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President's Message



**RPIA President
Larry Castleberry**

Happy 2023 everyone. On behalf of the RPIA Board, I apologize for not having a January/February Newsletter. After many years of incredible service Jim was looking for someone to pick up the mantle as Editor of the Newsletter. Fortunately, at our annual Board member January retreat, one of our newest board members, Michael Malis, quickly stepped up to the plate. Michael will be

assisted by board member Tonia Holloway. We're very thankful to both of them for picking up this task.

The January retreat was very productive and restorative. We were honored to have Councilman President Pro Tem James Tate conduct the swearing in ceremony of the 2023 Board. We're looking forward to another wonderful year in Rosedale Park, and we hope to see you at any of our upcoming events. Lastly, we're looking forward to seeing everyone at our March general membership meeting.

Detroit Partnership Day Returns Saturday, April 1

April 1st we will once again partner with students from the University of Michigan for the annual Detroit Partnership Day. We'll clean up Rosemont-Acacia Park (aka Flintstone Park) and the Southfield Service Drive. Cleaning will begin at 10:00 am and run until 2:00. A big thank you to Macedonia Church who have noted they will again allow us to utilize the church for bathroom breaks. We definitely would love to see members of the community come out and participate in a little neighborhood Spring Cleaning.



Detroit Partnership Day Clean Up Crew

General Membership Meeting on Tuesday, March 7 7:00pm. North Rosedale Community House, 18445 Scarsdale

Please join us for our Spring membership meeting. Come out to hear neighborhood and city-wide updates, as well as the financial report. As always, there will be an opportunity to meet new neighbors, and express your concerns and present questions to neighborhood leaders. You will also be able to pay your dues in person at the meeting if you have not already done so online. The meeting will be held on March 7 at 7 p.m. at the North Rosedale Park Community House located at 18445 Scarsdale. If you have a meeting topic you would like to see on the agenda, please contact 1st Vice President Kimberly Uhuru at kuhuru@gmail.com.

RPIA Read Celebrates 2 Year Anniversary

About 2 years ago, a few members of our community decided to create a “safe space” to have meaningful discussions about: Race Relations, Economics, Housing, Neighborhoods, Rosedale Park, Detroit and a host of other topics. To help with those meaningful discussions, we created the RPIA Community Read group. The group decides what books we are going to read and when the Zoom calls will be to have our conversations. We use the book content to start and move through the conversation.

Everyone is invited to join the call. The great thing about our calls and conversations is the “safe space.” It is wonderful to freely and openly talk about a host of book-related topics, without fear of criticism. Respect, Respect, Respect is what I call the “3 R’s of Effective Communication.” It’s truly a wonderful experience!

During our short time of existence, we have read several books such as: *Caste*, *The Help*, *The Color of Law*, *The 1619 Project*, *While Justice Sleeps*, *Toxic Debt—An Environmental Justice History of Detroit*, *Allow Me to Retort*, *A Black Guy’s Guide to the Constitution*, and more. The Zoom calls are usually once a month, unless the group decides to make a change. There is no pressure. Many of our participants sit and listen to the discussion, while others talk more. And if you did not have a chance to finish the book before the call, that’s okay. Join in anyway.

Please look for RPIA Community Read information in the “E-Blast,” or feel free to contact the organizers: Bonnie Halloran (bonnieabh@aol.com), or Ivan Johnson (iajoffice@gmail.com).

Please join us! Register now at: www.rosedalepark.org/bookclub

The Garden Bug Reopening

Open: April 21st thru June 22nd 7 days a week from 9-6pm.

Reopen: October & December. Fall and Christmas decor available!

Come join your neighbors at The Garden Bug! This jewel and neighborhood garden center has been in historic Rosedale Park since Spring 2015. They offer a variety of fun, functional, and affordable yard decor and plants. Their goal is to make Detroit beautiful one home at a time. In addition to their products, they also provide instructions on planting and starting flower beds. They service corporate and residential customers.

Additionally, they are hiring starting at age 15 for cashiers, grounds maintenance, and car loaders. Inquire at the telephone number below.

18901 Grand River Ave, Detroit, MI 48202, (313) 530-5296 thegardenbugdetroit.com

RPIA Financial Corner

The RPIA finances are in good condition. 2022 was a good year. As you may know, there are approximately 1,600 households in Rosedale Park. Out of these households, only 552 paid their annual association dues. This community is great and the envy of many others. Rosedale Park is known in many parts of Michigan, from the U.P. to Grand Haven, to Monroe to Benton Harbor, Lansing and all points in-between. The payment of the association dues will help us keep the great things, and do even more. In 2022, we were able to pay all of our expenses such as: snow removal, island beautification, pancake breakfast, bike ride, publications, community meetings, scholarship fund, and many others.

We have events planned for 2023, and the payment of dues will help us accomplish our goals. Monthly financial reports are given at our membership meetings, but if you have specific questions, please feel free to reach out to me: Ivan Johnson (rpiatreasurer2023@gmail.com).

Thanks to all that have already paid their 2023 dues, and thanks in advance to everyone who will be sending in their dues soon. You can pay your dues online at: rosedalepark.org or by mailing a check or money order to: Rosedale Park Improvement Association P.O. Box 23113, Detroit, MI 48223.

—Ivan A. Johnson, Treasurer

2022 RPIA Year-End Financials

As of January 31, 2023	Total
Assets	
Current Assets	
Bank Accounts	
Checking	\$15,628.11
HUNTINGTON CD	\$38.47
New CD Account	\$23,000.00
OLD CHECKING	\$0.00
Old Savings	\$0.00
Petty Cash	\$345.00
Savings	\$5,689.60
Scholarship Fund	\$1,608.43
Total Bank Accounts	\$46,309.61
Total Current Assets	\$46,309.61
TOTAL ASSETS	
\$46,309.61	
Liabilities and Equity	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Other Current Liabilities	
Radio Patrol	\$0.00
Total Other Current Liabilities	\$0.00
Total Current Liabilities	\$0.00
Total Liabilities	\$0.00
Equity	
Opening Balance Equity	\$0.00
Retained Earnings	\$49,966.43
Net Income	\$-3,656.82
Total Equity	\$46,309.61
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	\$46,309.61

Rosedale Grandmont Baseball League

Registration for the 2023 Rosedale Grandmont Baseball season is open! Boys and girls ages 3–16 are welcome to learn and play in this wonderful neighborhood teaching league. To learn more about the league, and to register, visit www.rosedalegrandmontbaseball.org.

Register early to secure a spot for your player(s) and take advantage of Dick Sporting Goods League Appreciation 20% off event March 3–6.

For more information, email rosedalegrandmontbaseball@gmail.com.

ROSEDALE GRANDMONT BASEBALL

REGISTRATION NOW OPEN

OPENING DAY SATURDAY APRIL 29, 2023

Tee Ball
Ages 3-4 years
• Games Saturday morning and Wednesday @ 6:00 @ St. Scholastica Field.

Coach Pitch
Ages 5-6
• Games are played on Saturday morning and Thursday @ 6:00. Locations: Stregel Park, North Rosedale, Ramsey Field, or St. Scholastica Field.

Baseball
Minor Division Ages 7 - 9 - Saturday, with the youngest children playing at the earlier times. During the week, Minors play on Tuesday @ 6:00, Juniors play on Wednesday @ 6:00, and Seniors play on Tuesday or Wednesday @ 6:00.

Register for 2023 Season:
www.rosedalegrandmontbaseball.org

Rosedale Grandmont Baseball League is a chartered member of Cal Ripken/Babe Ruth Baseball. The season starts with practices throughout April with our Opening Day (complete with parade and ceremonies) around the end of the month. Games are scheduled through the end of June. The league is represented by our all-stars in area tournaments in July and August. All the work in the administration of the league is done by volunteers.

Northwest Detroit
****Accepting boys and girls from all surrounding neighborhoods!**
****Volunteers are welcomed!**

If You Haven't Already, Please Pay Your RPIA Dues

Mail your 2023 RPIA dues payment of \$45 (\$25 for Outer Dr. and Evergreen residents) to RPIA, P.O. Box 23113, Detroit, MI 48223. Make checks payable to "RPIA." Or pay online at rosedalepark.org (\$2 online service charge)!

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RPIA Seeks Administrative Assistant

Responsibilities include attending all board meetings, taking minutes, distributing minutes to board members after meetings. Pay: \$100/month. To apply, contact Larry Castleberry at lcastleb@sbcglobal.net.

Easter Egg Hunt

Get ready to have a hoppin' time at the Rosedale Community Easter Egg Hunt! Saturday, April 8th from 10am-1pm at the North Rosedale Community House located at 18445 Scarsdale. This event is FREE due to the support of all Rosedale community associations. Enjoy music, fun activities, and the Easter Bunny is making an appearance. Easter eggs will be hidden on the grounds for kids to fill their baskets or bags with! For more information email nelomskd@gmail.com or rpiaevents@gmail.com. See you there!



The Easter Bunny with the Rosedale Park youth

Events Calendar

Monday, February 27, 7:00pm

Board Meeting

GRDC Office, 19800 Grand River

Tuesday, March 7, 7:00pm

General Membership Meeting

North Rosedale Community House, 18445 Scarsdale

Tuesday, March 14, 6:30pm

Rosedale Radio Patrol Meeting

GRDC Office, 19800 Grand River

Monday, March 27, 7:00pm

Board Meeting

GRDC Office, 19800 Grand River

Saturday, April 8, 11:00am-1:00pm

Easter Egg Hunt

North Rosedale Community House, 18445 Scarsdale

Monday, April 24, 7:00pm

Board Meeting

GRDC Office, 19800 Grand River

Tuesday, May 2, 7:00pm

General Membership Meeting

North Rosedale Community House, 18445 Scarsdale

Sunday, May 21, 4:00pm-6:00pm

Block Captain Meeting

GRDC Office, 19800 Grand River

Pancake Breakfast Back After Two-Year Hiatus

After two years of COVID cancellations, the Annual Pancake Breakfast returned this past winter, and it was a big success. More than 100 guests of all ages gathered to eat pancakes, sing carols and enjoy the winter holiday season. A craft table greeted those who were feeling creative. This meant that trees in many homes would later be festooned with handmade ornaments. We're sure Rosedale moms and dads had a great time figuring out where to put them all! As is tradition, Rosedale children were delighted to have a visit from Santa and receive a small present. Many thanks to all of the volunteers who cooked and served a delicious breakfast from the newly renovated community house kitchen. A good time was had by all.

—Kimberly Uhuru



Santa Claus pays Rosedale Park a visit

RPIA Scholarship Available

Attention high school seniors and senior parents—Rosedale Park is sponsoring two \$1,250 scholarships for neighborhood students. The scholarship application opens on April 1, 2023 and awardees will be announced May 1, 2023. If you are interested in applying or know a senior who would like to apply, please contact the Rosedale Youth Committee at kuhuru@gmail.com.