



# ROSEDALE Tattler

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## Contest Winners Light Up the Night

The North Rosedale Park community truly shined this holiday season! Congratulations to the top 5 winners of this year's Holiday Christmas Lights Decorating Contest. Your creativity, festive spirit, and dedication helped spread joy throughout the neighborhood and made our community a beautiful place to celebrate the season.

- 1st Place – 19355 Gainsborough**
- 2nd Place – 9555 W. Outer Drive**
- 3rd Place – 16713 Ashton**
- 4th Place – 18550 Lancashire**
- 5th Place – 16594 Huntington**

Our sincere appreciation to the Holiday Christmas Lights committee members for their continued commitment and hard work year after year. A special shout out to the Beautification Committee that partnered with us this year.

**Wishing everyone a joyful holiday season and a bright New Year!**



**North Rosedale Park Civic Association  
Meet the Candidates and Board Election**

**January 9, 2026 at 6 p.m.  
at the Community House**

Election open to NRPCA members only



## LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

### Looking Ahead

As we enter this new year, it feels important to pause and acknowledge the weight of the times we're living in. Moments like these remind us how much community matters.

I extend my sincere congratulations to our incoming president and the 2026 board of directors.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve and for the trust you placed in me. I am deeply grateful for our community and for the care, support, and commitment that define it.

With appreciation and best wishes for the year ahead!

Beverly Frederick

Happy  
New Year  
2026

## Annual Holiday Breakfast Brings Joy to Children

The Community House was a bustle of activities as children and adults gathered for the annual Holiday Pancake Breakfast at the Community House in December. The event included breakfast, a Christmas carols sing-a-long, crafts and a visit from Santa Claus.



## Fun Valentine's Day Facts

It's one of the oldest celebrations still observed. Valentine's Day dates back more than 1,500 years, originating from ancient Roman festivals and evolving over centuries into the celebration of love we know today.

Conversation Hearts were originally medical lozenges. Before they carried sweet messages like "Be Mine," they were cough drops created by a Boston pharmacist in the 1800s.





# Election Information and Annual Membership Meeting

## NORTH ROSEDALE PARK CIVIC ASSOCIATION MEET THE CANDIDATES AND BOARD ELECTION

**January 9, 2026 at 6 p.m. at the Community House**

Members are encouraged to have a say in their community association by participating in the NRPCA annual meeting and election. Refreshments also will be served.

### REMINDER:

Only current members will be eligible to vote. Pay your dues today at <https://nrpca.org/membership>.

### HOW TO VOTE IN THE 2025 NRPCA BOARD ELECTION

North Rosedale Park Civic Association members in good standing (paid 2026 dues or are Life Members) are eligible to vote in the 2026 election of the Board of Directors on January 9, 2026. Members will vote on candidates for the positions of president, vice president and several director seats. NRPCA is offering three ways for eligible members to vote this year: in person at the January meeting; by absentee ballot; or online. Absentee or online voting must be requested in advance as indicated below. Please note that 2026 dues must be paid in order to vote in the 2026 Board Election. You can pay your 2026 dues now at <https://nrpca.org/membership>. Per the NRPCA By-laws dues should be paid by January 1.

#### In-Person Voting

Eligible members may vote at the Community House, 18445 Scarsdale St., on Friday, January 9 from 6-8 p.m. Members may come to the Community House and have their name and address checked against the membership roll. They may pay their 2026 dues at that time and then vote.

#### Absentee Voting

If an eligible member is unable to appear in person during the hours designated for voting, the member may obtain an absentee ballot from the Membership Secretary in advance

of the election. Absentee ballots must be requested by Sunday, January 4. The ballot must either be delivered to the Community House before the election closes at 8 p.m. Jan. 9 or returned to the Membership Secretary by January 8. Ballots are sent by request only and may not be duplicated. Contact Phyllis Lee, Membership Secretary, at [phyllis@nrpca.org](mailto:phyllis@nrpca.org) to obtain an absentee ballot, or call 313-837 3416.

#### Online Voting

NRPCA will offer online voting via the voting service, Election Buddy. For full information and instructions, visit [www.nrpca.org/vote](https://www.nrpca.org/vote). Residents must "opt-in" and fill out the online voting request form found at [www.nrpca.org/vote](https://www.nrpca.org/vote).

The online voting sign-up form must be completed by Sunday, January 4. Residents will have their name and address checked against the membership roll and, once confirmed as in good standing (has paid 2026 dues or are Life Members), will receive a unique link to vote via email and/or text on Wednesday, January 7. Online ballots must be cast by 8 p.m. on January 9. If more than one person will vote in the household, each person must sign up in order to receive a unique link to vote.

**IF YOU SIGN UP TO VOTE ONLINE, YOU WILL NOT BE ABLE TO VOTE IN-PERSON TO ENSURE ONLY ONE VOTE IS CAST PER PERSON.**



# 2026 NRPCA Board Candidates



**President** / Eric Willingham

**Vice President** / Eric Henry

**Directors** (8 open positions)

Ashleigh Smith (2-year term)

Horace Stone (2-year term)

Erica Duckett (2-year term)

## Candidate for PRESIDENT / Eric Willingham



*Retired Senior Account Executive*

*Bachelor's Degree, University of Detroit Mercy*

*North Rosedale Park Resident: 17 years*

*NRPCA Member: 16 years*

**Previous or current experience on the NRPCA board and committees**

*Board Member (2021), Vice President (2022), President (2023) and current Immediate Past President (2024–2025)*

**Previous or current experiences on other boards or committees**

*National Executive Leadership Team for Phi Eta Psi Fraternity, Inc. as the National Corresponding Secretary*

**Why do you want to serve on the NRPCA board of directors?**

*Processes are now in place to ensure that NRPCA consistently files its Form 990s with the IRS, and our bookkeeping systems are being updated and more effectively managed. The next step is to review and update our bylaws, so they align with the governance standards of 501(c)(3) organizations.*

## Candidate for VICE PRESIDENT / Eric Henry



*Detroit Fire Department Training Captain*

*Bachelor's degree in Business Administration*

*Pursuing Master's Degree in Executive Leadership*

*North Rosedale Park Resident: 1 year*

*NRPCA Member: 1 year*

**Previous or current experience on the NRPCA board and committees**

*NRPCA Board Member (2025) and Steak Roast Chairperson (2025)*

**Previous or current experiences on other boards or committees**

*Detroit Fire Department, Training and Curriculum Committees*

*Michigan Army National Guard, Committee-style leadership experience*

**Why do you want to serve on the NRPCA board of directors?**

*My goal is to support the president and fellow board members in ensuring effective operations, transparent communication, and strong community engagement. I plan to build on successful initiatives, such as the Steak Roast fundraiser, by expanding sponsorships and creating new opportunities for financial growth. I aim to improve volunteer coordination, strengthen partnerships with local organizations, and ensure that NRPCA programs reflect the needs of all residents. I will focus on fostering inclusivity, accountability, and long-term sustainability.*

# Candidates for Board of Directors

## Candidates for DIRECTOR

### / Erica Duckett



*Economic Development Support Specialist, Grandmont Rosedale Development Corporation*  
*Bachelor's Degree in Public Administration*

**North Rosedale Park Resident: 4 years**

**NRPCA Member: 3 years**

**Previous or current experience on the NRPCA board and committees**

Easter Egg Hunt Volunteer

**Previous or current experiences on other boards or committees**

Grandmont Rosedale Development Corporation – Northwest Detroit Farmers' Market Manager & Planning Committee

Triumph Kids Youth Choir – Volunteer & Parent Support Team

**Why do you want to serve on the NRPCA Board of Directors and what do you plan to accomplish?**

I want to serve on the NRPCA Board because I care deeply about keeping North Rosedale Park a welcoming, vibrant community for families. On the board, I hope to introduce initiatives like a family campout night and a kids' garden program, creating more opportunities for children and families to connect, learn, and enjoy the neighborhood together.

### / Ashleigh Smith



*Middle School Math Teacher*  
*Bachelor's Degree in Mathematics*  
*Master's Degree in Educational Leadership and Policy Studies*

**North Rosedale Park Resident: 26 years**

**NRPCA Member: 3 years**

**Previous or current experience on the NRPCA board and committees**

Social Media Committee Member since May 2023

Current NRPCA board member (2024-2025)

**Previous or current experiences on other boards or committees**

Served as president and advisor to a 501c7 organization (Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. which utilizes a separate 501c3 organization to support programs).

**Why do you want to serve on the NRPCA board of directors?**

I plan to assist with the diversity in programming and recruitment of younger residents to help volunteer within our organization to improve upon the well-established legacy of our community. I also seek to help with the establishment of policies and procedures to help ensure that as the board continues to evolve, the foundation is in place for others to easily support and maintain.

### / Horace Stone Jr.



*Certified Teacher*  
*Bachelor of Arts in Education, Wayne State University*  
*Master's Degree, Marygrove College*  
*Educational Specialists in Special Education, Regent University*

**North Rosedale Park Resident: 10 years**

**NRPCA Member: 7 years**

**Previous or current experience on the NRPCA board and committees**

Neighborhood Cleanup Volunteer

**Previous or current experiences on other boards and/or committees**

House of Refuge Deliverance Ministries – Minister/Deacon and Finance Committee Member

Member of the State Bar Association on the Alternative Dispute Resolution

Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Inc. Member

Michigan Association of Supervision and Curriculum Development

Middle School Team Committee Chair (Fundraising)

**Why do you want to serve on the NRPCA Board of Directors?**

I want to serve on the NRPCA Board and volunteer to make the community that I live in carry on the tradition of greatness.

## Tattler Deadline

If you have content you would like to include in the *Tattler* for the March/April issue, please provide your content by **February 10**. Don't forget to take photos if you organize a neighborhood or Civic Association event. Send information and photos to [dlove70481@aol.com](mailto:dlove70481@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 election night and at [nrPCA.org/membership](http://nrPCA.org/membership).



# NORTH ROSEDALE PROGRAMS AND VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

## Join Aikido Training at Community House

Martial art training for health, fitness and self-defense takes place at the Community House on Wednesdays. Larry Castleberry will lead the training from 7-8 p.m.

The cost is \$60 a month. Register in person.

## Improve Your Health through Pilates

If you want to lengthen, strengthen and realign your body while connecting with your neighbors, then join the 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.

Learn how to get 25% off class packs. Reserve your spot at [nrpcapilates.eventbrite.com](http://nrpcapilates.eventbrite.com). For more information, contact [poshbodydetroit@outlook.com](mailto:poshbodydetroit@outlook.com) or call Gloria Goodwine at 313-971-3990.

## 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.

## 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](mailto:nrpcaprograms@gmail.com)

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

## CONGRATULATIONS!!

Joshua Cooper, son of Shaun and Elizabeth, received his doctorate in Materials Science and Engineering from the University of Michigan on December 14, 2025. At an open house at the Community House the day before the graduation, Joshua gave a bit of an impromptu piano recital.



**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](mailto:dlove70481@aol.com).



# In Memoriam

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

## Clarence Wynn



Longtime coach and North Rosedale resident, Clarence Wynn passed away peacefully in October 2025. He was born on May 7, 1953 in Hurtsboro, Alabama. Clarence went on to earn his bachelor's degree from Talladega College, where he

became a member of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. He later earned a master's degree from Eastern Michigan University.

After completing his education, Clarence moved to Detroit, Michigan, where he began his lifelong career as an educator with Detroit Public Schools. He served as a dedicated health and physical education teacher, mentor, and coach to countless students. A longtime tennis coach at Detroit Cass Tech, Coach Wynn's teams rarely lost in Public School League play. His boys' teams won 14 city titles and his girls' teams won 19 city titles — 18 consecutively. Coach Wynn also coached boys' varsity basketball at Cass Tech in the 1980s. He retired from Cass Tech in 2010.

In 1978, Clarence married the love of his life, Phaer. Together they raised two children, Llaren and Clarence. He was known for his love of family, his passion for sports, and his enjoyment of golf. He touched the lives of many through his mentorship, kindness, and unwavering spirit.

## Michael Adebayo



A longtime North Rosedale resident and NRPCA member, Michael Oladipo Adebayo made his transition in November 2025. Michael was born on September 9, 1945 in Ado-Ekiti, Nigeria.

Michael was passionate about his family,

writing, taking photos, exercise, healthy eating, foreign vehicles & life itself. He was a man of faith and a proud member of The Knights of Columbus. He also served as a Detroit Grand Prix volunteer for more than 20 years and participated in the Focus: HOPE walk.

Michael graduated from University of Ibadan in Nigeria (c. 1974) and earned a master's degree in urban planning from Wayne State University in 1975. He worked as a senior planning officer for the Federal Capital Development Authority in Nigeria before establishing his career in the United States. He devoted more than 30 years of service as a City Planner for the City of Detroit, where he applied his vision, expertise, and commitment to the development of a city he loved deeply.

He is survived by his devoted wife Gloria; two daughters, Cristina and Michelle; his sisters, Veronica and Regina; half-sister Cecelia; and countless other relatives and a wide circle of friends.



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### Block Captains' Meeting Set for January 13

Former and current block captains and those interested in becoming a block captain are encouraged to attend the next meeting on Jan. 13 at 7 pm at the Community House. Discussion will include the need for new leadership and formulating plans to increase involvement in the community. The goal is to continue efforts to make North Rosedale Park the most vibrant and community-minded neighborhood in Detroit!

### 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/](http://nrpca.org/community-house/) or call **313 837-3416**.

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