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**A Century of Impact:
Honoring NRPCA's Legacy**

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Civic Association Turns 100 This Year

The year 1923 saw the beginning of the North Rosedale Park Civic Association, the organization that has defined the neighborhood for a century. NRPCA was incorporated in September 1924.

To celebrate the milestone, the NRPCA board is planning events throughout the year including annual events, such as June Day and Steak Roast.

If you would like to serve as a centennial volunteer, please contact Sarah Jones at swarrenjones@att.net, Cheryl Davis at Davis1125@sbcglobal.net or Becki Kenderes at becki@grandmontrosedale.com.

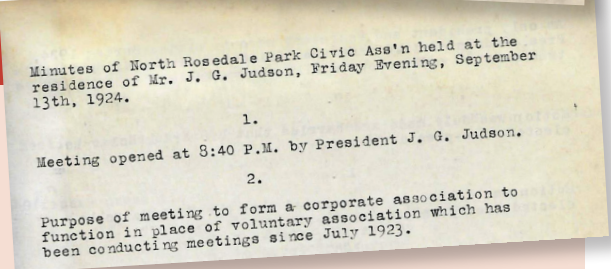


History Tidbit

Organized in the home of Frank Day Smith in 1923, NRPCA incorporated in September 1924. Under the new structure, the first officers were Jacob Judson as president; Frank Solar as vice president; Clarence Weaver as secretary and Ray LaBarre as treasurer. Later that month, directors were chosen from the 26 households that paid the \$10 membership dues.

The Association was formed to address a number of issues: building a local school and providing transportation to and from existing schools; building a clubhouse; obtaining ownership of the park in the name of the association; whether to seek annexation to Detroit or to incorporate as a village; increasing membership and development of a social program; securing door-to-door mail delivery; installing street signs and house numbers; and obtaining more adequate police protection than provided by the sheriff's office.

Excerpt from *North Rosedale Park: 100 Years of History* by Rose Love



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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Embracing a Century of Community

I hope this letter finds you well. As we reflect on the remarkable journey of the past 100 years, North Rosedale Park Civic Association is filled with heartfelt gratitude for the unwavering support of our incredible community. Your dedication and commitment have been the cornerstone of our organization's success. Through **a decade** of tireless contributions, whether through volunteer work, passionate advocacy, or simply being a steadfast presence, we have shaped our history.

It is with joy and appreciation that we celebrate this momentous occasion with thanks to the community that has made it all possible. Together, we weathered storms and celebrated **victories, building** on a foundation that will go beyond the passing of time.

It is a great pleasure to introduce our exceptional and dedicated board members, Vice President Cheryl Davis, Past President Eric Willingham and Board of Directors, Rebecca Banks, Gregory Conyers, JaNae Harrison, Sarah Jones, Becki Kenderes, Kourtney Neloms, Peter Schneider and Ashleigh Smith, who will help lead us into the next chapter of our community's history.

With thanks and excitement for the celebrations ahead,

Beverly Frederick



Meet the New Community House Administrative Assistant

Julie Grayer recently started as the new office administrative assistant at the Community House. Grayer has experience in marketing, recruiting, executive-level administrative support, and office management, and owned a floral business.

She and her husband, Doug, moved to their home on Huntington in May 2019. "We love our home and our only regret is that we did not move here sooner. Our neighbors were welcoming and made us feel right at home."

Grayer is the mother of three adult children and enjoys walking her two Rottweilers, swimming, planting flowers, decorating her home for Halloween and Christmas, and admiring all the other decorated houses.



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 / 4 - 7 p.m.

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

Civic Association Board Welcomes New Members

During its February 2024 meeting, the North Rosedale Park Civic Association board extended a warm welcome to several new members and returning members. Sarah Jones and Ashleigh Smith joined as newly elected board members, while JaNae Harrison and Peter Schneider were re-elected.

Cheryl Davis assumed the role of vice president, and Beverly Frederick was elected president.

The board meets the first Thursdays of the month at the Community House from 7 - 8:30 p.m., and meetings are open to the community.

The 2024-2025 board includes:

PRESIDENT / Beverly Frederick
(1-year term, remains on board in 2025 as Past President)

VICE PRESIDENT / Cheryl Davis
(1-year term ends December 2024)

PAST PRESIDENT / Eric Willingham
(1-year term ends December 2024)

DIRECTORS /

Sarah Jones
(2-year term ends December 2025)

Ashleigh Smith
(2-year term ends December 2025)

JaNae Harrison
(2-year term ends December 2025)

Pete Schneider
(2-year term ends December 2025)

Rebecca Banks
(2-year term ends December 2024)

Gregory Conyers
(2-year term ends December 2024)

Becki Kenderes
(2-year term ends December 2024)

Kourtney Neloms
(2-year term ends December 2024)

The board appointees include **Marcia Bonner** as corresponding secretary, **Victoria Hosey** as recording secretary, **Wendy Jackson** as treasurer and **Phyllis Lee** as membership secretary.



Connect with Your Neighbors and the Civic Association

- 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* (bi-weekly) or share the information with your neighbors. Email kggarrett28@yahoo.com to join the list.
- 3 Follow NRPCA on Facebook:
facebook.com/northrosedalepark

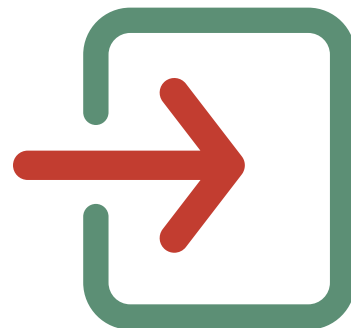
Community Input Needed on Proposed Outdoor Exercise Gym

North Rosedale Park residents are invited to give input on a proposal to fund and install an outdoor exercise gym and facility on the Community House grounds. The NRPCA board will proceed based on a number of factors including input from residents.

Here are some details on the project:

- Two companies are being considered for this contract
- The facility would be open to the public
- Funding would come from grants and fundraisers and not NRPCA funds

To take the survey, go to: <https://bit.ly/4337nf8>





Save a Life. Give Blood during March 20 Drive

Roll up your sleeves and head to the Community House to donate blood on Wednesday, March 20 from noon – 6 p.m. The blood drive is open to the public, especially Grandmont Rosedale residents.

Additional blood drives are scheduled for May 15 and August 15 at the Community House, 18445 Scarsdale.

Sign up today at: <https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/find-drive> or contact Sarah Jones at swarrenjones@att.net.

Meet the Easter Bunny at Annual Easter Egg Hunt March 30

Calling all Grandmont Rosedale children for the annual Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, March 30. Meet the Easter Bunny, and enjoy a petting zoo, Gracie the Clown, arts-n-crafts and candy, all free of charge. The event is from 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. at the North Rosedale

Community House, 18445 Scarsdale.

Residents can donate candy at the Community House on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Donations also may be dropped off at Cutz Lounge, Good Cookie and Royal Fresh Market through March 23.

If you would like to help in the effort, contact Kourtney Neloms at kourtney@nrpca.org.

Fun Litter Pick Up Club

If you are interested in keeping our neighborhood clean, then join the Fun Litter Pickup Club every second Saturday of the month. Meet at the Rosa Café, 19180 Grand River, at 9:30 a.m. for coffee and conversation before heading out. For more info or to RSVP, contact **Mary Madigan 313-980-8850**.



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.

In Memoriam

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

Julie Hacker



Julie Hacker, another longtime North Rosedale Park resident, passed away suddenly on November 6. A native of Detroit, Julie was born in 1958 and attended area schools, Cooke Elementary School and Redford High School. She graduated from Case Western Reserve University with a bachelor's degree

in psychology in 1980. She worked as a senior business analyst in the automobile and health care industries until her retirement in 2014.

She was involved in numerous activities in North Rosedale Park, including serving on the NRPCA Board as vice president, chairing the June Day event for several years, serving as a block captain and helping to organize community garage sales. She also volunteered at her church, St. Scholastica. Julie made hats and mittens for the Capuchin Soup Kitchen to distribute to those in need. She loved dogs and adopted many dogs from the Detroit Humane Society throughout her life.

Julie is survived by her siblings, Anne, John and Marsha; and her nieces, Marsha and Anna.

Sherley Lee King Jr.



Family and friends gathered recently to celebrate the life of Sherley Lee King Jr., who passed on December 22 at age 85. King grew up in Jackson, Mississippi and relocated to Detroit. For 40 years, he worked at the Chrysler Trenton Engine Plant. A self-taught mechanic, King could

often be found repairing cars and was able to fix anything.

King was married for 43 years to his wife, Earline, who preceded him in death. King, who lived on Huntington for a number of years, was a man of faith and actively involved in several churches, serving as a deacon.

His is survived by his children, Shannon, Shawnae and Shermon; seven grandchildren, and a brother and sister.

Charles Pruitt Sr.



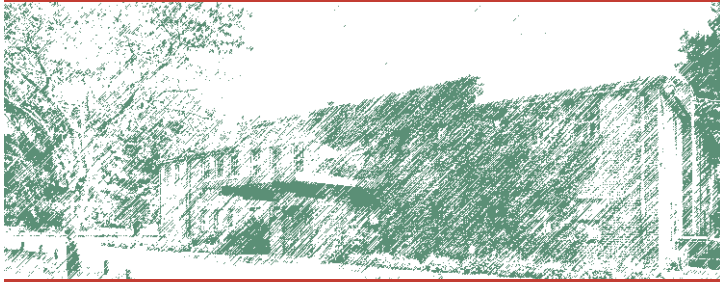
Charles Henry Pruitt, a longtime North Rosedale Park resident, passed away on January 24 at age 92. A Detroit native, he was educated in Detroit Public Schools and earned an associate degree in physical education from Highland Park Community College. He later joined the U.S. Army, serving as a medic.

Known for his exceptional athletic skills, he also played semi-pro baseball in New Mexico and Idaho.

Pruitt earned a bachelor's degree from Central Michigan University and a master's degree from Wayne State University, both in education. He returned to Detroit Public Schools as a teacher and high school guidance counselor and served for 24 years.

Community was always his focus and he enjoyed serving as a block captain on Warwick. His neighbors called him the glue that kept the block club together. Even after relocating because of health concerns, he still maintained his membership in the block club and stayed connected with North Rosedale Park.

He is survived by his wife, Phyllis; children, Linda, Charles Jr., Bernard and Kristen; and his grandchildren and great grandchildren.



COMMUNITY HOUSE PROGRAMMING

Seniors Invited to Visit DIA April 18

Anyone 55 or older is invited to take part in the DIA Senior Road Trip, a free bus trip to visit the Detroit Institute of Arts on April 18. The bus arrives at the Community House at 11:45 a.m. and returns at 3 p.m.

Spots are available on a first-come, first-served basis. To reserve your spot, text your name, phone number, home address and email address to **313-971-3990** or send that information to **nrpcaprograms@gmail.com**



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.

To learn more about the walk group or hustle class, text or call **313-971-3990** or send an email to **nrpcaprograms@gmail.com**.



Host your Next Event at the North Rosedale Park Community House

Built in the 30's, the historic North Rosedale Park Community House has been carefully adapted to provide meeting space for a variety of business and social events. The Community House offers Pre-WWII charm and character for meetings, conferences, workshops, private parties and receptions. Daytime weekday rentals offer a great and affordable setting for classes and seminars. The Community House has many modern amenities, including a kitchen, audiovisual equipment, and free Wi-Fi. NRPCA members get a discount on renting the Community House.

To learn more, go to <https://nrpca.org/community-house/> or call **313-837-3416**.

SAVE THE DATE

Walk in the Park Walk Group

Walk your way to good health by joining the Walk In the Park Walk Group. The group is open individuals on various levels – strollers, pacemakers and power walkers. The walk group meets Mondays and Wednesdays from 5:30-6:30 p.m. at the Community House.



Tattler Deadline

If you have content you would like to include in the *Tattler* for May and June, please provide your content by April 5. Don't forget to take photos if you organize a neighborhood or Civic Association event. Send information and photos to **dlove70481@aol.com**.



Salute to Graduates



If you have a family member that resides in North Rosedale Park and is graduating from high school or college, we would like to include the information in the May-June *Tattler*. Please send the graduate's photo, name, school name, and future plans to Rose Love at dlove70481@aol.com. The deadline for the photo and information is April 5.

Join General Membership and Community Meeting April 11

North Rosedale residents are invited to the NRPCA general membership and community meeting on April 11 at 6:30 p.m. at the Community House. Attendees will receive updates from the Association board and learn about recent happenings in and around the neighborhood.



We value and appreciate every member of our community, and your contributions are important to us.

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Robert Everette and Deena Policicchio
Derrick T. Fells

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Gershwin and Meredith Drain – Red Rose
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APRIL 13, 2024 | 12 PM-4 PM

NORTH ROSEDALE PARK COMMUNITY HOUSE
18445 Scarsdale St, Detroit, MI 48223



LATWAINA KELLEY
Author, Motivational speaker and Life coach

Keynote Speaker
SHERRY GAY-DAGNOGO, M.ED.
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Motivational speaker and Life coach



SKY COVINGTON
11 time Detroit Music award recipient



ANGEL AUTRY BURNEY
Pastor, Author and Gospel Recording Artist

TICKETS
\$60
PER PERSON

REGISTRATION INCLUDES:

- Dinner - Music - Keynote speakers
- Panelist and more special guests



SCAN QR CODE TO REGISTER

FOR TICKETS GO TO [Eventbrite](https://www.eventbrite.com) OR [Damagedcrownsstillshine.com](https://damagedcrownsstillshine.com) or call 313-989-8384.



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A Stronger NRPCA Means a Better Community for Us All!

Take an active role in your community by becoming a member of the North Rosedale Park Civic Association!

Membership dues support:

- **Printing and Distributing the *Rosedale Tattler***
- **A variety of social events that promote a sense of community**
- **Maintenance of the Community House and grounds**
- **Community House rental discount for members and more!**

Pay online at nrpca.org or make a check payable to **North Rosedale Park Civic Association** or **NRPCA**, and then mail it to **NRPCA, 18445 Scarsdale, Detroit, MI 48223**.

Advertising in the *Rosedale Tattler*

If you want to advertise a business or upcoming event, take out an ad in the *Rosedale Tattler*, which is delivered to 1700+ homes in North Rosedale Park. To learn more, go to <https://nrpca.org/tattler/>. The deadline for ads is the 5th of the month.