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President's Message Greetings, RPIA Neighbors!

Hope this issue of the RPIA News finds you and yours safe and well. It has been an unforgettable 2020 to date. Pandemic, demands for social and racial justice, a contentious election cycle and a major motion picture being filmed in our backyard — **No Sudden Move!**

I hope many of you have had a chance to see the vintage automobiles parked on Ashton and perhaps even caught a glimpse of actors in their 1950's attire. It's really been fascinating to watch.

The crew has been amazing. Ryan Shaw, the assistant location manager, has been the absolute best to work with. He has kept us informed every step of the way. The following is an excerpt from a letter I received from the producers, Julie M Anderson, Executive Producer and Casey Silver, Producer: "Thank you so much for your kind hospitality during our shoot in Rosedale Park. Director Steven Soderbergh scouted this neighborhood in December of 2019 ... when he saw this lovely neighborhood [we knew] it would influence his decision to lobby for Detroit. What we couldn't have known at the time was how easy it would be to work here and how supportive the neighbors would be. Shooting a period film can be challenging. We're extremely grateful to the Rosedale Park neighborhood for your cooperation and patience. We hope you will enjoy the film as proud participants when it streams on HBO MAX next year."



Classic cars used during the filming of "No Sudden Move" in Rosedale Park.

This has been an uplifting and exciting addition to what has been a challenging year. I'm grateful for the positive energy it has brought our beautiful neighborhood and look forward to Rosedale Park's movie premier next year.

As always, please know your association is here for you. Please call or email me anytime you have questions, concerns or just want to shoot the breeze — I'm here for you!

Blessings,

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Membership Meeting info

Our November meeting will be an abbreviated due to our election. Voting will take place virtually via our website, [rosedalepark.org] or in person from 5pm – 7pm at the North Rosedale Park Community House. 2020 dues must be paid in order to vote. Please join us at **8 pm on Zoom** to learn the results and hear from our newest board members. A few community updates will be provided and the meeting will end by 9 pm. The Zoom login information will be emailed to everyone we have email addresses on record for. Please feel free to confirm or share your email address at rdalepark@gmail.com. You can also dial in by calling: 312. 626. 6799. Meeting ID: 875 0001 7996. Passcode: 196296

Candidates for 2021 Officer and Board Positions

Kimberly Uhuru, candidate for President (2021)

Kimberly has been a resident of Rosedale Park for the past 10 years and currently serves on the RPIA Board. She is an ethics attorney who handles complex attorney discipline prosecutions for the Michigan Attorney Grievance Commission. She also currently serves on the Board of Black Leaders Detroit, a non-profit committed to economic development in Detroit. She lives with her husband and their two high-school age children. Her hobbies include reading, baking, and protecting her garden from the squirrels.



Melodie Bunkley, candidate for Board Member (2021-2023)

I am a native Detroiter – born and raised here. I’m a graduate of Oakland University and Walsh College. As a 17-year resident of Rosedale Park, I am very passionate about Detroit and keeping our neighborhoods clean and safe. My motto is “Get it Done!” I am excited and welcome the opportunity to serve as a RPIA board member. This will allow me to continue to be an active participant in moving our city forward in a positive direction.



Larry Castleberry, candidate for 1st Vice President (2021)

Larry, a board member since 2017, is a 21-year resident of Rosedale who loves the martial arts, reading, playing chess, and telling stories.



Alex Derdelakos 2nd Vice President (2021)

I’ve lived in Rosedale Park since March 2013 with my wife Susan Laing and our sons Elias and Chuck. I’m a project manager/estimator for a family commercial painting company. I’ve served on the board since January 2017. Since joining the community and board, I’ve developed a new website for the neighborhood, assisted with the signing of a new contract for snow removal, and sat on the Finance Committee helping with several projects. Rosedale Park is such a wonderful and welcoming community to live in. We look forward to living and raising our children here for years to come.



Earl McCullough, candidate for Board Member (2021-2023)

Earl McCullough has been an RPIA member for 33 years. He is active in the Warwick Street Block Club and the organizer for the block’s annual picnic for the past 29 years. He also knows Santa Claus “personally” and has been on his team for the annual Christmas Party for the past seven years. Mr. McCullough, a registered nurse, and is currently working with the Detroit Board of Education. He is married and has three daughters. His special interests are advanced technology, virtual/broadcasting, music, especially jazz, and a love for cooking.



Que Roland, candidate for Board Member (2021-2023)

Que Roland is a Native Detroiter, graduated from Cass Technical High School, received a Bachelor’s Degree from Wayne State University and a Graduate Degree from University of Detroit Mercy. Que moved her family of three sons to Rosedale Park in 2012 – making the household one of the busiest on the block. Que owns a property preservation company and co-working office. This year has been particularly enlightening and awakening, which led Que to organize marches and work with other organizations to promote equality of African American and other minorities. Que loves the neighborhood, often referring to Rosedale as the suburbs in the city. Que is a true lover of Detroit, and excited to continue to show up and invest in the community that we call home.



Frank Raben, candidate for Treasurer (2021)

I have been serving RPIA as Treasurer for the past seven years and have lived in Rosedale Park since 1978. I have also served as Rosedale Park’s representative on GRDC’s board for 30 years and as a Block Captain on Greenview for ten years. I am retired and being Treasurer gives me something to do; it is an honor to be trusted by the Membership and RPIA Board to look after RPIA’s finances.



Sept/Oct 2020 Calendar

November

- Tuesday, Nov. 10 at 8 pm — RPIA Membership Meeting — See the bottom of the front page for the information.
- Monday, Nov. 23 from 7-9 pm — RPIA Board Meeting — virtual Zoom meeting

December

- Saturday, Dec. 5 — Holiday Pancake Breakfast **CANCELLED DUE TO COVID**
- Monday, Dec. 14 from 7-9 pm — RPIA Board Meeting — virtual Zoom meeting

RPIA is Offering Two College Scholarships — Apply Now

RPIA is offering onetime college scholarship of \$1,250 each to two graduating seniors who reside within the boundaries of the Rosedale Park neighborhood and who have demonstrated effort and promise during their high school careers.

The first awards will be made for the semester beginning January 2021. Go to the home page of: rosedalepark.org for all of the details.

A Detroit Dance Company Performs at Stoepel Park

Residents of Rosedale Park were artistically entertained and emotionally affected by "Solace: A Community Healing Project," a modern dance performance presented at Stoepel Park on September 2. The Contexture Dance Detroit performance expressed how Covid-19 has affected them personally, their families, the community and the City of Detroit.



One of the dancers from Contexture Dance Detroit performing at Stoepel Park.

"The dancers in the company had not been able to do a public performance since COVID began, and I wanted to create a unique outdoor dance experience for these dancers and for the neighborhood where I was born and raised," said Tracy Halloran, artistic director, ConteXture danceDETROIT.

Each of the dozen or so dancers moved through the park by the many mosaics while onlookers moved with them for viewings. It was a solemn but meditative time for all to see the very engaging dancers help us express the effect Covid has had on us.

— By Ruth Remus

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Neighbors Stepped Up in 2020 to Make Our Islands Beautiful



Both above photos are the first-place winners, Rosemont, Chalfonte to Fenkell. This block won the Best Island in 2019 also. Chet and Mary McLeod are the block captains. The photos are two of three plantings.

According to the Island Beautification Committee, Rosedale islands overall looked better this year than in past years. Here are the winners:

Overall: 1st place – Rosemont, Fenkell to Chalfonte; 2nd place – Artesian, Fenkell to Keeler.



Best Individual House Landscaping: 14943 Greenview.

Best Maintained

Winner's Circle: Artesian, Eaton to Chalfonte; Ashton, Chalfonte to Fenkell; Stahelin, Eaton to Chalfonte.

Most Improved Islands:

Greenview, Eaton to Chalfonte; Greenview, Chalfonte to Fenkell; Rosemont, Lyndon to Eaton.

Best Individual House Landscaping:

14943 Greenview; Honorable Mention: 14919 Rosemont.



Second Place Artesian, Fenkell to Keeler. Lucille Bridges, block captain.

New Island Beautification on Outer Drive

You may have noticed some colorful new island flowerbed plantings on Outer Drive between Fenkell and Grand River this year. Brenda Bell and Patricia Pruitt, residents of that block, decided that they needed pretty flowers on their island and got busy. Outer Drive is a busier street than many others in our neighborhood with many cars passing through. Providing attractive plantings highlights Rosedale Park as a community where residents care and take initiative which benefits us all. Thank you, Brenda and Patricia!

Your Island Beautification Committee,
Carolyn Murphy, Deborah Tunstull and Ruth Remus



Outer Dr., Fenkell to Grand River. One of three plantings.