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2011 RPIA Picnic – What a Great Time!

A shining sun, hot dogs grilled to perfection, cold drinks, and children playing with bubbles. Now, that's a formula for a great picnic! It wouldn't have been a successful picnic without our many volunteers who pitched in. A hearty thank you to: Allen, Brett, Jeffery and Richard (firefighters with Detroit Engine Company #57); Rosedale Park residents Margie Weber, Chris Remus, Ruth Remus, Judy Summers, Hazel White, Jeanne Rem, Lindsey Geibig, Tina Castleberry, Clenda Webb, Dorothy McKnight, Glynn McKnight, Phil Schloop, Mindy LePere, Ellis Bates, Victoria Bates, Pam Weinstein, Bonnie Mead, Dior J. Thomas, Nancy Bitzarakis, and Thom Gatson. We are also grateful for donations from State Representative Harvey Santana;

County Commissioner Burton Leland, for the Porta-John; and Alonzo Marable (also a Rosedale Park resident and owner of Ultimate Party Rentals), for the additional bounce-house.

Enjoy these candid moments from an enjoyable afternoon...

Chris Remus
RPIA Board member



Look what's on the new walls of the Southfield Freeway!



Allen, firefighter with Engine Company 57, explains what's on the engine.

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Waiting to go into the bounce-house.

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This issue of the Rosedale Park News is being delivered to ALL Park residents.

To those residents who have not yet paid their \$45 annual dues: please do so now and you will continue to receive this newsletter regularly!

General Membership Meeting

Tuesday, September 13 at 7 p.m.
North Rosedale Park
Community House
18445 Scarsdale, off Bretton Drive at Glastonbury
All Residents Welcome!



President's Message

"When you know better, you do better."

— Maya Angelou

Unlike most issues of the *Rosedale Park News*, this July / August issue is being

mailed to all 1580 households in Rosedale Park. It's a complimentary issue – the printing and postage are paid for with funds from Rosedale residents who choose to pay their RPIA annual dues of \$45. I welcome this opportunity to speak to individuals who have not yet paid their dues -- I really want to tell you more about where you live!

My other messages this year have encouraged readers to step up and help out the neighborhood by volunteering to maintain their islands and vacant properties on their blocks, to participate in Radio Patrol, or to get involved in the various board committee functions that are designed to improve the quality of life in Rosedale Park. We have experienced an increase in our volunteer ranks, though that increase has been small.

We like to showcase God's gifts. Beautifully manicured lawns, beautiful islands, and well-maintained flowerbeds lined by clean, tree lined streets are just some of the gifts we have in Rosedale Park. It just requires a little tender loving care to maintain.

NO LONGER WAITING FOR SUPERMAN

There is not, however, a paid crew of people whom we can call when this work is not done. Instead, we take the old-fashioned approach: we rely on each other. If you're having trouble mowing your lawn because of an illness or personal challenges, reach out to your neighbors and ask for help. If you are blessed with good health and the ability to maintain your property, then look around and see if someone needs your help and then offer it. Parents should teach their children not to play on their neighbors' lawns nor climb trees that are young and

fragile. We are here only temporarily. Let's take care of this earth and the people on it while we can.

We like the sounds of summer: Birds, lawnmowers, and children playing. The sound of children playing has diminished as the number of children in our neighborhood has decreased for myriad reasons. Disturbing sounds include constantly barking dogs, loud music, and cars speeding down the street. We don't like those sounds.

LET'S EXPAND OUR SERVICES

We like the benefits that our small annual dues provide the neighborhood. At the top of that list are streets that are plowed in the winter. While there may have been a hiccup or two this past winter, we have to say that the streets were consistently plowed and our neighbors were able to get out and go to work and school. Our contractor addressed and corrected any reported problems. We were able to deliver this service, even though less than 35% of the occupied homes paid dues. Can you imagine the level of service we could all enjoy if more households paid dues!?

Finally, we like the security that Radio Patrol volunteers provide Park residents. Alas, there are not enough residents who are participating, but to those who do, a hearty "THANK YOU!" for your service. To everyone who is not yet patrolling, consider the possibility. It's only two hours a month – most of us can manage that!

So, it looks like my message is getting back to the same theme: GET INVOLVED!!! Check out the rest of this issue and the new RPIA website (www.rosedalepark.org), and then get in touch with your block captain to find out how.

Carolyn

Carolyn Cruse
President
Rosedale Park Improvement Association

Take Your Seat at the Table!

There are currently three open seats on the RPIA board of directors. Sitting on the board of your neighborhood association is an excellent opportunity to serve your community and to get involved in event planning, program administration, and membership drives, among other possibilities.

Interested individuals should be able to devote 5-10 hours per month to assigned association activities – you will attend monthly board meetings and quarterly membership meetings and adhere to the by-laws of the association (by-laws are available at www.rosedalepark.org).

If you are interested, please contact Carolyn Cruse at 313-273-4324 by July 1, 2011 and be prepared to submit a brief bio for consideration by the board.

Block Captains' Corner

Hello, friends and neighbors of Rosedale Park! Summer officially starts on June 21, but it feels like it already has! People are moving about in the Park, painting and sprucing up their houses. Flowers are being planted, wood chips put down, and lawns are being fertilized and cut, all in an effort to keep our community beautiful. In keeping with the spring fever, let's continue to feel good about our neighborhood and do what we can to keep it looking nice. We have some new neighbors, so let's welcome them by being friendly and pleasant.

Speaking of neighbors, our mapping project is ongoing. Block captains need to continue collecting and verifying names, addresses,

phone numbers and email addresses. All block captains should also make sure that residents have summaries of events in our neighborhood, along with the dates, times and places of each event. Along with the mapping project will be a directory of all RPIA officers and directors.

There are new rules for blocking your street when having a block party. There is a refundable \$75.00 deposit on the barricades, which must be picked up; the City will not deliver them. You can also use the orange cones, or you may make your own barricades (no cars or furniture). It's very important to keep our block party tradition going! We need to keep ourselves connected to one

another because we're all in this together!

Lastly, all block captains should remember to register their block with the Community Access Center. The next Block Captains' meeting will be held on Sunday, July 17, 4-6 p.m., at the GRDC office (19800 Grand River).



Dorothy McKnight



Molly Eklund-Easley

Block Captain Coordinators

Thank You, All Seasons Landscaping!

On this year's Detroit Partnership (DP) Day, you may have noticed a crew at Stoepel Park on riding mowers, armed with hedgers, leaf blowers, and other equipment. Who were those enterprising, energetic helpers?

That was Rosedale Park resident Vincent Ford and his employees from All Seasons Landscaping, a neighborhood-based company. All Seasons Landscaping takes care of some of our biggest neighborhood

landscaping challenges, without even being asked. In our last issue we featured an article on DP Day volunteers and inadvertently omitted acknowledging this huge effort. Vincent, we thank you!

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RPIA Board Meetings of April and May, 2011

– Summary of Minutes –

April Board Meeting: The Board met on April 25, 2011. Highlights of this meeting included the following: the Outreach Committee reported on new communications initiatives for the community (including eBlast, newsletter, and neighborhood signage), the Events Committee shared the success of the Easter egg hunt, new city-wide block party guidelines were shared, and the code enforcement project was discussed.

May Board Meeting: The Board met on May 23, 2011. Highlights of this meeting included the following: the financial report shows an improving outlook, the nominating committee for 2012 officers and board members has been formed, there are plans to install additional play equipment at Flintstone Park, and RPIA has applied for a grant to assist with lawn maintenance at vacant properties.

For more details on these items and others, you will find a complete copy of the minutes on the RPIA web site at www.rosedalepark.org.

Graduation... Tracey Lofton

Kenneth Lofton (Glastonbury) announces the graduation of his wife, Tracey Lofton, who received her Master's of Teaching degree from the Wayne State University College of Education.



Graduation... Evann Elaine Webb

Brian and Doneta Webb (Glastonbury) are proud to announce the graduation of their daughter, Evann Elaine Webb. She is an Honors graduate of Renaissance High School.

Evann will attend Michigan State University this fall as a journalism major.



New Advertising Director for *Rosedale Park News*

We are happy to announce that longtime Rosedale resident Dorothy Roman is once again taking on the position of Advertising Coordinator for our association newsletter.

Dorothy will serve as Interim Ad Coordinator until a permanent replacement can be found.

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RPIA General Membership Meeting Minutes: May 10, 2011

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by Mary McLeod.

VOTE ON CHANGE TO BY-LAWS

Residents were provided a ballot to vote on the proposed changes to the RPIA By-Laws as they were signed in. Voting took place throughout the first part of the meeting. The votes were tallied and reported during the end of the first part of the meeting with 90% of those in attendance in support of the changes to the by-laws.

CODE ENFORCEMENT

Stacy Pugh reported on the status of enforcing city codes within Rosedale Park. The plan includes attempting to get the residents to report any homes that are violating any codes. This would work in coordination with the radio patrol volunteers and our RPIA website where residents can electronically report the violations. More updates to come with all questions or volunteers willing to help out to be forwarded to Stacy or Carolyn.

VACANT PROPERTY

Nancy reported on the progress of the vacant homes task force. The purpose is to maintain a database on all the vacant homes in Rosedale Park. Residents were encouraged to report on all of the vacant homes in their area and on their blocks. The task force would then research the information on the owners of the homes to make them more responsible in taking care of the property while it is vacant. The task force is also seeking grant monies to take care of the homes where the owners are unattainable and to properly keep the property boarded and maintain the lawn to keep Rosedale beautiful.

RPIA E-BLASTS

David Legg spoke on the new email blasts that have been going to all residents and subset groups. The first e-blast received a report of 21% of the group opening it and

the most recent e-blast reported 36% opening. The cost for sending these e-blasts is significantly lower than a regular month of printing costs. There is a \$10 per month cost to send an unlimited amount of emails to a group of 500. As our email list grows, our e-blast account with Vertical Response can be increased to accommodate and the cost would still be substantially low. Residents were encouraged to send all comments and any suggestions that they have to improve the e-blast each month to the RPIA web address at rpiablast@gmail.com.

COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT

Tracey spoke on the community improvement grant. Residents were updated on the free flowers that each block was encouraged to sign up for via their block captains. There were 43 blocks that responded and all of the flowers were received and can be picked up from 15135 Faust this week. The schedule for pickup was setup as Wednesday from 5-8 p.m., Thursday from 6:30-8 p.m., Friday from 5-8 p.m., Saturday from 9-1 p.m., and Sunday from 12-4 p.m. or by appointment.

The grant for the beautification of the Southfield service drive will probably be put on hold until the reconstruction of the Southfield freeway is complete. Tracey will contact those who are willing to assist with ideas for the grant. More details to come.

NEW BLOCK PARTY RULES

Pam reported on the new rules set forth by the city of Detroit in assisting blocks with their yearly block parties. Blocks now need petition signatures from 75% of the block's residents, and the city now requires a \$75 refundable deposit for street barricades (cashier's check or money order ONLY). The barricades have to be picked up as well; the city will NOT deliver barricades to your block. More information is available at the Community Access Center

(formerly called Neighborhood City Hall) at 19180 Grand River. Ask for the manager, Mr. Tony Kinsey.

MAPPING PROJECT

Pam updated residents on the progress of the neighborhood mapping project. There has not been a great response as there have not been a lot of blocks that have completed the project. Block captains in attendance at the meeting were encouraged to complete their packets and hand them in by the June Picnic event on June 4th.

SPECIAL SHORT VIDEO

Pam showed residents a short video that was posted on the internet on the Grandmont Rosedale neighborhood. The video showed a positive take on the growth of the community with interviews from longtime and new residents. The video can be found as a link from the GRDC Facebook page.

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

Farmers Market to open Thursday, May 26th
RPIA Picnic – June 4th
Rosedale Recycles – June 18th
30-Block Garage Sale – June 25th
Flintstone Park Clean Up – July 9th

STATE/LOCAL REPRESENTATIVES ON HAND

State Representative Harvey Santana, Senator Tupac Hunter and Councilwoman Shaunteel Jenkins were in attendance and each gave an update on what has been occurring within their branch of government politics. They each also took questions from residents and provided their contact information for further discussions to help resolve ongoing community issues that were reported.

Adjournment: 9:00 p.m.

Minutes submitted by:
Priscilla McDonald



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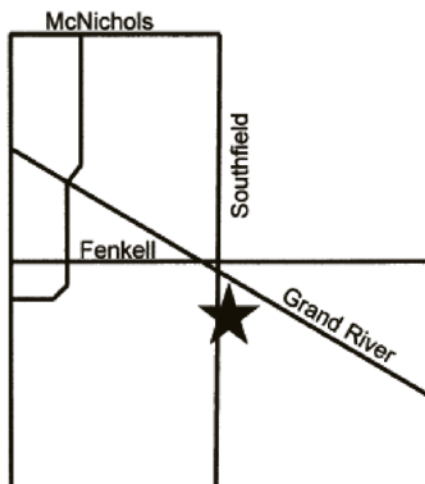
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For more info and to volunteer,
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NIFTY ROSEDALE PARK T-SHIRTS

Take a look at this Rosedale Park t-shirt, worn by a resident at the recent June Day picnic at Flintstone. Many in attendance liked the shirt and wondered where they could get one.

Here's the lowdown: you can order one online from a company called Down with Detroit (<http://downwithdetroit.spreadshirt.com/p3>).

The shirt comes in a variety of colors (red, royal blue, sky blue, forest green, bright green, brown, khaki, black, navy and light oxford) and sells for \$18.90 plus shipping and handling.

This web site has many interesting Detroit-related t-shirt designs.

Happy shopping!

2011 RPIA Picnic – What a Great Time! *continued from page 1*



After giving a talk from the fire truck, the firemen gave a hose demonstration and sprayed down the youngsters.



Tina Castleberry, our 'Garden Bug' (seated), with a couple of visitors.



County Commissioner Burton Leland donated a Porta-John for our picnic. Board member Chris Remus and President Carolyn Cruse are appreciative.



Alesia and Jelani Stowers enjoying a game of checkers.



Our cooks! Margie Weber and Dorothy & Glynn McKnight.



Onome, Kasiena and Christian are 'Digging for the Money'.



Overview of the 2011 RPIA Picnic.



State Representative Harvey Santana stopped by and gave Bonnie Mead a donation to RPIA.

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The market accepts credit and debit cards and the Bridge card, as well as Project FRESH and Senior Project FRESH coupons. The market will also once again be offering the highly popular **Double Up Food Bucks** program for Bridge card users. Double Up Food Bucks matches up to \$20 of a Bridge card purchase with an additional **FREE \$20 in Double Up Bucks**, for the purchase of Michigan-grown fruits and vegetables. You can't get a better deal than that anywhere!

For more information, and to volunteer to help at the market, contact Pam Weinstein at 313-387-4732, ext. 103, or pweinstein@grandmontrosedale.com

LOOKING FOR A HOME IN GRANDMONT ROSEDALE?

Calling all prospective homebuyers! 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 tmccrory@grandmontrosedale.com

You can also visit our web site at <http://www.grandmontrosedale.com>, to view a few of GRDC's current renovation projects.

FRIDAY MORNINGS WITH TOM R. – Grab your work gloves and sturdy shoes and get ready to beautify our community! GRDC Program Manager Tom Ridgway is leading volunteer sessions every Friday morning this summer from 9 a.m. until 12 noon.



Tom and his crew will plant flowers, weed landscape beds, tackle graffiti removal, and embrace any other projects that pop up throughout the summer. For more information, including how to meet your school's requirement for service hours, contact Tom Ridgway at 313-387-4732, ext. 108 or tridgway@grandmontrosedale.com.

BROKEN WINDOW THEORY – Much of the work done in the Grandmont Rosedale community to strengthen neighborhood security grows out of a theory known as "The Broken Window Theory." The Vacant Property Campaign, Neighborhood Radio Patrols, Neighborhood Safety Meetings, and the residential Crime Alerts represent the type of action and preparation proposed in this theory.



Political scientist James Q. Wilson and criminologist George Kelling concluded that the faster community residents respond to blight (e.g., broken windows or graffiti), the faster criminals become discouraged and move on. Failure to address such issues indicates apathy or a total lack of pride in one's neighborhood. Without pride or a strong sense of community, criminals are allowed to flourish and take advantage of local residents.

One of the many deterrents employed in the Grandmont Rosedale community are Neighborhood Radio Patrols. Having an active presence out in the streets reveals the heart, determination, and pride of residents for the neighborhoods where they live. This sentiment was echoed at a recent radio patrol meeting by Detroit Police Officer Michael Martin. He pointed to this over 25-year old theory as a rallying point for committed citizens. Martin's comment illustrates the value of responding to blight and how people within the neighborhood become the most important piece of a complex puzzle: "Acting as the eyes and ears of the community, residents serve as the trench warriors in a neighborhood's continuing fight against crime."

COMMUNITY GARDEN NEEDS YOU! – The Grandmont Rosedale Community Garden at Bushnell Church welcomes new participants. Whether you are an experienced veteran or a complete novice, you are invited to come join us. We will be planting (and harvesting) strawberries, tomatoes, cucumbers, squash, beets, lettuce, Swiss chard, collard greens, arugula, green beans and more! Come to learn, come to share your knowledge, come have fun digging in the dirt! Contact Pam Weinstein at 313-387-4732, ext. 103, or pweinstein@grandmontrosedale.com for more information.

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 Vacant Property Intern Julia Billings a call at 313-387-4732, ext. 116, and give us the address (or send an email to info@grandmontrosedale.com). 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@grandmontrosedale.com and ask to be added to the list.

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Vacant Property Committee Update

By Deborah Kent

Rosedale Park, like every other neighborhood in Detroit and its surrounding communities, has seen a rise in foreclosure rates. This has resulted in higher than normal vacancies and unprecedented instability in our neighborhood. In 2009, the Grandmont Rosedale Development Corporation (GRDC) initiated the vacant property planning process to address this issue. The main objective of the initiative was to stabilize the local housing market to help preserve this area's position as a "Neighborhood of Choice."

ACTIVE VACANT PROPERTY COMMITTEE

As a result, the Rosedale Park Improvement Association (RPIA) developed an active vacant property committee that uses a database to track vacancies, research and identify owners, encourage property maintenance, and request boarding and demolitions. The increase in vacant properties has corresponded with an increase in

crime, particularly against property. The committee keeps in contact with the police at the Community Access Center (Neighborhood City Hall) to inform them of stripping and other environmental issues that are noted at vacant properties.

REPORTS FROM BLOCK CAPTAINS AND RADIO PATROL

Currently, the Committee relies heavily on block captains and radio patrol to report vacancies in the neighborhood. We would like to have more active participation from residents in identifying properties as they become vacant. The sooner we can identify the owners, the better chance we have of getting them to make arrangements to keep the unoccupied properties maintained and secured.

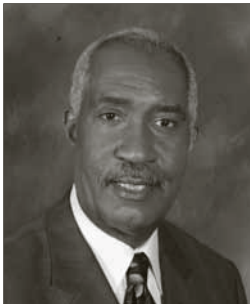
RESIDENTS TAKE ON THE CHALLENGE

Unfortunately, in some cases we are unsuccessful in our efforts to contact

the owners and some properties fall into neglect. RPIA is grateful to have residents who take on the challenge of lawn maintenance at some of these homes. During the last few years, grant money has been secured by GRDC to help with the more problematic properties. This year RPIA has applied for a small grant to cut lawns, remove debris and board these demanding properties.

YOU CAN MAKE A REPORT

The most important line of defense is reporting to the committee vacant property as it occurs and doing what you can to help maintain the appearance of those properties until the responsible party is found. You can report vacant property or volunteer to help the committee by sending an email to msdeborahkent@aol.com or leaving a message at 313-836-4737.



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Chaining Deemed Bad and Sometimes Dangerous for Dogs

By Nancy Bitzarakis

Recently we have seen dogs chained up in backyards throughout the neighborhood. This is against the law in some areas but, at the very least, the Humane Society of the United States discourages it. They have learned over the years that continuous chaining is bad for dogs. As pack animals, dogs have been bred to form a strong attachment to a human family and to want to protect them.

When a dog is kept continually chained and isolated, it often becomes nervous, unhappy, and sometimes aggressive. Studies have shown that chained dogs are much

more likely to bite than unchained dogs. Additionally, they have been known to hang themselves accidentally and are also subject to attacks by roaming dogs. In fact, a chained dog was killed by other dogs in our area just recently.

Chaining a dog in the yard as a means of early warning for criminals often just leads to the dog barking excessively at any noise and making life miserable for neighbors. Dog ownership has many responsibilities attached to it and the dogs deserve "humane" treatment. To learn more about your dog's health and owner responsibility, visit www.humanesociety.org.

Sign up for Weekly Rosedale Park e-Newsletter!

By David Legg

The Rosedale Park Improvement Association is testing new technology to keep connected to everyone in the neighborhood. The weekly Rosedale Park eBlast can keep you informed about upcoming events, activities, deadlines, and news items of interest.

GET THE LATEST NEWS

Recent eBlast stories have covered the RPIA Annual Picnic, a 5K Run, proposed bylaws changes for the Association, changes in the city's rules about block parties, meetings about a vision for the future of Rouge Park,

and details about the ongoing highway construction project for the Southfield Expressway. All this and more can be delivered to your email inbox each Sunday.

The Board of Directors has authorized the test of this online technology in an effort to increase communication in the community and to help control the costs involved in printing a monthly newsletter. The pilot program began in April and will continue for several months as we look at the effectiveness of the technology and the kinds of

news and information that should be included. The board will also develop policies for this online publication.

JOIN THE EBLAST

If you haven't started getting the weekly Rosedale Park eBlast, you can sign up for this free online newsletter by sending an email to rpiaBlast@gmail.com. Use the word "subscribe" as the subject for the email, and include your name and e-mail address in the message. Be sure to let us know how you like the service, and make some suggestions for how it can be improved.



Coming this September to RPIA: The Code Enforcement Committee

By Stacy Pugh

As Rosedale Park residents, we have chosen this neighborhood because of the many excellent amenities it has to offer. As neighbors, we must be vigilant in identifying and correcting concerns that impact the quality of life in Rosedale Park. RPIA has added the Code Enforcement Committee to ensure that we continue to protect these amenities and maintain our beautiful neighborhood by managing code enforcement complaints from neighbors, following up on the complaints, as well as coordinating enforcement efforts with the City of Detroit as needed.

RPIA's Code Enforcement Committee will resolve complaints such as long grass and weeds, trash, unlicensed vehicles, commercial uses in residential areas, parking on berms and over the sidewalk, overnight parking of commercial vehicles on residential and commercial streets, parking of trailers, and barking dogs.

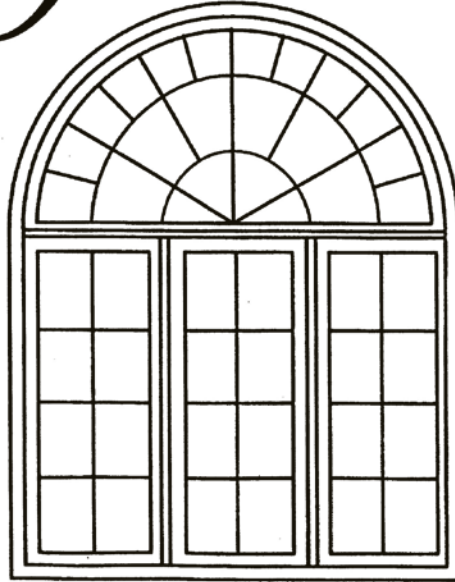
Residents who want to make a complaint will be able to do so via the RPIA web site (www.rosedalepark.org)

and by calling the RPIA Hotline and leaving a message (313-927-1089).

Recognizing that violations often occur on vacant and foreclosed properties, the Code Enforcement Committee will establish an ongoing relationship with members of the Vacant Property Committee that will work with GRDC to coordinate property maintenance efforts. The Code Enforcement Committee will collaborate with Northwest District Environmental Officers, Department of Environmental Affairs, and the City's Buildings and Safety Engineering Department on enforcement efforts.

The Committee welcomes new members. The Committee will meet approximately quarterly, and members are responsible for investigating complaints, sending out violation notices, and following up with appropriate City agencies when necessary. If you are interested in joining this committee, please call Stacy Pugh, Code Enforcement Chair, at 313-574-8889.

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JULY

- Sat., July 16 Rosedale Recycles, 10 AM - 2 PM, 18605 Pierson
- Sun., July 17 RPIA Block Captains' Meeting, 4-6 PM, 19800 Grand River

AUGUST

- Fri., Aug. 1 Advertising deadline for Sept./Oct. issue of *RP NEWS*
- Mon., Aug. 8 Bulk pick-up (North of Fenkell)
- Wed., Aug. 10 Article submission deadline for Sept./Oct. issue of *RP NEWS*
- Mon., Aug. 15 Bulk pick-up (South of Fenkell)
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