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A Message from the President



RPIA President
David Sernick and
Louie the Lion

Dear Neighbors,

As we head into winter, here are a few key neighborhood updates:

- **Mayor's Visit:** We recently hosted Detroit Mayor Mary Sheffield to meet with the GRDC communities; the discussion focused primarily on commercial development and priorities along the Grand River Avenue business district.
- **Winter Snow Removal:** RPIA will continue to pay for private street plowing this season when snowfall exceeds three inches. Because we pay each time private plows are dispatched, and the City plows once snow reaches six inches, we carefully time calls to avoid paying when city crews are expected out.
- **Island Beautification Support:** A huge thank-you to **Huntington Bank** for their continued partnership and generous \$4,000 beautification grant to support our street islands.
- **Newsletter Team Transitions:** This is the final issue designed by **John Herron Gendreau**. John has been an absolute pleasure to work with, alongside multiple RPIA editorial teams—thank you, John, for your dedicated service! Starting with the Jan/Feb 2027 edition, we warmly welcome Rosedale resident and designer **Betty Kennedy** to the team.

This is my final President's Message—at least for now. It has been a pleasure to serve this community. I look forward to providing a helping hand in the years to come and I celebrate the future leaders as they take the reins in the new year. I wish everyone a warm, restful holiday season and a happy winter.

Warm regards,

David Sernick

President, Rosedale Park Improvement Association

Rosedale Meet-Ups!

Join us for a Rosedale Happy Hour on Thursday, Nov. 5 from 5–7pm at Miss Eva's Speakeasy (NA options also available). Miss Eva's is located at 19566 Grand River, near PAGES Bookshop.

Can't make that date? Join us on Thursday, Dec. 3—same time, same location. **Y'all come!**

VOTE! VOTE! VOTE!

**For the new RPIA officers and directors
Tuesday, Nov. 10**

Be sure to attend the RPIA General Membership meeting on Tuesday, Nov. 10 at 7pm at the North Rosedale Community House, 18445 Scarsdale, so you can participate in our association's annual election.

Here's the list of the nominees that will be on your ballot:

PRESIDENT: Sean Vandenbrink

1st VICE PRESIDENT: LaTonya Woods-Murabito

2nd VICE PRESIDENT: Samantha Bridges

TREASURER: Frank Raben

BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

Cynthia Lewis

Kyle Ofori

Mona Ali

Reggie Tunstall

Tonia Holloway

Jo Morgan-Sterenberg

Dale Thomson

2027 GALA ON JANUARY 23RD! SAVE THE DATE!

The annual RPIA Gala will be held on Saturday, January 23, 2027 at 6 pm at the North Rosedale Community House, 18445 Scarsdale. Plan to attend and bring your friends and family! We will be dining and dancing and swearing in our new officers and directors—always a great time! Purchase your tickets by scanning the QR code here:



2026 Island Beautification Winners

The Rosedale Park Island Beautification Committee congratulates all our 2026 Winning Islands, Island Beautifiers, and Home Landscapers, listed below. Join us at the RPIA General Membership Meeting on Tuesday, November 10 at 7pm when a new Winner's Circle will be awarded and to meet our Rosedale Beautifiers.

1st Place Winner:

Glastonbury-Chalfonte to Fenkell, 1st place 2024, 2025 and 2026,
Winner's Circle Award

Island Beautifiers: Angela Lee and David King
(Block Captains: Debbie Gore and Bobbie Phillips)

2nd Place Winners—2 way Tie:

Glastonbury-Eaton to Chalfonte (2nd place 2024 and 2025)

Island Beautifiers: Kim Uhuru, Andrea Eckert, Lois Lawton
and Henry Williams
(Block Captain: Leon Jackson III)

Artesian-Lyndon to Eaton (2nd place 2025)

Island Beautifiers: Dorothy McKnight (Block Captain), Valerie Orr
and Arthur Griffin

3rd Place Winner:

Warwick-Eaton to Chalfonte (3rd place 2024 and 2025)

Island Beautifiers: Judy Alhamisi, Glee Sodergren
(Block Captains: Trevor/Clare Layton, Stevie/Doris Seabrook, Judy Alhamisi,
Dawn/Nate Fred)

Most Improved Island:

Penrod-Chalfonte to Fenkell

Island Beautifiers: Christopher Easterday and Sharon Addison
(Block Captain)

Best Maintained Winner's Circle Island:

Rosemont-Chalfonte to Fenkell, 3rd year recognition

Island Beautifiers: Martha Cleaves (Block Captain), Cheryl Ball

Stahelin-Lyndon to Eaton, 2nd year recognition

Island Beautifiers: Krystal Jones, Vince and Rita Cardiel (Block Captains)

Best Home Landscaping—2 way Tie:*

Ivan and Sharon Johnson, 15760 Grandville
William and Joann Kelly, 15501 Piedmont

Honorable Mention Best Home Landscaping:*

Dale and Angela Lee, 15065 Glastonbury
Bobbie Phillips, 15091 Glastonbury
Jim Westphal, 14851 Penrod

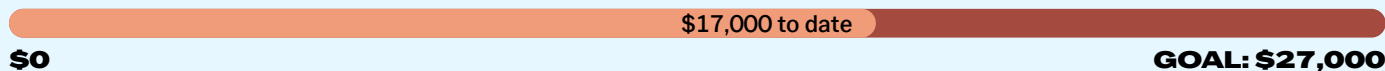
*Only RPIA Dues-paying members are recognized.



Best Home Landscaping winners: Ivan and Sharon Johnson, 15760 Grandville (top), and William and Joann Kelly, 15501 Piedmont (bottom)

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.



Rosedale-Grandmont Baseball League

STILL STRONG AFTER 34 YEARS!

Our neighborhood Rosedale-Grandmont Baseball League concluded its 34th season at the end of June 2026. Some 350 boys and girls, ages 3 to 16, played on 28 t-ball, coach-pitch, baseball, and softball teams this season. This photo includes our 2026 Minor Baseball Division (7- to 9-year-olds) All Stars.

Back row standing, left to right: Isaiah Threat, Leon Hannan, Sauvren Williams, Jalil Latham, Daniel Dorsey, Marvin De Los Santos Ramirez, Skylar McDonald, Robert “Wolf” Walker, Noah Taylor, Cannon McKinney, and Charles Derdelakos.

Front row, left to right: Sean Roland II, Chase Clark, Scott Campbell, Dawson Harper, Noelle DuBois, Jackson Massaron, Westley Parks, Elliot Banks, and Noah Evans.

More information about the league can be found here:

<http://rosedalegrandmontbaseball.org>



HELP!

If you haven't yet paid your 2026 dues, please do so as soon as possible. We currently have 412 paid memberships; at the end of 2025, we had 540 paid memberships. Obviously, we are currently way behind. Compared to last year, there are now serious economic pressures on us all—prices of everything are higher and for many people, wages haven't kept up.

We understand. But we still need your support to fund our various neighborhood events and services. RPIA Treasurer Frank Raben sent out reminder postcards in September to everyone who hadn't yet paid 2026 dues, but the response has been very low. Raben thinks the reminders may have been overlooked due to the volume of election mail coming into our mailboxes.

You can still mail your check to RPIA at PO Box 23113, Detroit, MI 48223 or go to rosedalepark.org and click on “Pay Dues.” We need your help to keep going.

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RPIA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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2025–2027	Ulysses Freeman	Sean Vandenbrink	LaTonya Woods
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Community, Good Food, and Great Jazz: Fall Fest 2026

By David Sernick, RPIA President

We couldn't have asked for better weather on Sunday, October 4th, as neighbors gathered at Stoepel Park for an afternoon of autumn sunshine, community fellowship, and seasonal celebration.

Pumpkin decorating was a huge hit, drawing creative young artists (and plenty of enthusiastic adults) who personalized their own gourds while enjoying fresh cider and doughnuts straight from Franklin Cider Mill.

The afternoon's culinary spread brought out the best of local neighborhood talent. Guests were treated to mouthwatering pop-ups featuring wholesome treats from Dr. Velonda Anderson of Sweet Potato Delights, alongside a savory, crowd-favorite collaboration between Rosedale resident chefs Christian Valcedo and Michael Murabito, serving up their signature "Harvest Bocadillo."

Providing the perfect soundtrack to the festivities was a stellar live jazz ensemble that filled the park with incredible music. A massive thank-you to the **West Side All Stars**—saxophonists Erinn Alexis, Jeff Ponders, and Garrett Gaina, pianist Michael Malis, drummer Tariq Gardner, and bandleader Ron English on bass and guitar, for serenading our afternoon.

Thank you to everyone who came out, volunteered, and made the day so memorable. We already can't wait to do it all again at Stoepel Park next fall!



Westside All Stars, left to right—Ron English (leader, bass); Garrett Gaina (baritone sax); Michael Malis (piano); Erinn Alexis (alto sax); Tariq Gardner (drums); Jeff Ponders (tenor sax).

