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Dear Neighbors,

After a long brutal winter, spring is finally here!

As we move into the new season, it's time for serious cleaning. Rosedale Park has always been known as a premier neighborhood in Detroit. With so many positive things happening in Detroit, I would like to make sure we maintain the integrity of our neighborhood by removing leaves from our yards, keeping the curbs swept in front of our homes, picking up litter when you see it and partnering with neighbors to maintain the islands on our blocks.

It is especially important for those homes that are visible leading into our neighborhood (Fenkell, Grand River, Outer Drive and Southfield service drive) to continue to remove trash and keep the lawns cut. These gateway homes give a first impression of the Park.

RPIA's Clean and Safe committee has scheduled some Motor City Makeover cleanups for Sat., May 3. Please turn to Page 2 of this issue for more details.

I wish you all a safe, happy and fun season. Let's work together to get it done!



Your President,
Stacy Pugh

General Membership Meeting

**Tuesday, May 13,
at 7 PM**

North Rosedale Park
Community House
18445 Scarsdale
(off Bretton Drive and
Glastonbury)

- A representative from the Detroit Buildings, Safety Engineering and Environmental Department
- Councilman Tate
- Update from the public hearing for the proposed Special Assessment District (SAD) ordinance.
- Report from the RPIA's vacant property committee
- Report from the Clean and Safe committee
- Treasurer's report

June Day Picnic and Parade on Saturday, June 7

Flintstone Park, Rosemont at Acacia from 11 am-2 pm

Rosedale's annual June Day festivities begin with an old-fashioned parade through the neighborhood – if you want to join the parade or build a float to represent your group or your block, please contact Carolyn Akpe at 313-493-0824 for more information.

Bring your children, grandchildren, spouses and friends and tell your Rosedale neighbors. Come out and enjoy hot dogs and ice cream, bouncers, games, and the Plant Lady! This is an old-fashioned picnic and lots of fun! Go to rosedalepark.org for more information.

Free to RPIA Members/Families (you can pay at the picnic);
Non-members, \$2 per person.



♥ Block Captains' Quarterly Meeting ♥

Sunday, May 18, 2014 • 4-6 PM at the GRDC office • 19800 Grand River

TASTY TREATS FOR ALL!

GRDC Renovates Five Homes in Rosedale Park!

Our neighborhood community development organization, Grandmont Rosedale Development Corporation (GRDC), is currently in the process of renovating five homes in Rosedale Park – some are already on the market!

- 15035 Minock – deal pending!
- 10366 W. Outer Drive – available now
- 15131 Ashton – In progress – available soon!
- 15105 Plainview – In progress – available soon!
- 14529 Glastonbury – property is currently being acquired

For more details on GRDC's home renovations, visit their web site at www.grandmontrosedale.com and look for the Home Renovation section.

Thank you, GRDC, for helping our neighborhood!



10366 W. Outer Drive

Fenkell, Community Garden cleaned up on DP Day

On Saturday, March 29, over 30 volunteers, including 20 U-M Ann Arbor students, spent four hours cleaning up flower beds, removing trash and picking up debris along Fenkell, from Grand River to Evergreen. It was all part of U-M's Detroit Partnership Day, a day of service for U-M students.

Volunteers began at the corner of Fenkell and Grand River in the flower bed that welcomes all to the community. There was much trash and debris lingering

from the fall and buried under the snow all winter. Next, we spread out on both sides of the street and worked our way west to Evergreen. A resident of Minock Park, cleaning up the grounds of a vacant house, decided to join us for a stretch.

What a great success! Many people saw us working and commented on how impressed they were with the energy and camaraderie shown that day.

Dorothy Roman and Donna Wilson



Volunteers spreading mulch at the Community Garden.



A job well done at the Community Garden.

Join neighbors for Motor City Makeover cleanup

When we come together as a group, Detroiters clean parks, spruce up service drives and beautify our islands. The most effective way to combat negative media reports is to work together. So let's join with Rosedale Park neighbors as we roll up our sleeves, grab some rakes and gloves, and take part in the Motor City Makeover, Sat., May 3, from 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

The targets this year are Rosemont-Acacia (Flintstone) Park, the Southfield Service Dr. (Fenkell to Acacia) and the islands on our blocks. Contact RPIA's Clean and Safe committee chairs Donna Wilson and Dorothy Roman before May 3 at 313-531-6641 to pick up supplies, like gloves and bags.

RPIA's 30-Block Garage Sale Saturday, June 28 • 9 AM-3 PM

It's time to clean out the garage, basement, shed, or boxes of stuff stored away in some corner!

RPIA's 30-Block Garage Sale has evolved over the years. In the past, we divided the Park in half for the event, but it's become a popular event that's expanded to other neighboring communities. We no longer split the neighborhood and participation is open to all residents on all streets in Rosedale Park. It's on every block!

SOME NOTES ON PROCEDURES THAT WORK:

- About half the day's buyers show up during the first hour and a half – between 9-10:30.
- **Set a fair price! Remember, you are trying to get rid of stuff and make a little money.**

Historic Windows Can Be Repaired

Older original windows that need repair may seem like they are worn out and hopeless. In fact, they almost never are.

The original windows in our historic homes can be repaired and can be energy efficient.

The Boston Edison website has great information, including videos, on how to repair and restore windows at www.historicbostonedison.org/pres9.shtml.

For homeowners who cannot "do-it-yourself," the website lists skilled specialists in window repair and restoration, and in weatherizing.

The HBEA is sponsoring a free Home Preservation Fair, Saturday, May 10, from noon-5 p.m. at Sacred Heart Seminary, 2701 W. Chicago Blvd. (corner of Linwood).

James Hamilton,
board member Historic Boston Edison Association

Helping others is rewarding

Lately, I've been working with a wonderful group of folks who are working hard to improve the lives of people living in northwest Detroit. Each Monday, I drive to the Brightmoor community and meet up with around 10 people from all walks of life to volunteer at the St. Christine's Food Pantry and Soup Kitchen, located at 15317 Dacosta in Detroit. We sort and package food, break down boxes, separate plastic bags – nothing too stressful.

The volunteers are young and old, black and white, residents from the city and suburbs. If you have some extra time, contact Maureen Northrup at 313-535-7272. The food pantry is open, Mon. and Tue. from 10-4. The soup kitchen is open from noon-5 on Tue. and 11-2 on Sat.

Burt Carp (*Artesian between Lyndon and Eaton*)

Rosedale Park Improvement Association Profit and Loss

February 2013 - January 2014

INCOME	TOTAL
Advertising Income	2,648.00
Banquet Tickets Income	1,410.00
Christmas Pancake Breakfast Income Donations	415.00
Family Activity Income	284.00
June Day Parade	70.00
Mayoral Candidate Forum Membership Dues	82.00
Radio Patrol Income	204.00
Total Income Gross Profit	25,118.00
	0.00
	\$ 30,231.00
EXPENSES	\$ 30,231.00
Admin Assistant	300.00
Bank Charges	31.66
Block Captain's Meetings	283.12
Board/General Meeting Refreshments	196.90
Bookkeeper Expense	1,464.82
Director & Officer Insurance	1,182.00
E-Blast Support	283.11
Hotline Maintenance	209.50
Membership Dues-Copying/Printing	312.00
Misc. - Beautification Awards	300.00
Misc. - GRDC/Realtor Open House	250.00
Misc. - Signs and Label Replacement	742.74
Misc. - State of MI Annual Registration Fee	40.00
N. Rosedale Pk Community House Rental	1,430.00
New Neighbors Welcome Kit	221.04
Newsletter - Postage	79.62
Newsletter - Advertising - Director Stipend	300.00
Newsletter - Editor Stipend	500.00
Newsletter - Layout/Design	1,650.00
Newsletter - Mailing	835.34
Newsletter - Printing	2,157.87
Office Supplies	296.58
P. O. Box Rental Fee	78.00
Postage	592.95
Promotional	225.00
QuickBooks Fees	747.65
Radio Patrol Expense	0.00
RPIA - Annual Banquet	1,490.46
RPIA - Christmas Pancake Breakfast	245.32
RPIA - Detroit Pride Day - Clean Up	150.00
RPIA - Family Events	449.80
RPIA - June Day Parade	756.91
RPIA - President Appreciation Gift	210.00
RPIA - Snow Removal	13,000.00
RPIA - Vacant Property	200.00
Stationery & Printing	1,190.26
Web Host Site/Domain Name	427.34
Website/Web Master	1,300.00
Total Expenses	\$ 34,129.99
Net Operating Income	\$ (3,898.99)
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Thursday, Apr 10, 2014 05:03:12 PM PDT GMT-4 - Cash Basis

TREASURER'S NOTE: This is not as bad as it looks. Income and expenses for the fiscal year 2012-2013 were actually close to even. The \$3898 deficit shown above is the result of expenses incurred in the previous year or the following year being paid during the 2012-2013 period, due to invoices arriving late or early. Those expenses include a late \$2600 snow plowing payment, an early \$715 payment for rental of the community house, and an early \$590 payment for directors' and officers' insurance, for a total of \$3905.

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- **Web site** – go to www.rosedalepark.org
- **Hotline** – leave a message at 313-927-1089



JOIN

Name: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

- Annual dues of \$45* enclosed.
(Make check payable to RPIA.)
- I want to volunteer. Contact me.
- I want to receive the weekly eblast.

Mail payment to RPIA
P. O. Box 23113
Detroit, MI 48223

*Outer Drive and Evergreen residents pay \$25.

Calendar of Events

MAY

- Saturday, May 3 Motor City Makeover clean-up projects
- Sunday, May 4 Neighborhood Open House
- Tuesday, May 13 RPIA General Membership Meeting
7 PM at North Rosedale Community House
18445 Scarsdale, off Bretton Drive
- Saturday, May 17 Rosedale Recycles
10 AM – 2 PM at Christ the King parking lot,
Pierson at Grand River
- Sunday, May 18 Rosedale Park Block Captains' Meeting
4-6 PM at GRDC office, 19800 Grand River
- Monday, May 19 RPIA Board meeting
7 PM at GRDC annex, 19566 Grand River
- Thursday, May 22 Neighborhood Safety Meeting
6:30 PM at North Rosedale Community House
18445 Scarsdale, off Bretton Drive

JUNE

- Saturday, June 7 Annual June Day Parade and Picnic
11 AM – 2 PM at Flintstone Park,
Rosemont at Acacia
- Tuesday, June 17 Rosedale Park Radio Patrol
6:30 PM at GRDC office, 19800 Grand River
- Monday, June 23 RPIA Board meeting
7 PM at GRDC annex, 19566 Grand River
- Thursday, June 26 Neighborhood Safety Meeting
6:30 PM at North Rosedale Community House
18445 Scarsdale, off Bretton Drive
- Saturday, June 28 30-Block Garage Sale