

# Rosedale Park News

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### **New Website for RPIA!!!!!**

WWW.ROSEDALEPARK.ORG



Our neighborhood association now has a home on the web! Next time you're at your computer, please pay us a visit and have a look around. We think you're going to like what you see.

Here's a quick rundown of the main features of our new site:

- Home page, with a welcome and our neighborhood creed, as well as announcements about current events (like the neighborhood Little League sign-up sessions);
- A Newsletter page, where current issues of the ROSEDALE PARK NEWS are posted as PDF files:
- A Photo Gallery, where photos of our RPIA events are posted;
- Resources, services, homes for sale, and a Contact
  Us page to put all the information you need right
  at your fingertips

# General Membership Meeting

Tuesday, March 8th, 7 p.m.

North Rosedale Park Community House 18445 Scarsdale, off Bretton Drive at Glastonbury

**All Residents Welcome!** 

This version of our site is a great beginning. And we can easily (and cheaply!) add additional information and features as we become more oriented toward electronic communication. Our future lies in linking up all residents in our neighborhood through the wonders of the web.

Let us know what you think -- what you like and what you'd like to see added or improved. Send an e-mail to rdalepark@gmail.com to share your thoughts with us.

And now give a big round of applause to President Emeritus (and current Board member) Debbie Gore, who put this whole web site together and got us into the 21st century – thank you, Debbie, for a fine addition to the RPIA communication network!

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### President's Message

"For every failure, there's an alternative course of action. You just have to find it. When you come to a roadblock, take a detour."

-Mary Kay Ash

Dear Neighbors,

We are now at the beginning of fiscal year 2011 and we are at a roadblock. We believe the detour that must be taken will ultimately make us a more dynamic organization that is advantaged by technology. And, yes, I'm talking about money and how to be more frugal in the spending of what we do have.

Ten years ago, over 66.6% of the 1500 plus households in this community paid dues. In fact, the vacancy rate was minimal and homes stayed on the market for just a minute. There was at least one individual working in each household and paying dues was seldom considered burdensome to the family budget.

Fast forward to 2011 and we have a national unemployment rate of 10% and an even higher rate in the state of Michigan and the city of Detroit. We have neighbors who are losing their homes to foreclosure. We have others who are holding on but struggling. At last count, there were 200 vacant homes in our community. We have new neighbors who don't know the rich history of this community and, therefore, don't participate in the programs offered and don't pay dues. We have seasoned neighbors who have grown frustrated with the changes that have occurred and, so, don't pay dues. In fact, even though we all benefit from snow removal, only 33.3% of the households now routinely pay their dues that provide that service!

It is, therefore, critical that your Board look for innovative ways to slash the budget while maintaining the benefits that your dues provide to the community.

Last year, we collected about \$25,500 in revenue (primarily dues). Of that, approximately \$10,000 or 40% went to snow removal, \$2,000 or 8% for program expenses such as the June picnic, \$4,000 or 15% in administrative expenses, i.e., stipends for the non-

Board people who work for the association, and the balance of approximately \$9,000 or 37% went for the newsletter. These are rough estimates and, as traditional, an actual annual report will be published later in the year.

In all the years that this association has existed, we have communicated with our neighbors through the *Rosedale Park News* on a monthly basis. This communication process was augmented by the individual Block Captains and the meetings they held on their respective blocks. Today, we find that publishing the newspaper on a monthly basis (with the exception of the combined issue in the summer) is too costly for the revenue that we are collecting.

We are, therefore, exploring other options including a website that is now up and running at the following website: RosedalePark.org. Changes to the site will be made as issues are identified.

We are investigating an e-blast to communicate to our neighbors via e-mail.

Finally, we are going to reduce the number of issues of the Rosedale Park News. This will be the primary subject for discussion at the March 8th General Membership Meeting.

In order for this new process to be successful, we will need to have the e-mail addresses of all residents. Block captains and other volunteers will be seeking this information from you this spring. It can be used to send you information via e-blast WITHOUT sharing your e-mail address.

It is hard to break from tradition. In this case, it is necessary. Please trust that your Board will always keep your interests and needs at the forefront when making fiscal decisions.

Carolyn

Carolyn Cruse

President

Rosedale Park Improvement Association

Watch for the next issue of ROSEDALE PARK NEWS on May 1st. In the meantime, check our new website for the latest news at www.rosedalepark.org

### Make Rosedale Park a Greener Place to Live!

Just how low do you want your energy bills to be? That's the question the BetterBuildings for Michigan program will help you answer!

A portion of the Rosedale Park neighborhood is one of 27 Michigan communities to receive the Better-

Buildings for Michigan Program. Everyone in the part of the Rosedale Park neighborhood shown in the map is qualified for the program (the boundaries of the eligible area are Glastonbury on the east, Grand River on the north, W.Outer Drive on the west, and Chalfonte on the south). And we are working closely with local community organizations, including the Rosedale Park Improvement



Association and the Grandmont Rosedale Development Corporation, to help lower your energy bills and make Rosedale Park a greener community.

What is BetterBuildings?

BetterBuildings for Michigan is a Recovery Act program brought to you by the U.S. Department of Energy; the Michigan Department of Energy, Labor and Economic Growth(DELEG); Michigan Saves; the City of Grand Rapids; the Detroit Economic Growth Corporation; and the Southeast Michigan



Regional Energy Office.

The program is being implemented by an outreach team from the Southeast Michigan Regional Energy Office (SEMREO). SEMREO is an unique collaboration of local gov-

ernments helping communities to become more energy efficient and reduce their impact on global warming, transforming metro Detroit from 'Rust Belt' to 'Green

Belt'.

So why energy efficiency? There are many reasons why more energy efficient homes are important. Some of our favorites are: Comfort: Eliminate drafts and keep the weather outside. Savings: Cut your energy bills by hundreds per year. Environment: Reduce your home's carbon footprint. Jobs: Support green jobs in your community. The BetterBuildings program offers you an energy upgrade valued at over \$1,000 for only \$50.00! Imagine! Your home can be warm and cozy all winter, cool and breezy all summer, and still use less energy yearround! BetterBuildings for Michigan gives you the tools to lead the region in home energy efficiency.

The home energy upgrade includes: Total home assessment: See where your home is leaking air with an infrared camera. Appliance testing: Check your furnace, oven and water heater for carbon monoxide emissions. Professional consultation: Learn how to save more energy and money in your home. Plus, have these energy-saving devices installed on the spot: Air sealing: Just a little air sealing can stop up to 15% of your home's air leakage. A programmable thermostat. Ten energy saving light bulbs. Two faucet aerators and a high-efficiency showerhead. The makeover takes just a few hours and it's easy to sign up!

Please contact the Southeast Michigan Regional Energy Office for more information or to schedule an appointment at 866-402-1061 or outreach@regionalenergyoffice.org.

## The Park Players Announce Spring Musical

Friends and Neighbors - The Park Players, Detroit's oldest community theater group, is proud to announce their spring musical HAIRSPRAY. All shows are performed at the North Rosedale Park Community House - 18445 Scarsdale, Detroit, MI 48223. It's a short distance to travel to see some great entertainment and support the arts in our city and community.

Show dates and ticket prices:

Friday, March 18, Dinner Theater, 6:30 PM, \$28

Saturday, March 19, NRPCA Benefit, 7:00 PM, \$25

Sunday, March 20, Matinee Lunch, 12:30 PM, \$24

Friday, March 25, Evening Performance, 8:00 PM, \$16

Saturday, March 26, Wine & Cheese, 7:00 PM, \$24

Sunday, March 27, Matinee Performance, 2:00 PM, \$16, (Student/Senior \$14)

Friday, April 1, Evening Performance, 8:00 PM, \$16 Saturday, April 2, Family Matinee, 2:00 PM, \$14

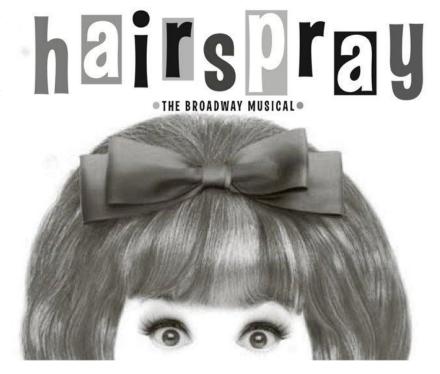
Information and reserved seat tickets are available at 313-835-1103. Don't wait. The show is sure to sell out!

#### A little about HAIRSPRAY

HAIRSPRAY opened in New York City at the Neil Simon Theatre on August 15, 2002. It ran until January 4, 2009, a total of 2642 performances placing its longevity at 20th all-time just behind Hello Dolly and My Fair Lady. It won eight Tony Awards for 2003: Best Musical, Best Book of a Musical, Best Original Score, Best Actor in a Musical, Best Actress in a Musical, Best Featured Actor in a Musical, Best Direction of a Musical, and Best Costume Design.

You can get more information about HAIRSPRAY and the Park Players at http://parkplayers.wordpress.com/

See you at the show!



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For more information or to place an ad, please contact Rosedale Park News advertising coordinator Darryl Brown at 313-574-0410. If you prefer, you can send an email to Darryl at advertiserpia@aol.com.



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# Share the Love: Become a Neighborhood Ambassador

If you love the Grandmont Rosedale neighborhoods and want to help encourage new home buyers to move here, consider becoming a neighborhood ambassador.

GRDC is looking for volunteers willing to help us show off our renovated homes during the annual Neighborhood Open House, on Sunday, May 1st.

Enthusiastic neighborhood boosters will be asked to be at each house to share the virtues of living in the Grandmont Rosedale neighborhoods with home shoppers.

Briefing sessions will be held before the scheduled open houses. Information specific



to each home and its wonderful community will be provided as talking points to enable neighborhood ambassadors to explain to prospective new neighbors the bountiful benefits of becoming part of our community.

If you are interested in becoming a neighborhood ambassador, please contact GRDC Intern Lisa Danovich at 313-387-4732, ext. 100 or ldanovich@grdc.org.



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GRDC is currently renovating several homes in the Grandmont Rosedale area. If you, or someone you know, is interested in purchasing one of these beautifully updated, energy-efficient and highly affordable homes, call GRDC today at 313-387-4732, ext. 104 or email to tmc-crory@grdc.org. You can also visit our web site at http://www.grdc.org, to view a few of GRDC's current renovation projects.

#### HOMEBUYER WORKSHOP ON THURSDAY, MARCH 24

If you are interested in learning more about the process of buying a home, mark your calendars now for Thursday, March 24 from 6:30 – 8:30 PM.

GRDC's Home Ownership Program Manager Brad Mattison will be leading a FREE workshop at GRDC's headquarters, 19800 Grand River. Come learn what it takes to get a mortgage in today's market!

Please call to register – 313-387-4732, ext. 101. The workshop is free but space is limited, so call to reserve your seat.

## NEW COMMUNITY CRIME ALERT AND SECURITY BLOG

GRDC's Community Security Program has launched a new COMMUNITY- WIDE crime alert web site, along with a separate security blog, to serve all five neighborhoods in our area. We encourage all residents to sign up for this crime alert site, regardless of which neighborhood you live in.

Sign up for the community crime alert by sending your name and email address to Jeremy Orr at jorr@grdc.org. Report suspicious or criminal behavior by sending crime alerts to grandmontrosedalecrimealert@googlegroups. com.

If you would like to join a discussion about topics related to community security, visit the Grandmont Rosedale Community Security Blog at http://grandmontrosedale-

community.blogspot.com/. No need to join or sign up to post comments on this site. Questions or comments? Contact GRDC Community Security Coordinator Jeremy Orr at jorr@grdc.org or 313-387-4732, ext. 109.

#### WARMING UP YOUR VEHICLE



With the weather that we've recently been experiencing here in Detroit, many of us are compelled to let our vehicles 'warm up' for a few minutes while we wait inside the house. Criminals know that routine and are looking for easy targets;

our unattended, engine-running vehicles are prime targets!

If you have a remote starter then your vehicle is likely equipped with the correct protection to warm up your car safely. But if you don't have one, here are a couple of tips that will keep you a few steps ahead of would-be-criminals:

- 1) If you plan to go back in the house while your vehicle warms up, keep a watchful eye on it from a window or locked door.
- 2) Always use a spare key to warm up your car. That way you can lock your vehicle door while it is running and have the main car key or lock remote for re-entry.
- 3) Lastly, don't keep your house keys (or any important keys) on the same ring as the spare key. In the event that your vehicle is stolen you wouldn't want criminals having the keys to your home as well.

Keep in mind that people who leave their vehicles running unattended are putting themselves at risk. In a matter of seconds your automobile could be gone!

For more information on other security programs or to share your own Quick Tip, contact Jeremy Orr, GRDC Community Security Coordinator, at 387-4732, ext. 109, or jorr@grdc.org.

#### FOR GRDC, THERE'S MASTERCARD...

Have you ever wanted to make a donation to GRDC but just didn't have the ready cash on hand at that moment? Don't worry—we have your problem solved! You can support our mission of improving the Grandmont Rosedale communities by making a credit card donation. You can make a one-time-only donation, or you could become a GRDC Champion by becoming a regular donor—we can process your donation on a monthly or quarterly basis.

We can accept charges for VISA, Mastercard and American Express.

The advantages of this new option are clear: It's easy. It's convenient. It takes some of the 'hurt' out of writing one big check every year. And it spreads the donation throughout the year, which helps you and helps us, too. Want more information? Phone or e-mail GRDC Deputy Director Cathy Marshall today to find out all the details and to learn how you can sign up. Reach Cathy at 313.387.4732, ext. 105 or cmarshall@grdc.org.

#### FORECLOSURE PREVENTION

If you or someone you know is in danger of foreclosure, DON'T DELAY. Foreclosure counselors are available from Southwest Housing Solutions. Homeowners who are behind on their mortgage payments should contact the free non-profit counselors immediately, while they still have options - call 313-841-9641 TODAY for an appointment with a counselor.

#### **VACANT HOUSE ALERT**

Do you have any vacant houses on your block? If so, please give GRDC Intern Austin Grout a call at 313-387-4732, ext. 100, and tell him the address (or email him at agrout@grdc.org). In cooperation with all of the neighborhood associations, GRDC is trying to keep track of all of the vacancies and we need your help! We're developing a Vacant Property Strategy and it's important to keep up to date on every vacancy. Thanks for being a good neighbor.

#### **GET THE GRDC E-MAIL BLAST!**

GRDC has been operating a neighborhood-wide listserv; we send out regular weekly notices to let everybody know what's going on in our neighborhood. Don't miss out on the latest! If you want to know what's happening, send us your e-mail address. We'll add you to our electronic mailing list and periodically send you information of interest to the neighborhood. Send an e-mail to tmccrory@grdc.org and ask to be added to the list.



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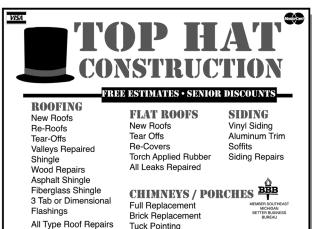


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## The 2011 Rosedale Park Community

Over ninety Rosedale Park residents, friends and dignitaries turned out for a lovely evening of music, conversation, good food and celebration on Friday, January 28, 2011 at the North Rosedale Park Community House. With the sounds of jazz and Motown playing in the background, tales of triumphs and challenges could be heard throughout the room. There was a palpable feeling of community commitment and the joy of sharing our experiences with each other.

Mr. Glynn McKnight led us all in prayer and reflection as he has in previous years. Mr. Thom Gatson then began to call tables to the wonderful buffet provided by Jackson Five Star Catering of Detroit. The two dessert cakes sported the slogan "City Living is Great. It's best in Rosedale Park."

#### **ISLAND BEAUTIFICATION AWARDS**

As the guests were enjoying the last bits of cake, Judith Rogan, Gigi Branum-Williams and Tina Castleberry presented the Island Beautification Awards, which included useful garden baskets for the Most Improved Islands. Three blocks tied for first place this year: ASHTON (Chalfonte to Fenkell), ROSE-MONT (Eaton to Chalfonte), and WARWICK (Keeler to Midland). The Most Improved Island was FAUST (Chalfonte to Fenkell). Honorable mentions included GLASTONBURY (Lyndon to Eaton), ARTESIAN (Fenkell to Keeler), and WARWICK (Fenkell to Chalfonte). Tina Castleberry has agreed to assume the Chairperson's position for this committee for the coming year, further sharing her expertise as a Master Gardener.





# Annual Banquet Highlights Spirit

#### SWEARING-IN CEREMONY

Culminating the formal portion of the evening was the swearing-in ceremony conducted by Councilperson James Tate of North Rosedale Park. President Carolyn Cruse, Second Vice President Pam Weinstein, Treasurer Thom Gatson and Board Members Darryl Brown, Debbie Gore, Glynn McKnight, Mary McLeod, Stacy Pugh and Tracey Wallace took the pledge. Board member Chris Remus was out of town (in a warmer climate!) but with us all in spirit. Each Board Member received a Certificate of Achievement from Mr. Tate signed by Mayor Dave Bing. State Representative Harvey Santana then presented a Special Tribute to the Board Members as well. State Senator Tupac Hunter congratulated the Board on their commitment to the community.

# RESIDENTS EXPRESS THANKS TO POLICE COMMANDER

Many residents took time to speak with Commander McKissic of the Northwest Detroit Police Precinct to express their support for the strong cooperative relationship that has developed with the precinct over the past couple of years. Positive thoughts and prayers were offered for the police officers injured in the recent shooting at the precinct, as well as for all of the men and women who place their lives on the line every day for our safety.

#### FELLOWSHIP AND RECOMMITMENT

The rest of the evening was spent in lively banter among neighbors. DJ Aaron Sadler, aka DJ Hank of Q-Sounds, continued playing music. The "Hustle" brought many to the front of the room before we said good night. When the evening ended, folks headed back into the cold and snow. There was a strong sense of recommitment to work together to strengthen and maintain our community as a "warm," friendly place to live in Detroit.





### Treasurer's Message

Hello friends and Neighbors. My name is Thom Gatson. I am the newly elected Treasurer of our Association. I assumed that responsibility in February 2011. I am a lifelong resident of Detroit, except for 10 years I spent in the U.S. Army, traveling all over the world. My wife and I have lived in Rosedale Park for the last 24 years. We are still newcomers compared to some of you.

We moved into Rosedale Park at our first opportunity because we knew that this neighborhood was and still is considered a "jewel of the city." I remember growing up, hearing references to the people who lived in the Park as "those rich people." This was one of the neighborhoods people wanted to live in. Yes, it was status, but it was more. There was a love of your city. There was a love of your community. There was care and concern for the people who lived next door.

For too many of the years that I have lived in the Park, I have been complacent. There has always been some other neighbor who was taking care of things. The "Board" was watching over the neighborhood. I was too busy making a living. Someone else was going to do it. It was someone else's problem.

A year ago when my next door neighbor, who is a present RPIA Board member, asked me if I would join the Board, I realized that I needed to either become part of the solution or remain part of the problem. How much of the solution I am is yet to be determined, but I refuse to remain part of the problem by default.

I am not a CPA or accountant. My understanding of finance is simple: The checkbook has to balance, the bills have to be paid on time, the outgo has to be less than the income, and the Association can't spend money it doesn't have.

Neighbors, in the best of times, there were 1500 occupied homes in Rosedale Park. Not all of them were paying dues, but 90 percent of them were. That was 1990. Twenty years later, after the times we have experienced, we have 220 vacant homes that we can't receive dues from, and of the remaining 1280, RPIA has only received dues support from 60 percent. We need the full support of all the residents of Rosedale Park.

As your new Treasurer, I strongly urge every family to invest \$45.00 in our neighborhood, Rosedale Park. It is still a jewel of the city, but we need to "polish it" by maintaining a strong Association which can attract new residents as well as the attention of the DPD, the City Council and the Mayor's Office.

As a former practitioner of laissez faire, I know that it is easier to complain than to contribute.

Thom Gatson tdgatson@sbcglobal.net

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### Proposed 2011 RPIA Budget

Editor's note: We are publishing this proposed 2011 RPIA budget developed by the Finance Committee which will be submitted for review and approval by the full RPIA Board at its meeting on Feb. 28, 2011.

Because of time constraints with publishing deadlines, this newsletter had to be printed before that Board meeting. We thought it was still useful for all residents to see what's being proposed.

We will distribute copies of the final, approved budget at our March 8th membership meeting, where we can all pose questions and have a discussion. In addition, we will also publish the final version in the next issue of the RP NEWS.



	Projected
Program Income	
Ads	3000
Banquet Tickets	1000
Dues*	22500
Interest Inc.	20
Sub total	
Pancake Breakfast	300
Picnic	40
Total Income	26860
Administrative Evnences	
Administrative Expenses Bank charge	0
Board Admin Asst	-1200
Quickbooks	-360
President's Appreciation Gift	-150
Rental - NRPCA	-875
State of Michigan Fee	-25
Subscriptions -E Blast	-120
Board	-200
Hot Line	-175
Director's Insurance	-550
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Angels Night Support	-100
DP Day	-250
General	0
Realtor Open House	-250
Donations -Define all \$\$\$	-100
Park Maintenance	
Improvement - Brick Improvement - Signs	0
New Neighbor Kit	-200
Snow Removal	-9600
Chow Removal	-3000
Expenses:	-26405
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# RPIA Board Meeting Minutes: January 24, 2011

The meeting was called to order at 7:15pm.

The following were present:

Board Members: Carolyn Cruse, Chris Remus, Darryl Brown, Deborah Gore, Mary McLeod, Pam Weinstein, Stacy Pugh,

Thom Gatson, Tracey Wallace.

Administrative Assistant: Priscilla McDonald. Interim Newsletter Editor: Bonnie Mead.

Absent: Glynn McKnight, Sr.

Financial Coordinator: Vicki McLellan.

#### Better Buildings for Michigan

Representatives from the Regional Energy Office attended the board meeting to give an overview of the Better Buildings for Michigan Program. The overall objective of the program is to get energy costs down. The program goes into neighborhoods to make residents more energy efficient, helping them save money, which will make the communities more stable and greener. There will be twelve neighborhoods in Michigan that will be a part of the pilot program, six from the suburban areas and six from the city of Detroit. One section of the Rosedale community was selected and this is the area bounded by Grand River, Outer Drive, Chalfonte and Glastonbury. The Regional Energy Office plans to introduce the program to the block captains in this particular area of Rosedale Park and partner to get the residents on board. Information will be communicated to the residents directly and a presentation will be made to the entire General Membership at the March meeting which will include details on what options are available to the rest of the Rosedale Park community that are not part of the pilot neighborhood. The program will be studied and evaluated for future expansion into other Detroit neighborhoods. More details can be found on the Regional Energy Office website: www.regionalenergyoffice.org.

The Regional Energy Office desired to partner with RPIA in this effort. Tracey Wallace motioned in favor of the partnership, Mary McLeod seconded the motion and it was carried by the rest of the Board members in attendance. The RPIA Secretary will send a copy of the RPIA logo to the Regional Energy Office representatives for use on literature and flyers to help gain resident participation.

#### Financial Summary Report

The RPIA reviewed the year to date financial report submitted by the Financial Administrator who was unable to

attend the meeting. The Board discussed the new QuickBooks program that will be used to compliment the new budgeting strategy the Board will be using beginning February 2011. RPIA member dues billing options from the software was also discussed. Stacy Pugh suggested the option of upgrading the QuickBooks software to increase the functionality needed to improve the financials. The dues billing mail stuffing session to get the dues bills out to residents was set for February 5th from 3 -5pm at the GRDC office.

#### **RPIA Board Retreat**

The Board discussed the agenda for the upcoming Board Retreat which is set for February 19th from 2 -5pm that will include a review of the bylaws, committee structure, and the review and acceptance of the 2011 budget.

#### **Annual Banquet**

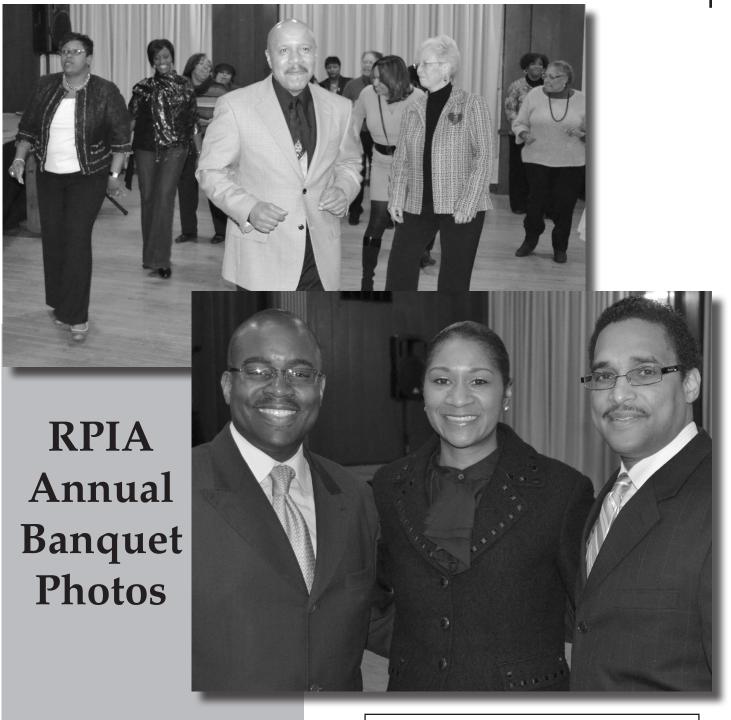
The Board was reminded of the upcoming Annual Banquet to be held on Friday, January 28, 2011. Deborah confirmed the DJ to provide the entertainment for the Banquet. Thom confirmed gaining access to the Community House by 5pm to allow the service providers to enter and setup prior to the time the doors are open. The event will begin at 6pm with dinner at 7pm and the program following. The office of Charles Pugh confirmed that he will be in attendance to conduct the swearing in ceremony. The treasurer, Thom Gatson, received \$80 cash for 4 banquet tickets that were sold during the meeting.

Next Board Meeting Monday, February 28, 2011 Adjournment: 9:04pm Minutes submitted by: Priscilla McDonald

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We meet for recycling on the third Saturday of each month from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Christ the King parking lot. To volunteer, or for more information, call 313-272-5820 or email weber@igc.org

We accept the following items, which must be cleaned, sorted, and separated as follows:

#### Newspapers

Tie with string or bundle in brown paper bags.

#### **Glossy Paper**

Magazines, catalogs, or flyers.

Telephone Books; paperback books

#### Office and Computer Paper

All colors. Tie with sring or bundle in brown paper bags.

#### Cardboard

Brown, gray, and white interiors or corrugated. Empty, clean and flatten.

Milk and Juice cartons

#### Plastics 1 & 2

Rinse containers. Remove caps.

#### Plastics 4,5, & 7

Rinse containers. Remove caps.

#### Plastics 6

Polystyrene/Styrofoam

#### Plastic Bags

1, 2, & 4 together. NO black plastic gargage bags.



#### Glass Bottles and Jars

Separate by color - clear, brown, green. Rinse. Remove lids. (Recycle metal lids with other metals.)

#### Metal

No need to separate. Copper, brass, aluminum (foil, pie pans, or cans), tin or metal cans. Rinse. Remove labels. Flatten if possible.

#### **Household Batteries**

**InkJet Printer Cartridges** 

#### **Cell Phones**

Without chargers

Household Hazardous Waste (April and October only)

Batteries

Motor Oil

Paints

Poisons

Cleaning Fluids

# 2011 Rosedale Recycle Dates



Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June
15	19	19	16	21	18
July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
16	20	17	15	19	17

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### **March 2011**

#### **CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

#### March

Monday Courville trash collection

Mar. 1 Ad copy deadline, Apr. RP News

Mar. 8 RPIA General Membership Meeting

Mar. 10 Article deadline, Apr. RP News

Mar. 19 Rosedale Recycles

Mar. 28 RPIA Board Meeting



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Saturday, Mar. 19

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