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LET'S WORK TOGETHER TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Join with neighbors for the General Membership Meeting,
Tuesday, November 10 • 7:00 PM

At the North Rosedale Community House, 18445 Scarsdale

TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION

- **Medical Marijuana** – Update on the status of our Councilman James Tate's reasonable ordinance that regulates medical marijuana caregiver centers. The citizens of Detroit have spoken loudly that we don't want moneyed outsiders dictating regulations for our city.
- **Elections** for officers and board members.
- Report on the entryway brick work on Ashton.
- Holiday safety.
- T-shirts for sale.

NOMINEES FOR 2016 BOARD POSITIONS AND OFFICERS

President: Pam Weinstein (2016)
1st VP: Conja Wright (2016)
2nd VP: [Vacant] (2016)
Treasurer: Frank Raben (2016)
Board member: Jim Dwight (2016-2017)
Board member: Tony Mason (2016-2018)
Board member: Phillip Schloop (2016-2018)
Board member: Stacy Pugh (2016)
Board position: [Vacant] (2016-2018)

New T-Shirts for Rosedale Park!!

Here's Jim Dwight, sporting one of the brand new Rosedale Park Improvement Association t-shirts!

Modeled on a vintage 1980 shirt design, courtesy of longtime Rosedale resident Ben Washburn, these new shirts are selling for 1980 prices - only \$6 each, with kids shirts for \$5 each. Get 'em now - they are going to sell out FAST!!



SHIRTS FOR SALE AT NOV. 10 MEETING

Come to the Nov. 10th membership meeting – shirts and order forms will both be available there.

Try them on to find just the right size for you! The shirts come in teal and burgundy – the sizes are S, M, Lg, XLg, and 2 XLg. There is also a cream-colored ladies' shirt with burgundy imprint (S, M, Lg, XLg) and kids' sizes in teal and burgundy, too. Outfit the whole family!! Santa says these shirts will make great holiday gifts!

Major Ashton Entry Repairs Completed by November 1st

The executive committee met this summer and inspected the Ashton entry and discovered that it really needed some major work done, including tuck pointing and in some cases replace rotted bricks at the base. We felt that postponing this work would lead to further damage and even more extensive repairs.

We requested bids and selected Boss Construction to complete the work, the membership at the September meeting unanimously approved that we proceed with this project.

Repairs should be completed by November 1st.



Envelope please: And the winner for best island is...

This year, the Rosedale Park Garden Club had a difficult time selecting winners of the various categories – because there were so many excellent choices. Congratulations to all those residents who have spent countless hours tending to their islands. Our islands provide some of the characteristic charm of Rosedale Park. And for that, we say thanks for your efforts at beautification of the islands and of our community.

The Winners:

- 1st Place:** Piedmont btw. Keeler and Midland
2nd Place: Glastonbury btw. Eaton & Lyndon
3rd Place: Warwick btw. Chalfonte & Fenkell

Green Mile Winner (blocks with very long or multiple islands): Greenview btw. Eaton & Chalfonte

Honorable mention: Rosemont btw. Chalfonte & Fenkell

Best Winner's Circle (for all previous Winner's Circles islands): Stahelin btw. Eaton & Chalfonte

Runner up: Artesian btw. Eaton & Chalfonte

Winner's Circle: Last year's 1st place winner, Penrod, btw. Eaton & Chalfonte, was still beautiful.

All winners will receive their awards at the 2016 RPIA banquet (Friday, Jan. 22, 2016 at the North Rosedale Community House), and we encourage all blocks to organize a committee to accept the award.

By Judith Rogan, Garden Club Committee Member



Garden Club choice, 1st Place.



Green Mile.



Best Winner's Circle.

Update on the Special Assessment District

- The five Grandmont Rosedale neighborhoods, through GRDC, have been recognized by the City as eligible to file for a SAD petition.
- In accordance with the City's secondary employment provisions, off-duty DPD police officers will ride in a separate Detroit police car, seven days a week, 24 hours a day. A second security officer and vehicle will be provided by the contractor to provide additional support and service to our communities, 24/7. This is a higher level of service than initially discussed.
- Our objective has been to provide these important services for approximately \$250 per year per property thru the SAD. We are finalizing these details for Jan.

of 2016 at the earliest.

- To be successful, the petition drive will require all of us to work hard to get the 51% of all property owners signed up.
- Currently, three other neighborhoods have completed bids for security and snow removal, and are now circulating petitions in their neighborhoods (Palmer Woods, Sherwood Forest, and the Golf Course Neighborhood).

Note: If anyone has any questions or comments about the Special Assessment District, please email me, Jim Dwight, the editor of RP News, at jdwright99@ameritech.net.

ALERT: Final Yard Waste Pick-up Days on Nov. 10 and Nov. 24

Rosedale residents are advised that Nov. 10 and Nov. 24 are the last two 2015 yard waste pick-up days. After Nov. 24, Advanced Disposal will not pick up yard waste, although bulk pick-up will continue on the regularly scheduled collection days.

Neighbors who have leaves to dispose of after Nov. 24

may take their brown paper bags to any of the City's five bulk drop-off locations. The site nearest to Rosedale Park is the Southfield Yard, 12255 Southfield Service Drive. You must present identification to prove you are a Detroit resident. Hours of operation are Monday - Saturday, 10:30 a.m.-6 p.m., closed from 2:30-3:30 p.m.

Begin the Holiday Season at Our Annual Pancake Breakfast

Santa will hand out small gifts for the kids.

This is a family event open to all Rosedale Park and North Rosedale Park residents, and a great opportunity to enjoy holiday carols, meet and greet your neighbors.

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5, FROM 9-11 AM
NORTH ROSEDALE COMMUNITY HOUSE
18445 SCARSDALE,
\$4/ADULTS • \$3/CHILDREN (UNDER 12)
SANTA WILL BE ARRIVING BETWEEN 10-10:30 AM**



Last year, Carolyn Akpe, right, helps Santa with gifts.



Debbie Gore plays holiday songs at last year's party.

Block Party Resurrection Scores Complete Success!

Over the past few years, block parties in Rosedale Park have declined. The reason is unclear.

But one block captain decided to resurrect a party on his block, which had been without one for many years.

"I was very nervous at first about asking my neighbors to support the idea of a block party," said Jim Westphal, block captain on Penrod, between Chalfonte and Eaton. "I received support from only a few, but decided to forge ahead."

What happened next was truly a Detroit phenomenon. Westphal rounded up supporters, and organized neighbors to bring food, cookers and a tent. Approximately 15 houses were represented (not quite half, but more than was anticipated), and probably about 25-30 neighbors, including a handful of kids showed up.

"It seems that just about everyone pitched in and everyone went out of their way to say how pleased they were with the event," said Westphal. "I think the

block party was long overdue, and it gave everyone a chance to meet and greet one another. We all commented how odd it is that you can live together on the same block for years and not have a clue who your neighbor is. We all agreed that next year, we can make an even better performance."



Neighbors on Penrod work together to create a successful block party.

Block Captain Quarterly Meeting

Sunday, November 8, 2015 • 4-6 PM at the GRDC office • 19800 Grand River

Tasty treats for all!

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- eBlast – sign up with an email to rpiablast@gmail.com
- Web site – go to www.rosedalepark.org
- Community Info Line – leave a message at 313-927-1089
- Crime alerts – send an email to grandmontrosedalecrimealert@googlegroups.com

JOIN



Name: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

- Annual dues of \$45* enclosed.
(Make check payable to RPIA.)
- Pay online at www.rosedalepark.org
- I want to volunteer. Contact me.
- I want to receive the weekly eBlast.

Mail payment to RPIA
P. O. Box 23113
Detroit, MI 48223

*Outer Drive and Evergreen residents pay \$25.

Calendar of Events

NOVEMBER

Sunday, Nov. 8Block Captains' Meeting – 4-6 PM
GRDC office, 19800 Grand River

Tuesday, Nov. 10RPIA Membership Meeting – 7 PM
North Rosedale Community House,
18445 Scarsdale

Monday, Nov. 16RPIA Board Meeting – 7 PM
GRDC office, 19800 Grand River

DECEMBER

Saturday, Dec. 5Holiday Pancake Breakfast – 9-11 AM
North Rosedale Community House,
18445 Scarsdale

Monday, Dec. 14.....RPIA Board Meeting – 7 PM
GRDC office, 19800 Grand River

Tuesday, Dec. 15.....Rosedale Park Radio Patrol
Holiday Party – 6:30 PM
[Location: TBA]

Thursday, Dec. 17 ...Neighborhood Safety Meeting
– 6:30 PM
North Rosedale Community House,
18445 Scarsdale