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President's Message: Join a Committee



Kimberly Uhuru

As we emerge from a looong winter, you may be feeling energized. Perhaps you are looking for a project? A way to connect with neighbors and friends after months of isolation? Consider joining an RPIA Committee. Committees are the lifeblood of RPIA; they are how we get our work done. If there are things you would like to see happen around

the neighborhood, a good way to participate is to join a committee and lead (or just help out with) a project. Want to join a neighborhood cleanup? Suggest a new event to add to the calendar? Take this as a personal invitation to sign up. The following committees are seeking volunteers:

- **Public Works and Code Enforcement Committee** — responsible for the physical development and maintenance of the neighborhood. Specifically: snow removal contract; maintaining the brick entryways; zoning; building codes; roads, sidewalks, historic district designation; vacant property maintenance; code enforcement.
- **Communications Committee** — responsible for notifying residents about association activities. Specifically: newsletter publication and distribution; social media (eblast, Facebook, web site); promotion of special events or the neighborhood.

- **Clean and Safe Committee** — responsible for improving the cleanliness and safety of Rosedale Park. Specifically: radio patrol; garbage collection; neighborhood cleanups, including Detroit Partnership Day, Motor City Makeover, island cleanups, beautification, and recycling.
- **Events Committee** — responsible for coordinating and implementing special social, entertainment, and educational events that RPIA sponsors or supports. With advice and approval from the Board, this committee decides which events will be held each year.
- **Finance Committee** — responsible for providing financial oversight for the organization. Specifically: develops and monitors the budget; reports monthly financials to Board and annually to the membership; develops long-range financial goals; sends dues invoices; generates 1099 forms; maintains membership records; pays insurance premiums, state registration fees, etc.
- **Block Captains Committee** — responsible for the block captain network. Specifically: recruit and train block captains; compile and maintain a list of block captains and contact info; hold quarter block captain meetings.

Let the longer days and greener grass woo your inner volunteer. If you would like to sign up for any of the committees listed above, shoot me an email at kuhuru@gmail.com. I promise you will meet some great people along the way!

Easter Bunny Returns to Grandmont Rosedale!



The Grandmont Rosedale neighborhoods are planning to hold a COVID-safe, modified version of their traditional Easter event. Instead of an egg hunt, parents and kids are invited to drive over to the North Rosedale Community House, wave at the Easter bunny, and pick up a special bag of individually wrapped candies. No one will get out of their cars, all volunteers will be masked and gloved — so safe even Dr. Fauci would approve!

The date is Saturday, April 3rd, from 10 am till noon, at the North Rosedale Community House, 18445 Scarsdale.

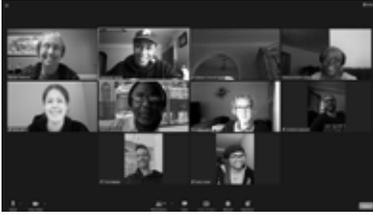
As always, we need neighbors and area businesses to donate candy. Lots of candy! Individually wrapped pieces of candy! Collection points for donations include:

- **Cutz Lounge** — 19655 Grand River. Open M-Tu 10-6, Th 10-6, F 9-7, Sa 10-6
- **Public Square (formerly Towne Hall Caffe)** — 19180 Grand River. Open Tu-F 8-6, Sa 9-4, Su 9-2
- **North Rosedale Community House** — 18445 Scarsdale. Open M & F 10-1, Tu & Th 4-8.

Please spread the word about the need for donations — we are getting a late start on promoting this effort!

Thanks, everyone!! Kids from all five Grandmont Rosedale neighborhoods — come on by to see the Easter Bunny!

RPIA Community Book Read



The newly formed RPIA Book Club held its first meeting in February when ten neighbors, via Zoom, discussed *So You Want to Talk about Race* by

Ijeoma Oluo. The goal of the meeting was to create a forum for discussing race issues in our own community. Drawing on the material in the book, residents ranging in age from 25–75 discussed systemic racism, white privilege, and the multiple ways that African Americans experience racism. The group in attendance felt that the discussion was fruitful and decided to meet again, and to extend an open invitation for others to join us.

The next Zoom meeting is Sunday, April 18, 4–6PM. We are reading *White Like Me: Reflections on Race from a Privileged Son* by Tim Wise. Copies of the book are available at Pages Bookstore, 19560 Grand River (order online or call 313-473-7342 to make your shopping appointment). You can get a 15% discount using the code: RPIA C R. It is also available in audio format and Kindle. You can indicate your interest in participating in the Zoom meeting by registering here: www.rosedalepark.org/bookclub. Meeting notices will also be announced in the RPIA weekly eblast. For more information, contact Bonnie Halloran (bonnieabh@aol.com) or Ivan Johnson (iajoffice@gmail.com).



Rosedale-Grandmont Baseball Returns!

Yes, we will PLAY BALL this season. For specific Information and online registration, please see our website soon:

<http://rosedalegrandmontbaseball.org>

Garden Bug

18901 Grand River (Corner of Stahelin)

We will be opening the last week of April. The plants will be delivered when the weather warms. Items like water hoses, nozzles, Miracle-Gro, dirt, mulch, patio sets, will be available. Call: 313-530-5296.

RPIA 2020 Profit/Loss Statement

We ended 2020 with 587 members who paid dues, and \$3,119.26 NET INCOME. We transferred \$3,018.21 to the savings account — \$2,500 of that will be used to fund Scholarships in 2021.

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INCOME	
Membership Dues 2020	\$24,971.24
Membership Dues 2022	\$92.00
Membership Dues 2021	\$875.00
Membership Dues 2019	\$182.00
Annual Banquet Tickets	\$2,095.34
Holiday Pancake Breakfast	\$0.00
June Day Donations	\$0.00
Donations	\$0.00
Hoodie Sales	\$725.00
T-Shirt Sales	\$10.00
60 Block Sale	\$0.00
Misc Income	\$0.00
Dividend Income On All Accounts	\$288.50
Other Income	\$5,196.56
Total 2020 Income	\$34,435.64

Expenses Operating and Administrative

Administrative Committee	
Administrative Assistant	\$1,000.00
Directors Officers Insurance	\$659.00
Grandmont Rosedale Open House	\$0.00
Copying/Printing	\$196.08
Office Supplies	\$82.44
P. O. Box Fee	\$118.00
Community Service Awards	\$186.53
NRPCA Community House Rental	\$840.00
Board Retreat Expenses	\$127.69
Scholarship	\$0.00
Total	\$3,209.74

Finance Committee	
Audit Stipend	105.95
Bookkeeper	\$315.00
Paypal Fees	\$322.96
Bank Fees	\$190.00
Quick Books Monthly Fee	\$300.00
State of Michigan Annual Fee	\$20.00
Postage	\$154.25
Membership Dues Mailing	\$2,011.24
Total	\$8,510.01

Public Works/Code Enforcement Committee	
Snow Removal	\$10,500.00
Code Enforcement	\$182.00
Total	\$10,682.00

Block Captains Committee	
Block Captains Committee Meetings	\$80.00
New Neighbor Kits Supplies	\$75.00
Total	\$150.00

Communication Committee	
Website Hosting Domain	\$20.17
Webmaster Support	\$0.00
Newsletter Layout/Design	\$750.00
Newsletter Editor	\$0.00
Newsletter Printing	\$1,650.00
E-Blast Annual Fee	\$285.60
Sign Repair Maintenance	\$1,841.59
Hoodie Expense	\$500.00
T shirt Expense	\$0.00
Bumper Stickers	\$0.00
Total	\$5,047.36

Events Committee	
Annual Banquet	\$3,033.76
Holiday Pancake Breakfast	\$0.00
June Day	\$0.00
Family Events (Easter Egg Hunt)	\$0.00
Presidents Appreciation Gift	\$200.00
Beautification Awards	\$385.00
General Membership Refreshments	\$0.00
60 Block Sale Registration	\$0.00
Total	\$3,618.76

Clean and Safe Committee	
ALL CLEAN UPS: DP DAY,ECT	\$0.00
CLEAN UP ON SERV DR	\$98.56
Total	\$98.56

Total Income 2020	\$34,435.64
Total Expenses 2020	\$31,316.43
Net Income 2020	\$3,119.21

It's Time to Pay Your 2021 RPIA Dues

In 2020, 587 neighbors paid their dues. Our goal for 2021 is 600. So, let's sign up right now.

WHY PAY DUES? Snow removal, Rosedale Park News and website, free weekly eBlast, block captains network, radio patrol support, vacant property task force, island beatification committee, June Day event, maintain entrance facades and signage, new neighbor kits, coordinate 60-block garage sale, individual block club support, holiday pancake breakfast, Easter Egg event, coordinate volunteers to keep Flintstone Park beautiful, volunteers who lobby for us at the city council and mayor's office, and more importantly, 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. Let's become active with our neighbors and encourage them to join us and become

members of RPIA. As anyone can see, the \$45 (\$25 for Outer Drive and Evergreen residents) investment goes a long, long way.

Mail your 2020 RPIA dues payment of \$45 (note: \$25 for Outer Drive and Evergreen residents) to RPIA, P.O. Box 23113, Detroit, MI 48223. Make checks payable to "RPIA." Or pay online at rosedalepark.org (\$2 online service charge)!

March/April 2021 Calendar

March

Tuesday, March 9: General Membership Meeting, 7:00 pm
Virtual — log-in details in RPIA eblast

Tuesday, March 16: Rosedale Radio Patrol Meeting, 6:30 pm
Virtual — log-in details via email or RPIA eblast

Monday, March 22: RPIA Board Meeting, 7:00 pm
Virtual — log-in details in RPIA eblast

April

Saturday, April 3: Easter Bunny Drive-By Visit, 10 am – 12 pm
North Rosedale Community House, 18445 Scarsdale

Monday, April 26: RPIA Board Meeting, 7:00 pm
Virtual — log-in details in RPIA eblast

General Membership Meeting, March 9

Tuesday, March 9, at 7:00 [virtual on ZOOM]

For the zoom information, see the Sunday, February 7, Rosedale Park eBlast, or look for an update on our website, rosedalepark.org.

(The eBlast is free. To subscribe: email David Legg, rpiablast@gmail.com to sign up.)

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David Legg Sends eBlast Like Clockwork



David compiles the eBlast

Every Sunday morning for the past 10 years, the Rosedale Park eBlast has arrived in hundreds of email in-boxes – the eBlast is filled with exciting news about our neighborhood, our NW area, and our city.

From day-one and every single week for the past 520 weeks, David Legg has compiled and edited our eBlast.

“Carolyn Cruse, our next-door neighbor and then-President of RPIA, saw that I had some time on my hands after retiring, and knowing that I had some experience in media, roped me in,” said David. “We have grown to the point that over 900 people now get the eBlast every Sunday.” And it’s FREE!

On Sunday, Feb. 21st, the eBlast featured important news that RiteAid at Grandland is now offering COVID-19 vaccinations. There was also information on an upcoming RPIA Board Meeting; Rosedale Community Book Read kick-off; people age 60+ with health issues eligible for COVID vaccine; Detroit Senior Saturday COVID vaccination days; classical guitar concert at our new coffee house on Grand River; the Grand River construction project update; and our State Representative Stephanie Young’s online meeting.

David said it takes between two and five hours a week to put together an edition. “If the story has impact on Rosedale Park, I will make sure it gets into the eBlast. I have to do some vetting, though. We regularly get emails from groups that don’t seem to be on the level. I try to check out their web pages or online presence to see if we should include the story. If I can’t verify the story, it doesn’t go in,” David explained.



Pink bleeding hearts on Artesian



Blackeyed susans at Stoepel Park

David was born in Charleston, West Virginia, but grew up in Wayne, Michigan. After graduating from Wayne Memorial High School, he studied at Eastern Michigan University, graduating with a degree in English. At Eastern, David met his wife of 50 years, Sandi, and together, they have a daughter who lives in Washington State.

For most of the year, David and Sandi, who have lived in the Park for 43 years, can be seen walking around our neighborhood, discovering on an intimate level, interesting sites. “As a mature neighborhood with unique, individual houses, there are always surprises when we walk,” said David. “The spring is amazing, with flowers blooming everywhere. I also like the storm water retention swale the city has built along Westwood in Stoepel Park. In August it is a half-acre sea of wildflowers.”

Putting together the eBlast is a labor of love for David, who also contributes articles and photos to the Rosedale Park News. “Editing the eBlast has really given me insight about the neighborhood, our neighbors, and what is going on,” said David. “I think I am much more connected because of it.”

As we know, our neighborhood is a delightful and walkable area that David champions. “Rosedale Park has had 100 years to develop a lot of personality! It is also a pleasure to get to talk to neighbors as I walk. I’ve met people on my walks who I would never meet otherwise.”

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— By Jim Dwight

David’s Portrait of Rosedale Park

Students at St. Olaf Collage in Northfield, Minnesota contacted David for his thoughts on Rosedale Park. Here is small part of what he wrote back: “... the leadership of the RPIA and our committees are very well-versed in navigating complex city and county departments. They know who to call, which offices to visit, and how to get things done. Because of that, every elected official and every department is very aware of the way we operate and the importance of RPIA in our community. Our group doesn’t just complain, we take action and get things done.”

David’s answers are compelling and a beautiful tribute to Rosedale Park. They can be viewed in total at our website, rosedalepark.org.