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Rosedale Block Parties: Fun, Food, Friendship



Neighbors sharing food on Artesian (Lyndon to Eaton).



Young and old enjoying a train ride on Artesian (Eaton to Chalfonte).



For over 35 years, residents on Faust (Chalfonte to Eaton) have organized a block party.



Faust neighbors checking out the photo album of past block parties.



After a delicious meal, it's time to relax, Artesian (Lyndon to Eaton).

Nominees for 2020 Officers and Board of Directors' Positions

The RPIA Nominating Committee has announced the following slate for the election of 2020 officers and board members:

President (2020):	Stephanie Young
1st Vice President (2020):	Stacy Pugh
2nd Vice President (2020):	Alex Derdelakos
Treasurer (2020):	Frank Raben
Board member (2020 – 2022):	Larry Castleberry
Board member (2020 – 2022):	Deirdre Johnson
Board member (2020 – 2022):	Andrew Sarazin

Other residents interested in running for office can submit their names, along with petitions containing the signatures of 10 residents supporting the nominations, to Pam Weinstein at weinstein148@ameritech.net or 313-231-2244 by October 1, 2019.

The election will be held at the General Membership Meeting on Tuesday, Nov. 12, 2019. All members in good standing (2019 dues paid) are eligible to vote.

General Membership Meeting on Tuesday, September 10

Mark your calendar and plan to attend the September 10th General Membership Meeting at 7 pm at the North Rosedale Community House, 18445 Scarsdale. The agenda includes:

- New NEZ property tax reduction requirements
- Introduction of New District 1 Manager
- The ever-popular “Meet the New Neighbors” feature
- Grand River Construction Project Update
- What’s been happening in the neighborhood this summer

Light refreshments provided – see you there!

Rosedale Block Captains' Meeting Sunday, Oct. 20, 2019

Rosedale block captains will gather for their regular quarterly meeting on Sunday, Oct. 20, 2019 from 4–6 pm, at the GRDC Main Office, 19800 Grand River. On the agenda are reports from the RPIA board, the Rosedale radio patrol, and our District 1 Manager, along with tasty treats for all. Save the date!

Why You Should Pay RPIA Dues

It won't be long before the snow begins to fly and the private contractor hired by your neighborhood association will begin snow removal. Approximately \$20 of your annual dues (\$45 total) pays for our snow removal contract; the remainder pays for or supports the Easter Egg Hunt, the June Day Parade and Picnic, the Holiday Pancake Breakfast and Santa visit, neighborhood clean ups, bimonthly newsletter, weekly eblast, web site, and many other activities.

As you can see, we do a lot with your dues, so please pay your share. You can send a check by mail to RPIA, PO Box 23113, Detroit MI 48223, or go to www.rosedalepark.org and click on the link to pay using Paypal or your credit card (there is a \$2 fee when paying electronically). Dues are \$45, except for residents on Evergreen and Outer Dr., who pay \$25 (because snow removal on those streets is done by Wayne County and the City of Detroit).

Thank you in advance for your continued support.

Frank Raben, Treasurer



Move cars off the road so snow can be removed.

Events Calendar

SEPTEMBER

Tuesday, Sept. 10

General Membership Meeting — 7 PM
North Rosedale Community House, 18445 Scarsdale

Tuesday, Sept. 17

Rosedale Park Radio Patrol Meeting — 6:30 PM
GRDC office, 19800 Grand River

Monday, Sept. 23

RPIA Board Meeting — 7 PM
GRDC office, 19800 Grand River

OCTOBER

Sunday, Oct. 20

Rosedale Block Captains' Meeting — 4–6 pm
GRDC office, 19800 Grand River

Monday, Oct. 28

RPIA Board Meeting
7 PM at GRDC office, 19800 Grand River

Let's Beautify Rosedale Park With More Trees



Everyone can get involved in caring for trees.

Want to help counter the impact of climate change? Plant trees. Lots of trees. Experts say planting trees is a simple way to remove carbon dioxide from the air, a major cause of global warming.

You can now request a *free* tree to be planted in front of your home, on the City berm. Mayor Duggan's "10,000 UP" Tree Initiative aims to plant 10,000 trees in front of residential homes between the street and the sidewalk. For 2019, the fall planting begins in September and concludes in November. All trees will be planted by a City of Detroit contractor, at no cost to the resident.

Dispelling tree myths

Often people are reluctant to have trees planted for a variety of reasons. Check out these four very common myths about trees:

FALSE: Trees crack sidewalks. This happens only if the tree is not planted or cared for properly. Detroit's General Services Department (GSD) chooses appropriate tree species for root growth.

FALSE: Trees interfere with utility lines. GSD considers height of tree species for each location.

FALSE: Trees create messes. GSD specifically selects tree species that minimize dropping messy waste.

FALSE: Tree roots break sewer pipes. Roots do not break sewer lines. Roots only enter pipes if the pipes are already broken.

Advantages of trees

There are several well-documented practical advantages to having trees on and near your property:

- Trees keep buildings cool in the summer, reducing energy costs by as much as 30%!
- Property values increase on streets with trees — one large mature tree can boost your property's value by 10% or more.
- Trees reduce rainwater runoff and flooding.
- Trees reduce noise and add to the beauty and livability of Detroit.

If you would like a new tree planted in the berm in front of your home, send your name, address, and phone number ASAP to Angel Squalls, City of Detroit Tree Planting Manager at squallsa@detroitmi.gov or call 313-224-6391.

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Grand River Construction to Wrap Up in November



Initial construction on Grand River is on the north side of the roadway.

You have certainly noticed a lot of construction work on Grand River over the last few weeks. It is part of a major project—actually, two major projects—that will reshape the street and bring big changes to our neighborhood. Major construction work should wrap up in November, with final touches and landscaping added early next spring. Work on the project will move west of Evergreen next year.

The City of Detroit and the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) began planning for a major repaving project on Grand River between Southfield Expressway and Berg Road, just west of Lahser. The Detroit Water and Sewerage Department (DWSD) also planned to replace century-old water mains in the planned construction area, so it made sense to do that work at the same time as road construction to avoid disrupting the area with two separate projects. Planners met with community members several times over two years to help guide the project design.

The new design features state-of-the-art improvements. The highway is going to go on a “road diet” to reduce the number of lanes to two in each direction plus a center turn lane. There will be new pedestrian crossings with “bump outs” where the curb extends to the edge of the parking lane at crossings. You’ll also see flashing pedestrian signs that people can activate when they want to cross in newly marked crosswalks, and there will be pedestrian islands in the left turn lane. Likewise, there will be bump-outs at traffic signal intersections.

You will also notice a two-way bike lane on the north side of the street, parking on both sides of the street, and new islands for transit stops that will extend to the edge of the parking lane.

Grand River’s background

Grand River Avenue has a long history, beginning as a Native American trail, then was used as a military road before Michigan became a state. It was part of the first highway in Michigan to be paved from “shore to shore.” At one time Grand River Avenue was U.S. 16 (it is now designated as a state highway, M-5), and it was the main route from Detroit to Milwaukee, Wisconsin. That trip included a car ferry for the journey across Lake Michigan. Early designs from the 1920s even called for converting Grand River to an elevated expressway! Those plans were scrapped, but the road was widened to handle heavy traffic. Today Grand River carries over 22,000 vehicles daily, but that is far less than it was designed to carry. It has not been redesigned in many decades.

There will be new solar-powered, lighted bus shelters in two locations. The bike lane will be next to the curb, on the north side of the roadway only, with parking between the bike lane and traffic. Reflective poles will keep vehicles out of the bike lanes. Right turn lanes will be gone.

There will be a new traffic signal and a crosswalk at the entrance to Grandland Shopping Center. The intersection of Warwick and Grand River will be rebuilt so that Warwick lines up on both sides of the highway.

The goal is to do scheduled maintenance on the highway, update the water mains, slow down traffic to posted speeds, and create a healthy, pleasant street that everyone—vehicles, transit users, pedestrians, and cyclists—can use.

For more information on the project, visit www.detroitmi.gov/streetscape