



VILLAGE VIEW

The Voice of Roscoe Village Neighbors

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YEAR IN REVIEW

A note from our President



Dear Villagers,

Happy 2020! While we are excited to kick off a year filled with community activities and initiatives, it's always good to take a look back and see what we accomplished in 2019.

We've grown our membership, given the most education grant money to area schools and were able to leverage our NoW camera program to assist the CPD in solving criminal activity in the area. We were able to do all of these things thanks to your donations and support of events like Retro on Roscoe.

I would also like to acknowledge the RVN Board of Directors who give their time and talents to the community. It may be a lot of work, but it is incredibly rewarding to work alongside awesome neighbors and serve our community.

So cheers to 2020 and all the great initiatives we have in store. And cheers to you who make up Roscoe Village...the best neighborhood in Chicago!

Nina Buik, President
Roscoe Village Neighbors

EVENTS 2020

For more information on our events, visit roscoevillage.org.

FEB 27	NEW NEIGHBOR WELCOME PARTY
MAR 13	MEMBER APPRECIATION PARTY
APR 18	CLEAN AND GREEN DAY
JUN TBD	RV COMMUNITY GARAGE SALE
AUG 7-9	RETRO ON ROSCOE
OCT 20	RV 5K & HALLOWEEN PARADE
SEPT 26	SIP AND SAVOR
DEC 5-6	WINTERFEST
DEC	HOLIDAY DECORATING CONTEST

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2019 Year in Review: Celebrating Another Successful Year in the Village



Looking back on 2019, our community has much to celebrate. We grew existing events and created new ones, invested more than ever in our schools, safety and neighborhood beautification and had a great time along the way. Thank you for your support — it takes a village!

Roscoe Village welcomed over 35 new residents to the community through the **New Neighbor** event - a casual event at a local establishment where we enjoy drinks and appetizers. Participants learn about RVN, what's going on in the neighborhood and how to get involved. This year it will be held on Thursday, February 27th. Check our website for more details soon.

The first-ever **RVN Member Appreciation Party** was held early spring at Bordeaux Chicago with over 75 members attending. Two aldermen joined the event to share their views on local issues and Congressman Quigley stopped by to say thank you. Everyone enjoyed the raffles and great food and drinks. The 2020 Member Appreciation event will be held March 13th at Brix Catering & Events! If you are interested in attending, register on our website by 2/29 and save \$10.

In April, RVN hosted its annual **RVN Clean & Green** event in conjunction with Earth Day activities citywide. Over 50 volunteers from the community participated by cleaning up Fellger Park and the streets of Roscoe Village. Great way to welcome spring!

2019 Year in Review (continued)

RVN's **Kentucky Derby Pub Crawl** on Saturday, May 4th, 2019 was a resounding success. The crawlers ate and drank at Roscoe Village Pub, Village Tap, Commonwealth Tavern and Four Treys. There was a raffle and prizes were awarded to the best-dressed participants. Nearly \$2,000 was raised for Common Pantry.

The 2019 annual **RVN Community Garage Sale** in June had 39 participating homes in RV and welcomed people from all over Chicago, who found unique treasures and fantastic deals. This event held in June has grown to include other neighborhoods, making it a huge Chicago community garage sale event.

On July 14, 2019, garden enthusiasts came from all over the city to see the Village in bloom! RV residents once again opened their beautiful gardens to the public in the annual **Roscoe Village Garden Walk**.



RVN's biggest and most important event for the community, the annual **Retro on Roscoe** festival, kicked off a week-end-long series of activities around music, food and antique cars. Thousands of people from all over Chicagoland come to Retro each year, putting this festival on the map. The community relies on this event not only to bring in patrons for local business, but also to raise money that funds The Education Committee grants, NoW Security Camera Program, and allows RVN to give back to residents through beautification projects and neighborhood events. Thanks to all those that volunteer to make this event successful!



On the morning of October 20th, Roscoe Village streets were filled with over 1,000 runners of all ages, as RVN kicked off its 2nd Annual **Halloween 5K and Fun Run**. It was quickly followed by the **Roscoe Village Halloween Parade and Party**, where entire families crowded the streets in their themed costumes and watched. This long-time community staple is a terrific kickoff to Halloween, and we thank our local businesses for generously filling up those candy bags. Mark your calendars this year for October 18th!

The first-ever **RVN Sip and Savor** showcased our RV restaurants and promoted the benefits of being a RVN member. Everyone enjoyed a buffet of delicious bites and specialty drinks and the opportunity to get to know their neighbors. We welcomed over 60 new RVN members!



In December, RVN and RVCC kicked off the month-long event **Roscoe Village's Annual Winterfest 2019** by lighting the community tree and caroling. Shops up and down Roscoe Street hosted Winterfest activities from wine tasting to cookie decorating. This festive night was followed up with a visit from Santa! A horse-drawn sleigh offered rides through the neighborhood, and a holiday trolley took shoppers along Belmont Avenue and Roscoe Street.

To close out the festival, we congratulated the winners of the 8th Annual **Holiday Decorating Contest**. Roscoe Village Pub took first place in the business category with their holiday mural and lights. The Gergits/McCabe family for won 1st in the home decorating contest with their gorgeous Victorian. Thanks to everyone who entered the contest!

WE'RE GOING GREEN!



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Don't miss out! Sign up by 4/1 and be entered to win a \$100 giftcard to Le Sud.

RVN NEW NEIGHBOR WELCOME EVENT

A fantastic opportunity to meet new people and get involved. Have a bite and a drink and learn what's happening in Roscoe Village.

February 27, 2020 • 6:30pm
Commonwealth Tavern

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RVN MEMBER APPRECIATION PARTY

St. Paddy's Day Theme

Food and beverages included.
Raffles, prizes and more!

March 13, 2020 • 7:00pm
Brix Catering & Events

www.roscoevillage.org/member-appreciation-party

2019 EDUCATION COMMITTEE UPDATE

In 2019 RVN awarded \$14,925 in Education Grants to neighborhood schools through the administration and recommendations of the RVN Education Committee. It is RVN's way of providing direct funding to support the schools that serve our community.

An additional \$30,000 was given to Audubon to secure smaller class sizes for its primary classrooms, ensure student access to both art and music, and fund a new exterior mosaic. RVN also donated \$1,500 to Jahn to sponsor their 6th Annual North Pole fundraising event.

