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Why should we pay Rosedale Park Improvement Association dues?

Because it is the most important way to keep our neighborhood thriving. Yes, thriving. Compared to most communities in Detroit, Rosedale Park has been able to stem the tide of deterioration. In order to move forward, we need a strong, powerful organization. Here is what you get for \$45:

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- A coordinated five-neighborhood Open House
- Maintaining the entrance facades and signage
- The Rosedale Park News and RPIA website
- The Rosedale Park Hotline
- New Neighbor Kits
- 30-block Garage Sale
- Individual block club support
- Holiday Pancake Breakfast

- Angels' Night support
- Volunteers who lobby for us at the city council and mayor's office
- Volunteers who work hard to keep Flintstone Park beautiful
- Officers and board members who will listen to you and fight for you

Without RPIA, most of the work to keep the quality of life at a high standard in our neighborhood would simply not happen. Let's

become active with our neighbors and encourage them to join us and become members of RPIA. As anyone can see, the \$45 investment goes a long, long way.

For more information, call or e-mail any of the officers or board members listed near the back of this newsletter.

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Mayoral Forum

General Membership Meeting



Tuesday, March 12 at 7 PM

**North Rosedale Park Community House
18445 Scarsdale**

(off Bretton Drive at Glastonbury)

All Residents Welcome!



President's Message

Greetings and happy new year, Rosedale Park neighbors and community partners. I am honored to be elected as your 2013 president. Thank you for your confidence.

I was born and raised in the City of Detroit and have been a resident of Rosedale Park since 2004. I was elected to the board in 2010 and served my first term in 2011. As a dedicated member of the board I have chaired several committees as well as established new committees, such as code enforcement, which help to maintain the integrity of our neighborhood.

I will strive to implement new ideas as our community continues to change. We must build on the historic prestige and culture that Rosedale Park is so well known for. With the City of Detroit being strapped for cash and public safety being a top concern, Rosedale Park is one of the neighborhoods in the city that has maintained its high quality-of-life standards. We have done this by getting out, knowing our neighbors, keeping our eyes and ears open, and addressing issues immediately. This is the cornerstone of Rosedale Park and why I am proud to be a long-term resident and, now, your president.

This year, the board and I will implement many changes: from upgrading the technology to better manage our

finances, to enhancing our website to keep you more informed. We will also explore innovative ways to enhance public safety.

One of our key goals for 2013 is to establish a Neighborhood Benefits District (NBD) that will ensure our community stays safe. Under the NBD residents would pay a small fee that would be used to hire a private security firm to patrol our neighborhood. Many of you attended informational meetings that were held in January.

We will also focus on monitoring and accounting for vacant homes, and will ensure that squatter issues are handled immediately!

Lastly, we will keep our neighborhood and our parks clean and beautiful by addressing blight and code violations.

As the board and I work to accomplish these goals, we cannot do it without your help and participation. I encourage you to volunteer and get involved to help us accomplish our goals by keeping your eyes and ears open, and reporting issues as they arise. I look forward to serving as your 2013 president.

Warm regards,

Stacy Pugh

Stacy Pugh, President
Rosedale Park Improvement Association

READ OUR ADS, PLEASE!

Take a minute to notice the local businesses that are advertising in this newsletter. Some are longtime supporters, others are brand-new this issue. What they all share in common is a desire to

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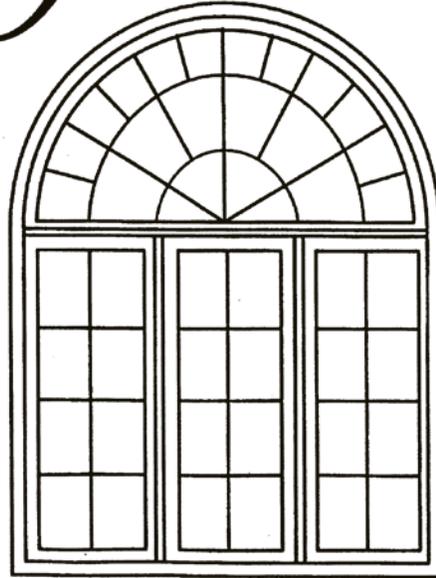
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Summary of RPIA Board Meetings of December 10, 2012 and January 14, 2013

Highlights of the December meeting included an update from GRDC representatives; a report-out from the Events Committee on the Pancake Breakfast and the Annual Banquet; review of the articles needed for the newsletter; discussions on recruiting new board members; plans for the board retreat; and a summary of the financial audit of the RPIA financial practices and overall principles.

Highlights of the January meeting included an introduction and appointment of two new board members; an

update from a GRDC representative; the financial report summary; the status of the RP News advertising initiative; a presentation from Access Surveillance Company; a summary of the committee assignments for 2013; the election timetable; and an update on the Annual Banquet.

For a listing of these minutes in detail, you can find a complete copy on the RPIA website at www.rosedalepark.org.

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In 2013, GRDC will be receiving a grant from the City of Detroit Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP). This grant will enable us to buy and renovate nine more vacant area homes. Eight of the nine homes are being purchased through a cooperative arrangement with the Detroit Land Bank Authority. These long-vacant homes were foreclosed for non-payment of taxes, and will be renovated and ready to purchase this spring and summer. For more information, contact GRDC at 313-387-4732, ext. 100, or belong@grandmontrosedale.com.

NEIGHBORHOOD SAFETY MEETING –

The monthly neighborhood safety meeting will be held on Thursday, March 28 at 6 PM at the North Rosedale Park Community House, 18445 Scarsdale. **Judge Victoria A. Roberts** is this month’s speaker; her talk will include information about the importance of serving on a Federal jury and will provide other insights into the structure of the court systems and the types of cases presented in each jurisdiction.

Neighborhood Safety meetings are open to the public. Please join your

neighbors, local law enforcement officials, and guest speakers as we learn and share crime prevention strategies. Every meeting provides important information to help keep us and our neighborhoods safer! For more information, contact Community Security Assistant Elizabeth Wroughton at 313-387-4732, ext. 109, or ewroughton@grandmontrosedale.com.

DREAMGIRLS BENEFIT FOR VACANT PROPERTY TASK FORCE –

Purchase a ticket for a matinee performance of *Dreamgirls* by the Park Players and you’ll not only get to see a great show, you’ll also be helping to keep your community safe! Proceeds from the Sunday, March 17th matinee performance support the Grandmont Rosedale Vacant Property Task Force, a group of dedicated resident volunteers working to address problems associated with abandoned homes in the community. Doors open at 1 PM, show starts at 2 PM, light refreshments provided. Tickets are \$25. To purchase your tickets and reserve your seats, contact GRDC’s Vacant Property Hotline at 313-387-4732, ext. 117.

OPPORTUNITY FOR LOW-INCOME CONSTRUCTION WORKERS AND BUSINESSES –

If you are a low-income resident of the Grandmont Rosedale area and have skills and experience in home renovation and construction, GRDC would like to help connect you with contractors working on federally-funded home repair and renovation projects in our area.

GRDC utilizes federal funds provided by the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to renovate vacant houses and to provide home repair grants and loans to low-income homeowners in the Grandmont Rosedale area. Under Section 3 of the HUD Act of 1968, wherever HUD financial assistance is given for housing or community development, to the greatest extent feasible, economic opportunities

must be given to low- and very low-income residents and businesses located in that area.

To qualify under Section 3, construction businesses must be owned by low- or very low-income residents, employ low- or very low-income residents in full-time positions, or subcontract with businesses that provide economic opportunities to low- and very low-income persons. GRDC will work together with local residents and contractors participating in our federally funded programs to share information about employment and/or training opportunities for residents who qualify under Section 3. Contact GRDC Administrative Assistant Wilsie Calhoun at 313-387-4732, ext. 100, or email info@grandmontrosedale.com for more information.

JOIN THE CRIME ALERT! Want to know what’s going on around you? Join the GRDC Crime Alert system and you’ll get email messages to update you.

The GRDC Community Security Program’s staff monitors and sends out email crime alerts as reported by community residents about recent suspicious or criminal incidents or activities. Our goal is to provide timely information to residents and when possible and appropriate, to offer crime prevention strategies and reminders that may help keep us safer in the future.

To join the Grandmont Rosedale Crime Alert system, send an e-mail request to grandmontrosedalecrimealert@googlegroups.com. And please share this invitation and e-mail address with other neighbors and friends who also live in the Grandmont Rosedale area.

NOTE: This alert system is designed to help increase our awareness for our own personal safety and/or to show possible trends and to help increase the arrest and prosecution rate of criminals. This alert system is not to be used for community

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VACANT HOUSE and SQUATTER ALERT

Do you have any vacant houses on your block? Do you suspect squatters may be occupying a vacant house on your block? If so, please give GRDC's Vacant Property Hotline a call at 313-387-4732, ext. 117, and report the addresses and any other information posted or available. You can also send an email to vacantproperty@grandmontrosedale.com.

It takes a LOT of people to keep track of and take care of all of the vacant houses in our neighborhood. Please do all that you can to maintain the yards of the vacant houses on your block – pick up trash and flyers, and do what you can to make the house look occupied. If you are already taking care of vacant houses in your community, THANK YOU and thanks for being a good neighbor!



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2013

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GLASS BOTTLES & JARS: Separate by color—clear, brown, green. *RINSE* and **REMOVE TOPS**; recycle metal lids with metals. **NOT ACCEPTED:** Plexiglas, Pyrex, window glass, drinking glasses, or light bulbs.

METALS: No need to separate: tin or metal cans; copper, brass, aluminum foil, pie pans or cans; *RINSE* and **REMOVE LABELS**; flatten if possible to save space.

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.....Meeting, 7 PM

.....North Rosedale Park

.....Community House

.....18445 Scarsdale,

.....off Bretton Drive at Glastonbury

Sat., March 16.....Rosedale Recycles, 10 AM-2 PM

.....18605 Pierson

Sat., March 23.....Detroit Partnership Day,

.....10 AM-2 PM

.....Flintstone Park, Stoepel Park,

.....Southfield Service Drive,

.....Ramsay Park

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Mon., April 1Advertising deadline

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Weds., April 10.....Article submission deadline

.....for May/June issue of RP News

Sat., April 20.....Rosedale Recycles, 10 AM-2 PM

.....18605 Pierson

.....(This date includes household

.....hazardous waste collection)

Coming in May: Neighborhood Open House,

.....Sunday, May 5, 1 PM-5 PM

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