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# THE Rosedale Park NEWS

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## Rosedale's Backbone: Block Captains

During the downtimes in Detroit, Rosedale Park has weathered the storms and kept its head out of the water. One of the main reasons: block captains. There are 64 blocks in Rosedale Park, and there is a block captain for all but three. We may be the only major community association in Detroit with a network this extensive. Block captain duties include:

- Welcome new neighbors.
- Create and maintain a block roster.
- Hold block meetings.
- Organize block events like block parties.
- Keep neighbors informed.
- Act as a liaison between RPIA and the neighbors.

The next block captains' meeting is **Sunday, May 15, from 4-6 pm – GRDC office, 19800 Grand River**. It's open to any Rosedale resident.

For more information, contact Nancy Bitzarakis, 313-408-8420, nancy2061@aol.com; Judy Wimberly, 313-838-3829, jamwimberly@hotmail.com.



## Celebrating 100 Years of Rosedale Park!!

*Plan to attend the upcoming Rosedale Park membership meeting on **Tuesday, March 15th at 7pm** at the North Rosedale Park Community House, 18445 Scarsdale. Birthday cake and punch for all!*

Our theme is "Celebrating 100 Years of Rosedale Park!" Our neighborhood was first developed in 1916, and one hundred years later continues to be a great Detroit neighborhood. To help us celebrate, we will be joined by two very knowledgeable speakers, to fill us in on all the details of our beginnings:

- **Dr. Janese Chapman**, Historic Planner at the Detroit Historic Designation Advisory Board - Dr. Chapman (a northwest Detroiter herself and a Redford HS grad) will take us back to the very beginning in 1916, when the Rosedale Park Land Company first platted our area, which was then part of Redford Township.

- **Dr. Louis Jones**, Field Archivist, Reuther Library Archives of Labor and Urban Affairs - Dr. Jones will tell us about the Rosedale papers and documents recently donated to the Reuther and how we can access and contribute to that collection.

**Detroit City Council Member James Tate** will be on hand to recognize some "living history" in Rosedale Park - namely, four Rosedale residents who have achieved "Super-Senior" status - all are 90+ years old!!

- Charles McGee of Glastonbury
- Trudie Strale of Glastonbury
- Lorraine Moses of Piedmont
- Helen Surrell of Piedmont

**If you know of more Rosedale residents who are 90+ years old, please contact Pam Weinstein ASAP, so they can be included, too**

## RPIA's 2015 Profit and Loss Statement

Major brick repairs were needed to fix the Ashton entry at Grand River, which cost \$5,900, plus an additional \$815 to paint and straighten all the entry signs, including the signs at Grand River/Outer Dr. and Evergreen/Outer Dr. We ended the year with a net loss of \$4,110.89, which was made up from funds in our checking account. The 2015 income from dues actually exceeded 2014 by \$1,772.70. Also, 603 residents paid their dues – the first time we've reached 600 for many years.

- Frank Raben, RPIA treasurer

Rosedale Park Improvement Association Profit and Loss January - December 2015	
	Total
<b>Income</b>	
Banquet Tickets Income	2,424.75
Christmas Pancake Breakfast Income	466.00
Donations	255.86
Interest Income	171.09
Membership Dues - 2015	25,786.00
Membership Dues - 2016	479.00
TShirt Sales	875.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$30,457.70</b>
<b>Gross Profit</b>	
	<b>\$30,457.70</b>
<b>Expenses</b>	
2015 Tshirt purchase	1,101.50
Admin Assistant	1,200.00
Bank Charges	372.80
Block Captain's Meetings	370.48
Board/General Meeting Refreshments	829.50
Bookkeeper Expense	930.00
Community Service Awards	174.90
Director & Officer Insurance	618.00
E-Blast Support	285.60
Hotline Maintenance	202.50
Legal & Professional Fees	250.11
Membership Dues-Copying/Printing	1,528.22
Misc. - Beautification Awards	300.00
Misc. - GRDC/Realtor Open House	250.00
Misc. - Signs and Label Replacement	1,300.45
Misc. - State of MI Annual Registration Fee	20.00
N. Rosedale Pk Community House Rental	770.00
New Neighbors Welcome Kit	260.00
Newsletter - Layout/Design	736.74
Newsletter - Printing	872.00
Office Supplies	165.30
P. O. Box Rental Fee	82.00
Postage	22.54
QuickBooks Fees	505.80
Repair & Maintenance	5,966.38
RPIA - Annual Banquet	1,608.13
RPIA - Christmas Pancake Breakfast	416.38
RPIA - Code Enforcement	13.23
RPIA - Detroit Pride Day - Clean Up	394.36
RPIA - Family Events	30.24
RPIA - June Day Parade	941.20
RPIA - President Appreciation Gift	42.40
RPIA - Snow Removal	10,400.00
RPIA - Unanticipated	426.68
Stationery & Printing	484.26
Web Host Site/Domain Name	46.89
Website/Web Master	650.00
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$34,568.59</b>
<b>Net Operating Income</b>	<b>\$ -4,110.89</b>
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>\$ -4,110.89</b>

## Clean-up at Flintstone Park March 26th

Spring is on the way, and that means it's time for spring cleaning!! Join your neighbors and a couple dozen enthusiastic young students from UM Ann Arbor to clean up Flintstone Park (aka Rosemont Acacia Park) on Saturday, March 26 from 10 am - 3 pm.



This service project is part of the annual Detroit Partnership Day, a day of service in northwest Detroit sponsored and organized by students from UM Ann Arbor for the past 16 years. Several hundred students will fan out throughout northwest Detroit to work on a variety of maintenance and clean-up projects at parks, gardens, and other community locations.

So come to Flintstone for an hour - bring a rake, meet with the young folks and your neighbors, lend a hand beautifying our neighborhood park. Contact Carolyn Akpe, 313-493-0824, for more information and to volunteer.

## Garden Club Retirements Create Opportunity

At the recent annual Gala, the Rosedale Garden Club members presented awards and prizes to the most outstanding islands in our neighborhood. Sadly, at the end of their presentations, the Garden Club Committee members announced their retirement from their longtime responsibilities. We want to extend our sincere thanks to Judith Rogan, Gigi Branham-Williams, Tina Castleberry, and Margie Weber for their dedication and outstanding work monitoring and assessing the various islands throughout Rosedale Park. They always recognized the most outstanding efforts with awards every year at our annual banquet.



So now we need new volunteers to step up and fill these spots! All retired Garden Club members expressed their willingness to train and assist new volunteers interested in taking on this challenge. No particular knowledge or skill in gardening is required - just an appreciation of our beautiful islands and a willingness to commit some of your time. Please contact Jim Dwight to express your interest - [jdwright99@ameritech.net](mailto:jdwright99@ameritech.net) or 313-231-2245.

## Easter Egg Hunt

RPIA and North Rosedale Park Civic Association are co-sponsoring the Annual Easter Egg Hunt for kids on **Saturday March 26**, from 11am to 1pm at the North Rosedale Community House, 18445 Scarsdale. Bring the kids and grandkids for the Easter Egg Hunt, crafts and light refreshments. Call Carolyn Akpe, 313-493-0824, for more information and to volunteer.

# Rosedale Park Gala 2016

*Over 100 residents attended this year's celebration!*

Deborah LaViolette and Mary McLeod put together a spectacular Rosedale Park Gala on Friday, January 22. Guests ate delicious food prepared by Chef Randy Stoneburner. The new RPIA Board was sworn in by State Senator David Knezek.

One of the best jazz bands in the Tri-county area, the **Ron English Ensemble**, really had everyone bouncing. English is a block captain on Greenview.

The Garden Club presented the Island Awards. Mary McLeod, Pam Weinstein, and Councilman James Tate received Community Service Awards. RPIA President Dorothy Roman passed the baton to Pam Weinstein, the incoming president.



### **Special thanks to:**

JoAnn Luke Johnson and Mona Jai (table decorations); Deborah Virgiles, McDonald's Owner/Operator (sweet tea); Debbie Gore (programs). Student volunteers: MaKaylah Butler and Jana Pruitt (hospitality table); Maya and Marcellus Castleberry (coat check).

Gala Committee: Deborah LaViolette (events committee chair); Mary McLeod (events committee co-chair 2015); Danielle Stevens and Deborah Virgiles.

Awards by: Pewabic Pottery, Eric's I've been Framed Shop & Gallery, Things Remembered



## Show Your Neighborhood Some Love • Making the Case for Dues

Paying your annual dues is a major way to keep our neighborhood thriving. Yes, thriving. Compared to most communities in Detroit, Rosedale Park has been able to stem the tide of deterioration. In order to move forward, we need a strong, powerful organization. Here is what you get for \$45 (\$25 Evergreen and Outer Drive residents):

- Streets that are plowed during heavy snow.
- Block captain coordinators who maintain the block captain network.
- The Radio Patrol.
- A vacant property task force.
- The Island Beautification Committee.
- Free weekly e-Blast.
- A coordinated five-neighborhood Open House.
- Maintaining the entrance facades and signage.
- The Rosedale Park News and RPIA website.
- The Rosedale Park Community Information Line.
- New Neighbor Kits.
- 30-block Garage Sale.
- Individual block club support.
- Holiday Pancake Breakfast.
- Angels' Night support.
- Volunteers who lobby for us at the city council and mayor's office.
- Volunteers who work hard to keep Flintstone Park beautiful.
- Officers and board members who will listen to you and fight for you.



Without RPIA, most of the work to keep the quality of life at a high standard in our neighborhood would simply not happen. To pay online, go to our webpage, [www.rosedalepark.org](http://www.rosedalepark.org). Or, fill out the form on the back page and mail your check to RPIA, PO Box 23113, Detroit, 48223. For more information, call or e-mail any of the officers or board members listed on the back page of this newsletter.

### • Visit New Little League Website •

The Rosedale Grandmont Little League is now online! Please visit [rosedalegrandmontlittleleague.org](http://rosedalegrandmontlittleleague.org) for information about the league and online registration! Also new this year, you will not receive paper registration forms in the mail. Keep checking the website for any updates. If you intend to register by mail, please visit the website and print the forms.

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## Events Calendar

### MARCH

- Tuesday, March 15  
**RPIA Membership Meeting** - 7pm  
*North Rosedale Community House*  
18445 Scarsdale
- Tuesday, March 22  
**RP Radio Patrol Quarterly Meeting** - 7pm  
*GRDC Office*  
19800 Grand River
- Thursday, March 24  
**Neighborhood Safety Meeting** - 6:30pm  
*North Rosedale Community House*  
18445 Scarsdale
- Saturday, March 26  
**Grandmont Rosedale Easter Egg Hunt** - 11am  
*North Rosedale Community House*  
18445 Scarsdale
- Monday, March 28  
**RPIA Board Meeting** - 7pm  
*GRDC Office*  
19800 Grand River

### APRIL

- Monday, April 25  
**RPIA Board Meeting** - 7pm  
*GRDC Office*  
19800 Grand River
- Thursday, April 28  
**Neighborhood Safety Meeting** - 6:30pm  
*North Rosedale Community House*  
18445 Scarsdale

*Positively impact your neighborhood.*

## Become a Member Today

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

I want to volunteer. I am interested in:  
\_\_\_\_\_

I want to receive the weekly eBlast

- Annual dues of \$45\* enclosed  
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- Pay online at [www.rosedalepark.org](http://www.rosedalepark.org)

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\*Outer Drive and Evergreen residents pay \$25

*Thank you.*