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President's Message



RPIA President Frank Raben

Spring is finally here, I'm enjoying all the daffodils blooming on the island and in peoples' yards as SeaSea and I get some steps in. Now the tulips are also making their appearance.

In March, Pam Weinstein and I met with Gary Torgow, Chairman of Huntington Bank, and presented RPIA's

proposal for how we intend to use Huntington's \$10,000 gift to our community. He liked our presentation, and I also gave him an RPIA Hoodie as a token of our appreciation for all that Huntington has done for the Grandmont Rosedale Communities.

With this generous gift, RPIA undertake a variety of projects. We will purchase 3 sets of barriers to be used for block parties. In addition, we will install solar lighting for the Grandmont Rosedale sign at Grand River and Fenkell, and also contract a landscaper to maintain the flower bed and update some of the current plantings. The remaining balance will be added to our Island Beautification fund, which will allow us to reimburse up to \$250 for Island Beautification this year. The barricades are being shipped and we will have a demonstration at the May 14th Membership Meeting on how they can be used.

Membership dues are coming in; as of this Newsletter we are close to 400 paid. That's 50% of our goal of 800 for 2024.

A special thank you to Susan at Pages Bookstop for hosting the March Membership Meeting, and the students from U of M and volunteers for the Partnership Day clean up at Flintstone Park on April 13th.

If you are interested in serving on the RPIA Board of Directors, please let me know. Our Nomination Committee will be meeting in June to select a slate of Officers and Directors for the November Election.

Please come out to the June Day picnic on June 1st and think about taking advantage of the 60 Block Yard Sale on June 22nd to offer others an opportunity to take some unwanted items off your hands.

Rosedale Scholarship Kicks Off for 2024

Rosedale Park's annual scholarship contest will continue this year with awards of \$1,250 for two graduating seniors. Since its inception in 2021, the scholarship program has awarded \$7,500 in scholarship money to Rosedale seniors. Recipients have pursued their education at various schools including University of Michigan, Ball State University, and the College of Creative Studies. This year, the application window will run from May 1 through June 1. Eligible applicants must be Rosedale residents accepted into a community college or 4-year college or university with household dues paid. If you have a graduating senior in your household, please encourage them to apply. And if you have a neighbor on your block that you know is graduating, please tell them about this opportunity. Application details will be posted to rosedalepark.org. For more information please contact Kim Uhuru @ kuhuru@gmail.com.

Island Beautification Begins This Spring

Wasn't it wonderful to once again enjoy our beautiful island daffodils? Well guess what? Your island could be just as beautiful! The Huntington Bank Beautification Grant will reimburse up to \$250 per block this year for expenses to beautify your island. That's up from \$150 last year! Eligible expenses include dirt, mulch, grass seed, flowers, shrubs, landscape blocks, tools, fertilizer, weed killer, boulders, flowerpots, stakes, etc.

Save your receipts, and include them when you submit for reimbursement.

Get your Block Buddies together and start planning. We look forward to awarding the most beautiful islands. We are also



available for suggestions as to how to make your island even more beautiful.

Your Island Beautification Committee
Brenda Bell, 2023 1st Place Winner
Outer Drive
Deborah Tunstall, Master Gardener
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Breithaupt Career and Technical Center Provide Stellar Meal for Gala



RPIA Gala Attendees were treated to a wonderful meal, prepared by students and staff at Breithaupt Career and Technical Center. Located close to Rosedale Park at 9300 Hubbell, Breithaupt is a DPSCD school for grades 10–12. They offer a variety of hands-on programs, including Culinary, Cosmetology, Automotive, Welding, and Mechatronics. These technical training programs provide hands-on experience to students looking to get a jumpstart on their careers.

Regina Cosey and students from Breithaupt prepared a delicious meal of chicken, potatoes, and vegetables, with a scrumptious pie for dessert. And while the students benefited from the experience of serving a large event, Gala attendees certainly received the benefit of their wonderful work. It was a great experience for all.

Keep Breithaupt in mind for your own catering needs. Contact them at (313) 866-9550, and learn more at <https://www.detroitk12.org/BreithauptCTC>

Winners of Community Awards from Gala

Congratulations to Ruth Remus, Deborah Tunstull, and Brenda Bell for being awarded with RPIA's Community Service Awards at the 2024 Gala! Collectively, these three members of the Garden Committee annually evaluate the islands of Rosedale Park for recognition awards for best island, most improved island, best individual landscaping, and so on.

All the responsibilities and duties are shared equally among the group of three, which is fortunate, since this is actually a BIG job! The committee members drive around the neighborhood, observing our 45+ islands, several times, from early spring through the end of summer, documenting the progress and transformations occurring on numerous islands, and then monitoring the development of various landscape designs on the islands. By the end of the season, the committee members meet to discuss and evaluate and make final decisions about winners, runner-ups, and all the other categories of recognition.

The committee makes arrangements with the RPIA treasurer to purchase various gift cards for the winners, and with the RPIA administrative assistant, to arrange for the certificates to be printed for distribution to the winners. They also prepare an article for our Rosedale Park News, as well as our RPIA eblast, to announce the winners.

This process happens so smoothly and with such efficiency and regularity, it is easy to forget the diligence and dedication that are involved. There are few events in our Rosedale neighborhood that are more highly anticipated than the announcement of the island winners.

Congratulations, and hearty thank you to these three stalwarts of our community.

Rosedale 60-Block Yard Sale Returns on Saturday, June 22*!

The historic and celebrated Rosedale 60-Block Yard Sale returns this year on Saturday, June 22.*

"We expect the Rosedale yard sale to attract even more shoppers this year, so spread the word to your friends and neighbors—the Rosedale 60-block sale is BACK! Come shop till you drop!" commented Rosedale 2nd Vice President Tonia Holloway.

The sale runs from 9 am till 3 pm. Residents who choose to participate are encouraged to thoroughly clean and repair their items and to price them to sell—"You don't want to have to put stuff back into your garage or basement, so sharpen your pencil and make those prices low-low-low!" commented longtime Rosedale veteran yard sale participant Jim Dwight.

For questions or more information, contact RPIA President Frank Raben, rabenf47@gmail.com.

*RAIN DATE: Sunday, June 23, 9 am–3 pm



Another Successful Partnership Day

Detroit Partnership Day was a smashing success. This yearly event, which pairs students from the University of Michigan with various Detroit neighborhoods for community service, has become a Spring Cleaning staple in Rosedale Park. Students, board members, and community members converged at Flintstone Park (Rosemont-Acacia Park) to clean up the park and prep it for a busy spring and summer. We could not have asked for better weather. We started around 10:15 am and worked until 3:00 pm. The energy from the college students was impressive. The students eagerly dove into the project, helping with trash pickup, raking leaves, and making our neighborhood more beautiful. A special thank you goes out to Macedonia church, which opened their doors to us and allowed us to utilize their facilities.

General Membership Meeting

Tuesday May 14, 7:00–9:00 pm

North Rosedale Community House, 18445 Scarsdale

Agenda:

- Update on the Huntington Gift
- Treasurer's Report
- Alisha Bell, Chair of the Wayne County Commission
- Stephanie Young, Michigan State Representative
- Bryan Davis, District One Business Liaison
- Demonstration of how to set up New Barriers for Block Parties

Detroit Institute of Arts Inside Out Installations Coming to Rosedale

Fans of public art will be excited to hear that the Detroit Institute of Arts will be installing several high-quality reproductions of its pieces in the Grandmont-Rosedale community this summer. The installations will begin in May and will be active in June–October. Featured artists will include Hale Woodruff, Jean-Leon Gerome and others. Site locations include the GRDC office, the Grand Parklet, Stoepel Park, Ramsey Park, and Rosemont/Acacia Park. The DIA facilitates this program to encourage interaction with art outside of the walls of the museum, and to make its art accessible to all. You can check out previous installations, and get an idea of what to expect in Rosedale here: <https://dia.org/events/insideout-2023>. Keep an eye out for these pieces—they are sure to enhance your morning walk.

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ONGOING EVENTS

HUSTLE with Lady P

Tuesdays 5:30–6:30pm, \$5

North Rosedale Park Community House, 18445 Scarsdale
Come join us for dancing, fun, & exercise! Learn new and old line dances. For more information, please call 313-378-8626.
Presented by the North Rosedale Park Civic Association

Walk in the Park Walk Group

Mondays & Wednesdays 5:30–6:30pm, Free
North Rosedale Park Community House, 18445 Scarsdale
Stay strong and fit for life at any age! Contact walkinthepark4u@gmail.com for more info.
Presented by the North Rosedale Park Civic Association

Northwest Detroit Farmers' Market

Every Thursday, June–October, 4:00–8:00pm, Free
North Rosedale Park Community House, 18445 Scarsdale
Fresh fruit and veggies, vendors, food trucks, live music, and fun for the family!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Rosedale Reads Book Club

Sunday, May 5, 4–6pm

Just as I Am by Cicely Tyson

Zoom Meeting: Discussion of *Just as I Am* by Cicely Tyson.
RSVP to bonnieabh@aol.com for access to the Zoom link.

June Day Celebration

Saturday June 1

Bike Parade beginning at Stoepel Park 9:30 am
Food and Fun at Flintstone Park 11:00am–2:00pm

Annual 60 Block Yard Sale

Saturday June 22 9:00am–3:00pm

Rain date: Sunday June 23

RPIA's Summer Soirée

Saturday August 3 6:00–9:00pm

Rosa Detroit 19180 Grand River Ave
21+. Ticket information coming soon.

Easter Egg Wrap Up



2024's annual Easter Egg Hunt was a success, despite the rainy weather which required the festivities be moved indoors. Mother Nature threw a curve ball this year, but our volunteers knocked it out of the park. Attendance was down just a bit, but the excitement was not. Gracie the Clown, Our Hour-Mobile Paint Party, and Unique Pony Rides & Petting Farm teams had their hands full, entertaining the kids throughout the day. GRDC neighborhoods are thankful for our long-time sponsors, volunteers and participating vendors. Our partners help make the Easter Egg Hunt a key event for the children of the GRDC communities time and time again. The kids were able to take pictures with the Easter Bunny and the Motor City Cruise's mascot, Turbo K. Thanks to the many sponsors and volunteers the guest received a tasty hot dog with all the trimmings for lunch. The children received a bag of candy filled easter eggs as well as an additional bag of treats to take home to enjoy.

A special thanks to the sponsors, volunteers, vendors and all the unsung neighbors that helped!