

# The GRANDMONITOR

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## The Grandmont Community Association

Serves approximately 1100 residences in the Grandmont Community, including households south of Grand River, west of Asbury Park, north of Schoolcraft, and east of Southfield Freeway.

### Mission Statement

The Grandmont Community Association (GCA) was formed for the preservation of the neighborhood; promotion of quality schools; civic education of the residents and promotion of cooperation and understanding between all of the residents and community businesses.

### IMPORTANT LINKS

VISIT OUR WEBSITE:

[HTTPS://WWW.GRANDMONTCOMMUNITY.ORG/](https://www.grandmontcommunity.org/)

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[HTTPS://WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/GRANDMONTCOMMUNITYASSOCIATION/](https://www.facebook.com/grandmontcommunityassociation/)

JOIN THE GCA BOARD MEETING VIA ZOOM:

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## A Letter from Our President

Dear Grandmont Neighbors!

Some of you may have noticed or heard that DTE will be doing some significant work in our community over the next several months. The update of meters and construction of the gas lines will impact over 700 of our neighbors in Grandmont.

Please note that every street should expect to see some construction over the next few months. DTE has committed to provide pre-construction and post-construction updates to homes that will be impacted. Please be aware that you may receive a door hanger, letter and or knock at your door regarding this construction. Our community is preparing to host a community update meeting in February for any questions or concerns that may come up during this process. In the meantime, if you have any questions do not hesitate to email GCA so we can share it back to DTE or contact DTE directly at the number provided below.

Again, we'll do our best to communicate updates and share more information regarding a community meeting soon. A copy of the information you may receive is located [here](#).

### Important Contact Information:

313-270-9240 or to monitor construction on your street:

[https://www.newlook.dteenergy.com/wps/wcm/connect/dte-web/search/gas\\_map](https://www.newlook.dteenergy.com/wps/wcm/connect/dte-web/search/gas_map)

Additionally, DTE has agreed to host a meeting for our Grandmont Community via Zoom on Thursday, February 17, 2022 at 6PM. To join the meeting, use the information below.

### Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84750775530?pwd=c2MvK3JKTVJxUWVGdFRraUtQT3czZz09>

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Passcode: 818808

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All the best,

Larissa Richardson  
GCA President



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## IMPORTANT NUMBERS

<b>Crime Reporting</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Call 9-1-1 for crimes in progress</li> <li>2. Otherwise call 313-267-4600, the DPD non-emergency line</li> <li>3. Contact the GCA Security Chair, Joyce Tatum, (810) 447-8044</li> <li>4. To inform the community about suspicious people, vehicles or activity, send an email to <a href="mailto:Grandmontcommunitycrimealerts@googlegroups.com">Grandmontcommunitycrimealerts@googlegroups.com</a></li> <li>5. To report crime anonymously, call 1-800-SPEAK-UP (1-800-733-2587)</li> </ol>
<b>Auto-theft Tips</b>	Text "TIP411" (847411) or Call 800-242-HEAT (4238)
<b>Narcotic Tips</b>	Call 313-224-DOPE (3673)
<b>Gun Activity</b>	1-800-AFT-GUNS (800-283-4867)
<b>Poison Control</b>	1-800-222-1222
<b>Animal Care &amp; Control Hotline</b>	313-922-DOGS(3647) Staff hours 7 days a week 10:30am-3:30pm—Call center till 7PM
<b>D1 Animal Control Investigator Ameer Clark</b>	313-590-7509
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<b>Water and Sewer</b>	313-267-8000
<b>DTE Energy</b>	1-800-482-8720 (Mon-Fri, 8 AM-6 PM)
<b>Ramsay Park Police (Not in force until April)</b>	313-596-2186 (office) 734-931-0846 (cell)

Grandmont Community Meetings  
- all are welcome -

Feb. 5            Mar. 5  
Apr. 2            May 7

Meetings are held at 10 a.m. on the first Saturday of the month, unless otherwise noted. Please check GCA website or Facebook page for meeting location.



Mark Your  
2022  
Calendars!

Grandmont Patrol Meetings

Feb. 7            Mar. 7  
Apr. 4            May 2

Meetings are held at 6 p.m. on the first Monday of the month, unless otherwise noted via Zoom.

Meetings

Grandmont Youth  
& Education Meeting

**Join Us!**

For more information about being a part of the Youth & Education Committee, please contact, Jenise Collins, (313) 473-9603. Everyone is welcomed and encouraged to participate!

8th Pct. Police  
Community Relations  
Meeting

Meetings are held the last Monday of the month at 6:30PM.

Beautification & Garden Club  
Committee Meeting

Meetings will resume in Spring 2022

Please join the Beautification & Garden Club Committee at any of our upcoming meetings for 2022. Contact Larissa@GrandmontCommunity.org for more information.

**GCA BOARD MEETING**

**January Meeting Recap!**

The GCA rang in the New Year with a visit from DTE outlining the plans they have to replace gas lines and meters in our neighborhood. They will be working all 2022 to replace gas lines and meters and restore the areas affected by the replacements. Please watch out for door hangers and other information in the mail. The GCA plans to invite them for another community meeting to give information about the process and what to expect. Stay tuned for a meeting in February all can attend via Zoom!

In addition, we discussed the GRDC Rose sale for the Vacant Property Taskforce, the number of homes recently sold and/or for sale in Grandmont, and reviewed the expenses for our Social Planning Committee's event in December: the Holiday Appreciation Meal Drive-By.

Samantha Bonaparte  
GCA Board Member and Secretary



In January's issue, we published an article on Detroit Manufacturing Systems indicating the organization was founded in 2021, however that was a typo and the organization was actually founded in 2012.

Sandra Rideaux-Miller  
Editor



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to me.**

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## Rippling Hope

Rippling Hope has paint, dog food, and cat litter available. All are free! This program is available to all Grandmont Community Association Residents every month, all year! Make sure to tell the distributor that you are a GCA Resident.

Distribution is the first Tuesday of each month from Noon-2:00pm. The second day is the first Saturday of each month from 10:00am-Noon. Location is the Rippling Hope Mission Center, 12801 Joy, corner of Joy & Appoline Streets, Detroit, MI 48204. Phone (313) 704-1230 for additional information.

Cora A. Duncan-Foster  
Rippling Hope Chair

## Radio Patrol/Safety & Security

### SHOTSPOTTER TECHNOLOGY HELPS DPD RESPOND FASTER TO GUNFIRE

Detroit police are responding to gun violence in the city faster than ever. It's all thanks to new technology that allows officers to trace gunshots from the moment they're fired.

"The thing about shots being fired in a big city like Detroit, most people don't call the police when shots are fired," said Cmdr. Darrell Patterson. That's where ShotSpotter technology comes in. It was piloted in Detroit's Ninth Precinct a couple years ago and was expanded in March 2021 into the 8th Precinct where Darrell Patterson is the commander.

"It can tell you if it is in the front yard, or backyard if someone is firing from a vehicle, which direction they were firing," he said. He says ShotSpotter consists of several towers in an area that can detect gunshots, even down to the caliber used. The receiver - sends an alert to the SpotShooter phone app. It gives officers a birds-eye view of where the shots came from - based off Google Earth images, it's not in real-time.

"Whenever a ShotSpotter run comes out, they can respond instantly, they can respond on their own," said Patterson. Six officers are assigned to a ShotSpotter unit in the 8th, they patrol ShotSpotter areas and can be there in 1 to 2 minutes - using the app. "A lot of the times we are able to catch people right on the scene," Patterson said, "after they have fired shots."

From March 25 to June 27th in the 8th precinct, ShotSpotter has led to 11 arrests - 33 guns being recovered and 131 incidents where officers collected casings for evidence. Patterson says they're leaning on this technology more and there are conversations about expanding the ShotSpotter program. "Oh yeah we are watching and we will catch you," he said.

Reprinted from Fox 2 article by Jessica Dupnack

## GCA Seeking Web Designer/Web Master

Be Our Next Web Master! Grandmont Community Association is looking for a web designer/web master.

### Duties of the GCA Webmaster:

- Develop, design and maintain the Grandmont Community Association Website.
- Ensure web servers; hardware and software are operating accurately.
- Work with the Community Association and its Committee Chairs to develop and produce content to host on website.
- Work directly with Grandmonitor Editor to share content and cross pollinate information for website from monthly newspaper.
- Examine and analyze site traffic to help produce and guide relevant content for the community, as needed.
- Regulate and manage access rights of users on websites.
- Create and modify the appearance and settings of the site.
- Lay out content on web pages.
- Meet and communicate monthly with GCA board and it's committee members to upload and manage monthly content on website.
- Maintain proper use of the website, including ensuring that links and pictures appear properly.

### Qualifications:

- Web Design Experience
- Exceptional Writing Skills
- Web Hosting Experience
- Familiar with Digital Advertising

### GCA Website Pages Include:

- Events
- About GCA
- Committees
- Advertisements
- Grandmonitor
- Community Calendar
- Resources
- Photo Gallery
- Contact List
- Membership
- Links

Grandmont resident, preferred, however we are open to any resident with design and website experience. The position does include a small monthly stipend as well.

If you are interested in applying for this position please email a resume and sample website to [Larissa@grandmontcommunity.org](mailto:Larissa@grandmontcommunity.org) and [Cora@grandmontcommunity.org](mailto:Cora@grandmontcommunity.org).

## VACANT PROPERTY TASK FORCE

"You may never know what results come of your actions, but if you do nothing, there will be no results" said Mahatma Gandhi. No one's ever achieved a resolution made in January, if it's abandoned in February! So take heart this month. There's still time to become more active in your community in 2022.

At our last VPTF meeting, our 5 GRDC neighborhoods submitted a short list of houses, not all vacant, that have had upkeep/maintenance issues not yet resolved.

### NEW NEIGHBORS

We also know that homes are selling in our communities, and that many new neighbors have moved to Grandmont. WELCOME. Please let us know if you need a Welcome Packet or any information that may help you become another one of our Good Neighbors in the Grandmont Community. If you haven't met your block captain, most likely it's due to COVID concerns, but please contact a board member or use social media to become more familiar with all Grandmont offers our residents. We appreciate and need your help and support.

We are also working to increase our funds for the 2022 year. Your support for the **GRDC Rose Sale Fundraiser** will help insure money is available to pay for the Vacant Lot mowing on Southfield and Archdale and other costs associated with vacant property. We may need some Grandmont "neighbor volunteer" help based on our success with this event. We'll have more information in the next couple of months.

### ENVIRONMENTAL

The City Water Department included a nice *Tip Sheet* that you may have missed in your last water bill to assist their workers doing the "big stuff" asking neighbors to do some "small stuff" to make a big difference. The three tips suggested were:

1. Clean your street catch basins of leaves, dirt, and trash. Periodically cleaning leaves & trash out of the catch basin in the street helps reduce debris that allows better storm water flow and can help reduce basement & street flooding.
2. Dump your oil, grease, and fat in a disposable container. Don't put fat, oil, or grease down your drain. It will eventually build up and create blockages in your drain and may cause a backup into your home. (Have your delicious cooking stick to your ribs and not to your pipes.)
3. Disconnect your downspout and reroute the water. This act will direct storm water runoff into lawns and away from the storm drains which will prevent it from flowing into streams or rivers.

Learn more tips at: [www.detroitmi.gov/watertips](http://www.detroitmi.gov/watertips)

### DTE SENIOR DISCOUNT

If you are over 65, you should make certain your DTE Electric bill shows a \$3.75 credit under the **Delivery Charges** section. This is separate from other Senior discounts or programs. You need to call and ask for this credit, it's not automatic and it will save you \$45.00 A year.

Diane Patterson  
Vacant Property Task Force Committee Chairperson

## GOOD INFORMATION FOR YOU! WHAT I LEARNED AT "COFFEE WITH A COP"

This is a good Security Tip from an officer at the January 12th, Zoom "Coffee with a Cop" meeting. Did you know that you can purchase an inexpensive (\$25-\$50) GPS magnet for your vehicle and sync it to your phone (or another family member) to assist the police in tracking your vehicle if its stolen?

The GPS is placed in a secure and inconspicuous place in your vehicle. Thieves know where the system GPS is usually located and can quickly disabled it. This GPS magnet is an added layer of security that might just help you recover your car intact before thieves do their dirty work.

The 8<sup>th</sup> Precinct will have more information and possible handouts outlining what steps can be taken, with better technology, to help stop criminal activities. Best Buy, Amazon, and Spy Shop are some resources for this type of purchase.

### Mark your calendars....

- ✓ **The NEXT "COFFEE with a COP" is scheduled for Wednesday, March 9, 2022 at 10:00 AM via Zoom.** A GIN (Grandmont Information Network) announcement will be emailed closer to the date with connection details. \*FYI-These meetings are held every other 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month at 10:00 AM.

Submitted by  
Diane Patterson

## CELEBRATE BLACK HISTORY MONTH

### 10 Ways to Celebrate Black History Month at Home

1. Support Black-owned businesses.
2. Learn about noteworthy Black figures, their contributions and inventions.
3. Donate to charities that support anti-racism equity & equality.
4. Listen to or read The New York Times "1619" Project.
5. Purchase, read & share books by Black authors.
6. Virtually visit museums that center around Black history & culture.
7. Watch films or TV shows by Black creators.
8. Attend Black History Month virtual events.
9. Listen to, learn about, and share music created by Black artists.
10. Watch Black history documentaries.

Living News by Kenya Foy  
Submitted by Cora A. Duncan-Foster

**BLACK  
HISTORY  
MONTH**



## GRANDMONT YOUTH & EDUCATION



**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 12**



**DeLean Tolbert Smith, PhD**  
*Inventing History* Instructor  
 University of Michigan – Dearborn  
 Assistant Professor  
 Questions?  
[dtolbert@umich.edu](mailto:dtolbert@umich.edu)

Hello, good neighbors! *Inventing History* needs your help. *Inventing History* is a six-week course that introduces 6<sup>th</sup> grade students and their families to African American STEM history. With weekly hands-on workshops, students learn about African American inventors and innovators by creating their own invention.

With the assistance of Dr. DeLean Tolbert Smith, “Dr.Dele”, a Professor at University of Michigan-Dearborn and a resident of Rosedale Park, students and their parents can develop an invention and participate in the 2022 Michigan Invention Convention. Students also receive mentorship from a college STEM student mentor, as well as access to the Henry Ford Museum. The National Science Foundation has funded this project for the next 3 years.

To further assist the students in this competition, we are looking for community guest judges. Guest judges will be able to observe, evaluate, and provide the students with feedback via Zoom.

**For questions or more information, contact**  
**Dr. DeLean Tolbert Smith, [dtolbert@umich.edu](mailto:dtolbert@umich.edu)**

## WE NEED TO WEAR BETTER MASKS!

The rapid spread of the omicron variant means that many medical and public health experts are urging Americans to adopt better masking protocols to protect themselves and others from the spread of Covid-19.

Masking best practices have changed since the beginning of the pandemic, and confusion still abounds about which mask to wear and in what circumstances. However, medical experts are in agreement: Masks are a crucial component in stopping the spread of all variants of Covid-19, and the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH)-approved N95 respirator is still the most effective mask on the market.

Although a simple cloth mask is better than no face covering at all, superior options are now widely available — much more so than in March 2020, when Centers for Disease Control and Prevention guidance about whether masking was even necessary for Covid-19 prevention vacillated. And since the omicron variant appears to be far more transmissible than previous variants, masking is a critical tool in helping prevent the spread, particularly in areas where Covid-19 cases are high. Here’s what to know about masking and omicron.

### How mask usage should change with omicron

Mask-wearing guidance has changed a lot over the course of the pandemic, and omicron presents more changes — as well as more opportunity for confusion. With the high transmissibility of the omicron variant, experts say, masking is particularly important. Omicron is estimated to be about 2.7 to 3.7 times more infectious among inoculated people than the delta variant, which rapidly became the world’s dominant strain last summer. While many people are experiencing milder cases with omicron, cases are increasing precipitously, even in highly vaccinated areas. Its ability to dodge antibodies created by the available Covid-19 vaccines means that additional prevention measures — like masks — are now back in the spotlight. As Abraar Karan, an infectious diseases doctor at Stanford University, explained to *New York* magazine in December, cloth masks and face coverings don’t filter aerosols — the particles through which the coronavirus spreads — particularly well; they can escape from an infected person and easily be inhaled if both parties are wearing cloth face coverings.

That means surgical masks and N95 masks are the way to go in 2022, as a recent *Wall Street Journal* graphic illustrates.

N95 respirators in particular are much better at blocking these particles, according to Karan, due to the filter’s structure and the electrostatic charge that attracts and traps the tiny aerosol particles. Just as critically, the filter’s fit over the wearer’s mouth and nose is far better than a cloth mask or face covering, which can leave large gaps on the sides — giving infectious particles ample opportunity to escape.

### How can you get the right mask?

The N95 has been the gold standard for masks since the start of the pandemic, and they provide the most protection against Covid-19, including the omicron variant. Now that they’re no longer in critically short supply, they’re also the best option for day-to-day use.

Submitted By: Cora A. Duncan-Foster

## DTE INFOGRAPHIC

# DTE Energy is Upgrading Natural Gas Infrastructure

# DTE

## RE: Natural gas upgrade

Dear Valued Customer,

At DTE Energy, the safety of our employees and customers remains our top priority. That's why we've been working closely with medical experts to implement safety procedures that will help keep our team members, and you, as safe as possible as we gradually resume important infrastructure work that will allow us to continue to deliver safe and reliable natural gas.

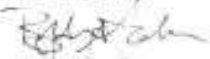
Rest assured that we are committed to doing what's right. When you see or interact with our crews, know that they will be following medically recommended safety protocols, including daily health screenings, social distancing and wearing face masks and gloves. If they need to enter your home, they will take additional precautions, like wearing safety glasses, a mask and nitrile gloves. We need your help, too. Please keep a safe distance (at least six feet) from our crews and let us know if you or anyone in your home has recently been ill.

We will soon be working in your neighborhood to replace aging natural gas lines with modern, long-lasting pipes. The upgrade includes moving equipment located inside your home outside. To do this, we will need to come into your home (see phase three).

Placing the gas meter on the outside of your home eliminates the need for DTE to enter your home for future meter maintenance and readings and allows more frequent, comprehensive safety inspections. This work is done at no additional cost to you.

We know these are uncertain times, but you can feel confident that DTE is doing everything in our power to keep you and your neighbors safe.

If you have questions about the upcoming work, please contact us at the phone number below.



Bryan Vairance

Manager, Gas Operations, DTE Energy

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[dteenergy.com/gasrenewal](http://dteenergy.com/gasrenewal)

## What to expect



### PHASE ONE: Notification

- This is your first notice; upgrade construction begins in approximately 1 - 2 weeks.
- During the upgrade, we will communicate progress via door hangers, face to face and on [Nextdoor.com](http://Nextdoor.com)
- Check your status here: [dteenergy.com/gasrenewalmaps](http://dteenergy.com/gasrenewalmaps)



### PHASE TWO: New Gas Lines Installed

- New main gas lines will be installed near the street and new service lines will be run to homes.
- Sidewalks and lawns may be torn up. A temporary solution will be put in place until permanent restoration is complete.



### PHASE THREE: Interior Meter Moved Out

- Gas meters located inside the home will be moved to your home's exterior where the gas line enters your home and upgraded if needed.
- DTE will knock on your door to schedule a convenient time during the construction process on your street to move the meter. We'll leave a door hanger with contact information if you are not home.
- If the meter is already outside, DTE will only enter your home after the installation is complete to relight your appliances. We'll let you know how to schedule this appointment once your upgrade is complete.
- During this phase your gas service will be interrupted for 2 - 3 hours.



### PHASE FOUR: Property Restoration

- DTE will restore all affected sidewalks, lawns, landscaping and driveways within 30 days of completion in May-October.
- If the upgrade is completed in November-April, a temporary solution will remain in place until weather permits permanent restoration. All restoration will be completed by June 30.

## HOW TO AVOID A SCAM

### Federal Trade Commission Consumer Information

Recognizing these common signs of a scam could help you avoid falling for one.

#### Four Signs That It's a Scam

1. **Scammers PRETEND to be from an organization you know.**

Scammers often pretend to be contacting you on behalf of the government. They might use a real name, like the Social Security Administration, the IRS, or Medicare, or make up a name that sounds official. Some pretend to be from a business you know, like a utility company, a tech company, or even a charity asking for donations. They use technology to change the phone number that appears on your caller ID. So the name and number you see might not be real.

2. **Scammers say there's a PROBLEM or a PRIZE.**

They might say you're in trouble with the government. Or you owe money. Or someone in your family had an emergency. Or that there's a virus on your computer. Some scammers say there's a problem with one of your accounts and that you need to verify some information. Others will lie and say you won money in a lottery or sweepstakes but have to pay a fee to get it.

3. **Scammers PRESSURE you to act immediately.**

Scammers want you to act before you have time to think. If you're on the phone, they might tell you not to hang up so you can't check out their story. They might threaten to arrest you, sue you, take away your driver's or business license, or deport you. They might say your computer is about to be corrupted.

4. **Scammers tell you to PAY in a specific way.**

They often insist that you pay by sending money through a money transfer company or by putting money on a gift card and then giving them the number on the back. Some will send you a check (that will later turn out to be fake), tell you to deposit it, and then send them money.

#### What You Can Do to Avoid a Scam

**Block unwanted calls and text messages.** Take steps to block unwanted calls and to filter unwanted text messages.

**Don't give your personal or financial information in response to a request that you didn't expect.** Legitimate organizations won't call, email, or text to ask for your personal information, like your Social Security, bank account, or credit card numbers. If you get an email or text message from a company you do business with and you think it's real, it's still best not to click on any links. Instead, contact them using a website you know is trustworthy. Or look up their phone number. Don't call a number they gave you or the number from your caller ID.

**Resist the pressure to act immediately.** Legitimate businesses will give you time to make a decision. Anyone who pressures you to pay or give them your personal information is a scammer.

**Know how scammers tell you to pay.** Never pay someone who insists you pay with a gift card or by using a money transfer service. And never deposit a check and send money back to someone.

**Stop and talk to someone you trust.** Before you do anything else, tell someone — a friend, a family member, a neighbor — what happened. Talking about it could help you realize it's a scam.

#### Report Scams to the FTC

If you were scammed or think you saw a scam, report it to the Federal Trade Commission (<https://reportfraud.ftc.gov/#/>)

Submitted By: Cora A. Duncan-Foster







What makes our community so special is it's people and the dedication from all of our volunteers and neighbors who continue to show up for each other every single day. GCA thanks all of our volunteers for all of your hard work and support this year. Without you, none of our programs, events and projects would be possible. Our work would not be possible without the generous support of our neighbors and your membership dues! Membership dues are an essential part of our community's engagement and our work for the community. So Grandmont Community Association needs your help to meet our membership goal for the year. This year through our membership dues we've been able to plan for multiple neighborhood cleanups, our Youth and Education Book Drive, our Family Fun Day and our Annual Business Community Meeting, our bi-monthly Grandmonitor and so much more! This year we are also set to provide another year of snow removal services which overs curb to curb services for all Grandmont streets from Schoolcraft to Grand River. Remember your membership is your voice for our community!

Pay your membership dues today! Via mail or online at [www.GrandmontCommunity.org](http://www.GrandmontCommunity.org).



**Grandmont Community Association  
Grandmonitor Advertising Request Form**

**Business Information**                      **Date of Application:** \_\_\_\_\_

Company Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Grandmont Community Association  
MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION**

(INCLUDES STREET SNOW REMOVAL, NEWSLETTER, SCHOLARSHIPS, COMMITTEES, EVENTS, LOBBYING, ETC.)

NAME(s): \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE(s): \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE ADD MY EMAIL ADDRESS TO THE FOLLOWING COMMUNITY RESOURCES:

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NUMBER OF ADULTS IN HOUSEHOLD \_\_\_\_\_

**MEMBERSHIP YEAR(S) BEING PAID:**

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2022 \_\_\_\_\_ 2024 \_\_\_\_\_

ADDITIONAL DONATION \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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**I AM INTERESTED IN JOINING THE FOLLOWING GCA COMMITTEES:  
(COMMITTEE CONTACT INFORMATION ON PAGE 2 OF GRANDMONITOR)**

- |                               |                                  |
|-------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| _____ Arts & Craft Fair       | _____ Nominations                |
| _____ Beautification          | _____ Ramsay Park                |
| _____ By-Laws                 | _____ Safety/Security            |
| _____ Education & Youth       | _____ Scholarship                |
| _____ Environmental           | _____ Social Planning            |
| _____ Finance                 | _____ Street & Block Captains    |
| _____ Membership              | _____ Web Site                   |
| _____ Grandmont Radio Patrol  | _____ Vacant Property Task Force |
| _____ GRANDMONITOR Newsletter |                                  |

**PAY YOUR DUES ONLINE WITH PAYPAL:**

Go to <https://www.grandmontcommunity.org/committees/membership.html>.

Pay for current, past or future memberships using Discover, Visa, Mastercard, or American Express through PayPal. The shopping cart will open in a separate window. \*\*Please note there is a \$2.00 convenience fee to pay online.

If you wish to pay for multiple years, please:

Date Year  
2021 - \$30.00 USD

Select the Year from the drop-down menu

1. Click **Add to Cart**
2. Add additional information regarding the order in the text box, e.g.: someone else is paying for your membership with their PayPal account or credit card. The person paying will need to enter your name and your address in the details line.
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# February 2022

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2 	3	4 RECYCLE/WASTE BULK PICKUP 	5 10AM—GCA Community Board Meeting Zoom
6	7 6PM—Grandmont Patrol Meeting—Zoom	8	9	10	11 Deadline for VPTF Fundraiser Rose Order	12
13	14 	15	16	17	18 RECYCLE/WASTE BULK PICKUP 	19
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<b>GRANDMONT COMMUNITY BOARD MEETING</b> <b>ZOOM ~ SATURDAY , MARCH 5, 2022~10AM</b>		<b>MARCH MEETINGS</b> <b>2022</b>		<b>GRANDMONT~ROSEDALE NEIGHBORHOOD SAFETY MTG:</b> <b>N. ROSEDALE PARK COMMUNITY HOUSE ~ Date/Time ~ TBD</b>		<b>8TH PCT. POLICE COMMUNITY RELATIONS MTG:</b> <b>MONDAY, MARCH 28, 2022~6:30PM</b>