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President's Message



Kimberly Uhuru

I'm so grateful to everyone who has responded to my calls for ideas to nominate people for community service awards and to join RPIA committees. Thank you! I appreciate all the feedback I get from neighbors.

Although we had to cancel lots of events the past year, I wanted to let you know that we do have some fun things on deck for this summer. With

COVID numbers rising in Michigan, our goal is to find ways for our neighborhood to remain engaged and connected, while also staying safe.

In place of our traditional June Day parade and picnic, we are making plans for a neighborhood-wide Rosedale Bike Roll, sometime in mid-July – watch for more details. We will also partner with Grandmont Rosedale Dev. Corp. to sponsor an outdoor Movie Night in August. And we're very happy to welcome back our annual Rosedale 60-Block Yard Sale, to be held on Saturday, June 26 (see article at right for details).

To get more details on all of these events as the summer progresses, there are several ways you can keep up to date. You can visit us at rosedalepark.org to sign up for our weekly email newsletter. You can also follow us on Instagram at [@rpiablast](https://www.instagram.com/rpiablast). Lastly, you can sign up for text message updates and reminders at rosedalepark.org/text. As always, feel free to reach out to me directly at kuhuru@gmail.com.

I'm looking forward to seeing you safely this summer!

Kimberly Uhuru

Rosedale 60-Block Yard Sale Returns on Saturday, June 26!!

After taking a break during the 2020 pandemic, the Rosedale 60-Block Yard Sale returns this year on Saturday, June 26*. "We believe the yard sale can go forward safely this year, as long as people exercise caution, wear masks, stay socially distanced, and are outdoors," said RPIA President Kimberly Uhuru. Since we did not hold a sale last year, there is likely to be a bumper crop of goods to sell this year, so spread the word to your friends and neighbors – the Rosedale 60-block sale is BACK! Come shop till you drop!

The sale runs from 9:00 am till 3:00 pm. Residents who choose to participate are encouraged to wear masks at all times and to provide hand sanitizer for use by their shoppers.

Residents are also reminded to price their items to sell – "You're not funding your 401K! You don't want to have to put stuff back into your garage or basement, so sharpen your pencil and make those prices low-low-low!" commented longtime Rosedale resident and veteran yard sale participant Jim Dwight.

For questions or more information, contact RPIA President Kimberly Uhuru, kuhuru@gmail.com.

* RAIN DATE: Sunday, June 27, 9 am – 3 pm

IN-PERSON General Membership Meeting May 11!

Please join us for the Tuesday, May 11 general membership in-person meeting. Bring your questions, concerns, a chair, wear a mask, social distance, and receive updates on our plans for the summer – plus updates from the City of Detroit, our Dist. 1 Councilman, James Tate, and more.

RPIA General Membership Meeting

Tuesday, May 11 at 7:00 pm, North Rosedale Community House, 18445 Scarsdale

Rosedale Residents Clean Up Park and Service Drive



Volunteers gather to begin cleaning Rosemont-Acacia Park.

Rosedale Park residents braved the chilly morning on Saturday, April 17 to rake leaves, pick up sticks and branches, and clean up trash at Rosemont-Acacia Park. The group then moved to the Southfield service drive and filled many large contractor bags with trash and debris.

Planting Begins at Community Garden

Community volunteers began spreading compost and generally preparing the Grandmont Rosedale Community Garden for the summer growing season. It's a fun activity and anyone can volunteer. You don't have to know anything about gardening to join in.

The garden is located at 15025 Archdale, inside the fenced in lot behind Bushnell Church and White Castle. The group meets most Wednesdays at 6:00 pm. Contact Vicki at grcommgarden@gmail.com for more information.

RPIA Starts a New Text Message Notification System — Sign Up Now!

Rosedale Park Improvement Association has developed a new text message notification system. We want to alert residents about events, meeting schedules, weather alerts & advisories, and other pertinent information that would benefit our community.

We promise we will not blow up your phone with excessive messages — we anticipate a maximum of around 2-3 messages per month.

If this is something you think may be useful to you and your household, please sign up at rosedalepark.org/text.

College Scholarships Offered to Rosedale Park Residents

Is there a high school senior in your home who could use \$1,250 in their post-secondary education following high school graduation? The Rosedale Park Improvement Association is offering onetime college scholarships of \$1,250 each to two graduating seniors who reside within the boundaries of the Rosedale Park neighborhood, and who have demonstrated effort and promise during their high school careers. Past participation in RPIA activities and/or community service efforts in the Rosedale Park neighborhood are a plus. For more details, visit our webpage at rosedalepark.org.

Let's Play Ball in Rosedale



Coach pitch age kids getting ready for the 2021 season.

Rosedale Grandmont Baseball is back for 2021. Opening day is **Saturday, May 8**.

- T-Ball for 3 to 4-year-old girls and boys
- Coach-Pitch softball for 5 and 6-year-old girls and boys
- Baseball for 7 to 16-year-old girls and boys (three divisions)

For more information and to register, go to rosedalegrandmontbaseball.org. Also visit our Facebook page at facebook.com/RosedaleGrandmont for news.

The league is hard at work tweaking COVID Protocols for this season to reduce the spread. Families will receive them by email once we have them finalized. For now it can be expected that all players, coaches, and umpires while together will wear cloth masks covering nose and mouth, social distancing will be in effect, and equipment will not be shared. Drink bottles will need to be labeled for players' specific use. Again, more specific information is forthcoming.

RPIA Plans COVID Memorial

Rosedale Park Improvement Association (RPIA) plans to memorialize neighborhood residents who died of COVID-19. We are developing plans for a small installation at Rosemont Acacia Park that will include the names of all Rosedale residents lost to COVID.

If you know of a Rosedale resident who died of the virus, PLEASE LET US KNOW! We don't want to leave anyone out.

So far, we are aware of these individuals: Edmon Carmichael (Warwick), Gwendolyn Carmichael (Warwick), Regina Vaughn (Rosemont), Florence Coleman-Owens (Penrod), and Alice Gilbert (Ashton). If you know of others, please send the information ASAP to RPIA President Kimberly Uhuru at kuhuru@gmail.com. Please share this information.

Dedication of the memorial is tentatively scheduled for July – further details will be made available soon.

May – June 2021 Calendar

May

- **Tuesday, May 12:** RPIA membership meeting, 7:00 pm
Outdoors at the North Rosedale Community House, 18445 Scarsdale [bring your lawn chair, wear a mask!]
- **Sunday, May 16:** Rosedale Block Captains' Meeting, 4:00 – 6:00 pm
Outdoors at the North Rosedale Community House, 18445 Scarsdale [bring your lawn chair, wear a mask!]
- **Monday, May 24:** RPIA Board Meeting, 7:00 – 9:00 pm
Virtual ZOOM format

June

- **June Day Parade and Picnic CANCELLED**
Neighborhood Bike Roll later this summer
- **Tuesday, June 15:** Radio Patrol meeting, 6:30 pm
Virtual ZOOM format
- **Saturday, June 26:** 60-Block Yard Sale, 9:00 am – 3:00 pm
(rain date Sunday, June 27)
- **Monday, June 28:** RPIA Board Meeting from 7:00 – 9:00 pm
Virtual ZOOM format

NW Detroit Farmers' Market Starts June 3

The Northwest Detroit Farmers' Market opens Thursday, June 3 from 4:00 – 8:00 pm at the North Rosedale Park Community House parking lot. This is the 16th season that GRDC has operated the market. For more information, follow the market on social media at: [facebook.com/nwdetroitfarmersmarket/](https://www.facebook.com/nwdetroitfarmersmarket/) or [instagram.com/nwdetroitfarmersmarket](https://www.instagram.com/nwdetroitfarmersmarket).

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COVID-Safe Easter Bunny Egg Event Scores a Success!

On Saturday, April 3 at the North Rosedale Community House, cars filled with parents and kids drove up the circular driveway and were met by the Easter Bunny, Gracie the Clown, and the local Boy Scout troop.

Volunteers from all five Grandmont Rosedale neighborhoods donated and packed candy and other goodies into over 350 baggies. Gracie the Clown made balloon figures for each child.

Many thanks to the eight Boy Scouts and their scout leaders, Kevin Johnson, Fred Russell, and Steve Leggat.

Any boys interested in scouting should contact Scoutmaster Kevin Johnson of North Rosedale Park Troup #123 at kjohnsonmi@prodigy.net, 313-549-7387. Boys must be aged 11 – 17 and start in 6th grade. Meetings are the 1st and 3rd Mondays, 6:30 – 8:00 pm at the North Rosedale Community House.



Speed Humps Galore Coming to Rosedale!!

The City of Detroit has recently announced the construction of 4,500 new speed humps, several of which will be in Rosedale Park (see list below). Work on the speed humps should begin soon across the city. No word on when the project starts in Rosedale. For more information go to: <https://detroitmi.gov/departments/departments-public-works/complete-streets/traffic-calming>.

For Rosedale Park – **Ashton:** Grand River to Chalfonte, Chalfonte to Eaton, Eaton to Lyndon, Lyndon south to dead end; **Auburn:** Outer Dr. to Fenkell; **Chalfonte:**

Artesian to Stahelin, Faust to Penrod, Glastonbury to Greenview, Piedmont to Warwick, Rosemont to Ashton; **Faust:** Chalfonte to Fenkell, Eaton to Chalfonte, Lyndon to Eaton; **Glastonbury:** Eaton to Chalfonte, Lyndon to Eaton; **Grandville:** Chalfonte to Fenkell, Eaton to Chalfonte, Fenkell to Keeler, Keeler to Midland; **Stahelin:** Lyndon to Eaton.

If your block is not on the list above and you would like to be considered for the 2022 construction season, visit the link above and complete the request form.