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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.

## GRANDMONT'S RISING STAR

*Ms. Mercedes-Antoniya Preston, who is an 11 year old Grandmont resident, called the Social Planning Committee to say 'she wanted to know what the Social Planning Committee did and that she wanted to be active in her community'. Well, at Grandmont's Annual Business-Dinner Meeting held on Saturday, April 13, 2013 not only was she active, but Board President Dr. Earlene Hall made her an interning Board member in training! This is her first article:*



On April 13, 2013, I was invited to volunteer at the Annual Dinner Meeting. I had many jobs. This was great, because I like doing new things. My first job was as a greeter. I handed out programs and welcomed people. My cousin China was visiting me that weekend, so she came along and volunteered, too. It was fun; we met different people from the community. After a while, the area where we were greeting became crowded; the tables were filling fast. China and I had to move to a new location to greet.

My second job was helping the elders. I gave them their dinner plates. I helped one lady and China helped another. My elder was Mrs. Gaines; she was so nice. She smiled and thanked me. Then, she invited me to her house to play with her grandchild. I look forward to that because she said that she has a trampoline!

Another wonderful part was the delicious food. The wing dings and green beans were very good. The caterers really outdid themselves. Also, the cake was beautiful; it was chocolate. That's my favorite. There was a vanilla cake, too; but I had no interest in eating that kind.

Overall, I had a wonderful time at the Annual Dinner Meeting. I love to volunteer. I have a passion for making peoples' days; helping and giving my time makes me ecstatic. Finally, I want to say congrats to all the new Board Members, including myself, who is the new Board Member Intern!

Mercedes-Antoniya Preston



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# GRANDMONT

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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

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[www.MIHEAT.org](http://www.MIHEAT.org)

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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, MAY 11, 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, MAY 6, 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	_____	<b>2013</b>	_____
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

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

## CHANGING OF THE GUARD IN GRANDMONT

I greet you in Neighborly Love. I want to acknowledge four phenomenal women which served our community with tireless and heartfelt dedication from the core of their souls. They are retiring from important leadership positions in our community. Please consider stepping up and helping out with just a little bit of your time.

**C**harlotte Hoefler was relatively new to the Grandmont Community when she accepted the invitation to serve on the board. A soft spoken gentle woman, she immediately found her niche and went to work in our community making it a better place to live. She brought a *standard of excellence* to everything she did. As the head of the Beautification Committee, you could sometimes see her quietly planting flowers in Ramsay Park or giving gardening advice to a novice gardener. Sister Charlotte (as she was lovingly referred) brightened the early morning task of picking up your flowers from the Annual Flower Sale by providing hot coffee with flavored cream and donuts ~ and did I mention the fresh cut flowers in a vase on the serving table?



**R**amona Miles came to serve on the Grandmont Board in the mist of “re-defining” the Board’s purpose and direction. She was a willing worker that NEVER said no when called upon. Dozens of times I called her, needing her help. Her response was always the same “Yes, I will Madam President”. The former Vice President of the GCA board was our biggest cheerleader, particularly in the business community. Her actions and footwork were behind most Grandmont events. One of my favorite stories of Madam Vice President was one summer afternoon I looked out of my front door to find her edging my front lawn. She said to me “Your lawn edge is a hot mess, and as President your lawn should reflect our *standards of excellence* to the entire community. I will take care of this for you. I’ve got you”.

**M**ary Muhammad has to retire from the GCA Board as Secretary; she has reached her term limitation. She assures me that her commitment to community activism will not stop with her tenure on the Board of Directors. As Secretary of the Board, Mary Muhammad was the wind beneath our wings. She operated through her own personal *standard of excellence* that laid a path for smooth Board operations. The entire time she was a member of the Board, I don’t recall her ever missing a single meeting or not providing minutes for every meeting. She devotedly sat through every meeting, meticulously recording each detail and motion. Always seated next to the President, she provided organization and behind the scenes direction to meetings for me. For issues and concerns brought up during discussions, she somehow always had some form of documentation ready for me to reference. Mary is a powerful Grandmont advocate who would never decline a new assignment that would always seem to surface.

**L**orena Rashid has an air of sophistication and a flair for creativity. After many years of providing leadership for the Grandmont Garden Club, due to personal circumstances, she must pass the leadership baton on to someone else. Lorena will not be leaving us; she is just unable to provide “direct leadership”. We are blessed to have the visionary support of a Master Gardener who functions with the highest *standards of excellence*. Last year the perennial dynamic duo of Lorena and Charlotte presented a First Class Garden Tour for the community of Grandmont. Their efforts raised more money last year than in previous years combined. The Garden Club under Lorena’s leadership always maintained the bright blossoming flower pots at our entrances that welcome visitors into our neighborhood and welcomes neighbors home.



These four ladies are Grandmont Angels. They not only “Talk the Grandmont Talk”, they “Walk the Grandmont Walk”! I am a believer in giving flowers when they can be smelled. Angels this bouquet is for you, with Love, Appreciation and God’s Blessings for all you’ve done.

In Neighborly Love,

Dr. Earlene J. Hall, President  
Grandmont Community Association

## GRANDMONT'S ANNUAL BUSINESS-DINNER MEETING WAS ANOTHER SUCCESS!



Pres. Hall, C. Duncan-Foster, C. Hoefler, Sec. M. Muhammad, R. Patterson, H. Duke, III; Vice Pres. R. Miles, J. Webb, Jr.; Treas. R. Berlin, E. Smith

### GRANDMONT COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION'S BEST BOARD EVER!

#### YOU DON'T HAVE TO MOVE OUT OF YOUR COMMUNITY TO LIVE IN A BETTER ONE! GET INVOLVED IN THIS ONE!

Good news and Bad news about our Grandmont Community Association (GCA) Annual Meeting. First, the GOOD NEWS. I'm confident we all had a wonderful time seeing friends and meeting new neighbors at our GCA Annual Dinner Meeting held Saturday, April 13, 2013. And the BAD NEWS – if you weren't there – you missed one heck of a party! That's bad news for *YOU* and our community because we need and count on *YOU* to participate. But let's get back to the good news. It was "standing room only" for some at Greater Burnette Baptist Church. While we were in a smaller room, it was much easier to navigate fewer steps and mingling and meeting people was more enjoyable. Smaller room – and larger support from our neighbors – combined with a professional and welcoming atmosphere added to the success of this annual meeting.



Pres. Hall & Owen Pierce

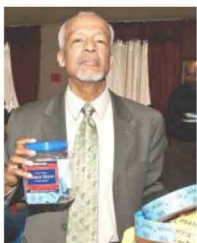
Right from the start, people were waved into the parking lot by one of our scholarship recipient's, **Owen Pierce** and next greeted by another very enthusiastic 11 year old Grandmont resident and future community leader, **Marcedes-Antoniya Preston**. She along with her cousin, **China Hill** participated; they guided some festivities, and handed out our programs and voting ballots.

There are so many people to thank for our smoothly run annual meeting. Dr. Earline Hall, our CEO (COMMUNITY EXTRAORDINAIRE ORGANIZER) gave an impassioned and enthusiastic short speech on the importance of a safe, connected, and sustainable community. Dr. Hall emphasized that the election of new GCA Board members comes with the responsibility of being present, of proper dues management, and scheduling the time and effort dedicated to bringing out the best in our community. Board member Robert Patterson added that capable GCA Board members are vital to keeping our neighborhood strong as well as our viable Street and Block Captain Network, which is under the competent guidance of Joan Harris. Thank you all!



Coach Muhsin Muhammad  
GCA's #1 Block Captain

Board Vice President Ramona Miles was also hands-on at our well-organized event along with Treasurer Richard Berlin and Asbury Park Street Captain Kathy Dunbar. Two 50-50 raffles were handled effectively by Board Members' Harrison Duke III and Jerry Webb. Two lucky residents went home a little bit richer and another neighbor won a free membership for one year. **CONGRATULATIONS!** Board Member Charlotte Hoefler and Joanne Podlucky held a "White Elephant" Sale where proceeds will benefit the Garden Club. The Flower Sale form was available and residents were encouraged to support our annual flower sale and beautify our neighborhood. We recognize that Grandmont has many GRAND neighbors. Thank you all for your support and generosity of both time and monetary donations. In other words, we all **"HAD A WONDERFUL TIME, WISH YOU WERE THERE"**.



Board Mbr Duke handles the raffle

Krystal Thurmond who heads the Social Planning Committee, along with Barbara Halley-Peterson, deserve most of the credit for tirelessly working to create such a memorable day. Everything went so smoothly, from the food to the preparations, you wouldn't think it took any effort at all – WE KNOW THAT'S NOT TRUE – Thank you!

One Grandmont scholarship recipient, Owen Pierce, spoke about his future at Wayne State and how our neighborhood scholarship helped provide money for books and supplies. We also were treated to a presentation of Grandmont's new and updated website by Ms. Jennifer Leonard who is actively working to create an easy, interactive, community resource for our benefit.

Reports were kept to a minimum by providing a detailed Program Brochure that included a brief

history of Grandmont which officially became part of Detroit in 1923. Committee reports and accomplishments were included as well as an in-depth Treasurer's report with budget allocations and up-to-date spending. While the city can't seem to get its financial act together, it's comforting to realize that our GCA Annual dues of only \$25.<sup>00</sup> is so wisely spent since we achieve so much. Think of the possibilities if EVERYONE contributed!



Councilman J. Tate with Block Capt. F. Gaines

City Councilman James Tate was in attendance and spoke with residents, as was Detroit Police Sgt. Franklin Hayes from the Community Relations Division. Mr. Derone Buffington, Community Affairs Consultant at DMC/Sinai Grace Hospital, good-naturedly overlooked the candied yams, corn muffins and desserts, while promoting healthy eating habits and other helpful health options. Grand River-Greenfield Businessman and the owner of Tower Center (the former Ward's Department Store) Mr. John Cromer attended along with Ms. Porter and suggested that neighbors stop,



Grand River/Greenfield Businessman J. Cromer

shop and see the improvements happening at Tower Center.

The wonderful dinner catered by CJ's cost only \$5.<sup>00</sup>! Lightly fried perch, coleslaw, muffins and were delicious a good thing - *almost*!



GCA Board Nominations from the board members had a few minutes to for our community. To all the not elected, please stay connected and don't already. A good motto to live by is *"that you don't let success go to your head or failure go to your heart"*.

Catering was another GRAND deal that chicken wings, yams, green beans, and then the cake was almost too much of

floor were accepted and prospective speak about themselves and their goals nominees we say thank you and to those continue to work on a committee if you

#### **OUR NEWLY ELECTED GCA BOARD MEMBERS ARE:**

Richard Berlin (Incumbent)

Cora Duncan Foster (Incumbent)

Jomo King

Odo Olaf

Charlotte Wright



C. Wright

J. King

C. Duncan-Foster

O. Olaf

R. Berlin

#### **RAMSAY PARK CLEAN-UP**

A direct result of so many people attending the Annual Meeting was participation the next day (Sunday, April 14<sup>th</sup> from 9 AM – noon) to cleanup Ramsay Park. Many people worked until past 2 PM. More than 20 people braved the cold weather to come out in the morning to help remove leaves, litter and dog poop. Neighbors came and helped; we were even assured of a few extra "prayers" since we were working (for the good of our community) on Sunday from a few people going to and from church. What a difference community effort and involvement makes! Board Member Ed Smith provided gloves, bags, water and a cart to haul the bags to the curb. Rakes, shovels and camaraderie were part of the process and the result is an amazingly clean park. The longer we worked, the warmer it got and after a good workout that water was definitely appreciated. A few people from other neighborhoods helped out in addition to the boys and girls who had the willingness and energetic spirit to do a darn-good job. We applaud all of their efforts to make the park safe and litter free for everyone's enjoyment.

Special thanks to the City's DPW for the prompt pickup of the street-lined bags from Ray Monnier (Midfield) to Tournier on Monday, April 15<sup>th</sup>.

*All pictures courtesy of James Campbell, GCA Photographer*

*Diane Patterson  
Environmental Committee*

## ENVIRONMENTAL CORNER

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

**APRIL** ~ We all benefit from a beautiful, clean, and healthy environment. Along with the anticipation of green lawns, fresh landscaping and planted flowers, don't neglect the street in front of your home. Leaves and debris accumulate so quickly! Remember to rake (or shovel!) along that area – it will help keep our street-drains less clogged which can help prevent those spring and summer flooded streets and basements.



Spring is the perfect time to plan and consider how to make your home and garden more attractive in the summer months. Detroiters have a great sense of pride; pride in ourselves, our homes and our city. Whether homeowners or renters, that pride is evident in our property and how we maintain it.



A sense of collective and individual responsibility on all our parts is essential to maintaining pride of community appearance that keeps Grandmont a beautiful neighborhood. **TAKE ADVANTAGE OF OUR GCA FLOWER SALE** to beautify your property. **REMEMBER TO "LOVE WHERE YOU LIVE" and LIVE "LITTER-FREE"**.

Some other things that make spring a smoother transition into summer is to be a considerate neighbor. Celebrations, BBQ's, open-windows, children playing, dogs being walked, etc. are part of this transition so while keeping your spirits up, please keep the noise down:

- **PETS NEED TO BE ON A LEASH:** walk your pet and carry a pooper-scooper. Use it when necessary. Pets are not permitted in Ramsay Park for a reason – children play and everyone walks there. We shouldn't have to 'watch every step.
- **PARTIES AND CELEBRATIONS:** Keep the noise level to a minimum. Excessively loud, amplified parties are an illegal nuisance. Afternoon and early evening parties are appreciated with minimal noise. **THANK YOU!**
- **CAR RADIO AND OTHER SOUND SYSTEMS:** Be a good neighbor and keep the volume down.
- **VERY-EARLY MORNING LAWN CUTTING:** before 9 AM is discouraged.
- **PORTABLE BASKETBALL HOOPS:** These are meant for the backyard and not legal on the streets. Parents, please be aware of the danger of speeding cars and other dangers and remind your children to play in the backyard and not in the street. (Detroit City Ordinance Article 1 Section 50-1-12 states...“No person shall play any game in any street, alley, or public place...” Call Community Relations to report illegal street basketball at 313-596-5617, 313-596-5681 or 5682.
- **CALL DPW ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS TO REPORT BLIGHT: 313-876-0974.** Ask for a complaint number for follow-up.
- **CURFEW REMINDER:**

**Daylight Savings Time:** 10:00 PM - 15 Years & Under; 11:00 PM - 16 & 17 Years

**Standard Time:** 8:00 PM - 15 Years & Under; 9:00 PM - 16 & 17 Years, Sunday - Thursday  
11:00 PM - 16 & 17 Years, Friday & Saturday

### **A FRIENDLY NEIGHBORHOOD ADVISORY:**

The Vacant Property Task Force is working with the City within our five Grandmont-Rosedale Communities to enforce our City Codes more effectively. Rental and Vacant Property needs to be registered with the City. Building & Safety Codes, including porch repair, structural problems, garages, etc. will need to be addressed and enforced. Contact me for additional information at **(313) 836-3736**.

### **GREAT COMMITTEE: Grandmont Residents Eliminates Any Trash**

Still looking for volunteers! This Committee will tackle some of our overgrown and/or vacant properties, Ramsay Park, and other areas that need some clean-up. Our efforts will be coordinated in conjunction with our 2013 Bulk Pick-Up Dates (Tue, May 14<sup>th</sup>, Wed., Aug 14<sup>th</sup>, and Tue., Nov 12<sup>th</sup>). Notification of the clean-up dates (probably the Saturday before each scheduled bulk date) will be circulated by phone and/or emailed through the "GRANDMONT INFORMATION NETWORK."

**CLEAN-UP DATES WILL BE PRIOR TO MAY 14<sup>th</sup>, AUG 14<sup>th</sup> AND NOV 12<sup>th</sup> BULK PICK-UP DAYS**

*Diane Patterson*  
*(313) 836-3736*



### **NORTHWEST DETROIT FARMERS' MARKET OPENS JUNE 6**

The Northwest Detroit Farmers' Market opens for its eighth season of good food and fellowship on Thursday, June 6<sup>th</sup> from 4-8 PM. "We are looking forward to fresh, locally grown and locally produced food," commented Market Master Pam Weinstein.

The market offers a wide variety of food, including locally grown produce, meats, baked goods, teas, Michigan honey, and homemade soups, as well as gourmet peanut butter, hummus, granola, and popcorn. The market is located in the south parking lot of Bushnell Congregational Church, 15000 Southfield Rd, just south of Grand River.



### **"WE TAKE PLASTIC!"**

The market accepts credit and debit cards and the Bridge card, as well as Project FRESH and Market FRESH coupons. The market also offers the highly popular Double Up Food Bucks program for Bridge card users, which matches up to \$20 of a Bridge card purchase with an additional **FREE** \$20 in Double Up Bucks, for the purchase of Michigan-grown fruits and vegetables.

For more information and to volunteer at the market, contact Pam Weinstein at [pweinstein@grandmontrosedale.com](mailto:pweinstein@grandmontrosedale.com), or **313-387-4732, ext. 103**

**TAKING ACTION FOR A SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY** – This summer the Grandmont Rosedale Development Corporation (GRDC) and WARM Training Center are teaming up to launch an innovative new program to encourage Grandmont Rosedale residents and business owners to go green.

This initiative will combine hands-on educational workshops with a unique on-line tool that individuals can use to chart changes in their own lives. The program is designed to make taking action to improve the environment easier and more rewarding – even fun!

As we move toward implementing this new program, we are looking for individuals willing to serve as champions for a greener community. No specialized knowledge is necessary, just a passion for helping your community and the environment. If you would like to learn more about this exciting new program and volunteer to help, contact Joel at WARM Training Center at **313.894.1030, ext. 126**, or [joel@warmtraining.org](mailto:joel@warmtraining.org). Also, visit the GRDC web site to take our Sustainability Survey at [www.grandmontrosedale.com](http://www.grandmontrosedale.com).

**HOMES FOR SALE IN GRANDMONT ROSEDALE** – If you or anyone you know is looking to buy a home in the Grandmont Rosedale area, then be sure to visit our web site, [www.GrandmontRosedale.com](http://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.

GRDC has received a grant from the City of Detroit Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP) that 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](mailto:belong@grandmontrosedale.com).





**COMMUNITY GARDEN NEEDS YOU!** – The Grandmont Rosedale Community Garden at Bushnell Church welcomes new participants. Whether you are an experienced veteran or a complete novice, you are welcome to come join us. We will be planting (and harvesting) strawberries, tomatoes, cucumbers, squash, beets, lettuce, Swiss chard, collard greens, arugula, green beans and more!



Come to learn, come to share your knowledge, come to have fun digging in the dirt! For more information, contact Pam Weinstein at **313-387-4732, ext. 103**, or [pweinstein@grandmontrosedale.com](mailto:pweinstein@grandmontrosedale.com).

**NEIGHBORHOOD SAFETY MEETING** – The monthly Neighborhood Safety meeting will be held on Thursday, May 30<sup>th</sup> at **6:30 PM** [NOTE NEW TIME!] at the North Rosedale Park Community House, 18445 Scarsdale. Due to the interest and positive response to a recent emergency preparedness presentation, the Crime Prevention Task Force is offering a raffle and audience participation incentive to help the community be better prepared for man-made or natural disasters.

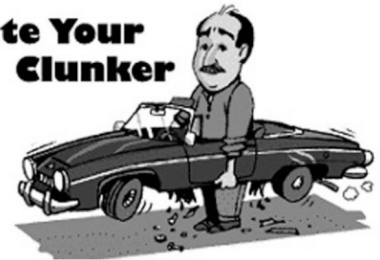
**DOOR PRIZE:** This meeting will feature a raffle for a door prize related to emergency preparedness. But the only people who can enter the raffle are those who bring a **new** person (someone who has never attended a Neighborhood Safety meeting) with them to any of three Neighborhood Safety meetings (April, May, and June). Each of the new guests will also receive a raffle ticket for these drawings, which will be held toward the end of each meeting at about 8:15 PM.

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 Community Security Assistant Elizabeth Wroughton at **313-387-4732, ext. 109** or [ewroughton@grandmontrosedale.com](mailto:ewroughton@grandmontrosedale.com).

For more information about the GRDC Community Security Program, including a link to the draft Special Assessment District ordinance, go to <http://www.grandmontrosedale.com/programs/publicsafety.html>.

**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, 56 families have donated their cars to GRDC, for a total of **\$19,862!**

**Donate Your  
Clunker**



Want more information? Contact Cathy Marshall at **313-387-4732, ext. 105** or [cmarshall@grandmontrosedale.com](mailto:cmarshall@grandmontrosedale.com).

**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.

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

**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](mailto:info@grandmontrosedale.com) and ask to be added to the list.

## **NATIONAL POLICE WEEK 2013    May 12<sup>th</sup> ~ 18<sup>th</sup>**

In 1962, President Kennedy proclaimed May 15<sup>th</sup> as National Peace Officers Memorial Day and the calendar week in which May 15<sup>th</sup> falls, as National Police Week, meaning that National Police Week 2013 will be Sunday, May 12<sup>th</sup> through Saturday, May 18<sup>th</sup>.



Between 25,000 to 40,000 police officers from around the world go to Washington, D.C. each year to participate in a variety of activities honoring police officers and participating in a candlelight vigil traditionally held on May 13<sup>th</sup>, regardless of the day of the week on which it falls for the officers who've lost their lives in the line of duty. The National Peace Officers Memorial Day Service, hosted by the Fraternal Order of Police and the Fraternal Order of Police Auxiliary is always held on May 15<sup>th</sup>, again, regardless of the day of the week on which it falls.

Police agencies around the country also have local activities. The Detroit Police Department will sponsor many activities during the week. One of the annual events will be an Officers Appreciation Luncheon sponsored by The Great Northwestern 6<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> Police Community Relations Organization. The buffet style "luncheon" will last all day to allow all three shifts to participate. This year, officers from other police organizations who have worked with us in our community ~ Wayne County Sheriff's Dept, ATF, and others will be participating in the luncheon so that we can express our appreciation to them as well.

The Grandmont Community works very well with our Police District, its administrators and officers. The GCA Board of Directors donated \$50.<sup>00</sup> toward luncheon expenses to show our continued support of their efforts on our behalf. All of the community is invited to participate to thank and honor our local officers. Also, if you would like to assist in serving the officers or have any questions, please call Coach Muhsin Muhammad at **313-980-7799**.

**OFFICERS' APPRECIATION LUNCHEON  
FRIDAY, MAY 17, 2013 ~ ALL DAY  
NW DISTRICT, 11450 WARWICK  
HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!**

*Information taken from:*    <http://www.nleomf.com/programs/policeweek>

*Mary Muhammad*

## **MAYORAL FORUM MAY 16<sup>th</sup>**

The Grandmont Rosedale neighborhoods will get a jump on this year's political landscape with a Mayoral Forum on Thursday evening, May 16<sup>th</sup>. The program will begin at 7:00 pm sharp. The discussion will be held at the North Rosedale Park Community House, 18445 Scarsdale. All Detroit mayoral candidates who have filed for the office are being invited.

The Grandmont Community Association, Grandmont #1 Improvement Association, Minock Park Block Association, Rosedale Park Improvement Association, North Rosedale Park Civic Association and Schoolcraft Improvement Association with jointly sponsor this event. With over 7,000 households of very active and politically aware residents, astute candidates should be well informed about our potential as a voting public.

Candidates will get limited introduction times and will each respond to a set of pre-selected questions. If time allows, audience members will be able to submit other questions in writing. Candidates will be held to strict response timelines.

Space is limited and tickets are being allotted to each community by its proportional size.

Grandmont will receive 35 tickets and they will be issued on a first come – first served basis. If you wish to attend the Mayoral Forum on May 16<sup>th</sup>, please call Richard Berlin at **(313) 838-0248** to arrange to get your tickets.



**DIRECTIONS FOR COMPLETING THE 2013 GRANDMONT SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION PROCESS**

*THE FOLLOWING ATTACHMENTS MUST BE INCLUDED WITH YOUR APPLICATION IN ORDER FOR YOU TO BE CONSIDERED FOR OUR SCHOLARSHIP. An incomplete application package will disqualify you from any further consideration!*

- A one or two page (typed) autobiographical essay which includes career objective, personal goals, educational plans and any important information concerning why you should be considered;
- Two (2) letters of recommendation on letterhead from a teacher, counselor, community leader, coach, mentor, advisor, minister, or employer;
- A copy of your high school transcript;
- A copy of your report card



***ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS: All applicants must:***

- Be active in the Grandmont Community. Parents must be active as well.
- Have paid dues to the Grandmont Community Association for the past three consecutive years.
- Have a cumulative G.P.A. of 3.0 or better.
- Be accepted at a post-secondary institution. Verification will be requested.
- Be interviewed by the GCA Scholarship Committee.

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Applicant Signature

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Parent/Guardian Signature

Date application submitted: \_\_\_\_\_



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**DEADLINE IS JUNE 30, 2013. No APPLICATION PACKETS WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER THIS DATE!**



### Crime Prevention Tip of the Week

## Consider Your Home's Safest Spaces

At the February Neighborhood Safety Meeting, the speaker, who was presenting on emergency preparedness, suggested that the audience enroll in a year-long emergency preparation program available at [Do1thing.com](http://Do1thing.com). This website offers some very good resources. For example, the site encourages users to **think about their homes to determine where to go if there were a man-made or natural disaster**. It is important to have an evacuation route in the case of a house-fire or flood. With spring tornado weather on its way, families should determine the safest room for shelter. Rooms with no (or few) windows, low ceilings, and that are located in the interior of the house are ideal.

**Crime-related emergencies are also cause for considering safe spaces in your home.** No one likes thinking about the possibility of suffering home invasion, but were that to happen, you and your family should be prepared to retreat to a part of the house where you could evacuate or call for emergency assistance.

*For more crime prevention tips and strategies or to share your own Quick Tip, please contact GRDC Community Security Assistant Liz Wroughton at **313.387.4732, ext. 109**, or email [ewroughton@grandmontrosedale.com](mailto:ewroughton@grandmontrosedale.com)*

### ATTENTION NW DETROIT RESIDENTS:

If you have a basketball hoop up in the street or see one, an efficient way to get some help from the police is this:

1. get the accurate address of the home where this is occurring
2. send an e-mail to our Community Relations officers at the 6th and 8th Precincts per Officer Childrey: [childreys693@detroitmi.gov](mailto:childreys693@detroitmi.gov)

The officers keep a list of addresses and will advise the residents about the City of Detroit Ordinance: *"Playing Games in the Streets"*. Basketball hoops will be confiscated if the ball playing continues.

### RAMSEY PARK COMMUNITY CLEAN UP A HUGE SUCCESS

THANK YOU to everyone that came out Sunday, April 14, 2013 to cleanup Ramsay park .The weather was not the best, but our community family of "GOOD NEIGHBORS" showed up, put on their gloves, broke out the rakes and shovels and rolled out into action. We filled over 200 commercial garbage bags with trash from the park. **THANK YOU AGAIN for your continued support of OUR COMMUNITY.**

*Grandmont Community Board Member, Edward Smith*

### CALLING ALL GRANDMONT COMMUNITY GRADUATING HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS!

Annually, the Grandmont Community Association offers high school students of the Grandmont Community a scholarship. These funds are made possible by the GCA Membership Dues. Today, the cost of postsecondary education which includes college, technical or arts school tuition continue to increase steadily. Therefore, you need to apply for the Grandmont Community Association Scholarship. To be considered for this competitive scholarship, you and your parents must follow the application instructions correctly. Your membership dues must be up-to-date for the past three years; parents and students must be active in our community.

Examples of active participation in the Grandmont Community may include but are not limited to the following: Grandmont Board of Directors Member; GCA Committee Chair or volunteer; Art Fair Vendor or volunteer; Radio Patrol; Youth and Education Committee Member, Park Cleanup Aide, Garden Tour Help; GCA Flower Bed Planter, Street/Block Captain Assistant; Call Center Volunteer; Grandmonitor Distributer; GRDC Representative; Annual Meeting Volunteer; GRDC Little League Coach, Soccer League Coach, T-Ball Help or Coach Pitch Volunteer, just to name a few. Activities not listed are subject to GCA Board of Directors' approval.

*Mrs. C. Duncan-Foster, GCA Scholarship Committee Chair, is available if you need assistance or a copy of the scholarship application. She can be reached at (313) 273-7914.*

# 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  
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## BULK PICKUP SCHEDULE 2013:

May 14th            Aug 14th  
 Nov 12th

## NEAREST BULK DROP-OFF LOCATION:

**FACILITY:** Southfield Yard  
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## BULK DROP-OFF HOURS

### NOVEMBER THRU MARCH

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### APRIL THRU OCTOBER

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This yoga club is held at Chaney Library, 16101 Grand River, every Thursday from 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM. Phone Cora at (313) 273-7914 for more information.



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### THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU!!!

There were many in attendance at Grandmont's Annual Business Dinner meeting held Saturday, April 13, 2013 at the impressive Greater Burnette Baptist Church but what about the worker bees behind the scenes who made sure everything flowed smoothly??? Those that made phone calls, those that picked up all of the items needed for the meeting, those that copied and put together the programs, those that decorated, set-up, and torn down; those that made sure we were safe, those that stood in the cold and waved people in the right direction, those that picked up and delivered the heavy trays of the delicious food we ate, those that dipped up the food, the youth that even carried the plates to the elders, those that greeted us, those that handed out the programs, those that worked at the registration table, those that took pictures, those that selected and played the music, those that sliced up the desserts, those that sold raffle tickets, those that ran the raffle, those that blessed the event and the meal, those that spoke to the audience, and those that cleaned up afterwards. And those that wrote the articles about the Annual Meeting for the Grandmonitor and your enjoyment; Not enough thanks can be offered.

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			1	 2 4PM-5PM Yoga at Chaney Library	3 DPD Annual Prayer Old St. Mary's Church Breakfast 646 Monroe, Greektown	4
5 GRDC OPEN HOUSE @ N. Rosedale Park Comm House 	6 6:30PM -Patrol Officers 7PM—Grandmont Patrol Meeting at GDRC Office 19800 Grand River	7	8	 9 4PM-5PM Yoga at Chaney Library	10 Yard Waste Removal	11 10AM - GCA Board Meeting at GRDC Office
12 Mother's Day 	13 National Police Week (May 12th—May 18th)	14 Bulk Pickup	15	16 4PM-5PM Yoga at Chaney Library 6:30PM-Garden Club Meeting at Chaney Library	17 Officers' Appreciation Luncheon at NW District 11450 Warwick	18  10AM—Noon—GCA Flower Sale Pickup at Ramsay Park 10AM to 2PM—Rosedale Recycles at Christ The King Church
19	20 7PM—NW District Police Community Relations mtg at Bushnell Cong. Church	21	22 7PM—GDRC Board Meeting	23 4PM-5PM Yoga at Chaney Library	24 Yard Waste Removal	25 
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