



ROSEDALE Tattler



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GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 12
6:30 TO 8:30 P.M.
THE COMMUNITY HOUSE

JOIN US IN PERSON FOR OUR FINAL
MEETING OF THE YEAR! NORTH
ROSEDALE RESIDENTS CAN LEARN
ABOUT THE ASSOCIATION'S 2026
BOARD ELECTION, HEAR FROM
SOME OF THE CANDIDATES, MAKE
CANDIDATE NOMINATIONS FROM THE
FLOOR AND ENJOY A CELEBRATORY
EVENING TOGETHER. REFRESHMENTS
AND MUSIC WILL BE PROVIDED.

The following slate of
candidates will be presented
at the membership meeting
on Dec. 12. Members also
can make nominations from
the floor.

President / Eric Willingham

Vice President / Eric Henry

**Directors / Erica Duckett,
Ashleigh Smith and Horace
Stone**

Upcoming Events at Community House

Nov. 13 • Noon - 6 p.m.
American Red Cross Blood Drive

Nov. 21 • 7:30 p.m.
ORLANDO* (dance performance)
* Ticketed Event

Dec. 4 • Noon - 3 p.m.
Seniors Trip to DIA

Dec. 11 • 12:30 - 2:30 p.m.
PBS Kids in the Neighborhood

Go to nrpca.org to learn more.



LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

A Note of Gratitude

This season of gratitude reminds me how proud I am to be part of this community. Serving as President of the North Rosedale Park Civic Association has been an incredible journey — one made possible by our dedi-

cated Board of Directors, the hard work of our appointees and staff, and the unwavering support of our volunteers, members, and community partners.

Together, we've rebuilt, renewed, and reimagined what's possible for NRPCA. Our shared commitment has laid a foundation that will serve our community well into the future.

Restoring Financial Accountability

Working closely with J&F Advisors Accounting Firm, we reconciled financial records dating back to 2018 and reinstated regular financial reporting that had been missing for several years — even reclaiming previously unaccounted funds. These efforts rebuilt confidence in our organization and reaffirmed that NRPCA operates with the accountability our members and community deserve.

Modernizing Operations and Strengthening Our Foundation

From upgrading our banking systems to implementing new technologies for payments and fraud prevention, we've brought NRPCA into a new era of efficiency and accountability. These updates may operate quietly in the background, but they represent a major step forward in how we manage and protect the organization's resources.

Through PNC Bank's Pinnacle platform, we now have enhanced security features such as Reverse Positive Pay, which verifies checks before payment and prevents unauthorized transactions. This added layer of protection ensures that only approved payments are processed, greatly reducing the risk of fraud.

We also modernized how members and renters interact with us. For membership renewals, we added Apple Pay and Google Pay, making it easier and more convenient for members to renew their support each year. Our Clover

Flex system and Zelle now allow for secure debit and credit card transactions for both rentals and memberships, improving efficiency and recordkeeping. Members can even set up recurring payments for their annual dues, simplifying the process and ensuring steady support for our mission.

Together, these systems have streamlined daily operations, increased financial security, and made it easier than ever for our community to stay engaged with and invested in North Rosedale Park.

Reinvesting in Our Community House

Over the past two years, we have reinvested deeply in the heart of our neighborhood—the Community House. Renovations to the plumbing, electrical, and access systems have improved safety and functionality while preserving its charm and history. We are also preparing to install an Electric Vehicle (EV) Charging Station that will allow residents to charge their vehicles right here in the neighborhood.

We've made major strides toward environmental sustainability and long-term cost savings. The installation of an energy storage system now allows our facility to harness energy from our 72 rooftop solar panels. Together, these systems power the Community House's five HVAC units efficiently, while excess energy is stored for later use.

When the sun sets and our panels aren't generating electricity, the backup system provides a reliable source of stored energy, greatly reducing our dependence on the grid. We anticipate saving over a thousand dollars annually in electric costs — a meaningful win for both sustainability and fiscal responsibility.

Additionally, we worked with the Detroit Water and Sewerage Department (DWSD) to replace our outdated meter reader, which for years produced inaccurate, estimated billing. With a modern system now in place, we can finally receive precise usage readings and ensure our utility costs are managed wisely.

A heartfelt thank you to our Building and Grounds Manager, Tom Ridgway, for his oversight and hands-on

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leadership throughout these projects from start to finish.

These improvements – technological, environmental, and structural – represent more than facility upgrades. They demonstrate our commitment to responsible stewardship, and sustainability.

Expanding Programs and Partnerships

We have been intentional about building partnerships that expand opportunities, elevate experiences, and strengthen community connections. These collaborations demonstrate the power of neighbors, schools, and organizations coming together to create meaningful experiences, and invest in a brighter and more inclusive future for North Rosedale Park.

We're proud to partner with organizations and institutions such as MGM Grand Detroit, Waste Management, GRDC, Wayne Metro, PNC Bank, the Detroit Symphony Orchestra, the Detroit Opera, Mosaic Youth Theatre, the Detroit Institute of Arts, Friends for Animals, Grandmont-Rosedale Soccer League, Grandmont-Rosedale Youth Baseball League, Boy Scouts of America, Cooke Elementary, Little

Scholars, PBS Kids, Kresge Foundation, Michigan Community Resources, Asset Surveillance It's Electric, the Detroit Police Department (8th Precinct), Wayne County Sheriff's Department, and our local representatives – Senator Mary Cavanagh, Representative Stephanie Young, Congresswoman Rashida Tlaib, and Councilmember Pro Tem James Tate – along with the City of Detroit, State of Michigan, and our Grandmont-Rosedale neighbors.

These efforts, large and small, represent the heartbeat of our Association; neighbors working together with care and commitment.

Thank you for being part of what makes North Rosedale Park so special. Wishing you a peaceful holiday season and a bright start to the new year.

With Gratitude and Holiday Blessings,



Beverly Frederick
President, North Rosedale Park Civic Association
2024–2025

Clarenda Webb Caps Off Decades of Service

When many think of an individual dedicated to the Grandmont Rosedale community and one who works tirelessly to help others, Clarenda Webb easily comes to mind. From organizing and serving on radio patrols, to her work on the Vacant Property Task Force to coordinating the North Rosedale Park block captains for nearly two decades, Clarenda has set the standard for what it means to be a super volunteer.

In November, Clarenda announced her plans to step down as the block captains' coordinator. For many, many years, the block captains have relied on Clarenda for direction and guidance, and many are sad to see her relinquish the role.

"Clarenda Webb is the true embodiment of dedication, integrity, and service. For over 18 years, she has served as the Block Captain Coordinator, leading with passion, purpose, and pride," said Violester Johnson, who has served as a block captain for a number of years.

"She leads by example – never asking anyone to do something she wouldn't do herself. Her hands-on approach, tireless work ethic, and genuine care for others have earned her the respect and admiration of all who have had the privilege to serve alongside her. To us, Clarenda is more than a friend – she is family."



Clarenda Webb.

HOLIDAY HAPPENINGS IN THE PARK

North Rosedale Park - Let's Light Up the Block!

The holiday season is back, and you know what that means – it's time to bring the sparkle, the color, and the creativity! The NRPCA Holiday Lights Decorating Contest is here, and we're ready to see which homes shine the brightest this year.

Whether your style is timeless and cozy or bold and over-the-top, this is your moment to make the neighborhood glow!

Here's what to know:

Lights On By: 6:15 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 21

Judging Begins: 6:30 p.m.

No sign-ups or forms needed – just flip the switch and show your holiday spirit!

Our panel of judges (with a little help from the kids, of course!) will cruise the neighborhood and choose their top three favorite displays. Winners will take home these prizes:

1st prize - \$100 gift card

2nd and 3rd prize - \$50 gift card

4th and 5th prize - \$25 gift card

So grab some cocoa, cue the carols, and remind your neighbors to get in on the fun. Let's fill every street in North Rosedale Park with joy, lights, and laughter. Together, we'll make this season shine brighter than ever!

Make Plans to Vote in the 2026 NRPCA Board Election

Eligible members (those who have paid 2026 dues or are Life Members) will vote for President, Vice President, and several Director seats.

NRPCA offers three ways to vote:

■ **In-Person Voting** – Friday, January 9, 2026 from 6-8 p.m. at the Community House. Members may pay 2026 dues and vote on-site.

■ **Absentee Voting** – Request an absentee ballot by Sunday, January 4 from Phyllis Lee, Membership Secretary, at phyllis@nrpca.org or **313-837-3416**.

Ballots must be returned by Thursday, January 8, 2026, or delivered to the Community House before 8 p.m. on Friday, January 9, 2026.

■ **Online Voting** – Residents may request to vote online through Election Buddy by completing the form at www.nrpca.org/vote by Sunday, January 4. Confirmed members will receive a unique voting link on Wednesday, January 7. **Online ballots must be submitted by 8 p.m. on Friday, January 9, 2026.**

Reminder: Only current members are eligible to vote. Please pay your 2026 dues at

<https://nrpca.org/membership>

Enjoy Holiday Cheer at Rosedale Holiday Pancake Breakfast Dec. 6

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. 6 from 9 a.m. - noon. 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 PROGRAMS AND VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Volunteers Needed for Beatification Committee

The NRPCA Beautification Committee got down to work in June with the first of five focused boulevard improvement projects on Bretton at Grand River. Committee members

removed weeds and added plants, mulch and decorative rocks to flower beds that greet visitors when they enter our community (other entry ways include Glastonbury at Grand River and Warwick at Grand River). Trees and bushes were also trimmed in several instances.

The committee welcomes new members to advance our beautification agenda starting in May 2026. For more information, contact Mary Madigan at **313-980-8850**.



Seniors Invited to DIA Trip

North Rosedale Park seniors can enjoy a trip to the Detroit Institute of Arts on Dec. 4. The DIA welcomes adults 55 and older for a self-guided visit of their collections and provides

free bus transportation. The bus will leave from the Community House, 18445 Scarsdale, at 11:45 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.

Join the North Rosedale Park Community House Garden Club

Let's grow something beautiful together. We're enhancing the landscape around the Community House – three rain gardens and seven flower beds – and we'd love your help! Whether you're a seasoned gardener or simply enjoy being outdoors, your hands and heart are welcome.

Volunteer tasks Include: edging, weeding, clearing, preparing beds and planting

Meeting Schedule:

Fall–Winter: 3rd Saturday at 10:30 am (via Zoom or conference call)

Spring–Summer: 3rd Tuesday at 9 a.m. and 3rd Wednesday at 6:45 p.m.

Location: North Rosedale Park Community House Grounds

Contact: Gloria Goodwine, Program Chair, nrpcaprograms@gmail.com

Let's cultivate pride, connection, and color in our neighborhood, one garden bed at a time.

Aikido Training Begins in November at Community House

Martial art training for health, fitness and self-defense is coming to the Community House on Wednesdays beginning Nov. 5. Larry Castleberry will lead the training from 7 – 8 p.m. The cost is \$60 a month or \$20 a session. On-site registration opens at 6:30 p.m.



Improve Your Health through Pilates

If you want to feel stronger, move better and connect with neighbors, then join a new Pilates class being offered at the Community House on Mondays at 7 p.m. The class is taught by Somy Clark, a wellness advocate & Pilates practitioner.

Reserve your spot at [nrpcapilates.eventbrite.com](https://www.eventbrite.com). For more information, contact poshbodydetroit@outlook.com or call Gloria Goodwine at **313-971-3990**.



Thank You to Our 2025 NRPCA Members!

There were 354 households that paid membership dues in 2025 – thank you for your continued support!

A strong NRPCA makes North Rosedale Park an even better place to call home.

Thank You to Our Volunteers!!

We're deeply grateful to our 2025 volunteers for giving so generously of their time, talents, and resources in service to our community. North Rosedale Park continues to thrive because of 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.

NRPCA 2025 BOARD MEMBERS

Beverly Frederick, President; Cheryl Davis, Vice President; Eric Willingham, Past President

Directors: Reba Banks, Ericka Browning, Lashawn Elston, JaNae Harrison, Eric Henry, Sarah Jones, Kourtney Neloms, Peter Schneider and Ashleigh Smith

Appointed: Marcia Bonner, Corresponding Secretary; Wendy Jackson, Treasurer; Phyllis Lee, Membership Secretary; and Lynn Garrett, Recording Secretary

BACK-TO-SCHOOL DRIVE

Ericka Browning and Lashawn Elston, Co-Chairs

Stacy Harris, Sandra Loomis, Josh White III

BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE

Mary Madigan and Sandra Green, Co-Chairs

Karen Farley, Tom Goddeeris, Rian Jackson, Bruce Kirkland, Erma Leaphart, Don Murrell, Susan Pierson-DiTomasso, Christine Ridgway and Selina Wilkins

BLOCK CAPTAINS

Clarenda Webb, Chair

Laura Batie, Leslie Benyo, Leon Bradford, Deborah Bradley, Mary Brown, Sharon Caldwell, Brenda Cann, Robert & Claudia Carrington, Drew Collins, Edith Colston, Elizabeth Cooper, Cheryl Davis, Mary A. Davis, Claretha Doggan, Meaghan Epstein, Karen Farley, Michelle Fecteau, Aiesha Flowers, William Frey, Rubbie Gabriel, Lynn Garrett, Sha' Gates, Theresa Glenn, Gloria Goodwine, Karen Graham, Sandra Green, Joe Greene, Raymond Gregory, Victor Gresham, JaNae Harrison, Adriane Henry, Dr. Patricia Henry, Victoria Holsey-Carter, Don & Violester Johnson, Jacqueline Johnson, Melanie & Cornell Johnson, Rukeya Quinn-Johnson, Nonearl Jones, Sarah Jones, Nettadine King, Bruce Kirkland, Debbi Kowalski, Jo Lee, Steve Leonard, Yvonne Denise Lewis, Rose Love, Denise Macon, Azia Martin, Leslie Martin, John McLean, Linda McLean, Veronica Moon, Karen Johnson-Moore, Diana Morton, Walter Nelson, Dr. Kim J. Nowlin, Denise Y. Nunn, Amy Oaks, Carol O'Brien, Victoria Pittiford, Diane Pompey, Fedira Pruitt, Silvia Puckett, Vesta Quiney, Judith Richardson, Jerry Springs, Allan Tellis, Robert Thornton, Edith Uzoigwe, Tony Walker, Yvonne Walker, Charles Weidendorf, Kevin N. White, Oneita Whitfield, Eric Willingham, Diane Young and William Young Jr.

COMMUNICATIONS AND MEDIA COMMITTEE

LaShawn Elston, Chair

Kathy Garrett (Rosedale E-Blast), Rose Love (*Tattler* newsletter), Tom Ridgway (social media platforms) and Ashleigh Smith (social media platforms)

EASTER EGG HUNT

Egg Hunt Committee: Susan Hood, William Burton, Kourtney Neloms, Peter Schneider, Tonnie Holloway, Cora Duncan-Foster and Vicki Holmes

Volunteers: Claire Baker; Krysta, Mercy & JoJo Baughman; William Burton; Beverly Frederick; Ulysses Freeman; Adriane Henry; Tonia Holloway; Wendy & Maia Jackson; Mara & Caleb Janke; Violester Johnson; Kevin Johnson; Quan, Mathias & Maddox Neloms; Amy Oaks; Lamarr, Candace, Josiah, Zakiya & Kaylah Sanders; Peter Schneider; Pam Weinstein; Tom Ridgway and Sarah St. Clair

FUN LITTER PICKUP CLUB

Mary Madigan, Chair

Dominic Adams, Lia Amine, Elyse Aurbach, Jake Baker, Monique Baker McCormick, Judy Barkey, Mark Barkey, Jeff Baxter, Jessie Bednarz-Gray, John Benyo, Sarah Brooks, Diana Brown, Jeffrey Brown, Paulette Brown, Matthew Buchanan, Deborah Butler, Trinity Carter, Stephen Cavanagh, Ana Cipres, Joe Conlon, Zachary Conner, Mara Crawford, Reid Crawford, Kay Davis, Terri Davis, Karrington Entsey, Mary Faison, Kariann Fifer, Deborah Gardner, Kathy Garrett, Andy Goddeeris, Joey Goddeeris, Julie Grayer, Raymond Gregory, Keith Harder, Eanaj Harrison, JaNae Harrison, Catherine Haviland, Kyle Herman, Breyana Howell, Miriam Hughes, Ash Jaynes, Cornell Johnson, Ife Johnson, Jackie Johnson, Kevin Johnson, Melanie Johnson, Pat Johnson, Sylvetta Johnson, Bre'Anna Johnston, Nonearl Jones, Bruce Kirkland, Frances Lazette, Mason Lazette, Rachel Leonard, Yvonne Lewis, Briar Loomis, Sandra Loomis, Kary Lovette, Melody Lyrics-Bey, Denise Macon, Val McFall, Lynn McNeal, Veronica Moon, Patrick Pruitt, Carolyn Richardson, Shirl Ryan, Ann Sadler, Alexandria Singleton, Pam Swift, Dion Thomas, Niki Thurman, Emma Tocco, Adam Tramposh, Sean Vandenbrink, Mike VanTull, Gigi Williams, Leah Yankee, and Stephanie Young

HOLIDAY LIGHTS CONTEST

Erisha Smith and Lashawn Elston, Co-Chairs

Ericka Browning, Sandra Green and Mary Madigan

Kid judges: Jordan and Joshua Browning, Landon Franklin and Richman Smith

HOLIDAY PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Briar Loomis, Sandra Loomis, Amy Oaks, Pete Schneider and Ashleigh Smith

JUNE DAY

Committee: Amy Oaks, Peter Schneider, Sarah Jones and Sandra Loomis

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

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

Phyllis Lee, Chair

Marsha Bruhn, Elizabeth Cooper, Violester Johnson, Ginny Kappler, Rose Love, Veronica Moon, Gordon Shewach and Susan Steigerwalt

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Cheryl Davis, Chairperson

Cheryl Davis, Beverly Frederick, Wendy Jackson and James Martin

PROGRAM COMMITTEE

Gloria Goodwine, Chair

Leads: Paulette Brown, Tiffanie Ellington, Johnetta Chatman, Noel Chatman, Hayley Ellington, John Stovall IV and Valerie Mathis

Members and Special Project Volunteers: Patricia Kennedy, Via Johnson, Judith Richardson, Stephanie Stovall, Carmen Scales, Jessica Scales, Regina Scales, Karl Smith, Alex Stovall, Alexandra Ellington, Denise Carter, Claretha Doggan, Denise Grace, Elissa Ellington, Geraldine Royals, Noelle Chatman and Vesta Quiney

Advisors: Silvia Puckett, Veronica Moon, Stephanie Stovall, Theresa Glenn, Walter Nelson, RC Pruitt, Roderick Terrell and Jean Yelder

NRPCA Board Liaison: Lashawn Elston

ROSEDALE TATTLER DELIVERY

Rebecca Banks, Karen Beaver, Marsha Bruhn, Elizabeth Cooper, Cheryl Davis, Karen Farley, Beverly Frederick, Bill Frey, Lynn Garrett, Gloria Goodwine, Sandra Green, Raymond Gregory, JaNae Harrison, Adriane Henry, Sarah Hulett, Wendy Jackson, Claude Jefferson, Sarah Jones, Ginny Kappler, Phyllis Lee, Sandra Loomis, Rose Love, Veronica Moon, Kourtney Neloms, Walter Nelson Jr., Amy Oaks, Chris Ridgway, Tom Ridgway, Pete Schneider, Ashleigh Smith, Susan Steigerwalt, Pam Swift, Jodi Teasdle, David Utley, Josh White III, Eric Willingham, and Nick Stone Wilczynski

STEAK ROAST

Eric Henry, Chair

Volunteers: Eric Willingham, Peter Schneider, Malcolm Hudson, Wendy Jackson, Amy Oaks, and Sandra Loomis

TRUNK-OR-TREAT EVENT

Ericka Browning and Lashawn Elston, Co-Chairs

Leon Bradford, Drew Collins, Candy Doogan, Vi Johnson, Amy Oaks, Silvia Puckett, Josh White III and Eric Willingham

Tattler Deadline

If you have content you would like to include in the *Tattler* for the January/February issue, please provide your content by **December 10**. Don't forget to take photos if you organize a neighborhood or Civic Association event. Send information and photos to dllove70481@aol.com.



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.



Host your Next Event at the North Rosedale Park Community House

The Community House is an ideal location for meetings, conferences, private parties and receptions and has many modern amenities, including a kitchen, audiovisual equipment, and free Wi-Fi. NRPCA members get a discount on rentals. Learn more at nrpca.org/community-house/ or call 313 837-3416.



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