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Get Ready for Rosedale's 60-Block Yard Sale

Rosedale's legendary Yard Sale has been extended - Let's get rid of stuff!
Saturday AND Sunday, June 22-23, from 9 a.m.-3 p.m., rain or shine



Rosedale Yard Sale always offers bargains.

The theme of this year's Rosedale Yard Sale is: "Where did all this stuff come from?!!!"

RPIA would like to bring the fun back to our annual event with more organization, advertising and promotions, as well as increasing the number of buyers and sellers - *Team up with your neighbors and get rid of the clutter!*

New changes coming to the sale this year:

- The Yard sale has been extended throughout the weekend to include both Saturday AND Sunday;
- Buyers will be able to download a map of homes participating in the yard sale, along with brief descriptions of the goods for sale at each home;
- Getting the word out to a wider audience:
 - Press release for major news outlets to promote the event
 - Increased promotion of the event through online and print ads
- Residents can register to sell items during the yard sale:
 - Registration fee: \$5 per home (10 or more homes on same block \$3 per home)
 - Registration fee gets your home placed on the 60-block yard sale map with a brief description of your goods
- A drawing among registered homes to win a \$50 VISA gift card

Participation by both buyers and sellers in our sale has fallen off in the past few years. Buyers were frustrated because prices were too high, so they didn't return. Sellers were upset because items weren't selling, so they stopped participating. Let's turn those downward dynamics around with this year's sale – follow the tips on our website, RosedalePark.org!

How to register by Wednesday, June 19th:

- Online: www.rosedalepark.org
- In person: May membership meeting (May 14) & The Garden Bug, 18901 Grand River

African American Art Talk at Grand River Gallery

On Thursday, May 16, 2019 from 2-3pm, there will be a DIA presentation on 'African American Art: Hearing Our Voice,' at the Norwest Gallery of Art, 19556 Grand River. Various African American works of art from the DIA collection will be featured in a slide show, along with commentary by a knowledgeable DIA representative.

Asia Hamilton, the Curator of the Norwest Gallery, is graciously hosting the event to encourage Grandmont Rosedale neighbors to visit this new venue on our Grand River commercial corridor, right next door to Pages Bookshop. The theme of African American Art fits in well with the art on display at Norwest. Asia has recently been awarded a Knight Matching Grant and will provide information about the grant and interesting upcoming events that are planned at the gallery.

Although there is no cost to attend the talk, donations to the Norwest Gallery of Art will be greatly appreciated. Susan Murphy of Pages



Asia Hamilton, Norwest Gallery curator

Bookshop will also have a selection of books by African American authors on display. For additional information, contact Ruth Remus ruth.remus@gmail.com.

Cleaning Up The Islands



Islands show Rosedale pride.

One way to improve the look of the island on your block is to plant flowers. Well I've got a deal for you: Tina Castleberry, owner of the Garden Bug, is offering 10% off on all flower flats throughout the season to block captains/island gardeners. The Garden Bug is located at 18901 Grand River (corner of Stahelin).

With the warmer weather, it's a great time to spruce up the islands. RPIA Island Beautification Committee

member, Carolyn Murphy, says a little maintenance will go a long way. "Picking up sticks and branches, raking leaves, and digging around the beds is a good first step," said Murphy. "Also, now is the time to spread pre-emergent weed killer."

Which type of flowers work best on our islands? Along with perennials (like flowering bulbs), marigolds, salvia and begonias are flowering plants that add color to the islands – and they are inexpensive, drought tolerant, and last through October.

Need some ideas on beautifying your island? Contact RPIA's Island Beautification Committee, Carolyn Murphy (313-838-1768); Ruth Remus (313-837-3215); or Deborah Tunstull (313-549-1339). If you stop by the Garden Bug, ask for Tina, a master gardener who has a wealth of ideas and best practices.

Another idea is to form an island committee to spread the work to many hands. The committee can decide on a schedule for major work projects and set up a regular schedule for picking up trash.

Finally, the Beautification Committee will begin island judging in mid-to-late August.

Let's work together and continue to make Rosedale Park a jewel in our city.

General Membership Meeting

Tuesday, May 14th @ 7pm

**North Rosedale Community House
18445 Scarsdale**

Come one, come all! It's the Rosedale Park General Membership Meeting on Tuesday, May 14 at 7 pm at the North Rosedale Community House, 18445 Scarsdale. Our agenda includes these items:

- Final plans and construction schedule for MDOT Grand River Streetscape project
- Meet the New Neighbors in Rosedale Park
- Community Service Awards
- Island Recognition Awards

This meeting is a great opportunity to meet your neighbors - Rosedale Park t-shirts and hoodies will be on sale in the lobby - light refreshments and fellowship - y'all come!



Balloon whiz Cora Duncan Foster brings out smiles all around.

Easter Egg Hunt

The 2019 Grandmont Rosedale Easter Egg Hunt drew a large crowd on Saturday, April 20th despite the cold and rainy weather. The egg hunt was planned as an outdoor event, but was moved into the community house due to the inclement weather. Despite the conditions, hundreds of brave community members came out to visit the Easter bunny, and to enjoy the crafts, face painting, balloon animals, petting zoo, and an abundance of sweet treats. Thanks to the generous donations from community supporters, and to the invaluable efforts of the volunteers, the Easter Egg Hunt was once again a great success!

Calendar of Events

MAY

Tuesday, May 14

Membership Meeting – 7 PM

North Rosedale Community House, 18445 Scarsdale

Sunday, May 19

Rosedale Park Block Captains' Meeting – 4 PM

GRDC office, 19800 Grand River

Monday, May 20

RPIA Board Meeting – 7 PM

GRDC Workplace, 19120 Grand River

JUNE

Saturday, June 1

June Day Parade and Picnic – 11 AM till 2 PM

Rosemont Acacia Park

Tuesday, June 18

Rosedale Park Radio Patrol Meeting – 6:30

GRDC office, 19800 Grand River

Sat.-Sun., June 22-23

Annual Rosedale Yard Sale – 9 AM till 3 PM both days,
rain or shine

All over the neighborhood

Monday, June 24

RPIA Board Meeting – 7 PM

GRDC office, 19800 Grand River

Thursday, June 27

Neighborhood Safety Meeting – 6:30 PM

North Rosedale Community House, 18445 Scarsdale

DP Day Scores Clean Sweep!

The weather was perfect, the volunteers numerous, the support system and organization top-notch – all combined to score a win for the 20th annual Detroit Partnership Day (DP Day) clean-up in Rosedale Park!! This partnership between University of Michigan students and residents of northwest Detroit began in 2000 and has continued every year to strengthen the bonds between Detroiters and U of M students.

2019 DP Day Was Great!

On Saturday morning, April 13, about 25 Rosedale neighbors were joined by 15 student volunteers from the University of Michigan to clean up Rosemont Acacia Park, our neighborhood park, and to clean up the four blocks of the Southfield Service Drive between Fenkell and Acacia. Numerous bags of trash and debris were collected, brush and vines were trimmed, and grass was mowed. By the end of the day, these environments were beautified, looking better than they ever have before!

Many Thanks to All!

The RPIA leadership team of Earl McCullough, Ulysses Freeman, Carolyn Akpe and Stacy Pugh organized this efficient and effective volunteer project. They recruited neighborhood residents to participate, assembled all the necessary supplies and tools, secured the cooperation of Macedonia Baptist Church (thank you, MBC, for providing a haven for lunch and bathroom usage!) and Rosedale resident Vincent Ford and his All Seasons Landscaping crew (thanks, Vince, for mowing over all those leaves at the Park!) and gave overall direction to all the volunteers.

Motor City Grounds Crew

Extra special thanks go to Rosedale's Vacant Property and Blight Removal Task Force, who provided the funds to hire the Motor City Grounds Crew to clean up one especially blighted



DP Day volunteers pose for a photo at Rosemont Acacia Park.

block of the Service Drive, between Eaton and Lyndon. This area was so overgrown and neglected that it simply could not have been cleaned up with only volunteer labor. A crew of five from Motor City worked for two solid days to clean up this area. RPIA will do additional outreach to the property owners on this block, to educate them as to their legal responsibilities for maintaining this area and to encourage them to continue the current state of cleanliness.

Another Opportunity

Feeling left out because you missed DP Day? No problem! You will have another opportunity to contribute on Saturday, May 4, at Motor City Makeover Day! Contact Clean and Safe Committee Chairperson Earl McCullough to sign up today – 313-912-6352.

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Mail your 2019 RPIA dues payment of \$45 (note: \$25 for Outer Drive and Evergreen residents) to RPIA, P.O. Box 23113, Detroit, MI 48223. Make checks payable to "RPIA." Or pay online at rosedalepark.org!

The Northwest Detroit Farmers' Market Begins Its 15th Season!

Thursday, June 6

The 15th season of the Northwest Detroit Farmers' Market will begin on Thursday, June 6 at the North Rosedale Park Community House, 18445 Scarsdale. The hours this year will be 3 – 7 pm, and the Market will run until October. Opening Day at the Market will include local food trucks, many returning and several new vendors, music, and of course a healthy dose of community. This season there will be monthly themes such as “Healthy Planet, Healthy You” and “Think Globally, Act Locally.” This is the first year that the NWDFM is serving in an advisory position with the Community Markets, the umbrella organization that supports many Farmers' Markets in Detroit, including Eastern Market. As the third largest and second longest continuously running Market, our Market is a terrific example of how a non-profit and the community it represents can work together to offer and sustain something of value to the community. The Market will again offer Double Up Food Bucks and shuttle service for four nearby



Farmers Market provides tasty treats!

senior resident facilities. Stop by the Market and support local business, local produce, and community!

Rosedale June Day Parade & Picnic: Saturday, June 1

Bring the kids and join in the fun!

As the weather warms, the browns turn to green, our medians begin to bloom with beautiful flowers again, and we see our neighbors more often as we emerge from our winter hibernation. A wonderful Rosedale Park tradition to herald in the summer months, and to celebrate the wonderful community we live in, is June Day. RPIA celebrates June Day on the first Saturday of June annually.

Our annual celebration begins with a community parade from Stoepel Park to Rosemont-Acacia Park. Community groups, blocks, and friends are invited to create a float or banner, or even just walk or ride bikes in the parade. A “stroller brigade” has also been featured in past events as young families bring our youngest neighbors to celebrate.

After the parade, we enjoy the fellowship of our neighbors with a community celebration at Rosemont-Acacia Park.

June Day features a picnic of hot dogs, chips, and soft drinks; games, activities, music, and the chance to connect with old friends and meet new neighbors.

Volunteers are needed to lead activities, assist with the food preparation and serving, and to plan the event. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Susan Laing (313-610-9294 or selaing@gmail.com).

Join us June 1st to celebrate June Day! The parade will be led by the Cass Tech Marching Band, and will begin at the intersection of Westwood and Eaton - line up beginning at 10 AM; parade will step off at 10:30AM. Our Picnic celebration will be at Rosemont-Acacia Park from 11 AM - 2PM. All are welcome!



Players from the Rosedale-Grandmont Little League lead the parade.



Fun times for kids at June Day Picnic.