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THE Rosedale Park NEWS

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Spectacular June Day Celebration Planned



Join your neighbors for a parade through Rosedale with floats, a band, balloons, and decorated bikes, ending at Rosemont-Acacia Park. At the park celebrate with a picnic, food, bounce house, face painting, music, games, giveaways and more!

JUNE DAY CELEBRATION

*When.....*Saturday, June 4th
11 am - 2 pm

*Where....*Rosemont - Acacia Park

*Cost.....*Free to members,
\$2 for non-members

For questions or to RSVP, contact
Stacy Pugh: 313.574.8889

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Girl Scouts enjoy the 2014 June Day festivities.

Looking forward, looking back...Membership Meeting May 10th

*Bring yourself, bring a neighbor to the upcoming Rosedale Park membership meeting **Tuesday, May 10th at 7pm** at the North Rosedale Park Community House, 18445 Scarsdale.*



Super Senior Helen Surrell, left, of Artesian was recognized for her many accomplishments.

Our recent March 15th membership meeting celebrated 100 Years of Rosedale Park – the history of our neighborhood's founding in 1916, our designation as an official historic district, and the recognition of our four amazing "super-senior" residents who are 90+ years old!

Our next membership meeting will focus on the future of our neighborhood – make your calendar and plan to join us:

- **FENKELL TO BE REPAVED!!** Wayne County Commissioner Alisha Bell and Road Commission staff bring us the details on plans to finally repave Fenkell between Southfield and Evergreen;
- **JUNE DAY PARADE AND PICNIC RETURN** on Saturday, June 4 – come learn the latest news on this beloved neighborhood tradition;
- **NEW NEIGHBORS** in Rosedale Park – meet eight new Rosedale homeowners – the future of our neighborhood!!
- **NEW BUSINESSES** on Grand River – a completely free shopping spree tour of new businesses located on our neighborhood commercial corridor.

Yabba Dabba Do! Flintstone Looks Like New

Saturday, March 26, was one of the best days to be a part of this community as neighbors, friends, children and 18 students from the University of Michigan worked to clean Rosemont-Acacia Park (known locally as Flintstone Park).

It was exciting to see 12 kids from the neighborhood roll up their sleeves to help beautify the park on a cold Saturday morning. Grandmont and Rosedale leaders, Jim Dwight, Pam Weinstein, Nancy Bitzarakis, Harold Harris, Al Brown, Barbara Goldman, Burt Carp, Jill Laufer and Alexander Jones picked up debris and bagged sticks and branches, reaffirming who we are as a community. The finishing touch to the Flintstone Cleanup was Vincent Ford's (bottom photo on left) manicure of the lawn and mulching of leaves.



Special thanks to Pastor Charles Twymon and his congregation at Macedonia Baptist Church, who graciously opened the church facilities for the volunteers. Refreshments were provided by Grandmount and Rosedale neighborhood organizations as well as our McDonald's and Elias Doughnuts.

Mister Rogers would have been proud of our neighborhood.

-Carolyn Akpe



Rosedale's 60-Block Garage Sale on June 25th

It's time to clean out the garage, basement, shed or boxes of stuff stored away in some corner. Rosedale's legendary Garage Sale is Saturday, June 25, from 9 a.m.-3 p.m., rain or shine – come one, come all!!

Back in the day, the east side and the west side of Rosedale took turns, with only half of the neighborhood selling in any given year, but more recently we have developed a new tradition of including the whole neighborhood every year – hence, the name change from “30-block” to “60-block” sale.

Some notes on procedures that work well:

- Stuff sells better when it's clean and fixed.
- Consider joining forces (tables) with a neighbor. The more items on display, the easier it is to attract customers.
- 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, not fund your retirement account.

- About half the day's buyers show up during the first hour and a half – between 9-10:30.
- String some balloons or pennants to draw attention
- *Most importantly: greet every potential customer with a smile*

Here is a partial list of what sells well:

- Lawn and garden tools - lawn mowers, trimmers and snow blowers
- All types of power and hand tools
- Pots, pans and kitchenware
- Locks, hinges and hardware
- Picture frames
- Small appliances that work
- Baby clothes and infant items
- New or like-new Webber cook grills
- Sporting equipment
- Building and landscape materials
- Bicycles and children's toys

Help Is Here for Rosedale's Islands

Please welcome the new Island Beautification Committee: Ruth Remus, Carolyn Murphy and Master Gardener, Deborah Tunstull. The committee will provide expertise on the best practices for sprucing up Rosedale's islands, plus judging and determining the most beautiful islands later in the summer.

Tina Castleberry, owner of the Garden Bug, is offering discounts on various products to individual block clubs that are sprucing up their islands. The discount runs May 1 - 20. The Garden Bug is located at 18901 Grand River. Contact Tina at lcastleberry@sbcglobal.net or 313-530-5296.

Island judging will begin in mid-to-late July and ends later in the summer. We also want to recognize (but no prizes) individual homes with outstanding front plantings. If anyone has any questions about the judging or gardening in general they can call Ruth (313-837-3215), Deborah (313-549-1339) or Carolyn (313-838-1768).

FREE TO ALL NEIGHBORHOOD RESIDENTS

Hundreds Attend Easter Egg Hunt

In true Grandmont Rosedale style, the Easter Egg Hunt on March 26, was a serious community effort. Volunteers from Grandmont, Grandmont #1, Rosedale Park, North Rosedale Park and Minock Park came together to help pack eggs, donate candy, and assist on the day of the event by decorating the North Rosedale's Community House and hiding the eggs. Working together, our community provided a wonderful family event.



Despite chilly temperatures, over 300 adults and children showed up to “hunt” for Easter eggs and take pictures with the Easter Bunny. While children and families took turns gathering eggs and visiting a petting zoo outside, other activities took place inside. Kids enjoyed refreshments, a crafts table, a piñata and face painting. This was an action-packed event!

-Clare Layton



• Volunteers “Attack” Community Garden •

A swarm of helpers descended on the Grandmont Rosedale Community Garden at Bushnell Church for DP Day on Saturday, March 26 and laid waste to the trash and debris.

We had 53 volunteers throughout the day who worked a combined 265 hours, meaning it would take one person working full time 6½ weeks to accomplish what we did in just five hours.

The volunteers spread two huge piles of mulch, turned over 16 raised beds, removed tons of brush and weeds, planted some new veggies, filled about 100 bags of litter from the garden, alley and church grounds, and removed a ton of bulk debris as well! Volunteers came from the Grandmont Rosedale Community Garden, the surrounding neighborhoods, the University of Michigan, Cass Tech High School Honor Society, Groves High School, Project 561 and Bushnell Congregational Church.

-Becki Kenderes



The “attack” forces who triumphed over trash and brush

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Calendar of Events

MAY

- Tuesday, May 10
RPIA Membership Meeting - 7pm
North Rosedale Community House
18445 Scarsdale
- Sunday, May 15
Grandmont Rosedale Open House - 1-5pm
North Rosedale Park Community House
18445 Scarsdale
- Saturday, May 21
Motor City Makeover - 10am-3pm
Southfield Service Drive
- Sunday, May 22
Rosedale Block Captains' Meeting - 4-6pm
GRDC Office
19800 Grand River
- Monday, May 23
RPIA Board Meeting - 7pm
GRDC Office
19800 Grand River
- Monday, May 26
Neighborhood Safety Meeting - 6:30pm
North Rosedale Community House
18445 Scarsdale

JUNE

- Saturday, June 4
June Day Parade & Picnic - 11am-2pm
Flintstone (Rosemont-Acacia) Park
- Tuesday, June 21
Rosedale Park Radio Patrol Meeting - 6:30pm
GRDC Office
19800 Grand River
- Thursday, June 23
Neighborhood Safety Meeting - 6:30pm
North Rosedale Community House
18445 Scarsdale
- Saturday, June 25
60-Block Garage Sale - 9am-3pm
- Monday, June 27
RPIA Board Meeting - 7pm
GRDC Office

Positively impact your neighborhood.

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Address _____

Email _____

Phone _____

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Thank you!