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## Incoming President's Message



Greetings, Rosedalers!

I join all of you in saying goodbye to 2020 and ushering in a new year which we hope will bring peace, prosperity, and security. I hope all of you are enjoying a safe and happy holiday season, although our celebrations look much

different than in previous years.

This year we have lost many members of our neighborhood and our community, some due to COVID-19, some due to other circumstances. These losses sadden us and reveal our vulnerability. But they also cause us to focus on what is most important to us, and to draw together as families and as a neighborhood.

As I reflect on this time, I realize what I most love about living in Rosedale Park are the people. I'm thinking of the neighbors who shovel the paths of the sick and shut-ins on their block, or who water a

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## Stephanie's Message



Happy New Year RPIA Neighbors!

Hope you had a safe and enjoyable holiday season. I would have shared my farewell message during our annual gala, but it too has become another casualty of COVID-19. As I exit the presidency, I simply ask

that you continue to uplift our community, stand for social justice, and find an area of interest in Rosedale Park and work with our leadership to make it better. We cannot do this work without you. I have full confidence in our incoming president, Kimberly Uhuru. You all are in good hands.

In January, please be mindful of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s birthday observance on Mon., Jan. 18, 2021 and remember, "Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere." Let us also prepare to observe Black History Month in February. During our discussion on race last month, one deliverable was to

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## Traditional Gala Cancelled – Swearing-In Ceremony Jan. 9th

Due to COVID restrictions, it is simply not possible to safely hold our traditional Rosedale Park Gala, which would normally occur in late January. We sincerely hope that by January 2022, we will be back in the North Rosedale Community House Ballroom, wining and dining and dancing the night away!

Normally, the Gala is the occasion for swearing in our new officers and board members. Since there will be no 2021 Gala, the RPIA board decided to hold a brief, informal swearing-in ceremony on Saturday, Jan. 9th, 2021 at 2 pm at the North Rosedale Community House Plaza (behind the building, near the baseball outfield), 18445 Scarsdale in Detroit. District 1 Detroit City Council Member James Tate will be present to administer the oath of office to all the board members and officers. All Rosedale residents are invited and encouraged to attend, if they are able — dress warmly and wear your masks!

## Kimberly's Message, cont'd.

neighbor's garden when they are out of town. We still live in a neighborhood where you can walk over to the house next door for an egg or cup of sugar when you run out. I know — I've done it!

It's because of this community of spirit that I believe our neighborhood will come out of this pandemic stronger than before. As we go into the new year, I invite you to become involved with RPIA if you haven't done so already. Sign up for a committee, attend an event (most are virtual for now), or simply reach out to me with your ideas for what you would like to see us do. I'm at [kuhuru@gmail.com](mailto:kuhuru@gmail.com) and I would love to hear from you.

Thanks for trusting me to lead.

Kimberly Uhuru  
President-Elect

## Stephanie's Message, cont'd.

keep the conversation going by way of a "community read." Similar to a book club, those who are interested in reading a book on race relations will come together virtually to read and discuss a book with a local facilitator. If you are interested, please send me an email at [stephyoung324@gmail.com](mailto:stephyoung324@gmail.com) and I will send you more information.

Blessings for a healthy and prosperous 2021.

Steph  
Stephanie A. Young  
2020 RPIA President  
State Representative  
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## Rosedale Block Captains' Meeting Feb. 14

The first 2021 meeting of the Rosedale Park block captains will be VIRTUAL — details for ZOOM and phone calls will be emailed directly to block captains individually (watch your email!)

The meeting date is Sunday, Feb. 14 from 4–6 PM. Send your ideas and suggestions for discussion topics to Block Captain Coordinators Nancy Bitzarakis ([nancy2061@aol.com](mailto:nancy2061@aol.com)), Jill Laufer ([purejill@yahoo.com](mailto:purejill@yahoo.com)), Pam Weinstein ([weinstein148@ameritech.net](mailto:weinstein148@ameritech.net)), Judy Wimberly ([jamwimberly@hotmail.com](mailto:jamwimberly@hotmail.com)).

## When Heavy Snow Predicted, Clear the Streets



According to AccuWeather, there will be a favorable storm track mid-season for the Midwest and Great Lakes, leading to above-normal precipitation and a few heavy snowfall events. So when snow is forecast in Rosedale Park, please move cars, trash carts and recycling carts off the streets! RPIA pays a private contractor to plow the snow from our streets, so that we are all able to get to work and to school on time. If your vehicle is parked on the street, the snowplow driver has no choice but to plow you in.

## Rosedale Park Saves Lives!

Rosedale Park has been partnering with North Rosedale Park for the past 7 months to hold American Red Cross blood donation drives at the North Rosedale Community House. Here are our stats so far:

- Seven drives — one per month beginning in June 2020.
- 233 units collected
- 271 donors
- 13% new donors
- 33 units average per drive

If you haven't been able to participate yet, no worries — there are more drives scheduled for 2021:

- Tuesday, Jan. 19, 2021 — from noon till 6 pm
- Wednesday, Feb. 10, 2021 — from noon till 6 pm
- Thursday, March 18, 2021 — from noon till 6 pm

All drives are held in the Ballroom at the North Rosedale Community House, 18445 Scarsdale. Mandatory mask-wearing — social distancing — everything conducted in a safe, hygienic manner.

To schedule an appointment, log onto [RedCrossBlood.org](http://RedCrossBlood.org) (sponsor code: rosedale) — or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2726).

# 2021 Rosedale Meeting Schedule

All Rosedale residents are welcome to attend all meetings, except the Board Retreat. All dates and arrangements are advisory, subject to change, due to COVID restrictions.

## Membership Meetings

These Tuesday evening meetings begin at 7 PM; in-person meetings are held at the NRP Community House, 18445 Scarsdale.

- Tuesday, March 9 [likely to be virtual]
- Tuesday, May 11
- Tuesday, Sept. 14
- Tuesday, Nov. 9

## Block Captain Meetings

These Sunday afternoon meetings run from 4-6 PM; in-person meetings are held at the GRDC office, 19800 Grand River.

- Sunday, Feb. 14 [likely to be virtual]
- Sunday, May 16
- Sunday, August 8
- Sunday, October 17

## Rosedale Radio Patrol Meetings

These Tuesday evening meetings are at 6:30 PM; in-person meetings are held at the GRDC office, 19800 Grand River.

- Tuesday, March 16
- Tuesday, Sept. 21
- Tuesday, June 15
- Tuesday, Dec. 21

## Board Meetings

These Monday evening meetings run from 7-9 PM; in-person meetings are held at the GRDC office, 19800 Grand River.

- Monday, Feb. 22\*
  - Monday, March 22\*
  - Monday, April 26\*
  - Monday, May 24
  - Monday, June 28
  - **JULY AND AUGUST – no board meetings**
  - Monday, Sept. 27
  - Monday, Oct. 25
  - Monday, Nov. 22
  - Monday, Dec. 27
- \*Likely to be virtual

## 2021 Board Retreat

New and returning Board members  
Sat., Jan. 9 from 10 AM-2 PM  
Virtual meeting – details to follow

## 2021 RPIA Events\*

Fri., Jan. 22 – Annual Gala cancelled  
Sat., April 3 – Easter Egg Hunt  
Sat., June 5 – June Day Parade & Picnic  
Sat.-Sun., June 26-27 – RPIA Yard Sale  
Sat., Dec. 4 – Holiday Pancake Breakfast  
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Friday, Jan. 21, 2022 – Annual Gala

\*NOTE: All dates are advisory, as these events may not occur due to COVID restrictions at the time.

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# Rosedale Neighbors Brighten Season

Rosedale Park has a long history of dressing up for the holidays, and this year it seemed that the tradition made a big comeback. Our neighbors put in a lot of effort to string lights on their homes, hang garland, put wreaths on their doors, and put oversize characters in their lawns to brighten up the dark days of winter during the holidays. Maybe it was a sense of competition with other neighborhoods, or perhaps an expression of faith during the holidays, or maybe it was an expression of hope at the end of a very trying year, but the festive decorations certainly brightened up the season.

– David Legg  
*Photos by David Legg*

