

# The Rosedale Park NEWS



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Text "START" to 313-631-RPIA

## President's Message



RPIA President David Sernick

My name is David Sernick and I am thrilled to be your next RPIA board President for the year 2025. I have been an active member of the board for the past two

years contributing to the communications and treasury committees. You might have spotted me and my wife walking our 11 year old dachshund-mix up and down Greenview.

I currently work for the City as the Director of ARPA Finance and Strategy — funding many projects that are helping our own community.

Last month I, along with many of you, attended the pancake breakfast. We had a wonderful turn out and I want to thank everyone who attended and especially the volunteers for making it such a festive and memorable event.

I'm looking forward to seeing many of the same faces at the Gala on January 25th at 6pm. Tickets are available for sale on our website and include dinner and drinks. We will be honoring Rosedale residents who have gone the extra mile to support our special community. Be sure to get your tickets in advance as we need to set the catering numbers ahead of time.

I hope you had a happy and safe holiday season and I am very much looking forward to serving our community in the year ahead.

Please reach out to me if you have any questions or ideas for RPIA at [david.sernick@gmail.com](mailto:david.sernick@gmail.com) or at 616-644-0753.

YOU ARE  
CORDIALLY  
INVITED TO:

ROSEDALE PARK  
IMPROVEMENT  
ASSOCIATION'S

# Annual GALA

Dinner  
SATURDAY JANUARY 25 | 6:00-9:00PM

TICKETS: \$40  
INCLUDES DINNER AND DRINKS  
CUTOFF: JANUARY 21

NORTH ROSEDALE PARK COMMUNITY HOUSE  
18445 SCARSDALE

SCAN THE QR CODE FOR TICKETS

FOR CASH PURCHASES  
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The Annual RPIA Gala returns in 2025! Join your community for a dinner to celebrate our community and its key members. Ticket includes dinner and drinks. This traditional get-together to swear in our new officers, recognize outstanding community service, and highlight the best island landscaping.

## General Membership Meeting

Tuesday, March 11 7:00PM

North Rosedale Park Community House, 18445 Scarsdale, Detroit

## Radio Patrol Corner

### Protect Your Home While You're Away



February often brings long weekends and mid-winter vacations. Before you head out, make sure your home is secure:

- **Hold mail and packages:** Pause mail delivery or ask a neighbor to collect it to avoid signaling that you're away.
- **Set timers on lights:** Use timers to turn lights on and off, giving the appearance that someone is home.
- **Check locks and alarms:** Ensure all doors and windows are locked and your security system is activated.

The Rosedale Park Radio Patrol is a volunteer-driven group of neighbors who patrol our neighborhood to deter crime and report issues to the city. If you would like to join the Rosedale Park Radio Patrol, call or text Trajan Centers at 269-352-9200 and he can help you get started.



## 2025 Rosedale Park Improvement Association Meeting Schedule

### Board Meetings

**GRDC Office**  
19800 Grand River, 7-9PM

January 11 Board Retreat

Tuesday, February 25

Tuesday, March 25

Tuesday, April 29

Tuesday, May 20

Tuesday, June 24

*No Meeting in July & August*

Tuesday, September 30

Tuesday, October 28

Tuesday, November 25

### General Membership Meetings

**North Rosedale Community House**  
18445 Scarsdale, 7-9PM

Tuesday, March 11

Tuesday, May 13

Tuesday, September 9

Tuesday, November 18: Officer and Board elections

### Block Captains Meetings

**GRDC Office**  
19800 Grand River, 4-6PM

Sunday, Feb. 16

Sunday, May 18

Sunday August 17

Sunday October 19

# Support Your Neighborhood with Membership Dues!

## Happy New Year, Rosedale Park residents!

The RPIA board would like to start off by thanking you for your support. Our hope for the new year is to collect the funds necessary to host more events and coordinate better services for our residents. We ask that you join us in this effort by paying your membership dues. Our wonderful neighborhood has approximately 1,600 households and less than 600 paid dues for 2023. For those of you that have paid dues for 2024, a special "Thank you" goes out to you.

Our goal is to increase membership dues payments by 100%. Unfortunately, we have experienced a decline in dues payment; we are confident that we can get back on track. 2025 is a perfect time to renew or restore your commitment to our community.

Dues are \$45, or \$25 for residents of Outer Dr. and Evergreen. You can pay your dues online at [rosedalepark.org](https://rosedalepark.org), or by mailing a check to RPIA, P.O. Box 23113, Detroit MI, 48223. Make checks payable to RPIA.

Membership dues allow our residents to enjoy longstanding events, neighborhood services and

advocacy with city and local issues that impact us all. We are honored to do the work that ensures we continue to enjoy benefits that categorized our neighborhood as the location of choice.

### Membership dues support:

- Neighborhood programs, initiatives, meetings and improvements
- Social & recreational activities & events
- Communications; newsletter, e-blast, social media accounts and RPIA website
- Advocacy & volunteer mobilization
- Additional services and resources that promote a clean and safe environment.

On behalf of the residents, the RPIA Board is so grateful for your generosity over the years and sincerely thank you for your generous support going forward. If you have questions, concerns or ideas for new services or activities, please contact your Block Captain or a RPIA board member. We look forward to hearing from you!

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# Pancake Breakfast

This event is a joint effort of Rosedale Park Improvement Association and North Rosedale Park Civic Association, I don't know when the decision was made to do this event as a joint effort, but it is always a success and was a wise decision. We welcome everyone from all the Grandmont Rosedale Communities.

We served at least 144 breakfasts, and a lot of children visited Santa and received a small gift. They also were able to sing Christmas Carols and visit the craft table to color ean ornament and receive a bag of craft items to take home. We had a young couple that grew up in our communities return and bring their children. We even had a young family from the Woodbridge community with their 4 young children visit us.

Of course, this event wouldn't be possible without the large number of volunteers that prepare and serve the food, oversee the craft tables, lead the carol singing and of course Santa and his helper Mrs. Claus. A special thank you to Susan Laing for overseeing the preparation of the breakfast and much more and Tonia Holloway for coordinating the craft tables, and North Rosedale for making the Community House available at no cost. Senator Mary Cavanaugh made a donation to provide the Poinsettia centerpieces.

Frank Raben, President Emeritus  
Rosedale Park Improvement Association



RPIA's Upcoming Events January 2025	
JAN 25	<b>Annual Gala Dinner</b> Details in flyer on p. 1 Note: this also serves as a General Membership Meeting
APR 19	<b>Easter Egg Hunt</b> North Rosedale Park Community House 11:00am-1:00pm
JUN 7	<b>June Day Picnic and Bike Ride</b> Rosemont Acacia Park Bike Ride: 9:30am   Picnic: 11:00am-1:00pm
JUN 28	<b>60 Block Yard Sale</b>
TBA	<b>Summer Soiree</b> Date, time, and location TBA
SEP 13	<b>Tech &amp; Creativity</b> Creative Coding Workshops
OCT 26	<b>Fall Festival and Hayride</b> Stoepel Park 1:00pm-4:00pm
DEC 6	<b>Holiday Pancake Breakfast</b> North Rosedale Park Community House 9:00am-11:00am

## BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Rosedale Reads Presents

### A Conversation with Detroit Historian JAMON JORDAN

**SAT. FEB 15, 2025  
4-6PM**

**Christ the King Church  
Koelzer Hall  
20800 Grand River  
Detroit, MI 48219**

*Wheelchair accessible / Parking off Burt Road*

**Co-Sponsors**  
 Christ the King Church  
 Rep. Stephanie A. Young  
 Rosedale Park Imp Assoc  
 N Rosedale Park Civic Assoc  
 Minock Park Block Assoc  
 Grandmont #1 Imp Assoc  
 Grandmont Comm Assoc  
 Grandmont Rosedale Dev Corp

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