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# From the RPIA President



**RPIA President David Sernick** 

### Dear Neighbors,

With winter's end in sight, I'm excited to share some updates from the Rosedale Park Improvement Association. Our Board had a strong kick off to the year with a successful retreat in January. This allowed us to integrate our new members seamlessly into the various committees working on your behalf.

A sincere thank you to everyone who attended our Annual Banquet! It was a wonderful opportunity to connect with neighbors and celebrate those

who have contributed significantly to Rosedale Park over the years. We were thrilled to have over 74 attendees and honored to recognize Earl McCullough, Denotra Jackson, Bill Shrader, and Huntington Bank for their dedication.

To stay up-to-date on all our future events, please visit our revamped website: www.RosedalePark.org/events. You can even subscribe to add events directly to your personal calendar, ensuring you never miss an RPIA activity.

Recently, I came across an article about community building that resonated with me. While we often focus on helping others, the article emphasized that asking for help is equally, if not more, impactful. It fosters connection and strengthens our community bonds. So, please, don't hesitate to reach out to your neighbors for assistance or support.

We look forward to a vibrant spring in Rosedale Park!

# Detroit Partnership Day Returns

Hello, everyone! We are again looking to work with the U of M students as part of their Partnership Day program, on Saturday March 29th. We'll be working to clean Rosemont Acacia Park and the area along the Southfield Freeway again. Macedonia has graciously opened their doors for rest room usage (and a haven for inclement weather, something we gladly took advantage of two years ago when rain forced an early conclusion). The event will be from 10:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m, and we'll meet at the park. Donuts and coffee will be available. Questions? Contact Larry Castleberry at 313-549-5259 or lcastleb@sbcglobal.net.

# Attend Our Next General Membership Meeting!

Tuesday March, 11, 7:00pm-9:00pm North Rosedale Community House 18445 Scarsdale, Detroit

### **HELP US REACH OUR MEMBERSHIP DUES GOALS!**

Dues are \$45, or \$25 for residents of Outer Dr. and Evergreen. You can pay your dues online at rosedalepark.org, or by mailing a check to RPIA, P.O. Box 23113, Detroit MI, 48223. Make checks payable to RPIA.

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# 2025 RPIA Meeting Schedule

# **Board Meetings**

GRDC Office, 19800 Grand River, 7:00-9:00 p.m.

Tuesday, March 25 No Meeting in July & August

Tuesday, April 29 Tuesday, September 30

Tuesday, May 20 Tuesday, October 28

Tuesday, June 24 Tuesday, November 25

# General Membership Meetings

North Rosedale Community House, 18445 Scarsdale, 7:00-9:00 p.m.

Tuesday, March 11 Tuesday, September 9

Tuesday, May 13 Tuesday, November 18: Officer

and Board elections

# **Block Captains Meetings**

GRDC Office, 19800 Grand River, 4:00-6:00 p.m.

Sunday, May 18 Sunday, October 19

Sunday, August 17



# WANTED: BOOKKEEPER

RPIA is looking for a parttime bookkeeper to assist the Board and Treasurer

in maintaining the organization's finances. Compensation is negotiable. Average 5–10 hours/month. Familiarity with Excel and Quickbooks is a plus. If interested, please contact xxxxxxxxx@xxxxxxxx.com.

# 2024 RPIA Year-End Financials

Income	
Membership dues	\$21,918.00
Annual Banquet tickets	\$1,820.00
Holiday Pancake Breakfast	\$937.00
Hoodie/t-shirt sales	\$835.00
Summer Soirée	\$810.00
Interest	\$581.03
Huntington Grant	\$15,000.00
Other Income	\$200.00
Total	\$42,101.03
Expenses	
Administrative Committee	\$1,766.03
Finance Committee	\$3,338.37
Public Works/Code Enforcement	
Snow removal	\$11,500.00
Lighting gr/fenkell, blockades	\$3,835.59
Island beautification	\$6,765.26
Block Captains Committee	\$633.38
Communication Committee	
Website including new design	\$1,514.60
eBlast	\$286.60
Hoodies/t-shirts	\$1,567.17
Events Committee	
Gala Banquet	\$2,537.48
Summer Soirée	\$1,927.93
Holiday Pancake Breakfast	\$620.98
Easter Egg Hunt	\$353.00
June Day	\$1,935.00
Ticket Taylor	\$16.25
Fall Festival Hayride	\$425.00
Yard signs	\$458.65
Youth Committee-Scholarships	\$3,750.00
Total Expenses	\$46,599.66
Net Income/Loss	\$4,498.63

# Rosedale Grandmont Baseball Registration Is Open!

Rosedale Grandmont Baseball League is accepting registrations for the 2025 season—our 34th year! Established in 1992, RGBL is an instructional/ recreational supported by the Rosedale Grandmont communities.

RGB's longevity has resulted in lifelong friendships between players and their families. Former players are coaching, a new generation of players is establishing bonds, and grandparents and old friends are reconnecting. Even if you don't have kids in the league or are new to the community, come on out to their fields for cracking good games along with invigorating doses of community engagement at its best!

This league is open to all boys and girls, ages 3 to 16, throughout Metro Detroit. This is a volunteer-based program - all families are expected to help in some way: managing, coaching, preparing fields, publicizing, fundraising, and more.

The three divisions in Rosedale Grandmont Baseball League are:

- T-Ball for 3 and 4-year-old boys and girls
- Coach-Pitch for 5 and 6-year-old boys and girls
- Baseball for 7 through 16-year-old boys and girls

Practices begin as soon as weather permits in March, and the season runs from the end of April to the end of June. Tournament teams (baseball and softball) play July and August (additional fees apply). Please visit rosedalegrandmontbaseball.org. There is a \$10 discount for any player whose family is a dues-paying member of the Rosedale Park Improvement Association, North

Rosedale Park Civic Association, Grandmont, Grandmont #1, and Minock Park. All fees increase by \$20.00 on April 1.

Opening Day is Saturday, April 26. Everyone in the community is invited to join us for the Parade, Ceremony, and Pancake Breakfast starting at 8:00 a.m. at the North Rosedale Community House!



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# RPIA Annual Scholarship Returns

Rosedale Park's annual scholarship contest will continue this year with awards of \$1,250 for two graduating seniors. The application window will run from May 1 through June 1. Eligible atpplicants must be Rosedale residents, be current on their RPIA dues, and accepted into a community college or 4 year college or university. 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 reach out to them as soon well. For more information please contact Kim Uhuru at kuhuru@gmail.com.

