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From the RPIA President



New neighbor
Louis Sernick

As we welcome the change of seasons, I am reminded of how much our community embodies a sense of new beginnings. The crisp autumn air and the changing leaves signal a new chapter, much like the one many of us are starting this fall.

It has been a joy to see our neighborhood's children heading back to school, full of excitement for the year ahead. For many of us, it is also a time of great pride as we send our young adults off to college, ready to embark on the next phase of their lives. These milestones are a testament to the strong foundation we build for our families in Rosedale Park.

On a more personal note, my family and I are also celebrating a new beginning. We are overjoyed to announce the arrival of our son, Louis Bruno Sernick, born on August 5. He is healthy, happy, and already a beloved member of our family. This special time has made me reflect even more deeply on the importance of community and the sense of belonging that Rosedale Park provides.

My family and I are grateful for the warmth and support of our neighbors as we transition into parenthood. I look forward to continuing to serve as your RPIA President and working together to make our neighborhood the best it can be.

Ways to Assist Your Block Captain

The beautiful weather this summer offered many opportunities to meet new neighbors, or catch up with old ones. Block parties are a perfect way to make lasting personal connections, and a huge "hooray" to the blocks that were able to throw one this year.

Our Block Captains are the key to these connections, and they're always looking for support from other residents. We surveyed our RPIA Block Captains about ways residents can get involved, and the top responses were:

- Distributing newsletters
- Planning block parties
- Welcoming new neighbors

If you'd like to lend a hand, please reach out to your Block Captain. If you're not sure who that is, contact an RPIA Board member or our Block Captain Coordinator. Your support is welcomed and appreciated.

New dedicated emails for RPIA Board communications!

For any of your needs with the RPIA Board, please email the following addresses for assistance:

For community meetings and neighborhood concerns:
president@rosedalepark.org

For email, text, website, and newsletter:
communications@rosedalepark.org

For dues and any financial needs:
treasurer@rosedalepark.org

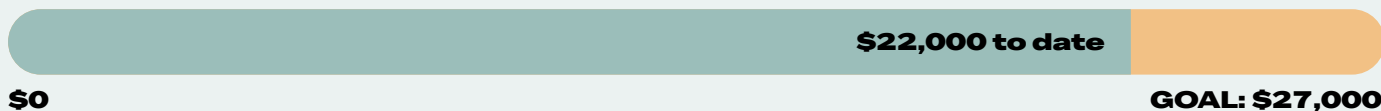
For all event-related inquiries:
events@rosedalepark.org

Join us for our next General Membership Meeting!

Tuesday, September 9, 7:00pm–9:00pm, North Rosedale Community House, 18445 Scarsdale

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.



Candidates for 2025 Officer and Board Positions

David Sernick, candidate for President

I moved to Rosedale Park in 2020 with my wife (Bonnie White) for the beautiful tree-lined streets and old houses, and immediately was struck by the support of my neighbors and the amazing sense of community. I currently work for the City of Detroit as the Director of ARPA Finance and Strategy. I was born and raised in West Michigan. I lived in New York City for 8 years, where I worked in theater as a producer and director before returning to Michigan to get my MPP from University of Michigan.



Ivan Johnson, candidate for 1st Vice President

Ivan became part of Rosedale Park in 2001 and is an active community member. He is part of our neighborhood Radio Patrol and previously served as a Block Captain on Grandville between Grand River and Midland. In addition, he currently serves on the GRDC Board of Directors and the RPIA Board of Directors. He is very positive about our community and the city of Detroit. He believes the best way to effect change is to be an active participant in the process. Professionally, Ivan recently retired from PNC Bank, N.A. with over 40 years of service. Ivan helped manage the Michigan Trust Real Estate group, which was part of the PNC Private Bank. The real estate portfolio exceeded 100 million dollars and was comprised of residential, commercial, and agricultural real estate.



Tonia Holloway, candidate for 2nd Vice President

Tonia, a native Detroiter, graduated from Detroit Redford High School, and earned a B.S. in Health System Management from Ferris State University. She is a health insurance professional who has worked in the health care industry for over 25 years. She has been a resident of Rosedale Park since 1978 and currently serves as a block captain. Tonia said she is excited and honored to serve in a community where she grew up. Some of her hobbies are making homemade preserves and watching old movies. She serves as a board member for the Redford Theatre and the Detroit Redford High School Alumni Nonprofit Organization.



Frank Raben, candidate for Treasurer

I have lived on Greenview in Rosedale Park since 1978; I was a Block Captain on Greenview for 10 years. I spent 37 years working for Michigan National Bank, Standard Federal Bank, and Huntington Bank before retiring in 2009. I held positions as Branch Manager, Vice President District Manager and Mortgage Loan Officer the four years I worked for Huntington. I served as Rosedale Park's representative on the GRDC Board of Directors from 1990 until 2020; during that time I was Vice President 3 years, President 3 years and Treasurer for 18 years. I became Treasurer of Rosedale Park Improvement Association in 2014 until 2021, 2nd Vice President in 2022, and President 2024.



Samantha Bridges, candidate for Board

Hello, my name is Samantha Bridges, and I've been a proud resident of Rosedale Park for over 25 years. I received my education through Detroit Public Schools and now serve as the block captain for Minock Street. I'm also a dedicated sports mom to four amazing boys. I've worked at Ford Motor Company and have been a UAW member for more than 10 years. I am currently completing the Toolmaker Apprenticeship Program, while also pursuing my Associate of Applied Science degree at Henry Ford College. Community involvement is very important to me. I serve as Bylaws Chair for the Canton Chapter of the Coalition of Black Trade Unionists, and I'm also an active member of the A. Philip Randolph Institute (Detroit/Downriver Chapter), UAW Region 1A Organizing Council, and several other local union standing committees. I believe in giving back, building connections, and helping move our community forward for both today and the future.



Bonnie White, candidate for Board

Bonnie White is proud to serve on the Rosedale Park Improvement Association Board. A dedicated neighbor and community advocate, she is passionate about strengthening connections among residents and supporting initiatives that make Rosedale Park a vibrant, welcoming place to live. Professionally, Bonnie works as a UX Researcher, where she focuses on understanding people's needs and improving experiences through thoughtful design. She brings those same skills of listening, empathy, and problem-solving to her



work with RPIA. Bonnie and her family have called Rosedale Park home for 4 years, and she especially enjoys taking long walks through Stoepel Park with her husband, newborn baby boy, and of course the family dog, Jane. She looks forward to continuing to collaborate with neighbors to preserve the history of the neighborhood while also ensuring it thrives for future generations.

Veronica Williams, candidate for Board

Veronica Williams is passionate about community in Rosedale Park. This neighborhood is where she spent teenage years, met some of her longtime friends, and has been raising her family of 3 boys (all RGLL players 😊) with her husband. She is a graduate of Central Michigan University, where she received her MBA with a concentration in Value-Driven Organization. Her undergraduate studies culminated at the University of Michigan with a Bachelor of Arts in Elementary Education. Veronica leads a transformational team of retail leaders at a vertically integrated organization. She enjoys cooking, traveling, gardening, and reading. As a budding entrepreneur, she enjoys being both creative and analytical, specializing in collaborating and leaving things better than when she found them.



2025 Island Beautification Winners and Beautifiers

The Rosedale Park Island Beautification Committee is pleased to congratulate all our 2025 Winning Islands, Island Beautifiers and Home Landscapers. Rosedale Park residents truly make our neighborhood a beautiful place to live. Come to the RPIA General Membership Meeting on Tuesday, November 11 at 7:00pm to give a “shout out” to all our Rosedale Award Winners.

1st Place Winner:

Glastonbury–Chalfonte to Fenkell, 1st place 2024 and 2025. Island Beautifiers: Angela Lee and David King (*Block Captains: Debbie Gore and Bobbie Phillips*)

2nd Place Winner : 2-way Tie

Glastonbury–Eaton to Chalfonte. Island Beautifiers: Kim Uhuru, Andrea Eckert, Lois Lawton, and Henry Williams (*Block Captain: Leon Jackson III*)

Artesian–Lyndon to Eaton. Island Beautifiers: Dorothy McKnight (*Block Captain*), Valerie Orr, and Arthur Griffin

3rd Place Winner: 3-way Tie

Piedmont–Chalfonte to Fenkell. Island Beautifier: Susan Berry (*Block Captain*)

Piedmont–Keeler to Midland. Island Beautifiers: Charisse Snoddy, Pat Folks, Gwen Harden, Masako Green, and Joann Kelly (*Block Captain: Keith Cosby*)

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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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Congratulations to our 2025 Rosedale Scholarship Winners



This year, RPIA awarded \$1,250 scholarships to two promising seniors headed off to college. Meet each recipient below:

Jacob Johnson graduated from Cass Technical High School, where he

played baseball and managed several of the school's social media sports pages. He earned a state certification in personal finance. He will be attending Alma College this fall with plans to major in accounting and continue with baseball. Jacob also has an interest in sports marketing. In his free time, Jacob enjoys riding his bike and gardening. He said he owes his success to his school, his family, and his community.



Ella Billik is a Ferndale High School graduate who will be attending Wayne State University in the fall. In high school, Ella was active in winterguard, tennis, soccer, swimming, and was captain of the colorguard. She also completed an

automotive technology program through Ford Motor Company where she learned electrical wiring and mechanical skills. She plans to continue with Ford to help pay for her education. She will major in Business Management with a minor in Entrepreneurship and Innovation. Ella plans to become a board-certified massage therapist, running her own wellness business.

Congrats, Jacob and Ella!

(Island Beautification Winners, continued from page 3)

Warwick-Eaton to Chalfonte. Island Beautifiers: Judy Alhamisi, Glee Sodergren (*Block Captains: Trevor and Clare Layton; Stevie and Doris Seabrook; Judy Alhamisi; Dawn and Nate Fred*)

Most Improved Islands:

Rosemont-Lyndon to Eaton. Island Beautifiers: Kay Philips and Robin Stewart (*Block Captains: Stephanie Young; DeLean and Terrance Smith*)

Rosemont-Eaton to Chalfonte. Island Beautifiers; Tonia Holloway (*Block Captain*), Dale Thomson

Best Maintained Winner's Circle Island:

Rosemont-Chalfonte to Fenkell, second year recognition. Island Beautifiers: Martha Cleaves (*Block Captain*), Cheryl Ball

Stahelin-Lyndon to Eaton. Island Beautifiers: Vince and Rita Cardiel (*Block Captains*)

Grandville-Keeler to Midland. Island Beautifiers: Hazel White (*Block Captain*), Cassandra Jarrell, Cassandra Milton, and Mel Howard

Best Home Landscaping:

Ricky and Revelle Scott, 15145 Piedmont.

NEW CATEGORY: Honorable Mention Best Home Landscaping:

William and JoAnn Kelly, 15501 Piedmont | Rosetta McNeill, 14610 Faust | Martin and Hattie Ramsey, 14938 Penrod | Ivan and Sharon Johnson, 15760 Grandville | John and Sara LaCroix, 15014 Piedmont | Kimberly Payne (former Leonard and Margie Weber), 15015 Piedmont | Dale and Angela Lee, 15065 Glastonbury | Bobbie Phillips, 15091 Glastonbury | Johnnie and Rita Butchee, 14647 Glastonbury | Doris Dudley, 10200 W. Outer Dr.



1st place Winner Island Beautification, 2024 and 2025 Glastonbury-Chalfonte to Fenkell



2025 Best Home Landscaping, Ricky and Revelle Scott, 15145 Piedmont