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[www.grandmontcommunity.org](http://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.

## GRANDMONT COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS ELECTION UPCOMING IN APRIL

We are all very blessed to live this wonderful Grandmont neighborhood! We don't have to worry about getting our streets plowed in the winter, provide scholarships for our deserving high school graduates and sponsor several fun-filled activities for our families. Several active community committees sponsor a flower sale, plant flowers at each neighborhood street entrance every spring and keep us safe by working with our Security Committee and Grandmont Patrol.



**WE TRULY HAVE A GREAT QUALITY OF LIFE HERE.** There are not many communities in Detroit that offer all of the activities and services that we do. **BUT**, it takes dedicated residents working together with their good ideas to make plans and continue this rich legacy.

Dues-paying residents of the Grandmont Community vote to elect **FIVE** new members of its Board of Directors every year at the Annual Business Dinner Meeting. All members serve a two-year term on the Board. The two-year terms are staggered between old and new Board members, allowing new members the opportunity to serve with experienced members. Our Annual Business Dinner Meeting takes place each year in April.

According to our Grandmont Community Association Bylaws, active Board members can serve a maximum of **TWO** two-year terms; a total of four years consecutively. Several current Board members will be ineligible to run again at this time.

If your **\$25.00** dues are paid (*only \$10.00 on Southfield Service Drive and Longacre apartments*), you can nominate yourself or have someone else nominate you. All candidates will be asked to write a short statement about themselves and why they are running. If you would like to run or you know someone who would, please contact the Board Secretary, Charlotte Wright, who is in charge of the Nominating Committee or any member on the Board of Directors. Contact information is on page 2 of this newsletter.



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**GRANDMONT**

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### SAFETY / SECURITY INFORMATION

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

EMAIL:

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

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

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



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

TEXT “TIP411” (847411) add DPD to msg

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

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

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

REWARDS ARE AVAILABLE FOR INFORMATION LEADING TO  
ARREST AND PROSECUTION.

# GRANDMONT BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

**SAT., MARCH 1, 2014, 10 AM**

**GRDC Office, 19800 Grand River**

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

## SUPPORT THE GRANDMONT COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

**ALL MEETINGS ARE HELD THE FIRST SATURDAY OF EACH MONTH AT GRDC UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED**



# GRANDMONT PATROL MEETING

**MON., MARCH 3, 2014, 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:

2010	_____	<b>2014</b>	_____
2011	_____	2015	_____
2012	_____	2016	_____
2013	_____	2017	_____
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:

- |                                                  |                                                  |
|--------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Arts & Crafts Fair      | <input type="checkbox"/> Nominations             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Beautification          | <input type="checkbox"/> Ramsay Park             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> By-Laws                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Safety/Security         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Education & Youth       | <input type="checkbox"/> Scholarship             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Environmental           | <input type="checkbox"/> Social Planning         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Finance                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Street & Block Captains |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Membership              | <input type="checkbox"/> Web Site                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> GRANDMONITOR Newsletter |                                                  |

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- Grandmont Radio Patrol
- Vacant House Task Force

## GRANDMONT YOUTH & EDUCATION MEETING

**CHANEY LIBRARY**

**16101 Grand River Ave, Detroit, MI 48227**

**February 8, 2014 & February 22, 2014**

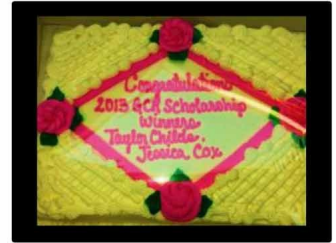
**10 AM-12 PM**

Please come prepared with homework or class assignments. For further information contact:

**CARLA SMITH: 313-220-8530**

## GRANDMONT'S SCHOLARS RECEIVE SCHOLARSHIPS

**W**e, the Grandmont Community Association are proud of all our graduates. All of us as well as the general public, greatly admire their accomplishments. The 2013 honorees are: Taylor Childs and Jessica E. Cox. On Sunday, January 12, 2014 at the Grandmont Rosedale Development Corporation (GRDC), 19800 Grand River Avenue, a reception was celebrated in their honor with family, friends and community members.



Honorees Cox and Childs with Grandmont Board Members

As part of the selection process, the honorees were interviewed by a panel which included: members of the GCA Board of Directors, Scholarship Committee and Committee Chairpersons. The awardees spoke with incredible passion, scholasticism, and distinction. Their every word assured us that we made the right selection and that the Grandmont Scholarship is a resource that lends to the future leaders of our community, city and state.

They received a Grandmont Community Association Excellence Certificate and the Spirit of Detroit Award. The **\$1,000.00** scholarship will be placed in their university or college accounts. The GCA Scholarship is made possible by the proceeds from the art fair, flower Sale and membership dues. To the honorees, please accept our heartfelt congratulations for your success!

### TAYLOR CHILDS

Taylor Childs is a graduate from Henry Ford Academy School for Creative Studies. Ms. Childs was a member of the National Honor Society. Taylor is currently attending College for Creative Studies. Her major is Crafts-Fibers. In Fibers, she will work with materials and learn how to create a garment from scratch. Her main focus is Fashion Design. Journalism will be her major for graduate school. Taylor said that graduates from her major have booked jobs from Target, Converse, Nike, Hagopian Rug Company, and many more. Her career objective is to become a Fashion Designer/Journalist. She wants to own her own company eventually, and work for different fashion magazines such as Ebony (fashion spread), Vogue, Glamour, or Seventeen. Taylor was a member of the Ivylettes (A.K.A. Sorority Community Service & mentoring group).

### JESSICA COX

Jessica Cox is a 2013 graduate from Renaissance High School and is currently attending Western Michigan University where she is majoring in Psychology. Her goal is to become a psychologist. She believes that becoming a psychologist is not just to collect a pay check every week, but to help those in need of psychologically and mental health help.

Jessica has been very involved in her community by participating in the Delta Sigma Theta Storytelling, Walk for the Homeless, and giving back to the homeless during Christmas through the Detroit Yellow Tigers Karate School.



*Written by: Cora A. Duncan-Foster, GCA Scholarship Committee Chair*

## CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL FOR MEMBERSHIP SUPPORT

(From Richard Berlin, Treasurer and Membership Chair)

Congratulations to the residents of Grandmont for continuing to be the leader of all communities in the city by supporting our community group with nearly 50% of all occupied homes paying membership dues. Grandmont continues to do more with only half of the dues that other similar organizations charge. Just think of all the neighborhood support we could offer if everyone paid **their dues!**

### A SPECIAL SHOUT OUT GOES TO:

**JULIE JANUSCH AND THE 13900 – 14000 BLOCK OF GRANDMONT FOR THEIR NEARLY 90% SUPPORT.  
ROOSEVELT & TOYA PARKER AND THE 14300 – 14400 BLOCK OF ABINGTON WITH 85% PAID.**

### THE FOLLOWING BLOCKS WITH 70 TO 79% MEMBERS PAYING:

**OBIE BELL: 13900 – 14000 block of ASBURY PARK  
JOAN HARRIS-WILLIAMS: 14100 – 14200 block of ABINGTON  
DORIS RUFFIN: 14500 of GRANDMONT  
MUHSIN MUHAMMAD: 14300-14000 block of RUTLAND  
YVONNE SANDERS: 14600 -14700 block of ABINGTON**

The GCA already salutes **OBIE BELL OF ASBURY PARK** for turning in 16 memberships for his block for 2014 in December. Membership dues are payable each year in January.

A special “**THANK YOU**” gift should have already been received by most members for their 2013 dues (and as a reminder to pay 2014 in a timely manner). If you haven’t received your flashlight keychain yet, contact your Block Captain. If you have forgotten your 2013 dues, you may send them with your 2014 payments. Nearly 50 keychain flashlights are still available and will be delivered with your membership card.

Nearly five dozen members have already received their 2014 Grandmont Community MUG as thanks for their early dues payments. Others, who have paid previously, will soon get theirs. Only a limited number of 2014 “**THANK YOU’S**” have been purchased. Everyone who forwards their payment *before April 1<sup>st</sup>* should be able to receive the gift. **AS OF JANUARY 15<sup>TH</sup>, 114 MEMBERS HAVE ALREADY PAID THEIR 2014 DUES.**

Many members of our neighborhood have shown their faith in the Grandmont Community Association by sending in their membership dues for years in advance. As of this same date, 37 are paid for 2015, 12 are paid for 2016, 2 for 2017, and one for 2018!

**PLEASE! SEND A COMPLETED MEMBERSHIP FORM (FOUND ON PAGE 3) WITH YOUR CHECK OR MONEY ORDER.** We need to make sure your information is current and correct. Our Radio Patrol and neighbors look out for you. We need to be able to contact you.

## GCA YOUTH AND EDUCATION COMMITTEE UPDATE

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. had a Dream and he led a freedom march, boycott and various speeches on expressing his dreams of equality. Grandmont Community Association Youth were asked:

### **WHAT DIFFICULTIES MIGHT OCCUR WHEN A COMMUNITY WORKS TOGETHER TO SOLVE A PROBLEM?**

#### **COMMUNITY PROBLEM: GUN VIOLENCE**

#### **STEPS TO SOLVE IT:**

- \*gun control
- \*more police officers
- \*gun laws

#### **DIFFICULTIES:**

- \*disobedient citizens
- \*acceptance of gun laws
- \*unlicensed owners of guns

#### **EDITORIAL**

The difficulties of stopping gun violence can be overcome by having more police officers on duty to keep the community safe from harm. Most gun violence involves teens or young adults, so to help stop the situation; the communities can have centers for them to go to. By doing so, it would help them stay away from trouble, and keep them focus more on school, family and being a good kid.

Desire Brown  
GCA Youth & Education  
Volunteer High School Student

## ENVIRONMENTAL CORNER / VACANT PROPERTY TASK FORCE

Q: What kind of flowers do you never give on Valentine's Day?

A: Cauliflowers!

### **OUR SPRING VACANT PROPERTY FUNDRAISER:**

So whatever you do, don't buy cauliflowers for that special someone – instead, buy roses – from us! Since roses are a Valentine flower of choice, why not send your significant other, helpful neighbor or friend, or someone who just might need your caring and considerate gesture to brighten their day, by receiving a rose you sent with love or affection. **THE VACANT HOUSE TASK FORCE** is selling roses for delivery on Valentine's Day for **\$5.00 each**. Included in this price is a thoughtful, artistic, hand-made card with your own personal message attached. Delivery is included if it is within our Grandmont-Rosedale boundaries, or you can pick up the roses on February 14, 2014 at the GRDC Office. All sales profits go directly to fund our Vacant Property Summer/Fall Maintenance and will be divided among our GRDC neighborhoods. Forms are available at the GRDC office at 19800 Grand River, or call GRDC Program Manager Becki Kenderes at 313-387-4732, Ext.101, or call me and I will deliver the form to you - how easy is that?



### **WHAT WE DO:**

The Environmental Committee regularly surveys the neighborhood. If we believe there is sufficient reason to address an issue we will do the following:

- First, a letter is usually sent to the resident's address describing our concerns. We request a confirming phone call to make sure we have the correct information. If we receive no response, we assume the situation will be, or has been, corrected.
- If that is not the case, we contact the appropriate city department to initiate further action and a formal complaint is made.

Zoning and code enforcement rules and regulations help retain Grandmont's best practices of residential home maintenance. Compliance of these ordinances benefit everyone who wants to help improve our neighborhood and the City of Detroit. Working together we can all make Grandmont the "Home of Good Neighbors." Active participation and involvement by all family members helps keep our neighborhood strong and unified. Together, we have the power to make the future brighter and safer for our families.

**FEBRUARY, 2014: *Seasons of lingering memories:*** An Autumn leaf floats, curled in a puddle, lingering. Memories. Snowflakes drifting shadows, dissolving. It's February ... Spring is whispering.

"If we had no winter, the spring would not be so pleasant." so says Anne Bradstreet. And spring is just around the corner. While spring may be whispering, we need some shouts of support for upcoming spring/summer cleanups. Volunteers are always needed and welcome. Young and old – and in-between. In mid to late March, we will have a kickoff cleanup of Ramsay Park. Join us and help lessen the time and effort – and help get the park ready for family-fun and neighbor enjoyment. Details will be in the March **GRANDMONITOR** and will be posted on our Grandmont Information Network (GIN).

Yes, Spring is just around the corner, and speaking of corners, let me thank those wonderful and caring neighbors who live at the corners of our community. When you take on the added responsibility of owning a home located on a corner lot, you help create the first impression of the street or block where your home is located. These are true gateways to our individual blocks. That is a responsibility we recognize as no easy task. Your extra pride of upkeep and landscaping encourage us all to be more respectful of maintaining our homes and property. Often, corner homes are a magnet for litter, etc., from mindless people who haven't learned better. We appreciate your prompt response at eliminating the trash and litter from those less attentive. It is noticed and you are to be commended for your conscientious efforts to keep Grandmont clean and litter-free. And if you live on a corner lot that could use some visual improvements, keep in mind that February is just the month to put YOUR HEART into your home and neighborhood. It's still not too late to make a January resolution in February! This month why not prepare a heart-felt plan to enhance your corner-lot home that you can put into action this spring. Why not create a calming "corner" to enjoy the outdoors. Perhaps plant a vegetable garden to eat healthier this year, or a flower garden just to smell the roses.

**OTHER TIMELY CONCERNS AND REMINDERS:****LIVE AND LEARN - SNOW REMOVAL:**

You can't please everyone! Snow removal has been pretty effective, but there will always be issues when there is so much snow – where does it all go? Why is it piled onto my driveway or sidewalk? Please remember the crews do their best. Everyone can help by using a bit of common sense. Move your cars when there is a snowstorm predicted. The plows usually work at night, so cars should be parked off the streets. Place your garbage can on the berm – and off the street – for safety and the ability of a wider pathway for traffic when the snow-plows try to remove the snow from our streets. All things considered, I'm proud to be able to say our Grandmont Community streets are clear and less dangerous for city, police, fire, and emergency vehicles as well as our own vehicles.

**GARBAGE COLLECTION:**

Remember to put your garbage container curbside no earlier than the day before our Friday scheduled collection. If there is an official Federal Holiday during that week, our collection will be one day later – on Saturday. Help our DPW workers by keeping your container clean and not over-filled; trash should be bagged first. Loose garbage that can spill out on the street only makes matters worse.

**INVITATION TO INFESTATION:**

Bulk items, junk vehicles, furniture, mattresses, appliances, etc., should not be located in your backyard or other outside areas. Do your part to eliminate the rodent problem. The Southfield Yard can take your bulk items and eliminate the debris and potential problems!

**STORM-SEWER/DRAIN CLEANING:**

If there is a drain in front of your home on your street, periodically check it to make certain it is not clogged with leaves or debris. Water that runs smoothly into the street drain is less likely to back-up into our basements. Spring thaws can mean flooded basements if this maintenance is neglected.

**VACANT HOUSE WATCH:**

Keep your eyes open and be watchful! Keep paper and pencil, phone, and camera handy so that if you see something, you can do something. Take notes – take pictures – take charge of the situation. Pay attention to your block and know its cross-streets!

**BE A RESPONSIBLE PET OWNER:**

Pet ordinances are misdemeanors. Violators are subject to substantial fines. These are the most problematic:

- Sec. 6-1-5 Failure to abate public nuisance (such as animal waste or noise) after notification of owner by a public official is unlawful.
- Sec. 6-1-6 (a) Unlawful to harbor or own a vicious animal or an animal that is suspected of having been exposed to rabies;  
(e) Failure to surrender an animal that has bitten or scratched a person or animal within 24 hours to the Animal Control Division is unlawful.
- Sec. 6-2-5 Failure to have a collar or harness, with license tag attached, on dog is unlawful;  
(e) Unlawful to transfer dog license or tag.
- Sec. 6-2-6 Failure of owner to keep a dog on the owner's property is unlawful;  
(b) Unlawful for any owner to allow any dog to stray on public property, unless held properly by a leash or other restraint.



## GRANDMONT ROSEDALE DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

**RENOVATED HOMES FOR SALE** – GRDC has newly renovated homes for sale in the Grandmont Rosedale area. Each home has been thoroughly updated and is in move-in condition. 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. Check out the GRDC website at [www.grandmontrosedale.com](http://www.grandmontrosedale.com) for more details and a complete list of homes for sale.

**OFFICE SPACE FOR RENT** – GRDC has affordable office space for rent on Grand River. Options range from a move-in ready 1400 sf unit at 19560 Grand River to individual offices and shared “co-working” space in the soon-to-be-renovated building at 19120 Grand River. For more information contact Kirsten Donoghue at **313-387-4732 ext 120** or [kdonoghue@grandmontrosedale.com](mailto:kdonoghue@grandmontrosedale.com)



This beautifully renovated home is only one of several homes GRDC will have on the market this spring.

**ROSE SALE FUNDRAISER** – Who doesn't love getting flowers on Valentine's Day? You can make someone's day and support the Vacant Property Task Force with the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Rose Sale Fundraiser. For **\$5**, you can have one rose hand-delivered to your sweetheart, neighbor or friend within the Grandmont Rosedale neighborhood, along with your personal message on a handcrafted card. Order forms are available at the GRDC's office, 19800 Grand River, Always Brewing Detroit, 19180 Grand River or on [www.mygrandmontrosedale.org](http://www.mygrandmontrosedale.org). For more information on the rose sale, contact Becki Kenderes at **313.387.4732 x 101**, email [bkenderes@grandmontrosedale.com](mailto:bkenderes@grandmontrosedale.com).

**HEALING STORIES PARTNERSHIP** – For over 70 years the Michigan Roundtable for Diversity and Inclusion has been advocating and championing civil rights and social justice in Metro Detroit. Currently they are spearheading the Healing Stories Partnership, to provide metro Detroiters the opportunity to share their personal experiences during Truth Hearings, by giving testimony about injustices in the area of Housing on Saturday, March 1, 2014.

GRDC has agreed to be a community partner and is recruiting residents to participate in the Truth Hearings by participating in, or simply observing the testimony. For more information or to sign-up, please contact Becki Kenderes at: [bkenderes@grandmontrosedale.com](mailto:bkenderes@grandmontrosedale.com) or **313-387-4732, ext. 101**.

**NEIGHBORHOOD SAFETY MEETING** – The next meeting will be held on Thursday, February, 27<sup>th</sup> 2014. Join us at 6:30 PM for a lively discussion at the North Rosedale Park Community House, 18445 Scarsdale.

**VISIT MYGRANDMONTROSEDALE.ORG** – Want to stay up to date on all the latest happenings in the Grandmont Rosedale community? Visit [mygrandmontrosedale.org](http://mygrandmontrosedale.org) to find neighborhood stories, 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 NETWORK** – The Grandmont Rosedale Crime Alert sends out email alerts as reported by community residents about recent suspicious or criminal incidents or activities in the Grandmont Rosedale neighborhoods. The goal is to prevent crime by sharing information among area residents. To join the Grandmont Rosedale Crime Alert system, send an e-mail request to [grandmontrosedalecrimealert@googlegroups.com](mailto:grandmontrosedalecrimealert@googlegroups.com).

**GET THE GRDC E-MAIL BLAST!** – Sign up to receive GRDC’s weekly email newsletter and get timely neighborhood news delivered directly to your inbox every Wednesday morning. Don’t miss out. Send an e-mail to [info@grandmontrosedale.com](mailto:info@grandmontrosedale.com) and ask to be added to the list today.

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## START OR GROW YOUR BUSINESS IN THE GRANDMONT ROSEDALE NEIGHBORHOOD

In the coming year, the Grandmont Rosedale Development Corporation (GRDC) will be teaming up with some of Detroit’s best small business support organizations to help local residents and small business owners start, expand or strengthen their homegrown business. We will offer a menu of options to fit every need.

**TECHTOWN** is a business incubator affiliated with Wayne State University that will be bringing its successful “**SWOT CITY**” program to the Grandmont Rosedale communities for the next three years. This program will provide strategic planning and one-on-one coaching services to existing and start-up small businesses in the Grandmont Rosedale area.

The **PROSPERUS DETROIT ENTREPRENEURSHIP TRAINING PROGRAM** will be offering an intensive small business training course beginning in March 2014. In the 11-week **PROSPERUS** program, participants will:

- *Learn how to write a solid business plan*
- *Get 10 hours of one-on-one coaching with a trainer*
- *Upon completion, be eligible to apply for character-based microloans and technical assistance*

Applications are due on February 22<sup>nd</sup>. To learn more about this program, interested persons should attend an Informational Meeting on Tuesday, February 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM at the GRDC Office, 19800 Grand River.

The **CENTER FOR EMPOWERMENT AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT (CEED)** will continue to operate a satellite office for its small business lending program right here in Grandmont Rosedale and holds its weekly orientation sessions each Tuesday morning at 10:00 AM at the GRDC Offices.

GRDC is also developing a “co-working” space at 19120 Grand River, which will offer office space for individuals and micro-businesses in a professional, relaxed and collaborative setting. If you are looking for a home base for your business venture or want an economical alternative to working from home, contact GRDC to see if this new concept in office space is for you.

For more information about any of these opportunities, contact Kirsten Donoghue, GRDC’s Economic Development Manager at [313-387-4732 ext 120](tel:313-387-4732) or [kdonoghue@grandmontrosedale.com](mailto:kdonoghue@grandmontrosedale.com). Or visit GRDC’s website at [www.GrandmontRosedale.com](http://www.GrandmontRosedale.com).

Let’s make 2014 the year of small business in Grandmont Rosedale.

## BLACK'S HISTORY, TODAY and TOMORROW

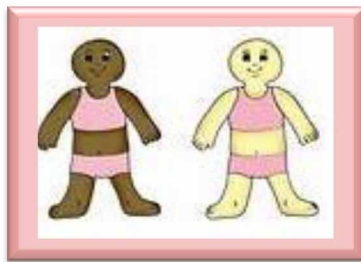
by Mercedes-Antoniya Preston

**B**eing that I am home schooled, I experience certain subjects year round. Yet, students that attend public school mainly experience them at a particular time of the school year. One, of these subjects is African-American history. This semester I was hoping that we could do something a little different, like not include African-American history. But, it didn't happen. I told my mother that I was very aware of it all: slavery, Martin Luther King, Jr., Rosa Parks and the boycott. Furthermore, I thought that it was depressing and sad! So, she told me that I had three options: her way, her way or her way. So, I chose her way. But, this semester, she taught it differently. I learned so many new things. Plus, she tied in the mentality that slaves had hundreds of years ago with how many African-Americans still live today. I want to share some of my class experience in this article.



I saw slave narratives re-enacted by current actors. Although I read incidents in the *"Life of a Slave Girl"* by Harriet Jacobs last semester, these narratives really enlightened me. To learn that some slaves wanted to stay after slavery was over because they thought there was nothing better out there was shocking. Some slaves believed slave life was the best option. Even, though they weren't getting enough food or proper shelter and were beaten at the whim of the overseer, they would have preferred to stay in captivity.

I also learned about Brown vs Board of Education. So, many men and women fought for blacks to be allowed to get quality education. Blacks were not allowed to go to school with whites and little cases were won to help support the decision of Brown vs Board. For example, in some states, colleges had to allow blacks to attend, by law. But, instead of them allowing the whites and blacks in the same building, they actually built separate buildings on campus for the blacks to attend. There was one college that could not afford to build a separate building, so in order to abide by the law; they made the black college student sit in the hallway during class. However, today blacks are allowed to attend any college of their choice with any race. But, blacks account for one of the smallest group of people to attend college. And, we have one of the highest rates of high school dropouts compared to other races.



I also learned about the Willie Lynch Mindset. Some people don't believe in it. But I learned that Lynch helped slave owners divide their slaves to keep them from coming together and rebelling. He said, pit old against young, dark against light, field slaves against house slaves etc. I learned a lot about this and how this way of thinking stills lives on today. My mother connected it to the doll experiment. It was first done to help win Brown vs Board. Black and white children were shown a white doll and a black doll that looked exactly alike. 99% of the kids said that the black doll was bad and the white doll was good or the best, simply because of

skin color. The same doll experiment was done a few years ago, which had the same results. I was amazed. These are just a few things I have learned.

I began to ask myself questions. Do I appreciate my hair, my skin color, my opportunities to learn? I decided I can do better. I want to continue to learn about my history. I want to share it with my friends. I want to be the best I can be. I want to appreciate me for me! Our ancestors made a lot of strives, but it takes leaders like me to continue the fight. I know slavery ended in 1865. But, I need to make sure that I take full advantage of this freedom!



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## COMMUNITY HELP NEEDED TO CLEAN UP RAMSAY PARK

Hello neighbors:

It has so far been a cold winter so I am looking forward already to spring~ and with spring comes the annual cleanup. Well, good neighbors of the Grandmont Community, we are planning our first 2014 Ramsay Park cleanup. Last year's cleanup was a great success, and the result was a Park that the community showcased with events like our "**COOL JAZZ / HOT NIGHTS**" concert and the very successful Art Fair. The baseball league also held practices and games there.

On **Saturday, March 29, 2014**, we are going to cleanup Ramsay Park. We can use as many volunteers as we can get, so mark your calendars. We will start at 9 AM and go until 1 PM. An email confirmation can be sent to [smithe255@aol.com](mailto:smithe255@aol.com) or you can just show up, I look forward to seeing the spirit that comes from the **GRANDMONT COMMUNITY!** U of M students have already been scheduled to help.

*Ed Smith, GCA Board Member*

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- 🕒 **SATURDAY, MARCH 8<sup>TH</sup> FROM 9 AM – 12 PM**

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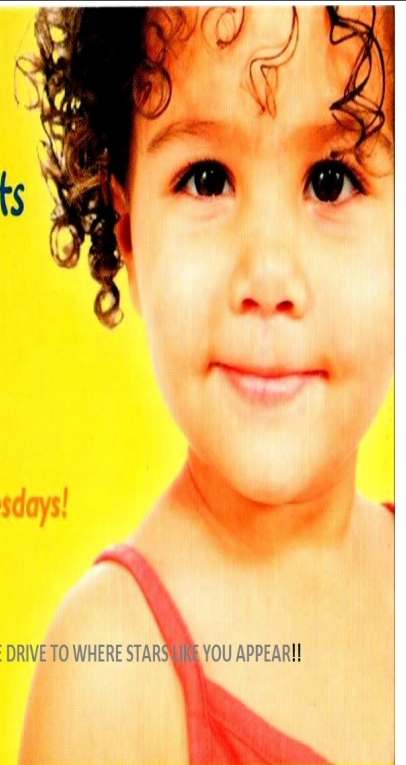
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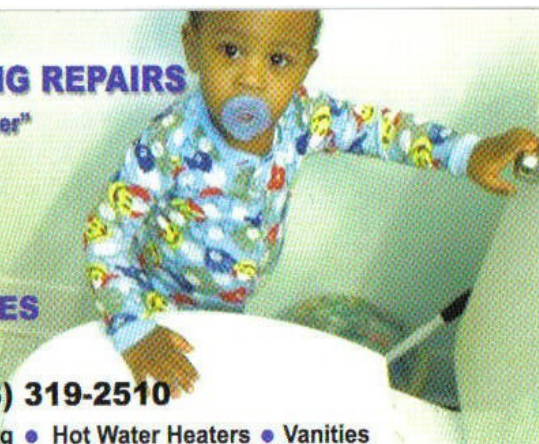
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