



Rosedale Park News

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Great things happen when neighbors work together

Dozens of volunteers spruced up Flintstone Park and picked up and bagged trash along parts of the Southfield service drive during Detroit Partnership Day, Saturday, March 28. With the help of Rosedale Park resident Vince Ford and his mowing crew, 40 volunteers, 22 from our neighborhood and 18 University of Michigan students, worked for over six hours of raking, hauling, bagging leaves, and picking up trash, brush and garbage.

There were many lively discussions between neighbors and students. "Residents were great at identifying causes of littering, the interplay between social classes,

economics and the importance of life and health enhanced by environmental design," said RPIA board member Carolyn Akpe. "The students stated that the day was rewarding and they felt good when they saw children happily playing in the clean park."

Refreshments for the volunteers were donated by Deborah Virgiles of our local McDonald's and Hanna of Elias Doughnuts. The RPIA Clean and Safe Committee appreciates the support of Pastor Twyman and Macedonia Baptist Church for hosting of the warming and debriefing site.



DON'T MISS THE NEXT GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

TUESDAY, MAY 12 AT THE COMMUNITY HOUSE IN NORTH ROSEDALE • 18445 SCARSDALE • 7:00 SHARP

The topic, Do-it-yourself spring cleaning

Speakers include: **Michael Nickelson (Scotts Lawn Service):** The latest techniques and products to beautify you lawn.
Erma Leaphart (Sierra Club): The use of rain barrels for free water for plants and lawns.
Cyndi Ross (Friends of the Rouge): Will explain planning and planting rain gardens in Detroit.

Free Trip to the Detroit Institute of Arts!!

The Rosedale Park Improvement Association is replacing the sparsely-attended June Day Picnic with a free trip to the Detroit Institute of Arts. Rosedale residents will be able to board a free shuttle bus in the neighborhood to ride down to the art museum on Saturday, June 6 at 11 AM, returning at 4 PM.

Residents should RSVP by May 29 at <www.rosedalepark.eventbrite.com>. For questions and more information, contact Deborah LaViolette at 313-297-3077 or Mary McLeod at 313-272-1704. See flyer below.

Join us for a free day at the Detroit Institute of Arts

FREE SHUTTLE RIDE TO AND FROM THE DIA
FREE LUNCH
FREE MUSEUM TOUR

Saturday, June 6, 2015 • 11:00 AM to 4:00 PM



DETROIT
INSTITUTE
OF ARTS

This is a FREE event, but tickets are limited

(No tickets on the day of the event)

RSVP by May 29, 2015 at www.rosedalepark.eventbrite.com

****Only residents that are current with 2015 dues can attend**

Deborah LaViolette – 313-279-3077 • Mary McLeod – 313-272-1704

SQUATTER ALERT: Be on the lookout!!

During the month of April, Rosedale Park experienced attempts by strangers to take over three different vacant homes in our neighborhood. These were people who had no previous relationship to the properties (not previous owners or tenants) – just random people who saw a vacant house and thought they would move in. Fortunately, alert neighbors spotted what was going on and reacted right away.

In two cases – a home on Greenview and a home on Artesian – the property owners were able to have the squatters removed from their homes within a matter of hours, with the assistance of the Detroit Police

Department. The third location, on Westwood, is still in process.

If you have a vacant home on your block (and most of us do), keep a sharp eye out for any activity. A takeover can occur very quickly, so it's important to react immediately. If you know how to contact the property's owner, call them right away. If you don't know the property owner, contact a member of the Vacant Property/Code Enforcement Committee: Nancy Bitzarakis at 313-408-8420, Jill Laufer (313-673-6697) or Pam Weinstein (313-231-2244).

♥ Block Captains' Quarterly Meeting ♥

Sunday, May 17, 2015 • 4-6 PM at the GRDC office • 19800 Grand River

TASTY TREATS FOR ALL!

RPIA's Garage Sale • Saturday, June 27 • 9-3

Do you have stuff piling up in the garage, basement, shed, or boxes of stuff stored away in some corner! How about getting rid of the unused material and make a little spare change? It's time to start organizing your stuff for the annual Rosedale Park Garage Sale. 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 of the day's buyers show up during the first hour and a half – between 9-10:30 a.m., so be ready.
- Consider joining forces (tables) with a neighbor. The more items on display, the easier it is to attract customers.
- String some balloons and banners near the street for increased visibility.
- Items sell better if they are cleaned.
- Greet everyone with a smile and a "how are you". It's the simplest way to engage potential buyers.
- Tag each item with both the price and number (to keep a record of who owns which item).
- **Set a fair price! Remember, you are trying to get rid of stuff and make a little money.**

Rosedale Soccer League

BOYS AND GIRLS FROM 4-17

Sign up online for the 2015 season, which begins in early August at rosedalesoccerleague.org.

BEFORE JUNE 1, THE COST IS \$50

After June 1, the cost is \$75. Onsite signup dates, June 6, 13, 20 at the North Rosedale Community Center, 18445 Scarsdale, from 10 am to 2 pm.

For more information, Deborah Lowrey, 313-712-9934.



Tennis at Stoepel Park ...and it's for everyone

The Grandmont-Rosedale Tennis Academy is building on its success from last summer and invites anyone who wants to have their kids learn how to play tennis and also parents and adults who want to learn. We also need volunteers for the class to help keep things running smoothly for the kids. This is a great opportunity for parents and kids for have fun together this summer.

- Classes begin May 13
- Cost is \$25 per person for 12-14 weeks
- Wed. nights, 6:30-8 at the tennis courts at Stoepel Park.

For more information contact Razi Jafri, 734-306-8589.



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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

JOIN



Name: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

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

MAY

Saturday, May 2Motor City Makeover – 10 AM till 2 PM
Southfield Service Drive at Grand River

Tuesday, May 12RPIA Membership Meeting – 7 PM
North Rosedale Community House,
18445 Scarsdale

Monday, May 18RPIA Board Meeting – 7 PM
GRDC annex, 19566 Grand River

Thursday, May 28Neighborhood Safety Meeting – 6:30 PM
North Rosedale Community House,
18445 Scarsdale

JUNE

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GRDC office, 19800 Grand River

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