



VILLAGE VIEW

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UPCOMING RVN EVENTS

APRIL 22, 9:00 - 12:00 AM



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CLEAN AND GREEN DAY 2023

Let the spring cleaning begin! RVN'S Clean and Green Day is coming up and we need volunteers. Meet outside of Commonwealth Tavern to pick up tools, clean-up bags and gloves. Volunteers can choose their own areas of the neighborhood or we can assign one to you. This can also count as community service hours for students. *Scan the QR code to sign up!* We are partnering with eco-friendly nonprofit Cradles to Crayons to collect items for Chicagoland children in need of essentials. Please bring gently used clothing, baby sizes to adult medium, and drop into one of the donation boxes located in front of Commonwealth and Total Results Gym.

MEMBERSHIP APPRECIATION PARTY

MAY 17, 6:30 - 9:00 PM



SCAN ME

Our Member Appreciation Party will be May 17 at Lush. This event is free for all active RVN members. You may become a member of RVN to attend this event here. Registration is limited to the first 70 people to sign up. We look forward to seeing you there and thank you for being valued members of RVN!



SAVE THE DATE FOR THESE UPCOMING SUMMER EVENTS!

JUNE:
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JULY 16:
AUGUST 11-13:

GARAGE SALE
NEW NEIGHBOR EVENT
GARDEN WALK
RETRO ON ROSCOE



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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT



Dear Villagers,

Welcome to the Spring 2023 edition of the Village View! As we move into the second quarter of the year, RVN has been busy planning our spring and summer events.

Our first spring event will be Clean & Green on April 22nd, 2023. This year, in addition to our annual block-by-block spring cleaning, we are excited to partner with Cradles to Crayons to collect items for Chicagoland children in need. We are always on the lookout for ways to collaborate with other charitable organizations and look forward to having Cradles to Crayons join our Clean & Green volunteers on Earth Day.

Then, on May 17, RVN will host our Member Appreciation Party at Lush. RVN is pleased to once again celebrate our amazing neighbors at this annual event. It is free to members but attendance is limited to the first 70 RSVPs. More information is available in the Upcoming Events section of this newsletter and on our website at roscoevillage.org.

Between events, throughout the year, RVN represents Roscoe Village in zoning & planning, safety & security, and beautification & sustainability. We actively engage our elected representatives, schools, and neighborhood businesses on behalf of Roscoe Village residents. Our volunteer Board and Committee members work directly with community leaders contributing their unique talents and skills to the betterment of Roscoe Village. This month we invite residents interested in joining the board to submit an application for the Board of Directors election to be held in May. Please see below for more details. If you are interested in joining one of our committees, please contact us at info@roscoevillage.org.

I want to thank all of you, our neighbors in Roscoe Village, for your continued support. I look forward to kicking off our 2023 events season at Clean & Green and seeing everyone out and about in Roscoe Village during the year!

-Lawrence Peterson, RVN President

BOARD ELECTIONS

RVN is looking for capable, energetic, community-minded individuals who are willing to volunteer some of their time and energy to one of the most successful neighborhood organizations in Chicago. If you are an active RVN member and would like to help keep Roscoe Village the vibrant, exciting neighborhood it is, please apply using the form below.

Deadline for submission is April 30th, 2023.

The board meets approximately 11 times a year, on the second Tuesday of most months. Each board member is encouraged to participate in two of our committees and is required to help run Retro on Roscoe, one of the most successful street festivals in Chicago. New friendships, community connections, and lots of fun are some of the benefits of RVN Board Membership, but, most importantly, you'll get the satisfaction of knowing that you're helping to make Roscoe Village the best neighborhood in Chicago! If you'd like to run for the RVN Board of Directors, please scan the QR code and apply today!



SCAN ME

NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

A NEW MURAL IN ROSCOE VILLAGE

You might have noticed a recent addition to Roscoe Village - the new mural at the corner of Damen and School Street. Completed last November by Detroit based artist, Louise "Ouizi" Jones, the mural was commissioned by property owners Daran Redenbaugh and Janette Scott.

Built in 1911 as a local butcher and grocery, the building has had many uses over the years, including as a photographer's studio and a dance studio. Scott, an architect, designed the multi-phase conversion of the building to the couple's home where they have lived since they purchased the property in 2019. As part of the renovation, the couple intended to sandblast and restore the brick wall along School Street, which was painted white after numerous tagging over the years. However, unable to afford the masonry repair costs, the couple wondered if a mural might be a better solution. The couple discovered Louise Jones who completed the "Urbs in Horto" mural along the Southport Corridor on Instagram and fell in love with her work. Encouraged by friends and neighbors, Redenbaugh set up a GoFundMe page to raise money for the mural. With a goal of bringing joy to the neighborhood and celebrating the flora and fauna of the Midwest, even in the depths of winter, the mural depicts



a bouquet of flowers including peonies, rudbeckia, echinacea, tulips, coreopsis, flowering dogwood, and a swallowtail butterfly. Overall, friends, neighbors and the people of Roscoe Village contributed almost \$6,000 to fund the mural, with the couple making up the balance of the costs. The mural is listed in the City of Chicago's online Mural Registry and is already a hit with neighbors, Instagrammers and passersby.

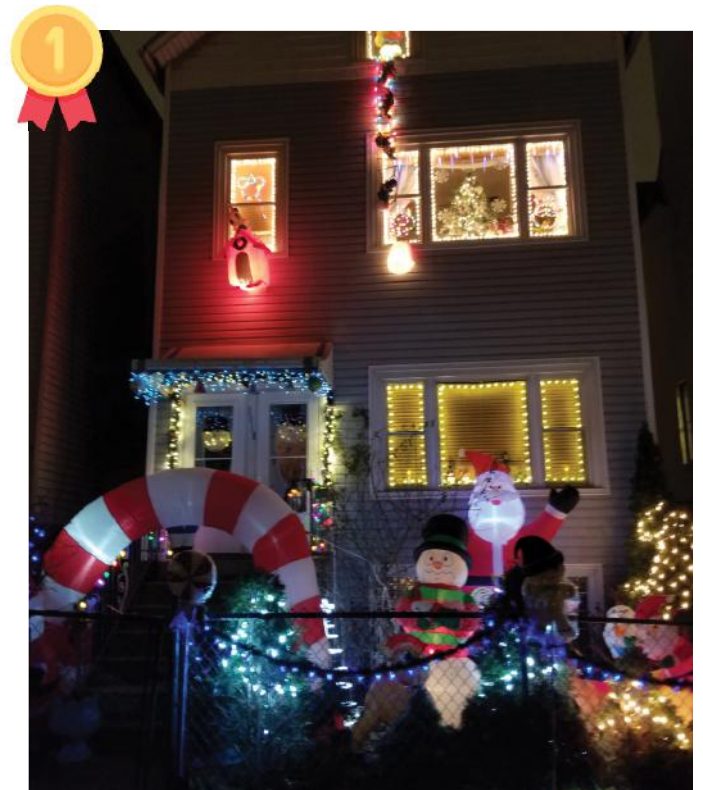
RVN HOLIDAY DECORATING WINNERS

Thank you to all of the Roscoe Village Holiday Decorating Contest participants! We had a great turnout and the neighborhood was filled with all sorts of holiday cheer!

1st Place - The Lopez Family - 2018 W. Melrose

2nd Place - The Huettelman's - 3525 N. Oakley

3rd Place - The Consiglio Family - 2015 W. School





JULY 16, 12:00 - 4:00 PM

ROSCOE VILLAGE GARDEN WALK 2023

The 2023 Roscoe Village Garden Walk is on Sunday, July 16, 2023, from 12 pm - 4 pm! This year we will be featuring new prize categories and the opportunity for you to vote on a winner. Last year we featured 40+ gardens and brought together hundreds of garden enthusiasts. Congratulations again to Sue Hendrickson, Maria Segal and Richard Blender, and Anthony Ceravolo for earning 2022 Top Garden honors. A sincere thank you to all exhibitors for bringing such beauty and joy to Roscoe Village. Look for information in the coming months about how to sign up for your garden for this year's walk!

To become a member of RVN, please visit our website at roscoevillage.org/join.

A note from your RVN Committee:

NEIGHBORS ON WATCH (NoW)

With Spring approaching most Chicagoans are looking forward to shedding the Winter clothing and spending more time outside. As we all do this it's important to be vigilant and aware of your surroundings and take precautions.

- Don't leave your car running unattended or unlocked.
- Don't leave any items of interest in your car. Backpacks, earbuds, phone cables, etc. are all inviting to criminals. If you have a garage but park on the street, don't leave your garage opener in plain sight.
- Keep all doors and windows locked at home. If you have an alarm, use it.
- Turn on outside lights at night and have indoor lights on a timer when not at home.
- Don't let mail/packages pile up outside your home or apartment. Also things like dead flowers in front of your home indicate that you might be away.
- Lock bikes up with a secure cable or lock. Look for a CPD free registration event where you can have your bike etched with a code to mitigate theft.
- Be aware of door-to-door scams. Groups of people will attempt to enter you home claiming to be from a public utility or cable/phone company.
- If you see suspicious behavior call 911.

The Chicago Police Department holds Beat Meetings every 2 months to talk about crime in our area, what's being done and hear residents' concerns. Roscoe Village area beat meetings are held at CPD's station at Western and Belmont. This QR Code shows the Beat Meeting schedule and maps to identify which Beat area you fall into.



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For additional information on neighborhood Beat Meetings and updates from the RVN NoW Committee!



GET INVOLVED!

Visit our website to read more about how to get more involved in your neighborhood! There are always opportunities to contribute time, energy, and ideas, and along the way, you'll probably have more fun than you expected!

- Join RVN
- Join a Committee
- Make a Donation
- Become a member of the Board of Directors
- Help with Zoning
- Volunteer for an Event