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

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Park Residents Celebrate NRPCA Centennial with

CLASSIC CAR SHOW

A beautiful sunny, 90-degree Sunday allowed 200 plus residents and friends to enjoy a family event, complete with more than 20 classic cars and free ice cream (for humans and dogs). The Chrome and Cones event on July 14, celebrating the Association's centennial, also included a DJ to support hustle/ballroom instructors.

After the event, the overall consensus was "let's do it again next year."





LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear North Rosedale Park Community,

I hope this message finds you well. By the time this newsletter reaches you, North Rosedale Park Civic Association (NRPCA) will have accomplished a significant milestone: submitting the necessary paperwork to re-establish our 501c3 non-profit status

and taken essential steps to strengthen our financial structure. As we work together to ensure a vibrant and thriving future for NRPCA, I want to take a moment to speak candidly about our foundation—not just the one that holds up our physical building, but the financial foundation that supports everything we do as an organization.

Much like our Community House, our financial structure is the cornerstone upon which all of our efforts are built. However, over time, even the most solid foundations can develop cracks—often unseen, but no less significant. This year has shown us that our financial structure has been bearing the weight of challenges that have accumulated over time.

When a foundation is broken, it doesn't mean that the entire structure is lost. But it does mean that we must stop, assess the damage, and take thoughtful action to rebuild and reinforce what's been weakened. This is the work this 2024 Board had been called to do—not just for the sake of the present, but for the brighter future we all envision.

The truth is, for volunteers, who give so much of their time and energy out of love for this community and organization, this can feel overwhelming. It involves not just personal sacrifice but a deep commitment to the community we represent.

To all of you who have contributed to this work, who have shouldered the weight of these responsibilities, THANK YOU. As we continue to move forward, united in purpose, knowing that every step we take now is an investment in the future we want to see.

Our community has a long and proud history, and it is our task now to ensure that the foundation we lay today will support both the future leaders of our organization and the generations to come.

Sincerely,

Beverly Frederick, President

NRPCA Calls for 2025 Board Candidates

As we look ahead to 2025, the North Rosedale Park Civic Association (NRPCA) is seeking dedicated and passionate individuals to join the board of directors. This is a unique and pivotal year for our board, as we elect a president, vice president, and four directors. We are especially interested in candidates with a strong background in finance and a deep understanding of 501c3 non-profit organizations.

Positions Available:

President (One-year term, the following year as Immediate Past President)

Vice-President (One-year term, with the expectation to serve as President the following year and then as Immediate Past President)

Board Directors (Four positions, each serving a two-year term)

Eligibility Requirements:

- **Must reside in North Rosedale Park**
- **Must be current on 2024 NRPCA dues at the time of application submission**
- **Must pay 2025 NRPCA dues before the election on January 10, 2025**

■ Applications should include a digital photo in jpg/jpeg format

APPLICATION PROCESS: Applications must be submitted by November 22 to Eric Willingham at ericwillingham@att.net or dropped off at the North Rosedale Park Community House office at 18445 Scarsdale. Application forms can be downloaded from <https://www.nrPCA.org/nominations>.

After the nominations are received, the Nominations Committee will compile a slate to present to the community. The final slate will be announced at the general membership meeting on December 12, where additional nominations may be made from the floor. All certified nominations will be placed on the ballot, and voting will take place at the NRPCA annual meeting on January 10, 2025. Members in good standing may vote electronically or by paper ballot on January 10, 2025. Absentee ballot will be available in advance for those unable to vote in-person.

We encourage all eligible residents to consider running for a position on the board. If you have any questions, please contact Eric Willingham at ericwillingham@att.net.

Thank you for your continued support of NRPCA.

North Rosedale Park Civic Association
celebrates

Centennial Anniversary

100 YEARS

The North Rosedale Park Civic Association, which was incorporated in September 1924, turns 100 this year and will hold centennial events to celebrate the occasion.

Centennial Steak Roast Set for Sept. 13

It's not too late to purchase a ticket for the Centennial Steak Roast! This annual event is a wonderful opportunity to meet new neighbors, catch up with old friends, and enjoy a night of great company, food, and live music. The Steak Roast is Friday, Sept. 13, with cocktails are from 5 - 6 p.m., and dinner from 6 - 8:30 p.m. Tickets are \$40 and can be purchased online at nrpca.org/steak-roast-2024.



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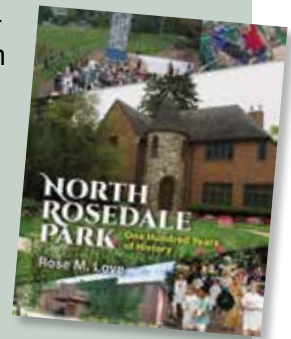
A Junior NRPCA Formed to Address Drugs

The NRPCA worked tirelessly to address the problem. Yet, it wasn't always the Association doing all the work. Several teen residents suggested creating a junior NRPCA and providing alternate activities for teens just wanting to hang out in the park. The board accepted the idea. The first officers were Jim Stella, president; Paul McNamara, vice president; Chuck Esser, treasurer; and Greg Uhl, programs and entertainment. The new group started Truck Stop, a coffee house for teens, in 1971.

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

Get Your Copy of the North Rosedale Park History Book

As part of the 100th anniversary of NRPCA, the board is encouraging neighbors, former residents and friends to purchase a copy of the book that chronicles the history of North Rosedale Park from its inception in 1919 to present. The book will include new content detailing what has happened in the Park in the 2020s and highlight the work of the Civic Association over the years. To pre-order a copy of the book, go to nrpca.org/book. The cost is \$42.95 plus an additional \$8 per book for shipping.



NRPCA Makes Progress in Strengthening Financial Reporting and Accountability

The NRPCA Board of Directors continues to work with the Treasurer and Finance Committee to make substantial progress to overhaul the Association's financial reporting, oversight, compliance, and accountability systems. We are grateful for your continued patience and understanding as the Association undertakes this careful but long overdue examination and redesign of its entire financial infrastructure.

Financial Accounting Upgrades

NRPCA continues to work with J&F Advisors on this process, and the firm has reconciled all financial transactions from 2018-2021. This has enabled NRPCA to now have accurate Profit and Loss Statements (P&L) and Balance Sheets.

A review of approximately 2,000 uncategorized transactions is still required, which is estimated to take up to 40 hours. Once this process is complete, financial statements can be generated monthly. J&F Advisors anticipates having the remaining years reconciled and current by the end of August.

The firm met with the NRPCA board in executive session on August 1 to review the findings of its comprehensive evaluation. J&F Advisors identified areas of opportunity, potential challenges, and strategic recommendations. The findings detailed in the report include:

Bookkeeping Discrepancies

1. Segregated Accounting Systems

NRPCA's financial records are currently divided between two separate accounting systems. QuickBooks Desktop (QBD) contains partial data from 2021 to the present, while QuickBooks Online (QBO) holds the remaining historical data. This segregation complicates comprehensive financial analysis and reporting. Going forward all NRPCA financial data will now be housed in QBO.

2. Bank and Credit Card Reconciliation Issues

There are significant reconciliation issues with NRPCA's bank and credit card accounts. The last reconciliation occurred in December 2021. This lack of regular reconciliation can lead to inaccuracies in financial statements.

3. Asset Reporting Verification

Specifically, assets such as land, buildings, and equipment, originally valued at \$2.2 million, require verification. Clarification is needed on whether these assets are still owned and to identify their account balances.

4. Loan Transactions

According to the balance sheet, NRPCA has outstanding debt

that needs verification to confirm that all loans have been properly repaid.

IRS 501c3 Reinstatement

While the process with J&F Advisors continues, NRPCA received legal counsel from Leo Goddeyne, Senior Counsel at Miller Canfield and an expert in nonprofit law on the options for IRS 501c3 reinstatement. Based on his guidance, the Board voted on July 11 to move forward with an option to apply for a new IRS 501c3 status. This will allow NRPCA to move forward with a clean slate, address past financial discrepancies, and give J&F Advisors the time needed to complete any remaining account reconciliation processes. The application forms are finished and will be submitted to the IRS when the NRPCA's 2023 financial statements are reconciled and complete. We anticipate making this submission in late August/early September.

State Compliance Review

In working with Mr. Goddeyne, NRPCA learned that it wasn't in compliance with several required State of Michigan charitable filings, some of which date back to 2015. All filings are now current.

Special Projects Audits

To address committee requests and/or membership concerns about financial reporting for specific projects, the Finance Committee has requested that J&F Advisors conduct special project audits for the history book sales (2020 and 2021) and June Day 2022. This task will take place after all the remaining financial records have been reconciled.

Vendor Contract Review

NRPCA is examining all vendor contracts to identify potential cost savings and ensure the best value for services.

MEDC State Grant Report

With the submission of its Q2 Progress and Expenditure report to the Michigan Economic Development Corporation, the Association received its final disbursement of the \$1.1-million state grant for upgrades to the North Rosedale Park Community House. Grant funds were restricted to address deferred building maintenance through climate-smart repairs. All reports have been formally approved by MEDC as being in full compliance with the terms and conditions of the original proposal submitted by NRPCA. We extend our sincere gratitude to Tom Ridgway for his leadership and project management throughout the renovation process.

Get Healthy by Walking in the Park

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.

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.

NRPCA Board Forms Exploratory Committee for Proposed Outdoor Exercise Equipment

At its August 1 meeting, the NRPCA board passed a motion to establish an exploratory committee with up to six members – three board members and three community residents. The committee's community members include Marsha Bruhn, Candy Duggan, and Mary Kay Gumbel, along with board members Rebecca Banks, Kourtney Neloms and Ashleigh Smith.

This committee will make recommendations on the design, identify suitable equipment and potential locations, and investigate available funding opportunities. The installation of the equipment will require board approval. The committee is expected to report back with its findings and recommendations within 60 days.

Neighbors may email the committee at outdoorgymcommittee@nrpca.org with questions or comments about the initiative. The board will review the committee's findings at its October 3 meeting.

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.

Residents Invited to General Membership Meeting Oct. 17

At the next NRPCA general membership meeting on Oct. 17, North Rosedale residents can learn about the Association's **501c3 status, profit and loss report (with handouts) and the financial path forward; Community House renovations update; membership report and the 2025 board election.** The meeting is 7 p.m. at the Community House. Residents may also attend the meeting via Zoom.

Zoom Meeting ID: 598 723 8873

Zoom Passcode: 825662



AROUND THE PARK

Summer Happenings in the Park

North Rosedale neighbors came together to celebrate each other at a block party on Rosemont/Puritan/Pilgrim.



In Memoriam

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

John Devaney



Friends and family gathered recently to celebrate the life of longtime North Rosedale Park resident, John F. Devaney, who passed away on June 15, 2024 at age 86.

Born on May 15, 1938 in Detroit, Devaney served in the U.S. Air Force, where

he worked as a photographer and was one of a select few that developed pictures from U2 spy planes. He loved taking photos and continued to work as a photographer shooting weddings and capturing years of family life and activities in North Rosedale Park. He was actively involved in Rosedale baseball, serving as a coach for many years and often taking photos. He was a resident of North Rosedale for 50 years.

In terms of his career, he worked as an engineer and held licenses in refrigeration, steam and mechanical contractor and was a master electrician. He worked for Mercy College and Detroit Edison and had his own company,

Devaney Mechanical, that he started with his wife Katherine. He often mentored individuals interested in the trades, made repairs for family, friends and neighbors, and worked all too often for free. He also volunteered his time and shared his expertise by assisting with repairs at the North Rosedale Park Community House. Devaney retired from the City of Detroit Buildings, Safety Engineering and Environmental Department.

Devaney had a large family -- three children, Louis, Timothy, and Maureen, with his wife Patricia, who died of cancer. Then he and his wife, Katherine, had four children, Annie, Meaghan, Patricia, and Sean, and adopted Beth Marck.

John loved westerns, suspense thrillers, mystery, sci fi, and above all Judge Judy. He loved reading history, fiction, and all things Irish and was very proud of his Irish roots. John also loved to stop for Sanders ice cream and knew the location of most businesses based on their proximity to Sanders or 31 Flavors. His love for sweets was only surpassed by the love for his family.

John is survived by his wife, Katherine (Katie); his children, Louis (Monique) Devaney, Timothy (Lani) Devaney, Maureen (Brian) Kemp, Annie Devaney, Meaghan (David) Epstein, Patricia Devaney, Sean (Brittany) Devaney, and Beth (Bryan) Plumridge; ten grandchildren; a sister Margaret Devaney IHM; and a brother Michael.

Tattler Deadline

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



UPCOMING EVENTS

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| September 13 | Steak Roast |
| October 5 | Tattler Content Deadline |
| October 17 | General Membership Meeting |

Fun Litter Pick Up Club

If you are interested in keeping our neighborhood clean, then join the Fun Litter Pickup Club on Saturdays, September 14 and October 12. Meet at the Rosa Café, 19180 Grand River at 9:30 a.m. To learn more, call (313) 980-8850 or email Mary Madigan at maryemadigan2@gmail.com.



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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**.

Rent the Community House for Your Next Event

The North Rosedale Park Community House, 18445 Scarsdale, is a beautiful venue for a graduation party, baby shower, anniversary celebration and more. Learn more about renting the Community House for your next event by calling **313-837-3416**.