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President's Message



**RPIA President
Larry Castleberry**

Greetings. It seems like yesterday I was writing a message about the upcoming Summer and here we are coming upon the Fall season!! As the students prepare to return to school just a reminder to be vigilant when driving and keep an eye out. Especially in the morning when sunrise can impair vision. That said Fall in Michigan is truly beautiful so be sure to enjoy the season and all of the fun activities available in our community and the metro area.

Save the Date: Next General Membership Meeting is Tuesday 9/5 at 7:00pm

The meeting will take place at the North Rosedale Park Community House, located at 18445 Scarsdale. Topics will include reports from Michigan State Senator Mary Cavanagh, GRDC President Michael Randall, Radio Patrol captain Trajan Centers, a Financial Report, and Nominations for 2024 Board positions. Please come out to provide your input about these topics!

RPIA Nominations Committee Announces 2024 Candidates

The RPIA Nominations Committee announces below its candidates for officers and board of directors' positions for 2024.

The election will be held at the General Membership Meeting on Tuesday, Nov. 14 at 7 pm. All members in good standing (2023 dues paid) are eligible to vote. Photos and bios of all candidates will be published in the Nov/Dec issue of the RP News.

OFFICERS for 2024

[*officers serve a one-year term*]

President Frank Raben
1st VP Larry Castleberry
2nd VP Tonia Holloway
Treasurer Ivan Johnson

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

[*three-year terms, 2024-2026*]

Director Melodie Bunkley
Director Earl McCullough
Director David Sernick

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

[*two-year term, 2024-2025**]

Director Veronica Williams

Any resident interested in running for office as a board member or officer can submit his/her name, along with a petition containing signatures from 10 members in good standing supporting the nomination, to RPIA President Larry Castleberry at lcastle@sbcglobal.net by Oct. 1, 2023.

**NOTE: This director position is for two years only; those two years are the balance of the three-year term currently being served by Tonia Holloway, who is moving up to serve as 2nd Vice President.*

Rosedale Scholarship Recipients Headed For a Bright Future

Congratulations to Rosedale graduating seniors Imani Stowers of Faust and Arianna Dalton of Piedmont. Imani graduated with honors this spring from Detroit School of Arts and will be attending the College for Creative Studies where she will pursue a bachelor's degree in transportation design. Imani completed dual enrollment credits as part of her high school program and had an opportunity to live in student housing at CCS while still a high school student. This experience will equip her well as she continues her studies.

Arianna will be a little further from home, as she will attend Tennessee State University. Both young women received a scholarship of \$1,250 from Rosedale Park Improvement Association. We are very proud of both of these graduates!



Graduating senior Imani Stowers

BLOCK CAPTAINS CORNER

Tips For Being a Respectful Dog Owner

Owning a dog can be a wonderful experience. We encourage our neighbors to practice common courtesy and follow these tips in making your dog a welcome member of the neighborhood.

- Prevent your dog from defecating on other people's property
- Bring along your pooper scooper to discard your pet's waste
- Keep your dog on a leash in neighborhood parks and on walks
- Keep your dog close when you pass others on the sidewalk
- Keep the barking noise down
- Secure your dog within your property and don't allow dogs to roam the neighborhood
- Ask permission before allowing your dog to greet people or greet other dogs

Detroit Animal Control

5700 Russell St, Detroit MI 48211

Hours 7 am to 7 pm, 7 days/week, 365 days/year

CALL 911 anytime there is an emergency in progress regarding an animal. Non emergent issues call to report:

- Stray Animals: Animal Control at (313) 922-DOGS
- Neglected/Abused Dogs: Michigan Humane Society's Cruelty Hotline at (313) 872-3401
- Barking Dog: Nuisance hours are 10:00 pm - 6:30 am. Report only after the owner has been notified and given two weeks to comply. Keep a log of the disturbance that includes the date, time, and duration of barking. If there is no change, report the issue to Detroit Animal Control's main line (313) 922-DOGS (6347) and ask to speak to an Animal Control Investigator (ACI). Once the ticket is issued the Investigator will contact the complainant to come to court to testify. If the barking case is successful a Judge will order the dog owner to keep the dog in the house between certain hours.



Volunteers Needed!

What do Rosedale Park, Boston Edison, and Belle Isle all have in common? We all have been designated Historic Districts in the National Register of Historic Places. Rosedale Park was granted their designation in 2006. This honor solidifies our resident's commitment to the community. Rosedale Park's reputation reaches far beyond state limits.

Volunteerism, on any level, is vital to the preservation of our beautiful and historic community. Start today by committing a few hours of your time. Your help will support civic improvements, social activities, and projects that create an environment of fellowship. The RPIA Board encourages you to become an active member of the community. We welcome your ideas and talents. We appreciate your voice in advocacy and change. Join a committee that interests you, or support activities that have positive impacts for us all.

RPIA Committees

- **Public Works and Code Enforcement Committee**— responsible for the physical development and maintenance of the neighborhood
- **Communications Committee**— responsible for notifying residents about association activities
- **Clean and Safe Committee**—responsible for improving the cleanliness and safety of Rosedale Park
- **Events Committee**—responsible for coordinating and implementing special social, entertainment, and educational events that RPIA sponsors or supports
- **Finance Committee**—responsible for providing financial oversight for the neighborhood
- **Block Captains Committee**—responsible for supporting the block captain network
- **Hospitality Committee**—responsible for organizing refreshments at RPIA gatherings as well as sending condolences on behalf of the organization

Help to keep our neighborhood the location of choice!

Contact your Block Captain, RPIA Board member, or attend a Membership meeting for details.

If you don't have a block Captain, here is your chance!

2023 Island Beautification Winners and Beautifiers

Judging was very difficult this year, as you can see from the 2023 Island Beautification Winners and Beautifiers list, reported the Rosedale Park Beautification Committee. There are just so many beautiful islands! Island Beautifiers and Block Captains truly make their blocks and ultimately our neighborhood, “a lovely place to live.” Come to our RPIA General Membership Meeting at the North Rosedale Community House on Tuesday, November 14 at 7pm when winners and beautifiers will be recognized.

—Deborah Tunstall, Brenda Bell and Ruth Remus of the Island Beautification Committee

Best Winner’s Circle Islands TIE:

Artesian—Chalfonte to Eaton
Island Beautifiers—Donna West (Block Captain), Jeremy Espinoza, Pat Hale and Kevin Parker

Stahelin—Chalfonte to Eaton
Island Beautifiers—Maurice Johnson and Mike Herron Nancy Bitzarikis (Block Captain)

1st Place Winner/Winner Circle Recipient:

Outer Drive—Midland to Keeler
Island Beautifier—Brenda Bell (Block Captain)

2nd Place Winner:

Glastonbury—Chalfonte to Fenkell
Island Beautifiers—Angela Lee, David King, Debbie Gore and Bobbie Phillips (Block Captains)

3rd Place Winner TIE:

Glastonbury—Eaton to Chalfonte
Island Beautifiers—Kim Uhuru, Andrea Eckert and Lois Lawton
Leon Jackson III (Block Captain)

Piedmont—Chalfonte to Fenkell
Island Beautifier—Susan Berry (Block Captain)

Most Improved “Long Mile” Islands:

Faust—Eaton to Chalfonte
Island Beautifiers—Kate Herron and John Gendreau Pam Weinstein and Ulysses Freeman (Block Captains)

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Reminder To Pay Your Dues

As 2023 comes to a close, the RPIA Board reminds you to pay your neighborhood dues! Dues can be paid online on our website (www.rosedalepark.org), or at any RPIA event or meeting. Dues are \$45 (or \$25 for Outer Drive or Evergreen residents.) Expenses include the snow removal service and events and activities for all residents.

2023 Island Beautification Winners and Beautifiers, cont.

Faust—Chalfonte to Fenkell

Island Beautifiers—Anthony and Melodie Bunkley, Rhymiane Robertson and Michael Tyman
Larry Castleberry, Anthony and Melodie Bunkley (Block Captains)

Greenview—Chalfonte to Fenkell

Island Beautifiers—Mary Schneider and Frank Rabin
Ken and Mary Schneider, Frank Rabin (Block Captains)

Ashton—Lyndon to Eaton

Island Beautifier—Katalin Daigle (Block Captain)

Artesian—Lyndon to Eaton

Island Beautifiers—Dorothy McKnight (Block Captain),
Valerie Orr and Arthur Griffin

Best Home Landscape TIE:

15725 Grandville—Cortral Barnes (Block Captain)

15757 Grandville—Katherine Gamma (Block Captain)



1st place Winner Circle Recipient: Outer Dr, Midland to Keeler; Island Beautifier: Brenda Bell (Block Captain)



3rd place TIE: Piedmont, Chalfonte to Fenkell; Island Beautifier: Susan Berry (Block Captain)



2nd place Winner: Glastonbury, Chalfonte to Fenkell); Island Beautifiers: Angela Lee, David King, Debbie Gore and Bobbie Phillips (Block Captains)



3rd place TIE: Glastonbury, Eaton to Chalfonte; Island Beautifiers: Kim Uhuru, Andrea Eckert and Lois Lawton, Leon Jackson (Block Captain)