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Join Us for the Annual Holiday Pancake Breakfast

Saturday, December 7 — 9:00-11:00 AM

North Rosedale Park Community House, 18445 Scarsdale

Let's kick off the holiday season with a fun family event — the annual Holiday Pancake Breakfast! This perennial favorite is sponsored by the Rosedale and North Rosedale neighborhood associations, and is open to everyone in the Grandmont Rosedale area.

Pancakes and syrup, turkey sausages, scrambled eggs, juice, milk and...of course, a visit by Santa around 10:15 AM to greet everyone and hand out small gifts to children. Come to enjoy, eat and sing holiday songs with your neighbors. **Adults \$4, kids \$3.**



Volunteers decked out for the holiday lead the singing during last year's event.



Families, including many children, enjoy the community breakfast in 2018.

General Membership Meeting on Tuesday, Nov. 12

Mark your calendar and plan to attend the November 12th General Membership Meeting at 7 pm at the North Rosedale Community House, 18445 Scarsdale. The agenda includes:

- Election of 2020 RPIA officers and board members (see candidate photos and bios on page 2 of this issue)
- The ever-popular "Meet the New Neighbors" feature
- Report from District 1 Manager Karla Williamson
- Grand River Construction Project Update
- Snow-Plowing Reminders
- Holiday Pancake Breakfast on Saturday, Dec. 7th
- Annual Gala on Friday, Jan. 24

All members (current dues paid) are eligible to vote in the election. Bring yourself, bring your neighbors — come out to enjoy an evening with your neighbors! Light refreshments provided – see you there!

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Candidates for 2020 Board Positions



Stephanie A. Young — Candidate for President (2020)

Stephanie A. Young is a lifelong Detroiter, a graduate of Cass Tech HS and Michigan State University. She and her two sons, Darius and David, became residents of the historic Rosedale Park neighborhood in November 2009.

Stephanie's service to this community began as the Chief of Staff to State Representative Triette Reeves and continued as the Neighborhood City Hall Manager & Director and then the very first District One Manager for the Mayor's Office. She is running for the presidency of RPIA because she cares about her community and looks forward to utilizing her experience and connections to sustain and improve the place we all call home...getting the work done, "With A Touch of Class" — that's the RPIA way!



Stacy Pugh — Candidate for 1st Vice President (2020)

I am a 14-year resident of Rosedale Park, a former President of RPIA, and have served on RPIA's Executive Board for the past 10 years. I'm also active on the code enforcement committee. I am a dedicated member of the community, committed to working to

keep Rosedale Park a great place to live.



Alex Derdelakos — 2nd Vice President (2020)

I grew up in the Detroit suburb of Livonia in a first-generation American family with two older brothers. My mother and father, from Italy and Greece respectively, still reside in the house where I was raised. After living and working in Brooklyn, NY, studying in Chicago and Italy, and

experiencing the fullness of city living, I made Detroit my home to be closer to family and friends. I've lived in Rosedale Park since March 2013 with my wife Susan Laing and our sons Elias and Chuck. I'm a project manager/estimator for a family commercial painting company.

I've served on the board since January 2017. Since joining the community and board I've developed a new website for the neighborhood, assisted with the signing of a new contract for snow removal, and sat on the Finance Committee helping with several projects.

Rosedale Park is such a wonderful and welcoming community to live. We look forward to living and raising our children here for years to come.



Frank Raben — Candidate for Treasurer (2020)

I have been serving RPIA as Treasurer for the past six years and have lived in Rosedale Park since 1978. I have also served as Rosedale Park's representative on GRDC's board for 30 years and as a Block Captain on Greenview for ten years.

I am retired and being Treasurer gives me something to do; it is an honor to be trusted by the Membership and RPIA Board to look after RPIA's finances.



Larry Castleberry — Candidate for Board Member (2020–2022)

I am a 20-year resident of Rosedale Park and current RPIA board member. My desire to continue as a board member is the opportunity to make a positive impact in the community that I both love and have the fortune to live in! It is a chance to do more than sit on the

sidelines and "talk" but to get my hands dirty by being an active participant.



Deirdre Johnson — Candidate for Board Member (2020–2022)

I am a lifelong Detroiter who grew up in the area, attended local schools and now am raising my children in Rosedale Park not far from my childhood home. I'm an Oakland University graduate, working 20+ years in Cable advertising and Sales. I am passionate about my community

and the surrounding areas, I subscribe to the adage of each one teach one and it takes a village. I'm excited about the progress I've seen in the community and I'm looking forward to working in, for, and with our community partners to continually move forward in a positive direction.



Andrew Sarazin — Candidate for Board Member (2020–2022)

Originally from the Upper Peninsula, I relocated to Metro Detroit with my fiancée (now wife, Cassandra) in 2015. We both work downtown and felt it was important to also live in the City, so we purchased our home in Rosedale Park in January 2016. As a newcomer to the

neighborhood, I have been involved with the RPIA through various activities including regular attendance at member meetings, community clean up efforts, Easter egg stuffing, and tree trimming activities, and I am eager to step up my involvement and contribute more to the neighborhood. I look forward to working with all residents and stakeholders to continue to improve and strengthen our wonderful association, neighborhood, and City. My wife and I reside on Glastonbury with our 2.5 year old daughter, Vivienne.

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Rosedale Park's Annual Gala Returns!

After a brief hiatus in 2019, Rosedale Park's Annual Gala returns on Friday, January 24, 2020, at the North Rosedale Community House, 18445 Scarsdale. Tickets will be available online — watch your Jan/Feb 2020 issue of Rosedale Park **News** for details!

Events Calendar

NOVEMBER

Tuesday, Nov. 12

General Membership Meeting — 7:00 PM

North Rosedale Community House, 18445 Scarsdale

Thursday, Nov. 21

Senior Luncheon/Neighborhood Safety Mtg.

11:00 AM-2:00 PM

North Rosedale Community House, 18445 Scarsdale

Monday, Nov. 25

RPIA Board Meeting — 7:00 PM

GRDC office, 19800 Grand River

DECEMBER

Saturday, Dec. 7

Holiday Pancake Breakfast — 9:00-11:00 AM

GRDC office, 19800 Grand River

Monday, Dec. 16

RPIA Board Meeting — 7:00 PM

GRDC office, 19800 Grand River

Tuesday, Dec. 17

Rosedale Park Radio Patrol Meeting — 6:30 PM

GRDC office, 19800 Grand River

Let's Work Together When the Snow Falls

According to The Farmers' Almanac, the upcoming 2019–2020 winter will be rough, with frigid temperatures and "hefty snowfalls" affecting a majority of the country.

When it snows in Rosedale Park: move cars, trash carts and recycling carts off the streets! RPIA pays a private contractor to plow the snow from our streets, so that we are all able to get to work and to school on time. If your vehicle is parked on the street, the snowplow driver has no choice but to plow you in. Sometimes the snow may fly on a Sunday night/Monday morning. When that happens, be sure to place your trash carts and recycling carts up on your berm, not on the street! If you see your neighbor has forgotten, please remind them or lend a hand. Working together, we can have a smooth winter season!



When heavy snow is predicted, please respect your neighbors and move cars off the street.

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Residents Make Our Islands Beautiful!

Throughout the summer, the residents of many blocks in Rosedale Park work hard to make their islands beautiful — some go all out and are recognized by the Island Beautification Committee. This year, the committee couldn't pick a single winner for the Best Maintained Winner Circle. "The former Winner Circle winners have done a terrific job maintaining their islands year in and year out so we picked three that stood out," said committee member Ruth Remus.

The committee was impressed by the overall looks of the islands throughout the park, but there are still blocks where nothing is being done. If your island needs some TLC, Remus has an idea: "Sometimes it takes just one person to begin making improvements to spark an interest with other neighbors."

Members of the Island Beautification Committee do an outstanding job: Master Gardener Deborah Tunstull, Ruth Remus, and Carolyn Murphy.

First place: Rosemont (Chalfonte to Fenkell)

Best Maintained Winner Circle (three-way tie): Artesian (Eaton to Chalfonte); Stahelin (Eaton to Chalfonte); Ashton (Eaton to Chalfonte)

Honorable Mention for Maintenance of Winner Circle: Ashton (Fenkell to Chalfonte); Warwick (Eaton to Chalfonte); Warwick (Grand River to Midland)

Best Individual House Landscaping: 14551 Piedmont



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New Winner's Circle Awardee: Rosemont, Chalfonte to Fenkell.



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