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www.grandmontcommunity.org

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.

CELEBRATING GRANDMONT'S YOUTH

Grandmont is a thriving community that has much to offer its residents and our families. For many years, we have offered scholarships to graduating high school seniors; most of them have done very well. In this edition, you will find an update on three of our young scholars of whom we are very proud! See pages 4 & 5 for an update on Tasha and Tifini Batts and Kayla Shelton. They are truly "THE PRIDE OF GRANDMONT!"

We are also introducing our new Youth and Education Committee Chairperson, Ms. Carla White-Smith, who shares her continued vision for our children on page 6.

SAVE THE DATE

GRANDMONT COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION'S HOLIDAY APPRECIATION LUNCHEON

Saturday, December 14, 2013, 12:30 PM

GUILIO'S at the ADOBA HOTEL (formerly Hyatt Regency DBN)

Lunch is free for GCA VOLUNTEERS ~ moderately priced for others.

KINDLY CONFIRM YOUR ATTENDANCE BY FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 2013

Krystal Thurmond 313-837-6262



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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, NOVEMBER 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, NOVEMBER 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

-
- ___ Grandmont Radio Patrol
 - ___ Vacant House Task Force

WHERE ARE THEY NOW?**TIFINI L. & TASHA BATTS**

As of May, 2013, Tifini L. Batts graduated from Meharry Medical College with her Master of Science in Public Health (MSPH) degree. She is currently attending Michigan State University's College of Veterinary Medicine. To date, her interest is in livestock, specifically, monitoring the incidences of zoonotic and/or infectious diseases. She believes that this would be a good area to apply her MSPH and future DVM as well as have a multispecies impact. For this upcoming summer, Tifini hopes to get an internship opportunity with the Food and Drug Administration, Center for Disease Control and Prevention, or the United States Department of Agriculture.



TIFINI L. BATTS



TASHA BATTS

Her sister Tasha is still at Meharry Medical College finishing up her final year in dental school. She is seeking general practice residencies in her hometown, but is also attempting to expand her horizons. Although she is interested in a general practice, she is also attentive in reaching underrepresented minorities to educate them on the importance of their dental health. To do this, she has participated in an internship opportunity this past summer that has allowed her to practice her doctor – patient etiquette.

TIFINI'S STORY:

Growing up on Grandmont, my sister and I went to Edison Elementary. My mom was one of the parent assistants and had an extremely close relationship with a lot of mine and my sister's teachers. This made me feel more comfortable asking questions and probably sparked my inquisitive side. From elementary school, we went to Ivan Ludington Magnet Middle School where we participated in a lot of academic and extracurricular opportunities. During our last four years of attending school in Detroit, we went to Cass Tech High School and accelerated academically while running on the track team and participating in different social events.



PROUD DAD TED BATTS WITH TIFINI

Outside of school, we were active with the community garage sales for most of our childhood. Although we never had any art to showcase, we always made an appearance at the annual art fair, which was full of so much community talent. I believe that growing up in the Grandmont community helped in school because I felt comfortable enough to walk to and from the Chaney Public Library to study, use their computers, and read from a wide array of books.

My neighbors within the Grandmont community were like my family. Growing up, they would take me and my sister to

church, community activities, and always congratulate us on our success. I appreciate the Grandmont community for what it is because I never felt limited and it is where I met some of my long term friends. It is also where I got to dream big and play big and I would like to thank the Grandmont community for everything!

Both the parents and dog (Daisy Batts) of Tifini and Tasha Batts remain extremely proud of them. They have extreme pride in being raised in the Grandmont – Rosedale community and hope to be contributing members of this neighborhood someday. Please keep them in your prayers.



TASHA AND TIFINI

WHERE ARE THEY NOW?**KAYLA SHELTON**

My name is Kayla Shelton and I was a 2009 Grandmont Scholarship recipient. As one of four valedictorians at Renaissance High School, I was afforded the opportunity to attend Harvard University. I graduated in May with a bachelor's degree in Mechanical Engineering with a secondary in Spanish. The culture at Harvard is to excel both in and out of the classroom. It has been a fantastic experience!

As Mentorship Chair for the Harvard Society of Black Scientists and Engineers, I developed a project called Science Day—a semi-annual event to advise high school students and conduct science experiments with middle school students. I created a monthly community dinner project in my residential house that promoted community relations. As a result of this project, I was the first recipient of the David E. Simms Award.

My work in diversity awareness on campus was also recognized by the Harvard Foundation. I was an active member of the Worship Team for the Black Christian Fellowship and the Association of Black Harvard Women. I also served as a tour guide for the School of Engineering and Applied Sciences (SEAS) and Harvard's Admissions office. In my last semester of college, I was the lead choreographer, a backup singer, and backup dancer for the student-run production of "Dreamgirls".

During my winter breaks, I was selected to study Environmental Engineering in New Orleans, at the Army Corps of Engineers in Vicksburg, MS, and at the University of São Paulo in Brazil. Each summer, I interned at DTE Energy, where I assisted with scheduled maintenances in power plants and studied pressure tests for gas pipelines. I am now an engineer at DTE Energy in a 3-year rotation program in the DTE Gas division. In the future, I will pursue an MBA.



KAYLA SHELTON

DON'T WAIT ~ APPLY NOW FOR THE GCA SCHOLARSHIP!

As you can see from these articles on former scholarship recipients, Grandmont has a strong history of supporting its youth with scholarship assistance to college. Most of our students have done extremely well and we are very, very proud of them all. If you know of any Grandmont students who have recently started their post-high school education, please encourage them to apply!

The application with directions for completing the 2013 Grandmont Community Association Scholarship process is still available. Now, you can still apply for the scholarship if you have graduated from high school in June 2013 and are a freshman in college or technical school. **AS OF YET, NO HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATE HAS APPLIED.** The reception isn't until December. **THE DEADLINE DATE HAS BEEN POSTPONED TO NOVEMBER 30, 2013.** If you have questions or need an application, **PHONE CORA AT (313) 273-7914 NOW!**

MEET GRANDMONT'S NEW YOUTH AND EDUCATION DIRECTOR: CARLA WHITE-SMITH

As a caring educator and business owner, I am dedicated to helping youth obtain their goals and to become great leaders. I have 15 years of teaching experience with pre K-12th grade students. I am currently pursuing a MEd in Special Education from Wayne State University. I also have a MBA in Human Resource Management from Davenport University. I am the Executive Director of AFTER (Adults Facing Transition with an Effective Resolution) A Workforce Development Program for adults 16-35. I have founded "Our Girls" a character building and mentor program for girls 11-16 which are both 501c3 nonprofit organizations.



It is my mission to help Grandmont Community youth of tomorrow prepare to be leaders. When I see lost youth on the streets I always say "I don't know their story but I can help them finish their story". I trust and believe that every youth can be somebody and it's my mission in life to help them realize that it's not over.

Youth learn and perform differently as a Grandmont Community Youth leader; I believe that various educational and fun activities are essential in preparing youth to progress in school, work, and life skills. It is my plan to offer after school tutoring, career, college scholarships and job placement skills. I would also like to offer a job fair and career night with various business owners and entrepreneurs as speakers. Design business plans based on researched products or services for funding of college scholarships. Lastly, acquire sponsored summer programs that promote book clubs, community cleanup, fun activities, volunteer services and healthy lifestyles.

I look forward to working with Grandmont Youth, "LEADERS OF TOMORROW".

As Bobby Knight once quoted, "THE WILL TO SUCCEED IS IMPORTANT, BUT WHAT'S MORE IMPORTANT IS THE WILL TO PREPARE".

Sincerely,

Carla White-Smith

Carla515@hotmail.com, 313-220-8530

BULLYING, WHY DO WE DO IT?

by Mercedes-Antoniya Preston

BULLYING WHY DO WE DO IT? Are we simply playing? If so, why do we play like that? Playing shouldn't emotionally or physically hurt. **BULLYING HURTS!** I don't think our schools are doing enough. I want to help stop bullying. And, I'm going to start by answering these questions.

QUESTION 1: Why do we bully? Some people bully because they were bullied. And, to mask their frustration, they choose to bully others. Some people bully because it makes them feel good about themselves. By putting down others, it makes them feel better. Or, they want to show their friends that they are powerful. But, in reality they are weak. Anyone who hurts others to show they are stronger is not really strong at all.



QUESTION 2: Are we just playing? Some bullies may feel that they are just playing. But, doesn't playing involve both players? The problem is some people may feel it's just for fun. But, if the other person is not enjoying it, it is bullying. Anyway, name calling, pushing, shoving and hitting are not good ways to play. Usually, this type of so called playing ends up in fights. Let's not play in that manner period.

LASTLY, does bullying hurt? Bully can hurt both emotionally and physically. And, it can have lifelong negative effects. For example, if someone says you are ugly or stupid, your confidence may go down. Sometimes, people may not want to go to school because they are tired of being picked on. Others may hide their true personalities just to avoid being bullied.

Overall, I think we all should accept each other for who we are. We need to grow up in caring and accepting environments. Besides, if everyone was the same, our world would be boring. **STOP BULLYING, IT HURTS!**

Why STEM is Critical for Our Youth!

The Facts:



In the U.S., African-Americans only made up 3% of scientists and engineers in science and engineering occupations in 2006.

National Center for Science and Engineering Statistics

It is estimated that “80% of the jobs created in the next decade will require some form of math and science skills.”

National Science Foundation

“Women constitute 45% of the workforce in the U.S. but hold only 12% of science and engineering jobs in business and industry.”

National Council on Research for Women

$$E=mc^2$$



Given the staggering statistics above, **Heroes’ Alliance** has committed to engaging the youth of our community through meaningful encounters with Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM). Numerous studies have shown that students begin losing interest in science and math around the fourth grade level, with an increasing rate of decline throughout their remaining years in school. For African-Americans and females, this rate of decreased interest is even more dramatic. **But, WHY?** Our children are bright, enthusiastic, and capable of achievements at the highest levels. So, why is there a consistent pattern of disinterest in science and math on such a large scale?

One of the main reasons for the disconnect with science and math is that we, as a nation, have failed to make these subjects relevant in the eyes of our youth. Surely, they use them everyday whether they realize it or not, but our failure to connect those dots for them and help them to see the usefulness, necessity, and appeal of science and math has enabled them to focus their interests in other directions. Also, with the all-consuming focus of our schools on high-stakes testing, we rarely take the time to explore how the theories we teach have application in the real world. Children learn best through **experience, exposure, and hands-on encounters**, and if we are going to win the war of imagination with our youth, we must make learning exciting, engaging, and rewarding!



The Heroes’ Alliance *Genius Within* program takes a very hands-on approach to learning. We are of the belief that a genius resides within all of our children, and it is our job to draw out the intellectual capabilities of each child. Our 2013/2014 program year is well underway with many exciting opportunities for students in grades 4-12. We currently offer robotics, academic games, NSBE Jr., Science Fair, and Enrichment Trips. We will also be launching our Thematic Learning series in early 2014 for students in grades 6-12. To get an idea of how our Thematic Learning series will be constructed, think *Mission Impossible* meets *MacGyver* all in the name of project-based learning!

We currently have one very enthusiastic Grandmont student involved in our program and we would love to add more! All of our programming is free to Detroit youth and offered at various locations in and around Northwest Detroit. Our main location is at 13220 Greenfield Rd. Detroit, MI 48227.

To learn more information or to get involved, please contact Anika Smith at anikasmith@heroesalliance.net.



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



ATTENTION ALL FEDERAL EMPLOYEES

Why not designate GRDC (code #94303) as your charity of choice in this year's Combined Federal Campaign? Put your CFC dollars to work right here in our neighborhood!

NEIGHBORHOOD SAFETY MEETING – The Neighborhood Safety Meeting will take a short break in November, due to the Thanksgiving holiday. The next meeting will be Thursday, December 19, when Attorney and Former Deputy Mayor Saul Green will be the guest speaker. His topic is the **CEASE FIRE INITIATIVE**, a program that requires gang members and those on probation to hear from crime victims and business owners just how their acts of violence impacted their lives and/or the community. Join us at 6:30 PM for a lively discussion at the North Rosedale Park Community House, 18445 Scarsdale.

NORTHWESTERN DISTRICT COAT DRIVE — The Grandmont Rosedale Office Center, 19566 Grand River (the annex office), will be an additional drop-off site for the NW District 6th & 8th Police Precinct's 2013 Coat Drive. New coats or CLEAN, gently used coats in all sizes for children and adults will be accepted until Friday, November 22. We will also accept hats, scarves & gloves.

VISIT MYGRANDMONTROSEDALE.ORG! Want to stay up to date on all the latest happenings in the Grandmont Rosedale community? It's easy – just make mygrandmontrosedale.org your new homepage or add it as a bookmark. At this neighborhood web site, you will find notices and short articles about all the various neighborhoods, a calendar of community events, a business directory, and much more. We are on Facebook, too -- find us at [facebook.com/MyGrandmontRosedale!](https://www.facebook.com/MyGrandmontRosedale)

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.

YELLOW “SHOW CAUSE” NOTICES TAPED TO NEIGHBORHOOD HOMES

You may recently have noticed some yellow “*show cause*” notices from the Wayne County Treasurer's Office taped to some homes in the neighborhood. These notices to property owners require them to appear in court in February, 2014 to say why they should not be foreclosed on. These notices generally mean that the property owner is at least two years behind in paying property taxes. If the property owner doesn't take action, he/she will be foreclosed on in March, 2014 and the home placed on the September, 2014 auction list.

We surely don't need more people to lose their homes. There are options available, including these listed below. Please share the information with anyone who may need it.

Go to the Wayne County Treasurer's Office at 400 Monroe Street in Greektown to set up a payment plan if you are unable to pay the whole amount owed at the present time.

Go to the Wayne County Treasurer's Office to see if you qualify for a hardship exemption or an extension of a previous hardship exemption.

Investigate the “**STEP FORWARD MICHIGAN**” program that helps people pay their taxes – go to www.stepforwardmichigan.org for more information.

GO TO UNITED COMMUNITY HOUSING COALITION, 220 BAGLEY, SUITE 900A IN DOWNTOWN DETROIT TO ASK FOR HELP. PLEASE USE THIS OPTION ONLY IF YOU ARE EXPERIENCING A TRUE HARDSHIP. Because of the large volume of cases in the city at present, UCHC cannot assist people who are just delaying paying their taxes for as long as they can get away with it. You can learn more from their web site: <http://www.uchcdetroit.org/>

Please encourage everyone who may have received these show-cause notices to take steps to save their homes!

Pam Weinstein, Commercial Program Manager
Grandmont Rosedale Development Corporation
19800 Grand River
Detroit, MI 48223
313 387 4732, ext. 103
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ENVIRONMENTAL CORNER

The Environmental Committee frequently surveys the neighborhood. Our Grandmont Community is stronger and safer because of your efforts and participation. **THANK YOU!**

BE THANKFUL FOR WHAT YOU HAVE; YOU'LL END UP HAVING MORE. IF YOU CONCENTRATE ON WHAT YOU DON'T HAVE, YOU WILL NEVER, EVER HAVE ENOUGH.

Oprah Winfrey

THANKSGIVING – A time to give thanks and we can't thank you enough! Thank you to all of our good neighbors who watch out for us and are active participants in the Grandmont Community. Our environment is a better place because of your support. I am thankful that we are part of the Grandmont-Rosedale Neighborhoods and have a collective voice to address our concerns and increase our potential. Thank you to all the GCA Board members, committee-members, our block and street captain network, our radio patrol, the Grandmonitor staff and Advertisers and especially our dues-paying neighbors who help support our street snow removal expenses as well as all of the other activities that our yearly fee of only **\$25.00** helps sustain. We have so much to be grateful for and don't say "THANK YOU" as often as we should.

NOVEMBER: THINGS TO REMEMBER – Don't forget to rake your leaves, clean the gutters, and sweep the street of debris that will clog the street drains if not cleared. Pick up litter – it's exercise! Love where you live and commit to making our neighborhood better – and cleaner. **SAFETY ISSUES** – This month make sure smoke detectors are installed and batteries are fresh and your fire extinguisher is charged and everyone knows how to use it and where it's at. Plan a family escape plan "just in case" – be prepared for emergencies. Light the night! Please keep your porch light and side lights on not only for your own safety and security, but so that others can see any suspicious activity and be able to identify and report it! Try to keep your cars parked **OFF** the street for your safety as well as snow removal efficiency so that the streets will be cleared completely and provide for safer passage of all vehicles.

VACANT HOUSE WATCH – Please be vigilant. Pay attention to strangers who may be on the lookout for a place to trespass. Usually this translates to illegal electrical hook-ups and possible other illegal activities that negatively impact our community safety and security. Question contractors and take notes, pictures, and use other precautionary methods while being aware as to what's happening on your block. Who belongs – and who doesn't! Neighbors, please remove accumulated papers, etc., from the porches of vacant houses. This simple activity can help deter break-ins, theft and vandalism, and potential squatters, while increasing your own security by providing a sense of community watchfulness that says we are paying attention to our surroundings.

IN MANY CASES, THANKSGIVING WOULD BE MUCH MORE HEARTILY ENJOYED IF IT CAME BEFORE ELECTION DAY!

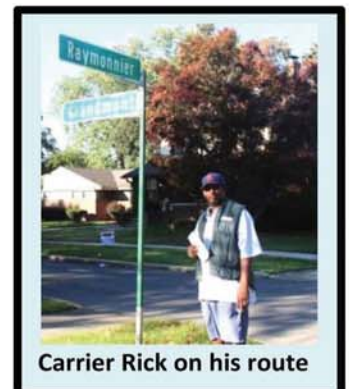
*Diane Patterson
(313-836-3736)*

HAVE YOU SEEN THIS MYSTERY MAN?

Rick Mickens may be a familiar face if you live in the Grandmont community north of Lyndon. He is the regular letter carrier in that area and has been working with the postal service since 1979. While delivering mail is his "day job", Rick is an accomplished, professional musician who plays bass guitar with his band "MAIN ELEMENT" as well as a couple of other groups.



Rick and a young protégé'



Carrier Rick on his route

Rick has been playing since he was around 13 years old. His mother encouraged him to play an instrument so he started with piano and drums before deciding to pick up the guitar. However, it was Wilson Pickett's song "Engine, Engine #9" with its smooth grooves to put a bass guitar in his hands. As they say, "the rest is history"! He now encourages teenagers who play the guitar.

Rick raised his three children alone until twelve years ago when he married his co-worker, Jackie. He can be heard at the "PERFECT BEAT" on Fort St. in southwest Detroit on Sunday evenings where you just might hear him croon a tune as well.



Join DMC Sinai-Grace Hospital in a
61 Day Challenge Rally
 to

*Say No to Soda Pop and
 Fried Food in
 November & December*

Thursday, October 31

1 p.m.

*DMC Sinai-Grace Hospital
 6071 W. Outer Drive, Detroit
 Ground Floor Auditorium*

*Also partnering with Sinai-Grace for the campaign are:
 Wayne County Health & Human Services, Ben Carson High School of
 Science and Medicine, Detroit Public Schools, Fresh Corner Cafe,
 Michigan State University Extension, The Water Station,
 Whole Foods Market, Simply Casual, Wayne County,
 American Diabetes Association, Cornerstone Health High School,
 Fair Food Network, Metro Detroit National Black Child Development
 Institute, Detroit Receiving Hospital, Detroit Public Schools - Office
 School of Nutrition, Marygrove College, Detroit City Councilman Andre
 Spivey, State Representative Thomas Stallworth III, Wayne County
 Commissioner Alisha Bell and The American Heart Association.*

**Please R.S.V.P. to Katrina McCree at
 313-966-5318 or kmccree@dmc.org.**

Follow the campaign on Twitter at @PagingDrEadie.

Did You Know...

Soda pop is the No. 1 source of added sugar and extra calories in the American diet.

Fried food is very high in fat and calories, and robs food of its nutrients.

DMC
 Sinai-Grace Hospital
always there.

WHO DOES NOT THANK FOR LITTLE WILL NOT THANK FOR MUCH.

Proverb

"November comes
 And November goes,
 With the last red berries
 And the first white snows.

With night coming early,
 And dawn coming late,
 And ice in the bucket
 And frost by the gate.

The fires burn
 And the kettles sing,
 And earth sinks to rest
 Until next spring."

~ ELIZABETH COATSWORTH

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

BULK PICKUP SCHEDULE 2013:

Nov 12th

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

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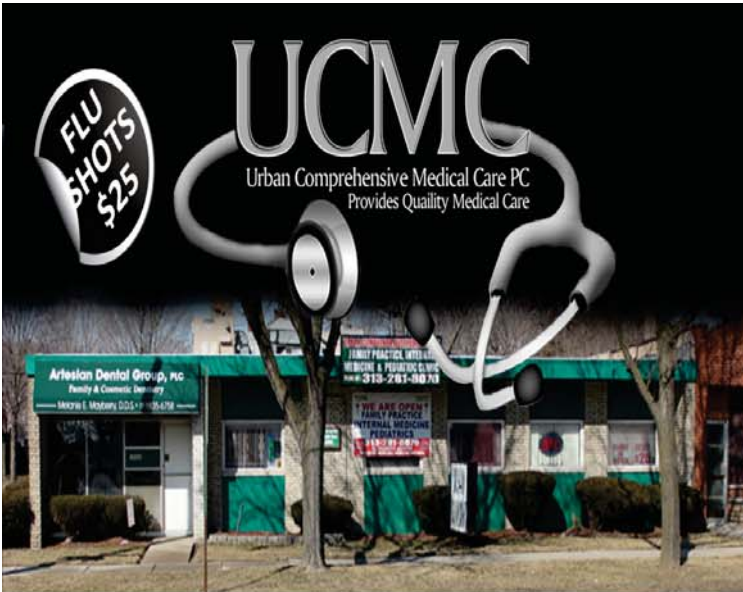
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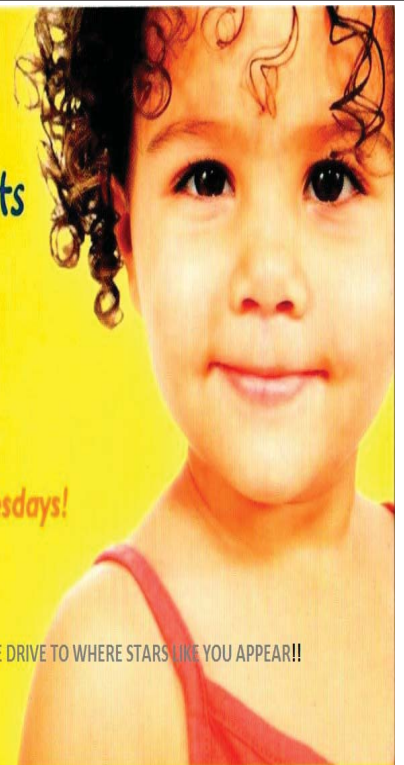
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 3 Daylight Saving Time Ends	4 7PM—Grandmont Patrol Meeting at GDRC Office 19800 Grand River	 5 ELECTION DAY		7 4PM-5PM Yoga at Chaney Library	1 10AM - GCA Board Meeting at GRDC Office	2
10 	11  Veterans Day	12  BULK PICK-UP	13	14 4PM-5PM Yoga at Chaney Library	15  America Recycles Day	16 10AM to 2PM—Rosedale Recycles at Christ The King Church
17 	18	19	20 7PM—GDRC Board Meeting at GRDC Office 19800 Grand River	21 4PM-5PM Yoga at Chaney Library	22 Yard Waste Removal	23
24 	25 7PM—NW District Police Community Relations mtg at Bushnell Cong. Church	26	27	28 	29 Yard Waste Removal	30
DECEMBER MEETINGS						
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