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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.

TRAFFIC CALMING FOR GRANDMONT INFORMATION YOU SHOULD KNOW!

Dr. Earlene J. Hall, President, Grandmont Community Association

Recently an informal group of Grandmont Rosedale residents met to form an ad hoc Traffic Calming Work Group to study ways to make our neighborhoods safer and cleaner through various traffic control measures known as "traffic calming".

Grandmont was represented by John Edwards, a Grandmont resident who is also an engineer with the City of Detroit and me, GCA President Dr. Earlene J. Hall. The purpose of traffic calming is to make neighborhoods safer, more pleasant, and more livable by reducing the speed and volume of traffic to acceptable levels. Traffic calming reduces accidents, collisions, noise, vibration, pollution and crime.

Detroit's Palmer Woods neighborhood recently instituted some traffic calming measures and residents there are now very satisfied with these improvements. Grandmont Rosedale residents decided to explore how we might incorporate similar measures in our neighborhoods.

Representatives from all five Grandmont Rosedale neighborhoods have begun to learn more about various ways to improve safety and reduce noise, pollution, littering and speeding in our area. The first step the work group is taking is sending out an 'interest survey' to collect opinions from area residents about traffic, speeding, noise and pedestrian safety concerns. Watch for your April Grandmonitor and other community information sources; you'll be receiving the link to our neighborhood's survey. Please complete the survey ASAP, so that your input can be included.

PLEASE KEEP IN MIND THIS IS JUST A STUDY OF THE PROBLEM. ANY CHANGES WILL FIRST BE APPROVED BY THE GRANDMONT COMMUNITY. Representatives from each of the five communities represented on the original Ad Hoc committee were asked to submit a "draft traffic calming plan" for their community that would be included in a five community "Master Traffic Calming Plan". (cont'd on page 4)

SAVE THE DATE

**GRANDMONT COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION'S
BUSINESS, DINNER & SOCIAL MEETING**

SAT., APRIL 12, 2014, 3:00 PM



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Richard Berlin-----John Edwards-----Kevin Johnson

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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, APRIL 5, 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

MONDAY, APRIL 7, 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	_____	2014	_____
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:

- | | |
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| <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

MARCH 1, 2014 & MARCH 22, 2014

10 AM-12 PM

All youth ages 6-17 can register for activities which consist of tutoring, arts & crafts and field trips to City of Detroit events. Also, please come prepared with homework or class assignments.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

CARLA SMITH: 313-220-8530

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TRAFFIC CALMING FOR GRANDMONT: *(GCA President Dr. Hall's article cont'd from Front Page)*

I formed an Ad Hoc committee for Grandmont to explore various configurations of limiting and re-directing the flow of traffic in our community. Our objective was to identify a plan that would minimally inconvenience residents, while at the same time restricting the mobility of outsiders cutting through and operating criminal activities in our community. The four plans considered are as follows:

1. Street closure at Kendall, Acacia and Tournier.
 - Restrict east – west movement by removing sections of streets at any locations
 - Revise traffic control signs to stop signs on all north – south streets.
 - Remove all 4-way stops.
2. Closure north – south streets
 - Close north – south streets starting at Archdale on the north, Longacre on the south and back and forth.
 - Close Acacia and Kendall at Service Drive
 - Alternate stop signs interior of community
3. Divided Lyndon
 - Street closures at Kendall, Acacia and Tournier
 - Replace Lyndon within the 60 ft. ROW with a divided roadway.
 - No through streets. All traffic will have to do a “Michigan Left” to precede north or south.
4. No Action at all

RESULTS:

The Ad Hoc committee recommended Plan #1. The reason given for this recommendation was, “Plan 1 eliminates or greatly limits the ability to move fluidly through the community. It provides the criminal element a more complex exit and thereby will be a deterrent to crime. Plan #1 will also deter additional traffic from moving east to west through our community.”

Again, this plan was submitted for further study. As a community we will approve or reject any traffic calming plan before it will be finalized.

For more information on the Traffic Calming Work Group, contact:
GCA President Dr. Earlene J. Hall at earlenehall@ameritech.net or
GCA Public Works Co-Chair John Edwards at jfejr@sbcglobal.net

MY LITTLE SISTER

By Mercedes-Antoniya Preston

I make decisions all the time. What should I wear today? How should I respond to that comment? Should I eat my dessert or dinner first? The decisions are unlimited! But one choice I wanted, I had no control over. I just asked, prayed and hoped. The decision was my sister. I remember asking my parents for a sibling. They would say, “ask God.” And, that’s what I did . . .



I thank the Lord for everything, especially my family. He gave me the greatest of them all – my father Marc-Antony Preston, my mother Lawanda Preston and my baby sister Musyc Antoniya Preston. But, there wasn’t always all four of us. There once was only three of us. I was the baby of the family. While being the baby of the family, there was pro’s and con’s! The perks were not having to share. I had everything I wanted and the budget for Christmas was all spent on ME!! Wouldn’t you think I had the good life? Well . . . it wasn’t so perfect. I didn’t have anyone to share it with, to brag, to compare, or just someone around my age. Sometimes, I was super lonely. I had friends and cousins, but it was nothing like having my own sibling. At first, I always wished for a sister. Then, I started to say any gender would be just fine. I prayed and prayed, but no sibling. I just gave up. I thought that I better make the best out of what I had.

A few months after I turned 11 years old, I found out my mother was pregnant!! I wanted to tell the whole world and more. But, my parents told me to keep it a secret for about three months. Those three months were very difficult; but once the deadline hit, my mouth couldn’t be nailed shut!! I told people numerous times, and the response was, “I know, congrats for the tenth time”. As those nine months ticked away, I knew that the perks of being the only child was slipping away. But, the shoulder for my future sibling to cry on was getting stronger.

Then, the big day came. The faster the contractions came, the faster I ran around the house. My parents had to tell me to calm down. Once we arrived at the hospital, my father had to park the car. So, I carried the luggage which had my parents’ clothes for a few days. I became super girl from level to level. But, I was nothing compared to the super baby that was announced my little sister. Once I saw my sister, I went to the bathroom and cried. Now, my loneliness was surely cured by the most beautiful baby I’d ever seen, not counting myself!



Today, I can’t expect my 8 month old sister to hold a thoughtful conversation with me concerning the feelings I had of her years ago. Usually, when I try to have a serious dialog with her, she just laughs and looks away, like I am a joke! But, it doesn’t bother me; I just laugh, too!

REMEMBERING JIM CAMPBELL, OUR NEIGHBOR AND FRIEND ... WITH LOVE

A dedicated neighbor and friend, defender and warrior of our Grandmont community recently passed away. **JAMES CAMPBELL**, lovingly known to his family and us ~ his friends ~ as "**JIM**", made his transition Thursday evening, February 20, 2014. With heavy hearts, we must say goodbye to a stellar gentleman who loved God, his immediate and extended family, his friends, his Grandmont community and his other passions, jazz and photography.

JIM was born, raised and educated in Detroit. He graduated from Northwestern High School in 1961. **JIM** and his wife Mary married over 47 years ago in Atlanta, GA while **JIM** was serving our country in the U. S. Army. They were the parents of three children, two sons and a daughter. He also had a grandson and granddaughter of whom he was very proud. **JIM** was employed by General Motors for 36 years of service and retired in 1998 as a millwright. After retiring, he focused on his wife, family, his love of art (he loved to draw) and jazz, the beautiful garden around his house and photography. **JIM** was a member of the Shutterbug Photo Club for over 25 years and formerly their President.



JIM was Grandmont's resident photographer. He was always at Grandmont events snapping away; he never asked anything for his time and gladly handed over all of the shots he had taken for posterity, for our **GRANDMONITOR** newspaper, for personal use or whatever. **Jim** not only took pictures at Grandmont's Annual Business-Dinner meetings, Scholarship receptions, Annual Holiday Appreciation Luncheons, Arts and Crafts Fairs, "**HOT NIGHTS-COOL JAZZ**" events, "Celebrating Grandmont" events, and many other events, **he worked** those events as well. He was security, he cleaned, he hauled, he moved, he assisted, he did whatever was needed.

JIM also served on Grandmont's Board of Directors. He was a terrific Block captain for Longacre, not only delivering our monthly community newsletter, but also reminding residents to pay their annual dues.

JIM helped keep Ramsay Park litter-free and participated in Grandmont's "Home and Garden" Tours and many of our other neighborhood activities. **JIM LOVED** his community and was acknowledged several times for his numerous acts of service.



JIM even worked outside of Grandmont with another tireless resident, Cora Duncan-Foster. When she called on him to be a judge for VICA/SKILLS USA, a national organization for students in the career-technical field who were competing in leadership competitions (locally, and regionally) – **JIM** was there, bright and early whether it was in Detroit, Southfield, Pontiac, Waterford; wherever he was asked to be, he was there. He also took official photos for many other communities, organizations, politicians and families for their weddings, family reunions and special occasions. **JIM** was never known to say '**NO**'.

JIM quietly closed his eyes and left us ... **JIM**, rest well, knowing you led an exemplary life. As a neighbor recently said, "**JIM WAS AN EASY PERSON TO LOVE!**"

Our prayers go out to his family and we thank them for giving him the freedom to do so much for the betterment of Grandmont, our youth and citizens of the City of Detroit.

Submitted by M. Muhammad & K. Thurmond

ENVIRONMENTAL CORNER / VACANT PROPERTY TASK FORCE

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

A HEARTFELT THANK YOU to all of you who purchased Valentine's Day Roses from **GRDC** to help our **VACANT PROPERTY TASK FORCE** with the upkeep of unoccupied properties within the Grandmont-Rosedale communities. Together we raised more than **\$900.00** to be distributed among the five neighborhoods. It's a good motivating start!

Becki Kenderes and Chelsea Neblett, and their artistic helpers Amy Kuras, Jessica Bickman and Kirsten are to be commended for their creativity and time spent to make this a profitable fundraiser. Clarenda Webb (*North Rosedale Park*) encouraged sales and contributed added time coordinating this event to help make it a success. Many people helped deliver flowers and contributed to this fun project. Richard Berlin helped me brave the cold weather to distribute roses in Grandmont. Wasn't it nice to send a rose(s) and personal card – and not have to worry about its delivery – especially in the frosty weather of February, 2014!

Thank you again – we appreciate you very much . . . and we hope your rose put a smile on your face!

Diane Patterson

MARCH, 2014:

"*Spring Fever*" is pretty common this time of year, but I didn't count on the "MARCH MADNESS" symptoms I'm experiencing. Makes me think I'm going a little crazy after suffering through our January and February bitter-cold and snow-filled weather. Snow shoveling may be good exercise, but enough is enough! Although beautiful on many days and good for our Michigan lake levels, I'm ready for spring. I'm praying March will be kinder to our senses – and that Hal Borland's words are timely and true, "*No winter lasts forever; no spring skips its turn.*"

Now comes the spring thaw! . . . **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 snow, ice 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, especially with our 2014 early winter snow accumulation.

DOGS:

You can never be too careful with dogs that are, or perceived to be, aggressive. Pit Bulls, Rottweiler, Doberman, German Shepherd and other large dog-breeds and even small territorial dogs can be dangerous. You need to watch for signs of aggression and take appropriate action. Even if you have a pet for protection, there are horror stories of children and adults being bitten or worse by out of control dogs. Recognizing that fact, we are asking that neighbors take into account proper pet training, sufficient fencing, and neighborly consideration. When walking your pet – on a leash – be sure to clean up after your dog. Dogs are not allowed in Ramsay Park *because it's a people park!* In other words, be a responsible pet owner and Good Neighbor.

YOUR HOME – AND NEIGHBORHOOD – SHOULD BE YOUR SANCTUARY:

We remind you that first impressions are important. Your property is an extension of yourself and your values. How you maintain your property sends a clear public statement about you. Make that statement POSITIVE – about you, your neighborhood and your city. As always, we count on your help and expect your cooperation. Remember the four things you can't recover: "*The stone after it's thrown; the word after it's said; the occasion after it's missed; and the time after it's gone*". Take some time to improve the view.

SAVE THE DATE! SATURDAY, MARCH 29th from 10 AM - 3 PM

SAVE THE DATE: **Saturday, March 29 from 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM** at Ramsay Park on Longacre and/or the Community Garden at Archdale and Grand River, behind the White Caste. DP Day (Detroit Partnership Day) in conjunction with U of M students and Grandmont neighbors, Ball Players, Edison School children and their parents, and anyone who can lend a hand is welcome to participate in the kickoff cleanup of our park. This is OUR park -- and OUR neighborhood should be out in full force to show U of M students that we appreciate their help while promoting our neighborhood to students who will one day be potential home-buyers! **LOVE WHERE YOU LIVE!** Be proud of your community. Keep Grandmont – and Detroit – clean and litter free all the time.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION – DEMOLITION UPDATE:

In case you haven't noticed - two houses on Southfield have been torn down by the City of Detroit. For many years these two houses (and others on our list) had been neglected and abandoned; unfortunately demolition was considered the only alternative to erase the blight we witnessed on a daily basis. Our thanks to the City of Detroit and the Demolition Contractor who was assigned this work. For your safety and security, and that of your children and pets, please keep a safe distance away from these lots. More information to come! **14364 Southfield** was razed January 21, 2014 and **14838-14844 Southfield** was torn down January 22, 2014.

REGARDING THE ARSON FIRE(S) AT 14574 ABINGTON, 48227 (BETWEEN LYNDON & RAY MONNIER/MIDFIELD):

This house is on the City's Emergency Demolition List. However, **EVERONE** should be making at least **ONE** phone call to help get this property demolished sooner, rather than later. The "squeaky wheel" theory holds just as true as the "broken window" theory! Don't depend on someone – or assume – someone else is doing what everyone, including **YOU** should be doing. Call the Mayor's office, Building & Safety Demolition Department or the City Ombudsman's office to inquire about the status of the 14574 Abington, 48227 and ask that this property be quickly demolished as it negatively impacts the quality of life in the Grandmont Community. Ask what can be done to hasten the process of demolition in the case of compliance with utility signoffs.

A FRIENDLY REMINDER: You are a member of the **GRANDMONT COMMUNITY - "HOME OF GOOD NEIGHBORS"** and as such will remain calm, polite, and be courteous to whomever you speak with. You are representing our neighborhood and should act in a professional manner and have ready all the necessary information. It doesn't hurt to mention you are a taxpayer and voter and you live in the Grandmont Community. We are all upset about the delay in having this property removed, but good manners and respect are always the best approach – especially when asking for a needed service.

313-224-3400 Mayor Duggan
313-224-6000 Ombudsman
313-224-3215 Dilip Patel, Supv., Bldg/Safety Demolitions, Email: pateld@detroitmi.gov
313-224-1027 Councilman James Tate (District 1)

OTHER HELPFUL PHONE NUMBERS FOR NEIGHBORHOOD MATTERS:

Chief of Police, James Craig (313) 596-2200
 Captain Steve Walton 6th Precinct (313) 596-5610
 6th Precinct Community Relations Officers (313) 596-5682
 Officer Michael Gordon: gordonm704@detroitmi.gov
 Officer Heather Ivey: iveyh654@detroitmi.gov
 Removal of Dead Animals: DPW (313) 628-4268
 DPW Environmental Affairs: (313) 876-0974 (for bulk items out early, property blight, etc. – have the property address ready).

DO YOU KNOW YOUR GRANDMONT COMMUNITY BOUNDARIES AND STREETS?

Boundaries: Southfield Service Drive east to Asbury Park and between Grand River south to Schoolcraft.
 Streets: (Southfield Service Drive, Archdale, Longacre, Rutland, Abington, Grandmont, Woodmont, and Asbury Park)
 (Cross streets: Grand River, Tournier, Ray Monnier/(Midfield), Lyndon, Acacia, Kendall, Schoolcraft)

BREAKING NEWS!

A guilty verdict by a jury at 36th District Court (Judge Nance-Adams) on Wednesday and Thursday, February 13th and 14th, 2014, in the case of abandoned and inoperable vehicles being stored and/or repaired on private property, vindicated our time and effort spent ensuring a better quality of life in our community. After numerous stalling tactics by the defendant, a jury trial was granted in accordance with his request. The jury - and court - agreed that this nuisance is not allowable in our R1 zoned community. This type of zoning violation is not welcome in Grandmont and should serve as a reminder that with neighbor cooperation and City action, we can achieve the results needed to keep our neighborhood a community of choice and value. Our thanks go out to the many Grandmont Good Neighbors who were in court, those who supported our efforts by signing petitions on their block, the Block Captain, Radio Patrol members, GCA Board Members and Environmental Committee members. We also appreciate Officer Crawford who spent many hours - as did our Community Relations Officers - trying to resolve this unsightly and dangerous situation before legal action became necessary.

Diane Patterson / 313-836-3736



INVEST IN YOUR COMMUNITY –

GRDC is teaming up with Opportunity Resource Fund, a statewide non-profit organization, to offer residents and other individuals the opportunity to invest in a special fund to support small business growth in the Grandmont Rosedale community. Investors in the **“GRDC NEIGHBORHOOD FUND”** will earn interest while their money will be used make loans to small businesses physically located within the boundaries of Grandmont Rosedale. Opportunity Resource Fund will manage the new fund in accordance with their well-established and successful micro-loan program.



GRDC is hosting an informational meeting on Thursday, March 26th to explain the **“GRDC NEIGHBORHOOD FUND”** in more detail and to answer questions from people interested in participating in the fund. The meeting will take place at 7 PM at the GRDC offices, 19800 Grand River.

To learn more about Opportunity Resource Fund visit their web site at www.oppfund.org or contact Christi Coadi Narayanan at **313-964-7300**.

IMPROVEMENTS AT STOEPEL PARK CONTINUE - GRDC and Rosedale Grandmont Little League

(RGLL) recently secured three new grants to implement a variety of improvements to the Stoepel Park No. 1 baseball fields. These grants will enable the completion of the larger project begun in the summer of 2013 to get Stoepel Park tournament-ready so that RGLL can provide neighborhood youth with a first class facility for baseball and softball and allow our league to host tournaments and recruit more players.



These grants were received because of a lot of hard work on the part of community residents, RGLL coaches and GRDC staff. Big thanks to all of those who are working on this project and big thanks to all of the project funders! See you this spring at the park!

25 YEARS OF GRDC!



On July 12, 2014 from 11am – 3pm GRDC is hosting a big party to celebrate its 25th anniversary! We will celebrate with a neighborhood picnic complete with food, music, door prizes, and entertainment at Ramsay Park that will be open and free for everyone in the community and all of our funding partners. Save the date and stay tuned for more details. Let’s celebrate our neighborhoods, our community, our home, together!

SEE YOU ON JULY 12th!

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 for more details and a complete list of homes for sale or call **313-387-4732 ext 100** today.

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

NEIGHBORHOOD SAFETY MEETING – The next meeting will be held on Thursday, March 27th. Join us at 6:30 PM for a lively discussion at the N. Rosedale Park Community House, 18445 Scarsdale.

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.

VISIT MYGRANDMONTROSEDALE.ORG –

Want to stay up to date on all the latest happenings in the Grandmont Rosedale community? Visit 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://facebook.com/MyGrandmontRosedale)



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 and ask to be added to the list today.

PLAN NOW FOR I-96 JEFFRIES FWY CLOSURE

CLOSURE DELAYED TO MARCH 24th



MDOT plans to close a seven-mile stretch of I-96 Jeffries Freeway in Redford and Livonia beginning on March 24th and extending through October – both directions between Telegraph and Newburgh Roads. This will include some overpasses.

For more information about the **I-96 RECONSTRUCTION PROGRAM**, please visit this website: www.96fix.com

ROSEDALE RECYCLES IS NOW EVERY OTHER MONTH (ODD MONTHS ONLY!)

NEWSPAPER, MAGAZINES, CARDBOARD, PLASTICS #1, 2, 4, 5, 6 & 7 (Not #3), HOUSEHOLD BATTERIES, ASEPTIC PLASTIC BAGS, METALS

Saturday, March 15: 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM, Christ the King Church parking lot, Pierson at Grand River.

ROSEDALE RECYCLES now has bi-monthly service: March 15th, May 17th, July 19th, September 20th and November 15th!

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 2014:

May 15th

NEAREST BULK DROP-OFF LOCATION:

FACILITY: Southfield Yard
LOCATION: 12255 Southfield Service Drive

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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 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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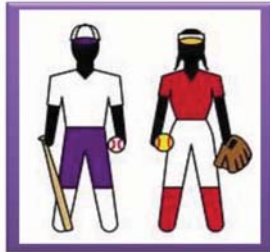
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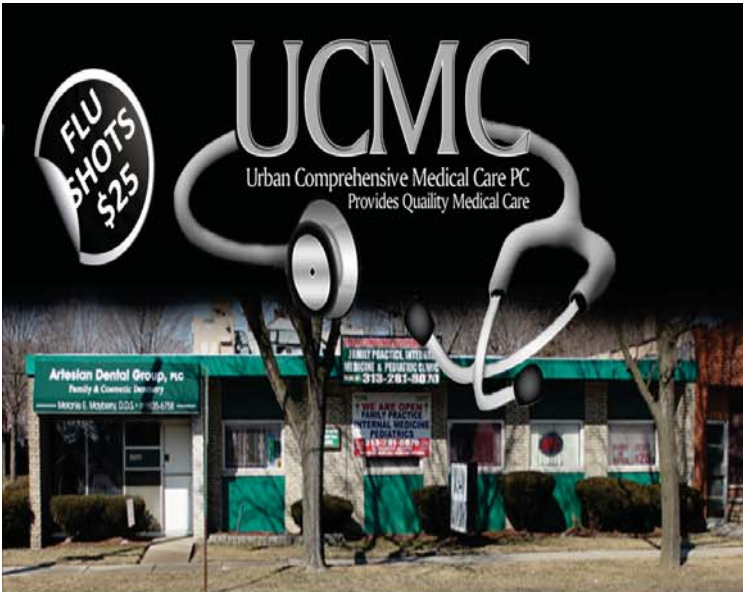
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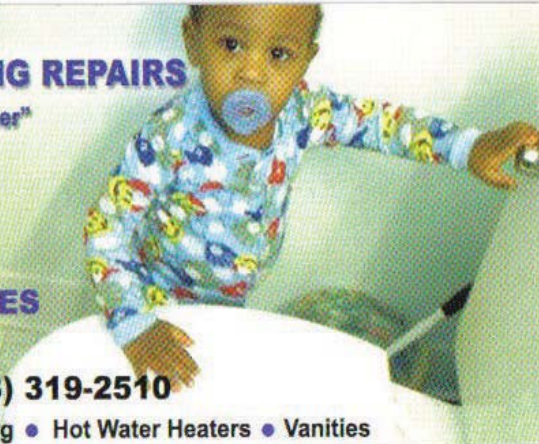
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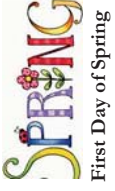



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2	3 6:30PM—Patrol Officers meeting 7PM—Grandmont Patrol Meeting at GDRC Office 19800 Grand River	4	5	6	7	 8 9AM-12PM—Little League sign- up at GDRC
9  Daylight Savings Time	10	11	12	13	14	15 10AM—2PM—Rosedale Recycles at Christ The King Church
16 	17 	18	19 7PM—GRDC Board meeting at GRDC Office, 19800 Grand River, 7 PM	20  First Day of Spring	21	22 10AM—12PM—Grandmont Youth & Education Meeting Chaney Library
23 	24  I-96 Jeffries Fwy Closes 7PM—NW District Police Meeting at Bushnell Cong Church	25	26	27 Grandmont Rosedale 6PM—Neighborhood Safety mtg N. Rosedale Park Community House	28	29 1AM—3PM—Ramsay Park/ Community Garden Cleanup
30 	31	APRIL MEETINGS 2014		GRANDMONT~ROSEDALE NEIGHBORHOOD SAFETY MTG: N. ROSEDALE PARK COMMUNITY HOUSE—Thursday, April 25, 2014 ~ 6PM GRANDMONT COMMUNITY BOARD MEETING GRDC OFFICE, 19800 GRAND RIVER—SATURDAY, APRIL 5, 2014~10 AM GRANDMONT PATROL MEETING GRDC OFFICE, 19800 GRAND RIVER~ MONDAY, APRIL 7, 2014~7 PM NW DISTRICT POLICE COMMUNITY RELATIONS MTG: BUSHNELL CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH—Monday, April 29, 2014 ~ 7PM		