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President's Update



RPIA President Frank Raben

June is always a busy month around Rosedale Park. We start off with June Day, which was very well attended. This year, we had well over 50 more people than last year. Meanwhile, blocks are planting and making other improvements to their islands. We ended June with the 60 Block Yard Sale, which always marks the official beginning of summer.

Did you know that any senior citizen over 65 and owns their home can get a discount of \$125 on the waste collection fee? Google "City of Detroit Senior Citizen Discount Waste Collection" to find the application. And see the article on page 2 for details on our new Waste Collection schedule.

Pam Weinstein and I are working with the City of Detroit to get the wall on Ashton repaired that was hit earlier in June.

I hope many blocks hold block parties this summer and utilize the new barriers we purchased; we can accommodate up to 4 blocks on the same weekend. Reserve the barricades by going to rosedalepark.org to reserve your date.

I am working on topics and speakers for our Sept, 10th Membership Meeting. I will have a Nurse Practitioner talking about Medication education, a speaker from the Wayne County Treasurer's Office discussing scams to steal title to home, and an Attorney to talk about the importance of Estate Planning.

We are seeking a few good neighbors to serve on our Board of Directors for terms starting in 2025 through 2028. If you or someone you know has an interest, please contact me.

Have a great rest of the summer and I hope to see you August 3rd at the Summer Soiree or the September 10th Membership Meeting.

Please feel free to contact me anytime for suggestions on what we can do better or any issue that you think I or the Board can address.

Block Party Season Underway

Hey Rosedale Park, it's officially summer, and the time has come to plan your Annual Block Party! What an awesome way to meet your neighbors, develop friendships and reconnect, while building a community of support within your block.

Rosedale Park has a long-time history of neighbors joining together to enjoy a day of music, food, conversation and games. Get creative this year and rally your neighbors to plan a block party to celebrate each other and community.

Keys to planning a block party:

- Hold a planning meeting for ideas
- Pick a date
- Choose the menu (potluck or catered)
- Ask for volunteers for various duties (for example, running the grill or organizing activities for all ages)
- Ask for donations if needed
- Collect signatures for the City of Detroit Block Party application
- Reserve the new block party street barriers on the RPIA website: www.rosedalepark.org

Make this year's party the best your block has ever had. If your block hasn't had one or it has been a while, take this opportunity to join the Rosedale Park community with a favorite memorable tradition.

Have a great summer,
RPIA Board

SAVE THE DATE: Next General Membership Meeting

Tuesday, September 10, 2024, 7:00pm–8:30pm
North Rosedale Park Community House,
18445 Scarsdale

New Waste Collection Schedule

Beginning June 3, 2024, recycling, yard waste and bulk items will be collected every week on Mondays along with trash, instead of every other week.

What can you put in your curbside containers or leave out for the city to pick up?

Recyclables: paper, paper bags, cardboard, boxes, clear and colored glass, metal, plastic bottles, and containers.

Yard waste: Use a container labeled “yard waste” or place grass clippings, leaves and twigs smaller than 2 inches in diameter in paper lawn and leaf bags. Yard waste should be at least 6 feet away from trash and recycling containers. Branches and twigs up to 4 feet long and 4 inches around should be bundled. Yard waste bigger than this won’t be picked up.

Bulk items: Place up to 2 cubic yards of bulk and renovation materials at the curb (about the size of two stoves). Items should be placed in separate piles.

Construction materials: The City of Detroit will begin disposal of construction materials June 3.

Each of the items or bundles listed below are **OK** for pickup if they weigh less than 50 pounds.

- Wood and lumber (bundle and remove nails, screws and staples)
- Cabinets (remove all doors)
- Carpet and padding (bundle and remove staples and nails)
- Toilets
- Paneling (bundle or place in contractor bags, remove nails and screws)
- Tile (put in contractor bags)
- Drywall (put in contractor bags)

The following construction materials are **NOT OK** for pickup:

- Concrete, brick, asphalt and shingles
- Tires, auto parts, fluids
- Metal poles and pipes
- Tree trunks

Have more bulk or renovation materials than this? DPW can pick it up for a fee. Call 313-876-0004 for more info and pricing.

Concrete Crushing Plant on Greenfield at I-96

Many Rosedale Park residents have noticed uncovered high piles of crushed rock, near Greenfield by I-96. The Schoolcraft Improvement Association (SIA) has diligently informed and organized residents and surrounding neighborhoods as to just what is going on, and RPIA has supported SIA with letters, comments and attendance at multiples hearings.

In brief:

- Dino-Mite Crushing & Recycling, owned by Green Valley Properties, applied to renew its concrete crushing special land use permit to keep operating its 12.3-acre operation at 12625 Greenfield Rd.
- BSEED (Building Safety and Engineering Department) attempted to revoke the Special Land Grant due to multiple permit violations.
- The Company (Green Valley) appealed to the Department of Administrative Hearings (DAH) and won.
- The City of Detroit appealed the DAH decision to Wayne County Circuit Court.
- **April 14, 2024, the Board of Zoning Appeals upheld BSEED’s denial of Green Valley Properties’ request to expand the concrete crushing operations.**
- Judge Dana Hathaway heard the DAH case May 2, 2024 and on May 14th, remanded the case back to the DAH allowing for additional evidence for a “determination as to whether the fugitive dust constitutes a public nuisance and /or is injurious to the adjacent and surrounding property owners.”

June 18, the Sugar Law Center briefed SIA and reminded that the May 14th ruling creates opportunity for testimony and new evidence of impact from the operations of the concrete crushing operations. It’s important for residents to continue reporting incidents of excessive dust relative to the Greenfield Dino-Mite Concrete Crusher. **Reporting multiple experiences is important.**

- **Report to the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, & Energy (EGLE) at 800-292-4706;**
- **to the City of Detroit Health Department at 313-876-4715;**
- **and to the Detroit Buildings, Safety, Engineering, & Environmental Dept. (BSEED) at 313-628-2451.**

Submitting these reports will support the upcoming case in the Detroit Department of Appeals (DAH) to revoke the operating permit of the Greenfield Dino-Mite Concrete Crusher.



This season is back and bigger than ever with more weekly vendors, more weekly food trucks, and more weekly family friend activities for the community to enjoy. Be sure to come hungry!

Every Thursday 4:00–8:00pm
North Rosedale Park Community House, 18445 Scarsdale

RPIA MEMBERSHIP DUES

Cost: \$45, or \$25 for residents on Outer Drive

How to pay
rosedalepark.org

In person at any event or meeting

Mail a check or money order to Rosedale Park

Improvement Association P.O. Box 23113, Detroit, MI 48223

May 2024

Households Paid in 2024: 27.4%

2024 Goal: 50%

2023 Total: 33%

Association Dues help pay for neighborhood events and expenses such as snow removal, the Easter Egg Hunt, the Pancake Breakfast, June Day, the Annual Gala, the Newsletter, community meetings, and the scholarship fund.



ROSEDALE PARK
IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION

Summer Soirée

A celebration of the Rosedale Park community under the summer night sky.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 3RD 2024

6PM-9PM

ROSA DETROIT

This event is 21+

**SINGLE TICKET: \$30
OR TWO FOR \$50**

To Purchase Tickets:



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Island Beautification Judging to Begin Soon



Hark, Island Beautifiers! Many more blocks are doing a wonderful job this year making your islands look beautiful. Keep up the good work! The Island Beautification Committee will be judging islands for 2024 recognition the last week in July. Come on y'all. There's still time for a little weeding, pruning and dead-heading. We will be looking for islands that are well maintained and colorfully planted. Only islands with natural products will be considered. Winners will be announced in the September/October RPIA News. Good luck!

Your Island Beautification Committee,
Brenda Bell, Deborah Tunstall and Ruth Remus

Neighbors Enjoy Annual June Day Celebration



Detroit Association of Black Storytellers Event

The Detroit Association of Black Storytellers will have our Fall Concert Sunday October 13th at the North Rosedale Community Center. Doors open at 2:00pm, with the event from 2:30 to 4:00pm. The stories will focus on Women of Detroit. Come out for a great Sunday afternoon of stories from some of Detroit's fabulous storytellers. Cost for the concert is \$20. For more information please call 313-549-5259 or visit <https://detroitstorytellers.com>.

Upcoming Block Captain's Meeting

Rosedale's block captains will be gathering for their quarterly meeting on Sunday, August 11th from 4:00pm-6:00pm at the GRDC office, 19800 Grand River.

Our May 19th meeting was well attended; two key highlights were the discussion of the new block party street barriers and the 2024 Island beautification contest ideas & tips. All neighbors are welcome to attend—join us! For more information, contact your block captain or a RPIA board member.