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ROSEDALE PANCAKE BREAKFAST RETURNS!

Calling all neighborhood Santa fans! The Rosedale Pancake Breakfast is returning this year, following a two-year break due to COVID.

Everyone is invited to check in with the jolly old elf on Saturday, December 3, 2022, from 9-11 am at the North Rosedale Park Community House, 18445 Scarsdale. There will be pancakes, scrambled eggs, turkey sausage, fresh fruit, coffee, and juice. And there will be syrup...plenty of syrup! We will be singing carols together, with our favorite accompanist Debbie Gore, and visiting with Santa, assisted by his Santa's Helper Denotra Jackson. Prices are still the same as always — \$4 for adults, \$3 for kids under 12.

If you want to volunteer to help out at this traditional neighborhood event, please contact RPIA Special Events Chair Jasmin DeForrest at rpievents@gmail.com.



Yum! Cutting up pancakes at the 2016 Breakfast.



Kids line up to receive treats from Santa and Santa's helper in 2016.

General Membership Meeting on Tuesday, Nov. 15

Mark your calendar and plan to attend the November 15th General Membership Meeting at 7 pm at the North Rosedale Community House, 18445 Scarsdale. Light refreshments will be provided. Masks are encouraged.

The agenda includes:

- Election of 2023 officers and board members
- Holiday Pancake Breakfast, Dec. 3
- Snowplowing update
- Gala update
- Jaqueline Robinson from the Michigan Homeowner's Assistance Fund
- Steele Hughes, Dist. 1 assistant manager
- Reports from State Rep. Stephanie Young, Councilman James Tate, and Wayne County Commission Chair Alisha Bell.

Candidates for 2023 Officer and Board Positions

Larry Castleberry, candidate for President (2023)

Larry is a 23-year resident of Rosedale Park. He is the current RPIA President, and a firm believer that when we work together, we can and will accomplish great things.



Kimberly Uhuru, candidate for 1st Vice President (2023)

Kim has been a resident of Rosedale Park for the past 12 years and has previously served on the RPIA Board of Directors and as President. She is currently serving as President Emeritus.



In 2021, Kimberly was appointed to serve as the Deputy Administrator of the Michigan Attorney Grievance Commission, where she supervises a team of ethics attorneys and handles complex attorney discipline prosecutions for the agency. She also currently serves on the Board of Black Leaders Detroit, a non-profit committed to economic development in Detroit. She holds a bachelor's degree in Political Theory and Constitutional Democracy from James Madison College-Michigan State University and a Juris Doctor from DePaul University. She is married with two children. Her hobbies include reading, knitting, baking, and gardening.

Alex Derdelakos, candidate for 2nd Vice President (2023)

I've lived in Rosedale Park since March 2013 with my wife Susan Laing and our sons, Elias and Chuck. I'm a project manager/estimator for a family commercial painting company. I've served on the board since January 2017.



Since joining the community and board, I've developed a new website for the neighborhood, assisted with the signing of a new contract for snow removal, and sat on the Finance Committee, helping with several projects. Rosedale Park is such a wonderful and welcoming community to live in. We look forward to living and raising our children here for years to come.

Ivan Johnson, candidate for Treasurer (2023)

Ivan became part of Rosedale Park in 2001 and is an active community member. He is part of our neighborhood Radio Patrol and a Block Captain on Grandville between Grand River and Midland. In addition, he currently serves on the GRDC Board of Directors and the RPIA Board of Directors. He is very positive about our community and the city of Detroit. He believes the best way to effect change is to be an active participant in the process. Professionally, Ivan recently retired from PNC Bank, N.A. with over 40 years of service. During the 43 years at PNC, he worked in the International Department and the Commercial Real Estate area, which broadened his expertise and management skills. In the last 30 years of employment, Ivan helped manage the Michigan



Trust Real Estate group which was part of the PNC Private Bank. The real estate portfolio exceeded 100 million dollars and was comprised of residential, commercial, and agricultural real estate. His leadership role required critical thinking, compromise, and problem solving. These skills help him as a board member and make a positive difference in our community. He also served as Vice President of the Board of Directors of the former Allen Academy K-12 charter school in Detroit. A graduate of the University of Detroit Jesuit High School, Ivan received his BA degree from the University of Detroit.

Tonia A. Holloway, candidate for board member (2023-2025)

Tonia, a native Detroiter, graduated from Detroit Redford High School, and earned a B.S. in Health System Management from Ferris State University. She is a health insurance professional who has worked in the health care industry for over 25 years. She has been a resident of Rosedale Park since 1978 and currently serves as a block captain. Tonia said she is excited and honored to serve in a community where she grew up. Some of her hobbies are making homemade preserves and watching old movies. She serves as a board member for the Redford Theatre and the Detroit Redford High School Alumni Nonprofit Organization.



Michael Malis, candidate for board position (2023-2025)

My name is Michael Malis and I've been living in Rosedale Park for three years. As the father of a young child, I'm so happy to be living in a neighborhood with so many other kids, great neighbors, parks nearby, and a strong community. We love living in Rosedale Park and are so happy to be here. In my professional life, I'm a pianist, composer, and music educator. I've performed at the Detroit Jazz Festival, Japan, and around the United States and Canada. I'm looking forward to meeting more of my neighbors in my role as RPIA Board Member!



Andrea Eckert, candidate for board position (2023-2025)

I have been a Detroit resident for twelve years and a resident of Rosedale Park for the past four years. I am a small business owner, artist, and mother of three. I enjoy gardening at home and with my neighbors towards neighborhood beautification. There is a good chance you have seen my family and me, walking the local parks and exploring the neighborhood.



NOTE: Would you like to join the RPIA Board? There is one additional spot, to serve 2023-2024. Contact Larry Castleberry at lcastleb@sbcglobal.net for more info.

Rosedale COVID Memorial Adds Another Name

The COVID Memorial at Rosemont Acacia Park has had another name added, that of Penrod resident Carol Phillips, who died due to COVID in October 2021. A small, informal dedication of her stone was held recently that included Carol's husband, Lamar, as well as several of Carol's neighbors on her block of Penrod.

Editor's note: If you know of anyone from our Rosedale neighborhood who has died due to COVID, please notify Pam Weinstein at weinstein148@ameritech.net.



Carol Phillips added to the COVID Memorial.

RP News Seeks Editor

NOTE: After eight years as RP News editor, I feel it's time for new ideas, new spirit, and a younger mind so I'll putting away my quill after this issue. I will be available to help the new editor. —Jim Dwight

The RPIA board is looking for someone who is interested in continuing the tradition of providing quality information about news and events in and around Rosedale Park. The selected candidate should be willing to attend RPIA meetings and events. The new editor will be paid \$150/issue and will work with the existing layout designer to complete each issue (bi-monthly). Contact Alex Derdelakos at alex@agddesigns.com or 734-620-4432.



Carol's husband, Lamar, reflects on his wonderful life with Carol.

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Large Ruts Around Rosedale Filled In

RPIA Treasurer Frank Rabin and Rosedale Neighbors Katalin and Jeff Daigle placed three large boulders to fill deep ruts at two spots in Rosedale – both sides of the entrance off Fenkell into the Grandland Plaza near Rite Aid, and from the alley heading east behind Chase Bank onto Ashton. They first filled the ruts with crushed limestone before placing the boulders on top. They used \$60 of the generous beautification grant from Huntington Bank for the project.

Frank, Katalin and Jeff spread six yards of mulch at the “Welcome to Rosedale Park” entrance on the island at Outer Drive and Grand River, plus the space at the triangle landscape bed where Grand River and Fenkell meet, in front of the cell phone store.



Ashton, at the alley behind Chase Bank.



Two rocks placed at the entrance into Grandland near Rite Aid.

Daffodil Bulbs Planted

Floriculturists from the City of Detroit GSD Landscape Design Unit planted over 1 million daffodil bulbs in parks, lots, and islands throughout the city in the past couple of years. In Rosedale Park, they planted 42 thousand daffodils on the islands on Ashton, Rosemont, Warwick, Glastonbury, Faust, and Greenview. The bulbs are loaded into a hopper and a tractor pulls the Bulb Transplanter that automatically plants the bulbs. Watch for many blooms next spring!



Bulbs in the hopper.



Penrod neighbors gather for a block party late in August.

Block Party on Penrod

On Saturday, August 27, about 25 neighbors gathered on the island on Penrod, Chalfonte to Eaton, for a block celebration. Everyone brought a dish to pass and block captain Jim Westphal wheeled his grill out for a barbeque. “Block parties are a chance for neighbors to get to know each other,” said Westphal. “We can discuss ways to make our block a better place to live.”