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All are urged to attend!!

Excitement Builds for Rosedale Community Gathering November 11

Mark your calendars and plan to join us at our regular RPIA membership meeting on Tuesday, Nov. 11 at 7 PM at the North Rosedale Community House, 18445 Scarsdale. This community gathering promises to be action-packed!

FULL AGENDA: ELECTIONS, BYLAWS, SAFETY PRESENTATION

It is our neighborhood's tradition to vote for our officers and board members at the November meeting, so this election process will be a crucial part of our agenda. All dues-paying residents are eligible to cast a vote, so don't miss your chance to complete your ballot and let your voice be heard (see page 2 for candidates' names).

We will also be voting on a set of revisions of our organization's bylaws, to bring our governing document up to date with our current practices. We reviewed these revisions at our September membership meeting. If you

missed that, you can find these proposed revisions on our web site at www.RosedalePark.org.

And while all the voting is going on, everyone in attendance will have the opportunity to hear a lively and helpful presentation by Detroit Police Investigator Brian Fountain, Creating a Culture of Safety in Rosedale Park. Some of you have heard Investigator Fountain before, so you know that he is always both entertaining and very down-to-earth with his practical advice. There will also be several safety- and security-themed door prizes that we will be giving away, including driveway sensors.

So don't miss out! Great refreshments as always - important issues to vote on - valuable information to protect your home and loved ones - door prizes to increase your safety!! Bring a neighbor with you!!

Good Food, Good Friends and Santa

BEGIN THE HOLIDAY CELEBRATION AT OUR ANNUAL PANCAKE BREAKFAST, SATURDAY, DEC. 6, FROM 9-11 AM

Open to all Rosedale Park and North Rosedale Park residents, this will be a great opportunity to enjoy holiday carols, meet and greet your neighbors.

NORTH ROSEDALE COMMUNITY HOUSE

18445 Scarsdale

\$4/adults; \$3/children (under 12)

Santa will be arriving between 10 – 10:30 AM



Nominees for 2015 Board Positions and Officers

President	# Dorothy Roman
First VP	# Donna Wilson
Second VP	Vacant
Treasurer	*Frank Raben

Board Member	*Leon Jackson III
Board Member	Earl McCullough
Board Member	Carolyn Akpe
Board Member	Larry Castleberry
Board Member	Deborah LaViolette

Last year, Dorothy Roman and Donna Wilson were First and Second Vice Presidents, respectively.

* Incumbents

CAROLYN AKPE

Born in Birmingham, Alabama, Carolyn Akpe graduated from Miles College in 1969 and The University of Chicago in 1971 with a degree in Social Service Administration. She has been a community activist throughout her life – in Chicago and Detroit.

Ms. Akpe is an active member of Holy Cross Lutheran for 30-plus years, working on boards, and volunteering. Ms. Akpe's activities in Rosedale Park include working with the Artesian Block Club, community gardening, June Day parade and picnic, Greening of Detroit, Northwest Detroit Farmers' Market, and founding a book club. Her interests include philosophy, religion, theatre, opera, poetry, gardening and learning to live with people and the planet as beloveds.

DEBORAH LaVIOLETTE

Ms. LaViolette moved to the Rosedale Park neighborhood in June 2010 and truly enjoys living here. She is a radio patroller and co-block captain with Mrs. Dorothy McKnight on Artesian between Eaton and Lyndon. Ms. LaViolette has volunteered for the

June Day Picnic, Pancake Breakfast, Easter Egg Hunt, Neighborhood Clean Up, committees, meetings and events. "I'm thankful and grateful to be a resident and home owner in a magnificent neighborhood with great neighbors," she said. "I look forward to serving on our Rosedale Park Board."

LARRY CASTLEBERRY

Mr. Castleberry is a lifetime Detroit resident who grew up on St. Marys (near Schoolcraft). He is a graduate of St. Mary of Redford High school (now CMA). An automotive engineer with Ford Motor Company, he holds a B.S. in Electrical Engineering from the University of Detroit and an M.S. in Engineering Management from U of M Dearborn.

Mr. Castleberry, a 26-year practitioner of the Japanese art of Aikido, recently received his 5th degree black belt. He conducts Aikido classes at St. Mary of Redford Church, where he is president of the Parish Council.

Mr. Castleberry's primary interest in running for the board is to assure that Rosedale Park remains a vibrant and beautiful community. He is convinced that his skills as a public speaker, ability to work with others, and strong belief that in order to bring about change, one "must do", will make him a valuable asset to the board.

EARL McCULLOUGH

Earl McCullough has been an RPIA member for 29 years. He is active in the Warwick Street Block Club and the organizer for the block's annual picnic for the past 25 years. He also knows Santa Claus "personally" and has been on his team for the annual Christmas Party for the past three years. Mr. McCullough, a registered nurse, is currently working with the Detroit Board of Education. He is married and has three daughters.

Call the Vacant House and Code Enforcement Committee

- ...if you see someone going into or moving into a vacant house on your block.
- ...if you see someone taking something out of a vacant house on your block.
- ...if you have a vacant house on your block that is open, not secured or not maintained.
- ...if a previously occupied house on your block becomes vacant.

Call to report any or all of the above to Pam at 313-231-2244 or Nancy at 313-408-8420 or Jill at 313-272-8622.

THANKS!

♥ Block Captains' Quarterly Meeting ♥

Sunday, November 9, 2015 • 4-6 PM at the GRDC office • 19800 Grand River

TASTY TREATS FOR ALL!

Island judging results

We Have Beautiful Islands in Rosedale Park

This year, your Garden Club Committee has created two new categories:

- **The Green Mile** is a devoted to blocks with very long islands or multiple islands. We want to reward the extra efforts needed to care for these islands. The winner of this category may be a previous winner, or may also already have a winners circle award.
- **Best Winners Circle** is for all previous winners circles islands. This is a way to recognize previous winners who continue maintaining high standards and creativity. For both of these new categories, the islands are eligible to win again year-after-year.

The winners are...

- **1st Place:** Penrod btw. Eaton & Chalfonte
- **2nd:** Artesian btw. Fenkell & Keeler
- **3rd:** Glastonbury btw. Lyndon & Eaton
- **Honorable Mention:** Warwick btw. Chalfonte & Fenkell
- **Green Mile:** Rosemont btw. Chalfonte & Fenkell
- **Most Improved:** Grandville btw. Chalfonte & Fenkell
- **Best Winners Circle:** Artesian btw. Keeler & Grand River

The Garden Committee is very proud to announce that the 2013 1st -place winner, Rosemont btw. Fenkell & Chalfonte, not only will be awarded the winners circle at the 2015 banquet, but is also being honored as our first Green Mile winner.

All winners will receive their awards at the 2015 RPIA banquet, and we ask that each block send a representative to accept the award.

Note: The committee is looking for a computer-savvy resident to assist with getting all of our island information, winners circle islands, etc. in a computerized document so that we can more easily access the information and add new data as we judge. We are also looking for some enthusiastic garden lovers to join our team and assist with this judging process.

– By Judith Rogan



Green Mile winner: Rosemont, Chalfonte to Fenkell.



1st place: Penrod, Eaton to Chalfonte.

Solid Waste Schedule for November/December

NOVEMBER

Monday, Nov. 3	Garbage and Recycling
Monday, Nov. 10	Garbage
Tuesday, Nov. 11	Yard Waste and Bulk
Monday, Nov. 17	Garbage and Recycling
Monday, Nov. 24	Garbage
Tuesday, Nov. 25	Yard Waste and Bulk

DECEMBER

Monday, Dec. 1	Garbage and Recycling
Monday, Dec. 8	Garbage
Tuesday, Dec. 9	Yard Waste* and Bulk
Monday, Dec. 15	Garbage and Recycling
Monday, Dec. 22	Garbage
Tuesday, Dec. 23	Yard Waste* and Bulk
Monday, Dec. 29	Garbage and Recycling

* NOTE: Per Advanced Disposal, "the end dates for yard waste pick-up will vary, based on weather conditions."

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- Web site – go to www.rosedalepark.org
- Hotline – leave a message at 313-927-1089
- Crime alerts – send an email to grandmontrosedalecrimealert@googlegroups.com

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Name: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

Annual dues of \$45* enclosed.
(Make check payable to RPIA.)

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www.rosedalepark.org

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	
NOVEMBER	
Sunday, Nov. 9	Block Captains' Meeting 4-6 PM at GRDC office 19800 Grand River
Tuesday, Nov. 11	RPIA General Membership Meeting 7 PM at North Rosedale Community House, 18445 Scarsdale
Saturday, Nov. 15...	Rosedale Recycles – FINAL SESSION!! Includes shredder and electronics recycling, too 10 AM – 2 PM at Christ the King parking lot, Pierson at Grand River
Monday, Nov. 24....	RPIA Board Meeting 7 PM at GRDC office, 19800 Grand River
Thursday, Nov. 28 ...	NO Neighborhood Safety Meeting due to holiday
DECEMBER	
Saturday, Dec. 6	Holiday Pancake Breakfast 9-11 AM at the North Rosedale Community House, 18445 Scarsdale
Monday, Dec. 15	RPIA Board Meeting 7 PM at GRDC office, 19800 Grand River