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Annual Rosedale Holiday Pancake Breakfast

Here come the holidays, and we are excited to celebrate with you! Please join us at the annual Rosedale Holiday Pancake Breakfast on Saturday, December 9th, from 9am–11:00am at the North Rosedale Park Community House (18445 Scarsdale). The event includes a full pancake breakfast, music, an ornament making station, and a special visit from Santa. Tickets are \$5 for adults and \$4 for children. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Jasmin at rpievents@gmail.com. We hope to see you there!



General Membership Meeting

The next General Membership Meeting will be on Wednesday, November 15 at 7:00pm.

Please note the irregular date—membership meetings are routinely on Tuesdays, but due to a scheduling error, this month the meeting will be on a **Wednesday**. The meeting will take place at the North Rosedale Park Community House, located at 18445 Scarsdale. Topics will include Board Elections, Island Beautification, and a proposal to redesign RPIA's website.

Community Service Awards

Do you know of a Rosedale neighbor or community member who goes above and beyond to contribute to our neighborhood? If so, please consider nominating them for a Community Service Award.

Please submit nominations to rpievents@gmail.com with a brief statement that includes who you are nominating, their street name and/or address, and why you are nominating them for the Community Service Award by Monday, November 27th at 6:00pm.

Awards will be presented at the Rosedale Annual Gala, Saturday, January 20th, 6pm–8:30pm.

Candidates for 2024 Officer and Board Positions

Frank Rabin, candidate for President

I have lived on Greenview Rd in Rosedale Park since 1978; I was a Block Captain on Greenview Rd for 10 years.



I spent 37 years working for Michigan National Bank, Standard Federal Bank and Huntington Bank before retiring in 2009. I held positions as Branch Manager, Vice President District Manager and Mortgage Loan Officer the four years I worked for Huntington.

I served as Rosedale Parks representative on the GRDC Board of Directors from 1990 until 2020; during that time I was Vice President three years, President three years and Treasurer for 18 years. I became Treasurer of Rosedale Park Improvement Association in 2014 until 2021 and have served as 2nd Vice President in 2022.

Larry Castleberry, candidate for 1st Vice President

Larry is a 24-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.



Tonia Holloway, candidate for 2nd Vice President

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.



Ivan Johnson, candidate for Treasurer

Ivan became part of Rosedale Park in 2001 and is an active community member. He is part of our neighborhood Radio Patrol. 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.

Earl McCullough, candidate for Board of Directors (2024–2026)

Earl McCullough has been an RPIA member for 33 years. He is active in the Warwick Street Block Club and the organizer for the block's annual picnic for the past 29 years. He also knows Santa Claus "personally" and has been on his team for the annual Christmas Party for the past seven years. Mr. McCullough, a registered nurse, is currently working with the Detroit Board of Education. He is married and has three daughters. His special interests are advanced technology, virtual/broadcasting, music, especially jazz, and a love for cooking.



Melodie Bunkley, candidate for Board of Directors (2024–2026)

I am a native Detroiter—born and raised here. I'm a graduate of Oakland University and Walsh College. As a 20-year resident of Rosedale Park, I am very passionate about Detroit and keeping our neighborhoods clean and safe. My motto is "Get it Done!" I am excited and welcome the opportunity to serve as a RPIA board member. This will allow me to continue to be an active participant in moving our city forward in a positive direction.



David Sernick, candidate for Board of Directors (2024–2026)

I moved to Rosedale Park in 2020 with my wife (Bonnie White) for the beautiful tree-lined streets and old houses and immediately was struck by the support of my neighbors and the amazing sense of community. I currently work for the City of Detroit as the Director of ARPA Finance and Strategy. Born and raised in West Michigan. Lived in New York City and worked in theater as a producer and director for about eight



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years before returning to Michigan to get my MPP from University of Michigan.

Veronica Williams, candidate for Board of Directors (2024–2025)

Veronica Williams is passionate about community in Rosedale Park. This neighborhood is where she spent teenage years, met some of her longtime friends, and has been raising her family of 3 boys (all RGLL players 😊) with her husband.



She is a recent graduate from Central Michigan University #FireUpChips where she received her MBA with a concentration in Value-Driven Organization. Her undergraduate studies culminated at the University of Michigan #GoBlue with a Bachelor of Arts in Elementary Education. Veronica has spent the majority of her career in the mortgage industry, most recently working in Business Transformation leading a team dedicated to enhancing transformational technology that impacts the entire enterprise. Veronica enjoys cooking, traveling, and reading. As a budding entrepreneur, she enjoys being both creative and analytical; specializing in collaborating and leaving things better than when she found them.

Norwest Gallery of Art: Empowering Artistry in the Heart of Rosedale

Founded by visionary artist, curator, and community organizer Asia Hamilton, Norwest Gallery emerged from a profound desire to infuse the neighborhood with a kaleidoscope of voices and perspectives. It was born from the belief that art has the power to heal, inspire, and foster dialogue within any community. The gallery's walls breathe with a curated collection of daring, evocative pieces with a diverse range of styles and mediums. From vibrant canvases that pulse with life, to sculptures that seem to defy gravity, every piece tells a story, and every artist leaves a mark.

Dive into a world of captivating creativity and visionary talent at this exclusive contemporary art gallery for the holiday season. Whether you're a seasoned collector or a first-time buyer, Norwest Gallery of Art offers a wide range of styles, sizes, and mediums. There's something for everyone, from minimalist elegance to explosive bursts of color.

Join us for our next exhibition!

Opening Date: Saturday, November 4 at 6:00 pm
From: 11/4/2023–12/2/2023

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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.

Rosedale Block Captains Wrap Up the Year!

More than 30 Rosedale block captains met on Sunday, Oct. 15 at the GRDC office, 19800 Grand River, to hear the latest on fire safety and pick up some free smoke detectors; to learn more about how to track down property managers and property owners; reasons to join our Rosedale Radio Patrol; and highlights of upcoming neighborhood special events, including the Holiday Pancake breakfast on Dec. 9, the Annual Gala on Jan. 20, 2024, and a new event, the Harvest Hayride, on Oct. 29.

Lt. Stacey Taylor of the Detroit Fire Department Community Relations Department gave out free smoke detectors with lithium batteries and reminded all in attendance about the hazards of using space heaters, slow cookers, heating pads, and generators. Lt. Taylor also emphasized the dangers of barbecuing on porches, whether front porches or back porches.

Jill Laufer, block captain on Warwick and a veteran member of the Vacant Property Task Force, gave a short presentation on how to track down ownership information about homes in the neighborhood, as well as finding property managers for rental properties.

Rosedale Radio Patrol President Trajan Centers gave a recruitment pitch for everyone to join our volunteer civilian radio patrol—a commitment of only two hours per month, on a day and time of your choosing. To express an interest in joining, send an email to rpradiopatrol@gmail.com.

RPIA Treasurer Ivan Johnson reported on the winding up of our \$5,000 Huntington beautification grant, which supports the many volunteers throughout Rosedale Park who invest their creativity and time in making our islands beautiful.

Tasty refreshments kept everyone's energy up—the group will take a winter break and re-convene in February 2024.

Snow Season is Coming!

Winter is on the way and if the last few years are any indicator, we can expect to see 2–3 snowstorms in our area over the winter season. Part of Rosedale's annual dues pays for the yearly snow contract. (Thank you dues-paying members!) This is a separate service from city snow plowing. Our private contractor will clear the streets when we receive three inches of snow accumulation, typically

between the months of December and April. When a big storm is predicted, please make sure to move cars and trash containers from the street. It can be difficult to maneuver a snow plow down a street that is blocked by parked cars, especially if there are traffic islands on the street. Please look out for neighborhood text reminders that go out when plows are expected to be in the neighborhood.



*Rosedale Park's Annual Gala
Returns January 2024!*

Join us at the North Rosedale Community House (18445 Scarsdale), on Saturday, January 20th, 6pm-8:30pm. During this spectacular evening, we will swear in our new RPIA Board Members and honor the Community Service Award recipients! Stay tuned for more information featured on RPIA's website and in forthcoming e-blasts.

Direct any questions to rpievents@gmail.com.