

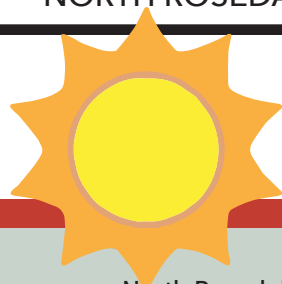


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ROSEDALE TATTLER

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SUMMER Happenings in the Park

North Rosedale neighbors came together to celebrate each other at block parties on Shaftsbury and Rosemont/Puritan/Pilgrim.

Shaftsbury Block Party



Rosemont/ Puritan/Pilgrim Block Party



Heading Back to School

NRPCA distributed book bags and school supplies to neighborhood children in August. The effort was led by Ericka Browning and LaShawn Elston.



UPCOMING EVENTS

- SEPT 17 Plaza Dedication
in Honor of Marsha Bruhn
- OCT 12 General Membership Meeting
- OCT 14 New Residents' Brunch
- OCT 29 Trunk or Treat Event

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

Greetings neighbors!

Welcome to my favorite time of year! Fall is upon us and soon the leaves will be changing from green to orange, red, and yellow! We'll soon be getting out our sweaters to wear for evening walks around the neighborhood. The smell of the leaves being raked and the firepits smoking in the evening. And of

course, FOOTBALL SEASON!

Speaking of smoking fires, thank you to all who supported this year's NRPCA Steak Roast! We were excited to have a former resident, the renowned chef Reva Constantine, bring her passion for food and creativity to our annual event. Gratitude and thanks to MGM Grand Detroit for its

generous contribution and continued commitment to our Association!

On September 17, we honored one of our own with a Community House Plaza Dedication. We'll have our General Membership meeting on October 12 at 6:30 p.m.; please come out and find out what's happening in and around North Rosedale Park.

On October 14, we will celebrate our new neighbors with a New Residents' Brunch. Be sure to invite your new neighbors and forward their names to Membership Secretary Phyllis Lee. We'll end the month with our Trunk or Treat event to celebrate Halloween. Look for more details on all of these great events in our bi-monthly E-Blast.

Congratulations and welcome Tom Ridgway to our Community House Team! We are so excited you decided to join us. Special thank you to Sarah Jones for coordinating the Red Cross blood drives at the Community House. Such a huge success!

See you in the park!

Eric



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.

For more information, go to www.nrPCA.org/membership.

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.

TATTLER DEADLINE

The deadline to submit content, photos or ads for the November/December 2023 issue of the Rosedale Tattler is **October 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.

Community House Plaza Named after Marsha Bruhn September 17



The North Rosedale Park

Civic Association bestowed its highest honor as the plaza at the Community House was named after Marsha Bruhn in recognition of her work with the Legacy Project and in the community. The Marsha S. Bruhn Community Plaza was dedicated during a ceremony at the Community House on Sunday, Sept. 17 at 3 p.m., which was open to the public.

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. As a result of the work of Bruhn, the Legacy Project steering committee, and various subcommittees, with support from the City of Detroit, State of Michigan, philanthropic organizations, area companies and hundreds of neighbors and friends, an astounding \$1.9 million were raised.

In addition to her work with the capital campaign, Bruhn restarted the code enforcement committee, rehabbed three houses deteriorating on her block and initiated the Grandmont Rosedale Neighborhood Open House.

A native of Fremont, Ohio, Bruhn has a bachelor's degree in sociology from Denison University in Granville, Ohio and a master's degree in urban and regional planning from Virginia Tech University. She had an interest in planning early in her career. She joined the Detroit City Planning Commission in 1975, serving as its director from 1983 – 2005.

Her work with the Planning Commission was invaluable, giving Bruhn the foundation to prepare strong grant proposals. Of the 19 grant requests made to the City of Detroit, State of Michigan, Knight/Kresge/Davidson Foundations and others, 16 were approved, with Bruhn writing the majority.

“By the mid-2000s, declining property maintenance, vacant houses, and disinvestment were beginning to affect North

Rosedale Park's quality of life and threaten its reputation as one of the most sought-after neighborhoods in Detroit. The crown jewel, our Community House, was showing its age,” Bruhn said. “I felt called to do something about all of these and was fortunate that others shared my concerns.”

While Bruhn played an important role in the effort, she is quick to point out that many others played integral roles. She credits Jim Johnson, the NRPCA Vice President when she was the Association President in 2011. Bruhn and Johnson shared a commitment to upgrading the Community House. To raise funds, the Association became a 501(C)3 organization, amending its by-laws and articles of incorporation with assistance from former resident John Burns of Clark Hill, who worked pro-bono. She also acknowledged the important role that Don Scheible played as the owner's representative.

The effort began in 2011 with visioning sessions led by U-D Mercy, followed by a feasibility study and fundraising plan developed with donations from neighborhood residents and the Boy Scouts. A steering committee was formed to lead the process. A fundraising manager was hired with grant funds from the Kresge Foundation.

Bruhn added, “Except for a one-year consultant and part-time project assistant, all work was done by volunteers. Over 200 current and former residents and friends participated on committees that

led to the success of the capital campaign.”



Community Enjoys Successful Steak Roast

North Rosedale residents flocked to the Community House Sept. 8 for the annual Steak Roast, and they were not disappointed. The large crowd enjoyed a delicious dinner prepared by Chef Reva Constantine, a former North Rosedale Park resident, entertainment by DJ Rick Love and the company of neighbors.



With the support of sponsors, MGM Grand and the Garden Bug, and area residents, the Steak Roast was declared a success. Some even called it one of the best Steak Roasts ever.



Thanks goes to organizers, which included Elizabeth Cooper, Wendy Jackson, Eric Willingham, Beverly Frederick and Fred Russell Jr.

Volunteers were JaNae Harrison, EaNaj Harrison, Ethan Harrison, Kourtney Neloms, Mathias Neloms, Maddox Neloms, Scott Kappler, Ginny Kappler, Reba Banks, Karis Gasto, Phyllis Lee and Christine Ridgway.



Photos by Bre'Anna Johnston

THANK YOU to



for its sponsorship of the Steak Roast.

Don't Forget to Reserve Your Space for the New Residents' Brunch Oct. 14

The Membership Committee is planning a New Residents' Brunch to welcome NRP neighbors who have moved in since 2018. The brunch is from 10 a.m. – noon on Saturday, Oct. 14. If you are a new resident or know a new resident, please send contact information to Phyllis Lee, our Membership Secretary, at phyllis@nrpca.org. While we are doing our best to identify new residents, we need everyone's help so that we do not miss an opportunity to welcome our new neighbors.

NRPCA Members Invited to General Membership Meeting Oct. 12

The next General Membership Meeting is set for Thursday October 12 at 6:30pm in the Community House Ballroom. We will focus on progress thus far, updates on Summer Programs, and recent happenings in and around our neighborhood.

NOVEMBER 14



BEETHOVEN'S LATE QUARTET

— NOV 14 - 7:00PM

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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.



Help Maintain Neighborhood Standards

Here are a few reminders to help keep our neighborhood clean.

Solid Waste.

Follow the solid waste schedule: trash pickup every Monday; recycling, yard waste and bulk pickup every other Monday. Trash containers should be placed at the curb after 6 p.m. the night before and brought in by 9 a.m. the next day. (Ordinance 22-2-45)

Trash Container Storage.

Store your Courville container in the side or back yards. They cannot be stored at the curb, in the front yard or on the front porch. (Ordinance 22-2-43)

Yard Maintenance.

Keep your grass mowed and bushes trimmed. Rake and bag your leaves. Use paper, biodegradable bags only for yard waste. Plastic bags will not be collected. (Ordinance 9-1-104)

Keep your yard free of solid waste and/or rubbish to eliminate places for rodents to harbor. (Ordinance 22-2-88)

Noise.

Keep noise at a reasonable level. Be considerate of your neighbors when playing music or using a radio or other amplifying device. (Part IV, Chapter 16, Article 1)

Snow.

Shovel the snow on your front walk and sidewalk. City ordinance makes you responsible for clearing the snow from the public sidewalk in front of your home. (Ordinance 9-1-103)

Parking.

Avoid being fined by the City

- No parking of vehicles on lawns or other unpaved areas. (Ordinance 50-14-286)
- No storing of inoperative or unlicensed motor vehicles. (Ordinance 9-1-110)
- No parking of commercial vehicles in the neighborhood. (Ordinance 50-14-282)
- Failing to move a vehicle parked on the street for more than 48 hours. (Ordinance 50-8-27)

Auto Repair and Home-based Businesses.

Follow City ordinances for allowable home occupations. (Article XII, Division 5) Auto repair is not allowed. (Ordinance 50-8-27)

Dogs.

Be a responsible pet owner. Dogs must not be continuously tethered outside for more than 3 hours per day. Food, water, and shelter must be provided. (Part IV, Chapter 6, Article 2)

In addition, owners must clean up their dog's feces.

Basketball.

Playing games in streets, alleys and public places is prohibited. (Ordinance 43-1-10)



Sign up to receive weekly trash, bulk and recycling reminders from the City by texting your address to **313-800-7905**.

In Memoriam

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

Anthony Hawkins

Anthony, a 1971 Northwestern High School graduate, passed in August. He was a computer engineer with Hewlett Packard, retiring from the company in 2008. He was an expert in security surveillance and burglar alarm systems with Hawk I Enterprise. He also served as a block captain on Bretton Drive.

Brandon Moore

Brandon, the son of Linda Perkins-Moore, recently passed. Brandon grew up in North Rosedale Park on Shaftsbury Street.



ASSOCIATION PROGRAMS

There's a Program for You at the Community House

Healthy Cooking Classes – Cooking N the D

Here's your chance to learn how to cook healthy meals during a six-week cooking course sponsored by Gleaners, Michigan State University Extension, and NRPCA. This free course is on Wednesdays from now – Oct. 11 at 6:45-7:45 p.m. at the Community House. To reserve your spot, call **313-971-3990**.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The Programming Committee also is looking for volunteers.

For more information on programs or to volunteer, email gjgoodwine2@gmail.com or call **(313) 971-3990**.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Trunk-or-Treat Set for Oct. 29

North Rosedale Park kids are invited to have some Halloween fun during the annual Trunk-or-Treat event Oct. 29 from 2-6 p.m. at the Community House. The event will include lots of candy and snacks.

Organizers are looking for: candy donations; financial contributions; and volunteers to decorate their cars and wear costumes. To volunteer or to make a donation, contact Ericka Browning at ericka@nrpca.org or LaShawn Elston at landy080911@outlook.com.

Block Captains' Meeting

The block captains meet the 1st Tuesday of the month except during the summer months.

There are a number of blocks in the Park without a block captain. If you are interested, please contact Clarenda Webb at clarendawebb@gmail.com or **313-330-7844**.



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- 1 Become a member of the North Rosedale Park Civic Association. We need YOU!!
Go to nrpca.org/membership
- 2 Sign up to receive the Tattler E-blast (weekly) or share the information with your neighbors. Email kkgarrett28@yahoo.com to join the list.
- 3 Follow NRPCA on Facebook: facebook.com/northrosedalepark