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# ROSEDALE TATTLER

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## Head to the Park for a Day of Fun on June 10

on the parade and kick off the festivities! Josh White Jr. is serving as the grand marshal.

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# JUNE DAY

, an annual summertime celebration in the center of North Rosedale Park, started in 1930 and was called "the Carnival of the Community." It has always been a cornerstone in defining the great-

ness of our unique Detroit neighborhood and it's coming June 10.

We have a terrific day planned, full of fun for the entire family, but **WE NEED YOUR HELP** too! You are all encouraged to decorate your bicycles to ride in the parade; to create a float to represent your business, block club, or neighborhood committee; to join the **"I grew up in Rosedale Park"** float with a sign showing how long you have lived here, or to just simply line the curbs of Bretton Drive by 10:15 am to cheer

## DON'T FORGET THESE DATES



**May 6 Community House Open House • 1 - 5 p.m.**

**May 11 NRPCA Membership and Community Meeting • 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.**

**May 13 Community House Mental Health Forum • 1-3 p.m.**



# Letter from the President

It's finally starting to warm up, and the days are getting longer. It won't be long before summer will be upon us! As the Grandmont Rosedale Baseball season begins, let's also be mindful that our neighborhood will be visited by those parents that could one day become our neighbors. Let's put our best foot forward and plan to start our spring cleaning a little earlier this year. Traditionally, we'd be knee deep in Motor City Makeover, but this year NRPCA is holding its open

house on May 6. We are hoping that many of you will attend.

Shortly afterward, our general membership meeting will take place May 11 from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.; please come out and meet your neighbors and learn what's happening in your neighborhood. The American Red Cross blood drive returns to the Community House on May 16 from 12 - 6 p.m. As May is Mental Health Awareness Month, there will be a mental health forum on May 13 and then a Health Fair to end the month on May 27. With June comes North Rosedale Park's June Day on June 10 and the return


of the Northwest Detroit Farmers Market every Thursday from 4 - 8pm beginning June 22 thru October 12.

Finally, congratulations to the high school and college graduates, who will be celebrating in the coming months! We are very proud of you and your accomplishments!!

Great things are on our horizon, and we continue to shine as one of Detroit's jewels! Let's not forget that it's not just the homes that make this one of the most desired places to live; it's the neighbors and the sense of community that separate us from the other communities.

See you in the park, Eric

— Eric Willingham, President



**Congratulations to our North Rosedale Park Graduates**

If you are graduating from high school, college or a trade school, please provide your name and the school that you're graduating from. We'll include your information in the next issue of the *Rosedale Tattler*. Send your information to [dlove70481@aol.com](mailto:dlove70481@aol.com).

## Learn How to Improve Your Mental Health May 13

The North Rosedale Park Community House Forum will help attendees improve their mental health, focusing on the factors that affect mental health. The forum will allow residents to connect with licensed therapists, engage in conversation and Q&A, and provide resources.

The forum is Saturday, May 13 from 1-3 p.m. at the Community House, 18445 Scarsdale.

The forum, moderated by Community House Building Manager Ericka Browning, will feature two speakers. Monet Robinson is



Monet Robinson



Dr. Kim Logan Nowlin

a licensed professional therapist for Sankofa Life Solutions, an outpatient mental health practice catering to the needs of children, adults, and families based in Belleville. She has a master's degree in counseling from Spring Arbor University and is a qualified mental health professional with the Detroit Wayne Integrated Mental Health Agency.

Dr. Kim Logan Nowlin, a North Rosedale Park resident, is president of Kim Logan Communications Inc. For over 35 years, she has trained and counseled people from all walks of life to be inspired and to realize that words can change a person's choices and life.

She holds a bachelor's degree in special education, a master's degree in family and guidance counseling and a doctorate in oral and interpersonal communication and clinical family counseling.

To RSVP for the forum, go to <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/community-house-mental-health-forum-tickets-609095820997>

To submit questions, scan the QR code.



# Community House Open House Set for May 6

**It's Our House!** and you're invited to visit the jewel of North Rosedale Park – the Community House. Join us for the Community House Open House on Saturday, May 6 from 1- 5 p.m. The Community House is located at 18445 Scarsdale.

North Rosedale Park is the only neighborhood in Detroit with its own community center and park, that is owned and maintained by members of the North Rosedale Park Civic Association. Over the last ten years, numerous improvements were made to the Community House and surrounding park, the hub of activity for the neighborhood.

During the event, residents can:

- **Tour the Community House and learn about programs and special events**
- **Enjoy light refreshments and a bit of line dancing**
- **Enter drawings for special prizes awarded every hour**

## Donate Blood at the Community House May 16

North Rosedale Park residents can donate blood right in the neighborhood at the upcoming American Red Cross blood drive May 16 from noon - 6 p.m. at the Community House.

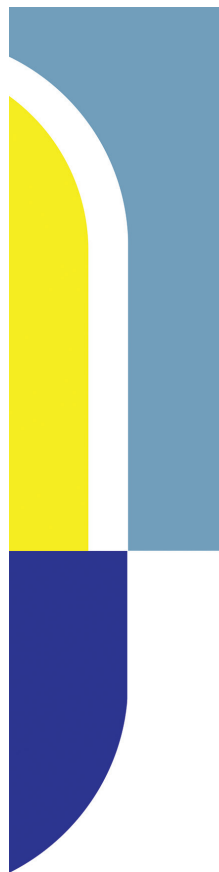
Your blood can help save lives! To schedule an appointment, please go to [RedCrossBlood.org](https://www.redcrossblood.org) and type in **Rosedale Park** in the Find A Blood Drive box or call Sarah Jones at **248-914-3543**.

## NRPCA Creates New Family Programming Committee

This programming committee will introduce new fun and play ideas for kids of all ages. Some of those ideas include group sports, guided activities, free play and nature exploration.

To learn more, send an email to [nrpnatureclub@gmail.com](mailto:nrpnatureclub@gmail.com). The committee is headed by Arielle Laws and Janelle Bulat.

- **Check out volunteer opportunities – meet and join neighbors who help keep the Community House in great shape and the neighborhood vibrant and strong**
- **Meet NRPCA board leaders and members**



NRPCA MEMBERSHIP AND  
COMMUNITY MEETING

# KEEPING OUR NEIGHBORHOOD SAFE

COMMUNITY HOUSE  
18445 SCARSDALE STREET

THURSDAY, MAY 11, 2023  
6:30-8:30P

GUEST SPEAKERS

**Commander Newson** – City of Detroit Eighth Precinct – Safety and Crime Prevention

**Myra Gracey** – Detroit Public Safety Headquarters, Chief Neighborhood Liaison/Citywide Neighborhood Patrol



## NRPCA Membership Meeting to Focus on Safety May 11

Learn more about keeping our neighborhood safe at the next NRPCA membership and community meeting set for Thursday, May 11 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at the Community House. The featured speakers are Commander Vernal Newson from the DPD 8th Precinct, and Myra Gracey, Citywide Neighborhood Patrol.

# Head to the Park for June Day Continued from Page 1

Please mark your calendars! We would love to fill the Community House grounds with people! Tell and remind your neighbors! Ask questions, make suggestions, volunteer to help throughout the day's events, make some noise and get to know your neighbors and the

pride of being a resident in our beautiful North Rosedale Park community! We can't wait to see you there!

Feel free to contact [Amyloaks@yahoo.com](mailto:Amyloaks@yahoo.com) or [peter@nrpca.org](mailto:peter@nrpca.org) to donate, volunteer or for any questions you may have.



## NORTH ROSEDALE PARK June Day Schedule of Events

Saturday, June 10, 2023 • North Rosedale Park Community House, 18445 Scarsdale

- 9 a.m. / **Run for the Roses**
- 9 - 10 a.m. / **Baseball game**
- 10 a.m. / **Assemble for the parade** on Bretton by the park
- 10:30 a.m. / **Parade begins**, travels west down Bretton Drive
- 11 a.m. - Noon / **Baseball game #2** TBD
- Post Parade / **Detroit Party Marching Band** playing in the park
- 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. / **Tammo the Caricature Artist**
- Noon - 2 p.m. / **Face Painting with Gracie the Clown**
- Noon - 3 p.m. / **Trackless Train Rides for the kiddos**  
Food concessions: hot dogs and hamburgers, chips and a drink

- Noon - 4 p.m. / **Field Games** – sack races, wheel barrow races, tug of war, giant Jenga, bocce ball, etc.
- 1 - 3 p.m. / **Pony rides and a petting zoo**
- Time TBD / **Detroit Police Department helicopter landing at the park**
- 2 - 5 p.m. / **Karaoke/ Music with DJ Buddah!**
- 5 - 6 p.m. / **Food concessions:** hot dogs and hamburgers, chips and a drink
- 7 - 9 p.m. / **Music and Dancing**  
Band TBD – Tickets to go on sale around May 15

Please watch for updates on NextDoor and Facebook and in the E-Blast

# Kids Enjoy Annual Easter Egg Hunt

On April 8, approximately 120 children hunted for candy-filled eggs at the annual neighborhood Easter Egg Hunt hosted by the Rosedale Park Improvement Association, Grandmont Community Association, Grandmont #1 Improvement Association, Minock Park Block Association, and the North Rosedale Park Civic Association at the Community House. Children also enjoyed balloon art by Gracie the Clown, arts & crafts led by Arts & Scraps, a petting zoo operated by Unique Pony Rides & Petting Farm, a hot dog lunch sponsored by Huntington Bank, pictures with the Easter Bunny, and Detroit Pistons' mascot, Turbo.



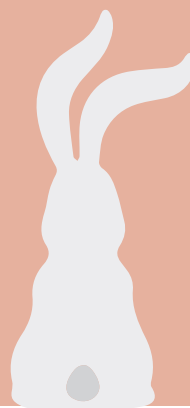
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## AROUND THE PARK

### **Congratulations to Eric Willingham on His Retirement**

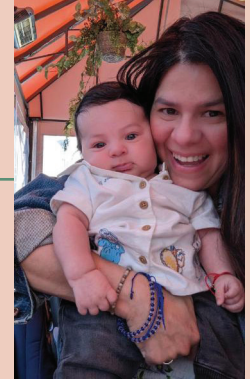
After nearly 14 years as a senior account executive for Timberland, NRPCA President Eric Willingham is hanging up his boots. He previously worked for Kenneth Cole Productions as a territory manager; with the Taubman Company as a special retail agent at Fairlane Town Center and 22 years at Sibley's Shoes starting in stock and ending as the executive manager at Northland Mall. He hopes to spend more time playing golf and enjoying outdoor concerts.



### **Welcome to the Park**

Gwendolyn Morgan, Virgil Wells and their children, Jeremy and Olivia, moved to the neighborhood in September 2022.

"We really love how friendly the neighbors have been. Everyone we've met thus far has been very welcoming and knowledgeable on what North Rosedale has to offer. We're super excited to take advantage of the little league sports, movie nights in the park and the Farmers' Market!!"



### **North Rosedale Couple Welcome Baby Boy**

Edith and Jay Uzoigwe (Avon) welcomed a son, Obioha Uzoigwe, to their family in January 2023. Congratulations!



## **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](http://nrpca.org/membership)
- 2** Sign up to receive the Rosedale Tattler (bi-monthly) and the Tattler E-blast (weekly) or share the information with your neighbors. Email [kkgarrett28@yahoo.com](mailto:kkgarrett28@yahoo.com) to join the list.
- 3** Follow NRPCA on Facebook: [facebook.com/northrosedalepark](https://facebook.com/northrosedalepark)



## **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 [tattler@nrpca.org](mailto:tattler@nrpca.org).

# Civic Association Memberships Increase in 2023

## Help Us Reach Our Goal of 500 Memberships

As of May 1, we have a total of 410 residents who have paid NRPCA membership dues for 2023. That count includes Red Rose members who pay above the \$75 rate to provide extra support for the community, as well as Life Members who pay dues although they are not required to do so. To put our current numbers in perspective, by the end of 2022, we had 290 paid memberships. That participation rate was likely affected by the COVID-19 pandemic and all the challenges that many of us faced.

Our current membership numbers are on pace to reach our goal of 500 for this year! As many of you know, our dues support programming and help maintain the North Rosedale Park Community House and Grounds,

the hub of our neighborhood. With your help we can easily reach and surpass our goal for 2023. After all, there are 1600 homes in our beautiful community.

Below is a breakdown of total memberships as well as a listing by street. Let's do all we can to increase these numbers!

Total Households 2023 Paid Membership Dues: **428**

- **410 Resident (includes Red Rose and Life Members who paid Membership Fee)**
- **15 Non-Resident**
- **3 Business**

### TOTAL PAID RESIDENTIAL MEMBERSHIPS BY STREET

Ashton	20	Gainsborough	24	Midland	0	Stahelin	1
Avon	13	Glastonbury	35	Plainview	15	Sunderland	24
Bretton Dr	55	Greenview	16	Puritan	4	W. Outer Drive	18
Edinburgh	17	Huntington	17	Rosemont	37	Warwick	25
Evergreen	0	Keeler	1	Scarsdale	1	Westmoreland	20
Florence	0	Lancashire	36	Shaftsbury	31		

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- MAY 6** Community House Open House and Volunteer Sign-Up Day • 1-5 p.m.
- MAY 6** Motor City Makeover (District 1)
- MAY 11** General Membership Meeting • 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.
- MAY 13** Community House Mental Health Forum • 1-3 p.m.
- MAY 16** American Red Cross Blood Drive • Noon - 6 p.m.
- JUNE 10** June Day
- JUNE 22-  
OCTOBER 12** NW Detroit Farmers' Market • Thursdays from 4 - 8 p.m.



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## NORTH ROSEDALE PARK CIVIC ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION 2023

Name(s) Adults in Household \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

### 2023 MEMBERSHIP DUES RATES

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

Enclosed is \$ \_\_\_\_\_ in payment for dues for the year ending in December 31, 2023.

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**

The NRPCA is now a 501c3 charitable organization. Contributions and dues payments to the NRPCA are tax deductible under state and federal tax laws.

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!**

## DUES REMINDER! We Need You!!

As a dues paying member of NRPCA, you are part owner of the Community House and grounds, and we need your support! North Rosedale Park is the only neighborhood in Detroit that owns such a wonderful place for residents to gather, children to play and neighborhood issues to be discussed. The cost of membership is \$75 per year, or \$6.25 per month, or just 20¢ per day. Dues can be paid anytime online at [www.nrpca.org/membership](http://www.nrpca.org/membership).

## NEW OFFICE HOURS FOR THE COMMUNITY HOUSE

**Monday** / 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.  
**Tuesday** / 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.  
**Wednesday Closed**  
**Thursday** / 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.  
**Friday** / 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.  
**2nd Saturdays** / 1 - 3 p.m.