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Your Vote Counts

Merriam-Webster defines "vote": *a usually formal expression of opinion or will in response to a proposed decision.* Our vote is our formal opinion on who we believe should represent us in elective office and what policies or proposals should be supported or opposed. What's amazing about our democracy is that we are not robots, but free thinking individuals who have a legal right to cast our votes based on our own thoughts, opinions, and research.

I must admit that every presidential election, I hear the words, "this election will be the most important election of our lifetimes." The truth is, every person registered to vote at age 18 and older, should consider every election the most important, because there comes a time, as Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. said, that "Our lives begin to end the day we become silent about things that matter."

Who will represent us matters. Let's speak up – let's VOTE like our lives depend on it!

Our goal for the Nov.3 election is for **100% of Rosedale Park residents who are eligible to vote**, either by mail or at a polling place.

- Answers to questions about registering to vote to how to request a ballot by mail can be found at: michigan.gov/vote.
- In Detroit contact the city clerk at: detroitmi.gov/departments/elections.
- Also check with our website, rosedalepark.org, for updates.

– RPIA President Stephanie Young

September General Membership Meeting Tuesday, Sept. 8 at 7 pm

ALERT: This meeting will be IN PERSON, outside, on the North Rosedale Community House grounds, 18445 Scarsdale – *bring a lawn chair, wear a mask!*

Agenda will include these items:

- November general election – Detroit City Clerk Janice Winfrey answers all our questions!
- DTE Energy update – Project managers explain progress on the gas main replacement project
- Grand River streetscape construction update – the latest updates on the transformation of our major neighborhood commercial district

- RPIA COVID-19 Memorial – Proposals to remember our losses in Rosedale Park
- Scholarships for Rosedale Graduates – Membership approval sought for funding two scholarships of \$1,250 each. The details of this new initiative were included in the July/August edition of the Rosedale Park News – you can also visit rosedalepark.org, click menu and go to newsletters.
- D1 Manager update – Karla Williamson brings us the latest on Proposal N and on Detroit's COVID-19 numbers

Social distancing will be observed throughout the meeting. Join us!

Piedmont Globes Repaired



RPIA Treasurer Frank Raben and Second Vice President Alex Derdelakos rolled up their sleeves and repaired the large concrete globes at the entry of Piedmont at Grand River. The concrete was crumbling so they were patched and painted with an epoxy waterproof

coating. Alex's sons, Elias and Chuck (pictured) helped with the painting.

Nominees for 2021 Officer and Board Positions

The RPIA Nominating Committee announces the following slate of nominees for 2021 officer and board positions:

Officers (2021)

- President: Kimberly Uhuru (Glastonbury)
- 1st Vice President: Larry Castleberry (Faust)
- 2nd Vice President: Alex Derdelakos (Artesian)
- Treasurer: Frank Raben (Greenview)

Board Members (2021 - 2023)

- Melodie Bunkley (Faust)
- Earl McCullough (Warwick)
- Que Roland (Piedmont)

Additional Nominations?

Any resident who is a member in good standing (current dues paid) is eligible to run for office. If you are interested in running for a position, you can submit your name, along with a simple petition containing the signatures of 10 other members in good standing who support your candidacy, to RPIA President Stephanie Young at stephyoung324@gmail.com by October 1, 2020.

The election will be held at the General Membership Meeting on Tuesday, Nov. 10, 2020. All members in good standing (2020 dues paid) are eligible to vote.

[For complete details on nominations and elections, please see Article V of the RPIA By-Laws, available on the RPIA web site, www.rosedalepark.org.]

Thanks to Our Island Gardeners

According to the Island Beautification Committee, Rosedale islands overall looked better this year than in past years. "The committee thanks all of the neighbors who weeded, planted flowers, watered, spread mulch, trimmed bushes, and made our islands blossom," said committee member Deborah Tunstull.

Annual Recognition Awards

NOTE: The Committee gives recognition awards ONLY to islands or individual homes that use all-natural materials.

Here are the winners for 2020:

Overall Islands

1st place: Rosemont between Fenkell and Chalfonte
2nd place: Artesian between Keeler and Fenkell
(No 3rd place)

Best Maintained Winner's Circle

Artesian between Chalfonte and Eaton
Ashton between Fenkell and Chalfonte
Stahelin between Chalfonte and Eaton

Most Improved Islands

Greenview between Eaton and Chalfonte
Greenview between Chalfonte and Fenkell
Rosemont between Eaton and Lyndon

Best Individual House Landscaping

14943 Greenview

Honorable Mention Individual House Landscaping

14919 Rosemont

If there are any questions, please feel free to contact any member of the committee:

Deborah Tunstull, 313-549-1330

Ruth Remus, 313-837-3215

Carolyn Murphy, 313-838-1768

Block Captains Meet Safely Outside



Residents socially distancing and wearing masks at the August Block Captain's meeting.

Sept/Oct 2020 Calendar

September

- Tuesday, Sept. 8 at 7 pm – RPIA Membership Meeting – IN PERSON, North Rosedale Community House grounds, 18445 Scarsdale – *bring a lawn chair, wear a mask!*
- Tuesday, Sept. 15 at 6:30 pm – Rosedale Park Radio Patrol meeting – location TBD
- Monday, Sept. 28 from 7-9 pm - RPIA Board Meeting – IN PERSON, Rosemont Acacia Park – *bring a lawn chair, wear a mask!*

October

- Sunday, October 18 from 4-6 pm – Rosedale Block Captains’ Meeting – IN PERSON, at Rosemont Acacia Park – *bring a lawn chair, wear a mask!*
- Monday, Oct. 26 from 7-9 pm - RPIA Board Meeting – location TBD

PRO TIP FOR WASTE PICK UP: Text your street address to 313-800-7905 and you will receive free reminder texts from the City of Detroit every Sunday night at 6 pm to inform you what will be picked up the following Monday.



SOLID WASTE PICK-UPS IN ROSEDALE PARK

September-October-November 2020

Sept 7	HOLIDAY – No Service
Sept 8	Trash, Recycling, Bulk, Yard Waste
Sept 14	Trash only
Sept 21	Trash, Recycling, Bulk, Yard Waste
Sept 28	Trash only
Oct 5	Trash, Recycling, Bulk, Yard Waste
Oct 12	Trash only
Oct 19	Trash, Recycling, Bulk, Yard Waste
Oct 26	Trash only
Nov 2	Trash, Recycling, Bulk, Yard Waste
Nov 9	Trash only
Nov 16	Trash, Recycling, Bulk, Yard Waste
Nov 23	Trash only
Nov 30	Trash, Recycling, Bulk, Yard Waste

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TCF Bank Beautification Grant Scores a Big Success on Ashton Street!



Ashton neighbors, RPIA board members, and City Officials meet to discuss barriers.

The five Grandmont Rosedale neighborhoods recently received beautification grants of \$5,000 apiece to do projects to improve their neighborhoods. TCF Vice President Latrice McClendon said, “I wanted to give Grandmont Rosedale residents an easy-to-access opportunity to beautify their neighborhoods in any way they deemed necessary – not a lot of requirements or paperwork and hoops to jump through. Just make your area beautiful!”

RPIA President Stephanie Young knew just what to do when she heard about the TCF initiative. “The dead-end block of Ashton at Rosemont Acacia Park has been an ongoing headache for Rosedale neighbors who live nearby. Even though there have always been NO STANDING and NO PARKING signs clearly visible in that area, people have continued to park and party there all hours of the day and night. The TCF funding made it possible for us to solve this problem permanently and in a really beautiful way!”

Block That Traffic!

Ashton Block Captain Wanda Edwards suggested attractive concrete planters, to be placed across the roadway so as to block cars from entering the turnaround space. Neighborhood volunteers from the Vacant Property/Blight



Detroit city workers plant blue star junipers in the barriers on Ashton.

Task Force, the Ashton Street Block Club, and the Island Beautification Committee put their heads together and got busy – the results are truly outstanding! The blue star junipers planted in the planters are low maintenance foliage that is attractive and won’t require a lot of attention to maintain.

Staff from the City of Detroit’s General Services Landscape Design Unit and Park Development Unit assisted the neighborhood volunteers in making their vision a reality – many thanks to Barry Burton and David Sumners!

And a special shout-out to Frank Raben, RPIA Treasurer and Handyman Extraordinaire who rescued the old Ashton Block Club sign, repaired and refurbished it, and then installed it in the central planter – preserving the old and integrating it into the new.

Stay Tuned!

There is one more project on the drawing board for the remainder of the TCF beautification grant. Watch the newly created Warwick right-of-way at Grand River later in the fall – it’s going to be great!

Rosedale Block Captains’ Meeting

Sunday, Oct. 18, 2020

Rosedale block captains will gather IN PERSON for their regular quarterly meeting on Sunday, Oct. 18, 2020 from 4–6 pm, at Rosemont Acacia Park. Everyone must *bring their own lawn chair* and *wear a mask*. Social distancing will be observed at all times to ensure health and safety.

The agenda will include reports from our president and treasurer, as well as updates on the DTE gas line replacement project and the Grand River streetscape project. Snacks and bottled water provided. For more information, contact Nancy Bitzarakis at nancy2061@aol.com or Pam Weinstein at weinstein148@ameritech.net.