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RPIA Annual Dues

On Valentine's Day and every day, RPIA gives you its best in city living—plowed winter streets, a summer picnic, a winter holiday breakfast, a June garage sale, Island Beautification Awards, summer block parties, an annual appreciation banquet, caring and friendly neighbors, and an enthusiastic Board of Directors who advocate on your behalf. What will you give RPIA this Valentine's Day?

The annual dues paid by you, the resident, are used to support RPIA neighborhood community activities and efforts by other organizations that directly benefit us. The dues amount is \$45 for all RPIA residents except those who reside on Outer Drive, where the payment is only \$25.

Normally, you would have received your dues request for 2011 in November 2010. Instead we took time out to review the association's finances. We put together a finance sub-committee whose purpose was to determine how RPIA funds were being expended and dues income payments received. Based on their finding it was determined that the dues payments needed to be aligned with the RPIA fiscal year to better track fund availability. The RPIA fiscal year runs from February 1st through Janu-

ary 31st. The result, the 2011 drive to collect dues was delayed until January 2011 and the efforts to collect dues will continue throughout the fiscal year.

The need for participation from every occupied RPIA household has not changed. Receipt of dues from each household indicates your commitment to retain the quality of life we currently experience in Rosedale Park. It is your commitment to retaining and/or increasing the level of community services for the benefit of all. It is your commitment to maintain an association whose purpose it is to serve and represent Rosedale Park as a unified voice. When the request comes for you to pay your dues, please respond in the affirmative as a responsible resident and pay your dues.

Currently dues payments can be paid by check or cash. You should be receiving your request for dues soon. Also, note that in early 2011 we hope to add the ability for payments to be made online using a credit card. When this option is ready, access to the online payment method will be through the website: www.RosedalePark.org.

We look forward to participation from every Rosedale Park resident.

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President's Message

Happy New Year Rosedale Park residents, vendors and friends AND thank you for your confidence in installing me as your RPIA president for 2011. I will continue to provide the best I have to offer in my service to you.

You may have read my bio a few years ago when I first ran for the Board. I am a lifetime resident of the City of Detroit and moved to Rosedale Park in 1990. I think this is a great place to live where you can feel the community of a village and still experience the energy of a city. I began my residency by paying my annual dues and working sporadically on my block's island appearance. Soon I was encouraged to do more and became the block captain for a period of time. Time passed. A few years ago, I was approached about a Board position and answered the call. That's when I learned up close and personal how much work a few hard workers are

doing for our community.

Because of the work of those individuals, we have gained local and even national attention as a community that is fighting to hold on to the legacy our Rosedale Park provides us. You know who these people are. We see them on the islands, on their knees, pulling weeds, planting flowers. We see them driving slowly through the neighborhood doing CB patrol. We get notices from them about block parties, crime alerts, etc. They walk or drive our streets. They report and correct blight as it occurs. They look out for the elderly and the children.

This year, I am determined to increase the number of people who fall into those ranks. I will give you the best I have to give in an effort to get the best for our community. I welcome your participation in this process.

Carolyn

Carolyn Cruse
President

Rosedale Park Improvement Association

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Rosedale-Grandmont Little League Sign-Up Coming Soon!

NEW LOCATION, NEW DATES

Calling all boys and girls! It's time to sign up for Rosedale-Grandmont Little League. Open to kids ages 4-16, this neighborhood instructional league has teams in several divisions, including t-ball, coach pitch, junior baseball and junior softball, senior baseball and senior softball.

To sign up, come to the GRDC office at 19800 Grand River (just east of Evergreen) on Saturday, Feb. 12 between 9 AM – 12 PM to fill out an application and pay your fees.

There will be a second sign-up session on Saturday, March 12 between 9 AM – 12 PM, also at the GRDC office.

You can also download an application form from the GRDC web site at www.grdc.org and mail it in, along with your check.

For more information, send an e-mail to rglitle-league@aol.com.



Recreational Soccer for Grown Ups



Are you looking for a way to have fun, get some exercise, and show off your neighborhood pride all at the same time? Then sign up to represent Grandmont Rosedale in the Detroit City Futbol soccer league.

Detroit City Futbol is a co-ed recreational soccer league made up of teams representing various neighborhoods in Detroit. The league is for players 18 and older of all skill levels. Competition is friendly and no prior soccer experience is required.

Last year, there were teams from 11 different neighborhoods, including Corktown, Midtown, The Villages, and Green Acres. Why not Grandmont Rosedale? Games are once a week and the season runs May through July. Games will be played weekday evenings at Belle Isle or Fort Wayne.

For more information, contact Tom Goddeeris at tgoddeeris@grdc.org or 313-387-4732, ext. 111. To learn more about the league, visit www.detroitcityfutbol.com.

Detroit Works Comes to OUR Neighborhood

On Monday, February 14 from 6 – 8pm AND Tuesday, February 15 from 6 – 8pm, the leaders of the Detroit Works Project will be coming to our area to obtain input and feedback from residents and business owners as part of their planning process for the City's future.

Grandmont Rosedale Development Corporation (GRDC) is hosting the meeting on February 15, which will be a Cluster 8 meeting held at Greater Grace Church, 23500 W. 7 Mile. (The February 14th meeting will be a Cluster 9 meeting, location to be determined. For more information about the meetings, contact Tammy McCrory at GRDC at (313) 387-4732, ext. 104).



1) What is the Detroit Works Project? It is a process to create a collective vision for Detroit's future at the neighborhood, city and metropolitan scale. Over the next 12–18 months, Detroiters of all walks of life will be asked to contribute their ideas and energy to help develop a plan.

2) Why do we need the Detroit Works Project? Detroit can't continue to follow the same path and expect different results. This process will serve as a road map for government, community and faith-based groups, businesses, and philanthropic and non-profit organizations. Together, we can partner and build toward a common goal of stronger neighborhoods, safer streets, access to job opportunities, and improved services and quality of life in Detroit.

3) Isn't there already a plan? There is no comprehensive plan to address the challenges and opportunities we have in Detroit right now. This process is about building that plan with the input, ideas and engagement of everyone who has a stake in Detroit's future.

Help shape the City of Detroit's future and let your voice be heard! We hope to see you at one of the meetings.



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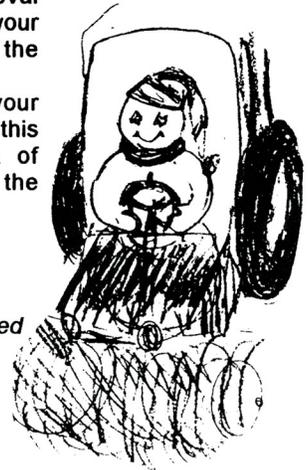
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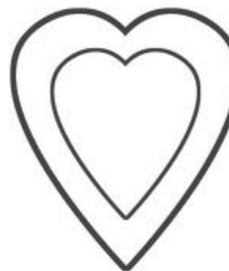
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HOME BUYER WORKSHOP ON THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 24

If you are interested in learning more about the process of buying a home, mark your calendars now for Thursday, Feb. 24 from 6:30 – 8:30 PM.

GRDC's Home Ownership Program Manager Brad Mattison will be leading a FREE workshop at GRDC's headquarters, 19800 Grand River. Come learn what it takes to get a mortgage in today's market!



Please call to register – 313-387-4732, ext. 101. The workshop is free but space is limited, so call to reserve your seat.

NEW COMMUNITY CRIME ALERT AND SECURITY BLOG

The criminals who are currently breaking into our homes, stealing our cars, and robbing us day and night are no respecters of neighborhood boundaries. They are equal-opportunity villains, targeting homes and vehicles throughout the Grandmont Rosedale area, wandering freely from one neighborhood to the next.

That's why GRDC's Community Security Program has launched a new COMMUNITY-WIDE crime alert web site, along with a separate security blog, to serve all five neighborhoods in our area. We encourage all residents to sign up for this crime alert site, regardless of in which neighborhood you live. In line with the mission of the GRDC Community Security Program, we are employing this crime alert site and blog to create a more unified, community-wide effort in crime prevention and public awareness.

CRIME ALERT WEB SITE, where residents can send and receive crime alerts via email. If you already have a G-Mail account, add yourself to this group by accessing googlegroups.com and entering 'Grandmont Rosedale Crime Alert' into the search box. Then join the group.

If you don't have a G-Mail account, you can join by sending your name and email address to Jeremy Orr at jorr@grdc.org. Report suspicious or criminal behavior by sending crime alerts to grandmontrosedalecrimealert@googlegroups.com.

COMMUNITY SECURITY BLOG, where residents can discuss topics related to community security. Here you can post messages and respond to each others' posts. To reply or comment about a crime alert or any other community security-related topic, go to the Grandmont Rosedale Community Security Blog at <http://grandmontrosedalecommunity.blogspot.com/>. No need to join or sign up to post comments on this site.

Questions or comments? Contact GRDC Community Security Coordinator Jeremy Orr at jorr@grdc.org or 313-387-4732, ext. 109.

FORECLOSURE PREVENTION

If you, or someone you know, is in danger of foreclosure, DON'T DELAY. Foreclosure counselors are available from Southwest Housing Solutions. Homeowners who are behind on their mortgage payments should contact the free non-profit counselors immediately, while they still have options – call 313-841-9641 TODAY for an appointment with a counselor.

VACANT HOUSE ALERT

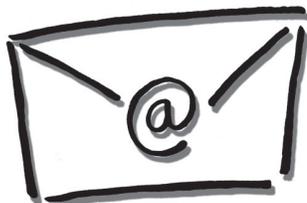
Do you have any vacant houses on your block? If so, please give GRDC Intern Austin Grout a call at 313-387-4732, ext. 100, and tell him the address (or email him at agrout@grdc.org). In cooperation with all of the neighborhood associations, GRDC is trying to keep track of all of the vacancies and we need your help! We're developing a Vacant Property Strategy and it's important to keep up to date on every vacancy. Thanks for being a good neighbor.

LEAVE A LEGACY

Do you want to make a long-lasting impact on this wonderful community of ours? Why not name GRDC in your will? You could leave your home, car or a financial contribution to GRDC in your will. The tax benefits for your survivors are worth checking into - just ask your lawyer or accountant. Leave a legacy to this fine neighborhood - make a difference! Call Cathy Marshall at 387-4732, ext. 105, for more information.

GET THE GRDC E-MAIL BLAST!

GRDC has been operating a neighborhood-wide list-serv; we send out regular weekly notices to let everybody know what's going on in our neighborhood. Don't miss out on the latest! If you want to know what's happening in our neighborhood, send us your e-mail address. We'll add you to our electronic mailing list and periodically send you information of interest to the neighborhood. Just send an e-mail to tmccrory@grdc.org and ask to be added to the list.



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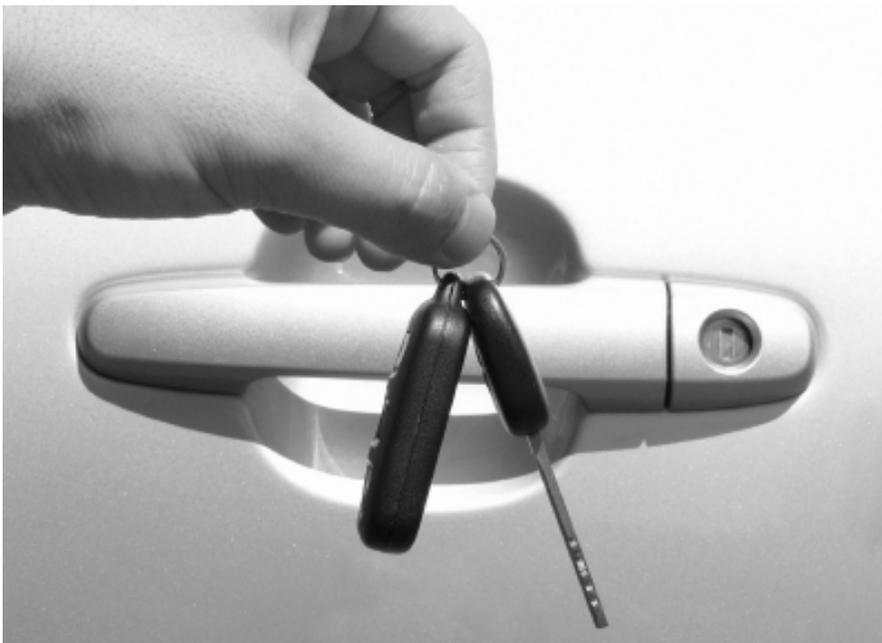
Vehicle Security Tips

By Jeremy Orr, GRDC Community Security Coordinator

As a resident of the Grandmont Rosedale Community, if you subscribe to the neighborhood crime alert and receive the crime statistics that are sent out, you have probably noticed the recent rise in automobile-related incidents, ranging from day-time break-ins to late-night wheel or rim removals to grand theft auto! Even as we are working hard to protect our families and homes, we also need to be much more aware of the safety and security of our vehicles as well.

Here are some extra precautions that you should take to increase the security of your vehicle:

- 1) Make sure your car alarm is always set. The sight of that tiny, flashing LED light on your dashboard may be enough to deter a would-be criminal. Also, since most alarms come with decal window stickers, consider placing them on your window for added initial deterrence. If neither of those works, then the noise from the alarm will attract attention to the tampered car. If you do not have an alarm, consider investing in one. There are local businesses in our area that will install basic alarms for as little as \$60.
- 2) Park in your garage, even if you are just running into the house for a few moments. A good car thief can steal a vehicle in less than 15 seconds! Imagine what they can do overnight with a car that is parked in the driveway or on the street.
- 3) Do not leave your car running unattended. This may seem like common sense, but it's the time of year when we try to get a jump on the cold. We go outside and start our vehicles, then go back into the house while they warm up for 10 or 15 minutes. If you are going to do this, be sure to keep an eye on your vehicle from the window.
- 4) Purchase 'wheel locks' for your rims. Because the wheels/rims on newer model vehicles are a hot commodity for thieves, you may want to have these special lug nuts installed. With the exceptions of villains who possess very unique tools, most criminals won't be able to get away with your wheels.



5) Don't leave any valuable items in plain sight, on the dash, seat, floor, or in an uncovered hatch. If a criminal can simply walk by, glance through your window, and see something of value, then that's motivation enough for them to break in. Always take those items with you or leave them in your trunk.

6) Park in well-lit areas. Whether you are at home or out and about (with no access to a garage), be sure to park your vehicle in a place where all sides can be clearly seen. A vehicle parked in a dark area becomes a desirable target for criminals, giving them a place to lurk and hide while they do their deed.

- 7) Invest in a steering wheel or brake pedal lock. 'The Club' is still alive and kicking. Similarly, 'Master Lock' also makes great automobile theft-prevention devices. Steering wheel locks completely cut off or severely limit the direction in which a stolen car can be steered. Brake pedal locks can limit the steering direction as well as prevent a criminal from pressing on the brake, as it is needed to shift gears. While both are very effective in their job of limiting navigation of a vehicle, they also serve as a great visible deterrent.

- 8) Park where it's safe and well-lighted, not where it's convenient. Because of the winter season, we often park our vehicles in areas that are most favorable in our quest of staying warm by getting to and from the car as quickly as possible. We are all guilty of this from time to time. I ask that you just be mindful of those parking practices and understand that parking convenience may compromise your vehicle's security.

With these tips in mind, remain vigilant, and rest assured that your car is much safer.



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DATES RESIDENTS NEED TO KNOW FOR 2011

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Feb.	May	Aug.	Nov.	Feb.	May	Aug.	Nov.
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RPIA General Membership Meetings

*All meetings are on Tuesdays at 7 p.m. at NRPCA Community House
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Mar.	May	Sept.	Nov.
8	10	13	8 <i>RPIA Election Day</i>

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RPIA Board Meetings

All meetings are at 7 p.m. at the GRDC Office on Grand River

Feb.	Mar.	April	May	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
28	28	25	23	22	26	24	28	19



2011 RPIA Events

EVENT	DAY	DATE
Easter Egg Hunt*	Saturday	April 23
Annual Picnic	Saturday	June 4
30-Block Garage Sale	Saturday	June 25
Holiday Breakfast	Saturday	December 3
2012 Annual Banquet	Friday	January 27, 2012

*Event may be cancelled due to inclement weather.

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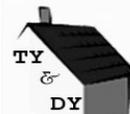
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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

February

- Monday Courville trash collection
Feb. 1 Ad copy deadline, Feb. *RP News*
Feb. 9 Bulk Pick-Up (North of Fenkel)
Feb. 10 Article deadline, Feb. *RP News*
Feb. 16 Bulk Pick-Up (South of Fenkel)
Feb. 19 Rosedale Recycles
Feb. 28 RPIA Board Meeting

Upcoming Events

- March 8 RPIA Membership Meeting



ROSEDALE RECYCLES

Saturday, Feb. 19

10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
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