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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.

HAPPY 2013 GRANDMONT NEIGHBORS



DR. EARLENE HALL
GCA PRESIDENT

Welcome to our New Year full of Comprehensive, Optimistic Possibilities for the Grandmont Community. These things don't just happen. It is my belief that the best way to move forward is with a "Comprehensive Plan". The best tool in developing a "Comprehensive Plan" is to reflect on where we've been. We have so many things, people and community connections to be thankful for. 2012 brought us closer together as a community in many ways. We are grateful for those volunteer warriors which were out there on the front line making it happen for the entire community.

Property values are starting to slowly climb upward. Are you aware that our Vacant House Task Force worked on projects every month in 2012? They were constantly asking for neighbors to come out to help. Just a couple hours a month made a tremendous difference in boarding up and painting the boards on vacant and abandoned houses on every block. Several residents worked diligently to eliminate unsightly blight in our community. Cutting grass and removing debris helped Grandmont maintain a "polished look" to perspective home buyers; but the call that went out for assistance in getting the job done had few replies. Crime rates are generally lower within our boundaries than in the surrounding areas. Finding new volunteers to support our mobile radio patrol is scarce. The Farmers Market, located within our community boundary, continues to provide the fresh fruits and vegetables that many communities in the city have no access to and desperately needs our support.

As we reflect on 2012, the key question we all must answer is "Did I do anything to help my community move forward"? What would happen (heaven forbid!) if everyone who is currently active in the community just stopped? What if simultaneously they grew weary of the lack of community engagement and neighborhood apathy? The thought of that scenario is frightening!

Let's All Get on the Ball in 2013. What is in your personal "Comprehensive Plan" for the New Year? Every small contribution will make an impact on the whole. Remember, if you are not an ACTIVE part of the solution, then you are part of the problem. I pray for each family ~ Blessings of Health, Prosperity and Joy.

In Neighborly Love,

Dr. Earlene Hall, President



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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
and/or 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

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, FEBRUARY 2, 2013, 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, FEBRUARY 4, 2013, 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	_____
2012	_____	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

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- ___ Grandmont Radio Patrol
 - ___ Vacant House Task Force

2012 GRANDMONT COMMUNITY APPRECIATION LUNCHEON

By Tracy E. Mathews

The Grandmont Community Association sponsored its annual Holiday Appreciation Luncheon on Saturday, December 15th at Tango's Restaurant inside of the Westin-Southfield Hotel honoring Grandmont residents for their dedicated community volunteer service.

GCA President Dr. Earlene Hall, the Mistress of Ceremonies, gracefully encouraged the 70-plus attendees which included the honorees, family, friends and associates. "As residents, you need to let your voices be heard," Pres. Hall said.

One of the honorees was our State Representative David Nathan. Representative Nathan and his family have lived in this community for eleven years and he has served as Vice President of the Grandmont Board. In his acceptance speech he shared with the group, he said "We've created ten block clubs within Northwest Detroit. His support for Grandmont takes on many forms – from orchestrating new legislation to providing fourteen (14) holiday turkeys to needy families in our community. Representative Nathan, like so many of the Grandmont neighbors that were being honored, is a "die-hard" sworn to duty.



St. Rep. David Nathan



Kathy Dunbar, Prayer Warrior, blesses food.

Many residents spend countless hours "rolling up their sleeves" for the betterment of the Grandmont neighborhood. Community Prayer Warrior Kathy Dunbar regularly extends her time focusing on the welfare of residents and has held monthly prayer vigils at Ramsay Park. Newly appointed GCA Board member, Edward Smith, spent so much time daily transporting fifteen (15) gallons of water per trip to Ramsay Park to feed newly planted landscaping. Jim Campbell, our community photographer, was honored for his intriguing works of art and for selfishly volunteering his expertise in photographing Grandmont events.



Jim Campbell receives award for photography

"If a community is going to maintain itself, it must maintain its history," President Hall said as she acknowledged our new GCA Historian Kevin



Richard Berlin, Treasurer / GRDC Rep

Johnson for his hard work. Dan Neal also received accolades, not only as our former longtime Historian but also for his tireless efforts performed as Ad Manager. Treasurer Richard Berlin was acknowledged for creating a timely budget for 2013 in addition to his many other involvements for the community. Diane Patterson was honored for her research and troubleshooting skills rendered as the "Go-to Person" for vacant properties and environmental issues.



Sonia & Kevin Johnson, our Historian/GRDC Rep

Honored Board members were: Dr. Earlene Hall, President; Ramona Miles, Vice President; Mary Muhammad, Secretary; Richard Berlin, Treasurer; Cora Duncan-Foster, Charlotte Hoefler, Harrison Dukes III,



Lorenzo Blount & Ed Smith

Robert Patterson, Edward Smith and Jerry E. Webb, Jr.

Honored Committee Chairpersons were: Lorenzo Blount (By Laws); Cora Duncan-Foster (Scholarship); Pat Edmonson (Environmental); Barbara Halley-Peterson (Youth and Education); Joan Harris-Williams (Street/Block Captains); Charlotte Hoefler (Beautification); Ramona Miles (Nominations); Muhsin Muhammad (Safety/Security and Grandmont Patrol President); Robert Patterson (Finance); Lorena Rashid (Garden Club); Krystal Thurmond (Social Planning) and the Grandmont Radio Patrol members.



Phil Foster, Ad Manager
Cora Duncan-Foster, GCA Board & Scholarship Comm.



Charity Edwards, former Block Captain



GCA Community Activists



Charles & Pat Edmonson, Environmental Comm.



Harrison Duke III & wife
GCA Board Mbr.



Diane & Robert Patterson, Environmental Comm. and Board Mbr.



Karen & David Bradfield



Jerry Webb, Jr. & his wife

Muhsin Muhammad, Grandmont Patrol President with members Denise Boudreaux, Janet Adams, Gay Montgomery, Tracy Mathews and Yvonne Sanders

Barbara Halley-Peterson, Youth & Education, Krystal Thurmond, Social Planning & Emily Hall, Grandmont Patrol

President Hall led the group in her traditional annual toast given to salute the steadfast service of all Grandmont honorees before the crowd dispersed to dine. The menu consisted of baked chicken, Mostaccioli with turkey sauce, mashed potatoes, a medley of steamed vegetables, a salad of mixed greens, rolls and iced tea. A fruit tray of raspberries, blackberries, pineapple and melon was displayed. Desserts included: New York-Style cheesecake, blueberry pie, a raspberry torte and black forest cake and other delectable treats.

Pianist Michael Evans and Violinist Michael Saxon relaxed the atmosphere by playing jazzy renditions of Motown's "Just My Imagination" by the Temptations and "Inside Myself" by Art Porter along with other genres of music. Singer Kim Anderson of Romulus, Michigan adopted Anita Baker's song "Sweet Love" as her own.



Michael Evans & Michael Saxon w/Kim Anderson & Audrey Bell

The event's primary color theme consisted of red and gold to awaken the holiday spirit. The dim lights and décor mirrored the mood and attitude as the guests mingled to share ideas and anecdotes.

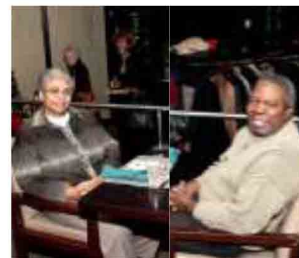
Will Smith, a seven-year resident who has served three years as a Block Captain (Southfield and Lyndon), smiled with satisfaction. "Whenever a neighbor moves, I maintain the lawn. It's just like being around family. I like the way the people of the neighborhood all work together. There seems to be a lot of love within this community," Smith said.

Charlotte Hoefler and JoAnne Podlucky moved into the neighborhood three years ago. "Grandmont is a wonderful place to live. The yard sales and garden tours keep getting bigger and better," Hoefler remarked. She is chair of the Beautification committee and on the Scholarship committee. Podlucky, also a member of the Beautification and Scholarship Committees, said she enjoys entertaining relatives at their home during the holidays.



Charlotte Hoefler, Lorena Rashid & JoAnne Podlucky keep Grandmont beautiful

President Hall appreciates those residents who are diligently working behind the scenes away from the limelight. The term of endearment she uses for those individuals is "A Guide On The Side."



Grandmont residents enjoying our Annual Holiday Appreciation Luncheon

Safety, security, vacant housing and budget allocations are chief concerns. However, Dr. Hall said she is also eagerly anticipating further development of new ideas and plans for additional community reinforcement. While discussing volunteerism, community commitments and acquiring new programs, she also quoted an adage from her grandmother, "YOU DON'T NEED A LOT OF RULES IN YOUR LIFE; JUST ASK (YOURSELF) ONE QUESTION: IS THIS THE RIGHT THING TO DO?"

2012 GRANDMONT COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS



OWEN KIRKLAND PIERCE:



OWEN KIRKLAND PIERCE is a graduate from Cass Technical High School and is currently attending Wayne State University. He is an Engineering Major. His goal is to become an engineer. Owen plans to obtain no less than a Master's degree. In the summer of 2005, Owen was able to travel to England and Scotland through the **"PEOPLE TO PEOPLE"** Program. He was chosen one of thirty out of 200 applicants for the **"YES FOR PREP"** Program. He

maintained a 3.6 GPA while graduating Magna Cum Laude along with Cass Tech Honors. He obtained a 4.00 GPA on his last report. Mr. Pierce is a Wade H. McCree, Jr. Scholar receiving full tuition coverage over four years. Owen said that with the help of this scholarship, "I would be able to reduce the maintaining cost of my college education so that I can stay focused on the most important task, getting my education!"

LULA EVETTE TAYLOR



LULA EVETTE TAYLOR is a graduate from Bradford Academy High School. Ms. Taylor is a member of the National Honors Society and graduated Salutatorian. Lula is currently attending Western Michigan University with a major of Biomedical Sciences and a Psychology Minor. Her goal is to become a neurosurgeon. Last summer, she chose to get an early start of college. Lula attended the Foreign Language Immersion Culture School for eight

years where she learned to speak Mandarin Chinese. Ms. Taylor obtained a 3.75 GPA on her last report card. Lula said, "that with diligence, I can accomplish anything!?"



GCA Board Members congratulation our scholarship winners



GCA President, Dr. Earlene Hall and Scholarship Committee Chair, Cora Duncan-Foster address our scholarship winners

By Cora Duncan-Foster, Scholarship Committee Chairperson

ENVIRONMENTAL CORNER

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

HAPPY NEW YEAR! Helen Keller's words should resonate with each and every one of us: "Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much." It's a good aspiration for the New Year in Grandmont as budgets get cut and city services decline. An Irish saying that's also appropriate is: "*Be happy with what you have, and you will have plenty to be happy about.*" We have plenty to be grateful for in our neighborhood, and that should make us all happy. Grandmont can be proud of its accomplishments and reputation in these trying times thanks to the many caring, energetic, enthusiastic volunteers who give tirelessly of their time to make our neighborhood – and city – a better place to live. Our neighborhood relies on the good will and extra efforts of each of us to make a good "*first impression*" of the good neighbors and the architecturally diverse homes in the Grandmont Community.

JANUARY ~

Reflections and resolutions usually begin the New Year. For many, it's a time to make a fresh start, to re-think life choices and resolve to do better in 2013. We have many neighbors new to the Grandmont Community. Some know of Grandmont's history and embrace the quality of life we have come to expect. Others, we hope, feel fortunate to "discover" Grandmont after purchasing their homes. We welcome new families to our community and want you to experience the positive aspects of living here and also of being included within the Grandmont Rosedale Development Corporation (GRDC) boundaries.

That being said, it should be no surprise that we expect the best of our neighbors and families. Our properties should be litter free, landscaped, and maintained. "*I just didn't get around to it*" are not words that should be said regularly. We'd rather hear more of, "*Where there's a will, there's a way*" when it comes to home maintenance and pride of property. Take a look around and make some positive changes. Little things, if left undone, just become bigger issues and more difficult to handle or correct. "**JUST DO IT**" is often easier in the long run!

Here are a few suggestions to help get the year off to a good start and create better expectations and first impressions:

- Curtains, drapery, and blinds should be in good condition and hung in the windows properly. Torn or damaged shades, etc., need to be removed and replaced with proper window treatments. And it should go without saying that windows of occupied houses should not be boarded.
- Dogs should be leashed when being walked – and don't forget to use the 'POOPER SCOOPER'. Habitually loud, barking dogs need attention and/or training. You need watchful neighbors to see **WHY** your dog is barking (or **ALARM** is ringing). Unfortunately, angry or sleep deprived neighbors might not be too helpful in observing suspect activity.
- Do not park your vehicles on the lawn or berm area. Take your time when you pull into your driveway – especially if you have a narrow drive and a large car (it should get easier with patience, time, and practice!). Cars need to be parked on cement or black-top – even on private property. DPW can and will issue tickets for unlicensed/un-plated cars parked on lawns. (Commercial trucks need to be parked outside of our neighborhood.) Our goal is not to have tickets issued, but rather for everyone to enjoy a pleasant and serene view when we look out our windows.

**A SHARED VISION WITH A UNITED CONCEPT OF AN IMPROVED CITY AND
COMMUNITY – BLOCK BY BLOCK – HOME BY HOME – IS OUR GOAL!**

Again, **HAPPY NEW YEAR ...** and as Benjamin Franklin said, "**BE ALWAYS AT WAR WITH YOUR VICIES, AT PEACE WITH YOUR NEIGHBORS, AND LET EACH NEW YEAR FIND YOU A BETTER PERSON.**"

Diane Patterson
(313) 836-3736



GRANDMONT ROSEDALE DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

HOMES FOR SALE IN GRANDMONT ROSEDALE – If you, or anyone you know, are looking to buy a home in the Grandmont Rosedale area, then be sure to visit our web site, www.GrandmontRosedale.com, to see the renovated homes that are available from GRDC. GRDC homes are all move-in ready, with many updated features. Down payment assistance is also available to help buyers reduce their out-of-pocket costs and to make home buying more affordable.

In 2013, GRDC will be receiving a grant from the City of Detroit Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP). This grant will enable us to buy and renovate nine more vacant area homes. Eight of the nine homes are being purchased through a cooperative arrangement with the Detroit Land Bank Authority. These long-vacant homes were foreclosed for non-payment of taxes, and will be renovated and ready to purchase this spring and summer. For more information, contact GRDC at **313-387-4732, ext. 100**, or belong@grandmontrosedale.com.



OPPORTUNITY FOR LOW-INCOME CONSTRUCTION WORKERS AND BUSINESSES – If you are a low-income resident of the Grandmont Rosedale area and have skills and experience in home renovation and construction, GRDC would like to help connect you with contractors working on federally-funded home repair and renovation projects in our area.

GRDC utilizes federal funds provided by the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to renovate vacant houses and to provide home repair grants and loans to low-income homeowners in the Grandmont Rosedale area. Under Section 3 of the HUD Act of 1968, wherever HUD financial assistance is given for housing or community development, to the greatest extent feasible, economic opportunities must be given to low- and very low-income residents and businesses located in that area.

To qualify under Section 3, construction businesses must be owned by low - or very low-income residents, employ low - or very low-income residents in full-time positions, or subcontract with businesses that provide economic opportunities to low - and very low -income persons. GRDC will work together with local residents and contractors participating in our federally funded programs to share information about employment and/or training opportunities for residents who qualify under Section 3.

Contact GRDC Administrative Assistant Wilsie Calhoun at **313-387-4732, ext. 100**, or email info@grandmontrosedale.com for more information.

NEIGHBORHOOD SAFETY MEETING – After a brief holiday break, the monthly Neighborhood Safety meeting resumes on Thursday, Jan. 24th at 6 PM at the North Rosedale Park Community House, 18445 Scarsdale, when GRDC Community Security Program Manager Karen Johnson Moore will give a presentation on the Neighborhood Benefits District (NBD) campaign, a type of Special Assessment District (SAD). Detroit City Councilman James Tate and Karla Henderson, Group Executive for Planning & Facilities from Mayor Bing's office, will also be participating in the discussion about creating a SAD ordinance that will benefit many neighborhoods in Detroit. SAD Task Force members will also be available to answer questions.

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 **313-387-4732, ext. 110** or kmoore@grandmontrosedale.com.

NEW CRIME PREVENTION COORDINATOR – GRDC's new AmeriCorps VISTA intern Scott Knoll has begun work as the Crime Prevention Coordinator for GRDC's Community Safety Program. Originally from Grand Rapids, Knoll recently moved to Detroit following graduation from Grand Valley State University with a major in philosophy and political science. Knoll's previous experience working with other non-profits will come in handy as he works closely with the Crime Prevention Task Force, the group that plans the monthly Neighborhood Safety meetings and other crime prevention activities. Knoll can be reached at **313-387-4732, ext. 109**, or sknoll@grandmontrosedale.com. Welcome, Scott!

DONATE YOUR CLUNKER! – Got an old car you need to get rid of? Skip all the hassle of trying to sell it yourself and instead donate it to GRDC. You'll get a tax deduction and GRDC will get the proceeds from the sale of your clunker. Make your donation to Charity Motors (**313-255-1000**), and designate GRDC to receive proceeds from the sale. Charity Motors will even pick up your car for free. To date, 54 families have donated their cars to GRDC, for a total of **\$19,484**. Do you want more information? Contact Cathy Marshall at cmarshall@grandmontrosedale.com or **313-387-4732, ext. 103**.



HOME REPAIR PROGRAM – The City of Detroit, through its Planning & Development Department, provides home repair services under the CDBG Home Repair Program. Utilizing grant funds provided by the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), this program assists homeowners with their home repair needs, including eliminating lead-based paint hazards and addressing structural defects affecting the health and safety of its residents. Additionally, the CDBG Home Repair Program supports the city's efforts to preserve existing housing inventory and stabilize neighborhoods.

City of Detroit residents interested in receiving home repair services are invited to complete the "*Home Repair Program Entry Form*" which will place your name and information on a waiting list. Names are drawn from this list to receive a CDBG Home Repair Application as targeted areas are identified and home repair funds are available.

The "*Home Repair Program Entry Form*" is available online from the City of Detroit web site. Go to the Planning & Development page and click on the Home Repair Program Information link. Fill out the entry form and email to HRP@detroitmi.gov. To download and complete the form, you will need the latest copy of Adobe Acrobat Reader. For questions, please contact the City of Detroit's Housing Services Division at **(313) 224-3461**.

Eligible clients must meet the following minimum program requirements:

- Detroit must be your primary residence
- Your home must be an owner-occupied single family or a duplex housing unit
- You must not be delinquent on your property taxes
- You must have current homeowner's insurance
- The applicant must have owned the home for at least six months and the deed must be in the name of the applicant

Other requirements may apply. You must meet the income guidelines at 80% area median income (AMI) or below:

1 person	\$36,600	3 people	\$47,050	5 people	\$56,450	7 people	\$64,800
2 people	\$41,800	4 people	\$52,250	6 people	\$60,650	8 people	\$69,000

For additional information regarding the Home Repair Program, please contact: Housing Services Division, 65 Cadillac Square, Suite 1700, Detroit, MI 48226, **(313) 224-3461**. Hours: 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM (Monday-Friday).

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 to join the Grandmont Rosedale Crime Alert system, 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 or information via the system, but instead to direct comments to 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's Vacant Property Hotline a call at **313-387-4732, ext. 117** to report the addresses and any other information posted or available. Email vacantproperty@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 info@grandmontrosedale.com and ask to be added to the list.

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
- Memorial Day Independence Day
- Labor Day Thanksgiving Day
- Christmas Day

POLICE DISTRICT:

District: NORTHWESTERN
Precinct: 6TH & 8TH PRECINCTS
Address: 11450 WARWICK
Phone: 313 596 5600

N/W COMMUNITY ACCESS CENTER SERVICES:

Northwest Activities Center
 18100 Meyers, (313) 870-0649
 Mr. Tony Kinsey, Mgr

BULK PICKUP SCHEDULE: 2013 not yet available

NEAREST BULK DROP-OFF LOCATION: **FACILITY:** Southfield Yard **LOCATION:** 12255 Southfield Service Drive

These drop-off locations are open to Detroit residents only with proper identification. Residents are limited to one load per household per day, not to exceed one cubic yard or 1,000 pounds. The City will not accept demolition, construction, or remodeling debris (including shingles), household or commercial garbage, or tree stumps.

BULK DROP-OFF HOURS NOVEMBER THRU MARCH

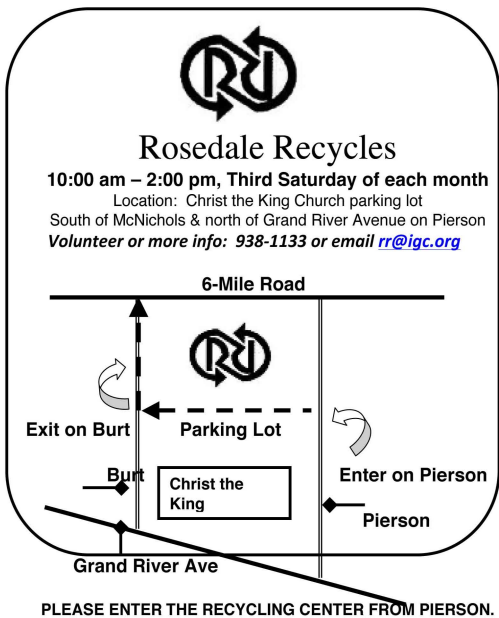
8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. • Tuesday thru Saturday

APRIL THRU OCTOBER

10:30 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. • Tuesday thru Saturday

(The J. Fons Transfer Station is open Monday-Friday from 8:00 a.m.— 4:00 p.m., the Southfield Yard location is open Monday-Saturday).

All locations (except J. Fons Transfer Station) are closed from 2:30—3:30p.m.



PLEASE ENTER THE RECYCLING CENTER FROM PIERSON.

2013

JAN	FEB	MAR	APR
19	16	16	20
MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG
18	15	20	17
SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC
21	19	16	21

Household Hazardous Waste April 20; Paper shredder June 15 & Nov 16.

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- BOOKS:** Bound, hardcover, paperbacks, and telephone books. No magazines in with books.
- CARDBOARD:** Brown, gray, white interiors; corrugated cardboard boxes; cereal boxes, shoe boxes, Kleenex boxes; paper grocery bags; **EMPTY, CLEAN, and FLATTEN.**
- ASEPTIC CARTONS:** Milk, soy milk, juice cartons. Remove plastic top, **RINSE**, flatten.
- GLASS BOTTLES & JARS:** Separate by color—clear, brown, green. **RINSE & REMOVE TOPS;** recycle metal lids with metals. **NOT ACCEPTED:** Plexiglas, Pyrex, window glass, drinking glasses.
- Metals:** No need to separate: tin or metal cans; copper, brass, aluminum foil, pie pans or cans; **RINSE and REMOVE LABELS;** flatten if possible to save space.
- PLASTICS:** Remove caps and tops and discard unless labeled as recyclable. Labels can be left on containers. Sort according to number on bottom of containers:

	Rinse & remove caps; put together
	Not accepted. Avoid this plastic when possible.
	Rinse & remove caps; put together
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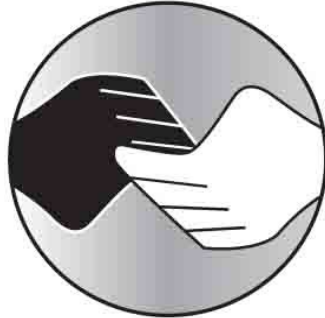
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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1  Happy New Year!!	2	3	4 	5 10AM - GCA Board Meeting at GRDC Office
6	7 6:30PM - Patrol Officers 7PM - Grandmont Patrol Meetings at Bushnell Cong. Church	8	9	10 4PM-5PM Yoga at Chancy Library	11 	12
13	14	15	16 7PM - GDRC Board Meeting	17 4PM-5PM Yoga at Chancy Library	18 	19 10AM to 2PM - Rosedale Recycles at Christ The King Church
20	21  Martin Luther King Day	22	23	24 4PM-5PM Yoga at Chancy Library 6PM - Grandmont Rosedale Safety Meeting at N. Rosedale Park Community House	25	26 
27	28 7PM - NW District Police Community Relations mtg at Bushnell Cong. Church	29	30	31 4PM-5PM Yoga at Chancy Library		
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