



Happy New Year Wish

My Happy New Year wish for you
Is for your best year yet,
A year where life is peaceful,
And what you want, you get.
A year in which you cherish
The past year's memories,
And live your life each new day,
Full of bright expectancies.
I wish for you a holiday
With happiness galore;
And when it's done, I wish you
Happy New Year, and many more.

By Joanna Fuchs

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ANNUAL MEETING NRPCA ELECTIONS & POTLUCK

FRIDAY, JANUARY 13, 2011

6:00 PM
Polls Open
(Candidate bios, pp. 6-9)

6:15 PM
Dinner*
Recognition of Volunteers
Announcement of Winners
of Drawing

7:00 PM
Planning & Development Department
Update on Detroit Works Project

7:30 PM
Project for Public Spaces
Relocation of Farmers Market
(to North Rosedale Park? See p.4)

8:00 PM
Polls Close

**Bring according to last name:
A-D Casserole • E-K Dessert • L-R Vegetable • S-Z Salad*

THE VALUE OF MEMBERSHIP

**Be an active part of the civic life of your community.
PAY YOUR NRPCA MEMBERSHIP DUES TODAY.**

See related article on page 5 on the many benefits
of supporting the Civic Association

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

LOOKING BACK

Over the past year since my election as President for 2011, I have used this column to inform you of the numerous programs and resources that have been targeted to our neighborhood, as well as the many accomplishments of the NRPCA Board of Directors. What do we have that we didn't have a year ago?

- Amended by-laws using Community Legal Resources pro-bono legal assistance
- Pending IRS application for 501c3 status
- Conceptual plans for renovation of the Community House and grounds by the University of Detroit Mercy School of Architecture, Detroit Collaborative Design Center
- Start of the Capital Campaign for the Community House and grounds
- Programming needs analysis by Project for Public Spaces
- NSP3 target area for home purchase and rehab funding
- \$10,000 Enterprise Detroit down payment assistance program for City of Detroit employees
- \$25,000 JP Morgan Chase down payment assistance program for police officers
- \$10,000 Citizens Bank matching grant program for exterior home repair
- \$5,000 Community Legal Resources grant for vacant property maintenance
- Partner in LISC's Sustainable Communities program

- Extensive tree planting by Greening of Detroit
- 20% increase in NRPCA memberships!

LOOKING FORWARD

December's Membership Appreciation Meeting was standing-room only by the time Mayor Bing presented his comments on the City budget. We were encouraged by his commitment to continue providing resources to our densely populated neighborhood. His announcement of JP Morgan Chase's down payment assistance program of up to \$25,000 for police officers will hopefully be a boost to our depressed housing market, joining the other housing assistance programs noted above.

Here's my vision for the coming year:

- Notification of our receipt of non-profit 501c3 status
- Hiring of a fundraising consultant to develop a feasibility study and plan
- Formal kick-off of the Capital Campaign
- Broad support from NRP supporters, current and former residents, and businesses of our fundraising efforts
- Successful grant applications for improvements to the Community House and grounds
- New programs for seniors, youth, and other Grandmont Rosedale residents
- Community support for the NW Farmers Market on park grounds
- Visual improvements to the park grounds
- Improvements to public safety
- More volunteers for our extensive programming and events
- Even more outreach by our active and innovative Membership Committee!

Wow! An aggressive timetable for all of us, but look what we already achieved in 2011! Volunteerism is at the heart of our community (along with the Community House), so be prepared to be called upon in 2012. It has been an honor to serve as your President this past year. To the Board members, officers, staff and volunteers...to those who support us through memberships and donations...to all of you who have made this such a memorable year... **THANK YOU!**



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Behind the Footlights

By Roger Loeb

What do *Our Town*, *Inside Out*, *To Kill a Mockingbird*, *Quilters*, *Do Black Patent Leather Shoes Really Reflect Up?*, *The Mousetrap*, and *Into the Woods* have in common?

Yes, they are all shows produced by Park Players, but what else? No, they are not all musicals. Give up? All were directed by the redoubtable Sarah Hedeem, who will once again don the mantle of responsibility for *Urinetown, The Musical*.

Sarah has been directing in metro Detroit for the past 30 years at such venues as Concordia University, The University of Michigan, Riverside Arts Center, Trinity House Theatre, and Churchill High School. She has also taught acting classes, audition techniques, and directing workshops for CITA (Christians in Theatre Arts). Sarah launched two children in the world of musical theatre - one now performing in Chicago, the other at Western Michigan University.

So now it's *Urinetown*. The plot summary: In grim Gotham-like city, a 20-year drought has occurred. As a result, the government has banned private toilets, and the citizens must use pay toilets regulated by a monopolistic company, the Urine Good Company, which charges exorbitant prices. Bobby Strong, the assistant custodian at the poorest urinal in town, decides enough is enough. With the help of Hope Cladwell, the daughter of the CEO of the Urine Good Co., Bobby leads a rebellion to free the citizenry in this lively, satirical musical comedy.



CAST OF CHARACTERS:

Bobby Strong: male lead role, 17-30, tenor, the Hero

Hope Cladwell: female lead role, 17-30, soprano, naive and good hearted

Caldwell B. Cladwell: male lead role, 40-70, baritone or bass, greedy, vicious villain

Officer Lockstock: male supporting role, 25-65, baritone, narrator, authority figure

Little Sally: female supporting role, 12-25, mezzo soprano, poor street urchin

Penelope Pennywise: female supporting role, 25-65, alto/belter, greedy and ruthless

Little Becky Two-Shoes: female supporting role, 18-40, soprano, poor and pregnant

Officer Barrel: male supporting role, 18-65, baritone, Lockstock's comedic partner

Hot Blades Harry: male supporting role, age open, baritone, dangerous and unpredictable

Josephine Strong: female minor role, 40-60, mezzo soprano, poor but strong

Joseph "Old Man" Strong: male minor role, 40-70, tenor, Bobby's rebellious father

Soupy Sue: female minor role, age open, alto/belter, poor gang member

Tiny Tom: male minor role, age open, baritone, confused man/boy

Robby The Stockfish: male minor role, age open, baritone, poor rebel

Billy Boy Bill: age open, tenor, poor rebel

Dr. Billeaux: male minor role, 30-50, "crazy" scientist

Senator Fipp: male minor role, age open, bass, creepy and corrupt

Mr. McQueen: male minor role, age open, tenor, Cladwell's head lackey

Cladwell's Secretary: female minor role, 17-50, soprano, prim and proper

Mrs. Millenium: 20-50, soprano, aspiring to replace above character

The Rebels/Police/UGC Executives: chorus

Auditions are Wednesday at 7:00PM on **January 4** and Sunday at 1:00PM on **January 8**. Rehearsals are usually Tuesday and Wednesday evenings, and Sunday afternoons. Performances are the last three weekends of March. We hope to have a cast of 30. Please come join us.

THE NORTH ROSEDALE PARK BLOCK CAPTAINS MEETINGS

are the first Tuesday of every month at 6:30pm. At the December meeting, the block club members voted to move the monthly meetings to the Community House which is at 18445 Scarsdale.

This vitally important group of community leaders needs your support. If you have a neighborhood concern that needs to be resolved, please contact your Block Captain or if you don't know who your Block Captain is, please contact Clarenda Webb at (313) 330-7844 for more information.

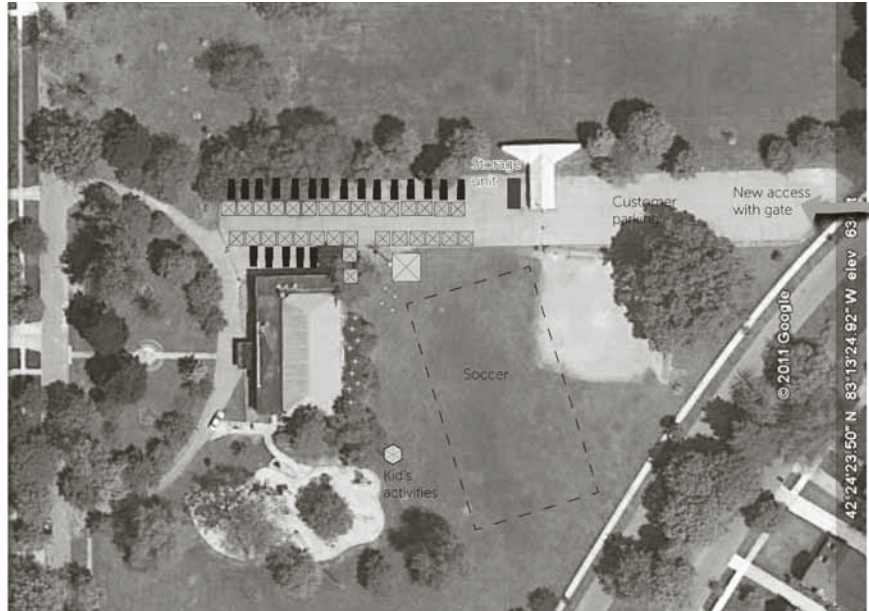
Our next meeting is Tuesday, February 7, 2012. We need your involvement now more than ever.

NW Detroit Farmers' Market at North Rosedale Park?

The Northwest Detroit Farmers' Market, operated by the Grandmont Rosedale Development Corporation (GRDC), is conducting a study about potentially moving to a new site. As has been mentioned in recent "Letter from the President" columns, one of the sites being considered is the grounds of the North Rosedale Park Community House.

In a few short years, the Northwest Detroit Farmers' Market has become an established institution in the neighborhood, bringing much needed access to fresh, local food, while creating a wonderful gathering place for the community. Currently operating on Thursdays from 4 to 8pm (late May to mid-October) at Bushnell Congregational Church (near Grand River and the Southfield Freeway), the market is working with the non-profit group, Project for Public Spaces (PPS) (see <http://www.pps.org/>), to study the viability of its current location, as well as the possibility of moving to a new site. Funding for the study has been provided by the Kresge Foundation. To get the discussion started with North Rosedale Park residents, PPS and GRDC will make a presentation at the January 13th NRPCA annual meeting.

The spirit motivating the study is that both vendors and community groups want to ensure the market's long-term economic health so that it can continue to serve the GRDC area. Three sites are currently being considered. The first option is for the Market to remain at the Bushnell location; the other two are to move it either to the Central Institutional Missionary Baptist Church parking lot (17651 Fenkell at



Archdale), or to the North Rosedale Park Community House grounds. No preferred option has been selected at this time.

More information about how a market might work best in North Rosedale Park will be solicited at the January 13th meeting, but here are some initial concepts that were recently presented to the North Rosedale Park board:

- To keep within the current established schedule, the Farmers' Market would be held on Thursdays, 4 to 8 PM, from late May through mid-October, in the NRPCA parking lot. Approximately one-third to one-half of the parking lot at the Community House would be devoted to vendor tents and vehicles, with the rest set aside for customer and park-user parking. One concept shows a temporary gated entry to the south end of the lot from Bretton Drive, open only during hours of market operation.
- The market needs some on-site storage for vendor tents and other equipment; currently, they utilize a portable storage container.
- PPS has suggested that ideas developed during the recent park planning process with the Detroit Collaborative Design Center (DCDC) to renovate and expand the Community House patio for seating would complement the market nicely. Other renovations suggested in the DCDC concept plan for the park, such as repaving the parking lot or upgrading the garage, might be necessary to accommodate the market. These improvements, if they were to be made, could be planned to be the first phase of an overall NRPCA Capital Campaign, and could benefit other uses and programs in the park as well. Funding would be sought from philanthropic foundations and other donors.

More information will be provided as it becomes available. Please visit the NRPCA website regularly to check this out. Stay tuned.

Jim Johnson

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THE VALUE OF MEMBERSHIP

INFORMATION:

The Rosedale Tattler, our own monthly newsletter, is delivered to every home in the Park without charge. The cost is covered by advertising and association dues.

The Website – northrosedalepark.com

-- provides current information about the neighborhood and upcoming activities and includes videos on the Park.

The Block Club Program has organized neighbors so they will have the latest information concerning what is happening in the Park. Block Captains meet monthly to share their ideas and concerns. Residents are encouraged to meet their neighbors and watch out for the welfare of those who live near them.

EDUCATION:

The Code Enforcement Committee keeps residents informed of the required city zoning and building code regulations and helps to enforce them, thereby helping to maintain the quality of life in the Park that attracted people here in the first place.

The Vacant House Task Force has helped to secure vacant homes to prevent vandalism, and maintained the properties through grass cutting and debris removal.

Monthly Neighborhood Safety meetings are held with 8th Precinct police officers where residents are given tips on improving the safety of their homes, identifying suspects, and other public safety measures to improve neighborhood security.

SOCIALIZATION:

Social events are held regularly in the neighborhood, such as the **Easter Egg Hunt, June Day, Steak Roast, Holiday Pancake Breakfast, Park Players Theatre Parties, Home and Garden Tour, and Hustle classes**. All residents are encouraged to meet and enjoy their neighbors. North Rosedale Park is the only community in Detroit to host its own community theatre group, The Park Players.

BEAUTIFICATION:

The NRPCA is the only community association in the city of Detroit which owns

its own **Community House and grounds including a modern playground**. The cost of staffing and upkeep of the Community House and grounds is covered by membership dues and rentals. Residents volunteer to maintain flower beds and Park entranceways.

CIVIC POWER:

The higher the number of members of the Association, the more powerful our voice will be when we request city, county, and state services. In numbers there is strength.

In real terms, the cost of membership in the North Rosedale Park Civic Association for Park Residents is \$60.00 per year, or \$5 per month, or just \$.16 per day. Being a member of the NRPCA entitles you to all of the things listed above and makes you an owner and contributing member of the community. Only residents of North Rosedale Park who have paid their dues by the **annual meeting (January 13, 2012)** and Life Members of the NRPCA can vote in the election for Board Members.

**Be an active part of the civic life of your community.
PAY YOUR NRPCA MEMBERSHIP DUES TODAY!**



North Rosedale Park Civic Association

Board Elections 2012 Absentee Ballot Procedures



Instructions: North Rosedale Park Civic Association members in good standing are eligible to vote in the 2012 Board election. If a member, otherwise qualified to vote, is unable to appear in person at the polling place during the hours designated for voting, such member may obtain an absentee ballot from the Membership Secretary in advance of the election. The absentee ballot, when marked by the voter, must be placed in a sealed envelope with no writing thereon, then that envelope, in turn, shall be placed in another sealed envelope which must bear the name and address of the member voting. (*This envelope must be delivered to the Community House 18445 Scarsdale before the election closes at 8:00 p.m. Friday, January 13, 2012*). This envelope may then be delivered to the tellers (*on election night*) who shall see that the name appearing in the outer envelope is checked by the Membership Secretary against the membership rolls to assure that it is the name of the qualified voter. If so, this envelope shall be opened, and the plain envelope enclosing the ballot shall then be placed in the sealed ballot box. If the name on the envelope is not that of a qualified voter, the ballot shall immediately be destroyed.

Please do not duplicate your ballot. Ballots are sent by request only.
Thank you for caring enough about your community to cast your vote.
Your vote does matter!

You may contact Karen Moore, Membership Secretary at kjmoore21@sbcglobal.net to obtain an Absentee Ballot. Absentee ballots will only be sent, once the membership status is verified and a formal request is made. Ballots will be mailed, faxed or e-mailed or can be picked up once arrangements have been coordinated.



2012 NRPCA President Nominee

Name: Jim Johnson

Number of Years in Park: 34

Number of Years as a NRPCA Member: 34

Occupation: Retired Engineer

Education: Notre Dame & U of Michigan

Previous or Current Experience on any North Rosedale Park Civic Association Boards/Committees:

I served as NRPCA Treasurer during 1989-1990, as VP in '93, President in '94 and Immediate-Past-President in '95. I am currently serving as the Vice-President of NRPCA. I was a founder of the

Rosedale Soccer League and helped to maintain the ice rinks in the park during the 1980 and '90s. Throughout the years I have served on numerous committees for social events.

Previous or Current Experience on any Boards/Committees:

Over 20 years were spent coaching youth ice hockey, mostly at Jack Adams Arena in Detroit. This included the formation of the Friends of Jack Adams non-profit to renovate the facility. In addition I have co-chaired the Parent Council at the Detroit Open School and have served on numerous church committees.

Why Do You Want to Serve on the North Rosedale Park Civic Association Board of Directors?

I enjoy living in North Rosedale Park, and I think that it's important for its residents to invest their time in maintaining this great community. I am particularly interested in the current Capital Campaign to renovate the Community House and grounds for the use of future generations. During 2011 several steps were taken to move this project forward. These include revising NRPCA's Constitution & By-Laws, applying for 501(c)(3) tax-deductible non-profit status with the IRS, and working with the University of Detroit Mercy School of Architecture, Detroit Collaborative Design Center to develop a concept design plan for potential renovations. It is anticipated that the activity level of the Capital Campaign will rise significantly in 2012 following a positive response from the IRS on NRPCA's 501(c)(3) application.



2012 NRPCA Vice President Nominee

Name: Cheryl Buswell

Number of Years in Park: 6

Number of Years as a NRPCA Member: 4

Occupation: Retired Nurse

Education: Masters in Medical Anthropology

Previous or Current Experience on any North Rosedale Park Civic Association Boards/Committees:

I have volunteered for June Day for at least the past 4 years in the Rosedale Café. I have also volunteered for the Home & Garden Tour as a docent.

Previous or Current Experience on any Boards/Committees:

I have volunteered for Young Detroit Builders in their annual Showdown in Motown fundraiser as well as teaching a first aid class. I also volunteered as the Artistic Director for Workers Concept Theatre, UAW Local 735. Locally in the park, I have volunteered for our very own Park Players in the capacity of set construction and props.

Why Do You Want to Serve on the North Rosedale Park Civic Association Board of Directors?

I am running for the Board of Directors to help maintain the momentum created in 2011 and follow through on all the innovative initiatives of the 2011 Board of Directors. I hope to work within our community to maintain and enhance our collective quality of life. I also feel it is imperative and in our best interest to collaborate with our surrounding communities to ensure that North Rosedale Park as well as the Grandmont Rosedale Community continues to be viewed as a great place to live and work.



2012 NRPCA Director Nominee

Name: Gloria Y. Adebayo

Number of Years in Park: 27

Number of Years as a NRPCA Member: 24

Occupation: Former business owner

Education: Bachelor of Science Degree

Previous or Current Experience on any North Rosedale Park Civic Association Committee:

1. NRPCA Silent Auction Chairperson, 2011
2. Coordinator for the NRPCA J.A. Community Youth Dances (2-Years)
3. Park Players Children's Theatre Volunteer
4. NRPCA Park Players Volunteer

Previous or Current Experience on any Boards/Committees:

1. University Cultural Center Association Noel Night Committee (UCCA)
2. Kiwanis New Center Detroit – Fundraising Committee to support and service the needs of children in our community.

Why Do You Want to Serve on the NRPCA Board of Directors?

There are a lot of great things happening in North Rosedale! I look forward to becoming involved in community development efforts, such as the Capital Campaign initiatives, which will directly impact the quality of life in our community. My objective for 2012 is serving on NRPCA projects that “reserve, revitalize and maintain our North Rosedale Park neighborhood as a great place to live and do business”.



2012 NRPCA Director Nominee

Name: Mary A. Davis

Number of Years in Park: 23 1/2

Number of Years as a NRPCA Member: 23 1/2

Occupation: Jet Theatre Outreach Coordinator

Education: BA WSU Post Degree work WSU & UDM

Previous or Current Experience on any North Rosedale Park Civic Association Boards/Committees:

Two (2) full terms Civic Board
Chair June Day Cafe 8 years
Block Captain

Previous or Current Experience on any Boards/Committees:

Park Player Board Member many years - Current member



2012 NRPCA Director Nominee

Name: Gloria Goodwine

Number of Years in Park: –

Number of Years as a NRPCA Member: –

Occupation: –

Education: –

NRPCA & Ashton Street Block Club Activities/Experiences:

1. Organized Work Crews to Overhaul Community House Grounds
2. Chaplain for Ashton Street Block Club; Participating in NRPCA & Ashton Street Block Clubs Membership Outreach
3. Membership on Capital Campaign Marketing Committee

General Activities/Experiences:

1. Membership Chair for Brunette Baptist Church [Missionary Trips USA & Abroad] SBC (Southern Missionary Baptist Convention)
2. Board Directors: Greek Chic & Thirty Forty & Fifty Foundation
3. Manage All IT Social Sites /Networks for Mayor Bing's Campaign

Reason why I desire to service on the NRPCA:

I have a heart for our Community and want to be a part of making it successful. Also I/we understand it takes determination, commitment and action to realize a striving Community, of which I am willing to do due Diligence. God Bless I Wise Us Great Success.



2012 NRPCA Director Nominee

Name: Barbara Harvey

Number of Years in Park: 19

Number of Years as a NRPCA Member: 19

Occupation: Attorney

Education: BA, JD

Please List Up to Three (If any) Previous or Current Experience on any Boards/Committees: None

Previous or Current Experience on any Boards/Committees:

ACLU-Detroit board

Association for Union Democracy (national nonprofit organization)

Jewish Voice for Peace (national nonprofit organization)

Why Do You Want to Serve on the North Rosedale Park Civic Association Board of Directors?

To help NRPCA achieve nonprofit status, secure funds to improve the Community Center and grounds, and attract new Park residents to active membership. Yes, I am willing to commit the necessary time. Yes, I'd be willing to work to achieve the goals above regardless of election.



2012 NRPCA Director Nominee

Name: Jeffery Knight

Number of Years in Park: 11

Number of Years as a NRPCA Member: –

Occupation: Retired DPS

Education: MA equivalent

Previous or Current Experience on any North Rosedale Park Civic Association Boards/Committees:

As a 2011 Board member, organized Project Day neighborhood clean-up, Halloween Haunted House, and refinishing main hall floor at Community House; helped with driveway repair and security issues. Involved with block party organizing, security monitoring, eyes on vacant properties, blight busting, exploring security lights and surveillance for neighborhood, greeting new neighbors.

Previous or Current Experience on any Boards/Committees:

1. Assisted with preparing contract proposal for COMPACT for DPS (first one that won in Michigan).
2. Worked with Grace Communities Church and North Rouge Park Committee on security and surveillance, community organizing, partnering with neighborhood schools.
3. Worked with Planning Committee to build and new Renaissance School site and renovate former site for Language Immersion School.

Why Do You Want to Serve on the North Rosedale Park Civic Association Board of Directors?

I want to see North Rosedale Park be one of the more unique neighborhoods in the city and plan to work with like-minded individuals to make the neighborhood all it can be. I would like NRP to be a gated community, but in the meantime will work to develop a citizens' watch group to complement the CB Patrol. Additionally, I would like to work on the outreach strategy for new neighbors involving one-on-one contacts regarding membership, snow removal, security and the importance of our investment in this neighborhood and community. I plan to continue developing a regular maintenance schedule for the Community House.



2012 NRPCA Director Nominee

Name: Audrey E. Smith

Number of Years in Park: 14

Number of Years as a NRPCA Member: 9

Occupation: Health Care Administrator

Education: Master's in Public Health

Please List Up to Three (If any) Previous or Current Experience on any Boards/Committees:

1. Director, North Rosedale Park Civic Association, Detroit, MI, 2011 – Present
2. Vice Chair Board Member, The Wellness Plan Medical Centers, FQHC Look A-Like, Detroit, MI 2005-Present
3. Board Member, Allergy and Asthma Foundation of America, Washington, DC, 2009- Present

Why Do You Want to Serve on the North Rosedale Park Civic Association Board of Directors?

I wish to continue my service on the North Rosedale Park Civic Association Board of Directors. I believe that in order to have a vibrant, livable community the residents have to be part of making that community a wonderful place to live. I feel that I represent families with younger children on the board. I also believe that there has to be succession planning on the board. So I look forward to engaging other families who have not been as active in the committees of North Rosedale Park Civic Association.



2012 NRPCA Director Nominee

Name: Susan Steigerwalt

Number of Years in Park: 1988-2012;
out for 2001 and 2002

Number of Years as a NRPCA Member: 24

Occupation: Physician
(Internal medicine and nephrology)

Education: Physician (Internal medicine and nephrology)

Previous or Current Experience on any North Rosedale Park Civic Association Boards/Committees:

North Rosedale park Garden tour committee: 2008-2011, Volunteer at June Day food tent: many years including 2011, Playground committee early 1990s

Previous or Current Experience on any Boards/Committees:

I wish to be on the board to give back to the community I love. I want North Rosedale to be a good place for young families and older people, and to continue to be a vibrant core neighborhood for Detroit's revitalization. Our own community house needs funding for repair and upgrade; I think expansion of community gardening and recycling within the four neighborhoods is an important link to other neighborhoods in Detroit.

Why Do You Want to Serve on the North Rosedale Park Civic Association Board of Directors?

I am willing to attend meetings faithfully. I am happy to serve.

The Case for Community Policing

By GRDC Crime Prevention Coordinator Austin Grout

What comes to your mind when you think of community policing? Probably the usual suspects: Neighborhood Watch, radio patrols, and crime alerts. In other words, how local residents have come together for the betterment of the entire community. However, community policing is much more than simply volunteers on an island; it is a collaborative effort spearheaded by the Detroit Police Department (DPD).

Traditional policing involves tracking criminal trends, investigating suspicious activity, and arresting criminals. Law enforcement officials are seen as crime fighters, whose main purpose is to hold lawbreakers accountable, whereas, community policing goes beyond simply arresting offenders to address quality of life issues, social disorder, and the causes underlying crime. Members of the community are brought in as key stakeholders who help shape how the area is policed; attention is not just given to responding to criminal actions after they have occurred but at how to prevent them in the first place. You can see the process at work in the aforementioned Neighborhood Watch and radio patrols, but also in the dialogue at the Neighborhood Safety Meetings and people's willingness to

SPEAK UP! Call a neighbor, report crimes to the police department, or send an email to a crime alert that details suspicious activity going on around you. Active participation is encouraged and supported. Don't just sit back and remain silent. As we all know, silence can be seen as granting permission.

With the uncertainty surrounding the finances of the city of Detroit, community policing is more relevant now than ever. Citizens can act as a mechanism for the Police Department and enhance their overall effectiveness. For instance, the Neighborhood Watch signs you see throughout neighborhoods in the area act as a symbol that put criminals on notice. Yet, residents can go one step further by taking an active role in their neighborhood's community policing efforts so these signs don't become an empty gesture.¹

Get active and involved in a number of ways:

- **Create a neighborhood or block directory with phone numbers and email addresses. Being able to easily contact neighbors can help prevent crimes from occurring. It can also help to notify neighbors when non-criminal activities are**

occurring (e.g., home repairs/maintenance).

- **Take 15 minutes of your day to take a drive throughout your neighborhood. Coordinate this action with neighbors to establish a baseline of surveillance.**
- **SPEAK UP! If you see a crime occurring report it. You can always maintain your anonymity by contacting crime stoppers: Phone—1-800-SPEAK UP; Text—Send CSM and your tip to CRIMES (274637); and Online—www.1800speakup.org**
- **GET TO KNOW YOUR NEIGHBORS! You will be less skeptical of their behavior and increase your ability to identify strangers or other suspicious individuals.**

¹ Information for this article provided in: Xu, Y., Fiedler, M.L., & Flaming, K.H. (2005). *Discovering the impact of community policing: The Broken Windows Thesis, Collective Efficacy, and Citizens' Judgment.* *Journal & Research in Crime in Delinquency*, 42 (147), 146-186.



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GRDC has several beautifully renovated homes for sale right now. Visit our web site at www.grandmontrosedale.com to view our most current listings. For more information, call GRDC today at 313-387-4732, ext. 100, or email tgoddeeris@grandmontrosedale.com.

ATTENTION, AREA CONSTRUCTION WORKERS AND BUSINESSES – If you are a low-income resident of the Grandmont Rosedale area and have skills and experience in home renovation and construction, GRDC would like to help connect you with contractors working on federally-funded home repair projects in our area. Contact Home Repair Program Manager Tom Ridgway at 313-387-4732 ext 108 for more information.

GRDC utilizes federal funds provided by the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to provide home repair grants and loans to low-income homeowners in the Grandmont Rosedale area. Under Section 3 of the HUD Act of 1968, wherever HUD financial assistance is given for housing or community development, to the greatest extent feasible, economic



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GRDC will work together with local residents and contractors participating in our federally funded programs to share information about employment and/or training opportunities for residents who qualify under Section 3.

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VACANT HOUSE ALERT – Do you have any vacant houses on your block? If so, please give GRDC Vacant Property Intern Jessica Iwankowski a call at 313-387-4732, ext. 117, and give her the addresses (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 operates a neighborhood-wide listserv; we send out a regular weekly electronic newsletter, 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 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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Our Holiday Pancake Breakfast – A Good Time Had By All!

By Chris Remus

On Saturday, December 3rd Rosedale Park and North Rosedale Park hosted a joint Holiday Pancake Breakfast at the Community House. It was a great turnout and I would estimate attendance around 150 residents.

Besides the pancakes/sausage/scrambled eggs, it was a lot of fun. Connie Obelnicki, and Debbie Gore played the piano and led the group in carols. Deborah Moore helped to lead the singing and NRP resident and Renaissance High School student, Elizabeth Garrett, joined in to add some beautiful jazz accompaniment on her trumpet.

The highlight of the morning was, as we were all singing 'Santa Claus is Coming to

Town', guess who arrived? Mr. Claus himself loaded down with gifts for all of the children! Later, I was talking with Santa and I think we both realized that sometimes as adults we just complicate life. Regardless of the amount of interneting, texting, or Twittering, we forget the simple magic that the man in the Red Suit brings to children.

The Holiday Pancake Breakfast would not be successful without the many volunteers from both Rosedale communities. Here's a list of all those who helped out:

Judy Barkey	Dee Jackson	Mary McLeod	Dorothy Roman
Nancy Bitzarakis	Betty Johnson	Deborah Moore	Phil Schloop
Santa Claus	Jim Johnson	Connie Obelnicki	Lavonne Thomas
Elizabeth Garrett	Earl McCullough	Betty Redditt	Clarenda Webb
Thom Gatson	Dorothy McKnight	Chris Remus	Pam Weinstein
Deborah Gore	Glynn McKnight	Ruth Remus	

As the old saying goes, 'a picture is worth a thousand words' so how many 'words' were conveyed from these photos to describe the wonderful community festivities?



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2 Hustle Class 6:30pm	15 Park Players Auditions..... 2pm	25 Park Players Rehearsal 7pm
4 Park Players Audition 7pm	16 Hustle Class 6:30pm	26 Neighborhood Safety Mtg. 6pm
5 NRPCA Board Meeting 6:30pm	17 Park Players Rehearsal 7pm	28 Park Players Sets..... 9am
8 Park Players Audition 1pm	18 Park Players Rehearsal 7pm	29 Park Players Rehearsal 1pm
9 Girl Scouts 5:30pm	21 Park Players Sets..... 9am	30 Hustle Class 6:30pm
9 Hustle Class 6:30pm	22 Park Players Rehearsal 1pm	31 Park Players Rehearsal 7pm
11 Park Players Rehearsal 7pm	23 Girl Scouts 5:30pm	
13 NRPCA Elections & Gen. Mtg. 6:30pm	23 Hustle Class 6:30pm	
	24 Park Players Rehearsal 7pm	

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@sbcglobal.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.

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North Rosedale Park Civic Association

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Job Announcement

The North Rosedale Park Civic Association (NRPCA) is planning to launch a \$2 – \$2.5 million fundraising campaign and is looking for a Fundraising Manager to coordinate all fundraising activities. The purpose of the campaign is to completely renovate the North Rosedale Park Community House and adjacent park grounds. The campaign will also include raising money for community programs and facilities maintenance funds to be implemented when the renovations are completed.

The position is contractual and is available for one year, with further contracts to be negotiated at the first of the year. The contract amount is \$25,000 - \$30,000 annually, based on qualifications and experience.

Job Tasks

The Fundraising Manager will work with the NRPCA Board of Directors and the Fundraising Committee to implement the fundraising strategy. Job responsibilities will include the following:

- Writing submitting and following up on grant proposals;
- Coordinating fundraising campaigns for North Rosedale Park residents as well as for out-of-the area individuals;

- Coordinating Fundraising Committee involvement;
- Assisting with fundraising events;
- Being the liaison between the Board of Directors, Fundraising Committee and potential funders;
- Other tasks, as assigned by the Fundraising Committee and Board of Directors.

Required Qualifications

- At least five years of fundraising experience, including being a campaign leader in at least one fundraising campaign;
- Experience with grant writing to foundations and corporations;
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The Board meets on the 1st Thursday of every month except July and August.

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