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Join us for Winterfest December 7th and 8th

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ABOUT THE EVENT

The holidays are here again! Time to get into the holiday spirit! Roscoe Village Neighbors in partnership with Roscoe Village Chamber of Commerce is excited to present the 2019 Roscoe Village Winterfest with fun activities throughout all of December.

This year, Winterfest includes a special tree lighting ceremony, holiday shopping and Santa's workshop, home and business decorating contests and a local holiday bingo program - lots of prizes and fun for Roscoe Village neighbors.

The fest will kick off in the evening of Saturday December 7th with a tree lighting ceremony at 5:00 p.m. held on Roscoe Street in front of Volo Restaurant and Commonwealth Tavern. The tree lighting ceremony will include caroling and remarks from local community leaders. Immediately following the tree lighting, grab dinner or drinks at one of our fabulous Roscoe Village restaurants and taverns, and take advantage of some of the great deals on holiday gifts at Roscoe Village retailers.

On Sunday, December 8th starting at 1pm, Winterfest will continue up and down Roscoe and Belmont Streets. We'll have Santa visiting from the North Pole where you can check out his workshop and get photos with Santa. There will be live caroling, sleigh rides and a trolley ride, along with more special deals from local retailers. Check out the list of participating businesses and all the holiday activities - great for kids and adults alike.

As you visit our local businesses, start playing Holiday Bingo for your chance to win great prizes! Find out how to play using your bingo card included in this newsletter (pick up more copies at the RVN table at Winterfest).

Finally, enter the holiday decorating contest and get your home decorated in time for Winterfest! Attendees can roam the streets of Roscoe Village and see a gorgeous holiday display throughout the neighborhood. This year's decorating contest prizes will include gift certificates to local businesses. Stay tuned for more details, and register your house no later than 12/18/2019 at roscoevillage.org.

In the event of inclement weather on December 7, check RVN's Facebook and Instagram (@roscoevillageneighbors) for updates.



Kick off the holiday season & join us for our tree lighting ceremony and caroling!

SATURDAY • 5PM
COMMONWEALTH TAVERN
2000 W. ROSCOE ST.

Enjoy locally owned boutiques & cafes during the **SATURDAY NIGHT STROLL • 5-9PM**

Bring the family for children's activities, horse drawn sleigh, carolers, trolley rides & **Santa!**
SUNDAY • 1-5PM

PRESENTED BY



A note from our President



Dear Villagers,

It is so hard to believe that the holidays are upon us again! I reflect back on this time last year when we held our bi-annual member survey. Your top priorities were schools and safety, and your big ask, more frequent communication. Since then, we have increased our budget for education grants and awarded more grants to more area schools this year than in years past. We have also grown our security camera program and helped solve area crimes in partnership with the local police department, making Roscoe Village a safer place to live.

Lastly, we increased the frequency of our newsletter from two per year to six per year to keep you informed about what's going on in the community. We listened to your feedback and we acted.

The holidays can be hectic, so please take time and focus on what matters most - family, friends and community. There are also many organizations that could use your help - whether it be financial, your time or hands-on involvement.

"Nothing else in all life is such a maker of joy and cheer as the privilege of doing good." – James Russell

On behalf of the RVN Board, we wish the happiest holidays and hope that you ring in 2020 in good health and with joy.

Nina Buik, President
Roscoe Village Neighbors

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

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**DON'T BE A GRINCH!
NEIGHBORS
SHOW OFF YOUR HOLIDAY SPIRIT!**

**ENTER RVN'S 8TH ANNUAL HOLIDAY
DECORATING CONTEST**

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RVN EDUCATION GRANTS Committee Update

The Roscoe Village Neighbors Education Committee's mission is "Strengthening Education Through Community", and the aim is to enhance Roscoe Village by directly supporting neighborhood schools. 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. Today, the committee includes ten members representing various schools within Roscoe Village.

Check out our grant application and requirements: <https://roscoevillage.org/education-grant/>. There are three grant cycles throughout the year.

Please help us congratulate the Fall 2019 Grant Award Recipients:

- Jahn Elementary School: Funding for STEM manipulatives for a full inclusion 3rd grade classroom
- Lake View High School: Funding for materials to promote organizational and executive management tools for the 11th grade class.
- Lane Tech High School: Funding for Transition to Adulthood Software for their Cluster Program

The committee is also currently exploring an internship program with the Lane Tech Cluster Program and Roscoe Village businesses, as well as creating a junior RVN board made up of local high school students. The RVN Ed. Committee welcomes new ideas and members. Want to get involved? Email the committee: educationcommittee@roscoevillage.org.



"A BIG THANK YOU from the Lane Tech Boys' Soccer Teams. They won their City Championships this fall. "Roscoe Village Neighbors had a part in our success. Thank You!" - Head Coach Andrew Ricks

UPCOMING EVENTS

Check out our upcoming events below. For more details, visit our website, roscoevillage.org.



Nov. 30 - Dec. 19
Holiday Decorating Contest



December 7-8
Winterfest
For a list of all Winterfest participating business activities, please visit roscoevillage.org/winterfest-events.



February TBD
Member Appreciation Party

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.

EVENT RECAP

Sip and Savor 2019

Thanks to all that attended the inaugural RVN Sip and Savor event! It was a huge success and everyone that attended not only had some great beverages and appetizers, but also received some great raffle prizes and thank you gifts. We had over 60 attendees and welcomed a bunch of new faces as many were new members to RVN.

Special thanks to the Roscoe Village restaurants that supported the event and showcased their "best-of" menu:

- Brix Catering (Special thanks for their additional contribution of a chance to win one free Sunday dinner ticket!)
- Piazza Bella
- Bordeaux
- Le Sud (Special thanks for the free round of wine for all attendees!)

Being a member of RVN has a lot of great benefits, this being just one! Our next member event is going to offer even more fun coming up in February 2020 - Member Appreciate Event.

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



RV5K AND FUN RUN RECAP Congratulations to Our Winners

We had an incredible turnout for our 2nd Annual Roscoe Village 5K, Fun Run and Halloween Parade. Thank you to all who participated in, volunteered at and sponsored the event!

RV5K WINNERS

1st overall: Peter Mone
2nd overall: Hector Merchan
3rd overall: John Turner



To register for the 2020 RV5K, visit roscoevillage5k.com.

A Special Thank You to our AMAZING Sponsors

We'd like to recognize our 2019 RV5K sponsors. Thank you for helping to make the event a huge success! We couldn't do it without you!