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ROSEDALE TATTLER

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NRPCA Receives \$1 Million in Funds from State of Michigan, Its Largest Gift Ever



Over the next several years, North Rosedale residents will see significant improvements at the Community House and surrounding park, thanks to a generous \$1-million allocation from the State of Michigan. The news was announced as State Senator Mary Cavanagh presented a ceremonial check to North Rosedale Park Civic Association leaders at the Oct. 12 membership meeting. City Council President Pro

Tem James Tate played an important role in securing the funds. When contacted by State legislators, he recommended NRPCA. Senator Cavanagh and State Representative Stephanie Young were instrumental in NRPCA receiving the funds. The funding will have a significant impact at the Community House.

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Tom Ridgway Joins Community House Team

Lifelong North Rosedale Park resident and NRPCA Life Member, Tom Ridgway brings a wealth of knowledge to his new role as the Building and Grounds Manager at the Community House. He will manage the upkeep of the park, including litter removal, tree trimming, upkeep of the various landscaping beds and management of grass cutting and snow removal. He'll also manage the day-to-day operation of the building including setting up for events, City inspections, code enforcement and maintenance of vast array of electrical, HVAC and plumbing equipment. He is developing a building guide and a maintenance schedule for the Community House equipment.



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Letter from the President

Hello Neighbors!

As we approach the holiday season, I reflect on those things that I'm thankful for! This year has provided me with so many positive and happy memories! I am truly thankful for the many volunteers that stepped up and helped with our programs this year – Easter Egg Hunt, Open House, June Day, Steak Roast,

New Members' Brunch, Holiday Pancake Breakfast and Holiday Market! I'm thankful for our board members and their commitment to making our community stronger and

user-friendly! I'm mostly thankful for our members that supported me as your President, and I hope I've served you with integrity and dignity!

We are now looking for candidates for next year's board of directors. Those interested in running for our board can contact Immediate Past President James Martin at James@nrpca.org or through our website at www.nrpca.org.

I've often relished the fact that North Rosedale Park is one of the premier neighborhoods in Detroit! Not because of the beautiful historic homes, the tree-lined streets or the immaculately-manicured landscapes, but the investment in community that begins with the people that live here!

Here's to a safe, happy, healthy, blessed holiday season!

See you in the park,

Eric

Community Leaders Wanted for 2024 NRPCA Board

Are you interested in what goes on in the neighborhood and want to make North Rosedale a better community? Do you like meeting new people and working with a group to accomplish a goal? Would you like to work with others to make sure our community house and park are properly maintained? Then maybe it is time for you to get involved in the NRPCA board and help to keep this neighborhood strong and vibrant.

The NRPCA is accepting nominations to fill four seats on the 2024 board of directors and for vice president. Director positions are two-year terms, and the vice president serves a one-year term, typically followed by at least one year as president, then an additional year on the board as immediate past president.

To run for the NRPCA board, individuals:

- **Must reside in North Rosedale Park**
- **Must be current on 2023 NRPCA dues at the time of application submission**
- **Must pay 2024 NRPCA dues before the election on January 12, 2024**

- **Should include a digital photo of themselves in jpg format with their application**

Applications must be returned by November 25 to James Martin at james@nrpca.org or William Frey at william.frey1@gmail.com or to the NRPCA Community House office, 18445 Scarsdale. To download an application, go to <https://www.nrpca.org/nominations>.

After nominations are received, the Nominations Committee will compile a slate to present to the community. The slate will be finalized at the Dec. 14, 2023 general membership meeting, where nominations also may be made from the floor for any qualified candidate. All certified nominations are placed on the ballot, and all NRPCA resident and life members in good standing may vote at the NRPCA annual meeting Jan. 12, 2024. Members will be able to vote electronically or by paper ballots available in advance for members who cannot attend the meeting.

If you have any questions, contact James Martin at james@nrpca.org.

SAVE THE DATE



North Rosedale Park Civic Association Annual Meeting and Board Election at the Community House • 7 P.M.

Holidays in the Park!



Hey there, North Rosedale Park residents! We're back with a dazzling and exciting event – the NRPCA Holiday Lights Decorating Contest 2023! New this year, organizers will expand the program to focus on the best decorated blocks.

Whether you're a seasoned decorator or a first-time enthusiast, everyone is welcome to participate!

On Dec. 20, the fun begins at 6:30 p.m. Simply light up your outdoor displays by 6:15 p.m. No registration needed. Our top-secret judges (hint: they're kids!) will find the most enchanting displays.

Prizes: The top 3 winners will receive a special prize that will make your holiday season even brighter!

Encourage your neighbors to join in the merriment! Knock on your neighbor's door, send a friendly text, or simply chat over the fence. Let's spread the joy, share the love, and create memories that will twinkle in our hearts for years to come.

Holiday Market Returns to Community House Dec. 16

Looking for gifts for the holiday? Or wanting to enjoy some holiday treats? Then make a stop at the NRPCA Holiday Market set for Saturday, December 16 from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. at the Community House.

If you're a business owner or vendor looking to sell items, then go to nrpca.org/holiday-market to get the details. The deadline for vendors is Nov. 20.

For more information, email JaNae Harrison at harrison.jj84@gmail.com.



NRPCA Receives \$1 Million

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"After countless years of fundraising to maintain the Community House and grounds, we received this phenomenal gift from our State Legislature," said Eric Willingham, NRPCA President. "We are eternally grateful for these funds as they will spearhead many of the repairs and upgrades that we wish to have done! Many thanks to Council President Pro Tem James Tate for his foresight and understanding the needs of our organization."

Willingham added that the funds are designated for structural upgrades. "We still encourage our residents to pay their dues, which support day-to-day operations including lights, heat, water, lawn service, snow removal, etc."

The list of improvements has not been finalized. Here are the proposed projects:

- Electrical upgrade
- Ballroom floor replacement/stage
- Garage roof and door replacement
- Window replacement
- Parking lot resurfacing
- Playground resurfacing
- Backup batteries for solar roofing
- Additional exterior lighting
- Stormwater solutions for flooding
- Media and video package
- Mezzanine and balcony upgrade
- Replacing flooring on stairs
- Beautification of flower beds
- Signage

Ridgway Joins Community House Team

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Tom was hired to oversee the infrastructure / building upgrades to the Community House stemming from the recent funding from the State of Michigan.

Tom has been very involved with NRPCA and the neighborhood for over 30 years. He served as the

Tattler editor for more than 15 years, was on the NRPCA board for two terms and as treasurer for nine years. He and his wife, Christine, have volunteered in numerous capacities, including tree trimming and planting, litter pickup, animal rescue and many civic events.



AROUND THE PARK

Congratulations to Two North Rosedale Park Couples



Congratulations to Jason & Tiffany Mitchell, who tied the knot on Sept. 2 at Crystal Gardens in Southgate. The couple has lived on Warwick for 11 years and has two children, ages 4 and 8. "We are so incredibly blessed and grateful and happy to start our union as one."



Tasha and Kelvin Monroe (Puritan) celebrated two anniversaries this summer – one year of marriage and one year of living in North Rosedale Park. Congratulations and welcome!

North Rosedale Resident Tess Tchou Travels to the Philippines for Medical Mission

Tess Tchou joined 18 medical and non-medical professionals in September to provide a variety of health services for children and adults as part of a medical mission to Samar, a remote island in the Philippines.

The mission ran from Sept. 11-13 and involved performing health check-ups the first day for about 400 children and adults on Ginulgan, an isolated village. The next two days were spent at St. Scholastica's Hospital, built after a request by a Catholic bishop and run by the Benedictine sisters.

Nearly 300 residents lined up for medical exams and consultations. The medical mission allowed the hospital to identify residents needing care and inform them of possible free or adjusted-fee services through government funding and private donations.

Tchou (Shaftsbury) assisted by monitoring lines and interpreting, running a food pantry, and providing oral hygiene instruction at an elementary school near the hospital. Tchou is no stranger to assisting others, having organized a number of health fairs at the Philippine American Community Center of Michigan.



Little Free Library Gets Spruced Up Thanks to Park Residents Elizabeth and Jeremy Cooper

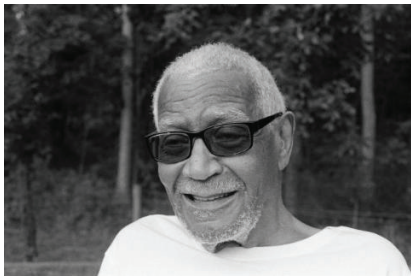
After noticing the Little Free Library at the Community House needed repairs and some paint, former NRPCA board member Elizabeth Cooper (Edinborough) enlisted the help of her son, Jeremy, and got to work. First came a plexiglass door and then paint. Jeremy painted different designs on the sides, while Elizabeth painted the trim and added letters on the front. The library was installed in 2014.

Elizabeth is soliciting books to stock the library. Contact her at [313-244-3445](tel:313-244-3445).

In Memoriam

Condolences are extended to the families of North Rosedale Park residents who have passed recently.

Fred Russell Sr.



Former North Rosedale Park resident Frederick Russell Sr. passed away recently at age 96. A native of

Nebraska, Russell moved with his family to North Rosedale Park (Lancashire) in the mid-70s, one of the first African-American families in the subdivision. Russell made history in 1977 as the first African American to serve on the NRPCA board. He also served as a treasurer and had roles in a number of plays with the Park Players, the local acting troupe. He and his wife, Mary Lou, were life members of the NRPCA.

He spent his career working as a hospital administrator and held numerous accounting positions with the federal government. After steadily moving up the ladder, Russell retired as a branch chief with the Internal Revenue Service in 1999.

He is survived by his daughter, Rhea; his son and daughter-in-law, Fred Jr. and Dista; granddaughter, Tyler; twin grandsons, Cole and Collin; and a host of relatives and friends. His memorial service was held Oct. 21.

Alva Greene

Alva Greene, a North Rosedale resident (Gainsborough), recently passed at age 85. A native of Mississippi, Greene was educated in Mississippi schools and earned a bachelor's degree in home economics from Mississippi Valley State University. She later received a master's degree in family living and child development. Greene and her family relocated to Detroit in 1966, and she gained employment with the Detroit Public Schools as a home economics teacher. After 30 years of service, she retired in 2000 with her last assignment at Northwestern High School. She also was an active member of Hartford Memorial Baptist Church, faithfully visiting homebound and sick members and working in Vacation Bible School.

She is survived by her husband, Dr. Joe Greene; daughter, Leatrice Oakley; son, Joseph; two granddaughters, Breanne and True; and other relatives and friends.



News to Share?

Is there a new baby in the family? Did you get engaged or married? Did you just move in and want to introduce yourself? Did you or a family member do something great?

LET US KNOW! We're looking for news from you to share with your neighbors! Send an email to dlove70481@aol.com.

PROGRAMS AT THE COMMUNITY HOUSE



Enjoy Holiday Cheer at Rosedale Pancake Breakfast Dec. 9

Here comes the holidays! Please join us at the annual Rosedale Holiday Pancake Breakfast on Saturday, December 9, from 9-11 a.m. at the North Rosedale Park Community House, 18445 Scarsdale. The event includes a full pancake breakfast, music, an ornament-making station, and a special visit from Santa. Tickets are \$5 for adults and \$4 for children. To volunteer, send an email to rpievents@gmail.com.

SAVE THE DATE Walk in the Park Walk Group

Join us for food, fun and a healthy way of improving lifestyles at any age! The Walk In the Park Walk Group 2023 annual milestone celebration is set for Monday, Dec. 4 from 5:30-6:30 p.m. at the North Rosedale Park Community House, 18445 Scarsdale.

Walk group members who participated in this year's seasonal challenge, meeting and/or surpassing personal goals, will receive prizes and honorary certificates. All goals and challenges are set and voted on at the beginning of the season by our members. It is not too late to join the festivities!

The walk group meets Mondays, Wednesdays from 5:30-6:30 p.m. and Fridays from 9-10 a.m.

Hustle with Lady P

Everyone is invited to hustle or learn to hustle with instructor Paulette Brown on Tuesdays from 5:30-6:30 p.m. The cost is \$5 per class.

Seniors Get Ready for DIA trip and Birthday Celebration

Anyone 55 or older is invited to take part in the DIA Thursdays Road Trip and the first senior yearly birthday celebration on Dec. 7.

Seniors may take a free bus trip to visit the Detroit Institute of Arts. The event also includes a birthday celebration recognizing birthdays from January to December.

A light/continental breakfast will be served at 10 a.m. with the bus arriving at 11:45 a.m.

Please contact programs via phone or text at **313-971-3990** or email nrpcaprograms@gmail.com



UPCOMING EVENTS

- Nov. 14 DSO Performance • 7 p.m.
- Dec. 9 Holiday Pancake Breakfast • 9-11 a.m.
- Dec. 14 General Membership Meeting • 7 p.m.
- Dec. 16 Holiday Market • 10 a.m.-2 p.m.
- Dec. 20 Holiday Lights Contest • 6:30 p.m.
- Jan. 12 Annual Election and Potluck • 7 p.m.

TATTLER DEADLINE

The deadline to submit content, photos or ads for the January/February 2024 issue of the *Rosedale Tattler* is **December 10**. We welcome and encourage submissions. The author's name, address and phone number are required for publication. The editorial staff reserves the right to edit submissions for space or appropriateness.

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DUES REMINDER! We Need You!!

North Rosedale Park is the only neighborhood in Detroit that owns its own Community House, such a wonderful place for residents to gather, children to play and neighborhood issues to be discussed. When you pay your dues you are supporting the ongoing programs of the NRPCA and the operations of the Community House and Park, the central hub of the community. The cost of membership is \$75 per year, or \$6.25 per month, or just 20¢ per day. Only residents of North Rosedale Park who have paid their dues by the annual meeting on Jan. 12, 2024 and Life Members of the NRPCA can vote in the election for board members. Dues can be paid the night of the election and anytime online at www.nrpca.org/membership.



RENT THE COMMUNITY HOUSE

Are you looking for a venue for a reception, birthday party or shower? Then consider the North Rosedale Park Community House. Association members get a discount on the rental rates. To learn more, contact Ericka Browning at

ericka@nrpca.org or call the Community House at 313-837-3416.



Office Hours for the Community House

Monday / 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Tuesday / 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Wednesday / 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Thursday / 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Friday / 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

NORTH ROSEDALE PARK CIVIC ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION 2024

Name(s) Adults in Household _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Email _____

2024 MEMBERSHIP DUES RATES

Resident	\$75
Non-resident	\$60
Business	\$60

Enclosed is \$ _____ in payment for dues for the year ending in December 31, 2024.

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**

You can also pay online at www.NRPCA.org

The NRPCA is now a 501c3 charitable organization. Contributions and dues payments to the NRPCA are tax deductible under state and federal tax laws.

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Community House Plaza Named After Marsha Bruhn

Roughly 100 family, friends and neighbors gathered to celebrate the naming of the Community House Plaza after Marsha Bruhn September 17. For more than a decade, Bruhn led the Legacy Project, a capital campaign to address structural issues at the Community House and to enhance the facility and the surrounding park.

The program included recognition from U.S. Rep. Rashida Tlaib and State Rep. Stephanie Young, and remarks from local leaders, neighbors and her daughter, Christa.

The NRPCA Board stated: "With Marsha tirelessly leading the effort to renovate the Community House and create a plaza with world-class art, we as a board felt it was fitting to name the plaza in her honor."



New Residents Met Neighbors and Learned about the Park at Brunch



From many accounts, individuals had a great time getting to know each other and learning about North Rosedale at the New Residents' Brunch on Oct. 14. LaShawnda Loyd said it best in her Facebook post. "I had the best time, just reaffirming I found the perfect community. The games and raffles were so much fun, and the food was absolutely delicious. I loved talking and meeting this tribe of people. Being greeted by such warm and friendly smiles was super welcoming."



Loyd and more than 100 people turned out for the brunch and were treated to a delicious meal and door prizes. Many also took a tour of the Community House. The brunch was organized by the Membership Committee with Elizabeth Cooper and Ginny Kappler serving as co-chairs. The event was funded by NRPCA and donations.