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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'S 2014 ANNUAL BUSINESS DINNER WAS A RESOUNDING SUCCESS!

The GCA Annual Business Dinner Meeting, held Saturday, April 12th at Greater Burnette Baptist Church, was a GRAND(MONT) success. That success, in part, goes to the Social Planning Committee, Grandmont Board members and other volunteers who helped organize another wonderful Grandmont Community Association Annual Meeting. I hope you had a good reason if you couldn't participate this year, because this event builds community relationships. It's our yearly "business/social" meeting that re-energizes and reunites neighbors, welcomes new residents to our community, outlines our progress and activities and elects new GCA Board members willing to volunteer their time and energy to create a stronger neighborhood and help meet upcoming programs and challenges in Grandmont. YOU NEED TO BE INCLUDED!

Every year our annual meeting shines better and better. Our meeting organizational staff members do an outstanding service for the community residents and every one of us should be proud and thankful for their devotion to duty and how smoothly the meeting is run. Our apologies to Cynthia Casey of Southfield Road who was unable to manage the stairs because there was no elevator. We applaud her best efforts and commend her for her perseverance in attending the meeting. But we did invite her to attend the monthly GCA Board meetings held the first Saturday of each month at 10:00 AM at the GRDC Office at 19800 Grand River just east of Evergreen. Maybe we'll see you there too!

Reports were kept to a minimum by providing a detailed Program Brochure that included a brief history of Grandmont which officially became part of Detroit in 1923. Committee reports and accomplishments were included as well as Richard Berlin's in-depth Treasurer's report with budget allocations and up-to-date spending. While the city can't seem to get its financial act together, it's comforting to realize that our GCA annual dues of only \$25.⁰⁰ are wisely spent enabling us to achieve so much. Think of the possibilities if EVERYONE contributed!

Raffle prizes were donated by several area businesses and residents: MAGIC 40 MINUTE CLEANERS for a suit cleaning, SAM'S APPLIANCE donated a \$25.⁰⁰ dues payment to a lucky resident, REEN'S CAKE SHOP donated a \$25.⁰⁰ gift certificate for one of their scrumptious offerings and FISH EXPRESS donated a gift certificate for 50 whole wings valued at \$50.⁰⁰; Richard Berlin offered your choice of a handmade walking stick and Jerry Webb donated your choice of three lawn cuttings or snow removals. There was also a 50/50 raffle that added to the fun.

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

EMAIL:

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

“If you see something, say something!”



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

TEXT “TIP411” (847411) add DPD to msg

Report AUTO Theft ANONYMOUSLY to Police
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CALL: 800-AFT-GUNS (800-283-4867)

REWARDS ARE AVAILABLE FOR INFORMATION LEADING TO
ARREST AND PROSECUTION.

GRANDMONT BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

SAT, 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	_____

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

HEADS UP! - COMING TO CHANEY LIBRARY THIS SUMMER: AN ART PROGRAM FOR GRDC/GRANDMONT TEENS (13-19 YEARS OF AGE)

After the very popular Arts Program last summer at the Redford Library, another opportunity awaits those able to sign up for this wonderful event being offered this summer at our nearby CHANEY LIBRARY on Grand River.

Beginning June 23rd, every Monday and Wednesday from 1 PM-4 PM, your teenager can unleash some artistic creativity in multi-media.

Plan to register before the June 23rd start date. More details will be available in early June.

Call Becki at GRDC 313.387.4732 x-101 for more information

GRANDMONT COMMUNITY'S 2014 ANNUAL BUSINESS DINNER, (CONT'D FROM FRONT PAGE)

Krystal Thurmond, Social Planning Committee Chairperson, along with Barbara Halley-Peterson deserve most of the credit for tirelessly working to create such a memorable day. Everything went so smoothly ~ from the food to the meeting preparation. You wouldn't think it took any effort at all – **AND WE KNOW THAT'S NOT TRUE – THANK YOU!**

Only \$5.⁰⁰ for the fabulous dinner catered by **CJ'S CATERING** was another **GRAND** deal! Lightly fried perch, spaghetti, crab salad, greens, carrots, and corn muffins, were simply delicious and the cake was almost too much of a good thing – almost! **"GOOD NEIGHBORS"** and **"GOOD FOOD"** - definitely a *win-win* situation!

Our District 1 City Councilman James Tate was in attendance, spoke with residents and presented many of our community activists with a **"SPIRIT OF DETROIT"** Award signed by all City Council members. Our Mayor's Representatives for District 1, Stephanie Young and Reggie 'Reg' Davis were also present and engaged in conversation with neighbors about community concerns. It was nice to have one-on-one discussions on topics important to our community.

GCA Board Nominations from the floor were accepted and prospective Board Members had a few minutes to speak about themselves and their goals for our community. To all the nominees we say **"THANK YOU"** and to those not elected, please become involved in the process. A good motto to live by is **"you don't let success go to your head or failure go to your heart"**.

Submitted by Diane Patterson



Councilman James Tate, Dist. 1 Dep. Dir. Reggie Davis welcomed by GCA Pres. Dr. Earlene Hall and Security Dir. Muhsin Muhammad



New GCA Board members (L-R): Janet Adams, Ed Smith, Mark Janusch and Lorenzo Blount (Not pictured: Damon Washington)

A GIANT THANK YOU...TO THOSE THAT ATTENDED THE MEETING AND THOSE THAT MADE IT POSSIBLE.

Thank you to those who attended the meeting to learn what is taking place in Grandmont, how their dues money is spent, to vote for (5) of the (10) new Board members and who enjoyed themselves. **BUT WAIT...**

To pull that off, there had to be worker bees up front and behind the scenes to make sure we had a nice location ~ the Greater Burnette Baptist Church ~ someone to bless the event and the food, someone to coordinate and get the food there on time, someone that handed out the programs, someone to pick up all of the items needed for the meeting, someone to make the contacts to get the Mayor's staff to attend and recognize Grandmont, someone to have *'Spirit Awards'* given to some of the long standing volunteers in Grandmont, someone to collect the items for the raffle, those that donated raffled items, those that copied and put together the programs, those that decorated, set-up, and tore down; those that made sure we were safe, those that dipped up the food, those that greeted us, those that worked at the registration table, those that took pictures, those that sliced up the desserts, those that sold raffle tickets, those that ran the raffle, those that spoke to the audience, those that cleaned up afterwards and someone that wrote the article about the Annual Meeting for the Grandmonitor and your enjoyment . . .

Not enough thanks can be offered to the following:

Janet Adams
Richard Berlin
Lorenzo Blount
David Bradfield
Reggie Reg Davis (Mayor Duggan's Office)
Kenrick Donnor
Cora Duncan-Foster
Myra Gracey (DPD Radio Patrol/CNLO)
Greater Burnette Baptist Church
Dr. Earlene Hall
Fish Express
Barbara Halley-Peterson
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Ed Smith
Charles Stinson
Councilman James Tate
Jerry Webb
Charlotte Wright
Stephanie Young (Mayor Duggan's Office)

Submitted by K. Thurmond

GOODBYE GRANDMONT ~ THANK YOU FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE!

Greetings Grandmont Family:

For the past five years, I have had the honor of serving you on the Board of Directors, four of those years as President. So now – how do I say Goodbye? I choose to end my time as President the same way I began, graciously thanking each of you. **THANK YOU** for the opportunity to serve you. A kind neighbor said to me “Why don’t you publish all the things that have been accomplished under your leadership”. I humbly opt not to do so; instead I want for the final time as President to thank the following unsung heroes.

I want to personally thank from the depths of my heart:

- ~ Every Block or Street Captain who ever delivered a GRANDMONITOR, collected dues, greeted new neighbors, collected information on vacant houses, stray dogs, abandoned cars, births, deaths, birthdays. To these pillars of strength who form the foundation of our community, **THANK YOU!**
- ~ Every Committee Chairperson and member (Lord knows I would form a committee in a heartbeat) that sacrificed their personal time to help develop and implement some new venture for the benefit of the total community. These are the persons who give so much of themselves just to keep the ball rolling when volunteers are not coming forth as needed. **THANK YOU!**
- ~ Every former and current Board member that worked diligently with me providing leadership and action on behalf of our great community. Persons who sat through Board meetings every month that could last for hours. **THANK YOU** for conducting business “Respectfully”. As I define respect: *Respect is the willingness to show consideration or appreciation without regard of differences.* **THANK YOU!**
- ~ From the bottom of my heart I thank all of the “*Rippling Hope*” Volunteers who worked with me knocking on doors up and down the streets distributing and collecting applications for the past three years allowing over 175 families to be serviced with free home repairs. **THANK YOU!**
- ~ **THANK YOU** to the neighbors who worked with me delivering turkeys to our families who could benefit from a little holiday cheer.
- ~ **THANK YOU** to the neighbors who worked with me collecting data, writing reports, filing claims against DTE resulting in the major utility replacing ~ not repairing ~power lines in our community .Defective power lines that had been the source of residents experiencing major damages and property losses caused by power surges. A special **THANK YOU** to those who worked for hours with me developing a “*PRO ACTIVE COMMUNITY SAFETY ACTION PLAN*” that was shared with the Detroit Fire Department to help safe guard our families and persons with limited mobility who registered to be included. **THANK YOU!**
- ~ **THANK YOU** to the unsung hero who personally headed up a letter writing campaign to Federal and State officials on behalf of the GCA Board of Directors stopping the closing of Post Office buildings in our community.
- ~ To Community members who stood with me and won the fight against closing additional fire stations in our community.
- ~ A special **THANK YOU** to those persons who joined forces with me providing the leadership in developing a “*Community Action Plan*” to bring attention and resolution to the terroristic, arsonist activity at the Abington House.
- ~ A great big hug and **THANK YOU** to the team of environmental court watchers who were persistent and successful in prosecuting community blight and code violators.
- ~ Every Ramsay Park volunteer who came out to clean, pray, plant and water flowers, plant trees, cut grass, clear weeds, install lights, provide electricity and water from your home. Volunteers who worked to set up and take down the annual “**HOT NIGHTS COOL JAZZ**” Festivals; **THANK YOU!**
- ~ Every volunteer who worked to make our Arts & Crafts Fair, Annual Garden Tour, Annual Flower Sale a recurring success. **THANK YOU!**
- ~ Each volunteer who supported our children by transporting and supervising them at the Annual City-wide Youth Day on Belle Isle, prepared gifts of warm hats, gloves, scarves and socks from the Grandmont community to the students at Edison School every Christmas. Neighbors who watched from their windows and took their morning walks to provide safe passage to our children on the way to school. **THANK YOU!**
- ~ I applaud each neighbor who volunteered to work in the community garden or attended a prayer vigil in front of a drug house in the middle of a snow blizzard. Neighbors who supported the Farmers Market at Bushnell Church and shopped at the community businesses in our area. **THANK YOU!**
- ~ I salute the families on the blocks that worked together to put an extra special touch on the yard cleanup to prepare for company coming to our community with the Annual GRDC open house.
- ~ Finally, **THANK YOU** to the many members of the Grandmont Radio Patrol and the Safety and Security Committee. This group was instrumental in Grandmont being awarded the City of Detroit’s Outstanding Community Association Award. In addition, under the safety plan they have developed for our community, we have consistently maintained a significantly lower rate of crime in our community.

Let my Legacy of Leadership say that in serving the Grandmont Community I did my absolute best. From the onset I knew the road ahead would be strewn with obstacles, but I choose to walk on and make sure my actions were always the right thing to do .I tried to be fair, making my decisions equitable. I made mistakes and owned them. I learned from my failures and used that knowledge to fuel my determination to move our community forward. The past four years have shown me that I am sensitive and being such I oftentimes found myself hurt by the words and actions of others. However, I continued to extend my heart and hand knowing the risk and accepting the pain as a part of the position. I have refused to engage in or take part in deceitful actions. As President of GCA, I very seldom succeeded the first time I introduced an item for consideration. In many instances I failed again and again. However, I never gave up trying when I felt in my heart it was the right thing to do for Grandmont.

I **THANK YOU** all for your faith in me and my judgment. I hope you have personally experienced around you over the past four years a gainful improvement in the quality of your community life in Grandmont.

In Neighborly Love,
Dr. Earlene Hall

GRANDMONT 2014 FLOWER SALE

Order Deadline May 10th

Pick Up at Ramsay Park, May 24th, 10 AM - noon

NAME:

ADDRESS:

PHONE:

SELECTION	COLOR	PRICE per FLAT 36 plants/flat	# OF FLATS	AMOUNT
ALYSSUM	purple	\$8.75		
	white	\$8.75		
BEGONIA	pink	\$8.75		
	red	\$8.75		
	white	\$8.75		
COLEUS	mixed	\$8.75		
MARIGOLD	yellow	\$8.75		
	orange	\$8.75		
PETUNIA	pink	\$8.75		
	purple (blue)	\$8.75		
	red	\$8.75		
	white	\$8.75		
DUSTY MILLER	silver	\$8.75		
HANGING BASKETS GERANIUM	pink	\$12.75		
	red	\$12.75		
NEW GUINEA IMPATIENS	pink	\$12.75		
	purple	\$12.75		
	red	\$12.75		
	orange	\$12.75		
HERBS (mix or match - 6 for \$5.00)	Basil	\$1.00 ea.		
	Dill	\$1.00 ea.		
	Parsley	\$1.00 ea.		
	Rosemary	\$1.00 ea.		
	VEGETABLES Tomatoes (mix or match - 6 for \$5.00)	Juliet (Grape)	\$1.00 ea.	
	Roma (Paste)	\$1.00 ea.		
	Big Beef	\$1.00 ea.		
	Brandywine	\$1.00 ea.		
Mixed Varieties of Lettuce		\$1.00 ea.		
ANNUAL DUES		\$25.00		
HOME DELIVERY: MEMBERS	ADD \$1.00/flat			
NON-MEMBERS	ADD \$1.00/flat			
TOTAL				

All orders must be prepaid.
Make check out to
"GRANDMONT FLOWER SALE"

To have order form emailed to you, send request to marym4gca@gmail.com
Deliver order and payment
to Charlotte Hoefler
14434 Longacre

Call 313-646-6564
with questions

ENVIRONMENTAL CORNER – VACANT PROPERTY TASK FORCE

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

LET US BE GRATEFUL TO PEOPLE WHO MAKE US HAPPY; THEY ARE THE CHARMING GARDENERS WHO MAKE OUR SOULS BLOSSOM

MARCEL PROUST

MAY, 2014:

Finally – Spring is in the air! It's time to take charge of our surroundings and plan for the summer. We all benefit from a beautiful, clean, and healthy environment. Along with the anticipation of green lawns, fresh landscaping and planted flowers, don't neglect the street in front of your home where leaves and debris remain after the winter snow has melted. Take a rake (or shovel!) along that area to lessen debris-filled street drains that will help prevent flooded streets and basements. FYI – if a street drain grate is damaged or missing, **CALL THE DETROIT WATER EMERGENCY LINE** to notify them of the location by home address and street and whether the grate shape is round or rectangular. The number to call is **(313) 267-7401**.

People notice and appreciate your efforts in keeping our Grandmont community looking well-tended. Participate in the process: If you live across from Ramsay Park, please take a few additional minutes to keep both sides of the street litter free. If you visit the park or if your children play there, here's another life-lesson that could be taught: *clean up your own mess*. Think about bringing an extra bag to clean up after those less considerate. With your help, our Park will always remain a restful, peaceful and family-friendly destination with a little excitement reserved at the playground and for our Little League Ball Players, their parents, friends, and coaches!

IT'S TRUE THAT IF YOU CONTINUE TO DO NOTHING, NOTHING WILL CHANGE! Spring is the perfect time to plan and think about creative ideas to make your home and garden more attractive. Take advantage of the warmer weather and take a walk in your community. Meet and greet your neighbors. Walk your leashed dog, or walk with a friend. Have some meaningful one-on-one conversations with your children. Carry that extra trash bag and pick up some litter – it's good exercise for both the body and spirit. Often, in the time it takes to complain about a situation, you can fix the problem with a little positive action on your part. Whether it's a leisurely stroll, or fast-paced walk, enjoy the outdoors now before the hot months of July and August zap our energy. Improve yourself and your surroundings. Detroiters have a sense of pride ~ pride in ourselves, our homes and our city. Collective and individual responsibility is an expectation that we share with our neighbors in the Grandmont Community. **BE HOUSE-PROUD AND COMMUNITY-CENTERED.** Create a better home environment for you, your family and your neighborhood.

SPEAKING OF A BETTER ENVIRONMENT ... A SPECIAL "THANK YOU" TO THE MORE THAN 20 GRANDMONT NEIGHBORS, BOARD MEMBERS, AND FRIENDS IN ADDITION TO THE 20+ U OF M STUDENTS WHO PARTICIPATED IN THE DETROIT PARTNERSHIP DAY (DP DAY) – THE LAST SATURDAY IN MARCH. IT WAS COLD, BUT THE SNOW HAD MELTED AND LEFT UNCOVERED LOTS OF LEAVES, LITTER AND ENDLESS OPPORTUNITIES TO GET A HEAD START ON SPRING CLEANUP AT RAMSAY PARK AS WELL AS THE COMMUNITY GARDEN NEAR BUSHNELL CHURCH AND ARCHDALE. ORGANIZED HELP FROM GRDC STAFF BECKI KENDERES, CHELSEA NEBLETT AND MARY LYONS EASED THE PROCESS BY PROVIDING GLOVES, BAGS, TOOLS, WATER, PIZZA, AND ENCOURAGEMENT. IN ADDITION, THEY MADE SEVERAL TRIPS AND CARTED MANY BAGS TO THE SOUTHFIELD YARD WHERE THEY HAVE MADE NEW FRIENDS AND NOW SHARE SOME CAMARADERIE WITH DPW WORKERS. SPECIAL THANKS ALSO TO CORA DUNCAN-FOSTER AND ED SMITH FOR THEIR PERSEVERANCE IN GETTING THE REMAINING BAGS PICKED UP SO QUICKLY. THANK YOU ALSO TO THE DEDICATED DPW STAFF AND WORKERS WHO WERE SO ACCOMMODATING WITH OUR SPECIAL PICKUP REQUEST!

VACANT PROPERTY ISSUES:

We will be updating our list of vacant properties and hopefully, the number of unoccupied homes will lessen. Please let me know if a home on your block becomes vacant as well as if a new family moves in on your block. Our **VACANT PROPERTY TASK FORCE** has a "Welcome/Information Packet" to make certain new residents to the Grandmont Community are aware of our long-standing history of working together as a community to improve our surroundings and encouraging best practices and clean-neighborhood initiatives. Many Block Captains already do a wonderful job of monitoring these issues, but I will be happy to help in the process. I also have some "NO HANDBILL" signs to stop some of the accumulated litter. It's important to track ownership, rental registration, and investor responsibility of these properties to add stability and value to our neighborhood as well as discourage illegal occupants (squatters) from taking up residence in our community.

Diane Patterson, 836-3736



SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT ORDINANCE GOES TO CITY COUNCIL – As of this writing (mid-April), Detroit City Council is set to consider adoption of an ordinance that would allow for the creation of a Special Assessment District (**SAD**) in our community to support an increase in neighborhood security and snow removal services. These funds would be controlled by our community to benefit our community.

To check the current status of the ordinance, visit the GRDC website at www.grandmontrosedale.com or www.mygrandmonStrosedale.org.

Once an ordinance is adopted by City Council and approved by the Emergency Manager, attention will shift to implementing a Special Assessment District (**SAD**) in Grandmont Rosedale. To create a **SAD** in our area, we will need to collect the signatures of **51%** or more of property owners on a petition. This will require an enormous organizing effort and help will be needed from dozens of volunteers.

Locally, this effort is being spearheaded by a Task Force representing each of the five Grandmont Rosedale neighborhood associations and GRDC. Currently, the Task Force is seeking new representatives from the Grandmont 1 and Minock Park neighborhoods. If you are interested in joining this Task Force or volunteering in any way to support a campaign to establish a Special Assessment District in our community, contact Karen Johnson Moore, Community Security Program Manager, at kmoore@grandmontrosedale.com or **313-387-4732 ext. 110**.



Join us at the next **SOUP** dinner located at Always Brewing Detroit, 19180 Grand River, on Sunday, May 18th. Doors open at 5:30 PM; presentations start at 6:00 PM. **\$5** at the door gets you soup, salad and a vote for your favorite community improvement project!

Have an idea for a community improvement project of your own, but need some seed money to get your project started? We invite you to submit a proposal to Grandmont Rosedale **SOUP**. You could be selected to compete for the prize money available at the dinner on May 18th. Please submit proposals online at detroitssoup.com/submit-grandmont-rosedale or call GRDC Program Manager Becki Kenderes for a hard copy application. We're also in need of soup and salad makers. Let us know if you'd like to donate!

WHAT'S YOUR BUSINESS IDEA? – Whether you sell records or cut hair, bake bread or brew coffee, fix cars or build computers - sometimes you just need an extra hand to grow. If you have been in business in Detroit, Hamtramck or Highland Park for at least three years, you may qualify.

Presenting – *Rewarding Ideas for Business Growth* – A program from the New Economy Initiative (**NEI**).

HOW DOES IT WORK? Simple. You provide your business idea in two-hundred words or less. **NEIDEAS** will consider your idea and may provide the money to make it happen. 32 businesses in two categories will be awarded a total of **\$500,000.00**.

The **\$10K Challenge**: Awards of **\$10,000.00** each to 30 existing businesses with gross revenues under **\$1 million** annually.

The **\$100K Challenge**: Awards of **\$100,000.00** each to two existing businesses with gross revenues between **\$1 million** and **\$5 million**. Businesses will be selected based on their potential to grow jobs and revenue in Detroit, Hamtramck or Highland Park.

NEIDEAS is about more than just the money though. Challenge Finalists and Winners will receive support from some of Detroit's best entrepreneurial and small business service providers.

Grandmont Rosedale Development Corporation (GRDC) is excited to assist this program as an **NEIDEAS** Ambassador with **NEI** and Detroit Economic Growth Corporation. For information on eligibility, the application process and deadlines please visit NEIdeasDetroit.org, call **844-NEI-DEAS**, find us on social media **#NEIdeas**, or visit GRDC at 19800 Grand River Ave.

COME ONE! COME ALL! COME CELEBRATE GRDC's 25th ANNIVERSARY!

– On July 12th from 11 AM – 3 PM at Ramsay Park, Grandmont Rosedale Development Corporation is throwing a 25th Anniversary party for all residents in the Grandmont Rosedale neighborhoods. The food, games, raffles and fun is all free! The picnic is GRDC's way of saying thank you for 25 years of support, encouragement and dedication. It has been an honor to serve Grandmont Rosedale. There are many amazingly creative, inspired, community-minded people who live in our neighborhoods, and we'd like to celebrate their dedication as well as GRDC's devotion to keeping that spirit going and growing for another 25 years, at least! So join us on July 12th. Bring your kids, your appetites, and your neighborly spirit. Let's celebrate our community! Information about how to get your tickets will be in the June and July neighborhood newsletters.



NEIGHBORHOOD SAFETY MEETING – Want to learn more about blight violations and code enforcement? Then join us for the next Neighborhood Safety Meeting **THURSDAY, MAY 22ND AT 6:30 PM** at the North Rosedale Park Community House, 18445 Scarsdale. Ms. Miriam Blanks-Smart from the Department of Administrative Hearings (**DAH**) will be our guest speaker. Ms. Blanks-Smart will be providing information about the administrative hearing process and how code enforcement impacts residents' quality of life.

The City of Detroit's Department of Administrative Hearings was created in 2005. Modeled after Chicago's Administrative Hearings Department, **DAH** was created to enforce the Detroit City Code as it applies to property maintenance and blight prevention because blight violations have a major impact on the quality of life for Detroit residents.

This will be a great opportunity to learn more about the code enforcement process and other valuable information regarding blight violations. Neighborhood Safety Meeting topics are selected by the GRDC Crime Prevention Task Force, based on survey responses and speaker availability. For more information, contact Kiana Miller at kmiller@grandmontrosedale.com or **313-387-4732, ext. 109**.

LOOKING FOR A HOME IN GRANDMONT ROSEDALE? – The Spring home buying season has arrived and GRDC has several newly renovated homes ready for sale. Each home has been thoroughly updated and is in move-in condition. Whether you are looking for a cozy 2-bedroom ranch or a stately 4-bedroom brick colonial, GRDC has a home to fit your family and budget. 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.

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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://www.facebook.com/MyGrandmontRosedale/)

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NEW NEIGHBORHOOD POLICE OFFICER PROGRAM

At the beginning of the year, Mayor Duggan and Chief Craig espoused a plan to have the Detroit Police Department more accessible to neighborhood residents by making individual officers responsible for non-emergency and quality of life issues in specific areas. The information below will explain the territory covered by our 6th / 8th Precinct (NW DISTRICT) Neighborhood Police Officers (NPOs). For Grandmont, our contact is Officer Shawn Childrey.



NEIGHBORHOOD POLICE OFFICER (NPO) CONTACT INFORMATION FOR DISTRICT 1

Neighborhood Police Officers (NPO's) are assigned to specific neighborhoods in the community in order to act as public safety liaisons who are responsible for addressing quality of life issues and developing strategies to reduce crime. We're presenting this information to make sure that you can contact the NPO's working in the community for assistance in addressing **NON EMERGENCY** oriented issues.

EIGHTH PRECINCT - 313-596-5682

Officer Shawn Childrey

Email: CHILDREYS693@detroitmi.gov

Boundaries covered:

East/West: Greenfield to Evergreen

North/South: Fenkell to Schoolcraft

Officer Tanda Rawls-Owens

Email: rawlst919@detroitmi.gov

Boundaries covered:

East/West: Evergreen to Lahser

North/South: Fenkell to 7 Mile Rd.

Officer Corey Marshall

Email: marshallc273@detroitmi.gov

Boundaries covered:

East/West: Greenfield to Five Points

North/South: 8 Mile Rd. to Fenkell

Officer Baron Coleman

Email: colemanb364@detroitmi.gov

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North/South: 8 Mile to McNichols

SIXTH PRECINCT 313-596-5682

Officer Heather Ivey

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North/South: Fenkell to Warren

Everything west of: Evergreen

Officer Michael Gordon

Email: GORDONM704@detroitmi.gov

Boundaries covered:

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East/West: Greenfield to Evergreen

Officer Charles Staples

Email: staplesc869@detroitmi.gov

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DISTRICT ONE TEAM



Stephanie Young and Reggie Reg Davis have been charged with the task of eliminating blight in District One. They are working closely with neighborhood and community organizations, community development corporations, faith-based organizations, local businesses, schools and individuals to identify and prioritize blight concerns in their district. They work closely with city departments to resolve concerns and deliver results. Stephanie and Reggie have been at most of the District One community meetings or other community gatherings to meet with their constituents and share their mission and explanation of services. Their office is located in the Crowell Recreation Center, 16630 Lahser, Detroit, MI 48219 (located just south of McNichols). Office hours are by appointment as Stephanie and Reggie Reg are usually in the field meeting with District One stakeholders as they work diligently to reduce and eliminate blight, as well as work toward repopulating the district. However, they can easily be reached for your comments, questions and concerns:

Stephanie Young ~ phone: **313.236.3473**, email: youngst@detroitmi.gov

Reggie Reg Davis ~phone: **313.236.3484**, email: davisr@detroitmi.gov

CHANGES IN OUR CITY SERVICES: NEW GARBAGE AND BULK SERVICE SCHEDULE

At the March District One meeting, Ron Brundidge, Director of DPW, discussed new changes concerning citywide trash collection.

Waste removal has been privatized with contracts awarded to two companies: Rizzo Industries will service the city's eastside beginning May 1st and **ADVANCED DISPOSAL WILL SERVICE THE WESTSIDE OF DETROIT BEGINNING JUNE 1ST**. The initial contract award is for five years with a year-at-a-time renewal option, which could extend to ten years. Cost to the city is **\$24.5** million.

Some of the most important details of his presentation are:

- These services are for residents only. Illegal dumping remains under the DPW. Any concerns or reports should be directed to that office.
- The contracted companies are mandated to purchase all new trucks for Detroit service. These trucks function on compressed natural gas, which will reduce both the cost of operation and the city's carbon footprint. Existing trucks will be sold through worldwide online auction.
- **RESIDENTS WILL RETAIN AND USE THEIR CURRENT COURVILLE CONTAINERS FOR WEEKLY PICK UP.**
- Everything on the curb will be picked regardless of whether or not there is a house.
- **BULK TRASH PICKUP WILL BE INCREASED TO EVERY TWO WEEKS.**
- Yard waste will be picked up every two weeks during peak seasons but on a different schedule from weekly service, TBA.
- **THE ENTIRE CITY CAN SOON PARTICIPATE IN RECYCLING; WHAT CAN BE RECYCLED WILL BE DETERMINED AT A LATER DATE – THE TARGET DATE FOR EXPANSION IS FALL, 2014.** You will have to pay a **ONE-TIME CHARGE OF \$25** for your recycling container if you wish to participate in the recycling program – which for now is optional.
- Waste restrictions and collection dates can be found on the City of Detroit web site which will be updated as changes take place.

Mr. Brundidge also discussed the old antiquated equipment is still being used by many city departments. Mayor Duggan has plans to upgrade equipment and the way departments are operated in the City of Detroit.

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:

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Precinct: 6TH & 8TH PRECINCTS
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N/W COMMUNITY ACCESS CENTER SERVICES:

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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).

All locations (except J. Fons Transfer Station) are closed from 2:30—3:30p.m.

NORTHWEST DETROIT FARMERS' MARKET RELOCATES TO THE COMMUNITY HOUSE

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N. Rosedale Park Community House, 18445 Scarsdale

The decision to move the market from its previous home is due in part to increased opportunities for fun activities and community programs at the Community House. In addition to free health screenings and cooking demonstrations, we're adding the following activities to the market this year: yoga & chair stretching, food preservation techniques (canning & blanching), chess tournaments, chili cook-offs and more. Activities especially for kids will include weekly workshops from Home Depot (build a bird house, race car, etc.), pumpkin bowling and watermelon seed spitting, among others. Grab some fresh ingredients to cook for dinner from our new and returning vendors or don't forget — you can also grab a bite to eat at the market from one of our food trucks!

Join the **NORTHWEST DETROIT FARMERS' MARKET** for our 9th season of good food and fellowship at our **NEW LOCATION** — the **N. Rosedale Park Community House located at 18445 Scarsdale starting Thursday, June 5th from 4 PM –8 PM!** For more information or to volunteer please contact Chelsea Neblett at **313.387.4732, ext. 103** or cneblett@grandmontrosedale.com.

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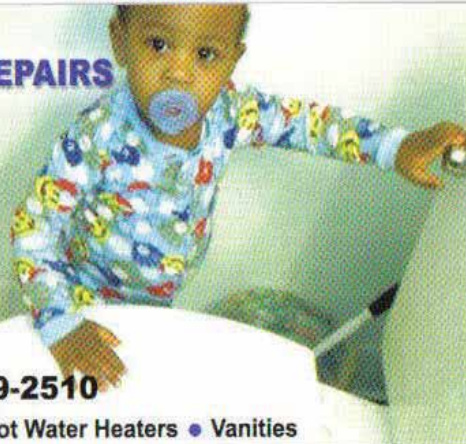
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May 2014

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1	2	3 10AM - GCA Board Meeting at GRDC Office 19800 Grand Rive
4 6PM—GRDC Open House N. Rosedale Park Community House	5  7PM—Grandmont Patrol Meeting at GDRC Office 19800 Grand River	6 	7	8	9 GCA Flower Sale —orders due	10 GCA Flower Sale —orders due
11  National Police Week 11th—17th	12	14	14 	15  BULK PICK UP	16 Officers' Appreciation Luncheon (all 3 shifts) NW District—11450 Warwick	17 10AM—2PM—Rosedale Recycles, Christ the King Church
18 SOUP dinner 6PM—Always Brewing, 19180 Grand River	19 7PM—NW District Police Community Relations mtg at Bushnell Cong Church	20	21  7PM—GRDC Board meeting at GRDC Office, 19800 Grand River, 7 PM	22 6:30PM—Garden Club Meetings at Chaney Library, 16104 Grand River Ave.	23	24 10AM—Noon—GCA Flower Sale Pick Up at Ramsay Park
25	26 	27	28 	29 Grandmont Rosedale 6PM—Neighborhood Safety mtg N. Rosedale Park Community House	30	31
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GRANDMONT COMMUNITY BOARD MEETING GRDC OFFICE, 19800 GRAND RIVER—SATURDAY, JUNE 7, 2014~10 AM						
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GRANDMONT~ROSEDALE NEIGHBORHOOD SAFETY MTG: N. ROSEDALE PARK COMMUNITY HOUSE—Thursday, June 26, 2014 ~ 6PM						
NW DISTRICT POLICE COMMUNITY RELATIONS MTG: BUSHNELL CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH—Monday, June 30, 2014 ~7PM						