

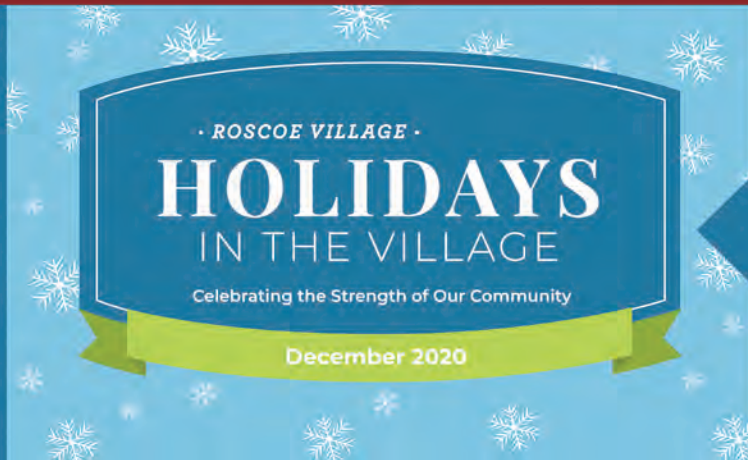


# VILLAGE VIEW

The Voice of Roscoe Village Neighbors

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Happy Holidays from  
Roscoe Village Neighbors

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## IT'S THE HOLIDAY SEASON

The holidays are here again and while this season may look a bit different, we will celebrate the strength of our community and how we support one another.

RVN will be hosting our 9th Annual Holiday Decorating Contest where all Roscoe Village residents are invited to participate by decorating their homes to show their spirit. We encourage you to be creative by using bright lights, colorful decorations, and music to "deck the halls" for the holidays. Participating in the holiday decorating contest is FREE, FUN and open to all residents within Roscoe Village. Go to [roscoevillage.org/decorate](http://roscoevillage.org/decorate) to enter your home in the contest and to get more information on entry qualifications! Deadline for entry is Dec. 21st!

On December 23rd, a map of participating homes will be accessible through [roscoevillage.org](http://roscoevillage.org). Use this map to take a socially-distanced walk or even a driving tour of Roscoe Village to see the gorgeous holiday displays throughout the neighborhood. This year's decorating contest prizes will include cash prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place and all participants will be entered into a raffle to win other great prizes.

Stay tuned for more details on Winterfest and other holiday events. Our goal is to safely bring holiday cheer to the neighborhood – and we hope that you'll join the fun! As you enjoy the holiday season in Roscoe Village, please remember to stay safe & be kind. Wear a mask, avoid crowds, and maintain social distance.

Keep up to date with the latest by checking our Facebook and Instagram accounts or sign up for our newsletter at [roscoevillage.org/newsletter](http://roscoevillage.org/newsletter).



**LIGHT UP THE  
NEIGHBORHOOD  
WITH HOLIDAY HOPE & CHEER**

**ENTER RVN'S NINTH ANNUAL HOLIDAY  
DECORATING CONTEST**



We are inviting all residents within Roscoe Village to decorate their homes for the holidays!

RVN is awarding prizes for top vote getters: \$150 - 1st; \$100 - 2nd; \$50 - 3rd

# A note from our President



Dear Villagers,

It is my pleasure to welcome you to the 2020 Winter Village View as Roscoe Village Neighbors's newest president!

I am deeply grateful to outgoing president Nina Buik, under whose tenure Retro on Roscoe continued to grow as one of Chicago's premier street festivals, providing funding for education grants to neighborhood schools, street beautification, safety initiatives, and other RVN projects. The popular Halloween 5K was created, membership grew, and Nina brought her charm and leadership to RVN.

Nina also guided us through the impact of COVID-19 in the midst of nationwide social unrest. In March, the RVN Board of Directors made the decision to cancel Retro, temporarily suspending the beloved street festival and RVN's primary fundraiser. We cancelled the Halloween 5K & Parade, and other events. All were difficult decisions but RVN's foremost responsibility is the safety of our residents.

To support a strong community, RVN hosted virtual group events to benefit Common Pantry. We held a Halloween decorating event featuring a raffle with gift cards purchased in support of neighborhood businesses. We funded street cleaning and education grants. We will continue to explore new ways to serve Roscoe Village residents and will resume group events when it is prudent to do so.

On behalf of the RVN Board, be well and enjoy the holiday season!

Larry Peterson, President  
Roscoe Village Neighbors

To become a member of RVN, please visit our website at [roscoeivillage.org/join](http://roscoeivillage.org/join).

**SUPPORT US**  
**BECOME A MEMBER**  
[roscoeivillage.org](http://roscoeivillage.org)

**Roscoe Village Virtual Paint Night**

**\$50**  
Includes Paint Kit, Three 11" x 14" Boards & White Plotted Posters & Access to Zoom Presentation

**December 6th 5:00PM**

Join us for our first Roscoe Village Virtual Paint Night! Local artist, Heather Gentile Collins, will lead the class in painting three themed pieces. Each was created solely for this event highlighting Roscoe Village, Chicago Sports, and Unity, Equality & Community.

**Space is limited so sign up today!**

REGISTER BY SCANNING QR CODE ABOVE OR @ [ROSCOEVILLAGE.ORG/PAINT](http://ROSCOEVILLAGE.ORG/PAINT)

Learn the art of watercolor on these originals!

*The Village within the City* | *Chicago* | *unity, equality, community*

A portion of the proceeds will be donated to My Block, My Hood, My City. Sponsored by

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**WINTER CLOTHING DRIVE**

Donations Being Accepted

December 1st – December 28th

**DONATION BOX LOCATIONS**

- CLUBBINGTON'S CABINET  
2015 W Roscoe St.
- PICKIN'  
2033 W Roscoe St.
- LEIGH MARCUS  
2203 W Roscoe St. #1
- WILDWOOD PHOTOGRAPHY  
2138 W Roscoe St.

**TO BENEFIT COMMON PANTRY**

**ITEMS NEEDED**

- Men's and Women's Socks
- Hand/Feet Warmers
- Adult Diapers (Size L and XL)

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## HALLOWEEN HOUSE DECORATING CONTEST RECAP

Thank you to all of the Roscoe Village Halloween House Decorating participants! We had a great turnout and the neighborhood was filled with all sorts of spooky and fun things that go bump in the night! We gave away some amazing raffle prizes purchased from local Roscoe Village businesses. Take a look at some of the decorations in the pictures below. And if you're in the mood for more decorating for the holiday season, enter our 9th Annual Holiday Decorating Contest to light up the neighborhood with hope and cheer! There are cash prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place and all participants will be entered to win great raffle prizes!



### UPCOMING EVENTS

Check out our upcoming events below. For more details, visit our website, [roscoevillage.org](http://roscoevillage.org).



**Nov. 30 - Dec. 21**  
**Holiday Decorating Contest**  
 Light up the neighborhood with holiday cheer! [roscoevillage.org/decorate](http://roscoevillage.org/decorate)



**December 5-6**  
**Winterfest**  
 Follow us on Facebook and Instagram for updates on Winterfest. The safety of all residents will be our first priority.



**December 6th at 5pm**  
**Roscoe Village Virtual Paint Night**  
 Learn more and register at [roscoevillage.org/paint](http://roscoevillage.org/paint)

### HOLIDAY SAFETY REMINDER

If you are leaving town, remember to leave a light on and make arrangements to have your walks shoveled. Have mail and packages picked up or put on hold. Be sure alarm is turned on and security cameras (including charged batteries) are prepared to monitor while you're gone. Call 311 for any non-emergency issues. And lastly, be kind and check on your neighbors, particularly seniors in the neighborhood.

### SUPPORT RVN THROUGH ROUNDUP APP

RVN is excited to announce that we are partnering with RoundUp! Through this partnership, those who sign up will have bank and credit card transactions rounded up automatically to the next highest dollar and that spare change will be contributed to RVN monthly. These extra pennies, dimes and nickels really add up and can make a big difference in supporting the community.

As you know, we were unable to hold Retro on Roscoe, our main source of donations that we invest entirely back into our community. Nevertheless, RVN is committed to continuing to support Roscoe Village initiatives throughout the year, including new educational grants, beautification projects, neighborhood watch and seasonal street planter programs. Through the RoundUp partnership, and your support, we will be able to continue these projects that you have told us are critical to maintaining our community.



Want to learn how to get started? Please go to [roscoevillage.org/roundup](http://roscoevillage.org/roundup) to learn more and sign up.

We recognize that this is a difficult time for many to give, but we also know that many are looking for further opportunities to make a difference in Roscoe Village during these difficult times. So please consider further supporting RVN's investment into the community through the RoundUp App.

## I AM YOUR NEIGHBOR MEAL PROGRAM NEIGHBORS HELPING NEIGHBORS

In March, Common Pantry, our neighborhood food pantry, partnered with a growing list of restaurants to “open a tab” for those who are food insecure. RVN also made significant contributions to this program to help get it off the ground. As of September, the program provided over 1,700 meals to local neighbors.

“This is a program we created to not only help our neighbors in need but also to help local restaurants stay afloat and keep their staff employed,” says David Brown, Board President of Common Pantry.

Supporters of this initiative can help provide meals for neighbors in need during this time when an overwhelming number of people are finding themselves struggling to make ends meet. It is not just for existing clients of Common Pantry, but anyone who might need a little extra help.



**LEARN MORE AND DONATE BY  
VISITING [COMMONPANTRY.ORG](https://COMMONPANTRY.ORG)**

### Shine Your Light *December 4, 2020*

Audubon Elementary School celebrates Unique Week every December. During Unique Week our entire school community comes together to celebrate all the ways each of us is unique and valuable in making our community stronger together. This year's theme is "Shine Your Light! We are #BrighterTogether."

As the culmination of this year's celebration, Audubon's PTO invites the entire Roscoe Village community to join us for a safe and social distanced luminary walk starting at 5pm on Friday, December 4. Place your homemade luminaries in your front window, on your porch, or along your walk, then bundle up (and mask up!) with your family and walk around Roscoe Village to see all the light we create together! Be sure to keep a safe distance as you wave hello to others to see you along the way.

Visit [roscoevillage.org/luminary](https://roscoevillage.org/luminary) for a tutorial on making the luminary.

