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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 COMMUNITY ARTS & CRAFT FAIR IS BACK!

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 8th, 12:00 PM to 7:00 PM

Inside Douglas Ramsay Memorial Park (located on Longacre Street between Grand River & Ray Monnier)



BE A GUEST:

Come and enjoy a beautiful day of free family-oriented fun, food, music and activities for the children. The Fair will feature exhibits of metro Detroit crafters and artists as well as local performance groups demonstrating dance routines, martial arts and singing. Be sure to check our website at www.grandmontcommunity.org for updates on the upcoming Fair.

BE A VOLUNTEER:

WE NEED YOU! We cannot put on the fair without our volunteers; you can volunteer for a day or a few hours!

BE A VENDOR:

Do you have a hobby, product or service that you would like to share in a full day of family fun and excitement while showcasing your business? Why not become a vendor at the Fair.



BE A PERFORMER:

Are you part of a performance group, band or do you have a special skill you would like to demonstrate at the Fair? We are looking for all types!

BE PART OF GRANDMONT!

All proceeds from this event assist in funding the Grandmont Scholarship Fund.

For more information, please contact Jomo King ~ Grandmont Art Fair Director at **(313) 587-6208** or jomoking@sbcglobal.net.



JOMO H. KING

Jomo King is an Event Planning Consultant that is determined to bring a high level of professionalism and class to the Grandmont Community Association as the new Art Fair Director. He has been a proud resident of the Grandmont community since 2008 and is one of the Block Captains of Longacre Street.

In 2009, he established NING Society Events as an avenue for mature working professionals to network and be entertained in a safe environment. Since the inception of NING Society, Mr. King has integrated events that are focused on family and community outreach. He has successfully built partnerships with community leaders, faith-based organizations, exhibitors and resource agencies to give back to the community. Determined to be set apart and prepared to take his talent to the next level, Mr. King obtained his Event Planning Certification in December 2012 from Schoolcraft College. When he is not planning events, he enjoys spending time with his three beautiful daughters, family and friends. Some of his favorite pastimes include his love for rare and exotic tropical fish, scary movies and working with youth.



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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:
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CALL: 800-AFT-GUNS (800-283-4867)

REWARDS ARE AVAILABLE FOR INFORMATION LEADING TO
ARREST AND PROSECUTION.

GRANDMONT BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

SAT, JULY 20, 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, AUGUST 5, 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 _____

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

JUSTICE IS SERVED! UPDATE ON THE TOMMIE LEE CALDWELL MURDER, December 7, 2011

In light of the sensational Cipriano and Ayanna Jones murder trials and the sad, bewildering ongoing news about Detroit's uncertain future and its hotly contested Emergency Financial Manager situation, an important murder trial of significant interest to our Grandmont Rosedale community residents finally came to an end in Judge Timothy Kenny's courtroom in the Frank Murphy Hall of Justice without any fanfare or media attention.

On December 7, 2011, **TOMMIE LEE CALDWELL** – a hardworking, loving husband, father and grandfather in his early 60's – was walking to the bus stop around 5 AM trying to get to work after his truck wouldn't start. He was abducted and forced to return to his house in the 18400 block of Edinborough north of Six Mile; just north of N. Rosedale Park. There in his home, two men killed him in front of his wife while he begged for them to not harm her. After shooting him, they robbed her before leaving the house. He and his wife, Alberta, had been together almost 50 years; married 43 years after dating for four years. She was his life as much as he was her life ~ that was taken away from her on that fateful day!

The perpetrators, both only 25 years old, had a long history of violent criminal offenses. They were on a crime spree in which they robbed and carjacked several other people both before and after murdering Mr. Caldwell. Thankfully they were soon caught. The lengthy judicial process began in early 2012. Coach Muhammad adopted the family and supported them in both 36th District and 3rd Circuit Court for almost every hearing and pre-trial event during the past 18 months to make sure Mrs. Alberta Caldwell and her family were supported and protected from the defendants' family and friends.

One perpetrator, Mercedes Flemister, was charged with TEN counts of criminal activity; two counts were dropped in preliminary hearings. When the jury returned with the verdict, Flemister was found **GUILTY** of SEVEN of the eight charges against him: Homicide - Felony Murder, two counts of Robbery – Armed, Home Invasion - 1st Degree, Unlawful Driving Away Motor Vehicle, Weapons Felony Firearm and Possession of Weapons - Firearms - By Felon. Both Felony Murder (killing someone while committing another crime) and armed robbery convictions carry up to life in prison without parole. He was found not guilty of receiving and concealing a stolen motor vehicle.

The second perpetrator, Dale Freeman, half-brother to Flemister, was charged with NINE counts of criminal activity: three counts were dropped in preliminary hearings. The jury found him **GUILTY** of FIVE of the six: Homicide – Felony Murder, two counts of Robbery – Armed, Home Invasion - 1st Degree and Unlawful Driving Away Motor Vehicle. Freeman's sentence will also carry up to life in prison, but since he was not charged with or convicted of a gun crime, he won't have that extra time added on to his sentence. Also, like Flemister, the jury did not find him guilty of receiving and concealing a stolen motor vehicle.

They were both sentenced on July 3rd by Judge Timothy M. Kenny.

- ❖ **MERCEDES FLEMISTER** was sentenced as follows: Homicide – Felony Murder, **NATURAL LIFE WITHOUT PAROLE**; two counts of Armed Robbery, **75 – 150 YEARS**; Home Invasion – 1st Degree, **10 – 20 YEARS**; Unlawful Driving Away Motor Vehicle, **3 – 5 YEARS**; Felony Firearm, **2 YEARS** and Possession of Firearms by Felon, **5 YEARS**.
- ❖ **DALE FREEMAN** was sentenced as follows: Homicide – Felony Murder, **NATURAL LIFE WITHOUT PAROLE**; two counts of Armed Robbery, **60 – 100 YEARS**; Home Invasion – 1st Degree, **10 – 20 YEARS**; Unlawful Driving Away Motor Vehicle, **3 – 5 YEARS**.

Now that there've been arrests and successful prosecutions of these brothers who terrorized our area for several years, we can be glad they will never be on the street again! However, this case should encourage and remind us all to **STAY ALERT AND BE AWARE OF OUR SURROUNDINGS AT ALL TIMES!** There were vigilant crime victims and several other persons who reported descriptions of these two and their vehicle to the police which led them to be arrested and sent to prison.

Many thanks to the witnesses, Detroit Police Dept, Prosecutor's Office, Judge Kenny and his staff, including the Wayne County Sheriff's Dept and especially to Coach Muhammad for their professionalism, hard work and dedication to make this a successful ending to a very sad event.

Mary Muhammad

ALERT AND BRAVE GRANDMONT NEIGHBORS HELPING EACH OTHER

The following is a letter received from a grateful Grandmont resident who had her stolen purse returned to her by neighbors when it was stolen from her car:

To My Neighbors in the Grandmont Subdivision: On June 7, 2013 between 4:30 and 5:00 PM, I noticed a black male in the back of my residence where my car was parked. I had just removed groceries from my vehicle and was in the kitchen cooking. I yelled at the suspect from the window and then proceeded to run through the house yelling for him to leave. I noticed that the suspect had my tan purse in his hand which he tried to dispose of in the next door neighbor's bushes. I called the police and when I thought he was gone I went outside to see what he did. I noticed that the suspect was still standing between my house and the neighbors. I again began yelling for the police and for help. The black male, who was wearing a gray hooded jogging set, ran and jumped the neighbor's back fence.



To sum up the story, I learned later when I went to see if the suspect had dropped my purse, neighbors had heard me screaming. One gentleman in a white van and neighbor on the next block saw the suspect with the purse and followed him to the next street which was Asbury Park. The suspect had cut through another neighbor's yard and apparently dropped the purse. Mr. Ricky Brown, who lives on Asbury Park, saw the man and stopped him because he came from the back of someone's property and looked suspicious. The suspect did not have my purse. Mr. Ricky Brown was told by the unknown man in the white van how he heard me yelling and that he saw the man with a tan purse and proceeded to follow him. Mr. Brown had let him go, but he retrieved my purse. Mr. Brown also notified police. Please and thank you make mention of these wonderful neighbors in your next newsletter edition. Also Mr. and Mrs. Mark and Julie Janusch who are neighbors on my other side were also instrumental in locating my purse. It just makes me feel a little better to know there are neighbors who care!!

*Thank you in advance,
Ms. JoAnn Kilgore*

COMMUNITY POLICING PILOT PROGRAM REDUCED HOME INVASIONS BY 23%!



At the May Neighborhood Safety Meeting, Detroit Police Lt. U. Renee Hall from the Northwest District reported the results of a one-year *Community Policing Pilot Program* launched in the Grandmont Rosedale neighborhoods in June 2012. The program was specifically designed to reduce residential break-ins, also known as home invasions, and resulted in a 23% decrease in such crimes over the course of the year!

Throughout the year, the Detroit Police Department and the Michigan Department of Corrections coordinated home visits to individuals in the area who are on parole or probation for committing home invasions. These visits led to **42 arrests** for parole and probation violations, but not one of the individuals visited by Police early in the program was arrested again for committing another break-in.

Grandmont Rosedale was selected as the target area for this pilot program because of the large numbers of residents actively involved with community security and the strong working relationship between community members and the Police Department.

In addition to the home visits, the pilot program involved an increase in proactive contact between the police and the community and relied on community members' "eyes and ears" to report crime and suspicious behavior. The program also incorporated elements of the "**BROKEN WINDOWS**" theory that says addressing quality of life issues such as blight, litter, graffiti or abandoned cars can help reduce the incidence of more serious crimes.

The pilot program was a clear demonstration that coordination and communication between residents and law enforcement agencies can have a significant and measurable impact on crime.



For more information about the Community Policing Pilot Program, contact Karen Johnson Moore, Community Security Program Manager at Kmoore@grandmontrosedale.com or **313-387-4732, ext. 110**.

THE JOURNEY OF A 6th GRADE GIRL'S B-BALL CAREER CONTINUED

by Mercedes-Antoniya Preston

Aaaah, MOMMY, MOMMY, Aaaah! What happened? Had I just hit a brick wall? My coach surrounded me, my mom ran from the stands! Oh no, now I remember. It wasn't a brick wall; it was an eighth grader from the other team!!! At first, all I could remember was what supposed to have happened. I would run down the court! Lorrea (my team mate) was going to pass me the ball. I was going to do a fake pass, then actually make a simple lay up. That never happened.



Here's what happened. I was running down the court; Lorrea passed me the ball. Suddenly, I was on the ground crying and yelling out for my mom! What a baby; get yourself together, I thought to myself. My coach was hovering over me! Coach told me to open my eyes and don't cry. Then, he asked me if I could stand. But, I couldn't. All I could do was lay on the court crying. All I wanted was my daddy to pick me up and carry me to the bleachers. He had to work that day. But, he had been texting my mom back and forth wondering what was the score and how many points I'd made. Man, what is he going to say when he finds out I'm laying on the court crying because I ran into a brick wall? I mean an eighth grader.

Suddenly, I heard my mom saying it's OK, don't cry. She and Coach were able to help me stand. As soon as I started walking, everyone started clapping. They were happy that I was fine. After going into the kitchen and getting an ice pack for my shoulder area, I asked my mom if I could go play. She said no. But, I could sit on the bench with the rest of the team; and that's what I did. We lost that game; all I could think was if I would have been out there we would have won!

The rest of the day, I rested. My parents thought that it was probably just a little bruise. But, the next day it didn't feel better at all. My mom and dad took me to Children's Hospital. The doctor said it was just a pulled muscle and I could play B-ball again soon. I may be ready for next week's game, yaaah! So, I was happy. The next day was Monday. I went to school in an arm sling; that was kind of cool. At least, I was getting some perks out of this injury. When my parents picked me up for school that afternoon, they told me that the hospital contacted them. The doctor reviewed the x-rays again, and my collar bone was **BROKEN!** What! **BROKEN?!** Is this going to stop me from playing the rest of the season? We went back to the hospital. It seemed like we were there for a lifetime! They took more x-rays, the specialist had to view them, it took forever. But, it was confirmed. My collar bone was broken. Oh, no!



The doctor said that I may be out for the rest of the season. I was devastated. My dad tried to console me. He said that he would rather me rest up for one season so that I wouldn't cause more injury, which could prevent me from playing forever. I guess he was right. I thought to myself – all of the practices, workouts, sweat and time was for only a short 6th grade career. That's bogus!

Well, at least some good would come from this. I would get a cast and people could sign it. Then, the doctor tells us no cast! A broken collar bone can't get a cast! That's double bogus! That was it; the end of my sixth grade basketball career! Now, I am wondering should I be happy or worried about my seventh grade basketball career! Will there be another brick wall? Stay tuned!

COUNCIL MEMBER JAMES TATE HONORS MARCEDES-ANTONIYA



On Tuesday, June 11th, Mercedes-Antoniya Preston was given the "*Spirit of Detroit*" Award for her vision to help bring together the youth living in the Grandmont Community. She had come to his attention after he read her articles in the GRANDMONITOR and speaking with her at several community meetings. He was very impressed with her interesting ideas and passion about how to improve the range of activities and quality of life here in Grandmont.

She addressed the entire City Council at the presentation and quickly gained the attention and respect of everyone in the room. Hopefully, we will bring together many other talented children to share their visions for the future to help keep **GRANDMONT "THE HOME OF GOOD NEIGHBORS!"**

GRANDMONT'S GREAT BASKETBALL PLAYER ~ NOT JUST FOR KIDS or GUYS!!

by Emily Hall

I love playing basketball. It is physically and mentally a saving grace for me. However, it's not like I have been playing all my life at 63 years of age. I had always enjoyed the game and watched my brothers and uncle play when I was young. Later, it was the college and professional games I came to enjoy, but other than a short stint trying out at Central High School in Detroit, I never really played basketball before then. (I quit after a big girl kneed me really bad). I started playing 13 years ago with the Michigan Spirits Senior Women's Basketball team when I was 50 and have been playing ever since.



At a recent practice, from left to right, Wondella Devers, Linda Twilley, Mary Lawrence, Palma Reed, Edna Alan (behind Palma) and myself, Emily Hall

I have to blame Mary Muhammad for my involvement in the game. Mary just happens to be my son's mother-in-law; our children are married to each other. One day I was visiting and asked where Mary was. I was informed that she was out playing basketball! I thought why if she can do it, I can too! I insisted that I wanted to go to practice with her and she graciously took me along on her next practice. Mary hasn't been able to play for a while but I continued. After playing for a year, I had a heart attack and was out of practice for a while. However, after recuperating for two months, I convinced my doctor that I was well enough to return and still play.



From left to right, Coach Roy, Wondella Devers, Frances Finnegan, Linda Twilley, me, Emily Hall and Territha Kinney



The 70+ Michigan Spirits Team, from left to right, Carol Duncan, Mary Lawrence, Marilyn Day, Edna Alan, Mary Gibbs, and Palma Reed with their 1st place medals.

The Michigan Spirits have two teams that are active, my 60+ and a 70+ team. The 70+ women have been consistent in winning Gold Medals in all but one tournament that they have participated in. My 60+ team has not been so consistent in winning; however, last October, 2012 we won a Bronze medal at the Huntsman World Senior Games in St. Georg, Utah, even though I was not at my best. I discovered on my return that I had blockages in my heart that may have caused a heart attack if I had not had them treated right away. We also have some younger players who we are "grooming" for the 50+ league and who help to challenge us in our game. This is critical because there are no other senior women teams in Michigan that we know of that we can play with.

Both teams will be participating in this year's National Senior Games Association tournament in Cleveland, Ohio. We hope that we both can come back with Medals, preferably 1st place, Gold Medals! But even if we don't win any medals, we will have a good time and pat ourselves on the back for just being there.



GRANDMONT ROSEDALE DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

RENOVATED HOMES AVAILABLE SOON – GRDC is ready to begin renovations on nine vacant homes in the Grandmont Rosedale community. These homes will be transformed from neighborhood eyesores into neighborhood assets, with funding provided by the City of Detroit Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP). In addition to getting a beautifully renovated home, homebuyers will also receive down payment assistance and free homebuyer counseling to insure that they get off on the right foot. To qualify to purchase a home under this program, homebuyers must meet the following requirements:

- Have an annual household income at or below 120% of the area median income (see chart below)
- Be pre-approved for a mortgage with a reputable mortgage lender
- Complete 8 hours of pre-purchase homebuyer counseling
- Make a down payment equal to no less than 1% of the purchase price from your own funds.

For additional information or to view a listing of homes to be renovated, visit the GRDC web site at www.grandmontrosedale.com.

NSP Program Income Limits

Household Size	1 person	2 person	3 person	4 person	5 person	6 person	7 person	8 person
Maximum Income	\$54,120	\$61,920	\$69,600	\$77,280	\$83,520	\$89,760	\$95,880	\$102,120

NORTHWEST DETROIT FARMERS' MARKET SERVES UP FRESH FOOD ON THURSDAYS



The Northwest Detroit Farmers' Market, now in its eighth season of good food and fellowship, serves up fresh, locally grown and locally produced food every Thursday from 4-8 PM. The market offers delicious food, including plenty of locally grown produce, meats, baked goods, Michigan honey, and homemade soups, as well as gourmet peanut butter and flowers for your yard and garden. The market is located in the south parking lot of Bushnell Congregational Church, 15000 Southfield Service Drive, just south of Grand River.

New this year is an opportunity for non-profits to apply for a free booth at the market (once per season per organization). If your non-profit is located in or active in the Grandmont Rosedale neighborhoods, send an email to Pam Weinstein at pweinstein@grandmontrosedale.com, to indicate your interest. For more information or to volunteer, contact Pam Weinstein at **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!

Program Details

The program kicked off with three meetings in June. Here's the listing of July meetings, all of which are on Tuesdays at 6:30 PM at the GRDC office, 19800 Grand River:

- **July 9: Save Energy and Stay Cool Workshop** – This workshop shows you how to keep your home cool and comfortable this summer, while reducing your overall energy use.
- **July 23: Renewable Energy** – Incorporating renewable energy sources like wind, solar or geothermal in your home may be more achievable than you think. This workshop explains how.
- **August 6: Basic Home Energy Savings** – The best time to take action on home energy savings is before the weather turns cold. Learn the basics and get a jump on winter.
- **August 20: Intermediate Home Energy Savings** – Feel like you've already done the basics? Learn the next steps to saving more energy and money in your home.

To get started, take our Sustainability Survey at www.warmtraining.org/actioniirs. If you want to learn more about this exciting new program or volunteer to help, contact Myles Hamby at **313- 387-4732, ext. 104** or mhamby@grandmontrosedale.com. For more information, visit www.grandmontrosedale.com.

JULY TRASH TALKIN' EVENTS – The anti-litter campaign “**LOVE WHERE YOU LIVE**” officially kicked off its “**TRASH TALKIN'**” continuous clean-up series on June 15th. “**TRASH TALKIN'**” events continue this month on the second and fourth Saturdays in July. Volunteers will meet at 9 AM for coffee, tea, conversation and supplies – the clean-up will commence at 10 AM and will last a half hour to an hour.

On Saturday, July 13th, volunteers will meet at 9 AM at Just A Bit Eclectic, 19015 McNichols. On Saturday, July 27th volunteers will meet at 9 AM at Always Brewing Detroit, 19180 Grand River. For more information or to RSVP, contact Chelsea Neblett at cneblett@grandmontrosedale.com or **313-387-4732, ext. 116**.

NEIGHBORHOOD SAFETY MEETINGS TAKE SUMMER BREAK – The monthly Neighborhood Safety Meetings, usually held the fourth Thursday of the month at the North Rosedale Park Community House, will take a summer recess during July and August. The summer months will be used to host crime prevention workshops on topics selected by community residents.

We are planning a special crime prevention workshop for youth and parents that will take place before school begins this fall. Watch the GRDC weekly e-blast and the Grandmont Rosedale Crime Alert system for details. To sign- up for the crime alert system, send an email request to grandmontrosedalecrimealert@googlegroups.com.

We welcome your suggestions for future crime prevention topics and/or speakers. Please send contact information for the speaker or organization to Liz Wroughton, Community Security Assistant at: ewroughton@grandmontrosedale.com or **313-387-4732, ext 109**.

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 system, send an e-mail request to: 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! – Every Wednesday morning at 11 AM, GRDC sends out an 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.

ENVIRONMENTAL CORNER

The Environmental Committee frequently surveys the neighborhood. Your active participation contributes to our strong and unified Grandmont “*Home of Good Neighbors.*” **THANK YOU!!**

JULY ~ Hot Weather! Keep a Cool Head

Being aware of summer irritants (boom boxes/radios, speeding cars, loud noises in general that create tension) can allow us to eliminate a melt-down and keep our sanity and tempers in check. A healthy summer environment should mean anticipated fun, sun, and a good supply of water to keep you hydrated – and shade to keep you cool. Keep safe. Keep sane.

SOME PEOPLE DREAM OF WORTHY ACCOMPLISHMENTS WHILE OTHERS STAY AWAKE AND DO THEM!

AS HENRY FORD SAID, “Don’t find fault, find a remedy.”

Sometimes, just 10 or 15 minutes spent cleaning up or picking up give you and your neighbors a more pleasing environment. So remember when you are walking for exercise in the neighborhood, bring a trash bag with you and get some extra “stretches,” “squats” and “bends” by picking up litter along your route. You will help promote our ‘**LOVE WHERE YOU LIVE**’ campaign and make Grandmont cleaner for everyone’s enjoyment. If you want proof that this tactic works, just look at Ramsay Park on Longacre for positive inspiration!



VACANT HOUSE TASK FORCE - WE NEED YOUR HELP?

Each block needs to be more aware of their vacant houses. Make sure you know the address of these vacant properties and immediately write down and keep handy any posted information. Neighbors should be removing circulars, papers, etc., from the porches or driveways. You can request a “*no solicitation/no trespass*” sign for the door if that makes it easier. Keep a camera and notebook on hand to identify suspicious behavior. Get car/truck license plates, make/model/color, etc., and note the time and date. Be observant. Trust, but verify, makes sense when vacant properties are susceptible to criminal activity or vandalism, especially when that activity can impact your own home security.

STEPS TO TAKE:

- If there is a realtor sign, call and ask that the grass be cut regularly - front & back.
- Take names and note the date and time of your call. Have other neighbors call too.
- If it becomes necessary to cut the grass yourself, why not ask that neighbors get together to share the cost.

(Perhaps a lawn service that services more than one property on your block would give a price discount.)

THANK YOU if you already do these steps - we appreciate your dedication toward neighborhood stability.

Radio Patrol & the Vacant Property Task Force work together to make Grandmont a safer place to live.

DID YOU KNOW?

We try to personally contact residents when there are circumstances that create tension among neighbors. Often, letters are sent to residents outlining our concerns and identifying non-compliance to specific City ordinances. Grandmont has a proud history of best practices and high standards that must continue to be embraced if we are to continue as a strong, viable community. Common courtesy and respect go hand in hand with security and crime reduction. “It’s my property and I can do what I want, when I want” are not words of civility we expect to hear in our neighborhood. We DO and SHOULD care what our neighbors think, and always strive to better our behavior for a safer, more attractive environment for our families.

So yes, sometimes DPW Environmental Affairs needs to be called (**313-876-0974**). We obtain the CSR number (Complaint Service Request) and follow-up if a ticket is issued. Tickets are processed through the Department of Administrative Hearings (DAH) and/or 36th District Court. We support and thank the Police Officers and DPW Inspectors who do their jobs on our behalf. Since January 2013, volunteer neighbors have attended these hearings downtown eight or more times. Our intent is to resolve or eliminate the problem and not to have a costly ticket issued. We are asking for our neighbors to take their property responsibilities seriously and become aware that unlawful actions on their part can have consequences, whether it is a vacant property – or a homeowner, renter, or Investment Company that diminishes our community values.

D. Patterson

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Submit proposals by July 14th to detroitssoup.com/submit or drop off a hard copy at Grandmont Rosedale Development Corporation, 19800 Grand River. Up to four proposals will be selected for presentation at the Grandmont Rosedale SOUP contest on July 21st.

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Join us on Sunday, July 21st, at 19120 Grand River Ave. For \$5, you get soup, salad, and a vote for your favorite project (the winner receives the entrance fees). Doors open at 4 pm, proposals presented at 5 PM, dinner at 6 PM, winner announced by 7 PM.

For more information, contact Detroit Soup Program Manager Sarah Craft at **313-530-3067**.



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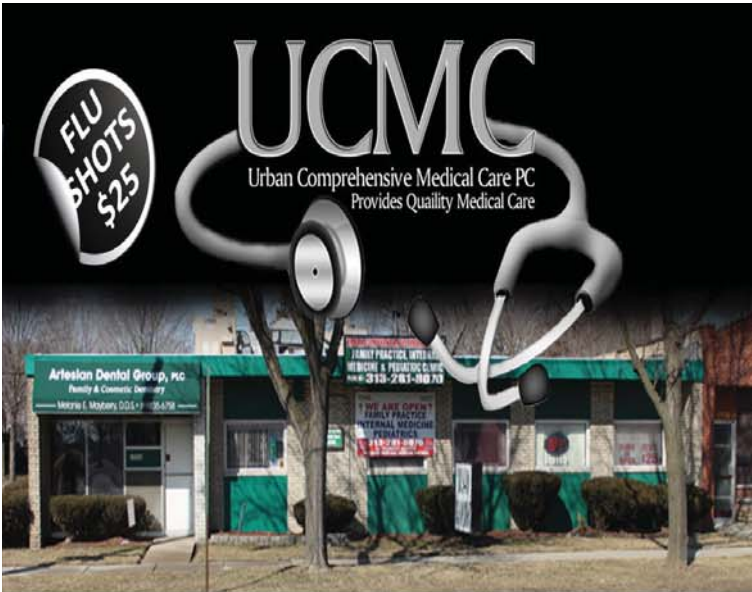
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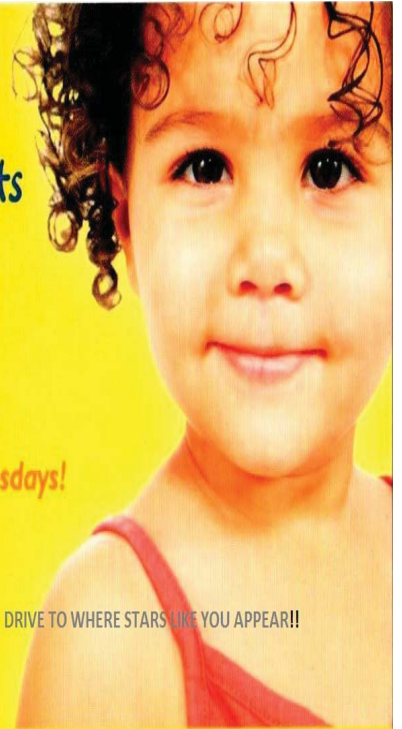
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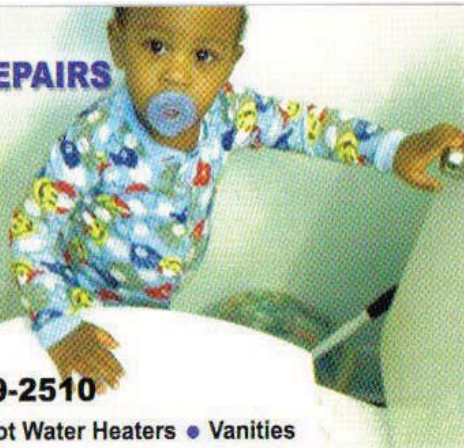
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	1 6:30PM—Patrol Officers 7PM—Grandmont Patrol Meeting at GDRC Office	2	3 4PM to 8PM— Farmers Market	4 Independence Day Holiday 	5	6
7	8 	9	10	11 4PM to 8PM—Farmers Market 4PM-5PM Yoga at Chaney Library	12 Yard Waste Removal	13
14	15 	16	17 8:30AM— 2:30PM Metro Detroit Youth Day, Belle Isle	18 4PM to 8PM—Farmers Market 4PM-5PM Yoga at Chaney Library 6PM—Garden Club Meeting	19	20 10AM - GCA Board Meeting at GRDC Office 10AM to 2PM—Rosedale Recycles at Christ The King
21	22 	23	24	25 4PM to 8PM—Farmers Market 4PM-5PM Yoga at Chaney Library	26 Yard Waste Removal	27
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AUGUST MEETINGS						
GRANDMONT COMMUNITY BOARD MEETING GRDC Office, 19800 Grand River—Saturday, August 3, 2013~10 AM						
GRANDMONT PATROL MEETING GRDC Office, 19800 Grand River—~ Monday, August 5, 2013~7 PM						
GRANDMONT~ROSEDALE NEIGHBORHOOD SAFETY MTG: N. Rosedale Park Community House—Thursday, August 2013~NO MEETING						
NW DISTRICT POLICE COMMUNITY RELATIONS MTG: Bushnell Congregational Church—Monday, August 2013~NO MEETING						