



# Rosedale Park News

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## RPIA Annual Picnic – Saturday, June 4<sup>th</sup>

### FLINTSTONE PARK

It's that time again! Our RPIA Picnic will be Saturday, June 4th from 11 AM to 2 PM. The picnic will be held at Flintstone Park (corner of Rosemont and Acacia). Bring your children/grandchildren; or, just come yourself! This is an old-fashioned picnic with food, games and entertainment.

For dues paying RPIA members and their family the picnic is free. For non-RPIA households, or members who haven't yet paid their dues, the picnic is \$2.00 per person. Haven't paid your RPIA dues yet? No problem! Pay your dues at the picnic (\$45/household).

Want to help at the picnic? We need volunteers for set-up, clean-up and games. If you can help, give us a buzz on the RPIA message hotline (313 927 1089).

See you there.....  
Chris Remus



### General Membership Meeting

Tuesday, May 10th, 7 p.m.

North Rosedale Park Community House  
18445 Scarsdale, off Bretton Drive at Glastonbury

All Residents Welcome!

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## President's Message

*You must be the change you wish to see in the world.*

— Mahatma Gandhi

The message:  
Volunteer!!!!

The year: 2015

New neighbor Mary Jones on Faust near Chalfonte discovers that her thirteen year old has a stomach virus and is in dire need of medications. Mary's car is out of commission and it's 9:30 p.m. She rushes out of the house and heads for RiteAid. On the way, she passes both the young men on Foot Patrol duty that evening. They, in turn, call the Radio Patrol hotline and advise that a young woman needs escorting to and from RiteAid. One of the cars on duty that night shows up, picks up Mary and takes her to the store and back home.

To express her appreciation, Mary joins the neighborhood association. Because she's the only adult in her home, Mary questions whether she can sign up for either Radio or Foot Patrol. She's advised there are other activities she can volunteer for including becoming a part of the phone alert process on her block, helping the block captain in the meet and greet of new neighbors, volunteering to work on one of the community gardens located through Rosedale Park, or becoming more involved in the maintenance of the island on her street. Her son can sign up for lawn maintenance of vacant homes on the block and the semi-annual clean up at Flintstone Park. A few of these activities pique Mary's interest and she soon becomes an active participant in the Rosedale Park Community.

John Schwartz is a 35 year old computer programmer and web designer who has moved back to his parents' home on Greenview because the economic downturn resulted in him being unemployed for two years. He is now working and saving to move out and back to Royal Oak. He gets into a discussion with his next door neighbor and learns that the community is looking for someone to make their website more interactive and vibrant. John volunteers and finds a way that he can become engaged in the community by doing something he loves. Within two

years, he not only purchases a home in the Park but convinces two of his buddies to do the same. They spend lots of time at the newest coffee shop located in Grandland discussing joint ventures.

This neighborhood can be safer and residents can feel more secure. We can have productive community gardens that add beauty and produce to residents. We can create programs that help our aging population, attract younger people, tap into available monies to maintain and improve our homes and so much more. We can attract new businesses if we are viewed as a neighborhood where residents are comfortable being out and about in their community. We already have talent behind many of the closed doors in Rosedale who can take our communication vehicles to a new level; who can create and maintain new residential services such as foot patrol; who can envision changes that I cannot and then implement them through volunteer efforts. Author Pearl Cleage, a former Detroit resident, has written several successful novels around the concept of such an interactive, creative community.

These stories can reflect reality. It starts with each of you and each of the neighbors on your respective blocks who won't see this article because they don't pay their dues and don't get involved. These stories won't reflect reality if you and your neighbors don't do anything. Let's bring change to Rosedale Park by getting involved in Rosedale Park. Until the summer issue, take care....

*Carolyn*

Carolyn Cruse  
President

Rosedale Park Improvement Association



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# Block Captains' Corner

## Is It Spring Yet???

By Molly Eklund-Easley

As I write this month's article we've just had a week with two(2) snowfalls of at least 6 inches each and sub-zero wind chill temperatures. BUT, I'm told that Spring is just around the corner & the current 40 degree temperatures are an appetizer for the Spring weather ahead. With Spring, however, it means a need to start the planning for the planting of the summer flowers – since the ones which should be coming up now (or soon) are the crocus, hyacinth, tulip & daffodil bulbs you planted in the fall.

Spring also brings the opportunity to mirror the awakening flower bulbs & come out of our self-imposed hibernation. We can get out to greet our neighbors whom we knew prior to hibernation and to meet and get to know our new neighbors who may have moved into the neighborhood just before, or during our hibernation. The best way to do that would be to make sure they have their New Neighbor packet which you can get by contacting Bill Nolan if you don't have any on hand. The second best way is to ask them what special interests or talents they have & how they would like to use those talents or interests to contribute to the community – either in the neighborhood, with the Association, or both! By getting them involved in the community we create better neighbors & neighborhoods for all of us in which to live. A commitment to the neighborhood means we are looking out for one another at all times – whether it is when criminal activity may be afoot or whether a neighbor simply needs a helping hand.

This is also your opportunity to share, with long-time members and newer members alike, all the benefits of living in Rosedale Park and remind them of all the benefits which are supported by

their prompt payment of their dues. Each of you should have received your dues notices which were sent out in February with the assistance of some hearty souls who braved one of the 6" snowfalls in order to get the job done. If we assist the Board with the responsibility of getting the word out about the benefits the Association offers and what projects and programs are supported by their dues of \$45.00 a year (less than \$1.00 per week!!) we should be able to get closer to our goal of full participation in dues payment as well as participation in programs and projects.

Let's keep working to revitalize our blocks to action and involvement. Working together is all it takes! Feel free to contact us with any questions or concerns.

Molly Eklund-Easley & Dorothy McKnight  
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## Detroit Partnership Day - Mission Accomplished

by Nancy Bitzarakis

The weather prediction was rain and snow but Mother Nature was much more kind. The day was a bit chilly. But the sun came out, so 10 volunteers from the neighborhoods and 7 U-M students worked 5 hours straight! We weedwacked, pruned, bundled sticks and brush, raked an endless amount of leaves and bagged, bagged and bagged some more and cleaned up the donors' sign as much as possible.

It should be noted that there were at least 5 sites in our area where residents and U-M students teamed up to start our neighborhood Spring Clean Up. The beneficiaries are all the area residents who will visit: Farmer's Market site, Stoepel Park #1, the flower beds along Grand River, the Community Garden in back of Bushnell Church and Flintstone Park.

At Flintstone, Mr. Brown, Mr. Anthony Hudson and Mr. Phil Schloop made seven trips to the Borman Yard to transport around 70 bags of debris and leaves and we still had another 20 sitting out on the berm for the City to pick up on Monday.

There were 7 U-M students helping and they were wonderful. Neighborhood volunteers also came from Rosedale Park and Grandmont 1. A big thank you to residents: William Brown, Jacque Carson and her grandson Isaiah Carson, Mrs. Annie Mae Holt, Deborah Kent, Jane Phillips, Dorothy Roman, Phil Schloop and his neighbor Anthony Hudson, Gary Torgerson and Nancy Bitzarakis. The U-M students from Ann Arbor who worked with us were: Kumar Deb, Alex Bauman, Yigit Kuban, Ugur Yegen, Bertan Yeniceri, Lucy Nonas-Barnes and Jessica Herrmann. We would love to have them back next year!

Finally, we want to thank Macedonia Baptist Church and St. James Lutheran Church, who both made their facilities available to us as needed.

The temperature was not warm enough for painting so there will be more phases to this Spring Clean up – painting the picnic tables and benches, putting down some material under the swings and playscape and getting up the rest of those leaves. So look for future announcements and e-mails for some more volunteer needs at Flintstone





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For more information or to place an ad, please contact Rosedale Park News advertising coordinator Darryl Brown at 313-574-0410. If you prefer, you can send an email to Darryl at [advertiserpia@aol.com](mailto:advertiserpia@aol.com).



## GRANDMONT ROSEDALE DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

### NORTHWEST DETROIT FARMERS' MARKET OPENS MAY 26

The Northwest Detroit Farmers' Market will open for its sixth season on Thursday, May 26 from 4-8 PM. "This opening day will be our Flower Day," said Market Master Pam Weinstein. "We invite everyone to come out and buy some flowers for your yard so you can plant over the Memorial Day weekend," she added.



The market offers a wide variety of fresh, locally grown produce, meats, baked goods, spices, teas, and fair-trade coffee. The market is located in the south parking lot of Bushnell Congregational Church, 15000 Southfield Service Drive, just south of Grand River.

The market accepts credit and debit cards and the Bridge card, as well as Project FRESH and Senior Project FRESH coupons. The market will also be offering the highly popular Double Up Food Bucks program for Bridge card users. Double Up Food Bucks matches up to \$20 of a Bridge card purchase with an additional free \$20 in Double Up Bucks for the purchase of Michigan-grown fruits and vegetables.

For more information, and to volunteer to help at the market, contact Pam Weinstein at 313-387-4732, ext. 103, or [pweinstein@grdc.org](mailto:pweinstein@grdc.org).

### LOOKING FOR A HOME IN GRANDMONT ROSEDALE?

Calling all prospective homebuyers! GRDC is currently renovating several homes in the Grandmont Rosedale area. If you, or someone you know, is interested in purchasing one of these beautifully updated, energy-efficient and highly affordable homes, call GRDC today at 313-387-4732, ext. 104 or email to [tmccrory@grdc.org](mailto:tmccrory@grdc.org).

You can also visit our web site at <http://www.grdc.org>, to view a few of GRDC's current renovation projects.

### HOMEBUYER WORKSHOP ON THURSDAY, MAY 26

If you are interested in learning more about the process of buying a home, mark your calendars now for Thursday, May 26 from 6:30 – 8:30 PM.

GRDC's Home Ownership Program Manager Brad Matison 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.

### FRIDAY MORNINGS WITH TOM R.

Grab your work gloves and sturdy shoes and get ready to beautify our community! GRDC Program Manager Tom Ridgway is leading volunteer sessions every Friday morning this summer from 9 AM until 12 noon, beginning Friday April 29, 2011.

We'll plant flowers, weed landscape beds, tackle graffiti removal, and embrace any other projects that pop up throughout the summer. For more information, including how to meet your school's requirement for service hours, contact Tom Ridgway at 313-387-4732, ext. 108 or [tridgway@grdc.org](mailto:tridgway@grdc.org).

### COMMUNITY GARDEN NEEDS YOU!

The Grandmont Rosedale Community Garden at Bushnell Church welcomes new participants. Whether you are an experienced veteran or a complete novice, you are invited to come join us. We will be planting (and harvesting) tomatoes, cucumbers, squash, beets, lettuce, swiss chard, collard greens, arugula, green beans and more! Come to learn, come to share your knowledge, come to have fun digging in the dirt! Contact Pam Weinstein at 313-387-4732, ext. 103, or [pweinstein@grdc.org](mailto:pweinstein@grdc.org) for more information.

### 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 the GRDC Vacant Property Intern a call at 313-

387-4732, ext. 100, and give us the address (or send an email to [info@grdc.org](mailto:info@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.

**GET THE GRDC E-MAIL BLAST!**

GRDC has been operating a neighborhood-wide list-serve; 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, 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. Send an e-mail to [tmc-crory@grdc.org](mailto:tmc-crory@grdc.org) and ask to be added to the list.



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## Emmy Winner NFL Filmmaker John Marsh

by *Bonnie Mead*

Proud parents Victor and Cheryl Marsh, Rosedale Park residents, were thrilled with the news that their 24 year old son, John Marsh, won an Emmy Award for his production assistant work at NFL Films relative to the HBO series "Hard Knocks: Training Camp with the Cincinnati Bengals Show". John and his crew followed the head coach, veteran players, free agents and rookie hopefuls through both the training camp and the pre-season schedule. Regular viewers had the chance to watch players go through meetings, drills and fun as they aimed to prove that they had what it takes to make the team. Selected portions aired on ESPN, ESPN2 and NFL Network.

John Marsh, born and raised in Detroit, graduated from Renaissance H.S. and then Florida A&M University, from which he graduated Magna Cum Laude with a degree in Broadcast Journalism. "I approach each day as an opportunity to make some change", said the young Marsh. He and his parents attribute his productive journey in Journalism to his mentors: Dr. Val White, of Florida A&M University, Randy Henry of WDIV TV News 4 and Leland Stein III of the Michigan Chronicle; Mildred Gaddis of WCHB Radio and Reg Hall of WXYZ Channel 7. "All of these great people provided guidance,

internships, and a lot of love in developing this filmmaker, a debt we could never repay," Victor Marsh said and Mom Cheryl concurred.



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# RPIA's 30-Block Garage Sale

## Saturday, June 25<sup>th</sup>

### 9 AM - 2 PM ( Rain or Shine)

By *Chris Remus*

How many of you have watched Antiques Roadshow? The program has been on PBS for a number of years. To me, it is always fascinating to see the items that wind up on the program and their appraised values. It's also interesting how many of these items were found in garage sales! RPIA is getting ready to sponsor our annual 30-Block Garage Sale. Realistically, will you be able to find anything in our 30-Block Garage Sale that'll make Antiques Roadshow? Probably not, but it's certainly fun to look.

RPIA's 30-Block Garage Sale has evolved over the years. In the past, we divided the park in half for the event. Using Artesian as the middle street, in odd years the sale would be on one side of Rosedale Park, even years the other side. Our 30-Block Garage Sale has caught on in other neighborhoods. Now, residents of North Rosedale, Grandmont and surrounding communities are holding garage sales on the 4th Saturday of June. This year our 30-Block Garage Sale will be open to all residents on all streets in Rosedale Park.

Did you know that we have a local 'garage sale expert' in Rosedale Park? Ben Washburn (Glastonbury resident and past RPIA president) passes on some of his 'Garage Sale Wisdom':

- Stuff sells better when it's clean and fixed. Nobody wants to buy something that's dirty; neither will they buy something that doesn't work. If it doesn't work, it's probably not worth trying to sell.
- Consider joining your table(s) with that of a neighbor. That way, you or your neighbor can take turns holding down the fort, while the other goes to check what other folks are selling.
- Tag each item with both a price and a number. Do this well before the sale day. This takes

some time, thought and research, but it really is a key to success. If you don't know a price, check eBay or a thrift store.

- Set a fair price and stick with it (unless you enjoy haggling). But keep a notepad handy where people who offer less can leave their name and phone number in case the item does not sell. That's where the item number comes in handy.
- About half of the day's buyers will show-up during the first hour and a half of the day (that's from 9 – 10:30 AM). So, get up early and be ready for the surge. If showers are forecast, keep your items in a compact area, and have a big sheet of plastic ready to cover it quickly, along with some heavy weights to hold it down.
- Here is a list of things that sell well:
  - Lawn and garden tools and supplies
  - All types of tools
  - Extra house and garden plants
  - Dressers and nightstands
  - Unused auto parts from your last car
  - Toys, cameras, dishes and flatware
  - Pots, pans & kitchenware
  - Building materials and supplies.
  - Locks, hinges & hardware
  - Landscaping materials.
  - Picture frames & books
  - Electronics – Converter boxes and TVs
  - Small appliances
  - iPods and Video games
  - Baby clothes and infant items
  - Tables and chairs
  - Costume jewelry and personal care items
  - Bicycles and children's toys
  - Lawnmowers and snow blowers.
  - Coffee makers & kitchen 'gadgets'

Here are a few other garage sale suggestions.....

- Have some grocery bags on hand for packing items. Also, enough small bills and coins to make change.
- On a security note, keep money out of sight and never allow any stranger in your house to 'go to the bathroom.'
- For public health reasons, do not sell prepared food (ribs, coleslaw, etc). Unless you have a

Food Handler's Permit, it's illegal to sell food. Also, don't purchase prepared food from someone on the street. You don't know that person's hygiene, the condition of the food or how it was cooked. Buying food from someone on the street, who may or may not have been trained in sanitation, is just a great way to get sick.

- No alcohol sales; that can get you in trouble.
- If your child wants to have a 'Pop Stand' that's fine.
- Be friendly. Say hello and greet those who pass by.
- Do not block the sidewalk with your goods.
- Please make an effort to drive safely. Watch out for children darting out from between parked cars.

And finally, this is from Ben Washburn and I think it's quite true, "You will be forever amazed at the things which people will snap-up with glee, giving you a jingle in your pocket, space in your closets, and a zing in your weekend!"



## We're Testing a New RPIA Email System: Eblast!

by David Legg

The Rosedale Park Improvement Association is testing a new way of communicating with residents using email.

### Why should we use email this way?

We don't want to make changes just for the sake of changing, but there are many reasons to use new technologies to communicate with members.

- The cost of printing and mailing the Rosedale Park News is putting a strain on RPIA's budget. We won't totally abandon printed communication because not everyone has access to email. But we can reduce costs significantly by using modern technology.
- Info can be sent out in a much more timely manner. Printing and mailing adds up to two weeks to the process of getting news out to residents.
- We can send targeted messages to block captains, board members, committee members, radio patrol

members... even messages targeted to individual blocks! We will be trying out different ways to use this technology during the test period.

### What to expect

We'll be testing the flexibility of this service over the next few weeks. We will create mail lists and send some targeted test emails, and we will also see which email addresses are valid and which ones "bounce back" to us. The new Mapping Project highlighted in this issue of the newsletter outlines the effort being made to update our data base for residents.

Let us know how you think this new technology works! You can send comments to [RPIABlast@gmail.com](mailto:RPIABlast@gmail.com). If you wish to opt out of receiving these emails, you will be able to do so when you receive one by clicking on an option at the end of the email.

Thanks! David Legg, Artesian

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## RPIA Garden Club News - It's Spring!

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### *Garden Club News by Judith Rogan*

The Garden Club's new President, Tina Castlebury, was interviewed, and was kind enough to share these tips for spring gardening.

#### Spring Clean Up Tips

Garden lovers can start preparing the soil for planting. Rake out your yard only when the ground is dry to avoid damaging the new grass growing. Clean out flower beds so that early spring flowers can breathe. Spring is the time to plant bushes, trees, and shrubs. They should be planted before temperatures reach the 80's on a consistent basis. This is also the time to plant grass seeds or fresh sod.

#### Perennial Care

For your Roses, Hydrangea, Azalea and other perennials, purchase a really good fertilizer and apply early on for beautiful summer blooms. Cut away any dead limbs.

### Island Judging in Spring

This past 2010-11 season, we chose 3 winning island finalists who are in the running for the first place honor of being presented with the prestigious Winners Circle next year. The first place winner must maintain the island in first place quality through the current 2011-12 season. If this winner maintains these standards, they will be awarded the Winner's circle award at the 2012 Annual RPIA Banquet. This winner will be chosen from the three finalists who were announced at this year's past annual banquet.

They are:

- \*ASHTON btwn Fenkell and Chalfonte
- \*ROSEMONT btwn Eaton an Chalfonte
- \*WARWICK btwn Keeler and Midland

Our Judges will notify the finalists of the impending date of inspection so that they can prepare their island. The First Place winner will be announced in the next newsletter! Good Luck, and may the best island win!!!!

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## Stroke Kept McGee From Sculpture's Debut

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*by Bonnie Mead*

The night before the scheduled unveiling of a major new public sculpture in Detroit by Rosedale Park resident Charles McGee, he remained hospitalized because of a stroke he suffered on Sunday, April 3rd. McGee's work entitled "Spirit Renewal," a massive work of jazzy interlocking black and white shapes, made its formal debut at the Art X Detroit festival along with those of 38 Kresge artist fellows and prominent artists at nearly 50 free events in several Midtown locations. McGee, who is known for his vibrant sculpture and mixed-media works, is known as the dean of local visual artists. His works are on display at the Detroit Institute of Arts, the Charles H.

Wright Museum of African American History, Broadway Street People Mover Station and several hospitals. McGee was named the first Kresge Eminent Artist in 2008 and received a \$50,000 lifetime achievement prize awarded from them. They then commissioned "Spirit Renewal" for Art X Detroit. The sculpture can be permanently viewed as a part of the Midtown landscape outside the Horace H. Rackham building on East Farnsworth. It is a massive work of jazzy, interlocking black and white shapes proclaiming the arts. Residents of Rosedale Park not only congratulate Mr. McGee on this spectacular presentation of his work but also on his wonderful contribution to the world of art in Rosedale Park, in Detroit, and in Michigan!



# RPIA Board Meeting

## Minutes: March 28, 2011

The meeting was called to order at 7:06pm.

The following were present:

Board Members: Carolyn Cruse, Chris Remus, Deborah Gore, Mary McLeod, Pam Weinstein, Thom Gatson, Tracey Wallace, Stacy Pugh, Debbie Kent.

Administrative Assistant: Priscilla McDonald.

Interim Newsletter Editor: Bonnie Mead.

Interim Advertising Editor: Dorothy Roman.

Absent: Glynn McKnight, Sr., Darryl Brown.

### Rosedale/Grandmont Open House

Carolyn informed the board members of the upcoming Open House scheduled for May 1st. There is a need for the members to work with local businesses they are familiar with to encourage them to participate and be marketed during the Open House. Let Carolyn know by noon on Tuesday, March 30th if you have a good relationship with a local business owner and would be willing to discuss this marketing opportunity with them. The Rosedale Community House is in need of volunteers to help out on the day of the Open House as greeters and to help out with the setup and clean up with the event.

### First Vice President Position

Carolyn nominated Mary McLeod to fill the position of first vice president to serve in the position of RPIA President in the event that she is unable to fulfill her duties at any time within this year. Thom seconded the nomination and all were in favor. This nomination now presents an open board member position and all officers were encouraged to seek out other residents they feel would serve as an appropriate board member.

### GRDC Security Task Force

Pam stated that the GRDC will be going forward with the security task force. They needed representation from our area and Pam and Carolyn recommended that Stephanie Young take on the task, but it is not limited and any other board member would be encouraged to assist. Stacy expressed an interest to assist and will be contacting Karen Moore to obtain more information.

### RPIA General Membership Meeting

The board discussed the agenda for the upcoming general

membership meeting. Senator Hunter will be in attendance with a presentation for the residents. Items to be discussed include the vote on the changes to the by-laws. Pam suggested that the board invite Tom Ridgeway from GRDC to discuss the home repair program. The board will reiterate and discuss the RPIA electronic newsletter and collect more email addresses in support of this effort. The board will also cover a discussion on the action items from each of the committee reports, the mapping project, next steps regarding the grant projects, updates on the events and the Southfield Freeway project.

### Financial Summary Report

Thom Gatson provided financial reports and current bank statements supporting the operational budget and rainy day fund monies charted on the monthly summary report. Dues monies received for 2011 and 2012 have been broken down and allocated for the board to see. Thom discussed the expenses that were paid out within February and March 2011. Pam shared a need to have a running budget report to help in curbing the spending to keep the board within budget. Debbie discussed a report she is familiar with and that she would work with Thom on developing the report to meet the need Pam expressed. The board also reviewed the funds that RPIA is fiduciary over for radio patrol and discussed setting up a separate account to restrict the use of these funds to radio patrol.

### Advertiser Invoicing

Dorothy has volunteered to help RPIA in setting up the advertiser invoicing in the QuickBooks software. With the absence of Darryl Brown to provide the needed information, this project has been placed on hold momentarily.

### Code Violations

Stacy suggested that the RPIA open up the website to allow residents to report any code violations within the neighborhood. These violation reports can be followed up by the appropriate committee. The board agreed that this undertaking would require a committee of at least 4 volunteer residents to successfully enforce code violations. Stacy will work on recruiting volunteers and research the way in which North Rosedale has done it.

### Easter Egg Hunt – April 23rd

Chris discussed the upcoming Easter Egg Hunt and the possibility of discontinuing it. With the reduction of the newsletter printing, advertising would have to be done differently. The board

discussed the option of continuing the event with the decline in children and resident volunteer support. The board decided to continue the event and give a formal evaluation of it after this year.

### Mapping Project

Pam requested funds for printing efforts in the mapping project. The board discussed reallocating funds within the budget to cover this unbudgeted expense.

### Next Board Meeting

Monday, April 25, 2011

Adjournment: 9:02pm

Minutes submitted by: Priscilla McDonald



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## Energy Savings in the Park



In March 2011, a portion of Rosedale Park was selected to be the first Detroit neighborhood to participate in the Better Buildings for Michigan energy efficiency program. Homeowners in the area bordered by Grand River, Glastonbury, Chalfonte and Outer Drive were eligible to participate. Those that did received a professional home energy consultation, air sealing and insulation, as well as energy saving devices like CLF lightbulbs and faucet aerators. In addition, financial incentives and financing were made available through BetterBuilding.

The Rosedale Park Improvement Association recently learned that our support in this program has resulted in a grant award of \$5,000.00. Once received, that money will be immediately deposited in the association's savings account as it has not been earmarked for any particular function. When that determination has been made, you will be notified.

Your board of directors extends a special "Thank-You" for all homeowners that took advantage of this opportunity to conserve energy and move our green status up a notch.

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## The Mapping Project

A Changing Neighborhood means RPIA's records need to be updated. We have had a lot of foreclosures and many new neighbors have moved in. We need to re-do our resident rosters to include new residents and also to make sure that the information we have on our tried and true residents is still accurate. We also need to know which homes are vacant.

Accurate information is important for your RPIA organization for many reasons. We need correct names and addresses because we send out the ROSEDALE PARK NEWS to everyone in the neighborhood twice a year so that non-members can see who we are, what we are accomplishing, and why they should join with us and become active members. We also need accurate email addresses for all residents so that we can use electronic communication in between issues of the newsletter, to notify residents of important events or meetings, and also to alert them about suspicious or criminal activities in our area.

Having accurate information has helped us out more than once. One group of RPIA residents helped prevent an illegal business from establishing themselves within our boundaries. Another time, we were able to call the nearby neighbors of a home that was being burglarized and the police responded to the neighbors' calls and caught the perpetrators.

1580 homes, 63 blocks...one block at a time There are many reasons why an accurate mapping of our neighborhood and its residents will benefit our community. And that is why we are asking you to help. There are 1580 homes in Rosedale Park. We have activated our network of over 55 block captains, asking each one to

contact every household on their block, to make sure we have complete and accurate information on every address in our entire area.

### Useful Resident Information

#### Summary

Everyone should expect to be contacted by their block captain, to collect and/or verify names, addresses, phone numbers and e-mail addresses. You will also be receiving from your block captain a handy summary of all the important dates, times, and places for all the important events in our neighborhood, as well as a directory of all RPIA officers and directors. We think you will appreciate this convenient summary for posting on your bulletin board or refrigerator.

#### Finish Line: June Day Picnic

Our goal is to map every one of our 1580 homes. Our Mapping Project campaign kicked off at the April Block Captains' meeting. Our deadline for completing this whole project is the annual June Day Picnic. Our goal on Saturday, June 4th at Flintstone Park. At that time we'll come together to celebrate our accomplishment! In the meantime, please respond promptly and cordially to your block captain's call or message or visit – help revitalize Rosedale Park! Get on the map!!

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## Calendar of Events

### RPIA NEWS EVENTS

#### May

- Monday Courville trash collection  
May 1 Ad copy deadline, June *RP News*  
May 9 Bulk Pickup N. of Fenkell  
May 10 RPIA General Membeship Meeting  
May 16 Bulk Pickup S. of Fenkell  
May 21 Rosedale Recycles  
May 23 RPIA Board Meeting

#### June

- June 4 RPIA Picnic  
June 10 Article Deadline for June/July/August  
RP News Edition  
June 18 Rosedale Recycles and Shredding  
June 25 30-Block Garage Sale  
June 27 RPIA Board Meeting



### ROSEDALE RECYCLES

Saturday, May 21

Saturday, June 18 (*Includes shredding*)

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