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Easter Bunny to Visit Grandmont Rosedale!

Saturday, April 11 from 10 AM – 12 noon

Bring the kids and the grandkids, too – it's time for the fun-filled Grandmont Rosedale Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 11 from 10 AM – 12 noon, at the North Rosedale Park Community House, 18445 Scarsdale. Sponsored by all five of the Grandmont Rosedale neighborhood associations, this family event is FREE and open to all residents.

Outside on the Community House grounds, eggs are hidden in age-specific areas, so all children will be able to fill their baskets. There's also a petting zoo to give the little ones some hands-on experiences with bunnies, chickens, goats, and alpacas, too! Inside the Community House, kids can enjoy a variety of craft projects and light refreshments.

Call **Carolyn Akpe at 313-493-0824** for more information and to volunteer.



The Easter Bunny will be at the Egg Hunt on April 11 for photos with the kids.



Cora Duncan-Foster entertaining the kids at last year's Egg Hunt.



Kids making crafts at last year's Egg Hunt.

General Membership Meeting on Tuesday, Mar. 17

7 PM, North Rosedale Community House, 18445 Scarsdale

The agenda includes the president's report, a special presentation in honor of Black History Month, committee reports (Easter Egg Hunt, Detroit Partnership Day), meet your new neighbors, brief reports from DPD/NPOs and elective officials, Detroit Water Dept. representatives to speak and will have staff on hand to help residents in the hallway/lobby, and a census representative will give an update. Rosedale Park t-shirts and hoodies are on sale in the lobby, plus light refreshments and fellowship – y'all come!



Outgoing President Pam Weinstein with the new PRIA President Stephanie Young.

Greetings RPIA Neighbors,

It is with great humility and excitement that I step into the pretty “big shoes” of Pam Weinstein, as Rosedale Park Improvement Association’s new president. I look forward to upholding the high level of community engagement and neighborhood pride we’ve all come to know and expect. I am also excited about the potential for new initiatives and activities to meet the needs and desires of all residents.

If you are new to the neighborhood or have perhaps been sitting on the sidelines for a while, 2020 is the perfect time to engage and re-engage in RPIA. There will be good company, tasty treats, great information and a special presentation in honor of Black History Month (we didn’t have a meeting in February 😊) at our first general membership meeting of the year, March 17th, so please mark your calendars. I can’t wait to see you there!

Yours in service,

Steph
Stephanie A. Young, 2020 President
Rosedale Park Improvement Association

If You Haven’t Already, Please Pay Your RPIA Dues

Mail your 2020 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 (\$2 online service charge)!

2019 RPIA Profit/Loss Statement 2019 Financial Report*

Income	
Membership Dues	\$27,615.00
Holiday Breakfast, June Day	\$451.00
Interest Income	\$242.05
All Other	\$2,424.32
Total Income	\$31,669.42
Expenses	
Operating and Administrative	\$7,532.28
Public Works/Clean & Safe, Snow plowing	\$11,228.32
Communications (Newsletter, Web site, Eblast)	\$5,299.16
Events (Easter egg hunt, June Day, Holiday Breakfast, Beautification Awards, Membership Meetings)	\$3,360.14
Total Expenses	\$27,320.94
2019 Surplus	\$4,349.08

*This is a shortened statement. For the complete statement, go to the RPIA web page: rosedalepark.org

Report of an Independent Accounting Student

Editor’s note: Article VIII, Section 2 (f) of the RPIA bylaws requires our Finance Committee to ensure the “performance of annual audit of the financial records.” Rosedale resident David Young of Rosemont Street, currently an accounting student at MSU, recently reviewed the past two years [2018 and 2019] of RPIA’s financial records. Below we print his statement.

To the Members and Board Members of the Rosedale Park Improvement Association

Opinion of Financial Statements

I have audited the accompanying bank statements and balance sheets of The Rosedale Park Improvement Association as of December 31, 2019 and 2018. In my opinion, the consolidated financial statements presented fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the company at December 31, 2019 and 2018 is in conformity with the U.S. generally accepted accounting principles.

Basis for Opinion: These financial statements are the responsibility of the Association’s management. My responsibility is to express an opinion on the association’s financial statements based on my audits. I am an accounting student at MSU, so even though I have looked over your financial statements, this was not a real audit because I am not properly accredited yet.

David Young
MSU c/o 2021 Accounting
East Lansing, Michigan
February 9, 2020

Sign Up for Our Neighborhood Little League

Registration for the 2020 Rosedale Grandmont Baseball League's season has begun!

An in-person registration session is Saturday, March 21 from 9 AM to 1 PM at the GRDC Building, 19800 Grand River Ave (Grand River just east of Evergreen).

Opening Day is Saturday, April 25, at the North Rosedale Community House, 18445 Scarsdale.

Practices are scheduled throughout the month of April, with boys and girls ages 3 – 16 eligible to play. Online registrations will once again be accepted at rosedalegrandmontbaseball.org. Contact us at rosedale6@aol.com.

Grand River Garden Center Hiring Now!

Local business offers spring discount!

Local business owner Tina Castleberry says she has three part-time positions open at The Garden Bug, 18901 Grand River at Stahelin. The pay is \$9/hour, and applicants ages 14 and up are eligible to apply.

Saturday, April 25 is opening day for The Garden Bug - local residents will receive a 10% discount on all sales that day.

The Garden Bug also has rental space available for graduation parties, baby showers, repasts, small weddings, or classes. For more information, call Tina at **313-530-5296** or visit thegardenbugdetroit.com.

Events Calendar

MARCH

Tuesday, Mar. 17

General Membership Meeting — 7 PM

North Rosedale Community House, 18445 Scarsdale

Tuesday, Mar. 17

Rosedale Park Radio Patrol Meeting — 6:30 PM

GRDC office, 19800 Grand River

Monday, Mar. 23

RPIA Board Meeting — 7 PM

GRDC office, 19800 Grand River

APRIL

Saturday, Apr. 4

Detroit Partnership Day — 10 AM – 2 PM

Rosemont Acacia Park

Saturday, Apr. 11

Easter Egg Hunt — 10 AM – 12 noon

North Rosedale Community House, 18445 Scarsdale

Monday, Apr. 27

RPIA Board Meeting — 7 PM

GRDC office, 19800 Grand River

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Snow Alert

When heavy snow accumulation is forecast, please move cars off the street.

Detroit Partnership Day Sweeps Clean on April 4th!

Sat., April 4 – 10 AM til 2 PM at Rosemont Acacia Park

University of Michigan students launched the first Detroit Partnership Day project on Saturday, April 8, 2000. Conceived as one day of service, the student volunteers planned clean-ups and tree plantings at 32 different sites in northwest Detroit. Even a blizzard that first day could not stop these enthusiastic young people!

Fast forward twenty years later and you'll find the partnership between UM students and Detroiters continues to expand and grow. Since the initial DP Day, the Detroit Partnership has expanded to become a year-round service organization working primarily in two Detroit communities, Brightmoor and Southwest.

On Saturday, April 4, 2020, UM volunteers will join Rosedale residents in the annual clean-up at Rosemont Acacia Park. Dress warm, bring a rake, and plan to spend an hour or two beautifying our neighborhood park and getting to know the UM students eager to learn more about Detroit. Some cleaning along the Southfield service drive will also be part of the day's activities. The fun begins at 10 AM in the park and continues till 2 PM. For more information, contact RPIA board member Larry Castleberry at 313-549-5259 or lcastleb@sbcglobal.net.



Ashton neighbors Joe and Chiquita Spencer joined Ashton neighbor Anthony Hudson to clean up the Southfield service drive during the 2019 Detroit Partnership Day activities.

DPS Students Prepare Dinner for the Rosedale Gala

The 2020 Rosedale Park Gala was another astounding success with over 90 people attending. Neighbors shared stories, drank complimentary wine, and ate delicious food prepared by the culinary arts students from the Detroit Public Schools Breithaupt Career and Technical Center. Special thanks to Gala Co-Chairs Deborah LaViolette and Mary McLeod, who produced this enjoyable celebration.

Island beautification awards were presented and outgoing president Pam Weinstein was recognized for her service by the City of Detroit, Wayne County, and the State of Michigan. RPIA Treasurer Frank Raben and RP News editor Jim Dwight received community service awards for their contributions to our neighborhood.



Residents enjoying dinner prepared by DPS culinary arts students.



From left to right, Shirley McCullough, Carolyn Murphy, Deborah Tunstall enjoy the Gala.



Culinary arts students from the DPS Breithaupt Career & Technical Center prepared the delicious food.