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## Agenda for RPIA General Membership Meeting

Tuesday, November 12, 7 PM

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

- General elections for officers and board members
- Explanation of the new format for the RP NEWS
- Meet the new District One Detroit City Council winner
- Update on the new District One Community Leadership Committee

All dues-paying RPIA members will have the opportunity to vote for the team of leaders who will be sworn in at the Annual Meeting in January 2014. Following is a list of nominees.

- President** ..... Stacy Pugh
- First Vice President** ..... Dorothy Roman
- Second Vice President** ..... Donna Wilson
- Treasurer** ..... Rhonda Pugh, Frank Raben
- Board Members**
- Three-year term (vote for 2)  
Jerry Cullors, Taft Gaddy
- Two-year term (vote for 1)  
Conja Wright
- One-year term (vote for 3)  
Deborah Gore, Leon Jackson, Pam Weinstein



We hope you enjoy this complimentary issue of your neighborhood association newsletter!

Beginning in January, *The Rosedale Park News* will be hand-delivered by block captains and other volunteers, to each home in the Park. The format will change, and we will put more emphasis on our website and eBlast to communicate to residents.

## RP NEWS to Change Format and Delivery Method

As you will hear at the November 12th membership meeting, in 2014 our neighborhood association is going to try out a new format for our bi-monthly newsletter. We are going to streamline our issues into a 4-page "quick read" format and we're going to print enough so that every household in the neighborhood will have a copy of every issue. Instead of mailing the newsletters, we're going to deliver them by hand, through our block captain network and RPIA board members and officers, in much the same way that all the other neighborhood associations in the Grandmont Rosedale community do. This change will reduce our costs and at the same time increase our outreach to every household within our boundaries!

To compensate for having fewer pages in the newsletter, we will lean heavily on our website: [www.rosedalepark.org](http://www.rosedalepark.org) and the Rosedale Park eBlast, our free weekly electronic newsletter. To receive the eBlast, send an email to [rpiablast@gmail.com](mailto:rpiablast@gmail.com)

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# Farmers' Almanac Forecasting Lots of Snow This Winter!

Have you paid your 2013 RPIA Annual Dues to keep our streets plowed? If not, mail your check or money order for \$45.00 (\$25.00 for Outer Drive residents) to: **RPIA, PO Box 23113, Detroit, MI 48223.**

Annual dues help to keep our community clean, safe, and thriving. In addition to street snow-plowing, your dues pay for the following neighborhood services and activities:

- New Neighbor Kits
- Spring Egg Hunt
- June Day Picnic and Parade
- Beautification Awards for the Islands
- Newsletter, eBlast and Website
- Annual Banquet
- General Membership Meetings
- Block Captain Meetings
- Winter Holiday Pancake Breakfast
- Special Projects (such as Flintstone Park maintenance)
- Vacant Property Oversight
- Southfield Service Drive Grass-Cutting



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## Block Captains' Corner

*by Pam Weinstein*

Greetings to all! I hope you are all well and enjoying the beauty of these last fall days in our beautiful neighborhood, Rosedale Park.

### NEIGHBORS HELPING NEIGHBORS

Take a look at the notice in the middle of this column. It arrived as an email in my inbox last month, with a request to run it in the ROSEDALE PARK NEWS.

I readily agreed. It's an excellent example of how neighbors can reach out and connect with each other, stretching our dollars and strengthening the bonds that connect us. This neighbor needs a ride. Someone out there may already be driving that direction every day at that time - presto! Instant carpool. Or someone may have a vehicle and be willing to do the driving because they could use a little extra cash. Either way, we can help each other.

**WANTED: OCCASIONAL DRIVER**

Rosedale Park resident who is a tennis pro at the Dearborn Racquet Club needs reliable transportation from Rosedale Park to the club location at Gully Road/ Michigan Avenue in Dearborn.

Days and times vary—could be Monday through Saturday, times are usually between 3 – 8 PM. Fees are negotiable. Contact Chip at 313-523-1393. Serious inquires only—thanks!

I hope this notice in the ROSEDALE PARK NEWS will do the job. (I'm also really proud that one of our neighbors is a tennis pro – way cool!). If you have a need that you think your neighbors might be able to help with, or if you have some resources you think your neighbors could use, send me an email. I'll do my best to publicize and get the word out. We can help each other. I'm sure of it.

### QUARTERLY BLOCK CAPTAINS MEETING ON SUNDAY, NOV. 10

Please mark your calendars and plan to attend our quarterly block captains' meeting on Sunday, November 10 from 4-6 PM at the GRDC building, 19800 Grand River. Refreshments provided – good food and fellowship for all! I hope to see you then. And if your block doesn't have a block captain, consider volunteering. Come to our meeting to learn more – you will be glad you did.

## All Park Residents are Invited to Our Annual Holiday Pancake Breakfast!

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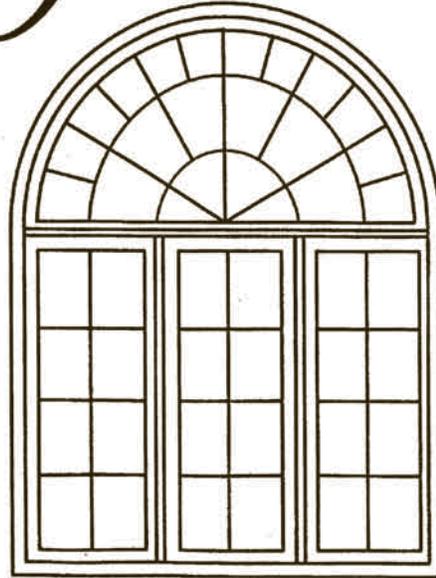
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# Illegal Scrapping Main Topic of September General Meeting

A startling fact: Michigan ranks second in the nation for scrap metal theft.

Currently, there are three bills weaving their way through the state legislature that will put some teeth in the enforcement tools to stop scrap metal theft.

Rep. David Nathan, our representative, explained at the RPIA general meeting that if these anti-scrapping bills are passed, it would then be a felony for scrap metal dealers to purchase new metal used in manufacturing or construction, equipment or tools used by contractors, or materials clearly marked as property belonging to a person other than the seller.

“It’s time to get tough with illegal scrapping that is destroying our neighborhoods,” said Nathan.



Rosedale Park residents listen to one of the speakers.

In a cover letter distributed to Detroiters describing the three bills, Rep. Rashida Tlaib explained: These bills tighten regulations by including all types of scrap metals and not just nonferrous; getting rid of the instant cash attraction by delaying payment for catalytic converters, air conditioners and copper wire; requiring a photo of the metals being purchased; training of all scrap yard employees and identifying the employee that weighs and inspects the material on the scale.

“As a recent victim of scrap metal theft myself, I am pleased to see that two of the bills have moved from committee with strong bipartisan support,” said Tlaib in her letter. “Scrap metal theft destroys our communities when illegal scrappers steal playground equipment from parks and schools, and abandoned homes are a greater danger when they’ve been stripped of metal.”

For more information on House Bills 4593, 4594 and 4595, contact Rep. Nathan’s office: (517) 373-3815 or send an email to davidnathan@house.mi.gov.

Also, an analysis is available at <http://www.legislature.mi.gov> (You will need to enter the Bill number, 4593-4595).



State Representative David Nathan explains the proposed anti-scrapping law.

## COUNCILMAN JAMES TATE TALKS ABOUT THE NEW COUNCIL DISTRICT

Councilman James Tate, a North Rosedale resident, discussed the new council District 1 that covers Rosedale Park. He explained that a group of community leaders in District 1 have been meeting since January to help set an agenda for our area. Check out the Facebook page “District One Detroit.”

Tate also answered questions from residents on a variety of subjects.



Councilman James Tate answers questions from residents.

# Radio Patrol Goals Set for Coming Months

Close to 30 people crowded into the Maryann Mahaffey Community Room at the GRDC office for the quarterly meeting of the Rosedale Park Radio Patrol (RPRP).

President Kathy Roland thanked all those who patrol at least once a month. She set forth some goals to shoot for. With 60 volunteers signed up as RPRP members, 30 days/times per month should be covered. But, according to Roland, only 15 patrols went out in August.

“So let’s double the number of patrols next month to 30,” said Roland.

There are still a few patrollers who need to put in training time. Roland suggested that veterans call her before their next scheduled day and offer to take new members who need training.

“It’s important we reach out to patrollers who have not gone out in a while, and encourage them to take a turn,” she said.

New revised radio patrol packets were distributed to all those present. Kathy reviewed the packets with the membership. If you were not present for this meeting and want a packet, please contact Dorothy Roman, secretary, (313) 531-6641.

Roland also stressed that the B&E Task Force (Sgt. Glaza and Officer Fulgenzi) is still in operation. If a patroller sees something suspicious, report it by sending an email to beinfo@yahoo.com. The officers will respond.

The next meeting is Tuesday, December 17 at 6:30 PM at the GRDC offices. It’s the annual Christmas celebration and potluck.



*Radio patrol meetings aren’t all business, there’s a good amount of humor, too.*



*An overflow crowd participates at the Radio Patrol meeting at the GRDC office.*

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- Have an annual household income at or below 120% of the area median income (see chart below)
- Be pre-approved for a mortgage with a reputable mortgage lender
- Complete 8 hours of pre-purchase homebuyer counseling
- Make a down payment equal to no less than 1% of the purchase price from your own funds.

For additional information or to view a listing of homes to be renovated, visit the GRDC web site at [www.grandmontrosedale.com](http://www.grandmontrosedale.com).

**NSP Program Income Limits**

Household Size	Maximum Income
1 person	\$54,120
2 person	\$61,920
3 person	\$69,600
4 person	\$77,280
5 person	\$83,520
6 person	\$89,760
7 person	\$95,880
8 person	\$102,120

**ATTENTION ALL FEDERAL EMPLOYEES** - Why not designate GRDC (code #94303) as your charity

of choice in this year’s Combined Federal Campaign? Put your CFC dollars to work right here in our neighborhood!



**NEIGHBORHOOD SAFETY MEETING** - The Neighborhood Safety Meeting will take a short break in November, due to the Thanksgiving holiday. The next meeting will be Thursday, December 19, when Attorney and Former Deputy Mayor Saul Green will be the guest speaker. His topic is the Cease Fire Initiative, a program that requires gang members and those on probation to hear from crime victims and business owners just how their acts of violence impacted their lives and/or the community. Join us at 6:30 PM for a lively discussion at the North Rosedale Park Community House, 18445 Scarsdale.

**NORTHWESTERN DISTRICT COAT DRIVE** —The Grandmont Rosedale Office Center, 19566 Grand River (the annex office), will be an additional drop-off site for the NW District 6th & 8th Police Precinct’s 2013 Coat Drive. New coats or CLEAN, gently used coats in all sizes for children and adults will be accepted until Friday, November 22. We will also accept hats, scarves & gloves.

**VISIT MYGRANDMONTROSEDALE.ORG!** Want to stay up to date on all the latest happenings in the Grandmont Rosedale community? It’s easy – just make [mygrandmontrosedale.org](http://mygrandmontrosedale.org) your new home-

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**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](mailto: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.

**GET THE GRDC E-MAIL BLAST!** – Every Wednesday morning at 11 AM, GRDC sends out an electronic newsletter 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 send you information of interest to the neighborhood. Send an e-mail to [info@grandmontrosedale.com](mailto:info@grandmontrosedale.com) and ask to be added to the list.

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## Concerted Effort by Neighbors Cleans Up Blighted Yard

With sleeves rolled up and determination in their eyes, ten Rosedale Park neighbors came together on September 14 to spruce up the abandoned eyesore at 15100 Penrod.

The front yard looked like a wheat field. All around the house, weed trees had taken root and taken over. And the back yard was, well, a complete disaster, with weeds five feet high and downed dead trees lying everywhere.

While the back yard didn't get a complete clean-up, in just one hour this determined crew managed to transform the front yard and the side yard into something recognizable as a Rosedale Park home. The brush and trees were cut up carted off to the city yard.

"It's truly amazing what a group of people can do in just an hour," said neighbor Dale Reid.

This effort by neighbors keeps our community safe and clean - yeah!



*Dale Reid taking a mowing break to rake up some debris.*



*Neighbors pitching in to clean up a blighted yard of an abandoned home on Penrod.*



Neighbors tackle some weed trees growing next to the abandoned home.



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## Community Leaders Blaze Path for New City Council District 1

Last January, Detroit City Councilman James Tate, a North Rosedale Park resident, invited community leaders from a number of block clubs and neighborhood organizations to a planning meeting to develop strategies for the new council district.

What resources do we have in District 1? Are there problems in District 1 that are unique to this area? What is our long-term vision? These and other questions were put forward by the initial group of about 50 residents that meets once a month.

The District 1 Community Leadership Committee has four working committees: Abandoned Property/Blight; Public Safety; Block Club; and Social Media/Internet Outreach.

We've also developed a mission statement: District One is a coalition of community organizations committed and dedicated to serve community interest share information and resources to support residents, businesses and faith-based organizations via a "central hub".

What's your vision? Come join us at our November meeting. To find out when and where, contact Reginald Alexander in Councilman Tate's office, 313-224-1786 or send an email, alexanderr@detroitmi.gov.



*Earlene Hall, left, Ben Washburn and Colleen Flaherty discuss ways to improve Block Clubs.*



*The Abandoned Property/Blight Committee focuses on strategies for a district-wide housing survey.*

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## Tomatoes: Fruit or Vegetable? Who Cares!

Another bountiful growing season is coming to a close at the Rosedale Grandmont Community Garden at Bushnell Church. Throughout the season, around 30 volunteers planted, watered, weeded, staked and harvested vegetables and fruit.



*It's time to harvest and distribute some vegetables.*

Hundreds of pounds of produce were harvested from the 18 raised beds in the garden, located in a plot of land just east of the north parking lot of the Bushnell Church.

Volunteers split up the food, which included raspberries, strawberries, peppers, kale, tomatoes, carrots, beets, potatoes, lettuce, broccoli, Swiss chard, onions, garlic, cucumbers, green beans, parsley and a few flowers.



*Future gardeners want to help, too.*



*Community gardeners show off some of the bounty.*

# New Outdoor Green Space at Redford Library

*By Dr. Conja Wright, Librarian, Redford Branch Library*

There is a transformation taking place at our neighborhood Redford Branch Library. The library is developing a green space for the enjoyment of patrons and the residents of the northwest Detroit community.

This transformation is fueled by the collaborative efforts of community residents with the cooperation of the Friends of the Detroit Public Library, Ms. Patrice Merritt, Director.

As a Redford Branch librarian and storyteller, I presented a proposal, written in concert with Ms. Merritt, at July's GRDC Detroit SOUP event to create a meditation and reading garden in an unused area adjacent to the library. To our delight, the proposal received the majority of votes and was awarded in excess of \$1,000, an initial seed fund to begin the project.



*Vera Smith, Kadiri Sennefer and Conja Wright take a break from cleaning brush at the Redford Branch library.*



*Volunteers with loppers begin to trim bushes.*

The project will provide community residents and library patrons with a place of solace, contemplation and refuge within the library campus.

Preliminary bids were received from area landscape professionals to remove unwanted trees, shrubs and accumulated litter from the half-acre site. CSL Tree Removal was awarded a contract to begin the task.

On Saturday, September 28, the first of over fifty unwanted trees were felled. A combined workforce, led by CSL, consisted of a contingency of volunteers from many organizations. Thanks to GRDC's Chelsea Neblett for supplying a host of honor students from Wayne State University; Kadiri Sennefer of D-Town Farms; Jarrette Booker of Tech Swaggers; Vera Smith of University Prep High School; Hope on Heyden Block Club; Green Thumbs-Up Garden Group; and all the neighborhood residents who cut, raked, swept and bagged refuse.

So, share the vision, catch the dream and become a part of the transformation. Let's grab hold of our city, our library and make a difference!

For more information, contact Dr. Conja Wright, librarian, Redford Branch, 313-481-1820.

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## Calendar of Events

### NOVEMBER

Tues., Nov. 12 ..... RPIA General Membership Meeting, 7 PM  
North Rosedale Park Community House  
18445 Scarsdale, off Bretton Drive at Glastonbury

Sat., Nov. 16 ..... Rosedale Recycles  
10 AM-2 PM  
18605 Pierson

### DECEMBER

Sat., Dec. 7 ..... Holiday Pancake Breakfast, 9 AM  
North Rosedale Park Community House  
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Tues., Dec. 10 ..... Article submission deadline for Jan./Dec. issue of RP NEWS

Sat., Dec. 21 ..... Rosedale Recycles  
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Coming in 2014: RPIA Annual Banquet, Friday, January 24

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## Big changes in store for Rosedale Recycles!

Beginning in January 2014, Rosedale Recycles will be going to a bi-monthly service: January, March, May, July, September and November. Watch this page for dates!

### General Membership Meeting

Tuesday, November 12 at 7 PM  
North Rosedale Park Community House  
18445 Scarsdale  
(off Bretton Drive at Glastonbury)

General Elections  
*All Residents Welcome!*



## ROSEDALE RECYCLES

Saturday, November 16  
Saturday, December 21

10 AM - 2 PM  
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