grandmont #1 are attracting considerable interest and investment from private foundations and the City, aimed at reversing the impact of vacant properties, foreclosures and declining property values. Among these:

1. **Private investment** to support GRDC's housing goal to purchase and begin renovations on 50 homes this year within Grandmont Rosedale: \$350,000 Kresge Foundation grant for acquisition and assistance in subsidizing renovation costs; \$450,000 Ford Foundation grant through the Detroit Economic Growth Association for capacity-building; \$650,000 Enterprise Detroit line of credit to finance renovation costs.
 - Status: 2 homes sold, 3 pending with purchase agreements, 6 of the first 12 homes under this program are in North Rosedale Park.
2. **Public investment** in the area bounded by McNichols, Florence, Sunderland and Southfield Service Drive: funding for purchase/renovation/resale of vacant homes through the federally funded Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP3). Pending selection of this area for the City's Project 14 program to attract police officers to purchase in Detroit. One of two pilot programs through the City's Water and Sewerage Department for \$3 million per year for 10 years for tree planting and other greening initiatives to reduce water runoff.
 - Status: planting of 500 trees to begin by fall 2011, beginning in NSP3 area.
3. **New residents.** In the past, Grandmont Rosedale homebuyers were mostly Detroit residents or persons with ties to the neighborhood through family and friends. Now, we're attracting buyers from the suburbs (Farmington Hills, Dearborn Heights, Southfield, Woodhaven); out-of-state (Los Angeles, Washington, D.C.); and getting inquiries from Texas and North Carolina. Why the broader interest? "Seeds" planted by the annual Open House? Recent article in the New York Times on residents' commitment to this neighborhood? GRDC's marketing and homebuyer programs? Affordability of our housing? Reputation? Public and private investment? Probably all of this and more. It's good news for our neighborhood.

Closing Comments

I had the opportunity to tell the good story about our neighborhood to a reporter from the New York Times and Denmark's *Politico* newspaper, and to interview on WDET's Craig Fahle's show. I also supported Senator Tupac Hunter's legislation regarding limitations on adult entertainment signage and attended his press conference at the Penthouse Club along with other neighborhood associations.

Finally, hustle classes have been fun and have attracted over 30 people each week. And June Day promises to be special this year. Michele Loggins has brought back the evening concert, initiated a "Miss Rosedale" contest, beefed-up the parade with floats, and...well, you won't want to miss it!

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Behind the Footlights

By Roger Loeb

From *Palmer Park* to *Our Town*,

After 58 years of performing outstanding theater in Detroit, Park Players will tackle the quintessential American Play: Thornton Wilder's *Our Town*. This stage treasure explores the intimate personal lives of two American families - Dr. Gibbs and his family - Mr. Webb (editor of the local newspaper) and his family. The play, written in 1938, follows their lives from 1901-1913. America is struggling to deal with industrialization and immigration. In some ways, these changes differ from those of today, but the challenge of coping with transitions is timeless. And so are these characters.

We are introduced to Grover's Corners, New Hampshire by our guide, the Stage Manager. The fourth wall which traditionally separates the actors from the audience, is immediately broken as our narrator speaks directly to those of us in attendance. The Stage Manager describes the location of the play (there is minimal use of scenery). He observes with us the events which occur on stage, takes questions from the audience, and shares wry observations about the state of the world. We travel with him through three acts - Act I: Daily Life; Act II: Love and Marriage; Act III: Death and Eternity.

Our Town is a much revered and honored play in the American cannon. First produced on Broadway in 1938, it won the Pulitzer Prize for drama that year. A film followed quickly in 1940 starring William

Holden and Martha Scott. The play was later turned into a TV musical starring Frank Sinatra, Paul Newman, and Eva Marie Saint. It has even been adapted into an opera. In 1989, *Our Town* won the Tony Award for Best Revival. The recent 2009 production received rave reviews and ran for 648 performances in New York.

The play includes seven major characters: Stage Manager, Dr. Gibbs, Mrs. Gibbs, George Gibbs (their teenage son), Mr. Webb, Mrs. Webb, and Emily Webb (their teenage daughter). We follow these families through the courtship and marriage of their offspring, and then skip forward nine years. In addition, there are 17 secondary characters providing texture to the town.

We are blessed to have Sarah Hedeem return to Players as director of the piece. Sarah has previously directed *Into*

the Woods, *The Mousetrap*, *Do Black Patent Leather Shoes Really Reflect Up?*, *Quilters*, and *Inside Out*. Fortune has also smiled on us by providing Mary Davis and Carly Matkovich as co-producers. Auditions are scheduled for Wednesday, Sept. 7, 2011 at 7pm and Sunday, Sept. 11, 2011 at 1pm, at the North Rosedale Park Community House. This production will continue Players' tradition of color-blind casting. Performance dates are Nov. 11, 12, 13, 18, and 19. For more information please call 313-835-1103 or see our blog: www.parkplayers.wordpress.com.

A final thank you to our superb trio of producers for *Hairspray* - Vicki Baldwin, Montellis Whitt, and Marcia Closson. Seven of the eight performances were completely sold out, a tribute to the cast, the crew, and our faithful audiences. Hope you were there to share in the fun.



◀ *Hustle class with Betty Clark*

UPCOMING EVENTS

- May 1.....Neighborhood Open House
1:00 - 5:00 PM
- May 3.....Block Club Captains Meeting
6:30 PM (GRDC)
- May 16.....Special General
Membership Meeting
7:00 PM
- May 19.....Neighborhood Safety
Meeting 6:00pm
- June 11.....June Day All Day at the
Community House

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NRPCA Constitution & By-Laws and Renovation of the Community House and Grounds

In the past two Tattlers there have been articles about revising the NRPCA Constitution & By-Laws, as well as about our recent collaboration with the University of Detroit Mercy School of Architecture, Detroit Collaborative Design Center (DCDC) to formulate plans for renovating the Community House and Grounds. By the time you read this, the DCDC will have given a report at the April 14 NRPCA Membership Meeting that summarized the community vision towards the Community House and Grounds that was expressed at their Neighborhood Engagement Workshop on March 31. Hopefully you heard this summary first-hand and have also provided your own input to the process through the journal, comment cards or email processes that were described at the meeting. If you were there, you also witnessed the first reading of the proposed revisions to the NRPCA Constitution & By-Laws that is required to amend these documents. During the next month they will be available in the Community House for your review, and they will also be posted on the northrosedalepark.org website. The final reading will occur at a May 16 NRPCA Special Membership

Meeting, followed by the vote on their approval. Your participation in this process is very important.

It may not be immediately obvious, but these two activities are closely related. Future renovations to the Community House and Grounds will be expensive, and a major fundraising effort will be required to provide the resources to go forward. During the past three months the NRPCA Board has sought legal advice through Community Legal Resources on how our current 501(c)(4) nonprofit status is consistent with a major fundraising effort. Through them, NRPCA was fortunate to receive the pro bono legal services of John Burns, a NRPCA life member, to study this issue. The consensus is that the purpose and operations of NRPCA are more consistent with those of a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, and that any revisions to our Constitution and By-Laws should also include this important change. [Unfortunately, this decision was not available for inclusion in the "NRPCA Constitution and By-Laws Revision" article I by-lined in the April 2011 Tattler.] A major difference between 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations

is that the former allows federal tax deductions for contributions, while the latter does not. Transitioning to a 501(c)(3) will therefore greatly enhance any future fundraising programs as well as membership drives. So, in addition to the proposed changes to our Constitution and By-Laws noted in the April 2011 Tattler, the requirements for a 501(c)(3) nonprofit have also been included.

Approving these changes will be very important to lay the necessary groundwork for a capital campaign to renovate the Community House and Grounds. If this occurs at the May 16 NRPCA Special Membership Meeting, two legal actions will immediately occur. One will be the restatement of NRPCA's Articles of Incorporation with the State of Michigan to be recognized as a 501(c)(3) nonprofit corporation. The other will be an application to the Internal Revenue Service for 501(c)(3) tax exempt status. Each of these processes is likely to take several months, and we'll keep you posted. As I mentioned above, your participation in this process is very important. **Please attend the May 16 Meeting.** Spread the word.

By Jim Johnson



▲ Krista Wilson, Marcia Closson, Joe Vargo, Ray Tchou: "Community House as the Heart of the Community".



▲ David Henderson debating a point with Robert Jones and Clenda Webb.



◀ Dan Pitera and Jessica Green presenting participants' suggestions for the Community House.



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,

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)



The June Day Committee is seeking a young lady who best represents North Rosedale Park. Miss North Rosedale Park will be someone who has a strong sense of self and is active in the community.

The Committee is looking for a young

Miss North Rosedale Park Contest

lady age 15-21 who is a resident of North Rosedale Park. She will have to submit a 150-250 word essay on how she would work or is working to improve North Rosedale Park and include a biography that would include her community service or charitable work, future goals and current interests.

Applications for the contest will be available at the Community House Monday, April 18th and must be submitted with a \$5 fee by Monday, May 30th. Entry forms may be mailed to the Community House at 18445

Scarsdale, Detroit, MI to the attention of the June Day Committee Miss North Rosedale Park, checks payable to the North Rosedale Park Civic Association or NRPCA.

Miss North Rosedale Park will be selected be 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!



Volunteers Needed for June Day Planning Committee

It's not too late to join in and help plan the activities that will make this 81st Annual June Day a huge success. The June Day Committee will be meeting during the month of May on Wednesdays at 6:30pm at the Community House. There are many events you can help organize such as:

- ❖ Run for the Roses Race
- ❖ June Day Parade
- ❖ Floats for the June Day Parade
- ❖ Midway Games & Entertainment
- ❖ Rosedale Café
- ❖ Evening Benefit Concert
- ❖ Recruiting Volunteers
- ❖ North Rosedale Park T-Shirt Sale

2011 JUNE DAY THEME

North Rosedale Park... There's no place like home!
(Yes, like the Wizard of Oz)



Items the Committee is seeking:

- Prizes for the Midway games
- A trailer for a float
- Face painters
- Clowns
- Classic vehicles to display
- Munchkins! (Kids)



- More Volunteers!
- More Volunteers!
- More Volunteers

To work on Rose Float or Wiz Float call or email Michelle Loggins
Earth Day/Recycle Float contact Lashonda Bartel 313-255-4300 (consumerpc@aol.com)

Rosedale Café: Mary Davis at m.davis52@att.net

Run for the Roses Amy Good at AGoodAmy@aol.com or Robert at Redditt@aol.com

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June Day Sponsor Form

Wanted: June Day Sponsors

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- ___ 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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NORTHWEST DETROIT FARMERS' MARKET OPENS MAY 26

The Northwest Detroit Farmers' Market will open for its sixth season on Thursday, May 26 from 4-8 PM. "This opening day will be our Flower Day," said Market Master Pam Weinstein. "We invite everyone to come out and buy some flowers for your yard, so you can plant over the Memorial Day weekend," she added.



The market offers a wide variety of fresh, locally grown produce, meats, baked goods, spices, teas, and fair-trade coffee. The market is located in the south parking lot of Bushnell Congregational Church, 15000 Southfield Service Drive, just south of Grand River.

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 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.

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

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@grdc.org.

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

HOME BUYER WORKSHOP ON THURSDAY, MAY 26

– If you are interested in learning more about the process of buying a home, mark your calendars now for Thursday, May 26 from 6:30 – 8:30 PM.



GRDC's Home Ownership Program Manager Brad Mattison will be leading a FREE workshop at GRDC's headquarters, 19800 Grand River. Come learn what it takes to get a mortgage in today's market!

Please call to register – 313-387-4732, ext. 101. The workshop is free but space is limited, so call to reserve your seat.

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, beginning Friday April 29, 2011.



We'll 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@grdc.org.

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) 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@grdc.org 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 the GRDC Vacant Property Intern a call at 313-387-4732, ext. 100, and give us the address (or send an email to info@grdc.org). 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@grdc.org and ask to be added to the list.

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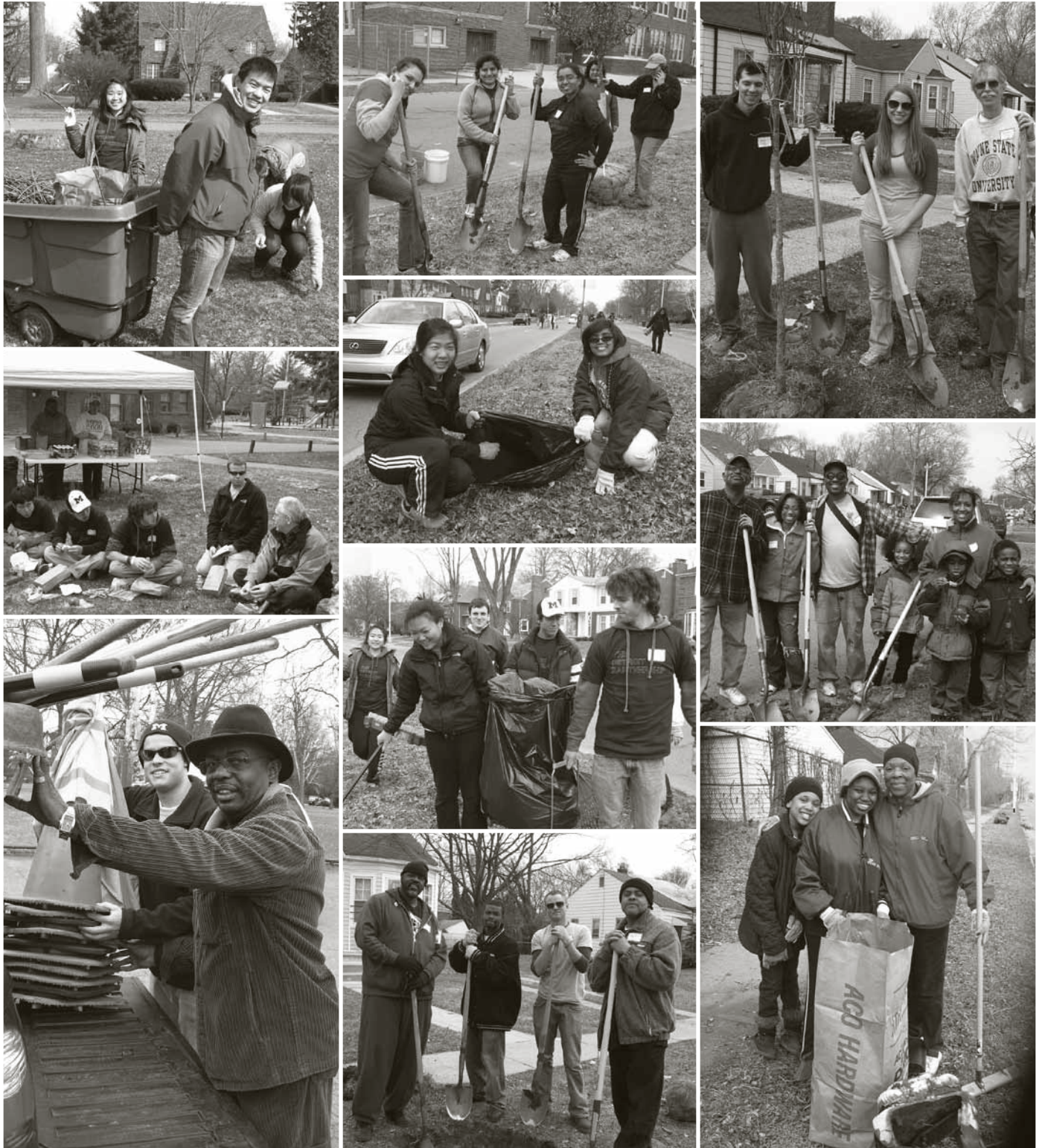
April 2, 2011

A big thank-you to Board Director Jeffery Knight for coordinating the cleanup up the Community House grounds, Southfield Service Drive, and Outer Drive; to Greening of Detroit for tree planting on

Stahelin and around Cooke School; to GRDC for cleaning the entranceways to North Rosedale Park; to neighborhood residents Betty Redditt, Judy Barkey, Rodman Jackson, Duane Fueslein,

Michelle Loggins, Veronica Moon, Clarendra Webb and Belinda Knight; and to the many University of Michigan students who made it all possible.

Marsha Bruhn



Criminal 'Curb Appeal'

By Jeremy Orr, GRDC Community Security Coordinator

Spring has finally sprung! Now that the weather is breaking, many of us will be outside manicuring our lawns to look their best. **In the midst of your landscaping activities, you should take the time to do a quick security appraisal of your home to make sure you're your home doesn't have the type of 'curb appeal' that would attract criminals.** Here are a few security liabilities to check for around the exterior of your home:

LIGHTING – Burglars love areas that are poorly illuminated; dark areas give them a place to hide. Make sure that your porch lights, floodlights, and security lights are turned on during the evening. Also, consider leaving those lights on over night to deter criminal activity during the midnight hours.

BUSHES AND SHRUBS – Try to keep the bushes and shrubs around your windows and doorways trimmed.

You will lessen the chance of someone concealing themselves in those areas.

MAIL – Make it a point to bring your mail in on a daily basis. If you are on vacation, be sure to have a trusted neighbor retrieve it for you. When mail begins to accumulate over a period of days, it gives the impression that your home is vacant.

PERSONAL BELONGINGS – Always put away your personal property and tools when you are done outside. Do not leave things like lawn equipment, tools, bikes, etc., lying in the yard. Even if your house was not an initial target, by leaving things outside and unattended, you create an opportunity for a criminal to strike an otherwise secure home.

BOXES AND PACKAGES – Do not place large boxes and packages from recent purchases out on the curb until

as close to bulk pick-up day as possible. We stress this point during the holiday season, but it remains relevant all year round. You don't want to let criminals know that you are the proud new owner of a flat screen TV or desktop computer. If you cannot wait until bulk pick-up day, I suggest that you dispose of the packing in a legal manner by taking it to a designated public dumpster or recycling center.

These are just a few precautions that we all can take to reduce crime in our community and make sure that you and your home are not victimized. For more crime prevention tips and strategies, please contact **Karen Johnson-Moore at 313-387-4732, ext. 110, or kmoore@grdc.org.**

**This article was derived from crime prevention tips provided by the Metro Detroit-based company Edmonds & Associates Security Consultants.*

2011 NRPCA Membership Update

Since publishing last month's Tattler, 34 residents have renewed their membership, 12 residents have joined as new members, 2 non-residents' joined, 4 local business renewed their business memberships, and we added 1 new business member.

Thanks to these supporters, our NRPCA Membership totals as of April 14, 2011 are: **Life Members** - 106, **Resident Members** - 379, 38 of which are first-time members, **Non-Resident Members** - 23, 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 MEMBER

Yson & Ta-Tanisha Baldwin
Ed Carrington
Eddie Dabney, Jr. & Florence Davis Dabney
Randall Davis
Michael & Madonna Draughn
Diane Halman
Mahalia Hudson
Albert & Marzella Jones
Yolanda Kelley & Thomas Jones
Ronald & Angel McCary
Willie Johnson & Ursula Johnson -Riley
Geneva & Rita Watson

RENEWED RESIDENT MEMBER

Thomas & Faye Baker
Patricia Balint
Roslyn Bouier
Walter Buford & Glyniss Buford
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Jerome and Leslie Vaughn
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Dona Wash
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NON RESIDENT MEMBER

Charles Middleton
Robert E. Sullivan Jr.

NEW BUSINESS MEMBER

Saturn Group Realty

RENEWED BUSINESS MEMBER

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Rite Aid Pharmacies
Uniglobe Construction
Village Liquor Shoppe

North Rosedale Park Shirt Sale

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REDUCING OUR UTILITY COSTS

At the April 7, 2011 NRPCA Board meeting, members heard from Gene Suchyta, director of Resource Management for Detroit Edison's Distribution Operations, on ways DTE can help our residents and businesses save money and manage their energy costs. DTE has assigned an Energy Director to our neighborhood who will link us with DTE on any concerns of our membership regarding utilities. We are always looking for ways to make housing more affordable in our neighborhood and help residents stay in their homes.

If you haven't already done so, consider the following:

- Get a free energy audit that will help identify easy to install measures that will be sure to lower your energy usage.



- Find out about incentives and rebates up to \$1,500 per household for making recommended improvements.
- Recycle your old refrigerator, freezer, room air conditioner or dehumidifier and get a cash incentive, plus free pickup. Energy

Star appliances save money.

- Change your light bulbs to Energy Star CFLs and save up to 75% in lighting energy costs.
- Call DTE Energy at 866-796-0512 to schedule an appointment.

Since our meeting with Mr. Suchyta, Tom Ridgway has changed the ceiling lights in the main room of the Community House to Energy Star bulbs. The wattage in the 10 oversized bulbs in the middle were reduced from 300 watts each to 65 watts & the 50 ring lights were reduced from 65 watts to 14 watts. We use to consume 6,250 watts of energy to light the hall and with the new florescent bulbs, it will only take 1,350 watts. (thanks, Tom). DTE is having a programmable thermostat installed at no cost to NRPCA (thank you, DTE!).

City of Detroit Bulk Pickup is Monday May 9th

The City will collect up to one cubic yard of bulk from the curb in front of your home four times a year.

One cubic yard of bulk is about the size of a couch, stove or refrigerator.

Your one cubic yard of bulk cannot weigh more than 1,000 pounds.

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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

May 2011

1 Real Estate	15 Rental..... 3pm
Open House 1pm	16 Yoga Class 10am
2 Yoga Class 10am	16 Membership Mtg. 7pm
4 Yoga Class 10am	18 Yoga Class 10am
5 NRPCA Board	19 Neighborhood
Mtg..... 6:30pm	Safety Mtg. 6pm
5 Rental..... 7pm	20 Rental..... 8pm
7 Rental..... 4pm	22 Rental..... 3pm
9 Yoga Class 10am	23 Yoga Class 10am
10 Rental..... 7pm	25 Yoga Class 10am
11 Yoga Class 10am	28 Rental..... 9pm
14 Rental..... 5pm	

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CODE ENFORCEMENT

The Code Enforcement Committee has been hard at work since last year to rid our community of

the abandoned structure on W. McNichols at Stahelin. Here's a little history regarding this property and some of the steps the committee took to resolve this matter. The owner of this property had received several blight violation tickets by the City's Buildings and Safety Engineering Department (violations of the City's Property Maintenance Code and the Michigan Building Code). We attended every hearing held by the Office of Administrative Hearings; however, the owner never showed up.

Through thorough investigation by our committee, we obtained documentation that the property owner had a tax exemption for the abandoned property, and he lived in Northville, Michigan, which fueled our efforts and made going after this individual a full time job. There is now a criminal case pending against this individual by the City of Detroit Construction Division in regards to the condition of this property. He left this dangerous eyesore in our community where school children and others had to pass by to get where they were going. Last fall, residents cleaned up the perimeter, and new sidewalks were installed on both sides of the property.

Beginning Tuesday, April 12, 2011 at 9:00 am, work crews began the demolition of the structure. Now a little ray of sunshine appears

on the corner of McNichols at Stahelin. The demolition is to continue down Stahelin, to remove the deteriorating vacant homes on that street. The Code Enforcement Committee wants to thank all the volunteers who picked up trash, cut grass, pulled weeds, or just stopped by to say encouraging words while waiting for demolition to begin.

Our Committee would also like to extend a special heartfelt "THANK YOU" to the City of Detroit's Buildings and Safety Engineering and Environmental Departments, and to Kimberly James and Karla Henderson for their interest in and support of this effort. **"WE BELIEVE IN DETROIT"**.

For more information, or to report a violation, call the hotline: 313-255-1884.



18921 W. McNichols, before demolition.



City demolition underway.



Christ the King Festival May 21 ~ 10am-7pm

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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 meetings are
Tuesdays, May 3 and June 7, 2011.
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Areas of interest:

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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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