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Asphalt Plant Appeal Hearing Set For May 17

Detroit's Board of Zoning Appeals (BZA) announced that ASI's appeal hearing will be held Tuesday, May 17, 2022. ASI is asking the BZA to overturn the earlier decision by Detroit's Building Department to deny permission for construction of a hot mix asphalt plant at 12155 Southfield, near the intersection of I-96 and Southfield Freeway.

NEW LOCATION – TIME TBA

The May 17th hearing will be held in the morning – the exact time has not been set; we should know within the next week or two. The location of this hearing is a change from the previous location at the Detroit Public Safety Headquarters. The May 17th hearing will be IN PERSON at the Erma L. Henderson Auditorium on the 13th floor of the Coleman A. Young Municipal Center, 2 Woodward Avenue, in Detroit.

FREE BUS RIDE TO THE MAY 17th HEARING

Grandmont Rosedale Development Corporation (GRDC) obtained a grant to hire a charter bus to take neighborhood residents downtown to the hearing. Seating is limited to 44 people. Contact GRDC Program Director Becki Kenderes to reserve your seat – email her at becki@grandmontrosedale.com.

SIGN-MAKING ON SUNDAY, MAY 15 AT 2 PM AT GRDC

There will be a sign-making workshop on Sunday, May 15 from 2-4 PM at the GRDC building, 19800 Grand River. Posterboard and markers will be available – come craft your own personal statement against pollution and for clean air and health!

President's Message



RPIA President
Larry Castleberry

Hello neighbors. Spring is here and despite some late April snow showers, warmer weather is definitely on its way.

We had some wonderful events in April. Three that jump to mind: the cleanup event on April 2nd in which neighbors came together and did

an amazing job picking up trash around Chase Bank and the area by the car wash, followed a week later by our Detroit Partnership Day with the U-M students when we spruced up Rosemont Acacia Park. A special thank you to Macedonia Church for allowing us to utilize their building and parking lot. Finally, we had the very successful Easter Egg Hunt (see story and photos on back page).

We have more community events coming up in June – the general membership meeting May 10th, June Day Picnic on June 4, which includes the 2nd-annual neighborhood bike ride, and the 60-block yard sale, June 25–26. Looking forward to a wonderful Spring. Stay safe!

Bike Ride Added to June Day

Saturday, June 4 – 10am till noon

After a two-year hiatus due to COVID-19, we are excited to announce that the partnership of our Rosedale Bike Ride with the annual June Day celebration, returning on Saturday, June 4th at Flintstone Park (Rosemont/Acacia)! At 10am, take a sightseeing bike ride through Rosedale Park, and at 11am head to Flintstone Park for family fun, food, and music!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! Please email, Susan Laing, selaing@gmail.com to sign up to help with the Bike Ride and/or June Day planning.

Please Pay Your Dues to Support Our Neighborhood

Paying your annual association dues is a major way to keep our neighborhood thriving. Rosedale Park's dues-paying neighbors have kept our community strong through this simple annual contribution. In order to keep our neighborhood moving forward, we need a strong, powerful organization.

Here is what you and your family receive through the dues we pay each year — \$45 (\$25 Evergreen and Outer Drive residents):

- Streets that are plowed during heavy snow.
- Block captain coordinators who maintain the block captain network.
- The Radio Patrol.
- A vacant property task force.
- The Island Beautification Committee.
- Free weekly e-Blast.
- Maintaining the entrance facades and signage.
- The Rosedale Park News and RPIA website.
- New Neighbor Kits.
- 60-block Garage Sale.
- Individual block club support.
- Holiday Pancake Breakfast.
- Coordination of volunteers who lobby for us at the city council and mayor's office.
- Coordination of Volunteers who work hard to keep Flintstone Park beautiful.
- Officers and board members who will listen to you and fight for you.

Mail your 2022 RPIA dues payment to RPIA, P.O. Box 23113, Detroit, MI 48223. Make checks payable to "RPIA." Or pay online at rosedalepark.org.

Block Captains Meet on Sunday, May 15 at 4 pm

Rosedale Block Captains will meet **IN PERSON** at the GRDC building, 19800 Grand River, on Sunday, May 15 from 4-6 pm. The agenda includes representatives from the Water Department explaining current work on our water mains and sewer lines; updates on the appeal hearing on the proposed hot mix asphalt plant; and in introduction of our new District 1 BSEED Inspector Derek Brown. Details on June Day and the 60-block Yard Sale will also be discussed. All are welcome.

Deadline for College Scholarships, May 15

RPIA is awarding two college scholarships of \$1,250 each to two graduating seniors who reside in Rosedale Park. Award criteria should focus on academic achievement and community service. For more information, go to the home page of the RPIA website, rosedalepark.org, under RPIA College Scholarship 2022 — **DEADLINE EXTENDED**. Applications will be due May 15. For more information, please contact the RPIA Youth Committee at kuhuru@gmail.com.

60-block Yard Sale, June 25- * 26! Shop till you drop!

*The sale runs from 9:00 am till 3:00 pm on Saturday, June 25, * RAIN DATE: Sunday, June 26, 9 am – 3 pm.*

It's time to clean out the garage, shed, or basement of gently used items. Display them on tables, blow up some balloons, make some signs, contract your friends and family to visit and shop in our neighborhood.

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 Larry Castleberry, 313-549-5259 lcastleb@sbcglobal.net.

General Membership meeting Tuesday, May 10

General Membership Meeting, Tuesday, May 10, at 7 pm at the NRP Community House, 18445 Scarsdale. Masks required and please vaccinate and boost your families to keep our community safe for all. Topics to be discussed include: updates on the free shuttle to attend the Tuesday, May 17, Board of Zoning Appeals hearing regarding the proposed asphalt plant at I-96 and Southfield; welcoming new neighbors; 8th Precinct Commander Brian Harris; board member, Jasmine DeForrest will discuss all of the exciting events happening this summer in Rosedale Park; reports from State Representative Stephanie Young, City Council President Pro Tem James Tate, and Wayne County Commissioner Monique Baker McCormick.

Park Cleanup a Huge Success on Detroit Partnership Day

It was a chilly Saturday morning on April 9, when 25 volunteers, including eight U-M students, raked leaves, trimmed trees, picked up fallen branches, and swept up trash in a major spruce-up of Rosemont Acacia Park. “When we organize and work together, the results improve our neighborhood for all of our families,” said Park resident and State Representative Stephanie Young.



Local Boy Scout Troop Organizes Fun Activities

Do you have boys in your life who crave adventure, or are you tired of them playing video games as entertainment?

Troop 123 seeks boys ages 11–17 years to get outside and experience the world! As one imagines, we do the typical scout activities, we camp, we hike, we bike, we cook over open fires, we develop leaders, but we also have lots of other activities!

We have: visited caves in Ohio, checked out the Detroit Velodrome, participated in luge runs in Muskegon, slept overnight on a WWII era vehicle carrier ship, visited historic Mackinac Island and Michigan’s Upper Peninsula! Upcoming events include more cave systems, canoeing and the indoor climbing facility in Eastern Market.

We meet first and third Mondays, at the North Rosedale Community House, from 6:30–8pm. Please come for a visit and check us out! Contact GRDC Board Member, Grandmont Community Association member, and Scout Master, Kevin Johnson, johnsonkevin1@yahoo.com, 313-549-7387.

RPIA Dues

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Easter Bunny Returns to Grandmont Rosedale!

Following a two-year hiatus due to COVID, the Grandmont Rosedale Easter Egg Hunt returned on April 16, 2022, to the relief and delight of neighborhood children and parents. “Close to 300 kids and parents joined in the fun this year,” commented 2022 Egg Hunt Committee Chair Karen Graham. “We had beautiful weather and lots of enthusiasm from our guests and our volunteers. The petting zoo introduced kids to ducks and baby chicks and bunnies and goats, Gracie the Clown made adorable balloon animals for all, and Huntington Bank sponsored free hot dogs and drinks – we all had a ball!” Graham continued. The photos below certainly confirm that assessment. :-)

