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## Grand River Bike Roll

An early morning rain did not deter 33 neighborhood bikers from gathering at the Grandland Shopping Center on an early August Saturday morning for the first Grand River Bike Roll. After the Detroit Police arrived, the group headed out onto Grand River for a leisurely ride north on Grand River to the new Meijers store where the bikers waited for all to assemble for the trip back.

RPIA Board Member Carolyn Akpe, an organizer of the event, said many of the riders asked about plans for

other rides. "People were excited to make plans for other rides on routes that included Rouge Park and Outer Drive", said Akpe. "I am interested in doing a fall color tour or a tour where we might forage for apples in the neighborhood, or ride down Lyndon to the Brightmoor farms, ending with a marshmallow and hot dog roast around campfires."

For more information, contact Akpe at [cjakpe@sbcglobal.net](mailto:cjakpe@sbcglobal.net).

## Nominees for 2016 Board Positions and Officers

The RPIA nominating committee, chaired by President Dorothy Roman, has submitted the following slate for the election of 2016 officers and board members:

- President: Pam Weinstein (2016)
- 1st VP: Conja Wright (2016)
- 2nd VP: [Vacant] (2016)
- Treasurer: Frank Raben (2016)
- Board member: Jim Dwight (2016-2017)
- Board member: Tony Mason (2016-2018)
- Board member: Phillip Schloop (2016-2018)

- Board member: Stacy Pugh (2016)
- Board position: [Vacant] (2016-2018)

"We invite any resident interested in serving as a board member or officer in one of the remaining vacant positions to contact us directly," explained Roman. The nominating committee can be reached via the RPIA Community information line, 313-927-8609, or send an email to [aa7636@wayne.edu](mailto:aa7636@wayne.edu). The election is held at the General Membership Meeting in November.

### GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING ON TUESDAY, SEPT. 8

Mark your calendars and plan to attend the September 8th RPIA General Membership meeting at 7 PM at the North Rosedale Community House, 18445 Scarsdale.

- The topic is Neighborhood Safety, and the agenda includes information from the City of Detroit's Municipal Parking Department about a citywide upgrade to the city's metered parking system that utilizes advanced technologies.
- Candidates for 2016 RPIA officers and board positions will be introduced.
- And light snacks will be provided by RPIA board members. See you there!!

## President



### PAM WEINSTEIN

I moved to Rosedale Park with my husband, Jim Dwight, in 1984. I have been active in the neighborhood association for the past ten years in several different roles: as a member of the RPIA board of directors for four years, as 2nd vice president, and as 1st vice president. For five years, I was the editor of the ROSEDALE PARK NEWS, and have organized the distribution/circulation of the newsletter for the past two years. I have been one of the coordinators of the Rosedale Park Block Captains' Network for the past five years, and have chaired the Public Works Committee and the Vacant Property/Code Enforcement Subcommittee. I am also a member of the Rosedale Park Radio Patrol.

I would like to serve as president of the association in 2016 so I can use the knowledge, skills, and connections I have accumulated through my years in the neighborhood. I truly believe our neighborhood motto – Rosedale Park is city living at its best – but we must also acknowledge the many challenges we face, including an increasing number of investor-owned properties, continuing foreclosures (both tax and mortgage), vacant property maintenance issues, and a general lack of code enforcement by various city departments. Getting more residents involved in organized efforts to leverage better services from City Hall is the best strategy for improving the quality of life in Rosedale Park. I ask for your vote, your energy, and your enthusiasm – together we can build an even better Rosedale Park!

## Treasurer



### FRANK RABEN

With my over 30- years of experience in the financial industry, I bring integrity to the job of treasurer. I have brought stability to this position the last two years and have made improvements in our budgeting process. I look forward to another good year.

## Board members



### JIM DWIGHT

We Detroiters are a caring and resilient group. That's why I've stayed in Detroit for 39 years, 31 in Rosedale Park. That's why I volunteer for the Radio Patrol, Rosedale Grandmont Little League, Northwest Detroit Community Garden, Council Dist. 1 Blight/Abandoned Buildings volunteer committee, and Detroit Eviction Defense.

And that's why I joined the RPIA board three years ago as the RP News editor – and I want to continue my service to the Rosedale community with another term on the board.



### TONY MASON

My wife Litha and I moved to Rosedale Park 42 years ago. We raised three kids in this beautiful, tree-lined community. My wife and I volunteered as a block captains for eight years and rode radio patrol for four years.

As a retired Chrysler executive and small business owner, I am ready for the challenges of working on a board to improve the conditions of my community. The street paving that was done on many blocks in Rosedale Park is substandard, causing lakes to form on our streets after heavy rains. This is unacceptable in a world-class city like Detroit.

Currently, I'm chairman of the board of Baker College, Allen Park campus, and board member of the Clinton Twp. campus and board member and trustee of the Baker College System. Because of this board experience, I will work diligently to make our association one of the best in the city.

My family and I love Rosedale Park. As a board member, I want to help other home owners realize their dreams of a healthy, vibrant community, the same way my family did.

## Board members



**PHIL SCHLOOP**

As a 37-year resident of Rosedale Park, I have served as a block club captain, previously coached girls softball, worked on a variety of neighborhood clean-up projects and other neighborhood events, have been active in Detroit politics, and currently serve on the board of Grandmont Rosedale Development Corporation.

Starting as an engineer at the Detroit public schools, I became the head of Local 547 of the Operating Engineers, negotiating contracts with over 250 employers for my 6000 members across Michigan. Prior to my retirement, I had the honor of being a labor leader in Detroit, in Michigan, and nationally. Currently, I chair a benefits coalition, AEPC, and I serve on the board of InsideOut and as a Detroit Civil Service Commissioner.

My wife retired as a teacher from the Detroit Public Schools. My two daughters are proud graduates of Renaissance and Cass, and have gone on to successful lives. Rosedale Park is a wonderful place to raise a family.

Rosedale Park, as a neighborhood, has played a prominent role in Detroit’s history, and will continue to play an important role in Detroit’s future. People of this neighborhood represent the best aspects of community. I am proud to call it home. I would welcome the opportunity to serve on the Board of RPIA.



**STACY PUGH**

I am 10-year resident of Rosedale Park, a former board member and President of RPIA, and an active member of the code enforcement committee. I am a dedicated member of the community, committed to working to make Rosedale Park a great place to live.

## Special Assessment District

**WHAT IS A SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT?**

Special Assessment Districts provide a method for neighborhood organizations to raise funds to pay for additional snow removal, security and/or mosquito abatement services within their community. The funds are raised through a special assessment on every property within the defined S.A.D. boundaries. The funds are collected by the City of Detroit and returned to a local non-profit which will be GRDC which administers the funds and contracts for services. To establish a S.A.D., a minimum of 51% of property owners within the designated area must approve.

**WHAT IS THE SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT APPROVAL PROCESS?**

A petition will be circulated and must be signed by 51% of all of the property owners in the target area. The petition will have every property owner’s name and address, along with details about the assessment cost, service contractors and service delivery details. Once the petition drive is complete and the 51% threshold is reached, the petitions are referred to Detroit City Council.

**WHAT IS BEING PROPOSED FOR GRANDMONT ROSEDALE?**

The Special Assessment District being proposed for Grandmont Rosedale would encompass the residential blocks within the following neighborhoods: Grandmont, Grandmont #1, Minock Park, North Rosedale Park, and Rosedale Park.

**WHERE ARE WE IN THE PROCESS?**

Request for Proposals (RFP) have been sent to Security and

Snow Removal Contractors as well as published online and in print media.

Bids were due on Aug. 28. Contractors will then be selected for in-person interviews based upon the strength of the bid, with the final contract awards in September. (Dollar value of the S.A.D. will be finalized when contracts are awarded.) Petitions should be ready for circulation in September.

**SECURITY SERVICES SCOPE OF WORK**

The S.A.D. will fund an armed off-duty Detroit police officer with arrest powers and a ride-along security guard in an older Detroit Police car that will patrol our streets 24 hours per day, 7 days per week, 365 days per year, and circulate continuously throughout service area, and respond directly to us if we need immediate help.

**SNOW REMOVAL SERVICES SCOPE OF WORK**

The streets shall be plowed whenever a snow fall of 2” inches or more occurs within a 24 hour period. All streets shall be plowed within 12 hours of a 2” or greater accumulation. Residential sidewalks will be brushed whenever a snow fall of 1” inch or more occurs within a 24 hours period. All sidewalks shall be cleared within 12 hours of a 1” or greater accumulation.

For more information, call Grandmont Rosedale Development Corp., Community Security Program, Sabrina Bergman, 313-387-4732 (ext. 109) or email: sbergman@grandmontrosedale.com.

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- eBlast – sign up with an email to rpiablast@gmail.com
- Web site – go to [www.rosedalepark.org](http://www.rosedalepark.org)
- Community Info Line – leave a message at 313-927-1089
- Crime alerts – send an email to [grandmontrosedalecrimealert@googlegroups.com](mailto:grandmontrosedalecrimealert@googlegroups.com)

# JOIN



Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

- Annual dues of \$45\* enclosed.  
(Make check payable to RPIA.)
- Pay online at [www.rosedalepark.org](http://www.rosedalepark.org)
- I want to volunteer. Contact me.
- I want to receive the weekly eBlast.

Mail payment to RPIA  
P. O. Box 23113  
Detroit, MI 48223

\*Outer Drive and Evergreen residents pay \$25.

## Calendar of Events

### SEPTEMBER

Tuesday, Sept. 8.....RPIA Membership Meeting – 7 PM  
North Rosedale Community House,  
18445 Scarsdale

Tuesday, Sept. 15.....Rosedale Park Radio Patrol – 6:30 PM  
GRDC office, 19800 Grand River

Thursday, Sept. 24 .....Neighborhood Safety Meeting – 6:30 PM  
North Rosedale Community House,  
18445 Scarsdale

Saturday, Sept. 26 .....Trash Talkin' Clean-Up on Fenkell –  
9:30 AM

Always Brewing Detroit,  
19180 Grand River

Monday, Sept. 28.....RPIA Board Meeting – 7 PM  
GRDC office, 19800 Grand River

### OCTOBER

Thursday, Oct. 22.....Neighborhood Safety Meeting – 6:30 PM  
North Rosedale Community House,  
18445 Scarsdale

Monday, Oct. 26 .....RPIA Board Meeting  
7 PM at GRDC office, 19800 Grand River