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Why Pay Association Dues? Group Action Works!



Kimberly Uhuru, Rosedale Park President Emeritus

A few neighbors have asked the question, “Why should I pay dues to a voluntary neighborhood association? What am I getting out of it?” With gas at \$4.59 a gallon (and rising), you too may find yourself wondering why you should pay \$45 a year to be a member of your neighborhood association. Perhaps you think it’s enough to simply pay your taxes and keep your lawn cut.

It’s true that being a good neighbor starts with paying your tax bill and keeping up your property, but that’s not where it ends. Most of you know about the visible amenities RPIA provides, from snow plowing and park and street clean-ups to coordinating the neighborhood-wide yard sale, and most recently, providing scholarship funds to Rosedale high school seniors. There is also the events programming that makes for a cohesive neighborhood where you can enjoy getting out and meeting your neighbors (Easter Egg Hunt, June Day, Bike Ride, etc.)

But even if you don’t have a kid headed to college and don’t own a bike, you should still pay your dues. That’s because the real value of a neighborhood association is intangible and often invisible: the real value is organization. Organization makes change possible.

Here are a few examples of your volunteer neighborhood association at work in the past year alone:

- Arranging for residents’ grass to be re-seeded after it was damaged by the DTE construction project last summer
- Having the traffic light at Royal Fresh Market re-set to allow additional time for pedestrians to safely cross Grand River
- Working with other Northwest Detroit neighborhoods to successfully oppose the permit of an asphalt plant which would have been catastrophic for health and home values in our community
- Arranging for Detroit Water and Sewerage Department officials to make an extensive presentation to address questions and concerns of residents regarding the upcoming water/sewer line replacement.

I would hazard a guess that as lone individuals none of us would receive this level of responsiveness from local government. But as an organized whole, we can and do demand better.

If you enjoy clean air, reduced blight, and safe streets, you should be a member of the neighborhood association. The cost is less than a restaurant meal for an average family. I think it’s worth it. I hope you do too.

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Save the Date: GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING on Tuesday, September 13 at 7:00 pm

We will meet indoors at the North Rosedale Community House, 18445 Scarsdale. The agenda will include reports from our President Larry Castleberry, Updates on the December 3 Holiday Pancake Breakfast, new neighbors, update on the asphalt plant, status of the Annual Gala scheduled for Friday, Jan. 20, 2023, District 1 Manager Karla Williamson, Wayne County Commission Chair Alicia Bell, and more.

Meet Auriel Blakey, 2022 Rosedale Scholar



Auriel Blakey

Auriel is the daughter of Carla and Dwight Blakey of Rosedale Park. She is a graduating senior at Mercy High School. In addition to participating in National Honor Society, Auriel participates in BASE (Black Awareness Society for Education) and the International Thespian Society. This summer, Auriel will head to Mackinac to take part in the Girls Scouts Honor Guard program. This fall, she will attend Ball

State University, where she will major in Theater. Auriel has been awarded a \$2,500 scholarship by RPIA to assist in her future endeavors. Congratulations, Auriel! We are very proud of you!

Note: During the first couple of weeks of June, I noticed many graduation parties throughout our neighborhood, yet only two families applied for the scholarships – one applying too late. If you know any high school juniors who reside in Rosedale Park, will graduate in 2023, and who demonstrate efforts and promise during their high school careers, please contact me, Kim Uhuru, at kuhuru@gmail.com.

Registration Now Open for Rosedale Soccer League

The Rosedale Soccer League (RSL) has been providing kids in our area a chance to have fun playing soccer right in our backyard for at least three decades. RSL, an instructional/recreational league, is supported by area neighborhood associations and is open to boys and girls aged 4 – 17 years old. Rosedale Soccer's season begins Saturday, August 13 and runs through October 8. Register NOW at rosedalesoccerleague.org. If you have questions or concerns, please contact us at: (313) 405-3314.

BLOCK CAPTAINS' MEETING on Sunday, August 7

Rosedale Block Captains will meet in person on Sunday, Aug. 7 for their quarterly get-together. The meeting will be held outdoors on the lawn at the North Rosedale Community House, 18445 Scarsdale, starting at 4 PM. Please bring your lawn chair and your concerns. For more information, contact Pam Weinstein at weinstein148@ameritech.net or 313-231-2244.

New Owners, New Name, New Vibe for Coffee Shop



Co-owners of Rosa, Charity Dean, left, and Heather Zygmuntowicz celebrate the grand opening on June 11.

Meet Rosa — an exciting, reimagined coffee shop at 19180 Grand River, the former Public Square. It is a welcoming, bright, homey, comfortable, business with a strong Rosedale Park connection.

Rosa is named after co-owner Charity Dean's great-grandmother, who was one of the first Black homeowners in Rosedale Park. Rosa Malone and her husband Elijah bought their home on Rosemont in 1973, but not before a racist real estate agent refused to finalize the sale with the owners, the Weber family.

The Webers wanted the Malones to have the house, so they waited until the contract expired with the agent and sold the Malones the home outright, according to a story in the Free Press by Nancy Kaffer. Mrs. Malone lived in her Rosemont home until just before she died in 2019 at the age of 96.

Describing the new décor at her coffee shop, Dean is quoted in a WDIV on-line article as saying, "It's also like grandma's house. We want you to come in and feel comfortable and feel at home."

Come on in and have a cup of coffee made with beans from Rosedale Park's Faust Haus Roasting Co., owned by Derrick English, another Rosedale resident and Rosa's Ethiopian coffee supplier.



Customers wait in line to sample the offerings of the coffee shop.

Island Judging Begins in July

It's time to spruce up your islands because members of the Rosedale Island Beautification Committee will be judging islands throughout July. If you purchase supplies for your islands, you may be eligible to be reimbursed up to \$150.

The Grandmont Rosedale neighborhoods received a grant from Huntington Bank for neighborhood beautification improvements. Like last year, Rosedale Park is using its share of the money, \$5,000, to help our residents improve our islands, up to \$150 per block. Eligible expenses included dirt, mulch, grass seed, flowers, perennials, shrubs, landscape blocks, tools, fertilizer, weed killer, boulders, seeds, flowerpots, stakes, etc. This is first-come-first served program, so email our treasurer, Frank Raben, to see if there is still money available, rabenf47@gmail.com.

If you purchase materials for your island, keep your receipts. Then contact a member of the Island Beautification Committee, Master Gardener Deborah Tunstull, dtunstull@hotmail.com; Ruth Remus, ruth.remus@gmail.com; Carolyn Murphy, carolynlmurphy12@gmail.com.

Rosedale Movie Night is July 23

Looking for a free, family-friendly, outdoor event right in our Rosedale neighborhood? GRDC is hosting "Movie In The Park" in conjunction with each of the five neighborhoods.

RPIA is cohosting our movie night on Saturday, July 23, at Rosemont Acacia Park. The movie, *Monsters Inc.*, begins at 8:30. It's a great way for the community to come together safely to have some fun. Bring your blanket and chairs (some bug spray, too, if you wish).

The remaining movie events:

- Grandmont #1, Saturday, July 9, 8:45 at Rosemont Acacia Park.
- Minock Park, Friday, August 26, 7:45 at Corner View Park (Plainview and Lyndon).
- North Rosedale Park, Saturday, September 17, 7:15, just behind the Community House.

For more info, contact Kathy Garrett at kgarrett@grandmontrosedale.com or 313.387.4732, ext. 116.

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2022 Rosedale Yard Sale Was a Success!

After checking out the Rosedale Park Yard Sale on the morning of June 25, I went back in the early afternoon to see if neighbors were selling their items. The answer was a resounding YES! Clothes did not sell well, but electronics, tools, knick-knacks, and musical instruments flew off the tables. — *Jim Dwight*



5-Mile Bike Ride kicked Off Annual June Day Celebration

Around 25 bikers gathered at Stoepel Park on Saturday, June 4, for the Rosedale Bike Ride, kicking off the annual June Day Celebration. Bikers rode about five miles through Rosedale Park, along the bike lanes on Grand River to North Rosedale, then back to Rosedale, ending at Rosemont Acacia Park for June Day. Many improvements from past June Days greeted residents — a food truck, DJ, bounce house, and expanded games. Our numbers were down this year because of the two-year hiatus, so let's pull together and expand our June Day committee for 2023. Please contact Susan Laing at selaing@gmail.com or Jasmin DeForrest at jasmindeforrest78@gmail.com.

