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A Century of Impact: Honoring NRPCA's Legacy

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Park Residents and Friends Enjoy ANNUAL STEAK ROAST

A capacity crowd flocked to the Community House to enjoy the annual Steak Roast Sept. 13, complete with live music, beautiful decorations, great company and a delicious meal. With the NRPCA centennial celebration as the theme, organizers put extra touches on the evening that did not disappoint. The evening began with a reception with a beautiful display of hors d'oeuvres, coffee and tea. A tasty meal of steak, salmon, salad, roasted veggies, and potatoes followed as the Detroit Social Blues Band entertained the crowd with a variety of songs. The evening was capped off with recognition of committee members and a round of applause for the dedicated volunteers who worked tirelessly behind the scenes.

Both Don and Vi Johnson really enjoyed the evening. "I do think it was one of the best. Everything was real nice, the decorations were really beautiful and the charcuterie board was nicely done, well put together and really different," said Vi Johnson. "But I think the music was the highlight of the evening. The band was awesome."

NRPCA President Beverly Frederick added, "It's evenings like these that remind us how special our community is — where neighbors become friends, and we celebrate not only good food but the history and heart of North Rosedale Park."









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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Giving Thanks!

As Thanksgiving approaches, we are reminded of the many blessings in our lives—the warmth of family, the joy of friendship, and the strength of community. Here in North Rosedale Park, we have so much to be thankful for as we continue to uphold 100 years

of shared history, tradition, and resilience.

In this season of gratitude, I want to extend my deepest thanks to those who give so generously of themselves—our neighbors, volunteers, board members, appointees, and staff. Your hard work, spirit of giving, and dedication are what make the North Rosedale Park Civic Association strong and our neighborhood a wonderful place to call home. You are truly the heart of this community, and it is through your efforts that we continue to thrive.

I also want to express my sincerest appreciation to our community partners whose belief in the strength of North Rosedale Park Civic Association has provided crucial support through their time, resources, and energy. The Grandmont-Rosedale Development Corporation (GRDC), State Senator Mary Cavanaugh, City Council President Pro Tem James Tate, Huntington Bank, the Kresge Foundation, MGM-Grand Detroit, Waste Management, Wayne Metropolitan, Detroit Institute of Arts (DIA), Mosaic Youth Theatre, Michigan Community Resources (MCR), Miller-Canfield Law Firm, Detroit Symphony Orchestra, the City of Detroit, and the Wayne County Sheriff's Department have all shown remarkable generosity. Their commitment has made a significant difference in helping us maintain a strong and connected neighborhood.

This Thanksgiving, as you gather with family and friends, may it be a time of peace and joy for each of you. And to those for whom this season is a tender time, please know you are in our hearts—your community is here for you. Let us move forward into the next 100 years with gratitude for all we've shared and the hope that brighter days are ahead for everyone.

Wishing you and your families a blessed and joyous Thanksgiving! Sincerely,

Beverly Frederick, President

Residents Invited to General Membership Meeting Dec.12

North Rosedale residents can learn about the Association's 2025 board election, 501c3 status and treasurer's report, and Community House renovations, and get a membership report.

The membership meeting, from 6:30-8:30 p.m. on Dec. 12 at the Community House, will be in-person only, but no Zoom option this time.

Plans are to make the meeting a celebration to wrap up the year on a high note.





Enjoy Holiday Cheer at Rosedale Pancake Breakfast Dec. 7

If you're looking for a great way to start your holiday, then head to the Community House to meet Santa Claus and enjoy a great breakfast. The annual Rosedale Holiday Pancake Breakfast is set for Saturday, Dec. 7, from 9-11 a.m. Enjoy a full pancake breakfast, music, an ornament making station, and a special visit from Santa. Tickets are \$5 for adults and \$3 for children under 12.

North Rosedale Park Civic Association celebrates Centennial Anniversary To Tears

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.

NRPCA Calls for 2025 Board Candidates

The North Rosedale Park Civic Association (NRPCA) is still 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.

If you have any questions, please contact Eric Willingham at ericwillingham@att.net.

New Winter Festival to bring Holiday Fun to the Park Dec. 14

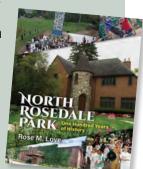
Join us for a festive and magical evening at the North Rosedale Park Community House Dec. 14. Winter Festival is a family-friendly event featuring carolers dressed in period costumes, a variety of delicious food, and fun activities for all ages. Create your own Christmas ornaments at the craft station, enjoy warm treats, and get into the holiday spirit with music and merriment.

The night will end with the lighting of the Community House Christmas tree — a beautiful moment to gather together and celebrate the season with neighbors and friends. Don't miss this wonderful opportunity to make lasting memories at our Winter Festival!

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 Continues to Make Community House Improvements, thanks to \$1M Funding from State

Thanks to the generous funding from the State of Michigan, many of the upgrades to the Community House infrastructure are complete. Renovations made over the last year include:

- Installed new maple wood floors in the ballroom, second-floor mezzanine and balcony
- Refinished wood floors on the stage and both stairways; and installed stained, hardwood base molding



- Installed raised-wood paneling on front of stage and east walls
- Installed new hardwood stairs & hand railings from ballroom to stage
- Demolished old sports bathrooms/storage area; replaced the plumbing, drain & heat lines; poured new concrete floor; and built two new handicap accessible bathrooms with electric hand dryers, changing tables and filtered water drinking fountain
- Installed drywall over cinderblock walls and repainted all walls
- Painted existing steel casement windows; and installed stained, hardwood window sills
- Installed hardwood, stained interior window trim on all new windows
- Installed new Anderson wood windows throughout the building
- Replaced all light switch and outlets; and installed new ceiling fans and second-floor lighting
- Installed new wood countertop on Scarsdale bar/coat rooms and sliding wood-paneled doors under bar
- Painted office, atrium and bathrooms
- Updated bathroom ventilation system and replaced rooftop HVAC system above atrium
- Framed and hung large historic photo of Community House in Scarsdale lobby
- Painted three sets of swinging doors from Scarsdale lobby into ballroom with new seals & kick plates

- Installed new maple doors in office & two storage closets on second floor
- Varnished front exterior overhang at Scarsdale entrance
- Installed solar panel battery backup
- Disconnected electrical system in light loft from stage lights, removed existing stage lights and prepared circuits for new system
- Installed new LED stage lighting & sound systems with microphones and exterior speakers
- Removed two walls in north side ladies' room; installed new sinks, stalls and ceiling; repaired existing Terrazzo flooring, floor drain to create bridal suite
- Remodeled existing conference room by installing drywall over cinder block walls & ceiling, new lighting, installed high-efficiency mini split for heating / cooling, installed base cabinets and shelving; added two-piece crown molding on walls & wood base to create a new meeting space and library for historical documents like the Rosedale Tattlers
- Repaired Terrazzo flooring in Scarsdale lobby
- Installed new epoxy flooring in kitchen, Scarsdale vestibule, storage area andcoat closets
- Replaced carpeting in atrium and office
- Installed remote access control security monitoring system
- Replaced stove and installed two new freezers in commercial kitchen
- Hired arborist to trim over 50 trees on Community House grounds
- Planted five River Birch Trees, two Ironwood trees & three flowering crab trees
- Working with the Greening of Detroit to plant more trees this fall & to be included in its spring 2025 planting schedule

Municipal

■ Worked with DPW City Engineering for installation of handi-

cap ramps on Scarsdale & Glastonbury to connect to new Scarsdale sidewalk. The City has also agreed to repair/replace damaged sidewalk along Scarsdale between the driveway and Avon.

You're invited to stop by the Community House and to see the many improvements.



Many thanks to our 2024 volunteers who gave of themselves, whether their time, expertise or finances, in service to their neighbors and our community. There is no way that North Rosedale Park continues to thrive without your dedication and commitment.

We appreciate you so very much!! THANK YOU!!

If your committee or individual contribution was not included in the list, please feel free to send your information to **dlove70481**@ **aol.com**, and it will be listed in a future issue.

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HOLIDAY LIGHTS CONTEST

Erisha Smith and LaShawn Elston, Co-Chairs

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HOLIDAY MARKET

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EaNaj Harrison, Ethan Harrison, Kourtney Neloms, Maddox Neloms, Mathias Neloms, Candace Sanders, Josiah Sanders, Zakiya Sanders and Ariel Pompey

HOLIDAY PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Rebecca Banks, Elizabeth Cooper, Randall Herbert, Jill Laufer, Frances Lazette, Sandra Loomis and Amy Maurice

JUNE DAY

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STEAK ROAST

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TRUNK-OR-TREAT EVENT

Ericka Browning, Chair LaShawn Elston and Erisha Smith

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**.

Tattler Deadline

If you have content you would like to include in the Tattler for December, please provide your content by November 10. Don't forget to take photos if you organize a neighborhood or Civic Association event. Send information and photos to dlove70481@aol.com.

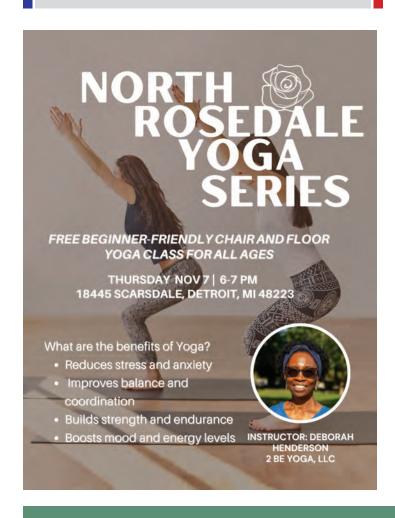


Medicare Questions?

Let's talk about it! Medicare can be confusing. Don't get discouraged get involved! If you are turning 65 or over and want to know your options call for help.

(313) 971-6050 - Joyce, Licensed **Medicare Insurance Agent**







GRDC Recognized as Community Developer of the Year

Grandmont Rosedale Development Corporation (GRDC) recently was recognized as the Community Developer of the Year by the Community Development Advocates of Detroit (CDAD). This prestigious award reflects GRDC's tireless commitment to uplifting and empowering the five neighborhoods of Grandmont Rosedale through innovative community development efforts. For years, GRDC has been dedicated to creating lasting positive change, working hand in hand with residents and partners to preserve our existing community while building an even more vibrant place to work, play and live.



Mike Randall, GRDC Executive Director, and Becki Kenderes, GRDC Deputy Director, hold Community Developer of the Year award from the Community Development Advocates of Detroit.

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Place Your Holiday Greeting in the *Tattler*

The holidays are quickly approaching. Would you like to share greetings from your family to your North Rosedale neighbors and friends? Then consider purchasing a holiday greeting for Christmas, Hanukkah, Kwanzaa or the New Year, which will be published in the December *Tattler*.

Here are the steps:

- 1) Pick the greeting size and drop off a check for the appropriate amount at the Community House or pay online at nrpca.org/holidaygreeting
- Design your holiday greeting or simply type it out and then email your Word document or jpeg/png file to Rose Love at dlove70481@aol.com.
- 3) Submit your greeting no later than Sunday, Nov. 10.

Holiday Greetings Prices

- Full page: \$150 (Resident) /\$200 (Business)
- Half page: \$70 ■ Quarter page: \$30
- Business Card (1/8 page): \$15

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.