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Dear neighbors,



**RPIA President
David Sernick**

As the last bits of winter finally recede, there is nothing quite like the anticipation of seeing green return to our beautiful, tree-lined streets. It has been a long season, and I know I'm not alone in looking forward to seeing everyone out and about in the neighborhood again.

Meet Our New Newsletter Editor

I'm thrilled to introduce current board member **Pedro Coracides** as our new newsletter editor. Pedro brings a great energy to the role, and we're excited

to see where he takes our community communications. If you have stories, photos, or neighborhood updates you'd like to see featured in upcoming editions, please reach out to him directly at rpi_pedro@icloud.com.

The Transformation of Rosemont Acacia Park

The big news this season is the upcoming full rebuild of **Rosemont Acacia Park** (also known as Flintstone Park)! Following two productive planning meetings with the community, City of Detroit Park Development staff drew up plans to replace the old play equipment and add new features for residents to enjoy. This project is a massive win for our neighborhood, and we can't wait to see the transformation begin this summer.

Because of the construction and site preparation, we have a few logistical updates to our usual seasonal calendar:

- **Spring Clean Up:** We will not be performing our annual clean-up at Rosemont Acacia Park this year. Instead, we'll be redirecting those volunteer efforts to other areas of the neighborhood that could use some extra TLC.
- **June Day:** Please note that we will be **canceled our June Day celebration** for 2026 to accommodate the park rebuild.
- **Fall Festival:** The Fall Festival is still very much on! However, it will be held at an **alternative location and date** (TBA). We will share those details as soon as they are finalized.

Change is always a bit of a juggle, but the long-term benefit of a completely revitalized park will be well worth the temporary shift in our traditions. Thank you for your continued engagement and for making Rosedale Park such a vibrant place to call home.

See you on the block!

Important Meeting Dates

Subscribe to our calendar! At the bottom right of rosedalepark.org/events you can click on "Subscribe to calendar" and add it to your calendar to stay up to date.

RPIA General Membership Meetings at the North Rosedale Park Community House, 7–9pm

- Tuesday, May 12
- Tuesday, November 10
- Tuesday, September 15

RPIA Board Meetings at Grandmont Rosedale Development Corporation 7–9pm

Note: All community members are welcome to attend

- Tuesday, April 28
- Tuesday, September 29
- Tuesday, May 26
- Tuesday, October 27
- Tuesday, June 30
- Tuesday, November 24

Rosedale Block Captain Meetings at Grandmont Rosedale Development Corporation, 4–6pm

- Sunday, May 17
- Sunday, October 18
- Sunday, August 16

Events

Easter Egg Hunt

North Rosedale Park Community House
Saturday, April 4, 11am–1pm

June Day

This event has been cancelled due to park enhancements

60 Yard Block Sale

Saturday, June 27

Fall Festival

More information to come pending park completion

Pancake Breakfast & Santa Visit

North Rosedale Park Community House
Saturday, December 5

*All dates are subject to change. Please check rosedalepark.org/events for official location, date, and time.

We want to hear from you!

Our neighborhood is full of stories worth sharing. Whether it's sending in the name of someone recently passed, recognizing a local veteran, or sharing your story about life in our neighborhood, we'd love your help in celebrating the people and experiences that make our community special. Contact rpia_pedro@icloud.com for submissions!

Citywide Radio Patrols Train Together to Save Lives

by Trajan Centers

On January 24, 2026, the Rosedale Park Radio Patrol joined other patrollers, civic leaders, and volunteers from across Detroit for a powerful city-wide training focused on public safety, preparedness, and community care. Hosted by the City-Wide Radio Patrol team at Detroit Public Safety Headquarters, the meeting highlighted what makes Detroit's radio patrols effective: collaboration, shared training, and neighbors showing up for one another. The session, led by Dr. Grenae Dudley, President and CEO of Youth Connection, brought together attendees from patrols across the city. Participants included patrollers from Green Acres, MEC (Morningside/EEV/Cornerstone), Old Redford, University District, Warrendale, and, of course, the Rosedale Park Radio Patrol.

The training featured an interactive presentation on opioids, how to identify the signs and symptoms of an opioid overdose, and how to respond safely and effectively. Patrollers received hands-on instruction in the proper use of Narcan, an anti-overdose nasal spray medication, and practiced placing an unconscious person into the recovery position while awaiting emergency responders.

The session emphasized practical skills, situational awareness, and calm, coordinated response, tools that can make a real difference in critical moments. At the conclusion of the training, each participant received a paper certificate documenting 1.5 hours of Narcan first-aid training, a drug-disposal kit, and two doses of Narcan to take back into their neighborhoods. The takeaway was clear: radio patrols are not just extra eyes on the street, but trained, prepared volunteers who contribute meaningfully to community safety and well-being.

Here in Rosedale Park, our Radio Patrol brings that same focus on preparedness back home. It's one of the easiest ways to get involved in the neighborhood, requiring as little as two hours per month driving the area and reporting unwanted activity to the patrol base, while also providing access to city-wide training opportunities like the one described above.

Neighbors interested in joining or learning more can contact Trajan Centers (269-352-9200 or RPRadioPatrol@gmail.com).

2025 RPIA Year-End Financials

2025 RPIA Budget		
	Budgeted	Actual YTD
INCOME		
Total	\$37,140.00	\$39,016.85
Expenses Operating and Administrative		
Total	\$3,383.00	\$3,375.94
Finance Committee		
Total	\$4,045.00	\$3,767.96
Public Works/Code Enforcement Committee		
Total	\$17,350.00	\$14,135.63
Block Captains Committee		
Total	\$500.00	\$560.10
Communication Committee		
Total	\$7,043.00	\$6,361.28
Events Committee		
Total	\$5,700.00	\$6,994.08
Youth Committee-Scholarships		
	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00
Hospitality Committee		
	\$200.00	\$325.05
Total Income	\$37,140.00	\$39,016.85
Total Expenses		\$38,020.04
Net Income		\$996.81

See It. Snap It. Fix It. Help Improve Our Neighborhood.

Spring in Michigan brings blooming flowers, warmer days, and — let’s be honest — a few potholes and flooded streets, too.

Keeping our neighborhood safe, clean, and well-maintained is something we can all take part in — and the Improve Detroit app makes it easier than ever. The app allows residents to quickly report everyday neighborhood issues directly to the appropriate city department responsible for correcting issues.

Some benefits include:

- Whether you notice running water from a hydrant or sewer break, potholes, damaged street signs, or other quality-of-life concerns, you can submit a service request in just a few steps.
- The app uses your phone’s location to help identify where the problem is happening and provides a menu of common issues so you can easily select the type of request you want to report.
- To make the process even more effective, you can upload a photo with your report. Photos help City staff quickly identify the problem and respond more efficiently.
- You can also add comments to your report and receive notifications when the status changes, so you’ll know when the issue is being addressed.

Visit <https://detroitmi.gov/ImproveDetroit> for information how to download and use the app.



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Know Before You Throw: Proper Yard Waste Disposal

Love it or not, it's that time of year! Yard waste pick up will start in the City of Detroit on March 30th.

Here are some important things to note:

- Residents can place grass clippings, leaves, and small twigs that are no more than two inches in diameter in biodegradable paper bags on their scheduled bulk collection day.
- Branches and twigs that are up to four feet in length and no more than four inches in diameter should be bundled and tied securely and placed at the curbline.
- Individual bundles should not weigh more than 60 pounds.
- When placing bagged yard waste at the curb, it should be at least six feet from the city garbage container or in a personal garbage container that is clearly labeled "yard waste" on two sides of the container.
- Do not use plastic bags for yard waste. They will not be collected.

Calling all garden bugs!

The Rosedale Park Island Beautification Committee will once again be looking for beautiful islands! Whether you are a seasoned gardener or looking to explore a new hobby, the narrow depth of the island flower beds makes maintenance easy. Deadheading, occasional weeding, and watering are all that is needed to keep an island beautiful all season long.

Information on the Huntington Bank Beautification Grant for reimbursement of island expenses should be coming in the next few weeks. Stay tuned!

If you need island advice, please feel free to contact any one of us.

Deborah Tunstull (313-549-1339), Brenda Bell (313-532-3309), Ruth Remus (313-587-5697)



This very attractive island flower bed is on Stahelin between Lyndon and Eaton. Perennial coneflowers and hostas are planted in the back with colorful, densely planted annual begonias in front.

HELP US REACH OUR 2026 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.

\$13,000 to date

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GOAL: \$27,000