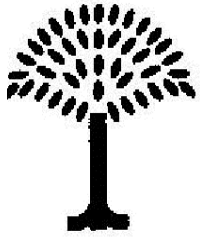


**Rosedale Park Improvement Association**

# **New Neighbor Kit**

## **HISTORIC ROSEDALE PARK**

A vibrant community of beautiful homes,  
proud owners, and good neighbors



# ROSDALE PARK CREED

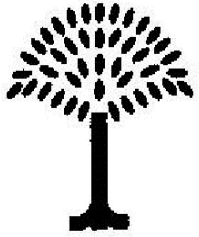
- ◆ **TOGETHER** the families of Rosedale Park have created a good place to live in—a place that preserves the pleasures of living in a small town though it is part of a large city.

These pleasures emanate from the pride of ownership that comes from maintaining the good appearance of their homes as well as maintaining desirable living conditions.

Through their efforts civic improvements, social activities and other projects have been accomplished to conserve the joy and increase the pride of the community. As a Rosedale Park resident, this is my heritage!

- ◆ **THEREFORE** ... in appreciation for the work that has been done to establish this highly desirable neighborhood and to prove us worthy of the friendship of our neighbors, **I PLEDGE MY FAMILY TO**

- treat our neighbors as we would like to be treated
- maintain our home in good condition and appearance in accordance with the requirements set forth by the Detroit Historic District Commission
- be law-abiding and counsel our children in neighborly behavior
- drive safely and sanely, obeying stop signs and speed limits in the park
- respect our neighbors' right to peace and quiet after dark
- control our pets and responsibly care for them
- keep our street and lawn clear of litter
- put our trash at the curb after dark and not earlier than the evening before collection
- promote the continuing friendship of the people who are a part of our community
- cooperate wholeheartedly with the aims and efforts of the Rosedale Park Improvement Association and attend its meetings whenever possible



# WELCOME TO ROSEDALE PARK!

[www.rosedalepark.org](http://www.rosedalepark.org)

It's great to have you as a new neighbor. You have chosen a house—one that is full of character—in a neighborhood that cares. We welcome you with open arms!

The **Rosedale Park Improvement Association (RPIA)**, representing a neighborhood of more than 1600 homes, works hard to keep our close-knit community thriving. Please refer to the enclosed map, "Rosedale Park and Surrounding Communities," and to our "Creed." The latter document expresses our understanding that the benefits that we derive from living in this beautiful neighborhood ultimately depend upon our commitment to our community and a respect for the rights of our neighbors.

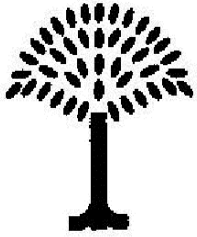
Here is a glimpse of some of the benefits we offer:

- **RPIA—ONE LOUD VOICE** for City services
- **Historic Designation**—preserves the unique architectural features of our homes and enhances their economic value
- **Rosedale Park News**—our informative, every-other-month newsletter
- **[www.rosedalepark.org](http://www.rosedalepark.org)**, our website—up-to-date news that affects all of us
- **Quarterly Membership Meetings**—to discuss community issues that affect you and the quality of life in Rosedale Park
- **Rosedale Park Radio Patrol**—a volunteer security patrol
- **Island Beautification Awards**—promote island beatification
- **Children's Sports Leagues**—baseball, softball, and soccer
- **Easter Egg Hunt**—a children's favorite
- **Annual Holiday Pancake Breakfast**—meet & greet your neighbors, mingle & dine with old friends, sing carols, and say hello to Santa
- **June Day Parade and Picnic**—our community celebration in early summer
- **Rosedale Park 60-Block Yard Sale in June**
- **STREET Snow Plowing**—makes travel free and clear!
- **Annual Banquet**—a special time to enjoy good food, music and conversation

You take pride in your home—and we take pride in our community. We urge you to become a member of RPIA and join us in whatever interests you. ***There's something for everyone in Rosedale Park!***

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## Brief History of Rosedale Park\*

The neighborhood now known as Rosedale Park was originally purchased and subdivided for development in 1916, by the Rosedale Park Land Company. Promoted from the beginning as an outstanding residential community, Rosedale Park was a decidedly rural environment; developers used the slogan “Out of the Smoke Zone into the Ozone” to attract buyers looking to escape the crowded conditions of the city for the peace and serenity of country living.

Fast forward 100 years later and we see a beautiful neighborhood of over 1600 homes, in a variety of architectural styles, with tree-lined streets and landscaped boulevard islands.

### **Tradition of Neighborhood Organization**

Shortly after the first families moved into Rosedale Park, residents came together to form a neighborhood association. In 1921, they elected their first officers and called their organization the Rosedale Park Improvement Association (RPIA).

That neighborhood association continues on today, in 21<sup>st</sup> century Rosedale Park, maintaining and continuing to develop strong bonds of community and neighborhood engagement among residents. Many of the social events and customs of Rosedale Park grow out of its early twentieth century origins.

### **Historic District Designation in 2006**

In recognition of the unique architectural value of the homes in our neighborhood, the U. S. National Register of Historic Places granted official historic designation to Rosedale Park in 2006. This designation was further affirmed by the State of Michigan and the Detroit City Council.

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\* For a fuller history of the founding of the Rosedale Park neighborhood and its development through the years, go to [www.rosedalepark.org](http://www.rosedalepark.org) and click on “Neighborhood History.”



# Your RPIA Association Dues

Every Rosedale Park household is expected to pay annual neighborhood association dues. RPIA is self-supporting – it receives no government grants or funding. RPIA relies solely on its members for financial support. That’s why we urge you to pay your share. Your support as a dues-paying member is vital to RPIA’s continued success!

## **How are your dues used?**

Residents’ dues payments pay for the association’s programs and activities. Dues support the following:

- Events, including the June Day Parade and Picnic, the Yard Sale, the Holiday Pancake Breakfast, the Easter Egg Hunt, and the Annual Banquet
- Meetings, including quarterly membership meetings and quarterly block captain meetings
- Communications, including a bi-monthly newsletter, a weekly electronic newsletter, a web site, and a Facebook page
- Awards to recognize island beautification efforts by residents
- Maintenance of the neighborhood brick entryways
- Snow removal from neighborhood streets – Almost half of all dues collected go to pay a private contractor to clean snow from our streets. Street snow removal is the association’s single biggest expense.

## **What do you get by being a member?**

You and your family can participate in all RPIA-sponsored activities listed on the “Welcome to Rosedale Park” insert. More importantly, you will be buying into a functioning neighborhood organization that fights for your interests as a homeowner and resident. As a member, you can voice your concerns and vote at all general membership meetings.

## **When will you be billed?**

Dues are for the calendar year, January through December. Invoices are mailed in February, with a possible follow-up invoice in the summer.

### **How much are dues?**

Dues are \$45 per year per household, except for residents of W. Outer Drive and Evergreen, who pay \$25 per year per household.

### **Why are there two different rates?**

The short answer is street snow removal. RPIA contracts with a private company to plow all residential streets in the neighborhood except W. Outer Drive and Evergreen. W. Outer Drive is a county road – it is plowed by Wayne County. Evergreen is a major Detroit thoroughfare – it is plowed by the City of Detroit.

### **How do I know if I'm a member for the current year?**

If the resident who previously occupied your home paid their dues, that current year's membership transfers to you, the new resident. If the previous resident did NOT pay their dues, you are responsible for paying the current year's dues. To find out if you are already a member, ask the RPIA treasurer – see back of ROSEDALE PARK NEWS for contact information.

### **How do I pay my dues?**

You can pay by check or you can pay online:

- **By check** – Make your check or money order payable to RPIA. Give your check to your block captain or mail it to this address:  
RPIA  
P. O. Box 23113  
Detroit, MI 48223
- **Online** – Visit our website at [www.rosedalepark.org](http://www.rosedalepark.org) and click on the link to pay your dues. There is an additional convenience fee of \$2 for the online payment.

Thank you for paying your share!



# Taking Out the Garbage in Rosedale Park...

An important responsibility we share as residents of one of the nicest neighborhoods in southeastern Michigan is taking care of our trash. We encourage you to familiarize yourself with the details and to participate in all the free programs available to you as a Detroit. **For a complete list of pick-up dates** for regular trash, recyclables, yard waste and bulk, **see schedule included in this New Neighbor Kit** or download from the Rosedale Park web site, [www.rosedalepark.org](http://www.rosedalepark.org).

## **REGULAR GARBAGE - PICK-UP EVERY MONDAY (except holidays)**

Every household generates trash. Put yours in the large black wheeled container, known by most Detroiters as a Courville container. In Rosedale Park, these trash containers are emptied every week on Mondays by Advanced Disposal (contracted with Detroit Public Works Department). Place your Courville at the curb in front of your home no earlier than 6 PM on the day before collection day. Bring your empty Courville back into your back yard no later than 9 PM on collection day.



What about holidays? When our regular trash collection day falls on a holiday, the pick-up occurs one day later. These are the recognized holidays: New Year's Day, Martin Luther King Day, Memorial Day, 4<sup>th</sup> of July, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day, and Christmas Day.

These items you may NOT dispose of in your regular black Courville container:

- Liquids or unwrapped garbage
- Concrete, dirt, plaster
- Construction debris
- Dead animals
- Yard waste
- Recyclable materials

A few other pointers about regular trash pick-up:

1. Don't overfill the container. If you can't shut the lid, it is overfilled.
2. Keep your container stored at the rear of your residence. You can get a ticket for leaving it at the side of your home or in your front yard.
3. Hold down odors and prevent bugs by cleaning your container once or twice a year. Squirt a little dish detergent into the container; add some water with a hose, swish around with an old broom or mop, and then rinse. Only takes a few minutes.



## **RECYCLABLE MATERIALS - PICK-UP EVERY OTHER MONDAY (except holidays)**

Rosedale Park residents enjoy curbside recycling throughout our neighborhood. Recyclable items should be placed in the container with the blue lid. Put your recycling container out, along with your regular trash container, every other Monday (except holidays, as noted above). **DO NOT PLACE TRASH** in your blue-lidded container - the contractor will not empty it and you can receive an environmental ticket.

What goes into the recycling container? Place these items in your blue-lidded Courville - make sure they are clean!

- Glass bottles and jars
- Plastic - any plastic item stamped with a triangle with a number inside it (#1-#7)
- Paper - newspapers, inserts, office paper, magazines, catalogs, phone books, paper bags, junk mail
- Cardboard - cereal and other boxes, paper towel and toilet paper rolls

- Metals – all kinds – tin, aluminum, steel

DO NOT place these items in the blue-lidded recycling container: garbage, plastic bags, styrofoam, milk cartons and juice boxes (aseptic), light bulbs, batteries, fabric, food, liquids, yard waste, electronics, and hazardous household wastes (see below).

Leave 5 feet of space between your recycling bin (blue lid) and your trash bin (black lid) so the collection trucks will be able to empty your containers. For questions about recycling, call 313-983-1133 or email [rr@igc.org](mailto:rr@igc.org).

### HAZARDOUS HOUSEHOLD WASTES

Hazardous household wastes (HHW) include the following:

- paints, primers, stains, and varnishes
- cleaning agents, waxes, strippers, and other solvents
- glues and caulks
- fluorescent light bulbs
- batteries (containing heavy metals like nickel, cadmium, or mercury)
- automotive fluids/oils; gasoline, kerosene, and other fuels
- lead weights (used to balance tires)
- poisons, pesticides, insecticides, fungicides, and herbicides



Detroiters can dispose of their hazardous household wastes at the City’s HHW Receiving Facility, open year-round Monday-Friday, 8:30 AM – 3:30 PM. It is located at 2000 E. Ferry, near the intersection of I-75 and I-94 freeways. Call 313-923-2240 to schedule a time to bring your HHW to the facility. Items that are NOT accepted include smoke detectors, radioactive material, explosives, commercial wastes, and unknown or unlabeled waste.

### BULK GARBAGE - PICK-UP EVERY OTHER TUESDAY

Up to one cubic yard of bulk refuse per household will be collected from the curb every other week, on Tuesdays. A cubic yard is about the size of a couch, stove, or refrigerator. The bulk you put out cannot weigh more than 1000 pounds. If you exceed these limits (1 cu. yd in volume, 1000 pounds in weight) you could be subject to a fine of up to \$10,000.

Bulk refuse can also be dropped at the City of Detroit’s DPW Southfield Yard, 12255 Southfield Service Drive, between Schoolcraft and Plymouth. Summer hours (Apr-Oct) are Tues-Sat, 10:30 AM – 6 PM (closed 2:30-3:30 PM). Winter hours (Nov-Mar) are Tues-Sat, 8:30 AM – 4 PM (closed 12:30-1:30 PM). There is no charge for Detroiters; you must show ID and you unload your vehicle. You cannot use a vehicle with lettering on its exterior to transport bulk materials to the yard.

### YARD WASTE – PICK-UP EVERY OTHER TUESDAY for most of the year

Yard waste – grass clippings, leaves, small branches, and twigs – are collected every other Tuesday from mid-April through mid-November. (Starting and ending dates are approximate – sign up for RPIA’s eblast for ongoing updates.)

All yard waste must be placed in biodegradable bags – usually, brown paper sacks. NO PLASTIC BAGS of any sort (black or clear plastic) are allowed. The contractor will not pick up plastic bags of yard waste. You can also place yard waste in your own containers, which the contractor will empty. Nothing larger than a 32-gallon container may be used.



Place bags of yard waste at the curb after 6 PM the day before pick-up.





## NEIGHBORHOOD SAFETY AND SECURITY

The Rosedale Park Improvement Association supports several programs to help ensure the safety and security of our neighborhood. All residents are encouraged to participate and get involved.

### **ROSEDALE PARK RADIO PATROL**

The Rosedale Park Radio Patrol is an all-volunteer citizen radio patrol organization. Volunteers have been patrolling the neighborhood for over 40 years. Volunteer patrollers meet with and work in conjunction with the Detroit Police Department in order to deter criminal activity in the neighborhood. Volunteers are screened and trained; each volunteer commits to patrolling with a partner in their personal vehicle for approximately two hours per month. The radio patrol group averages 15-20 patrols in the neighborhood every month.

Volunteering with Rosedale Park Radio Patrol is a great way to help reduce crime, become familiar with neighbors and the neighborhood. For more information, contact the Rosedale Park Radio Patrol – see back page of any issue of ROSEDALE PARK NEWS for email and phone number.

### **NEIGHBORHOOD SAFETY MEETINGS**

Grandmont Rosedale Development Corporation (GRDC), our neighborhood non-profit housing and commercial revitalization organization, sponsors regular bi-monthly safety meetings on the fourth Thursday of every other month, from 6:30 – 8 PM, at the North Rosedale Park Community House, 18445 Scarsdale. Check the web site [www.grandmontrosedale.com](http://www.grandmontrosedale.com) for further details. City and County representatives, as well as Detroit Police Department and other law enforcement officials, attend these meetings to answer questions from the community, to keep us informed of the latest crime trends in our area, and to share crime prevention strategies. All are welcome to attend these very informative and valuable meetings. Light refreshments are served.

### **CRIME ALERTS**

Grandmont Rosedale residents can sign up to receive electronic notifications of suspicious behavior and possible criminal activities in our area. GRDC moderates this crime alert system. To be added, send an email request to [grandmontcommunitycrimealerts@googlegroups.com](mailto:grandmontcommunitycrimealerts@googlegroups.com). You will begin receiving alerts to keep you informed of what is going on around you, as reported by your neighbors; to provide updates on successful outcomes or arrests; and to give notice about upcoming crime prevention activities and workshops

### **POLICE COMMUNITY RELATIONS MEETINGS**

These meetings are usually held the last Monday of the month at 7 PM. Officers from the 8<sup>th</sup> precinct are present to hear your concerns and answer questions. Check the GRDC website for details.



## CRIME PREVENTION TIPS

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- Turn on your front porch light at dusk and leave it on until morning. Install additional lighting around your home to discourage break-in's.
- Get to know your neighbors. Exchange phone numbers with them and develop relationships to look out for one another.
- Trim back trees and shrubbery around your home and garage. Deprive criminals of places to hide while they plan to break into your home.
- Don't leave garden or yard tools outside that could be used to pry open security doors or windows. Shovels and pitchforks can be very useful for criminals seeking to break in. Don't help the thieves!!
- Close and lock all windows and doors while you are away. Thieves have been known to enter homes through upstairs windows. Do not leave ladders outside.
- Park and lock your vehicle(s) in your garage. Do not leave them parked on the street at night. If you must leave your car in your driveway, install a motion detector alarm to deter thieves.
- Close and secure your garage while you are away from home. Open, vacant garages send signals to the bad guys: "Nobody's home. Help yourselves!"
- In the winter, keep your driveway, sidewalk, front porch, and steps shoveled and cleared of snow and ice. Besides being a hazard to others, snow that hasn't been shoveled is another signal to thieves that you are not at home.
- A front porch littered with flyers and advertisements is yet another useful clue to anyone considering breaking into your home.
- Become a curious neighbor. Watch for suspicious vehicles and persons in the neighborhood. Jot down license plate numbers and descriptions of suspicious cars and persons passing through. ***Let strangers know that they are being watched.***
- Invest in burglary prevention, such as dead bolt locks, alarm systems, and decorative security doors.



# CIVIC ACTIVITIES



## QUARTERLY MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

RPIA general membership meetings are held quarterly on the **second Tuesday in March, May, September, and November**, at 7 pm in the North Rosedale Community House, 18445 Scarsdale.

Guest speakers inform residents of local events and services. You can voice your ideas and concerns, speak with RPIA Board Members, and share fellowship with other Park neighbors. It's a great way to stay connected, and we encourage you to attend.



## RADIO PATROL

With safety in mind, our civilian radio patrol operates several times per week. Pairs of residents patrol the Park in their personal vehicles, keeping in constant contact with a third resident who is at home operating as the base.

Patrollers report suspicious activities, abandoned vehicles, or other problems. **Patrollers do not leave their cars**—they simply provide the police with more eyes and more ears.

This valuable service is completely voluntary. Contact any RPIA officer or board member to volunteer for this important service.



## ISLAND BEAUTIFICATION AWARDS

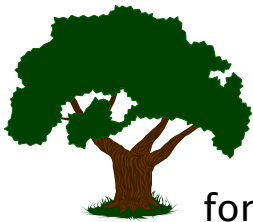
Residents maintain our block islands with great pride. Each year, the islands are evaluated for their beauty and the care given to them by block residents. RPIA bestows beautification awards each year upon those islands judged to have the most beautiful flower displays and to have had regular, attendant care throughout the summer months.



# NEARBY PARKS & PLAYGROUNDS



**STOEPER PARK #1** is the largest nearby park available to Rosedale Park residents. It is found between Evergreen and Westwood, south of West Outer Drive. This spacious park has a play area for children, tennis courts, and four baseball fields that were built by the Rosedale Grandmont Little League.



**NORTH ROSEDALE PARK PLAYGROUND** is found north of Bretton Drive, between Avon, Scarsdale, and Glastonbury. This playground has a modern play area for children, realized through the efforts of the Grandmont Rosedale Development Corporation (GRDC), generous donors, and volunteers. A magnificent oak tree, one of the oldest in Northwest Detroit, stands behind home plate of the ever-popular baseball field. The soccer field is home to the Rosedale Soccer League and becomes an ice-skating rink during cold winters. Meetings of the Rosedale Park Improvement Association take place in the Community House at 18455 Scarsdale, adjacent to the playground.



**ROSEMONT ACACIA PARK (also known as FLINTSTONE PARK)** is found at Rosemont & Acacia. It has been beautifully restored and modernized by GRDC with the help of generous donors and volunteers. The playground is for young children and families and is located in a pleasant, wooded area.

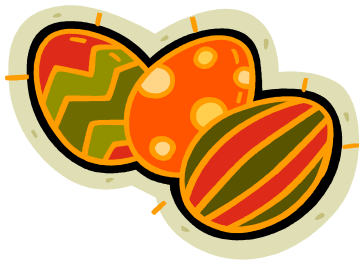


# NEIGHBORHOOD EVENTS



## ANNUAL BANQUET

All Rosedale residents get together the last Friday in January at 6 pm at the North Rosedale Community House (18445 Scarsdale) to thank the out-going RPIA officers for all of their hard work and welcome those new RPIA Board Members and officers volunteering their time in service to our community. Relax with good food, good drinks, and good friends.



## EASTER EGG HUNT

With terrific, fun-filled activities including an Easter egg hunt and petting zoo of farm animals, this annual event on the Saturday morning before Easter Sunday is sponsored by all five neighborhood associations in the Grandmont Rosedale area. Held on the grounds at the North Rosedale Community House, 18445 Scarsdale, the Egg Hunt allows visitors to experience animal fun by being right inside the pens with small animals. Of course, the Easter Bunny will make a special appearance!



## JUNE DAY PARADE & PICNIC

Kids decorate their bikes and make floats to parade down Eaton Street to Rosemont, then on to Rosemont Acacia Park for hot dogs and chips, face-painting and bouncers, games and more! Check the ROSEDALE PARK NEWS for more details.



## ROSEDALE PARK YARD SALE

On the fourth Saturday in June from 9 am – 3 pm, it's the legendary Rosedale Park 60-Block Yard Sale! Scads of bargain hunters converge early to peruse your wares. It's a great way to clean house every year. Take a walk or bike ride to see what your neighbors are offering. Who knows what you'll find? [Sorry, but due to City regulations, food sales without a permit are prohibited.]



## HOLIDAY PANCAKE BREAKFAST

On the first Saturday in December from 9–11 am at the North Rosedale Community House, 18445 Scarsdale, Rosedale residents gather to share a delicious breakfast of eggs, pancakes and sausages. Meet new friends or socialize with old ones. Join the festive spirit with a round of Christmas carols! And of course there's a visit from Santa!

AND LET'S NOT FORGET...



## YOUR BLOCK PARTY

Many blocks in Rosedale Park organize an annual block party during the summer or early fall. All block residents get together to choose a date and plan activities. It's the usual practice to close off the street and bring out the barbecue! Enjoy idle chit-chat over a game of cards with your neighbors, while the kids enjoy many activities: riding their bicycles in the street, arts & crafts, picnic games, and maybe even a piñata. These are some great memories that your family will cherish for years to come.

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# ROSEDALE YOUTH SPORTS

## ROSEDALE-GRANDMONT LITTLE LEAGUE

The league is for boys and girls, 3-16 years old. T-Ball, Coach-Pitch, and Hardball are played. Practices and games are at area fields: North Rosedale, St. Scholastica, and Stoepel Park. The season runs from late April through the end of June.



Registration begins in February. More information is available at [www.rosedalegrandmontlittleleague.org](http://www.rosedalegrandmontlittleleague.org).

## ROSEDALE SOCCER

This instructional/recreational soccer league is for boys and girls, 4-17 years old. All teams are co-ed and all games are played at North Rosedale Park, usually from the first week in August until the end of September. Registration takes place in early June.



For more information, visit [www.rosedalesoccerleague.org](http://www.rosedalesoccerleague.org).

# PARK PLAYERS



<http://parkplayers.wordpress.com>

For over fifty years, Park Players has been producing outstanding plays for the public: musicals, comedies, dramas, and children's shows. This talented group of individuals is one of the oldest community theatre organizations in Michigan.

Actors, stagehands, set designers, lighting technicians, set constructors, and musicians work together to produce two outstanding plays for the public each year. The spring play is traditionally a musical, while the fall play is a drama or comedy.

Theater fans have been coming for years to enjoy popular productions. Recent plays include such classics as *Beauty and the Beast*, *Inherit the Wind*, *The Wiz*, *Man of La Mancha*, *Smokey Joe's Café*, *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*, *Palmer Park*, and *Our Town*. Talented residents and aspiring actors are encouraged to try out for the plays.

The home of Park Players is the Redford Theater, 17360 Lahser Road at Grand River.

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**GRANDMONT  
ROSEDALE  
DEVELOPMENT  
CORPORATION**

## **Get Involved with the Grandmont Rosedale Development Corporation!**

1. Check out our website: [www.grandmontrosedale.com](http://www.grandmontrosedale.com)

2. Sign up for the GRDC e-blast:

Want to join our mailing list and receive our eblast every week? Great idea! Send an email to [info@grandmontrosedale.com](mailto:info@grandmontrosedale.com) and ask to be added to the list.

3. Volunteer for one of our many community projects:

Contact GRDC Administrative Assistant Jocelyn Moss at [jocelyn@grandmontrosedale.com](mailto:jocelyn@grandmontrosedale.com) for more information

4. Visit GRDC's Facebook page:

Show your support of GRDC and stay up-to-date on the latest news with just one click of a button - "like" Grandmont Rosedale Development Corporation on Facebook!

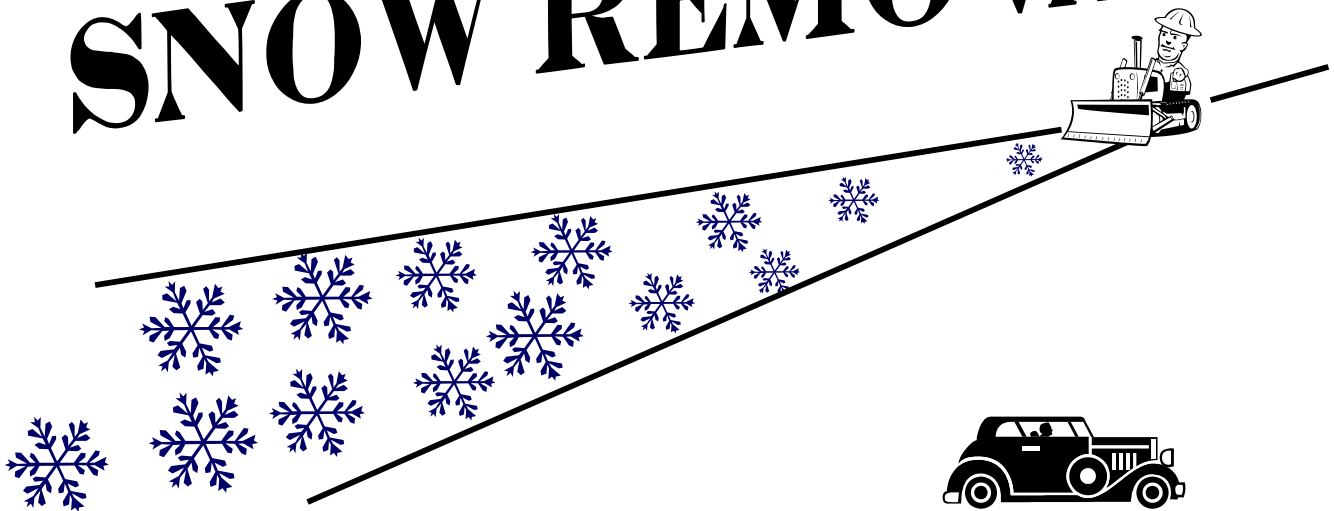
5. Visit GRDC's neighborhood-wide web site:

At [www.grandmontrosedale.com](http://www.grandmontrosedale.com) you'll find a Community Calendar, the Community Blog, and info on all of GRDC's programming, as well as Grandmont Rosedale neighborhood organizations.

## GRDC's Major Accomplishments

- ◆ In its 28-year history, the Grandmont Rosedale Development Corporation (GRDC) has successfully renovated and sold more than **105** once-abandoned houses through its Home Renovation Program. We also built **3** new houses and sold them to low/moderate-income families.
- ◆ GRDC has provided home repair loans, grants and assistance to **156** homeowners.
- ◆ GRDC is working to revitalize our neighborhood commercial districts. We have renovated and sold **2 commercial buildings**. We renovated a third building and are **leasing its five spaces** to local businesses. We located our offices in a fourth renovated building. GRDC was selected as one of only a handful of **Cool Cities Neighborhoods** in Detroit by the State of Michigan for its Grand River Avenue commercial district.
- ◆ We renovated and opened a commercial building which we call Grand River WorkPlace, at 19120 Grand River. This building will function as a business incubator and co-working facility. It has space to lease to small and start up businesses and will also function as a hub for small business resources.
- ◆ We operate a weekly **Neighborhood Farmers' Market** from June - October with over 15 vendors, and **Community Garden** each summer/fall.
- ◆ Our Commercial Façade Improvement Program helped **38** building owners along Grand River update and improve their storefronts.
- ◆ GRDC has removed graffiti from over **650** buildings. We have boarded up and maintained **hundreds** of vacant houses.
- ◆ GRDC has brought in over **\$2.1 million** in investment to improve our Grand River streetscape. Projects include new paving, new streetlights, new sidewalks, decorative crosswalks, new bus stops, landscaping, street trees, murals, and new signage throughout the district.
- ◆ GRDC has renovated **7** neighborhood parks and school playgrounds. We also installed a new football field, renovated the four baseball fields at Stoepel Park and an outdoor mosaic art gallery that adorn the backs of all eight new dugouts.
- ◆ GRDC has coordinated **tens of thousands of volunteer hours** in community beautification projects. We have repurposed over 15 vacant lots, planting gardens and community spaces.
- ◆ GRDC operates a **Community Safety Program** that includes the following resident-led elements: neighborhood safety meetings, distribution of crime prevention tips, coordination with local police, crime alert system, and a City-wide crime prevention and quality of life ordinance.
- ◆ GRDC serves over **5,500** households and has marshaled more than **\$40 million** dollars in new investment in the Grandmont and Rosedale communities.
- ◆ A Board of Directors comprised of neighborhood residents and business owners governs GRDC. It has an eleven-member professional staff to carry out its programs.

# SNOW REMOVAL

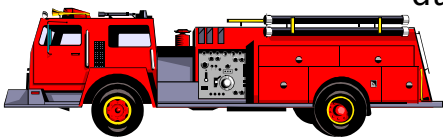


## Who plows the streets?

Your neighborhood association, the Rosedale Park Improvement Association, pays a private contractor to plow Rosedale streets when snowfall reaches 3 inches or more. Funds to pay for this service come from the annual dues paid by Rosedale residents – out of each \$45 annual dues payment, approximately \$20 goes to pay for this street snow-plowing service. This service is one of the biggest reasons to pay your annual dues – plowing makes it easy to get to work and to school on time!

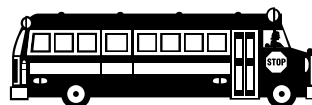
## Right Before, During, and Right After a Snowstorm

Do not park your car on the street (or half up on the berm and half in the street) during such times. It is impossible for the plows to do their job satisfactorily when cars are parked in the right of way. Also, when the streets are snow-covered and icy, the possibility of somebody running into your car is greatly increased. Because the road is narrow around islands, *it's especially risky to park your car on the curve near the end of an island or in the street adjacent to an island.*



## Who removes snow from the sidewalks?

In accord with Detroit city ordinance, each homeowner is responsible for removing the snow and ice from the public sidewalk adjacent to his or her property, as well as from the sidewalk on private property and from the front steps. Everyone benefits from having clear sidewalks: fire or emergency personnel, letter carriers, delivery people, service people, and other pedestrians.





## JOIN THE ROSEDALE PARK LITTER FIGHTERS!



### **What's the problem?**

Adults and kids alike are sometimes careless about dropping their trash on the public streets, sidewalks, and lawns in Rosedale Park.

We don't want our community to be trashed. We were attracted to Rosedale Park not only by the beauty and uniqueness of its homes, but also the cleanliness of its lawns and streets.

*The Rosedale Park Litter Fighters ask for your help.*



### **How much will it cost me to join the Litter Fighters?**

Not a dime. Not even a single penny. All that's needed is one or two minutes (often less) of your time once a week and a desire to do your part in keeping Rosedale Park "lookin' good."



### **I want to keep Rosedale Park looking beautiful. How can I help?**

When you put out your Courville container the evening before garbage is collected, take a quick look around. If there's litter on your front yard or on the street in front of your home, pick it up and put it into your Courville container.



Studies have shown that litter attracts more litter. Neighborhoods that are free of litter attract less litter. Imagine what Rosedale Park will look like if each of us performs this simple task every week! Our community will remain the beautiful place it has always been—one that stands out above all of the rest!

- ▶ If you can't get the lid shut on your Courville container, there's a solution for that, too! Take a look at the earlier section, "Taking Out the Garbage in Rosedale Park . . ." Making a few small changes can add up to a big difference.



## Responsibilities of Pet Owners in Rosedale Park

Many Rosedale residents enjoy the companionship and joy of owning pets. Pets have been shown to improve your health and outlook, and are a great asset to many households, often counted as family members.

### ISSUES OF CONCERN TO NEIGHBORS

If you own a dog or cat, please make sure your pet does not annoy or disturb your neighbors. Complaints about the behavior of other people's pets are some of the most frequent complaints received by the neighborhood association. Here are the issues of concern:

- Dogs running loose – Your dog is not allowed outside of your property. If you are going to let your dog out into your back yard, you are responsible for making sure the yard is completely and securely fenced, so that your dog cannot escape. Violation of Detroit ordinance Sec. 6-2-6, "Failure of owner to keep dog on the owner's property," is a misdemeanor subject to a \$500 fine/90 days imprisonment. The same ordinance states that when off your property, your dog must be leashed or under restraint at all times.
- Dog waste – You must clean up after your pet in the public right-of-way (sidewalks, islands, berms), in other neighbors' yards, and in your own yard. Failure to clean up is considered a public nuisance (Sec. 6-1-5), a misdemeanor subject to a \$500 fine/90 days imprisonment.
- Excessive barking – Similar to the above, excessive noise from your pet between the hours of 7 PM – 7 AM can result in your being ticketed – \$500 fine/90 days imprisonment.

### NEW 2017 ORDINANCE ABOUT DOGS CHAINED IN YARDS

Detroit City Council recently passed an amendment to the Animal Control Regulation and Care Ordinance that further regulates the care of dogs on private property. For a comprehensive summary of these new regulations, go to the home page of [www.rosedalepark.org](http://www.rosedalepark.org) and scroll down to click on the link.

Notably, dogs cannot be tethered for more than 3 hours per day, cannot be tethered to a stationary object that would allow the dog to come within five feet of any property line, and cannot be tethered without access to shade, shelter, food and water.

## BE A GOOD PET OWNER

You have many important responsibilities to your pets. Dogs and cats can be a source of much joy and happiness, and if well cared for, they can live happy and comfortable lives. We love pets in Rosedale Park and we work at meeting our responsibilities, so that our pets, our neighbors, and we will feel positively toward everyone's pet.

Be sure to meet your responsibilities– here's a short outline:

- Food, water, and shelter – All animals need these three basics, our minimal responsibilities to our pets.
- All animals benefit from proper grooming, daily exercise, and loving care so that they are relaxed around people and not a threat. Dogs should never be chained outside for crime prevention, as they can become miserable and hostile to neighbors and can engage in constant barking or attacks. In addition, chained dogs have become victims of other roaming dogs.
- Neutering is strongly advised for all animals and can be obtained for a reasonable fee. This is recommended for any cat or dog, to prevent the birth of roaming and homeless animals that can suffer injury from cars and winter weather, and that can suffer neglect when owners cannot care for the offspring.
- Rabies vaccination and licenses – Dogs in Detroit must be vaccinated and licensed (Sec. 6-2-1). Dogs must have collars or harnesses with their license tags attached (Sec. 6-2-5).
- Keeping cats indoors at night reduces attacks on them by larger animals, e.g., dogs and raccoons.
- Microchips are a great way to identify your pets, should they wander off and get lost. We frequently receive emails from neighbors, searching for lost beloved pets. A microchip in your pet from the Vet, with your name registered, might help get that pet back to you.

If you have questions, you may contact any RPIA Officer or Board Member, listed in the ROSEDALE PARK NEWS newsletter.

NOTE: To report stray animals, bites, or other concerns, contact Detroit Animal Care & Control at 313-224-6356; press #1 for stray dogs to speak to a person. Be sure to have the exact address or location of the issue before calling. Help them do their jobs, as they are seriously understaffed.

To report dead animals, please call DPW Dead Animal Pick-Up at 313-876-0004.



# INSTRUCTIONS for BLOCK CAPTAINS

## RPIA NEW NEIGHBOR KIT

### PRIOR TO DELIVERY OF KIT:

- Fill out the enclosed “Block Captain Contact Information” form.

### DELIVER THE KIT:

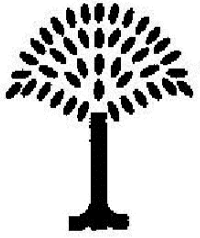
- Welcome the new neighbors to Rosedale Park and give them the “Block Captain Contact Information” form, so they will have your contact information.
- Obtain contact information from the new neighbor(s) - fill out the enclosed NEW NEIGHBOR CONTACT INFORMATION form. **Obtaining this information from the new neighbor and getting it to Block Captain Coordinator Pam Weinstein by email, mail, or telephone is very important.**

Pam Weinstein  
weinstein148@ameritech.net  
Address: 14810 Faust, Detroit, MI 48223  
Ph. 313-231-2244

- Inform the new neighbors that **Rosedale Park has been designated a Historic District by the City Council** and hand them the enclosed “Historic Rosedale Park” flyer. The flyer outlines which home *exterior* modifications require a prior approval from the Detroit Historic District Commission and those that don’t. Explain that the **purpose of historic designation** is to preserve the unique architectural features of the beautiful homes in Rosedale Park and to enhance their economic value.
- Review with the new neighbor the Solid Waste Schedule and the information on what can be placed in the recycling container for curbside pick-up
- Review the rest of the Welcome Kit with the new neighbors and answer any questions that they might have.

### HAVE A FOLLOW-UP VISIT

Additional visits help Block Captains build good relationships with new neighbors. Check to see how things are going from time to time.



## BLOCK CAPTAIN CONTACT INFORMATION

Welcome to Rosedale Park, new neighbor! Your Block Captain is:

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

E-MAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

Now that you have moved into Rosedale Park, you may have questions or concerns, and your **Rosedale Park Improvement Association (RPIA)** is here to help! Your closest contact with RPIA is through your **Block Captain**. This person is familiar with what is happening in your neighborhood and will be able to answer most of your questions.

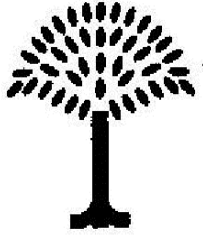
For current information about Rosedale Park events and news that affects you, be sure to check out our website, [www.rosedalepark.org/](http://www.rosedalepark.org/) and to sign up for our weekly **Rosedale Park e-Blast**. You can get on the e-Blast list by sending an email to [rpiablast@gmail.com](mailto:rpiablast@gmail.com). See enclosed "Get Connected" flyer for more details.

Here's what your Block Captain or Block Steering Committee is responsible for:

- Maintaining a Block Roster listing all neighbors' names, addresses, phone numbers
- Organizing island maintenance (mowing, flower planting, etc.)
- Organizing social events (block party, barbecue, progressive dinner) as block desires
- Keeping neighbors informed (new neighbors, births, deaths, burglaries, etc.)
- Sending condolences on behalf of block to grieving neighbors
- Addressing neighbors' concerns
- Delivering "New Neighbor Kits"
- Encouraging payment of RPIA annual dues
- Delivering flyers and newsletters

Your Block Captain may ask you to assist in one or more of these activities. The participation and volunteer work of many of your neighbors have made Rosedale Park a wonderful place in which to live. RPIA urges you to get involved and help make our community even better!





Welcome to Rosedale Park!

**NEW NEIGHBOR  
Contact Information Form**

The Rosedale Park Improvement Association is the neighborhood association that represents residents of the Rosedale Park neighborhood. Please provide us with your name and contact information, so that we can add you to our residents' list. If you give us your email address, we will add you to our weekly electronic newsletters, so that you will be aware of activities and programs of interest to all in the neighborhood.

Today's date: \_\_\_\_\_

NAME(s) \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE NUMBER(s) \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL ADDRESS(es) \_\_\_\_\_

IF RENTING, PROVIDE CONTACT INFORMATION FOR OWNER, LANDLORD or  
PROPERTY MANAGER:

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

**ATTENTION, BLOCK CAPTAIN:** After you have collected this important information and added it to your block roster, **be sure to forward it to Block Captain Coordinator Pam Weinstein.** You may do this by means of email, mail, or telephone:

Pam Weinstein  
weinstein148@ameritech.net  
Address: 14810 Faust, Detroit, MI 48223  
Ph. 313-231-2244

# ROSEDALE PARK: A HISTORIC DISTRICT

In 2006, the Rosedale Park neighborhood was designated an official Historic District by the Detroit City Council. This designation helps preserve both the architectural features of our neighborhood and the economic value of our homes. If you plan to do any home improvements or repairs to the EXTERIOR of your home and/or yard, you must obtain prior approval by the Detroit Historic District Commission.

The summary below lists many of the projects that require a review by the Commission. If you don't see your project on these lists, call Commission staff at 313-224-8907 or 224-6543. You can also email Jennifer Ross at rossj@detroitmi.gov. More complete information and an application are available on the RPIA web site, [www.rosedalepark.org](http://www.rosedalepark.org).

## Exterior Projects That Require Review

### Call the Commission before:

Changing paint colors

Removing large trees, shrubbery, plantings

Installing new or replacement fencing

Replacing roofing, flashing, gutters

Installing new or replacement windows, storm windows

Reconstructing areas of masonry walls, chimneys, floors, porches, etc.

Installing new storm and security doors, installing new storm windows.

Reconstructing all or part of a porch

Installing new doors, garage doors, security doors

Installing or replacing signage, including awnings

Cleaning the building

Demolishing all or part of a building, including garages

Constructing a new building or addition

### Go ahead with your project when:

Painting in the same colors

Trimming or pruning trees, shrubs, plantings

Repairing a few sections of fence with like materials and sizes

Repairing a few shingles, flashing, gutters

Replacing panes of glass with matching glass, switching seasonal storms/screens

Tuck-pointing small areas of mortar with matching mortar

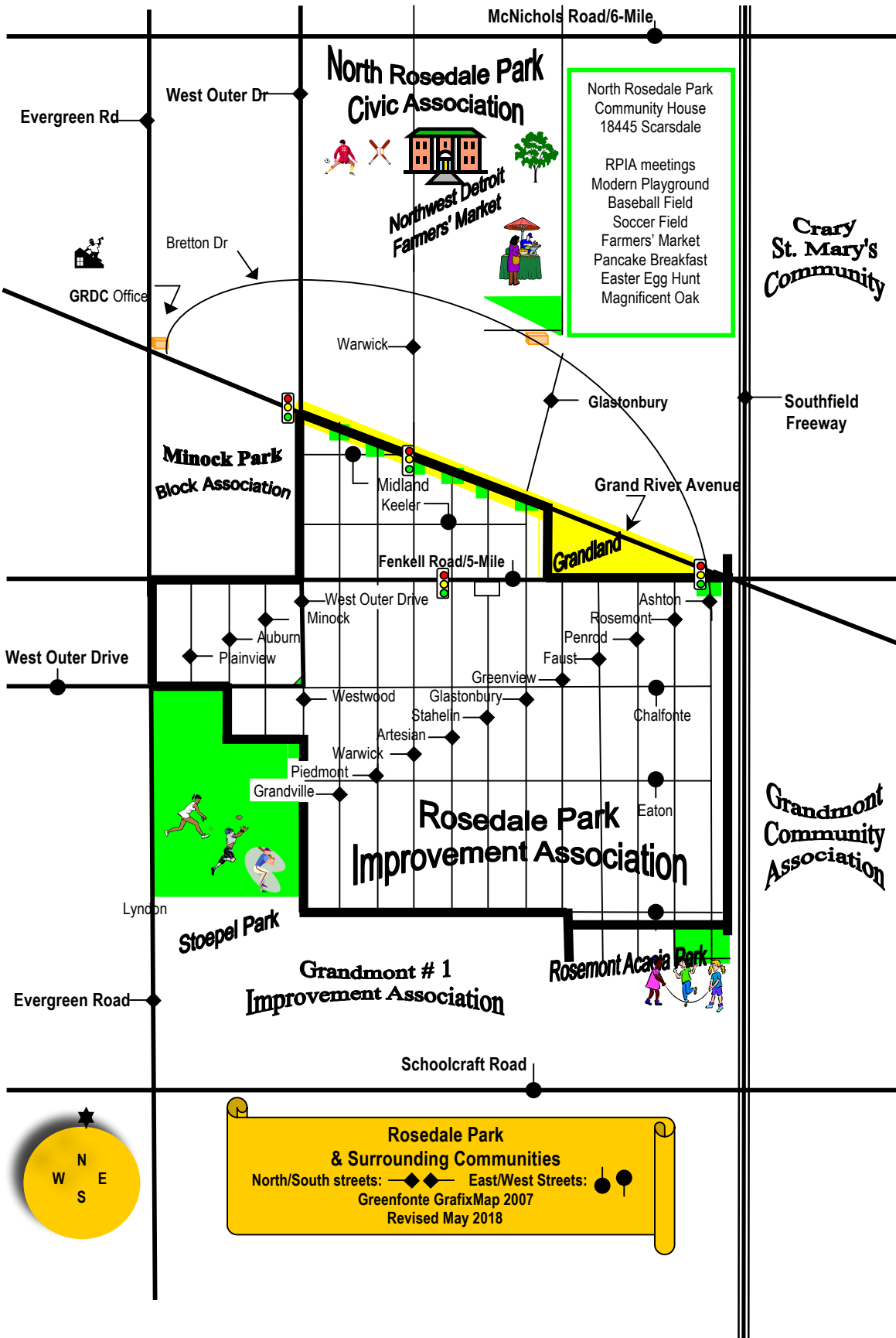
Installing or removing storms and screens for the season

Replacing small, deteriorated areas with identical materials and sizes

Repairing existing doors with identical materials

Putting out or removing cloth awnings on existing frames for the season

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Rosedale Park Improvement Association

## Key Take-Away's for New Neighbors

Welcome to the Rosedale Park Improvement Association! We have had an active neighborhood association in our area for over 90 years, and we're glad you've decided to join us. We are a friendly, community-minded group of neighbors, always willing to help each other and to look out for each other.

Please join us in pledging your household to uphold our community standards in maintaining our beautiful Rosedale Park neighborhood. Check out these 10 key take-away's:

1. Follow the solid waste schedule: trash pick-up on Mondays, recycling every other Monday, yard waste and bulk pick-up every other Tuesday.
2. Place solid waste out at the curb at appropriate times and bring in your containers in a timely manner.
3. Keep your grass mowed and bushes trimmed.
4. Rake and bag your leaves. Use paper bags (NO PLASTIC) or personal containers that are marked (32-gallon or smaller).
5. Turn your porch light on at dusk and leave it on until dawn the next morning.
6. Keep the noise level reasonable at all times.
7. Do your part to help maintain your island – mow the grass, trim the bushes, pick up litter.
8. Shovel the snow on your walk and clear your front steps.
9. Clear the snow from the public sidewalk in front of your home; per City ordinance, this is the responsibility of individual homeowners.
10. Pay your association dues - \$45 annually; check payable to RPIA and mail to RPIA, P. O. Box 23113, Detroit, MI 48223. [For residents of Evergreen and Outer Drive, dues are \$25.] Your dues pay for removal of snow from our streets.

*Thank you for respecting your neighbors and your community!!*



# What to Recycle @ Curbside: (Don't bag up recycling!)

**PAPER**

- Newspaper • Magazines and Catalogs
- Junk Mail • Office Paper
- Telephone Books

**BOXES**

- Flattened Cardboard Boxes
- Cereal Boxes • Shoe Boxes
- Paper Towel Rolls • Tissue Boxes

**PLASTICS #1-7**

- Jugs, Tubs and Bottles
- Large Plastic Items

**METALS**

- Tin, Steel & Aluminum Food and Beverage Cans • Aluminum Foil
- Pie Plates • Pots and Pans

**GLASS**

- Bottles and Jars
- Clear and colored glass

## DO NOT put in:

- plastic bags
- food waste
- liquid waste
- yard waste
- styrofoam
- milk cartons, juice boxes
- light bulbs; batteries
- fabrics
- drinking glasses, mirrors
- paint cans
- medical waste



# GET CONNECTED!

Neighbors in Rosedale Park have the opportunity to get connected to their neighborhood by signing up for three electronic newsletters and news outlets – sign up today, so you'll know what's going on around you!!

- **ROSEDALE PARK E-BLAST**

This electronic newsletter is published by your neighborhood association, the Rosedale Park Improvement Association. It will arrive in your email on Sunday mornings. It carries notices of events and meetings in our neighborhood, useful information and contact numbers for garbage pick-up and safety info, neighborhood arts and entertainment news, and so much more!

Send an email to [rpiablast@gmail.com](mailto:rpiablast@gmail.com) and ask to be added to the list.

- **CRIME ALERTS**

These emails will come to your inbox as needed. They will notify you of reports from your neighbors of break-in's, suspicious behavior by individuals, and other important safety tips.

Send an email to [grandmontcommunitycrimealerts@googlegroups.com](mailto:grandmontcommunitycrimealerts@googlegroups.com) and ask to be added to the list.

- **GRANDMONT ROSEDALE DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION E-BLAST**

This electronic newsletter is published every Wednesday by GRDC, our neighborhood community development organization. It covers events happening throughout the Grandmont Rosedale area, including sales of recently renovated GRDC homes.

Send an email to [info@grandmontrosedale.com](mailto:info@grandmontrosedale.com) and ask to be added to the list.