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2025 Easter Egg Hunt Gets a New Twist!

The 2025 edition of the Grandmont Rosedale Easter Egg Hunt was a great success. Mother Nature was on our side this year! Cheers to the Detroit Police Department; they were a big hit with this year's festivities.

DPD made their big entrance at 12 noon with an amazing helicopter candy egg drop at the North Rosedale Community House. Hordes of smiling children raced eagerly to gather colored plastic eggs dropped on the grassy area between the baseball diamond and the playground. Less than 15 minutes after the drop, all of the eggs had been picked up and snapped open for the various candy surprises inside. Smaller children enjoyed a traditional and separate hunt near the playground, away from the big kids.

Gracie the Clown, [Our Hour-Mobile Paint Party](#), and Unique Pony Rides & Petting Farm teams had their hands full, entertaining the kids while they waited for the egg hunt to begin. Our partners help to make the Easter Egg Hunt a key event for the children of the Grandmont Rosedale communities time and time again. The kids were able to take pictures with the Easter Bunny, feed the animals from the petting zoo, create art pieces at the craft table, and have a balloon toy of their choice made on site. The kids snacked on hot dogs, bags of chips, and soft drinks for lunch.

The Grandmont Rosedale neighborhoods are thankful for our long-time sponsors, volunteers, and participating vendors, as well as all the unsung neighbors who also helped to make this event a favorite! Special thanks to Boy Scout Troop 123 and the many older teens in the community who continue to assist with this annual event.

Hope to see you at one of this year's upcoming events and at next year's Egg Hunt! — *Rosedale Park Improvement Association Board*



From the RPIA President

I wanted to take this space to remember Nancy Bitzarakis who passed away this spring. I personally never knew her but saw her name on many of the artifacts as I got to know the neighborhood. As remembered by our neighbors, Nancy was a former RPIA president, a block captain for many decades, and a hardcore member of the Grandmont Rosedale Vacant Property Task Force who helped neighbors save their homes from foreclosure and if that failed, she picked up the flyers off the porches of vacant homes and nailed up the plywood to cover their windows and doors. She did all that and had you laughing all the way through. She was the best of us, and always called us to our better selves. — *David Sernick*

HELP US REACH OUR MEMBERSHIP DUES GOAL!

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

\$18,900 to date

\$0

GOAL: \$27,000

Join Us For Our Next Member Meeting on May 13!

We are excited to have the new owner of Pages Bookshop join us to discuss their vision for the new incarnation of our favorite local book shop. We will also be joined by Green Living Science to talk about recycling best practices. Additional content to be announced.

At our last membership meeting on March 11, we highlighted two new Motor City Match recipients on Grand River:

- Miss Eva's is a new music venue and speakeasy, with shows Thursday, Friday, and Saturday nights. You can find a calendar of their events at www.missevasdetroit.com.
- Jessica Blair Beauty Supply is a new community-oriented beauty supply store. You can find more about her offerings at www.jessicablairbeauty.com.

We also received an update from our Precinct Commander Capt. Shaun Dunning. He covered basic safety such as holding packages at the post office when you are out of town and reminding us to keep tabs on each other. Overall our neighborhood continues to be a safe place to live!

NOTICE:

If you have any interest in volunteering or joining the board in the future, please fill out our form by scanning this QR code and we will be in contact with you.



2025 Huntington Beautification Grant for Rosedale Park!

Huntington Bank continues to invest in Detroit neighborhoods in a big way—they recently awarded a \$25,000 beautification grant, to be divided equally among the five Grandmont Rosedale neighborhoods. This is the sixth year Rosedale Park has received \$5,000 from this generous Huntington grant to help us beautify our surroundings.

RPIA is pleased to put those funds to work in an island beautification program, to give a 100% matching grant to any block that invests up to a maximum of \$150 to make their island beautiful. Eligible expenses include dirt, mulch, grass seed, flowers, perennials, shrubs, landscape blocks, tools, fertilizer, weed killer, boulders, seeds, flowerpots, stakes,

etc. Grants will be given on a first-come, first-served basis, with an August 1st deadline for submitting hard-copy printed receipts.

NEED ADVICE?

Blocks that want some new ideas or suggestions for their landscaping can request free advice/consultation from members of the RPIA Garden Committee, who are happy to drop by and assess your options with you—call Ruth Remus (313-587-5697), Deborah Tunstull (313-549-1339), or Brenda Bell (313-330-6094) to set up a visit.

BUY LOCAL

Tina Castleberry, owner of The Garden Bug, 18901 Grand River, will support blocks making purchases at her business by offering a 10% discount to each block. This locally owned and operated garden center is offering this discount from May 12–May 25 only.

Let's make Rosedale Park even more beautiful!

For more information or questions, contact Pam Weinstein (313-231-2244 or weinstein148@ameritech.net).



Partnership Day a Great Success

We had a successful Detroit Partnership Day clean-up at Rosement Acacia Park. We would like to thank Rosedale Park resident Percy Warmack of Inner City Tree for the woodchips; and Rosedale Park resident Vincent Ford of All Seasons Landscaping for mulching the leaves. Their assistance goes a long way in getting our parks ready for the fun summer ahead.

Rosedale Block Captains Meeting Sunday, May 18

Rosedale block captains will gather for their quarterly meeting on Sunday, May 18 from 4:00–6:00 pm at the GRDC office, 19800 Grand River. *All are welcome*—not just block captains! Agenda items to include possible memorial for Nancy Bitzarakis and block captains' roundtable/general discussion. Tasty treats for all! Come one, come all!



Volunteers from a past Partnership Day

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UPCOMING EVENTS

ROSEDALE PARK IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL 60 BLOCK YARD SALE



**COME
Sell
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**SATURDAY
JUNE 28TH
9AM - 3PM**

Rain Date: Sunday, June 29 - Same time

Rosedale Park Improvement
Association
New

Thursday Neighborhood Happy Hour

Join us at a location within our community,
meet a neighbor and make a connection!

Stay tuned to
RPIA website, eblast and email messaging for
upcoming location and time.

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JUNE DAY CELEBRATION 2025

Saturday June 7th
Rosemont - Acacia Park

Food Games & Activities

Stay tuned to
RPIA website, eblast &
social media accounts for
details

MORE EASTER EGG HUNT FUN

