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Congratulations to Our Rosedale Scholarship Winners



From the left, RPIA President Kim Uhuru, Kevin Wallace and his mother Tracy.

Kevin Wallace

Street: Glastonbury

High School: Cass Technical High School, 3.79 GPA

College: University of Michigan

Major: Mechanical Engineering

Career: Field of robotics and artificial intelligence

Kevin has fond memories growing up in Rosedale

Park — playing in the Rosedale Soccer League, marching with his Cub Scout Troop in the June Day parades, and singing Christmas songs and eating pancakes at the Holiday Pancake Breakfast.

Volunteering is a passion with Kevin. “... I helped planting trees at Stoepel Park and on Rosemont Street with the Greening of Detroit,” said Kevin. “I also volunteered with Toys for Tots and the Detroit Rescue Mission.”

Kevin was accepted into U-M’s M-STEP Program (Michigan Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics), and plans to join the National Society of Black Engineers.



Lauren Talbert

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Street: Stahelin

High School: Renaissance High School, 3.2 GPA

College: Lyman Briggs College at Michigan State University

Major: Biomedical Laboratory Science

Career: Emergency Room Physician

Lauren is intently focused on the future by setting lofty goals. “I plan to major in Biomedical Laboratory Science... with the hope of being able to attend Johns Hopkins University’s medical school,” said Talbert. Her eventual goal is to be an emergency room physician.

Lauren believes in mentorship programs supporting her community: “I’m also passionate about giving back to the community and helping and educating youth.” At MSU, Lauren plans to join the Black Student Alliance.

BLOCK CAPTAINS’ MEETING on Sunday, August 8

Rosedale Block Captains will meet in person on Sunday, Aug. 8 for their quarterly get-together. The meeting will be held outdoors on the lawn at the North Rosedale Community House, 18445 Scarsdale, starting at 4 PM. Please bring your lawn chair and your concerns. For more information, contact Pam Weinstein at weinstein148@ameritech.net or 313-231-2244.

Save the Date: GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING on Tuesday, September 14 at 7:00

We will meet indoors at the North Rosedale Community House, 18445 Scarsdale. The agenda will include reports from our President Kimberly Uhuru, District 1 Manager Karla Williamson from the Department of Neighborhoods, County Commissioner Alicia Bell, and more.

Join Us for the Rosedale Community Bike Ride on Saturday, July 17



Cyclists gather for the July 2017 bike ride in Rosedale.

It's time to pump up the tires, oil the chain, and get bikes ready for the Rosedale Community Bike Ride. This five-mile family-friendly event begins at 9 am on the east side of Stoepel Park on Westwood with a ride through Rosedale, crossing Grand River to loop through North Rosedale, then back to Rosedale Park, ending at Rosemont Acacia Park. Everyone, please wear your helmets.

Following the ride, we will dedicate the new COVID Memorial for Rosedale Park residents who passed away from the virus. [See COVID Memorial article below for more details.]

Registration, route map, and more info can be found at rosedalepark.org.

RPIA Dedicates COVID Memorial on July 17 at Rosemont Acacia

In conjunction with the Rosedale Community Bike Ride on Saturday, July 17, Rosedale Park Improvement Association (RPIA) will dedicate a new memorial to six neighborhood residents who died of COVID-19.

The memorial has been installed at Rosemont Acacia Park and includes the names of Rosedale residents lost to COVID:

- Edmon Carmichael (Warwick)
- Gwendolyn Carmichael (Warwick)
- Florence Coleman-Owens (Penrod)
- Alice Gilbert (Ashton)
- Irvin Thompkins, Sr. (Piedmont)

- Regina Vaughn (Rosemont)

The dedication begins at 11:00 am and will include remarks from family members of those being honored by the memorial. All are welcome to attend.

TCF Bank has given RPIA a generous beautification grant, which will cover the cost of the memorial. Roman Stone Works graciously donated the limestone, and the entire memorial was installed by Victor Ramirez of VR Landscaping & Construction.

For more information, contact RPIA President Kimberly Uhuru at kuhuru@gmail.com.

TCF Beautification Grant for Rosedale Islands

Development Corporation (GRDC), to be divided equally among the five Grandmont Rosedale neighborhoods, to help us spruce up our surroundings. This is the second year Rosedale Park has received \$5,000 from this generous TCF grant.

This year RPIA was pleased to put the majority of its TCF funds to work as matching grants to blocks that invested up to a maximum of \$150 in making their island beautiful. Eligible expenses included dirt, mulch, grass seed, flowers, perennials, shrubs, landscape blocks, tools, fertilizer, weed killer, boulders, seeds, flower pots, stakes, etc. These grants were given on a first-come, first-served basis, and over 25 blocks participated.

Beatification Committee to Check Islands in August

FYI to everyone: the Island Beautification Committee will be driving through the neighborhood in August, checking on all the islands to find good candidates for the annual island recognition prizes and awards.

The awards include Winners Circle, Most Improved Winners Circle, Best Maintained Winners Circle, and Best House Landscaping.



Block captains meeting on May 16.



General Membership Meeting, May 11.

The people of Rosedale Park are tough and resilient. This spring when the COVID-19 protocols against meeting inside were in effect, we met outside with masks and social distancing. On a chilly evening of May 11, we held our general membership meeting on the grounds of North Rosedale's Community House. Then five days later, we held our Block Captain's meeting on the same spot. We rally and work hard in Rosedale Park.

Join Us for Free Movies in the Park



Grandmont Movie Night on May 26.

Looking for a free, family-friendly, outdoor event right in our Rosedale neighborhood? GRDC is hosting this movie series in conjunction with each of the five neighborhoods. **RPIA is cohosting our movie night on Saturday, August 14, at Rosemont Acacia Park.** The movie begins when it gets dark (after 9 pm).

It's a great way for the community to come together safely to have some fun. Bring your blanket and chairs, (some bug spray, too, if you wish).

Northwest Detroit Farmers' Market vendors Irresistible Popcorn and food truck Cravin' Station will be there and so will your neighbors!

Other Movie Nights: Grandmont #1 is cohosting on Saturday, July 17 at Rosemont Acacia Park; and North Rosedale Park on Thursday, August 19 at 9 pm at the Community House.

For more info, contact Kathy Garrett at kgarrett@grandmontrosedale.com or 313.387.4732, ext. 116.

Registration Now Open for Rosedale Soccer League

The Rosedale Soccer League has been providing kids in our area a chance to have fun playing a sport right in our backyard for at least three decades. RSL, an instructional/recreational league, is supported by area neighborhood associations and is open to boys and girls aged 4 – 17 years old.

Rosedale Soccer's season begins Saturday, August 14 and runs through October 9.

To register, go to rosedalesoccerleague.org.

If you have questions or concerns, please contact us at: (313) 405-3314.



July – August 2021 Calendar

July

- Sat., July 17: Rosedale Community Bike Ride, 9 AM
Stoepel to Rosemont Acacia Park – also COVID Memorial Dedication @ 11 AM

August

- Sun., Aug, 8: Block Captains' Meeting, 4 – 6 PM
North Rosedale Community House, 18445 Scarsdale

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President's Message



Kimberly Uhuru

It's a great time to be in Rosedale Park! The grass is green, the flowers are planted, and many of our islands are looking especially good, thanks to the hard work of the neighbors who maintain them.

I hope you're planning to join us for our inaugural Community Bike Ride on Saturday, July 17, starting at Stoepel Park Westwood. This will be a free family friendly event, and all ages are welcome. The ride will be followed by a very special dedication of our Memorial to Rosedale neighbors lost to COVID-19. For more details, please check out the registration page at rosedalepark.org. Later this summer, join us at a movie night co-hosted by GRDC over at Flintstone Park (Rosemont and Acacia), complete with drinks and snacks! Each of the five Grandmont Rosedale neighborhoods has signed on to host, and our night to shine is Saturday, August 14. Look out for flyers with more details as the event date nears.

Lastly, I want to give a very special shout out to the two Rosedale scholars who each earned a \$1,250 college scholarship from RPIA. Lauren Talbert of Stahelin and Kevin Wallace of Glastonbury will be doing our neighborhood proud as they continue their studies at Michigan State University and University of Michigan, respectively. These students not only completed their high school educations successfully during a pandemic, but they also made time for community service and extra-curriculars. We wish them the very best as they continue their studies.

60-Block Yard Sale Not a Complete Washout

Severe storms dumped over a foot of water in the Detroit area Friday (June 25) and early Saturday morning but that did not dampen the spirits of Rosedale families who still put out items for the 60-Block Yard Sale. There were a few hearty souls who, set up shop, despite storm warnings.

