

Village View



The Voice of Roscoe Village Neighbors

The Road to Retro

Did you know that Retro on Roscoe started as a small block party, spanning only one-two blocks, centered around antique cars and live music? It was the brainchild of Al Johnson, owner of Menard Johnson & Associates, and Colleen Flood, owner of The Four Treys. The goal was to bring the community together and get to know your neighbors. The first Retro on Roscoe had 50 people attend!



Today, Retro on Roscoe features Chicago's top talent and entertainment on three main stages and Retro's Antique Car Show will showcase over 50 antique, classic and muscle cars throughout the weekend at the festival, attracting serious collectors from all over the midwest. The event now spans from Damen all the way to Bell street and attracts thousands of local and suburban residents.

But there's more.....

It's also added artisans, antique vendors, and cool merchants that provide a shopping experience that is second to none. Local restaurants fill the venue with summertime samplings and tasty treats. There is focused attention ensuring its fun for all ages with kids games, shows and rides. All this and more liven up this tree-lined street for an enjoyable three-day festival that brings back great memories while providing excellent entertainment for the entire family. How has it become so successful?

It's because of YOU! The continued commitment and hard work provided by all the hundreds of local volunteers each year has made this event a huge city-wide success. And all the money raised goes right back into the Village to benefit the local community, schools and infrastructure. And guess what, you had fun doing it and got to hang out with your friends and neighbors - building community. If you'd like to volunteer this year at Retro, please be on the lookout for an email providing details on how to sign up!



PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Dear Villagers,

Welcome to Spring? While it feels like winter has overextended its stay, your RVN board is springing into action!

We have so much to share that, going forward, our newsletter will now be distributed every other month to keep you informed and engaged in RVN.



So what's new?

First, I would like to congratulate our new executive committee, Jason Elster, VP, Chris Dell Isola, Treasurer and Jen Dlugosz, Secretary. What a great team!

Second, I want to welcome our newest board members, Michelle Montalvo, Kate Crouch, Ryan Jacox, Cian O'Mahony. They are already jumping into action with new ideas.

As we welcomed new board members, we also celebrated the tenure of our outgoing board members, Adrian De'Ath, Jeff Hrubec and Jeff Van Dam. All three have served on the RVN board for years and have contributed so much to our community. If you see them around the village, please thank them for all of their hard work!

In April we began our annual litter abatement service. Sidewalks throughout our main streets are swept weekly and our waste cans emptied an extra day each week so that Roscoe Village remains inviting and enjoyable. Thirty-six bags of litter were picked up on the first day!

What I love most about spring and summer in our city is the added color and beauty from all of the flowers and planters. I hope you will spend time 'playing in the dirt' with your families and join us for our annual Garden Walk in July to show off your hard work and meet new friends. You can register by going to our website www.roscoevillage.org.

As we increase our level of service to the community, I have one ask. If you are not a paid member of RVN, please join! It's only \$10 a year for individuals and \$20 for families. After reading this issue of all that we do and the special benefits members receive, I hope you will see the value in this very small investment.

Thank you for choosing Roscoe Village! As always, I would love to hear from you. Feel free to email me at nina.buik@roscoevillage.org.

Cheers!

Nina

RVN COMMITTEE CORNER

**Get involved by joining an RVN Committee!
Year Round RVN Committees**

Member Engagement Committee

Contact: Membership@roscoevillage.org
Community communications, social events
and more to grow the RVN membership base!

Education Committee

Contact: educationcommittee@roscoevillage.org
Make a difference for our kids
and local schools k-12 programs.

Zoning and Land Use Committee

Contact: zoning@roscoevillage.org
Work with local officials, city departments
and developers to shape Roscoe Village.

Safety and Security Committee

Contact: NeighborhoodWatch@roscoevillage.org
Secure our community with local law enforcement
and state-of-the-art technology.

RVN Event Specific Committees

Retro on Roscoe Committee
Contact: RetroOnRoscoe@roscoevillage.org
Join the committee to make this year's event even better
- and have a lot of fun doing it!!

RVN Halloween Committee

Contact: Halloween5K@roscoevillage.org
Young and old alike get dressed up for this event.
Come make this the 2nd biggest RVN fundraiser.

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WELCOME TO OUR NEW BOARD MEMBERS



CIAN O'MAHONY

A 16-year resident of Roscoe Village, Cian brings his passion for being GREEN to RVN where he'll hold us to higher environmentally friendly standards. Cian's passion is backed by strong credentials and volunteer work: a Bachelor's Degree in Environmental Policy from NEIU, and a LEED AP for Homes credential and an environmental consulting practice where his focus is on environmental sustainability planning, LEED certifications, and green construction practices.

He also worked as the Executive Director at Next Bites, a nonprofit focused on environmental sustainability in the food service industry. Cian acquired in depth experience in non-profit management, including board development, grant writing, fundraising, and strategic partnership development



KATHERINE CROUCH

Katherine, a Chicago native, has lived in Roscoe Village for 7 years with her husband and two children. She has served on Friends of Audubon board and has volunteered for the RVN 5k and Retro on Roscoe fundraising events.

Katherine also has extensive experience fundraising and managing a volunteer board through her five years as president of the University of Chicago Cancer Research Foundation Associates Board and as a trustee on the UCCRF Board of Trustees. This invaluable experience will enrich RVN's ability to raise money and invest back into the neighborhood.



RYAN JACOX

Ryan has lived in Roscoe Village for two years with his wife who is a Pre-K teacher at Jahn Elementary. Both are actively involved in the community's education, infrastructure and development activities.

As a licensed professional engineer and a certified Professional Traffic Operations Engineer, Ryan brings a unique background to RVN. His experience spans roadway projects, traffic impact studies, corridor studies, streetscape projects, general maintenance and transportation grant programs.

He also served a 2-year term as a commissioner on the Sustainability Commission for the City of Elgin and he currently serves as the Past President/Liaison to Midwestern District of the Institute of Transportation Engineers (ITE).



MICHELLE MONTALVO

Michelle Montalvo is a long standing resident of Roscoe Village since 2002 and has seen the neighborhood grow and evolve over the past 17 years. Roscoe Village has been home for a long time, and will continue to be for years to come as both her husband and son are involved in Audubon Elementary, park district sports and village activities.

Over the last several years Michelle has volunteered at different RVN events. Now, as part of the board, she can contribute even more bringing her professional experience in marketing and relationship management to RVN to grow and lead member engagement initiatives and communications. She can also use her long tenure in the technology industry to help modernize RVN's engagement with the village community and businesses.

BE A ROSCOE VILLAGE NEIGHBOR MEMBER! JOIN NOW!

Join RVN Association by going to www.roscoevillage.org/join

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| ● Family Membership (up to 2 members) | \$20.00 (USD) |
| ● Regular Members | \$10.00 (USD) |
| ● Senior (65 and older) | Free |
| ● Social Family Membership (Outside RVN Borders) (up to 2 members) | \$20.00 (USD) |
| ● Social Members (Outside RVN Borders) | \$10.00 (USD) |
| ● Business | \$15.00 (USD) |

Benefits of RVN Membership:

- Events: Free events, discounts at local businesses and special access to community programs.
- Giving back to the Roscoe Community: Your membership fee is invested back into the community.
- Information: Guaranteed receipt of the RVN newsletter.
- Connection to your Neighbors: Meet your neighbors and get first pick for volunteer opportunities.
- Committees: Participation in RVN's committees.
- Improved Neighborhood: A voice in neighborhood elections, project prioritization and more.

Roscoe Village Neighbors 2019 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Come check out all the great Roscoe Village events and activities! Mark your calendar!

Roscoe Village Garage Sale	June 1, 2019	9am to 3pm
Wine Stroll	June 6, 2019	6pm to 9pm
Roscoe Village Garden Walk	July 14, 2019	12pm to 5pm
Burgerfest	July 13 & 14, 2019	11am to 10pm
Retro on Roscoe	August 9, 2019	5pm to 10pm
	August 10, 2019	12pm to 10pm
	August 11, 2019	12pm to 10pm
RVN Halloween 5k Rosco Run	October 20, 2019	9am to 11am
Roscoe Village Halloween Parade	October 20, 2019	12pm
Winterfest Tree Lighting & Caroling	December 7, 2019	5pm
Winterfest Family Day	December 8, 2019	1pm to 7pm

RVN Garage Sale!

Time to get your spring cleaning done and clear out the stuff you no longer use or want!

Announcing the 15th Annual community-wide garage sale in Roscoe Village on Saturday, June 1st, 2019 from 9AM-3PM. On this date, 30+ RVN households will host garage sales. Bargain hunters can make one trip to Roscoe Village and hit many sales. Come out and get some great deals and meet your neighbors! We can't wait to see you all there.



RVN Garden Walk

Come see the Village bloom! Hosted by Roscoe Village Neighbors and free to attend, the 2019 Roscoe Village Garden Walk is the perfect opportunity to see the best and most creative gardens the "Village within the City" has to offer. Mark your calendars for Sunday, July 14th from noon to 5:00 p.m. to enjoy this fantastic experience.

Exhibiting gardens will be on public display rain or shine and will be marked by signage and balloons. Sign Up to claim your spot. roscoevillage.org/gardenwalk/

Website: roscoevillage.org

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2019 TALK DERBY TO ME

On Saturday, May 4, RVN presented its annual Kentucky Derby bar crawl to benefit Common Pantry. The chicanery began at Roscoe Village Pub, followed by Village Tap and then the main event at Commonwealth (featuring food, discounted beverages and televisions showing the Run for the Roses). Prizes were awarded for best dressed participants, and there was a raffle to pick the winning horse (and what a controversy it was!). Consistent with tradition, we finished at Roscoe Village's oldest pub, The Four Treys.

RVN donated a total of \$2000 to the Common Pantry. This includes the raffle winner's contribution, Roscoe Villager Jaci McNally, who generously donated her \$185 raffle winnings.

Thank you to Jaci and to all who participated in this annual event!



2019 RVN MEMBER APPRECIATION EVENT

The first ever RVN Member Appreciation Event was held at the newly opened Bordeaux Lounge space on Roscoe Street catered by Turquoise Restaurant. It was a huge success with over 75 members attending for free to enjoy delicious food and drinks, win door prizes and talk with our local congressman and representatives about their goals that impact the Roscoe Village. If you'd like to be apart of the next member event, please join Roscoe Village Neighbors!



RVN ANNUAL CLEAN AND GREEN

Each year we celebrate Earth Day by hosting the the Clean and Green event in conjunction with Friends of the Parks— which coordinates Clean and Green events across the city - to beautify our city and take care of mother earth.

This year, even with the unseasonable April snow storm, Roscoe Village Neighbors participated by hosting its Annual Clean and Green on Sunday, April 28. While originally scheduled for Saturday, April 27, mother nature forced the event to be postponed for a day. Thanks for everyone's flexibility!

The event was a success with over 30 neighbors and their families participating in the Clean and Green event, picking up over 20 bags of garbage from Fellger Park and the streets in and around Roscoe Village.

It's another way our community comes together to make Roscoe Village one of the best neighborhoods in the city!! Thanks to everyone who came out!



Roscoe Village Neighborhood Watch Committee

Since its formation in 1977, Roscoe Village Neighbors has been a tireless advocate for the residents and business owners of our very special “Village Within the City.” The committee works closely with other community organizations, elected officials, law enforcement, urban planners, education experts, attorneys, AIA-member architects, and state, county, and city agencies to fulfill its commitment to doggedly represent the interests of the neighborhood.

That commitment includes enhancing the safety and security of everyone who lives, works, and plays in Roscoe Village, which is accomplished through the Neighborhood Watch Committee. These efforts include monitoring crime trends and communicating safety alerts, implementing the NOW Network, a cloud-based camera platform, attending meetings with other community safety groups and our local 19th Police District and other law enforcement agencies, and escalating safety concerns to the appropriate group or official.

The Committee welcomes others who might be interested in joining this critical work. Please send an email to NeighborhoodWatch@roscoeivillage.org

RVN Zoning & Land Use Committee

The RVN Zoning & Land Use Committee is another integral part of our organization. Comprised of urban planners, AIA architects, attorneys, and others who live in the Village, the Zoning Committee is charged with advocating RVN’s “Statement of Principles Regarding Land Use, Development, and Zoning”.

The Zoning Committee’s origins reach back to the earliest days of RVN. In fact, RVN was one of the very first organizations in Chicago to sponsor an independent Master Planning Study of its neighborhood. It has resulted in the preservation of many of the interior streets of the Village containing affordable single, 2, 3 and multiple family buildings. In addition, it was instrumental in today’s Roscoe Street SD-10 overlay district, and its official designation by the Chicago Zoning Ordinance as a “pedestrian street”. The Ordinance recognized Roscoe Street as an excellent example of an urban pedestrian-oriented shopping district.

Our Statement of Principles Regarding Land Use, Development and Zoning can be found on our website at www.RoscoeVillage.org.

Here are some examples of RVN’s Planning Successes RVN was actively engaged as a neighborhood stakeholder in many projects. There are a number of larger planning issues that merit specific mention.

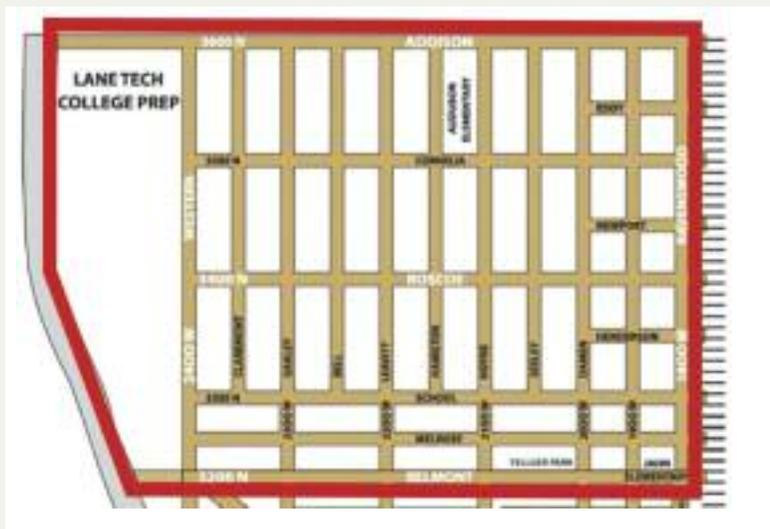
Among them are:

Western Avenue Viaduct Removal and Study– RVN strongly supported removal of the viaduct and its replacement with surface streets. To proactively capitalize on redevelopment possibilities when the viaduct was removed, RVN retained The Lakota Group and Goodisman Williams Group as consultants. This resulted in solutions that maintained good traffic flow, removed the dangerous eyesore of the overpass and revitalized the Village.

Addison Corridor Master Plan – This is a large-scale Master Plan envisioned for a green-focused business development with public amenities along the Chicago River stretching from Diversey Avenue to Irving Park Road, including the 312 River Run. While the project will take years to complete, we continue to support the plan as developed to date.

CHA Lathrop Homes Redevelopment – RVN, as a community stakeholder and a member of the Lathrop Homes Working Group, participated in the restoration of the affordable rental housing and historically protected open green space along the Chicago River.

Riverview Shopping Center Renovation – RVN participated in this redevelopment planning process, expressing neighborhood concerns and incorporated solutions into the proposed plan.



Meet the Roscoe Village Neighbors Education Committee

Did you know Roscoe Village Neighbors has an Education Committee? The RVN Ed. Committee mission "Strengthening Education Through Community" aims to enhance Roscoe Village by directly supporting neighborhood schools.

The RVN Ed. Committee primarily provides financial support to schools. Schools can seek funding for projects and the committee vets grant proposals and makes recommendations to the RVN board as to whether to fund the grants. Check out our grant application and requirements: <https://roscoevillage.org/education-grant/>

Recent grants awarded include:

- A grant to Audubon to fund a 3D printer for STEM projects
- Portable goal posts for the Lane Tech boys' soccer team



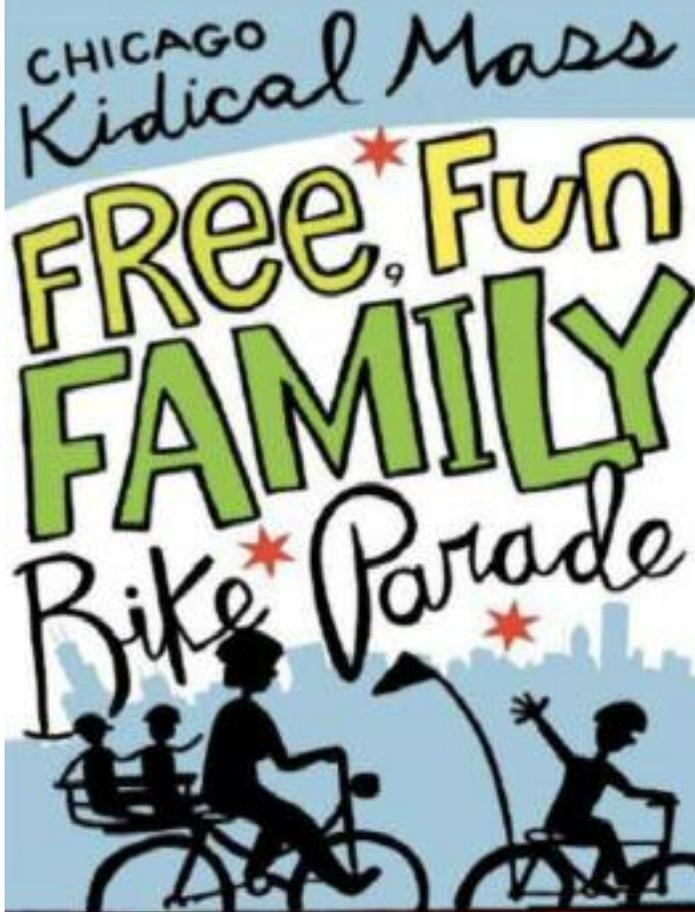
Today, the committee includes ten members representing various schools within Roscoe Village. Recent projects of the committee include:

- Revising and revamping the grant application process
- Creating an outreach plan to schools to insure they are aware of the grant process and increase diversity in school representation on the committee
- Exploring new projects like a junior RVN board and student internships

The RVN Ed. Committee welcomes new ideas and members.

Want to get involved?

Email the committee: educationcommittee@roscoevillage.org



ROSCOE VILLAGE RIDE

1st Sunday of each month
10am (10:30 departure)
Meet at Audubon School
3500 N Hoyne

2019 Schedule

5/5 River Roll to the Garden	9/1 Firehouse Tour
6/2 Superhero Spin	10/6 Birthday Ride
7/7 Independence Ride	11/3 Bike to Leaf Pile
8/4 Splash n' Play	12/1 Donut Ride

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Keep Your Imagination in High Gear by Reading this Summer

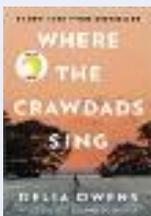
Join a reading group with Roscoe Books located in the heart of the village!

- Meet once a month: Join one or both, General Fiction Book Club or Classics Book Club
- Story-time on Tuesdays and Saturdays at 11am for the little readers

Kids can get involved in different summer reading challenges.

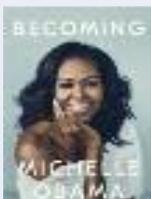
- Sign up for the Audubon Summer Reading Challenge.
 - June 21st, Roscoe Book's gives back with a 10% purchase discount, with another 10% going back to the school.
- Chicago Public Library Summer Learning Challenge - Explorers at Play
 - (June 24-Aug 17th). Calling all Kids 0-13 years old! Sign up by going to www.chipublib.org/summeror calling 312-747-4780

Need some fresh material? Best Reads for Everyone in the Family



Fiction

1. Where the Crawdads Sing by Delia Owens
2. Black Leopard, Red Wolf by Marlon James
3. Daisy Jones & The Six by Taylor Jenkins Reid
4. Asymmetry by Lisa Halliday
5. The Immortalists by Chloe Benjamin



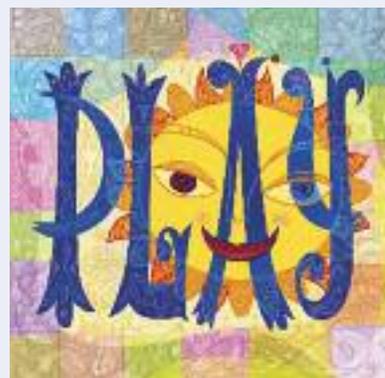
Nonfiction

1. Becoming by Michelle Obama
2. Educated by Tara Westover
3. Bad Blood by John Carreyou
4. Born a Crime by Trevor Noah
5. Dreyer's English by Benjamin Dreyer



Kids' Books

1. Dog Man: Brawl of the Wild by Dav Pilkey
2. Max and the Midnighters by Lincoln Peirce
3. On the Come Up by Angie Thomas
4. Nine Marvel Super Hero Tales by Little Golden Books
5. Dog Man Unleashed by Dav Pilkey





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