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GRANDMONT COMMUNITY — HOME OF GOOD NEIGHBORS

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## GRANDMONT'S HOLIDAY APPRECIATION

### LUNCHEON IS COMING!

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*It's that time of year again when we encourage everyone in the Grandmont community to come out and show our appreciation to those who've given their time and energy so unselfishly to help in keeping Grandmont one of the premier communities in Detroit.*

*We first honored our Grandmont Board of Directors, Street & Block Captains, Grandmonitor Editors, Advertising Managers, Committee Chairpersons, their Members and others committed to keeping Grandmont a viable community in December, 2000.*

*We are continuing this tradition and hope you will join us. Tickets are only \$16.<sup>00</sup> and we ask that you RSVP to Barbara Halley-Peterson at 313-835-5601 or Krystal Thurmond at 313-837-6262 by December 3<sup>rd</sup>.*

#### 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.

## SAVE THE DATE!

### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2012

### 12:30 PM, TANGO'S IN SOUTHFIELD



HOME OF GOOD NEIGHBORS

# GRANDMONT

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### SAFETY / SECURITY INFORMATION

Call 9-1-1 to report emergencies & crimes in progress  
Call the GCA Safety/Security Chairperson 313-980-7799

EMAIL:

[grandmontcommunitycrimealerts@googlegroups.com](mailto:grandmontcommunitycrimealerts@googlegroups.com)

and/or [www.1800speakup.org](http://www.1800speakup.org)

**“If you see something, say something!”**



Report CRIME ANONYMOUSLY to Police:  
CALL: CRIMESTOPPERS  
1-800-SPEAK-UP (1-800-773-2587)

TEXT “TIP411” (847411) add DPD to msg

Report AUTO Theft ANONYMOUSLY to Police  
call: 800-242-HEAT (4238)  
[www.MIHEAT.org](http://www.MIHEAT.org)

Report NARCOTICS ANONYMOUSLY to Police  
CALL: 313-224-DOPE (3673)

Report ILLEGAL GUN ACTIVITY ANONYMOUSLY to Police  
CALL: 800-AFT-GUNS (800-283-4867)

REWARDS ARE AVAILABLE FOR INFORMATION LEADING TO  
ARREST AND PROSECUTION.



# GRANDMONT BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

SAT, NOVEMBER 3, 2012, 10 AM  
GRDC Office, 19800 Grand River

**EVERYONE IN THE COMMUNITY IS WELCOME AND ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND ALL MEETINGS**

**SUPPORT THE GRANDMONT COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION**



# GRANDMONT PATROL MEETING

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2012, 7 PM  
GRDC Office, 19800 Grand River

**LET'S DRIVE CRIME OUT OF OUR COMMUNITY**



## Grandmont Community Association

### MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

(Includes street snow removal, newsletter, scholarships, committees, events, lobbying, etc.)

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/ST/Zip: Detroit, MI 4822\_\_\_\_

Phone(s): \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Adults in Household \_\_\_\_

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

|             |       |      |       |
|-------------|-------|------|-------|
| 2009        | _____ | 2013 | _____ |
| 2010        | _____ | 2014 | _____ |
| 2011        | _____ | 2015 | _____ |
| <b>2012</b> | _____ | 2016 | _____ |

Other \_\_\_\_\_

Please mail with check or Money Order for **\$25.00** per year (\$10 for Southfield & Longacre Apartments) to:

**"GRANDMONT COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION" OR "G.C.A."**  
P.O. Box 27790, Detroit, MI 48227  
OR  
14567 Woodmont, Detroit, MI 48227

#### I am interested in joining the following GCA Committees:

- \_\_\_ Arts & Crafts Fair
- \_\_\_ Beautification
- \_\_\_ By-Laws
- \_\_\_ Education & Youth
- \_\_\_ Environmental
- \_\_\_ Finance
- \_\_\_ **GRANDMONITOR** Newsletter
- \_\_\_ Membership
- \_\_\_ Nominations
- \_\_\_ Ramsay Park
- \_\_\_ Safety/Security
- \_\_\_ Scholarship
- \_\_\_ Social Planning
- \_\_\_ Street & Block Captains
- \_\_\_ Web Site

- 
- \_\_\_ Grandmont Radio Patrol
  - \_\_\_ Vacant House Task Force

### THE GREAT NORTHWEST DISTRICT (6<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> PCT.) BEAUTIFICATION PROJECT

January 23, 2011 is a day of infamy that gave Detroit another black eye and traumatized the police officers, staff at our Northwest District station and the whole Detroit Police Department. A shooting took place that wounded several of our officers and left the perpetrator dead. Who would have thought that someone would ever be brazen enough to bring guns into a police station and wantonly shoot everybody in sight? Someone with a death wish for sure! We are blessed and grateful that none of our officers received life-threatening injuries.



BEAUTIFICATION CELEBRATION

You can imagine how it must have felt walking back into the precinct in the days and weeks that followed. However, two officers, Tanda Rawls-Owens and Baron Coleman, got a bright idea. If the station looked better, it might help the healing process and raise the morale of the officers working there. They stopped by the Home Depot on W. Seven Mile at Meyers and asked for a flower donation ~ just a few to spruce up the front of the station. Mr. Martin Zahn from the Home Depot Foundation was so impressed that he came over to the station to see what other ways he might be able to help and the Beautification Project was born. While this was not the typical Home Depot project, Mr. Zahn expressed how fulfilling and fun it was to give back and make connections in our community.



Kirk Hemler, Art Inst. of MI, Martin Zahn and other staff from Home Depot



Cmdr. Duane McKissic w/Daniel Wentworth

Other business partners soon came on board. Kirk Hemler was the President of the Art Institute of Michigan in Novi for only two weeks when he came into the project. Approximately 25% of his students come from our Northwest Detroit area and he thought it would be a good way for them to give back. Two students painted murals in the hallways and in the juvenile detention area that really brightened up the freshly painted blue walls. Daniel Wentworth from Ann Arbor Office Repair donated a copier-fax-scanner and will continue to provide needed maintenance and repair.



HALLWAY MURAL



JUVENILE DETENTION MURAL

On Friday, October 12<sup>th</sup>, a closing ceremony and dinner was held at the District to celebrate these renovations. Interim Police Chief Chester Logan and 36<sup>th</sup> District Court Judge Debra Geraldine Bledsoe Ford were there to support the officers as well as members from Grandmont, N. Rosedale Park, Schoolcraft Improvement Association, N'W Police Community Relations Organization, radio patrol members and several others from the contributing organizations.



Insp. Yost (8<sup>th</sup> Pct.)  
Insp. Thomas (6<sup>th</sup> Pct.)  
enjoy the festivities



Cmdr. McKissic, Officer Rawls-Owens, Chief Logan give a hand for all the hard work and project success

We sincerely thank Home Depot, Art Institute of Michigan, Ann Arbor Office Repair and others who supported and donated to this effort. Most of all we thank Officers Rawls-Owens, Coleman and the courageous and dedicated officers and administration of the 6<sup>th</sup> /8<sup>th</sup> Precinct for helping to keep us safe and keep this the GREAT NORTHWEST!

Mary Muhammad



GRANDMONT COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION  
2012 MEMBERSHIP BY BLOCK (to date at right)

RJB 10/19/2012

| BLOCK<br>ADDRESSES:          | STREET NAMES: |    |     |    |          |    |     |    |             |    |     |    |           |    |     |    |          |    |     |    |         |    |     |    |            |    |     |    | TOTALS |          |    |     |      |    |   |    |
|------------------------------|---------------|----|-----|----|----------|----|-----|----|-------------|----|-----|----|-----------|----|-----|----|----------|----|-----|----|---------|----|-----|----|------------|----|-----|----|--------|----------|----|-----|------|----|---|----|
|                              | ABINGTON      |    |     |    | ARCHDALE |    |     |    | ASBURY PARK |    |     |    | GRANDMONT |    |     |    | LONGACRE |    |     |    | RUTLAND |    |     |    | SOUTHFIELD |    |     |    |        | WOODMONT |    |     |      |    |   |    |
|                              | #             | pd | vac | %  | #        | pd | vac | %  | #           | pd | vac | %  | #         | pd | vac | %  | #        | pd | vac | %  | #       | pd | vac | %  | #          | pd | vac | %  |        | #        | pd | vac | %    |    |   |    |
| 13900 - 14000's              | 31            | 11 | 4   | 41 | 31       | 8  | 6   | 24 | 38          | 22 | 11  | 81 | 32        | 22 | 5   | 81 | 31       | 11 | 2   | 35 | 32      | 3  | 6   | 11 | 15         | 2  | 6   | 22 | 32     | 11       | 2  | 37  |      |    |   |    |
| 14100 - 14200's              | 27            | 17 | 1   | 65 | 32       | 15 | 3   | 48 | 37          | 18 | 3   | 53 | 27        | 13 | 0   | 48 | 31       | 12 | 4   | 44 | 28      | 11 | 2   | 42 | 16         | 3  | 0   | 13 | 27     | 11       | 4  | 48  |      |    |   |    |
| 14300 - 14400's              | 28            | 17 | 2   | 65 | 32       | 9  | 5   | 33 | 39          | 17 | 7   | 53 | 27        | 14 | 1   | 54 | 30       | 14 | 1   | 48 | 24      | 14 | 2   | 61 | 15         | 3  | 2   | 23 | 28     | 14       | 1  | 52  |      |    |   |    |
| 14500's                      | 17            | 8  | 1   | 50 | 25       | 6  | 2   | 26 |             |    |     |    | 17        | 14 | 1   | 87 | 23       | 5  | 7   | 31 | 16      | 7  | 0   | 44 | 21         | 2  | 9   | 17 |        |          |    |     | 27   | 12 | 3 | 50 |
| 14600 - 14700's              | 20            | 14 | 0   | 70 | 36       | 6  | 7   | 21 |             |    |     |    | 15        | 8  | 1   | 57 | 16       | 1  | 1   | 6  | 27      | 9  | 1   | 35 | 20         | 4  | 5   | 26 |        |          |    |     |      |    |   |    |
| 14900 - 15000's              |               |    |     |    | 25       | 2  | 4   | 9  |             |    |     |    |           |    |     |    | 38       | 5  | 1   | 11 |         |    |     |    |            |    |     |    |        |          |    |     |      |    |   |    |
| HOUSEHOLDS:                  | ###           |    |     |    | ###      |    |     |    | ###         |    |     |    | ###       |    |     |    | ###      |    |     |    | ###     |    |     |    | 87         |    |     |    | ###    |          |    |     | 1063 |    |   |    |
| MEMBERS PD.                  | 67            |    |     |    | 46       |    |     |    | 71          |    |     |    | 71        |    |     |    | 48       |    |     |    | 44      |    |     |    | 14         |    |     |    | 48     |          |    |     | 409  |    |   |    |
| VACANT HOME S                |               | 8  |     |    |          | 27 |     |    |             | 28 |     |    |           | 8  |     |    |          | 16 |     |    |         | 11 |     |    |            | 22 |     |    |        | 10       |    |     | 130  |    |   |    |
| PERCENT PD.<br>(of occupied) |               |    | 58  |    |          |    | 27  |    |             |    | 62  |    |           |    | 65  |    |          |    | 29  |    |         |    | 39  |    |            |    | 20  |    |        |          | 47 |     | 43   |    |   |    |

(# Homes listed as vacant are not used to determine percentage paid)

ANALYSIS: TOTAL CURRENT MEMBERSHIP TO DATE ABOVE RIGHT:

|           |                        |    |    |     |    |    |   |
|-----------|------------------------|----|----|-----|----|----|---|
| BLOCKS    | 70                     | %  | to | 100 | %  | 4  | (Excellent Street or Block Captains')                 |
| 40 BLOCKS | #                      | 50 | %  | to  | 69 | %  | 11 (We should expect every block to be in this range) |
| TOTALS:   | #                      | 30 | %  | to  | 49 | %  | 13 (Need help!)                                       |
|           | # BLOCKS 30% & UNDER = |    |    |     |    | 12 | (Need lots of help!)                                  |
|           | TOTAL BLOCKS:          |    |    |     |    | 40 |   |

- \*NOTES: 1) Total number of households increased due to individual apartments on Longacre counted with reduced dues cost (instead of being listed as address alone at full dues). (74 HOUSEHOLDS - 30 MEMBERS ADDED IN 2009 WITH 2 NEW BLOCKS ON ASBURY PARK)
- 2) Dual address homes (upper and lower flats on Archdale and Asbury Park) are still listed as single households for dues.
- 3) Side street addresses (Kendall, Lyndon, Monnier) now listed as part of nearest block for Block Captain servicing.
- 4) Southfield apartments at Schoolcraft are not counted at all (no memberships in over 20 years)
- 5) All Block Captains should try to have a Co-Captain or Assistant Captain to help them collect dues, pass out the Grandmonitor, or other information when they need help, are ill, or away. Co-Captains should not be in the same household.
- 6) Communication is important between Block Captains, Street Captains, the Street & Block Captains Chair, and Treasurer.
- 7) Every member is important in reporting new vacancies, new residents, crime activity, or problems in services.

GRANDMONT IS PREPARING FOR 2013

The Grandmont Community has had a very successful 2012 thus far, but we can't do the good work without your help. Supporting our community with your dues is a great bargain for the many services and programs we provide to our residents. We are now beginning our 2013 membership drive.

The GCA Board must make some important decisions and adopt our 2013 budget on November 3<sup>rd</sup>. Many blocks have not been maintaining their fair share of membership dues paid. Unless many more residents pay some back dues for 2011 and 2012 or there is a significant increase in early payment for 2013, the Treasurer will recommend cuts that may affect those blocks not paying **by canceling their street snow removal**. One-third (1/3) of our dues go to snow removal and those prices have risen. We have cut our previous budget over 20% and cannot properly service all our residents and community committees unless your dues are maintained. Dues are only \$25 per year or \$10 for Southfield or the Longacre apartments.

G.C.A. dues are payable at the beginning of each year. If you have not already paid for 2012, missed other years, or want to get a jump on your 2013 dues, please send a check or money order payable to the "GRANDMONT COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION" to your Block Captain or to one of the addresses listed below. Please complete a membership form located on page 3 of the GRANDMONITOR. It will be most helpful in our maintaining up-to-date records. A membership identification card, for all years you pay, will be issued within one week of receipt of your payment.

Please mail your dues payments and membership coupon to our Post Office Box or drop it in our Treasurer's mail box at 14567 Woodmont. Or, if you'd like to make other arrangements or have questions, call the Treasurer at (313) 838-0248 or your Block Captain.

Thank you for your immediate attention,  
Richard Berlin, G.C.A. Treasurer

## **FORECLOSURE ASSISTANCE: THERE IS PLENTY OF HELP AVAILABLE FOR HOME OWNERS**



I want to inform those who are:

- Purchasing homes and are struggling to pay their mortgages,
- Those that have not been able to refinance their homes, and
- Those who are late with paying their mortgages.

I bought my home in 2005 and after paying my mortgage for two years, my mortgage was transferred to Countrywide Mortgage. Well it seems that I was a new home buyer with an ARM (annual renewable mortgage). While paying my mortgage, my payments started creeping up higher and higher. I contacted my mortgage company several times to try to get some relief. I complained that the payments were too high for me to pay. After some time and more calls, I was informed that I could get a modification. I was sent papers to sign and my payment was reduced for about six months. Then, I was right back in the same situation!

I then called BAC (Bank Of America), who had recently bought Countrywide. When I inquired about my modification, I was told that I had no modification on file. I explained and read the paperwork I had received but they knew nothing about it. I then heard about a non-profit that assisted home buyers by the name of "MISSION OF PEACE". After my wife and I conferred with them, we were able to apply for a modification through President Obama's "Making Homes Affordable Program". We were presented with a new modification program which reduced my interest rate on both of my loans to 2% for 5 years. I signed the papers and continued making my payments.



Shortly thereafter I learned that US Attorney General Eric Holder of the Justice Department and 49 state attorneys from across the country filed a lawsuit against the nation's five largest mortgage servicers: Bank Of America Corporation, J.P. Morgan Chase & Co., Wells Fargo & Company, Citigroup Inc. and Ally Financial Inc., to resolve violations of state and federal law. The Justice Department and State Attorneys won the settlement for \$ 25 billion dollars. The consent judgments provide the details of the servicer's financial obligations under the agreement, which include "*Payments to Foreclosed Borrowers and more than \$20 billion in Consumers Relief*".

I called BAC and asked to speak to someone regarding the US Justice Dept. – State Attorneys Settlement and was transferred to that office. After not hearing anything for about a month, I called back only to be told that an administrator had not been appointed to dispense the funds. Shortly thereafter, I received a letter from BAC stating that under the settlement I qualified for a modification, refinancing, interest reduction or principle reduction. I have since been awarded a principle reduction from BAC, with three trial payments after which the bank will do a 90-95% reduction of my principle balance to the market rate in Grandmont. This testimony is for those who find themselves underwater.

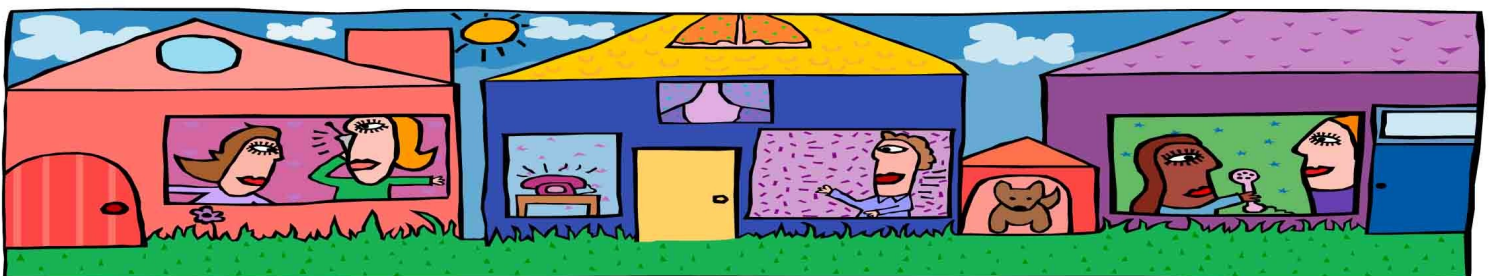


For those who lost their homes due to foreclosure between the years of 2008 – 2011, you should contact the State Attorney's General office in Lansing, MI. or the local office at Cadillac Place on West Grand Blvd.

There are a number of non-profit organizations that are qualified to assist you. I am recommending the following: Detroit Non-Profit: (313) 972-1111 and Mission Of Peace: (313) 967-0141. Additionally, I suggest that you go online to President Obama's program website [makinghomesaffordable.org](http://makinghomesaffordable.org); you should then make contact by calling the 800 number listed.

**I pray you get the assistance you need**

**Jerry E. Webb, Jr.**





## ENVIRONMENTAL CORNER

The Environmental Committee frequently surveys the neighborhood. Your active participation contributes to a strong and unified Grandmont Community. **THANK YOU!**

**November** – A time to give thanks! Thanks to all of our good neighbors who watch out for us and are active participants in the Grandmont Community. Our environment is a better place because of your support.

**November Chores:** Don't forget to rake your leaves, clean the gutters, and sweep the street of debris that will clog the street drains if not cleared. Pick up litter – it's exercise! This month make sure smoke detectors are installed and batteries are fresh. Also make sure your fire extinguisher is charged, everyone knows where it is and how to use it. Plan a family escape plan "just in case" – be prepared for emergencies!

**Rental Property in Grandmont– FYI:** Rental property must be registered with the city. This rental inspection code helps protect the integrity of our property while keeping check on absentee landlords' responsibilities for home upkeep. If you know of rental property that is in disrepair, call the city or the GCA Environmental Committee with the address of the rental property and tenant's/owner's name if possible. This information remains confidential. The City of Detroit has a Rental Dwellings Pamphlet that explains the inspection requirements and responsibilities that are part of the Property Maintenance Division of the Buildings and Safety Engineering Department. Be aware of these regulations; they are for your benefit and our community stability and housing preservation.

Guidelines and regulations should be understood by both the owner and the tenant. Inspections are required annually on rental property. To arrange an inspection call **(313) 224-2733** or write to the Property Maintenance Division at the Coleman A. Young Municipal Center, Suite 412, Detroit Michigan 48226. These inspections include Structural, Electrical, Plumbing, Heating and Environment. The Neighborhood Legal Services (NLS) can also provide legal assistance if you have questions. Their website is [www.wcnls.org](http://www.wcnls.org). Phone numbers for NLS are **(313) 874-5820** or **(313) 964-1975**.

**Vacant House Watch:** Please be vigilant. Pay attention to strangers who may be on the lookout for a place to trespass. Usually this translates to illegal electrical hook-ups and possible other illegal activities that negatively impact our community safety and security. Question contractors and note dates and info, take pictures, and use precautionary methods while being aware of what's happening on your block. Know who belongs - and who doesn't. Take the initiative and promptly remove circulars/papers from vacant property on your block.

### **GREAT COMMITTEE CLEAN-UP DATE**

**(Grandmont Residents Eliminate Any Trash)**

**Sunday, November 11, 2012 (2 PM-5 PM)**

Yes, Sunday is a day of rest, and the Lord's Day, but sometimes good-neighbor actions are a way to give thanks, and give back to our community all at the same time. I'm certain God would approve when neighbors work together toward making their community a better place to live.

### **CALLING YOUNG AND OLD AND IN-BETWEEN . . .**

If you are available Sunday, November 11<sup>th</sup> we will meet at Ramsay Park (Ray Monnier and Longacre) at 2:00 PM. We will start at the park, but will also have signs posted to let you know the locations where we will be working if we have enough volunteers and time to do more. Please bring gloves, rakes, clippers, loppers, etc. – whatever tools you use – to help clean-up a bit before our regularly scheduled bulk pick-up date of Tuesday, November 13<sup>th</sup>. We will provide bags and unlimited enthusiasm! After all, this is **FREE** and good exercise for the mind and body.

*Diane Patterson  
(313) 836-3736*



## GRANDMONT ROSEDALE DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

**HOMEBUYER WORKSHOP ON NOV. 14** – Find out all you need to know about buying a home in the Grandmont Rosedale area at this informative workshop on Wednesday, Nov. 14<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM at the GRDC office, 19800 Grand River. Come learn about opportunities to purchase a fully-renovated, move-in ready home from GRDC. Special mortgage financing and down-payment assistance programs are available to make home ownership achievable and affordable.

Representatives from GRDC, Grandmont Rosedale Lending Solutions, and Robinson Realty Group will be on hand to answer all of your home-buying questions. To reserve your spot, contact Tom Goddeeris at **313-387-4732, ext. 111** or [tgoddeeris@grandmontrosedale.com](mailto:tgoddeeris@grandmontrosedale.com).

**NEW PROGRAM COULD HELP SAVE YOUR HOME** – Grandmont Rosedale Lending Solutions is offering an innovative new program designed to help families facing foreclosure stay in their homes and reduce their monthly house payments. This program is modeled after a successful initiative now underway in Boston, Massachusetts that has already helped 300 families. Under this program, Southwest Housing Solutions, a local non-profit organization, could purchase your home on a “short-sale” approved by your lender and then sell the home back to you at its current market value.

To find out more about this program and whether it could help you save your home, attend an informational workshop on Tuesday, November 13<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30 PM at the GRDC office, 19800 Grand River. For more information and to reserve your place at the workshop, contact Rosemarie DiRita at **313-600-4180** or [rdirita@swol.org](mailto:rdirita@swol.org).

**NEIGHBORHOOD SAFETY MEETING ON NOV. 29** – The monthly Neighborhood Safety meeting will be held on Thursday, Nov. 29<sup>th</sup> at 6 PM at the North Rosedale Park Community House, 18445 Scarsdale, between Glastonbury and Avon.

Neighborhood Safety Meetings are open to the public. Please join your neighbors, local law enforcement officials, and guest speakers as we learn and share crime prevention strategies. Every meeting provides important information to help keep us and our neighborhoods safer! For more information, contact Karen Johnson Moore at [kmoore@grandmontrosedale.com](mailto:kmoore@grandmontrosedale.com) or **313-387-4732, ext. 110**.

**JOIN THE CRIME ALERT!** Want to know what's going on around you? Join the GRDC Crime Alert system and you'll get email messages to update you.

The GRDC Community Security Program's staff monitors and sends out email crime alerts as reported by community residents about recent suspicious or criminal incidents or activities. Our goal is to provide timely information to residents and when possible and appropriate, to offer crime prevention strategies and reminders that may help keep us safer in the future.

Send an e-mail request to [grandmontrosedalecrimealert@googlegroups.com](mailto:grandmontrosedalecrimealert@googlegroups.com) to join the Grandmont Rosedale Crime Alert system and please share this invitation and e-mail address with other neighbors and friends who also live in the Grandmont Rosedale area.

**NOTE:** This alert system is designed to help increase our awareness for our own personal safety and/or to show possible trends and to help increase the arrest and prosecution rate of criminals. This alert system is **not** to be used for community announcements about programs or activities, but only for reporting



suspicious or criminal activity or crime prevention tips. We also ask that people not “reply” to any given incident via the system, but instead to direct comments to [info@grandmontrosedale.com](mailto:info@grandmontrosedale.com) or call and leave a message at **313-387-4732, ext. 100**.

**VACANT HOUSE and SQUATTER ALERT** – Do you have any vacant houses on your block? Do you suspect squatters may be occupying a vacant house on your block? If so, please give GRDC Vacant Property Intern Braden Latham-Jones a call at **313-387-4732, ext. 117**, and report the addresses and as much other information posted or available to him (or send an email to [blathamjones@grandmontrosedale.com](mailto:blathamjones@grandmontrosedale.com)).

**NOTE:** In Rosedale Park, contact Stacy Pugh (**313-574-8889**) to report suspected squatters and contact Debbie Kent (**313-836-4737**) to report vacant property. If the house or suspected squatters are in North Rosedale Park, contact Clarendia Webb (**313-330-7844**). If the house or suspected squatters are in Grandmont, contact Diane Patterson (**313-836-3736**).

It takes a **LOT** of people to keep track of and take care of all of the vacant houses in our neighborhood. Please do all that you can to maintain the yards of the vacant houses on your block – pick up trash and flyers, and do what you can to make the house look occupied. If you are already taking care of vacant houses in your community, **THANK YOU** and thanks for being a good neighbor!

**GET THE GRDC E-MAIL BLAST!** – GRDC sends out a regular weekly electronic newsletter, to let everybody know what’s going on in our neighborhood. Don’t miss out on the latest! If you want to know what's happening, send us your e-mail address. We’ll add you to our electronic mailing list and send you information of interest to the neighborhood. Send an e-mail to [tmccrory@grandmontrosedale.com](mailto:tmccrory@grandmontrosedale.com) and ask to be added to the list.

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## **CRIME PREVENTION TIP: GET TO KNOW YOUR NEIGHBORS!**

Get to know your neighbors—this cannot be said enough. Neighbors can be a useful asset to help prevent burglaries. Neighbors looking out for each other is one of the best crime prevention strategies there is!

- Notify your neighbors when someone is scheduled to do work around your home, so they can expect an unusual vehicle in your driveway or workers in and out of your home or a guest who will be staying with you.
- Exchange contact information with neighbors, including work numbers and/or cell phone numbers, just in case someone needs to notify you when you don’t answer your home phone, should there be an incident involving your home.
- Notify your neighbors when you’re going out of town; let them know if someone is going to be staying at your home. Also, if necessary hire a trusted neighbor’s youngster to remove sales papers from your front door, put Courville containers out and water plants or shovel snow from walkways to make sure your home looks the same as if you were there. Or offer to exchange this service with another neighbor, when they go out of town.

*For more crime prevention tips and strategies or to share your own Quick Tip, please contact GRDC Community Security Program Manager Karen Johnson Moore at [313-387-4732, ext. 110](tel:313-387-4732), or email to [kmoore@grandmontrosedale.com](mailto:kmoore@grandmontrosedale.com)*



## SMARTPHONE USERS SHOULD BE AWARE OF MALWARE TARGETING MOBILE DEVICES & SAFETY MEASURES TO HELP AVOID COMPROMISE

October 12, 2012

The IC3 has been made aware of various malware attacking Android operating systems for mobile devices. Some of the latest known versions of this type of malware are **Loozfon** and **FinFisher**. **Loozfon** is an information-stealing piece of malware. Criminals use different variants to lure the victims. One version is a work-at-home opportunity that promises a profitable payday just for sending out email. A link within these advertisements leads to a website that is designed to push **Loozfon** on the user's device. The malicious application steals contact details from the user's address book and the infected device's phone number.

**FinFisher** is a spyware capable of taking over the components of a mobile device. When installed the mobile device can be remotely controlled and monitored no matter where the Target is located. **FinFisher** can be easily transmitted to a Smartphone when the user visits a specific web link or opens a text message masquerading as a system update.

**Loozfon** and **FinFisher** are just two examples of malware used by criminals to lure users into compromising their devices.

### **SAFETY TIPS TO PROTECT YOUR MOBILE DEVICE:**

- When purchasing a Smartphone, know the features of the device, including the default settings. Turn off features of the device not needed to minimize the attack surface of the device.
- Depending on the type of phone, the operating system may have encryption available. This can be used to protect the user's personal data in the case of loss or theft.
- With the growth of the application market for mobile devices, users should look at the reviews of the developer/company who published the application.
- Review and understand the permissions you are giving when you download applications.
- **PASSCODE PROTECT YOUR MOBILE DEVICE.** This is the first layer of physical security to protect the contents of the device. In conjunction with the passcode, enable the screen lock feature after a few minutes of inactivity.
- Obtain malware protection for your mobile device. Look for applications that specialize in antivirus or file integrity that helps protect your device from rogue applications and malware.
- Be aware of applications that enable Geo-location. The application will track the user's location anywhere. This application can be used for marketing, but can be used by malicious actors raising concerns of assisting a possible stalker and/or burglaries.
- Jailbreak or rooting is used to remove certain restrictions imposed by the device manufacturer or cell phone carrier. This allows the user nearly unregulated control over what programs can be installed and how the device can be used. However, this procedure often involves exploiting significant security vulnerabilities and increases the attack surface of the device. Anytime a user, application or service runs in "unrestricted" or "system" level within an operation system, it allows any compromise to take full control of the device.
- Do not allow your device to connect to unknown wireless networks. These networks could be rogue access points that capture information passed between your device and a legitimate server.
- If you decide to sell your device or trade it in, make sure you wipe the device (reset it to factory default) to avoid leaving personal data on the device.
- Smartphones require updates to run applications and firmware. If users neglect this it increases the risk of having their device hacked or compromised.
- Avoid clicking on or otherwise downloading software or links from unknown sources.
- Use the same precautions on your mobile phone as you would on your computer when using the Internet.

**IF YOU HAVE BEEN A VICTIM OF AN INTERNET SCAM OR HAVE RECEIVED AN E-MAIL THAT YOU BELIEVE WAS AN ATTEMPTED SCAM, PLEASE FILE A COMPLAINT AT [www.IC3.gov](http://www.IC3.gov).**



## NEW AND UPDATED WHITE CASTLE RESTAURANT COMING SOON!

As you may have noticed while driving down Grand River recently, White Castle has finally begun the rebuilding project with hopes that the fall weather stays cooperative. For over eighteen months, they have been meeting with City and neighborhood groups to reveal plans for an updated restaurant that will give Grand River and Archdale a fresh new and modern look. Grandmont's location is first to have this custom new building design.



While representatives were in discussion to purchase the Fosdick Printing Company which previously stood on the corner of Archdale for many years, the owner passed away suddenly which made the purchase and demolition occur sooner. Then there were meetings with the City of Detroit Planning Commission and Grandmont Rosedale Development Corporation's (GRDC) Design Committee which assists business owners on Grand River and other major arteries keep their buildings pleasant and attractive to our neighborhoods.

Since White Castle sits in our Grandmont neighborhood, their representatives met with the Grandmont Board of Directors to get first-hand information and discuss our concerns. Grandmont had additional zoning requirements; plans would need to be changed or deviations approved through zoning appeal process. Also, we needed to approve final design plan to be comfortable with the aesthetics of the new building which will be steel construction with brick façade and built to last at least 30 years. The inside will be stainless steel that includes inside seating for approx. 30 patrons.



Board members also had several other concerns to address. Safety issues such as traffic – both street and

sidewalk and security were addressed. While they already have security in place; it will be expanded with additional cameras and alarm buttons since they will be a 24/7 operation. White Castle also promised to upgrade the landscaping, keep the property inside and outside and the surrounding area free of litter. There was also a great deal of discussion about the alley access because the City of Detroit doesn't permit alley access for general business use when the business is next to a residential neighborhood and two other property owners also abut the alley; Bushnell Church and the Marathon gas station. After White Castle agreed to eliminate alley access and provided us with the modified expansion plan, the GCA Board of Directors agreed to provide a letter of support for plans to the City of Detroit Planning & Development Division. An issue with their utilities was fixed by our Grandmont DTE representative.



There are also some other exciting new plans for the restaurant. It will still have a drive-through and approx. 16 parking spaces, including handicapped parking and access to the building. White Castle will introduce new food concepts, i.e. pasta, BBQ, sandwiches, etc. and has also committed to hiring Grandmont youth for summer employment and regular job and promotional opportunities for others in our area.



Since the renovations began a few weeks ago and the typical construction timeline is ninety calendar days from ground breaking, White Castle is hoping to complete the job sometime in January and reopen in February, 2013 with consideration for the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays. Even if you don't eat White Castles (WHAT??? :-), it is exciting to have a new venture in our Grandmont neighborhood! **STAY TUNED!!**



Mary Muhammad

## CITY SERVICES

**TRASH PICKUP DAY: Friday**  
**Trash Pickup Holiday Schedule**

If any of the following holidays is on or before your collection day, your service will be one day later:

- New Year's Day ..... Martin Luther King's Birthday
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- Labor Day ..... Thanksgiving Day
- Christmas Day

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**NEAREST BULK DROP-OFF LOCATION:**

**FACILITY:** Southfield Yard  
**LOCATION:** 12255 Southfield Service Drive

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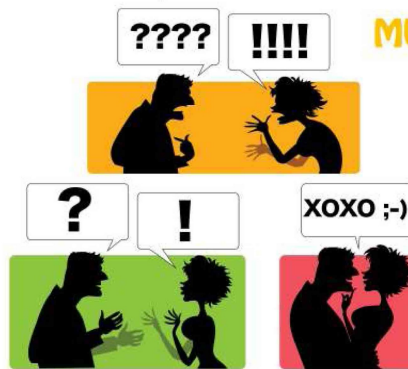
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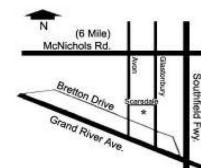
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| <i>8:00 pm Curtain</i>                                  |                |             |
| <b>Sat, November 10</b>                                 | <b>7:00 pm</b> | <b>\$25</b> |
| <b>NRPCA Benefit Performance</b>                        |                |             |
| <i>8:00 pm Curtain</i>                                  |                |             |
| <b>Sun, November 11</b>                                 | <b>2:00 pm</b> | <b>\$16</b> |
| <i>Matinee Performance, Students &amp; Seniors \$14</i> |                |             |
| <b>Fri, November 16</b>                                 | <b>8:00 pm</b> | <b>\$16</b> |
| <i>General Performance</i>                              |                |             |
| <b>Sat, November 17</b>                                 | <b>7:00 pm</b> | <b>\$22</b> |
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|   |   |  |   | 1<br>4PM-5PM Yoga at Chaney Library   | 2      | 3<br>10AM - GCA Board Meeting at GRDC Office                  |
| 4<br><br>Day Light Savings Time Ends @ 2AM                     | 5<br>7PM—Grandmont Patrol Meetings at GRDC Office                             | 6<br><br>Election Day | 7   | 8<br>4PM-5PM Yoga at Chaney Library   | 9      | 10  |
| 11<br><br>Veterans Day<br>2PM-5PM—GREAT Committee Clean-Up Day | 12  | 13<br><br>BULK PICKUP | 14  | 15<br>4PM-5PM Yoga at Chaney Library  | 16     | 17<br>10AM to 2PM—Rosedale Recycles at Christ The King Church |
| 18  | 19  | 20   | 21<br>7 PM—GRDC Board Meeting at GRDC Office, 19800 Grand River | 22<br><br>Happy Thanksgiving               | 23     | 24  |
| 25  | 26<br>7PM—NW DISTRICT POLICE COMMUNITY RELATIONS MTG AT BUSHNELL CONG. CHURCH | 27   | 28  | 29<br>4PM-5PM Yoga at Chaney Library<br>6PM—Grandmont Rosedale Neighborhood Safety meeting at N Rosedale Park Community House | 30     |   |
| GRANDMONT COMMUNITY BOARD MEETING<br>GRDC OFFICE, 19800 GRAND RIVER—SATURDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2012~10 AM  |   | DECEMBER MEETINGS  |   | GRANDMONT~ROSEDALE NEIGHBORHOOD SAFETY MTG:<br>N. ROSEDALE PARK COMMUNITY HOUSE—Thursday, December TBD, 2012~6PM              |        |   |
| GRANDMONT PATROL MEETING<br>GRDC OFFICE, 19800 GRAND RIVER—~ MONDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2012~7 PM  |   |  |   | NW DISTRICT POLICE COMMUNITY RELATIONS MTG:<br>BUSHNELL CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH—Monday, December TBD, 2012~7PM                  |        |   |