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THE Rosedale Park NEWS

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Beautiful Islands Make Rosedale Unique

“We added a category of Best House Landscaping.”



Best House Landscaping winner is Ronald Parker at 15041 Piedmont

While biking around the Park this summer, I was impressed with the hard work people put into sprucing up their islands. All of this effort made the Garden Committee's island judging very difficult. Undeterred, the committee, Carolyn Murphy, Ruth Remus and Deborah Tunstall, chose the best-of-the-best:

Best Winner's Circle Island: Stahelin between Eaton and Chalfonte, Nancy Bitzarakis Block Captain

Most Improved Winner's Circle: Artesian between Eaton and Chalfonte, Joan Cooper Block Captain

1st Place Winner: Warwick between Chalfonte and Fenkell, Jill Laufer/Vicki McLellan Block Captains

2nd Place Winner: Rosemont between Chalfonte and Fenkell, Chet/Mary McLeod Block Captains

Honorable Mention: Glastonbury between Lyndon and Eaton, Debra Gatson Block Captain

Honorable Mention: Piedmont between Keeler and Midland, Keith and Mary Crosby, Block Captains

Honorable Mention: Grandville between Chalfonte and Fenkell, Judy Wimberly/Pat Brown, Block Captains.

Best House Landscaping: 15041 Piedmont, Ronald Parker

-- Jim Dwight

RPIA General Membership Meeting

Tuesday, November 14th

Mark your calendar and plan to attend the November 14 General Membership meeting at 7 pm at the North Rosedale Community House, 18445 Scarsdale.

Light refreshments provided – see you there!!

2018 Nominee Bios

PAM WEINSTEIN | Candidate for RPIA President

I have lived in Detroit for 37 years, 33 of them in Rosedale Park. I have served as president of RPIA for the past two years, and I'm eager to take on the challenges of a third year in leadership.

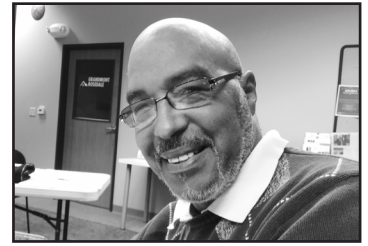
We continue to welcome scores of new homeowners to Rosedale Park, and our home values are steadily increasing, getting close to pre-crash levels. With the support, participation, and engagement of countless block captains, officers, board members, and residents, our neighborhood is on the upswing – Rosedale Park is a welcoming, friendly, and positive community. With your



support and participation, we will make 2018 another great year in Rosedale Park!

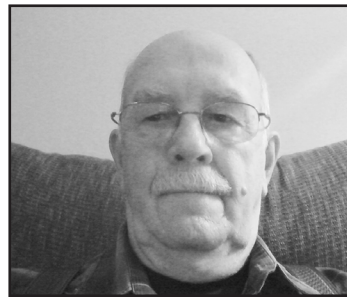
EARL MCCULLOUGH | Candidate for RPIA Board

Earl McCullough has been an RPIA member for 31 years. He is active in the Warwick Street Block Club and the organizer for the block's annual picnic for the past 27 years. He also knows Santa Claus "personally" and has been on his team for the annual Christmas Party for the past five years. Mr. McCullough, a registered nurse, is currently working with



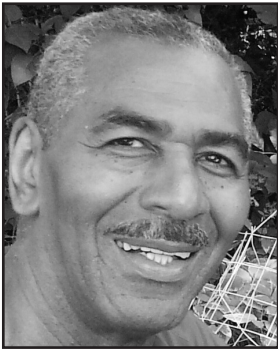
the Detroit Board of Education. He is married and has three daughters.

FRANK RABEN | Candidate for RPIA Treasurer



I have served as the RPIA treasurer for four years, and would like to continue. As a retiree with over 30 years' experience in the financial industry, I can devote the time that is needed to do the job properly, and it gives me something to do that I enjoy. I'm also the treasurer of the Grandmont Rosedale Development Corporation.

TONY MASON | Candidate for First Vice President



My wife Litha and I are 43-year residents of Rosedale Park. I served on the RPIA

Board in 2016 as co-chair of the Public Works Committee, the Special Events Committee, and assisting in the June Day Parade and Picnic. I want to be an officer of the RPIA Board of Directors to help support, as well as improve, the high quality of life in Rosedale Park -- with a primary goal of developing strategies that will increase our membership participation from the current rate of less than 50% of the 1,600 households to 70%. Along with serving on the RPIA board, I'm a board member of the Baker College Board of Regents (Allen Park Campus) and the Baker System Board of Trustees.

JIM DWIGHT | Candidate for RPIA Board

As a resident on Faust, Chalfonte to Eaton, for 33 years, I've enjoyed living in a neighborhood that reminds me of the small town where I grew up. The June Day Picnic and Parade, the Holiday Pancake Breakfast, the Easter Egg Hunt, and our Annual Gala are events that I enjoy as a volunteer. I've been on the RPIA Board for four years and have been the RP News editor for three. I'm excited about the future of our



neighborhood and want to serve as one of your representatives.

STACY PUGH | Candidate for Second Vice President

I am an 11-year resident of Rosedale Park, a former President of RPIA, and served on RPIA's Executive Board last year. I'm also active on the code enforcement committee. I am a dedicated member of the community, committed to working to make Rosedale Park a great place to live.



KIMBERLY UHURU | Candidate for RPIA Board



Kimberly Uhuru has lived in Rosedale Park for the past seven years with her husband and two children. She earned a B.A. from Michigan State University and a J. D. from DePaul University. She is a practicing attorney. She helps organize her annual block club party and island upkeep. Through RPIA, she hopes to support efforts that keep the neighborhood walkable, economically stable, and family friendly.

CAROLYN AKPE | Candidate for RPIA Board



Born in Birmingham, Alabama, Carolyn Akpe graduated from Miles College in 1969

and The University of Chicago in 1971 with a degree in Social Service Administration. She has been a community activist throughout her life – in Chicago and Detroit. Ms. Akpe's activities in Rosedale Park include: RPIA board member for two years, working with the Artesian Block Club, community gardening, June Day parade and picnic, Greening of Detroit, Northwest Detroit Farmers' Market, and founding a book club. Her interests include philosophy, religion, theatre, opera, poetry, gardening and learning to live with people and the planet as beloveds.

A Small Price to Pay for Excellence

One of the most beautiful neighborhoods in Detroit is Rosedale Park. The major reason: we are organized. The Rosedale Park Improvement Association:

- Lobbied the Wayne County Commission to pave Fenkell.
- Helped write the city ordinance regulating medical marijuana.
- Maintains the largest block captain network of any neighborhood organization in Detroit.
- Is currently urging the City Council to pass ordinances to regulate rental properties in Detroit.
- Pays for the plowing of the streets.

The largest chunk of the dues pays for snow plowing. The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's official winter forecast puts Michigan "...in the heart of an active storm track this winter." This means a higher than average snowfall predicted for our area.

The RPIA is also responsible for: the Island Beautification Committee; free weekly e-Blast; maintaining the entrance facades and signage; The Rosedale Park News and RPIA website; New Neighbor Kits; 30-block Garage Sale; Holiday Pancake Breakfast; volunteers who work hard to keep Flintstone Park beautiful; officers and board members who will listen to you and fight for you.

The annual dues are \$45 (\$25 Outer Dr. and Evergreen because the Wayne County plows those streets.) To pay online, go to our webpage, www.rosedalepark.org. Or, fill out the form on the back page and mail your check to RPIA, PO Box 23113, Detroit, 48223. For more information, call or e-mail any of the officers or board members listed on the back page of this newsletter.

-- Jim Dwight

When it's snowing in Rosedale Park...

MOVE CARS, COURVILLES & RECYCLING CARTS OFF THE STREETS!

Rosedale residents are reminded to move all vehicles off the streets when snow is predicted.

RPIA pays a private contractor to plow the snow from our streets, so that we are all able to get to work and to school on time. If your vehicle is parked on the street, the snowplow driver has no choice but to plow you in.

ALSO MOVE COURVILLE TRASH AND RECYCLING CARTS

Sometimes the snow may fly on a Sunday night/Monday morning. When that happens, be sure to place your Courville and Recycling Carts UP ON YOUR BERM, NOT ON THE STREET!! If you see your neighbor has forgotten, please remind them or lend a hand.

Working together, we can have a smooth winter season!



Annual Holiday Pancake Breakfast



Saturday, December 2 | 9 - 11 am

North Rosedale Park Community House | 18445 Scarsdale



Let's kick off the holiday season with a fun, family event at Annual Pancake Breakfast. This family event is sponsored by the Rosedale Park and North Rosedale Park Associations and is open to all Grandmont Rosedale residents.

As always, Santa will hand out small gifts to the kids around 10:15. Admission is \$4 for adults, \$3 for children under 12.

WANTED: Layout Artist for ROSEDALE PARK NEWS

RPIA seeks talented neighborhood graphic designer to serve as Layout Editor of ROSEDALE PARK NEWS. This 4-page print publication comes out 6 times a year; editor receives a stipend of \$150 per issue. InDesign is the preferred software. Send resume and samples to Pam Weinstein at weinstein148@ameritech.net by November 10, 2017.

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Calendar of Events

NOVEMBER

- Tuesday, Nov. 14
RPIA Membership Meeting - 7pm
North Rosedale Community House
18445 Scarsdale
- Monday, Nov. 27
RPIA Board Meeting - 7pm
GRDC Office
19800 Grand River

DECEMBER

- Saturday, Dec. 2
Holiday Pancake Breakfast - 9-11am
North Rosedale Community House
18445 Scarsdale
- Monday, Dec. 18
RPIA Board Meeting - 7pm
GRDC Office
19800 Grand River
- Tuesday, Dec. 19
Rosedale Park Radio Patrol - 6:30pm
Location TBA



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Phone _____

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I want to receive the weekly eBlast.

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Thank you!