

# The Rosedale Park NEWS



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## Rosedale Islands Shine!

**Beautiful architecture! Friendly neighbors! Nearby parks! Athletic leagues for kids! There are just a few of the many positive features of our Rosedale Park neighborhood.**

But there's one unique asset that is sometimes overlooked — our islands. Out of a total of 64 blocks in Rosedale, 46 of them have at least one island. When you stop and think about it, our islands are arguably *the* defining feature of our neighborhood. This year our Rosedale islands collectively are looking better than they have in decades. Take a minute to learn more about recent developments — read on!

### TCF/Huntington Beautification Grants

A recent grant of \$5,000 to Rosedale Park from TCF/Huntington Bank provided up to \$150 per block in reimbursement funds to residents beautifying their islands. Over 30 blocks took advantage of this generous program and the results are currently on display for all to see! Take a ride around Rosedale and check out the wide variety of imaginative efforts by your neighbors — you may get some inspiration for next season!

Faust, Fenkell to Chalfonte



### 2021 Island Recognition Awards

One of many longtime Rosedale traditions, our annual island recognition awards are always eagerly anticipated. Members of the Island Beautification Committee — Carolyn Murphy, Ruth Remus, and Deborah Tunstall — put in hours of work advising residents, encouraging efforts, and touring the neighborhood to observe the results. We applaud their hard work and are delighted to announce this year's winners:

#### Best Island Landscaping

**1st Place:** Rosemont, Chalfonte to Fenkell (Island beautifiers are Kary and Phillis Lovette, Martha Cleaves, Cheryl Ball, Chris Gambrell).

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### General Membership Meeting, Tuesday, Sept. 14

Mark your calendar and plan to attend the Tuesday, September 14th General Membership Meeting at 7 PM — outdoors at the North Rosedale Community House, 18445 Scarsdale (bring your lawn chair, wear a mask!). The agenda includes: • Grand River Streetscape — Issues and Concerns • Groundhogs in Rosedale? • Sweatshirt Order • Updates — Movie Night; Upcoming Elections; Bike Ride/COVID Memorial event; Rosedale Clean-Up Club. Light refreshments provided — see you there!

# Nominations Committee Slate Announced

Any resident interested in running for office as a board member or officer can submit his/her name, along with a petition containing the signatures of 10 residents supporting the nomination, to Kim Uhuru at [kuhuru@gmail.com](mailto:kuhuru@gmail.com) or **313-460-8398** by October 1, 2021. The election will be held at the General Membership Meeting on Tuesday, Nov. 9, 2021. All members in good standing (2021 dues paid) are eligible to vote. The bios of the candidates will be published in the November/December issue of the RP News.

### Officers — each officer serves a one-year term.

President	Larry Castleberry (2022)
Vice President	Andrew Sarazin (2022)
2nd Vice President	Alex Derdelakos (2022)
Treasurer	Frank Raben (2022)

### Directors — each director serves a three-year term.

Jasmin DeForrest (2022 – 2024)  
Ulysses Freeman (2022 – 2024)  
Ivan Johnson (2022 – 2024)  
Tonia Holloway (2022)\*

*\*This director position is for a one-year term only; this director position is currently held by Andrew Sarazin, who is moving up to serve as a Vice President in 2022. Andrew has already served two years of the three-year term for this position. Tonia is nominated to fill the final year on this term.*

## Rosedale Movie in the Park Saturday, Sept. 18, 7:15 pm



Grandmont Movie Night on May 26.

Our August Movie in the Park was postponed due to the vendor having a family emergency. It is now Saturday, Sept. 18 at 7:15 pm at Rosemont/Acacia Park, 14130 Rosemont. Stay in touch with our eBlast for updates.

## President's Message



Kimberly Uhuru

As summer comes to a close, we look forward to fall activities and events. Please make sure to join us at our rescheduled Movie Night on September 18 at Flintstone Park (Rosemont/Acacia). The movie title and food and beverage vendors will be announced as we get closer to the date. Look for text reminders from us, as well as listings in the E-blast as the date nears. Thanks again to Grandmont Rosedale Development Corporation for organizing and co-hosting this event!

At the recent block captains' meeting, many of our block captains expressed concern about the lack of cleanliness in some parts of our neighborhood. I share this concern. I am wondering if there is any interest in creating a Rosedale Clean-up Club that meets on a regular basis to spruce up parts of the neighborhood that need attention. This needn't be an onerous commitment- maybe an hour a month. If you would be interested in joining such a club, please shoot me an e-mail at [kuhuru@gmail.com](mailto:kuhuru@gmail.com) with the subject line "clean-up." At our next board meeting, we will discuss strategies for making sure neighborhood businesses and city departments are doing their best to keep Rosedale clean.

Lastly, if you have not gotten vaccinated against COVID-19, I urge you to do so. I firmly believe that this is not a political issue, but a public health issue. It is now easy to get a vaccination on a walk-in basis (no appointment needed) simply by visiting a neighborhood pharmacy. The city of Detroit is also offering home visits for vaccination, which means you don't even have to leave your house. You can schedule an appointment by calling (313)230-0505. Please make use of these resources and tell your friends and family about them. Due to the Delta variant and the resulting recent spike in cases, RPIA will continue meeting outdoors and by Zoom for the time being. I look forward to the time when we can resume our indoor meetings safely and in person.

## Rosedale Block Captains' Meeting October 17

Rosedale block captains will meet on Sunday, Oct. 17 from 4 – 6 pm IN PERSON outdoors at the North Rosedale Park Community House, 18445 Scarsdale. Bring your lawn chair and wear your mask — watch your email for more details!

# Rosedale Community Bike Ride and COVID Memorial Dedication

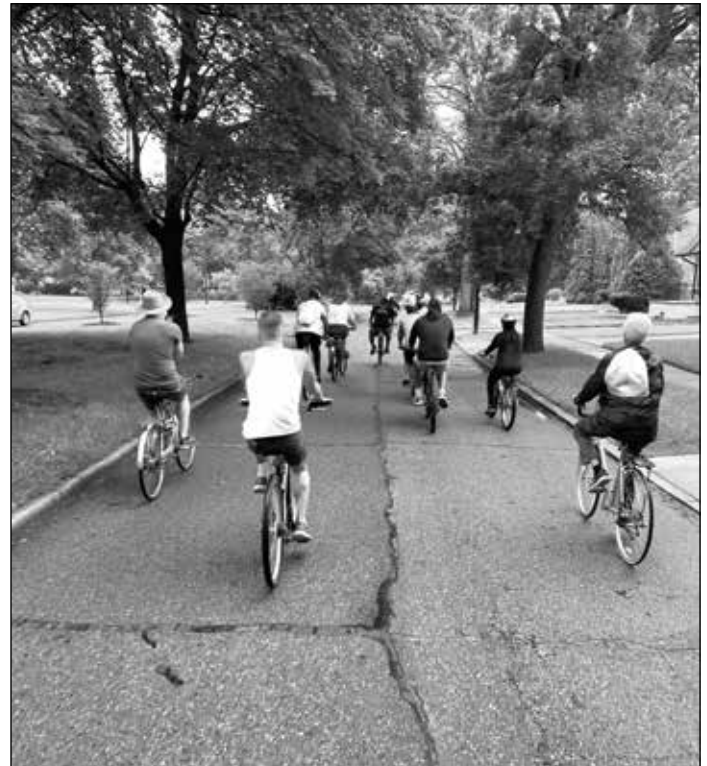
RPIA President Kim Uhuru and her husband Dwan welcomed a hearty group of bikers as they lined up at Stoepel Park early on Saturday, July 17 for the inaugural RPIA Rosedale Community Bike Ride. Around 30 people – young and old – pedaled the five-mile family-friendly route through Rosedale Park and North Rosedale, finishing at Rosemont Acacia Park.

Soon after finishing, we dedicated the COVID Memorial at the park for Rosedale Park residents who died from COVID-19: Edmon Carmichael (Warwick), Gwendolyn Carmichael (Warwick), Florence Coleman-Owens (Penrod), Alice Gilbert (Ashton), Irvin Thompkins, Sr. (Piedmont), and Regina Vaughn (Rosemont).



Rosedale Park's brick COVID Memorial at Rosemont Acacia Park.

TCF Bank gave RPIA a generous beautification grant, which covered 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.



Riders cruise through North Rosedale on a beautiful morning.

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# Rosedale Islands Shine, continued

**2nd Place:** Grandville, Midland to Grand River (Island beautifiers are Cortral Barnes, Emily Wall-Winkel, Katherine Gamma, Cynthia Lewis). Photo below.



## Most Improved Island Landscaping

Two-way tie this year between Piedmont, Lyndon to Eaton (Island beautifiers are Denise Gimpel, David Everett, Joyce Stein) and Piedmont, Chalfonte to Fenkell (Island beautifiers are Sue Berry and many neighbors who helped).

## Best Home Landscaping

The 2021 award goes to Michael and Pat Folks at 15450 Piedmont.



## Best Maintained Winners Circle Landscaping

A three-way tie this year:

1. Artesian, Chalfonte to Eaton (Island beautifiers are Donna West, Jeremy Espinoza, Pat Hale, Kevin Parker);
2. Stahelin, Chalfonte to Eaton (Island beautifiers are Maurice Johnson, Mike Herron);
3. Warwick, Chalfonte to Fenkell (Island beautifiers are Jill Laufer, Dennis Jones).

## Winners Circle Award to Rosemont

If an island wins first place for Best Island Landscaping three years in a row, that island is then awarded a coveted Winners Circle award. We are happy to recognize the diligent and consistent efforts of this year's 1st place overall winner, Rosemont from Chalfonte to Fenkell, with the Winners Circle Award.

Congratulations, everyone!

# Summer Fun At Our Neighborhood Block Parties

Residents have enjoyed block parties in Rosedale Park for over 50 years. COVID diminished the spirit but there were a few block parties this summer – pictured are Ashton (Fenkell to Chalfonte) and Faust (Chalfonte to Eaton). If you have photos from your block party, please email them to Jim Dwight, [jdwright99@ameritech.net](mailto:jdwright99@ameritech.net).



Neighbors swapping stories on Ashton (Fenkell to Chalfonte).



Let them eat cake on Faust (Chalfonte to Eaton).