



ROSEDALE Tattler

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**JUNE
DAY
2025**

A great day in the neighborhood



Saturday, June 14 was a **beautiful** traditional June Day celebration at the park. From the early risers running for the roses, to the Little League baseball games, bags and bags of freshly popped popcorn, the grand parade, the mini train rides, pony rides, playing some old-fashioned games (the return of the DUCK POND!) and video games, bouncing around, doing a little hustle, getting a face painting by Gracie the Clown, singing a song with Buddah, enjoying a hot dog combo, or relaxing to some smooth blues, it was a full afternoon of entertainment and neighborly fun.

We owe a BIG THANK YOU to our June Day sponsors: Waste Management and our anonymous donors. We are truly appreciative of their continued support! Together, we can achieve even greater things and continue to make a difference in our community. Special appreciation goes to our Grand Marshal Wendy Jackson! We also extend



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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Neighbors,

Do you remember the feeling of summer as a kid? For one beautiful day, it felt like time slowed down and our whole neighborhood came alive with the kind of energy that reminds us just how

special North Rosedale Park really is.

This year's June Day wasn't just good—it was fantastic! It was an explosion of new faces, familiar smiles, laughter, sunshine, and the unmistakable energy of a community that refuses to dim its light. From the kids' games and local vendors to the joyful chaos, June Day reminded us of what's still possible when we come together. And what a joy it was to see 100-year-old Lizzie Toles joining in our parade—radiating grace and a century's worth of North Rosedale Park spirit. What an inspiration!

In a time when the world can feel uncertain and overwhelming, June Day reminded us of our ability to find joy, to show up for one another, and to celebrate the ties that hold us together. What made this year feel especially hopeful was the wave of young people who showed up in full force. Their energy reminded us that the future of North Rosedale Park is not only in good hands, but already in motion.

A HUGE shoutout to the rockstar June Day committee and the

amazing crew of volunteers who made the magic happen—again! Your hard work, heart, and hustle don't go unnoticed—we see you, we appreciate you, and we owe you all a very long nap.

But here's the thing about volunteerism—it's not always loud or formal. More often, it's just a natural part of who we are. Sometimes it looks like neighbors quietly pitching in: cleaning up a vacant property, installing new benches at the park, planting flowers in forgotten spaces, or making sure our boulevards stay clear of litter. These everyday acts may not make the headlines, but they're the quiet heartbeat of our neighborhood—the reason it looks good, feels good, and stays strong.

"I am only one, but still, I am one. I cannot do everything, but still, I can do something; and because I cannot do everything, I will not refuse to do something that I can do." — Helen Keller

**In Service to our Neighborhood
Beverly Frederick, President**



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 kkgarrett28@yahoo.com to join the list.
- 3 Follow NRPCA on Facebook:
facebook.com/northrosedalepark



Congratulations to our North Rosedale Park Graduates

If you have graduated from high school, college or a trade school, please provide your name, school that you graduated from, a photo and what street you live on. We'll include your information in the next issue of the Rosedale Tattler. Send your information and photo to dlove70481@aol.com by August 10.

Community Leaders Wanted for 2026 NRPCA Board

The North Rosedale Park Civic Association (NRPCA) thrives because of dedicated neighbors who care deeply and lead with purpose. If you're someone who values community, enjoys working with others, and wants to help ensure the Association and neighborhood remain strong for generations to come, we invite you to get involved. This is your opportunity to make a meaningful impact and help shape the future of our neighborhood.

NRPCA is now accepting nominations for its 2026 Board of Directors to fill **six director positions** and the roles of **president and vice president**. Director terms are two years. The president and vice president also serve two-year terms, with the vice president typically advancing to president in the third year and continuing as immediate past president in the fourth year.

To run for the NRPCA board, individuals:

- Must reside in North Rosedale Park for at least 5 years
- Must be current on 2025 NRPCA dues at the time of application submission

- Must pay 2026 NRPCA dues before the election on January 9, 2026
- Should include a digital photo of themselves in jpg format with their application

Applications must be returned by September 15 to Eric Willingham at ericwillingham@att.net. To download an application, go to www.nrPCA.org/nominations.

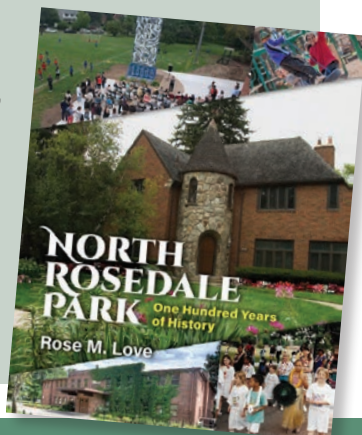
The nominations committee will compile a slate, which is finalized at the December 7 general membership meeting, where nominations also are accepted from the floor for any qualified candidate. Residents who are NRPCA members and life members may vote at the Association's annual meeting January 9, 2026. Members may vote electronically or use absentee ballots if they cannot attend the meeting.

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

Get Your Copy of the North Rosedale Park History Book

Celebrate the rich history of North Rosedale Park from its inception in 1919 to now. Purchase the history book that focuses on residents and their work over the years that have made North Rosedale Park such a vibrant community. The book will include new content detailing what has happened in the Park in the 2020s and highlight the work of the Civic Association, which just celebrated its centennial in 2024.

To order a copy of the book, go to nrPCA.org/book. The cost is \$42.95 plus an additional \$8 per book for shipping. Books will arrive in August.



Volunteer and Help Your Neighborhood

The North Rosedale Park community is successful when neighbors pitch in to help. You have skills and talents that can make a difference.

Here are some ways: Volunteer to assist with an event. Serve as a block captain. Help with the Community House or island flower beds. Join the litter pickup group. Contribute content to the Rosedale Tattler. There are numerous ways you can help improve our neighborhood. Call the Community House at (313) 837-3416 and let us know how you'd like to help.

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our gratitude to the Detroit Police Department 8th Precinct, Deputy Fire Chief Darrell Freeman and Fire Engine No. 54, Boy Scout Troop 123, Rosedale Fun Litter Pick-Up Club, hustle class, Walk in the Park group, Grandmont-Rosedale softball & soccer teams, classic car owners, and the many strollers, bicyclists and walkers who participated in the parade. And a special shout-out to our very own Lizzie Toles, who is celebrating 100 revolutions around the sun and joined in the parade.

Additional thanks go to our vendors and activity providers: Bouncing All Around, ABC Entertainment, Chamberlain Ponies, Animal Magic, Round One Gaming Lab, Tammo the Caricaturist, and Gracie the Clown, Avalon Entertainment Inc. & Buddah the DJ, Paulette Brown (Lady P Hustle), and the Detroit Social Club Blues Band.

Special thanks to the members of the June Day Committee for their dedication and hard work to create this very special and memorable event for everyone. They include: NRPCA board members Peter Schneider and Sarah Jones, Amy Oaks, Sandra Loomis and NRPCA President Beverly Frederick. We are looking for some new committee members to take the reins for next year's June Day set for June 13, 2026. Please contact Amy Oaks in the Community House office if you are interested.

A very special thank you to **all** of our June Day volunteers that made everything so perfect!

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Volunteers include: Cheryl Davis, Karen Farley, Aiesha Flowers, Gloria Goodwine, Sandra Green, Ben Hall, Rob Hilla, Desmarie and Cory Hughes, Carly Hurd, Sarah Jones, Briar Rose Loomis-Gamboe, Arielle Laws, Phyllis Lee, Emerie Loomis, Russell Loomis, Skyler Loomis, Rose Love, Denise Macon, Mary Madigan, Veronica Moon, Lars Panquin, Ronni Richardson, Chris and Tom Ridgway, Hannah Schottenfels, Gordon Shewach, Karl Smith, Jodi Teasdale, Josh White III and, of course, Victor Grisham, and any others I may have missed.



Join the Rosedale Fun Litter Pick Up Club July 12

If you are interested in keeping our neighborhood clean, then join the Rosedale Fun Litter Pickup Club on Saturday, July 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.

Park Resident Lizzie Toles Celebrates 100th Birthday at June Day

Along with the band, classic cars, baseball teams and hustle dancers, the June Day parade had a very special participant, one celebrating her 100th birthday that day. Lizzie Toles, a North Rosedale Park resident since

2021, rode in the parade in her wheelchair with assistance from her daughter, Patricia Willis, and grandson, Lamar Willis.

Toles was born in Taylor, Mississippi, the oldest of nine children. In 1952, she moved to Detroit and was hired as a nurse for various health facilities, assisting as a health care aide and cook. A woman of faith, Toles is a faithful member of Derrick Memorial Baptist Church. At 100, she is physically active, taking daily walks and exercising. She bowled professionally for six years, participated in water aerobics and won several medals in the Senior Olympics.

Happy Birthday Lizzie Toles!!



Tattler Deadline

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



Pages Bookshop Reopens with New Owner

by Leslie Vaughn

Jelani Stowers, 24, grew up in Rosedale Park, playing soccer, baseball and attending Christ the King. He also graduated from Wayne State University. It was a tradition for his whole family to take part in the Small Business Saturday Crawl the day after Black Friday, and Pages was always his favorite stop.

He learned of Pages closing from the *Tattler* and called it heartbreaking. He immediately called another young Detroit'er he had collaborated with, Jeremiah Steen, and together they decided to offer to buy the bookstore from Susan Murphy. It was a spontaneous decision, they spoke to Susan the next day, and it was on.

The new Pages opened April 26 and carries books and an eclectic selection of literary gifts like puzzles, stationery, art supplies, T-shirts, and prints.

Why is a neighborhood bookstore important?

Independent booksellers are champions of authors and diversity of ideas. There is no PR team or board behind my choices, no affiliations to please, no requirements to satisfy. As an independent bookseller, I can respond quickly to my community's requests.

Why here?

Every community deserves to have open access to ideas. This is my home, and at the most basic level, I want books near my home. This community is perhaps the most civically involved of the city, so offering diverse ideas has impact downstream.

How do you determine what is on your shelves?

More and more it comes from the people I talk to, customers who come in and chat, community authors, and such. When I order a book, I have specific people in mind who would enjoy that book.

What services do you offer?

We handle individual and bulk orders. We offer levels



of monthly memberships with perks for frequent shoppers. Registered book clubs get 15% off the book they are reading and 2 hours of access to the bookstore to hold their meeting.

Why do you love books?

Like the hero's journey, where the hero is thrust into his adventure by something completely unexpected, a book you've never heard of can take you somewhere you didn't even know you needed to go.

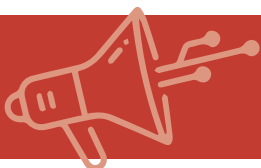
19560 Grand River, north of Outer Drive

Hours: **11 am - 5 pm Wednesday through Saturday**

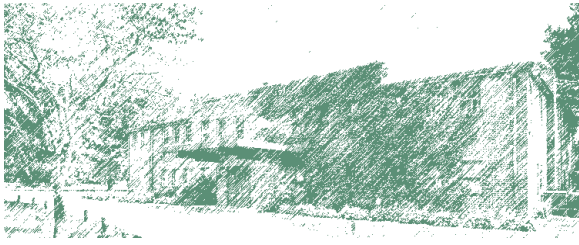
Phone: **313-473-7342**

Website for ordering:

bookshop.org/shop/pagesbookshop



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.



UPCOMING EVENTS AT THE COMMUNITY HOUSE

Catch a free movie at the Community House July 17

Park residents are invited to the Community House for some summer fun and a family-friendly movie July 17. Bee Movie is the featured movie, and free popcorn and beverages will be served. Doors open at 6:30 p.m., and the movie starts at 6:45 p.m. Additional family movie nights are set for Aug. 14 and Sept. 25.

Greek Divine Nine Social - July 18

Enjoy an exciting Friday at the **Greek Divine Nine Social** on July 18 from 6 - 11 p.m. \$10 admission • Light refreshments and cash bar

Questions?

Contact Ericka at (313) 437-2910 or ericka@nrpca.org

Classic Car Show - July 27

Have a classic car? Then enter the **2nd Annual Classic Car Show** on July 27 from 2 - 5 p.m.

There are 30 slots for classic cars, and the registration fee is \$20. Three cash prizes will be awarded.

Learn more by contacting Cheryl Davis at davis1125@sbcglobal.net or text (313) 477-4564.

Community Sundays in the Park - August 3

This new program kicks off Sunday, August 3 from 3 - 5 p.m. with a Make and Take It workshop. Learn the art of reinvention with expert guidance from designers from Designer & Company as you turn old jewelry into stunning new pieces with the magic of upcycling. The workshop costs \$7.

American Red Cross Blood Drive - August 13

Give blood and save a life at the next blood drive at the Community House August 13 from noon - 6 p.m.

Make an appointment at redcrossblood.org (sponsor code: **rosedale**) or call 1-800 RED-CROSS (800 733-2767).

Back-to-School Event - August 24

Get ready to head back to school by joining the **Back-to-School** event on August 24 from 2 - 6 p.m. The event will include free school supplies and refreshments (hot dogs, chips and drinks).

For more information, email ericka@nrpca.org or lashawn@nrpca.org.

Annual Steak Roast - Sept. 12

Enjoy a great meal and great company at the annual Steak Roast on Sept. 12. Cocktail hour is at 5 p.m. with dinner starting at 6 p.m. Tickets are \$40 and may be purchased at <https://tinyurl.com/393kjbpx>.

Calling Seniors for DIA Trip Sept. 18

Experience an unforgettable musical performance as part of the DIA Senior Road Trip Series on Sept. 18. The DIA welcomes adults 55 and older for a self-guided visit of its collections and provides free bus transportation. The bus will arrive at the Community House, 18445 Scarsdale, at 11 a.m., and leave the DIA promptly at 3 p.m. Spots are limited and will be filled on a first-come, first-served basis.

Reserve your spot by texting or calling 313-971-3990 or emailing nrpcaprograms@gmail.com with name, address and email address.

In addition, mark your calendars for a return visit to the DIA and the NRPCA annual senior birthday celebration on December 4.

COMMUNITY
Shred Day

Saturday, August 23, 2025
10:00am-1:00pm

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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**.

DUES REMINDER! We Need You!! North Rosedale Park is the only Detroit neighborhood with its own Community House and park. Your dues support ongoing NRPCA programs and upkeep of the Community House and park, the community's central hub. Membership is \$75 per year, or \$6.25 per month, or just 20¢ per day. Dues can be paid at nrpca.org/membership.

NORTH ROSEDALE PARK CIVIC ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION 2025

Name(s) Adults in Household _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Email _____

2025 MEMBERSHIP DUES RATES

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

Enclosed is \$ _____ in payment for dues for the year ending in December 31, 2025.

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

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!