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FALL FESTIVAL FUN AT ROSEMONT ACACIA PARK!

Our community was truly blessed with perfect weather for our Fall Festival of the year at Rosemont Acacia Park! We had a fantastic turnout, with many kids enjoying the autumnal activities. A huge hit was bobbing for apple cider doughnuts provided by Elias, which brought lots of laughs and sticky smiles. The kids also had a blast decorating pumpkins sourced from our friends at The Garden Bug. A special thank you goes out to our friends from Grandmont, who designed and ran a super fun scavenger hunt that kept everyone moving and exploring the park!



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.



A Note from the President: Upcoming Meeting, Budget, and Board Vote



RPIA President
David Sernick

2026 Budget Discussion and Snow Removal Savings

A key item on the agenda will be the discussion and vote on the 2026 budget. We are actively looking for ways to maximize the value of your dues and have identified a significant cost savings opportunity in our snow plow contract.

Currently, we pay for an unlimited number of plow days. However,

in the last three years, the contractor has only been called out four times. We are proposing to restructure the contract to pay per “push” (per service day). This change is expected to significantly reduce our cost while ensuring we receive the exact same high level of service. The resulting savings will be redirected to fund more community events throughout the year.

We are proud that we have not increased membership dues in over a decade, despite significant inflation, and remain committed to stretching every contribution as far as possible!

Critical Board Votes

We need your presence and your vote as we elect new board members and adopt the officer slate:

Position	Candidate	Status
President	David Sernick	Incumbent
1st VP	Ivan Johnson	Incumbent
2nd VP	Tonia Holloway	Incumbent
Treasurer/President Emeritus	Frank Raben	Incumbent

We will also be voting on three new members to serve a three-year term on the board. A huge thank you to Andrea Eckert for her dedicated service as she steps down! Candidates for the three open terms are: Bonnie White (Incumbent), Veronica Williams (Incumbent), and Samantha Bridges (New Candidate, current Block Captain).

Meeting Details

Date: Tuesday, November 18

Time: 7:00 PM

Location: North Rosedale Park Community House

We look forward to seeing you there to cast your vote and discuss our neighborhood’s future!

A thought to leave you with:

“When I was a boy and I would see scary things in the news, my mother would say to me, ‘Look for the helpers. You will always find people who are helping.’”

– Fred Rogers

This powerful quote from Mr. Rogers reminds us of the importance of community. With uncertainty growing for many who rely on government assistance, it is up to us, as neighbors, to step in and assist. Let’s be the helpers other people are looking for.

Lend a Hand: Helping Neighbors with Yard Work!

The Clean & Safe Committee is organizing a day to assist neighbors who are physically unable to manage their fall yard maintenance. We need your help to make this a success!

Want to volunteer? Join us at Rosa’s on Friday, November 15th, at 9:00 AM. We’ll gather there to organize teams and supplies before heading out.

Know a neighbor who needs help? If you know someone whose front lawn is being buried by leaves and they could use our assistance, please contact Larry Castleberry to nominate them: (313) 549-5259.

Winter Snow Assistance and Safety Tips

The City of Detroit's Serve Detroit Snow Team is a volunteer-based program that provides free snow removal for seniors as well as residents with disabilities who are unable to do it themselves. Volunteers are paired with residents in their neighborhood or district to clear driveways and walkways after a snow emergency of 6 inches or more. Residents who need assistance can sign up through the city's website or by calling the Department of Neighborhoods at (313) 224-4415. Volunteers can sign up through the city's website or by emailing Tonie Stovall at tonie.stovall@detroitmi.gov. Those interested in volunteering may be asked to bring a shovel or other supplies, and provide their own transportation.

Home heating safety is important in the colder months. Space heaters remain one of the most common causes of heating-related fires and fire deaths. Carbon monoxide (CO) from heating sources is also another serious hazard during the winter months. The Detroit Smoke Alarm Program will help residents install free smoke detectors in your home by the Detroit Fire Department. Visit <https://detroitmi.gov/departments/detroit-fire-department> for additional information.



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PRESIDENT David Sernick	1ST VICE PRESIDENT Ivan Johnson	2ND VICE PRESIDENT Tonia Holloway	TREASURER Frank Raben	PRESIDENT EMERITUS Frank Raben
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RPIA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

2023–2025	Andrea Eckert	Bonnie White	Veronica Williams
2024–2026	Larry Castleberry	Pedro Coracides	Earl McCullough
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JANUARY 24. 6:00PM–9:00PM | TICKETS: \$40

RPIA ANNUAL GALA DINNER



Join your community for a dinner to celebrate our community and its key members. Ticket includes dinner and drink. Swear in our new officers, recognize outstanding community service, and highlight the best island landscaping. Scan QR code for tickets. Presale only; no tickets sold at door.

Annual Pancake Breakfast

Saturday, December 6 @ 9:00 am – 11:00 am

Come and celebrate the holiday season with your community! Enjoy breakfast, caroling, Santa and more!

**Tickets: \$5 adults,
\$3 kids 12 and under**

**All tickets sold
at the door**

