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## Greetings, RPIA Neighbors!

I pray this edition of the **Rosedale Park News** finds you and yours healthy and safe. So much has changed since our March/April issue! As word of this new COVID-19 disease spread, your neighborhood organization sprang into action. Immediately following the stay-home order, I called an emergency meeting of the RPIA Board to begin strategizing on how best to support our neighbors during this time. Within a week we rolled out the Neighbors Helping Neighbors volunteer initiative and we also began

publishing resource information on our website and eblast. I then reached out to leadership from the other four Grandmont Rosedale communities and established a weekly conference call to support one another.



RPIA President Stephanie Young dressed for her shift at the State Fairgrounds testing site.

All had been going relatively well, until the COVID-19 monster made its way into our quaint community. We started a Grandmont Rosedale Memorial Facebook page to remember those who have passed on and we are continuing discussions about how best to memorialize our neighbors in a more formal way later in the year. Please visit our website and Facebook pages for additional information.

Lastly, please keep me in your thoughts and prayers. I began volunteering at the COVID-19 drive-through testing site at the State Fairgrounds before Easter, where hundreds of Detroiters are being tested every day. The work being done there is a critical step to ensure our health and safety. I'm honored to work alongside amazing, selfless people. As a simple "thank you," I placed Easter lilies, which represent hope and life, at each of the testing tents. We are in this together! We will overcome and become stronger together! Please stay safe, stay well, and know that your RPIA Board is here for you!

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



Lilies at the testing site tents.

## Too Many Dogs Running Loose in the Park



David Young and his mother Stephanie walk their dog, Spirit.

### Love your pets, respect your neighbors

If you like walkable communities, you couldn't have picked a better place to live than Historic Rosedale Park. Our beautiful tree-lined streets, local parks, and playgrounds make for great walking alone, with family and friends, and with beloved furry friends. During this crisis, neighbors have complained about dogs running loose. The following are a few reminders about dog ownership in Detroit:

- All dogs must be current on their rabies vaccination.
- All dogs must be licensed.
- Dogs are not allowed to run loose and **must be on a leash when in public.**
- Owners must clean-up after their dog and properly dispose of waste.
- Dogs are not allowed to be chained/tethered 24 hours a day.
- Outside dogs must have appropriate shelter.

Violations can be submitted directly to Mr. Clark, Detroit Animal Control Investigator for District 1, [clarka978@detroitmi.gov](mailto:clarka978@detroitmi.gov), city cell: 313-590-7509, office: 313-922-DOGS.

## Resources During This Time of Crisis



- **Detroit Wayne Integrated Health/Wayne County Access Center: 800.241.4949.** Access to services are for Wayne County residents who have an intellectual/developmental disability, mental illness, children with serious emotional disturbance, and/or individuals with substance use disorders.
- **Focus: HOPE: 313.494.4600.** Senior citizen meals; diapers/wipes/formula/giveaways.
- **Detroit Children's Center: 313.262.1212.** Children's behavioral health services; grief counseling.
- **COVID313**, a new website/app developed by the City of Detroit, Community Education Commission, foundations and other partners. A guide for Detroit parents and students, [www.covid313.org](http://www.covid313.org).
- **Michigan Unemployment Insurance Agency.** Full-time and part-time employees can apply for assistance online at [www.michigan.gov/uia](http://www.michigan.gov/uia) or by calling 866.500.0017.
- **Michigan Economic Development Corporation (MEDC),** small business assistance hotline, 888.522.0103 (from 9-4).
- **Depression & Suicide Hotline: 800.273.8255.**
- **Domestic Violence Hotline: 800.799.7233.**
- **MI Gambling Hotline: 800.270.7117.**

### Facing Tax Foreclosure, Tenant/landlord problems, Evictions

For free help from the United Community Housing Coalition and Michigan Legal Services, please go to the Rosedale Park website, [www.rpia.org](http://www.rpia.org) for ways the UCHC and MLS can help you stay in your home.

# May–June 2020 Calendar

## MAY

[May 12th RPIA membership meeting cancelled due to stay-at-home orders]

### Sunday, May 17

Rosedale Block Captains' **Virtual Meeting**, 4 PM – 6 PM

Telephone conference call/Zoom

### Monday, May 18

RPIA Board Meeting, 7 PM – 9 PM

Telephone conference call

## JUNE

[June Day Parade and Picnic postponed till further notice]

[June Radio Patrol meeting cancelled due to stay-at-home orders]

[60-Block Yard Sale postponed till further notice]

### Monday, June 22

RPIA Board Meeting, 7 PM – 9 PM

Telephone conference call

## 2020 CENSUS: Rosedale Leads North Rosedale By a Hair

The latest press release from the City of Detroit shows the Rosedale Park neighborhood with a .1% lead over North Rosedale in the District 1 2020 Census Standings, with a response rate of 70.8% in filling out their census forms. North Rosedale held a solid second-place with 70.7%. Rounding out the top five: Greenfield-Grand River (66.8%). Evergreen-Outer Drive (63.3%); Evergreen Lahser 7-8 (61.3%); But in the meanwhile, GET YOUR CENSUS FORM in!! Let's maintain our lead! :-)

## Neighbors Helping Neighbors

In the City of Detroit, we are very lucky: there are a wealth of resources out there to help people. On a micro-level, we also have our own neighborhood resource called Neighbors Helping Neighbors. Maybe you need help with something simple – someone to pick up a prescription from the pharmacy, someone to pick up some items from the grocery, etc. If that's you, just visit the RPIA website and make your request known – go to: [http://rosedalepark.org/articles/Neighbors\\_Helping\\_Neighbors](http://rosedalepark.org/articles/Neighbors_Helping_Neighbors) to request some assistance.

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# What Activities Are Rosedale Park Families Doing During This Crisis?

As Rosedale residents abide by Governor Whitmer's "Stay Home, Stay Safe" order, families organize a new normal structure to their daily lives. Here are a few:



Sidewalk art on Faust thanking first responders.



Four Blakey kids exercising at Stoepel Park.

**Dwight and Carla Blakey (Ashton):** While the parents are working mostly from home, the kids are doing schoolwork. "It's all business during the day," said Dwight Blakey. Five of the Blakey children are home studying in virtual classrooms: Victoria is a junior at Bowling Green State University, Hanna is

a sophomore at the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, Qeren and Auriel are at Mercy High School, and Joie is at Bates Academy. Exercise is an important part of each day for everyone, which includes bike rides through Rosedale Park. Like other families, the Blakeys work on puzzles and watch movies together.

**Deirdre and Mario Johnson (Greenview):**

The Johnsons incorporate daily structure that begins at 8 am with a prayer, then exercise (calisthenics), then individual studies. Jacob works on assignments and has frequent virtual meetings with teachers. Jordan completes workbooks, art

projects and daily school meetings via Zoom. For entertainment, the family goes for nature walks at Heritage Park in Farmington. "We are also make time for family cooking," explained Deirdre.



Jacob and Jordan Johnson exploring Heritage Park.



Bati and Ayo Uhuru practicing their violins.

**Kimberly and Dwan Uhuru (Glastonbury):** Both parents are working from home, as are their two kids, Bati and Ayo. Daily exercise and being outside is very important, so the family walks in the neighborhood, and when the weather is conducive, they work in the yard and garden.

Along with completing school assignments, working on puzzles, and reading, Bati and Ayo practice their violins. "We also try to limit the screen time in the evenings," said Kim.



The Laytons sidewalk art on a sunny day.

**Trevor and Claire Layton (Warwick):** Trevor and Claire's kids, Lando and Rita, are reading and completing worksheets. They walk and bike every day, exploring nature. Riding on the bike path at Stoepel Park is really fun. Claire and the kids are collecting sticks to construct teepees to support vegetables in their garden.



Elias, Alex, and Chuck Derdelakos working on art projects.

**Alex Derdelakos and Susan Laing (Artesian):** Susan and Alex's kids are busy working on puzzles and "cycling through toys we haven't played with in a while, like

trains, matchbox cars." They also get outside for exercise. "We walk through the neighborhood and hunt for bears (people put stuffed bears or other animals in their windows)," said Alex. "We have found 15 so far."