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## President's Message



RPIA President Frank Raben

I hope everyone had a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. I am looking forward to 2024 and working with the RPIA Board of Directors, volunteers and community members.

The Gala, formerly known as banquet, is back after a 3-year hiatus due to COVID. Please plan on joining us as we honor some members of our community for

their service to Rosedale Park. The 2024 Officers and Board of Directors will also be sworn in. The event will once again be catered by Breithaup Career Technical Center; culinary students from the school will prepare and serve our meal.

We recently held the annual Rosedale Pancake Breakfast, which is co-hosted with North Rosedale, and had a great turn out. The younger children visited with Santa and received a small toy.

I would like suggestions for topics that we can bring to the quarterly membership meetings. I look forward to hearing from you. My contact information is: call or text 313-770-7695, or email: [rabenf47@gmail.com](mailto:rabenf47@gmail.com).

More from the Pancake Breakfast on p. 4



## RPIA Gala

The Annual RPIA Gala returns in 2024! Join your community for a dinner to celebrate our community and its key members. Ticket includes dinner and drink. This traditional get-together is to swear in our new officers, recognize outstanding community service, and highlight the best island landscaping.

*Rosedale Park Improvement Associations*

# 2024

# ANNUAL GALA

*Celebrate Community and Join Us for An Evening of Cheer!*

*Saturday* **Jan 20th** *At 6:00 PM*

*North Rosedale Community House*

*18445 Scarsdale*

*Tickets \$30.00*

*<https://www.rosedalepark.org/>*



*Purchase  
tickets  
today!*

\*Semi Formal- Buffet Dinner \*Email Questions to [rpiasevents@gmail.com](mailto:rpiasevents@gmail.com)

## March Membership Meeting

RPIA's March 2024 Membership Meeting will take place on Tuesday, March 12 at 7:00pm. **Note:** Due to renovations scheduled to take place at the North Rosedale Park Community House during that time, the membership meeting will be held at **Pages Bookshop, 19560 Grand River**.

Please sign up for RPIA's weekly eBlast for additional details, including parking and other information! You can sign up for the eBlast by emailing [rpiablast@gmail.com](mailto:rpiablast@gmail.com).

# Safety Corner With the Radio Patrol



'Tis the season to be jolly, but it's also crucial to stay vigilant to ensure the safety of our homes and loved ones during the festive period. As the President of the Rosedale Park Radio Patrol, I'd like to share some safety tips to help protect our community from potential holiday risks including package theft and burglaries.

- 1. Secure Your Deliveries:** With the rise of online shopping, doorstep package theft has become a common concern. To safeguard your deliveries, consider having them sent to a secure location like a neighbor's house or a designated package locker. Alternatively, schedule deliveries when you know you'll be home or use tracking apps to stay informed about the delivery status.
- 2. Create the Illusion of Presence:** Make your home appear occupied even when you're away. Use timers for lights and electronic devices to give the impression that someone is home. Consider investing in smart home technology that allows you to control lights and security systems remotely. This can deter potential burglars by making it seem like someone is actively managing the property.
- 3. Neighbor Watch:** Inform your neighbors if you will be going out of town for the holidays, and ask your neighbors to keep an eye on your home. That way, they will report any suspicious activity instead of assuming you're home.

**4. Hold Mail and Packages:** If you're planning to be away for an extended period, request a hold on your mail and packages. An overflowing mailbox or packages left unattended can signal to potential intruders that the house is vacant. Contact your local post office and delivery services to make arrangements.

**5. Share Travel Plans Privately:** While it's natural to be excited about holiday travel, avoid broadcasting your plans on social media or in public forums. Share your itinerary and travel details only with trusted friends and neighbors. This precaution helps maintain the security of your home while you're away.

**6. Enhance Home Security:** Invest in reliable home security systems and surveillance cameras. Visible security measures act as a deterrent and provide valuable evidence in the event of an incident. Make sure all entry points, including windows and doors, are secure.

By following these safety tips and working together as a community, we can create a secure environment for everyone to enjoy the holiday season. Remember, the power of prevention lies in our collective efforts. If you would like to volunteer with the Rosedale Park Radio Patrol, please contact me at 269-352-9200.

Wishing you all a safe and joyous holiday season!

—Trajan Centers

## Fall Hayride

On Sunday, October 29th, Dave and family of G Farms headed to Rosedale Park with a beautiful, vintage tractor in tow to celebrate fall at our inaugural Fall Harvest Hayride. Families enjoyed hayrides, with donuts and cider provided by the Rosedale Park Improvement Association.

Special thanks to Katalin D., Rosedale Park Block Captain, and her G Farms family for donating their services.



## Blockades

It was suggested by Pam Weinstein that we look into purchasing blockades for use by blocks having Block Parties.

We set aside \$567 from the Huntington grant that was not used for Island Beautification to put towards the purchase of blockades. Frank Rabin researched various styles that could be used. The board reviewed the options and we made a selection, which will be presented along with other options to the February Block Captains meeting for further input. The cost will be in the neighborhood of \$1,300, which will need to be approved at our March Membership meeting.

# 2024 Membership Dues

Happy New Year Rosedale Park residents! The RPIA board would like to start off by thanking you for your support. Our hope for the new year is to collect the funds necessary to host more events and coordinate better services for our residents. We ask that you join us in this effort by paying your membership dues. Our wonderful neighborhood has approximately 1600 households, and less than 600 paid dues for 2023. For those of you that have paid dues for 2023 and 2024, a special "Thank you" goes out to you.

Our goal is to increase membership dues payments by 100%. Unfortunately, we have experienced a decline in dues payment; we are confident that we can get back on track. 2024 is a perfect time to renew or restore your commitment to our community.

Dues are \$45, or \$25 for residents of Outer Dr. and Evergreen. You can pay your dues online at [rosedalepark.org](http://rosedalepark.org), or by mailing a check to RPIA, P.O. Box 23113, Detroit MI, 48223. Make checks payable to RPIA.

Membership dues allow our residents to enjoy longstanding events, neighborhood services and advocacy with city and

local issues that impact us all. We are honored to do the work that ensures we continue to enjoy benefits that categorized our neighborhood as the location of choice.

## Membership dues support:

- Neighborhood programs, initiatives, meetings and improvements
- Social & recreational activities & events
- Communications: newsletter, e-blast, social media accounts and RPIA website
- Advocacy & volunteer mobilization
- Additional services and resources that promote a clean and safe environment.

On behalf of the residents, the RPIA Board is so grateful for your generosity over the years and, sincerely, thank you for your generous support going forward. If you have questions, concerns or ideas for new services or activities, please contact your Block Captain or a RPIA board member. We look forward to hearing from you!

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#### Reminder To Pay Your Dues

As 2024 begins, the RPIA Board reminds you to pay your neighborhood dues! Dues can be paid online on our website ([www.rosedalepark.org](http://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.

# Pancake Breakfast

The Holiday Pancake Breakfast was a joyous occasion on Saturday, December 9th. With over 140 neighbors in attendance, including our special guest from the North Pole, it was a fun time. The holiday sing-along was a hit, and featured children singing with our resident pianist Debbie Gore and caroller Bonnie White. Our delicious pancake breakfast, devoured by all, was prepared and served by hard-working volunteers, led by Susan Laing and Lindsay Bitzarakis. Special thank you to all volunteers, the Rosedale Park Improvement Association, North Rosedale Park Civic Association, The North Rosedale Community House Team, and all who attended. Happy Holidays!

