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Mission Statement

The Grandmont Community Association (GCA) was formed for the preservation of the neighborhood: promotion of quality schools; civic education of the residents and promotion of cooperation and understanding between all of the residents and community businesses.

GRANDMONT COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

BUSINESS, DINNER & SOCIAL MEETING

SATURDAY, APRIL 12, 2014 ~ 3:00 PM

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Call the GCA Safety/Security Chairperson 313-980-7799

EMAIL:

grandmontcommunitycrimealerts@googlegroups.com
and/or www.1800speakup.org

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REWARDS ARE AVAILABLE FOR INFORMATION LEADING TO
ARREST AND PROSECUTION.

GRANDMONT BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

SAT, MAY 3, 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, MAY 5, 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 _____

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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 | |

 Grandmont Radio Patrol

Vacant House Task Force

GRANDMONT YOUTH & EDUCATION MEETING

CHANEY LIBRARY

16101 Grand River Ave, Detroit, MI 48227

APRIL 5, 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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2014 GRANDMONT SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION IS NOW AVAILABLE

COME ON GRANDMONT COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES, APPLY!

The Grandmont Community Association (GCA) has been awarding scholarships to our high school graduates since 1997. It started with proceeds from the Grandmont Community Association Art and Crafts Fair. Part of our vision is the enhancement of life of our community. The best way to start is to enhance the education of our youth by awarding scholarships. The GCA Scholarship encourages education and higher learning. It rewards high school graduates for their achievement and positive effort to bring about positive change. We provide this scholarship in order to ensure that the brightest minds get the most education they can regardless of their circumstances. In the past, some of our honorees came from humble upbringings and needed the scholarship for college tuition or technical training costs. This scholarship has helped level the playing field of education and made our honorees' dreams a possibility. I am sure Grandmont has scholars. **LET'S FIND THEM!**

For instructions on who is eligible and how to apply, see the application on pages 5 and 6. In addition to scholastic requirements, families must be dues paying members of GCA and parents/students must participate in community service in our neighborhood. Applications are due on June 30th. If you need additional information, please contact me at **(313) 273-7914**.

Cora Duncan-Foster, GCA Board member / Scholarship Committee Chairperson

THANK YOU NOTES FROM OUR 2013 SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

Dear GCA Scholarship Committee:

I would like to thank the Grandmont Community Association for awarding me a \$1,000 scholarship. I was so excited that you selected me as a recipient. I filled out numerous scholarship applications and felt loved when my community came through for me.

This scholarship means a lot to me. Not only because college is expensive but because it came from my community. I will not be a stranger to the community. I will try to be involved more when I am home from school on breaks. I will let everyone in our community know what was done for me. I will try to be available to anyone who needs my helping hand.

Again, thank you very much.

Sincerely, Jessica E. Cox

Dear Grandmont Community Association:

I am extremely grateful for the scholarship I received. This was a blessing that will help me throughout my college career. Not everyone in Detroit has the ability to go to college because of financial issues. With this scholarship I am not another statistic. I can finally fulfill my goals in the field of Art and Journalism. I am able to seek out my dreams and become the woman that I have always dreamt to be. I am thankful that the Grandmont Community was able to grant me this scholarship, especially when not all communities can financially do so.

Thank you,

Taylor Childs

GRANDMONT COMMUNITY STUDENT WINS ATHLETIC SCHOLARSHIP!

KaJohn LaMar Armstrong, whose family lives on Rutland Street in the Grandmont Community, is a senior who will be graduating from Detroit's Loyola High School this spring. He plays left tackle on the offensive line on his football team. His remarkable talent earned him a **FULL ATHLETIC SCHOLARSHIP** at Eastern Michigan University this fall. **CONGRATULATIONS, KAJOHN!**



Grandmont Community Association

2014 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE:

Name: _____ Date: _____

Last

First

Name of Parent(s)/Guardian(s): _____

Address: _____

Number

Street

City: Detroit State: MI Zip: _____ Home Phone: (313) _____

Date of Birth: _____ Place of Birth: _____

High School: _____ Counselor: _____

Date of Graduation: _____ High School GPA: _____

What is your intended major in a University, College, Technical or Arts School?

To which University, College, Technical or Arts School have you applied? List all:

Have you been notified of acceptance?: _____ YES _____ NO

If so, what school(s)?: _____

List all community activities and extracurricular involvement:

**PLEASE TURN THIS SHEET OVER TO REVIEW ALL REQUIREMENTS
YOU MUST FULFILL WHEN SUBMITTING YOUR APPLICATION**

DIRECTIONS FOR COMPLETING THE 2014 GRANDMONT SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION PROCESS

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

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



ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS: All applicants must:

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

Applicant Signature

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date application submitted: _____



RETURN COMPLETED SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION PACKET TO:

**GRANDMONT COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION
ATTN: SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE
P.O. Box 27790
Detroit, MI 48227**

DEADLINE IS JUNE 30, 2014. NO APPLICATION PACKETS WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER THIS DATE!



STOEPPEL IMPROVEMENTS COMING A BIT LATER – Due to the incredibly harsh winter this year, most of the planned improvements to the Stoepel Park No. 1 baseball fields will be delayed until summer. New dugouts and foul poles will be installed before the baseball season starts on April 26th, but the irrigation, grass infields and Field #4 improvements will not take place until after the baseball season ends. This will allow sufficient time for the ground to dry out prior to construction and no games will be interrupted by the renovations.

This project is being sponsored by the Rosedale Grandmont Little League with support from GRDC and many other partners. Many thanks are due to the funders of this year's planned improvements: Wayne County through the efforts of Commissioner Alicia Bell, UAW-Ford through the efforts of Jimmy Settles, and the Baseball Tomorrow Fund, a joint initiative between the Major League Baseball Players Association and Major League Baseball.

FREE SUPPORT FOR SMALL BUSINESSES – TechTown, a small business support organization affiliated with Wayne State University, is teaming up with GRDC to bring its successful “SWOT City” program to the Grandmont Rosedale community. Through this program, TechTown's business coaches will provide **FREE** one-on-one consultation and business strategy advice to neighborhood-based businesses and entrepreneurs. Learn how to grow your business and access a variety of small business resources. Any kind of business is eligible. For more information, contact Ted Jones of TechTown at **313-759-9503** or ted@techtowndetroit.org.



TRASH TALKIN' GEARS UP FOR SPRING! – As the snow thaws this Spring, we will surely uncover a sizeable assortment of unsightly litter. Not to worry, though! With the help of resident volunteers like you, we can whip our commercial corridors back into tip top shape in no time. Join us on the 4th Saturday of each month (May – Sept) at Always Brewing Detroit, 19180 Grand River, for free coffee and conversation followed by a brief litter sweep. We will provide supplies including: gloves, litter grabbers and trash bags.



Spring/Summer 2014 *Trash Talkin'* dates are as follows: **May 24th, June 28th, July 26th, Aug 23th and Sept 27th**. Coffee starts at 9:30 AM, clean ups start at 10 AM. In the event of inclement weather, *Trash Talkin'* will be canceled.

25 YEARS OF GRDC!

On July 12, 2014 from 11 AM – 3 PM, 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!

GREENING OF DETROIT COMING TO GRANDMONT ROSEDALE – With the brutal winter behind us, many are eager to get outside and enjoy the natural beauty of Grandmont Rosedale. The **GREENING OF DETROIT** would like to be a part of spring in our community and is offering assistance to individuals and groups who might want to start a garden or improve their existing garden. For further information contact Caitlyn Pisarski, **GREENING OF DETROIT** Community Engagement Coordinator: Direct Line: **313-285-2238**, Email: caitlyn@greeningofdetroit.com.

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, April 24th. 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!



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.

PARENTS TO MEET TO DISCUSS QUALITY EDUCATION – The Best Classroom Project is a group of Detroit parents of children born after 2009, united in the desire to obtain the best possible education for their children but who do not want to leave the city to do so. Parents involved in the group are open to considering all educational options and committed to working together to visit Detroit elementary schools, share information, and discuss school options so that each family can make the best decision for its children.



The Best Classroom Project is looking to host a meeting in Northwest Detroit and would like to gauge the interest of parents in the Grandmont-Rosedale communities. All are welcome. Contact Sarah Hulett at sarah.hulett@gmail.com or **734.276.3775** for more information.

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

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

NOVEMBER THRU MARCH

8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. • Tuesday thru Saturday

APRIL THRU OCTOBER

10:30 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. • Tuesday thru Saturday

(The J. Fons Transfer Station is open Monday-Friday from 8:00 a.m.— 4:00 p.m., the Southfield Yard location is open Monday-Saturday).

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- December 20 Christmas Program
- January 17 Motivational Speaker Sandra Manley
- February 21 Aesop's Grown Folk Storytelling
 (Ivory Williams, Black Storyteller)
- March 21 Women's Month
- April 18 Spring Fashion Show
- May 16 To be announced

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30	31					

April 2014

May 2014

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11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1  April Fool's Day	2	3	4	5  I-96 Jeffries Frwy Closes 10AM - GCA Board Meeting at GRDC Office
6	7 7PM—Grandmont Patrol Meeting at GDRC Office 19800 Grand River	8	9	10	11	12 3PM—GCA Business Dinner Meeting at Burnette Baptist Church, 16801 Schoolcraft St.
13	14	15  TAXES DUE	16 7PM—GRDC Board meeting at GRDC Office, 19800 Grand River, 7 PM	17 6PM—Garden Club Meetings at Chaney Library, 16104 Grand River Ave.	18  Good Friday	19
20 Easter Sunday	21	22	23 Secretary's Day	24 Grandmont Rosedale 6PM—Neighborhood Safety mtg N. Rosedale Park Community House	25	26
27	28 7PM—NW District Police Community Relations mtg at Bushnell Cong Church	29	30			
GRANDMONT COMMUNITY BOARD MEETING GRDC OFFICE, 19800 GRAND RIVER—SATURDAY, MAY 3, 2014~10 AM		MAY MEETINGS 2014		GRANDMONT~ROSEDALE NEIGHBORHOOD SAFETY MTG: N. ROSEDALE PARK COMMUNITY HOUSE—Thursday, May 23, 2014 ~ 6PM		NW DISTRICT POLICE COMMUNITY RELATIONS MTG: BUSHNELL CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH—Monday, TBD 2014 ~ 7PM