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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.

IS VOTING A RIGHT, PRIVILEGE OR A RESPONSIBILITY?

REGARDLESS OF YOUR PARTY AFFILIATION OR YOUR PREFERENCE FOR CANDIDATES, OR BALLOT ISSUES, IF YOU DON'T VOTE, YOU

LET OTHERS MAKE
 CHANGING
 YOU MAY NOT LIKE!
 YOUR LIFE~



LIFE AND LIFE-
 DECISIONS THAT
 TAKE CHARGE OF
 ~ALWAYS KEEP

ABREAST OF THE ISSUES, DO YOUR RESEARCH AND VOTE EVERY ELECTION! YOUR LIFE AND LIVELIHOOD DEPENDS ON IT!

SAVE THE DATE!

IT'S ALMOST TIME FOR ...

GRANDMONT'S HOLIDAY APPRECIATION LUNCHEON

WHEN: Saturday, December 13, 2014

TIME: 1:00 PM

WHERE: Kabuki's Steak House & Sushi Bar
 22048 Michigan Ave., Dearborn, Michigan

Lunch is FREE for GCA VOLUNTEERS* ~ moderately priced for others
 (ACTIVE Block & Street Captains, Board & Committee members, Radio Patrollers, etc.)*

Kindly confirm your attendance by WEDNESDAY, DEC. 3, 2014



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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 COMMUNITY MEETING

SAT, DEC 6, 2014, 10 AM

GRDC Office, 19800 Grand River

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

**BRING YOUR CONCERNS AND SHARE
YOUR IDEAS!**

SUPPORT THE GRANDMONT COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

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



GRANDMONT PATROL MEETING

MONDAY, DEC 1, 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

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

VISIT OUR NEIGHBORHOOD LIBRARY

WHO WAS HENRY CHANEY?

The Chaney Branch was named in honor of the first Director of the Detroit Public Library, Henry Chaney. Professor Chaney served as Director from 1865 to 1878. The Chaney Branch opened to the public on June 28, 1955. The site was previously a bookmobile stop.

Educational and entertaining programming, including book discussion groups, computer classes, and story hours, is available for children and adults throughout the year. Library is located at 16101 Grand River Ave. (at Mansfield), Detroit, MI 48227. Phone number is **(313) 481-1570**.

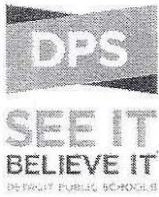
For further information about programs and services, go to:
www.detroitpubliclibrary.org/branch/chaney.

A link on the page will direct you to the calendar to view monthly events.

OCTOBER, 2014 PRESIDENT'S REPORT ~ CORA DUNCAN-FOSTER

1. Joan Harris-Williams, our **Grandmonitor** Distribution Chair, will be moving out of Grandmont soon. Joan has been an extraordinary outstanding Grandmont volunteer. She has chaired this and volunteered on many committees for over 30 years. She will be truly missed. Our new Distribution Chair is Ethel Smith who is the Block Captain for the Longacre Apartments.
2. Signed letter to Michigan Community Resources to encourage consideration of **GRDC** for the **SAFE** Grant funding for their vacant property and Special Assessment District. I am excited to announce Grandmont has received **\$4,000.00** from this grant. This was accomplished because of the team and hard work of Diane and Robert Patterson, **GCA** Vacant Property Task Force and Becki Kenderes, **GRDC** Building Sustainable Communities Program Manager. **GCA** thanks you! Job well done!
3. Grandmont Community Association and **StarrVista** Adopt-A-Park Partner Score Card from August 21 – September 3: Ramsay Park scored 2 (**cut**), 3 (**clean**) and 2 (**trim**). The score key is 3 = Exemplary, 2 = Satisfactory, and 1 = Unsatisfactory.
4. Email sent to Brad Dick, Director General Services and Stephanie A. Young regarding complaints about the resurfacing of Longacre between Lyndon and Schoolcraft. There are large puddles on Longacre in front of many of the residents' homes which happen when it rains. Tim Dennis, DPW Street Maintenance, responded to this email. I rode with Tim down Longacre to show all the puddles. He made a list of the addresses with the puddles in front. Mr. Dennis said he will recommend the areas to be fixed this year; if not, then 2015. Furthermore, I requested the park benches removed and trash from the street before the date of the Art Fair, September 13, 2014. Again, a DPW Truck was sent. He had been a tremendous help for us for when Philip Foster directed the Art Fair. Tim sent a DPW truck to drop the devices to block off the street, cleaned Longacre before the fair and picked up the trash bags after the event. Tim is a true friend and is always dependable and what else can I say, but he cares about our community.
5. Attended Rippling Hope-Gospel in Action Home Repair Potluck Celebration & Appreciation Dinner on September 8th at Northwestern Christian Church. The 2014 statistics: this astounding organization serviced 44 Block Clubs or associations, 386 homes, 780 home projects, 1 church, 82 vacant lots and 6 board ups.
6. It is amazing that there were 535 volunteers from 20 States and 1 Canadian Province. They serviced 68 homes here in Grandmont. Don't forget to apply next year! All you need to do is to pay your **\$25.00** GCA dues (**\$10.00** in Longacre apartments) and fill out the Rippling Hope Home Repair Application. You may have to pay for supplies but the work is done free. The applications will be out February 21, 2015.
7. Attended District One monthly meeting presented by Councilman James Tate held Saturday, September 27th at the North Rosedale Park Community House. Howard McCain and James Jenkins received the DWSD Spirit of Detroit Award for freeing a young lady in an accident from a car window and bringing her back to life.
8. A zoning ordinance was approved that state residents cannot park a vehicle on their lawn in either the front or back yard unless the area is paved. This allows vehicle and home owner responsible for the ticket. Need homeowner's permission to be in backyard but can go in neighbor's yard to see vehicle on lawn. Then the homeowner can be ticketed by the police.
9. Sinai Grace Hospital improvements were presented by their CEO, Ms. Paula Autry. The hospital wants to connect with the community as well. The hospital has been around for 150 years and is the largest hospital in DMC. It has Level II Trauma Certification, new front lobby, construction, and elevated patient and family services. They have programs on violence, bullying etc. Their staff is available to give presentations. Cont'd on pg 10





Detroit Public Schools
SAFE ROUTES PROGRAM
IN CASE OF AN EMERGENCY CALL DPS-PD
313-748-6000



Safe Routes Program is a national movement to create safe, convenient and fun opportunities for children to travel to and from schools. The Safe Routes Program plays a critical role in the "Detroit Youth Violence Prevention Initiative" (DYVPI) and the transformation and impact on education around the entire City of Detroit.

Safe Routes As a part of the DYVPI, where Federal, State and Local Law Enforcement Agencies along with, City of Detroit Municipalities, i.e., Department of Lighting, Transportation, and Neighborhoods; Local Businesses, Community Organizations, Faith-Based Organizations and Citizens work collaboratively on a common goal "Keeping our Neighborhoods Safe".

Lead by the Detroit Public Schools Police Department (DPS-PD), the purpose of the Safe Routes Program is to provide a safe environment for all Detroit Children and their families as they travel to and from school during normal school operating hours 7:00 am – 9:00 am, 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm and 4:00pm – 8:00pm.

We are calling on all volunteers from schools, community and business organizations that are in a 2.0 mile radius of a school to assist with providing a safe route for students. Registration is open for everyone to become involved.

Radio Vehicle Patrol: Citizens, in their vehicles, will drive the identified routes, to include but not limited to, up to a 2.0 mile radius around the school. RVP Volunteers work on a regular schedule patrolling their neighborhood in highly-visible, specially-marked vehicles. RVP's are familiar with the daily routines in the area and can quickly spot unusual occurrences.

Walking School Bus: Groups of children who walk designated routes to school under adult(s) supervision, picking up kids along the way just like a bus. For some, it's a casual group walk, may wear "Yellow Jacket", while others set up a formal plan with adults scheduled to walk on certain day.

Eyes and Ears: Is an observation and reporting initiative to assist the entire district/city with the daily observations in and around the school community (watch out for students and report suspicious behaviors, blight and tall grass, etc. regularly to DPS-PD by calling 313-748-6000.). We believe that all volunteers will become more familiar with their community and be able to recognize suspicious activities near and around schools on a regular basis.

Please complete the Registration form attached and return it to the Office of Parent and Community Engagement Fax # (313) 873-7446 or email safe.routes@detroitk12.org. If you need additional information please call 313-240-4DPS (4377) or 313-873-7490.

Thank you for your support

Detroit Public Schools
SAFE ROUTES
GET INVOLVED FORM

SCHOOL NAME: _____

VOLUNTEER INFORMATION

(Please print)

FIRST NAME: _____ LAST NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____ City: _____ Zip Code: _____

HOME PHONE: () _____ CELL PHONE: () _____ TEXT: Yes No

Email address: _____

BETWEEN WHAT HOURS ARE YOU AVAILABLE TO VOLUNTEER? Please check all that apply(s):

7:00AM—9:00AM ● 2:00PM -- 4:00PM ● 4:00PM -- 8:00PM ● Other: please specify _____

PLEASE SELECT ONE:

Parent of a Child currently attending the school Community Member/Individual
 Business, Type: _____ Other: _____

TYPE OF INVOLVEMENT

Commitment Statement: I _____ **(Print your Name)** understand the nature of the Safe Routes program and I would like to volunteer with the Safe Routes Initiative.

Please select all that apply:

Radio Vehicle Patrol – Own your own vehicle, Possess valid Driver’s License and Insurance, and available to patrol.

Walking School Bus – Parent and/or Community Stakeholder providing adult supervision of students walking to and from school

Eyes and Ears – Parent(s), Individuals, Community Stakeholders, Faith-based Organizations, residents, etc. willing to obtain signage, watch out for students and report suspicious behaviors, blight and tall grass, etc. regularly to DPS-PD by calling 313-748-6000.

If additional information is needed please contact us at (313) 240-4DPS (4377) or (313) 873-7490. Please submit the completed portion to The Office of Parent and Community Engagement fax 313-873- 7446 or email safe.routes@detroitk12.org.

Thank you for your support

ENVIRONMENTAL CORNER – VACANT PROPERTY TASK FORCE

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

THANKSGIVING – A time to give thanks and we can't thank you enough! Thank you to all of our good neighbors who watch out for us and are active participants in the Grandmont Community. Our neighborhood environment is a better place because of you!

We can all be thankful that we are part of the Grandmont-Rosedale Neighborhoods and have a collective voice to address our concerns and increase our potential. Thank you to the **GRDC** staff, to all the **GCA** Board members, committee-members, our Block and Street Captain network, our Radio Patrol, the GRANDMONITOR staff and especially our dues-paying neighbors who help support our street snow removal expenses as well as all of the other activities that our yearly fee of only **\$25.00** helps sustain. We couldn't do all that we do without you. We have so much to be grateful for and we do not say "**THANK YOU**" as often as we should. And it is the season of being thankful and Thanksgiving! William Arthur Ward says it so well: "*Feeling gratitude and not expressing it is like wrapping a present and not giving it.*"

After approximately 15 months, the Grandmont Community can be thankful for **BROWN ENVIRONMENTAL COMPANY**, led by crew manager Mr. John White who arrived on the scene early Thursday morning, October 16, 2014. **BROWN ENVIRONMENTAL** was the contracted company assigned the regrettable task of demolishing a once-stately colonial which had been neglected for several years and became known as the fire/arson-damaged house at 14574 Abington after the first fire on July 23, 2013.

Thank you to all neighbors and friends who called, wrote letters, signed petitions, e-mailed, etc. to expedite this job. Thank you to many City employees and our District 1 Representatives and State leaders who helped speed the process of demolition. (SEE PG. 9) Mr. Edge and Mr. Patel of Buildings & Safety (**BSEED**), as well as Councilman Tate and Neighborhood Representatives Stephanie Young and Reggie "Reg" Davis. Mayor Duggan can check "one more blighted structure" off their list. We can too!

Hmmm Can **GRANDMONT HARDWARE** at 16831 Grand River far behind on that list? Our community hopes not and will focus our attention on that building and other areas of concern within the Grandmont Community.

NOVEMBER: THINGS TO REMEMBER

- When raking leaves, don't forget to clean the gutters, and sweep the street of leaves debris that will clog the street-drains.
- Pick up litter - it's exercise! Love where you live and commit to making our neighborhood better - and cleaner.
- Safety Issues - This month make sure smoke detectors are installed and batteries are fresh and your fire extinguisher is charged and everyone knows where it is – and how to use it.
- Plan a family escape plan "*just in case*" – be prepared for emergencies.
- Light the night! Keep your porch light and side lights on not only for your own safety and security, but so that others can see any suspicious activity and be able to identify and report it!
- Try to keep your cars parked **OFF** the street for your safety as well as our street snow-removal efficiency. Clear streets allow for safer passage of all vehicles and will also be appreciated by emergency vehicles, school busses, delivery trucks, etc., to navigate our narrow streets more effectively. **And always "SLOW DOWN" – The speed on residential streets is 25 MPH!**

VACANT HOUSE WATCH - BE VIGILANT! Pay close attention to strangers who may be on the lookout for a place to trespass. Usually this translates to illegal electrical hook-ups and possible other illegal activities that negatively impact our community safety and security. Contractors should be willing to show a friendly neighbor their work order. Keep notes, get license plates and vehicle descriptions if something seems suspicious. Be aware of who belongs – *and who doesn't* – on your block and in your neighborhood.

RENTAL PROPERTY IN GRANDMONT- FYI:

RENTAL PROPERTY MUST BE REGISTERED WITH THE CITY. Call **313-628-2451** to verify rental registration. Rental property inspections are required yearly and these inspections help protect our property integrity while keeping check on absentee landlords' responsibilities for home upkeep and building code violations. Rental inspections include Structural, Electrical, Plumbing, Heating and Environment. If you know of rental property that is in disrepair, call the number listed above or the Environmental Committee with the address of the rental property and tenant's/owner's name if known. **THIS INFORMATION REMAINS CONFIDENTIAL.** The City of Detroit has a Rental Dwellings Pamphlet that explains the inspection requirements and responsibilities that are part of the Property Maintenance Division of the Buildings and Safety Engineering Department. Be aware of these regulations; they are for your benefit and our community stability and housing preservation. Guidelines and regulations should be understood by both the owner and the tenant. Neighborhood Legal Services (**NLS**) can also provide legal assistance if you have questions. The website is www.wcnls.org. Phone numbers for **NLS** are **313 874-5820** or **313 964-1975**.



POP-UP BUSINESSES GET BUSY ON GRAND RIVER – Five new businesses have “popped up” on Grand River this fall with a boost from GRDC. Pop-up businesses open for a limited time to test the market for a long-term establishment. All five businesses are opening in storefront space owned by GRDC with financial support from **REVOLVE DETROIT** and **CHARTER ONE** bank.

ANAHATA YOGA (anahatayogadetroit.com) offers yoga classes to both beginners and those who have yoga experience. Their studio is at 19560 Grand River.

LOVE TRAVELS IMPORTS (lovetravelsimports.com) specializes in fair-trade, handmade artisan accessories such as scarves, jewelry and bags. They are open now through the end of the year inside the Grand River **WORKPLACE** at 19120 Grand River.

Three other businesses will hold special pop-up events at 19560 Grand River.

CAR-GO PAINT, a new and fun way to gather friends and family to paint together. More information about this pop-up business can be found at www.facebook.com/cargopaint.

TENDER MOMENTS (tendermoments.org) offers unique, handcrafted gifts for baby showers, weddings, holidays and corporate events. They will host a wedding planning event on October 25th.

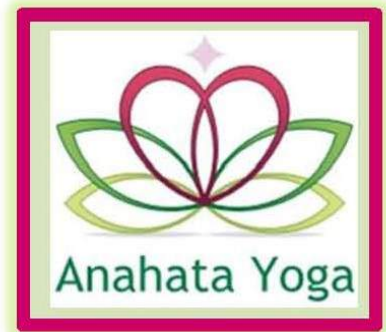
FUNKY JUNK AND JUJU (funkyjunkdetroit.com) is a new thrift store that specializes in vintage and vintage-inspired pre-loved clothing.

Come out and support these new locally owned businesses and encourage these pop-ups to go permanent. For more information contact Yvette Jenkins at **313-387-4732 ext 120** or at yjenkins@grandmontrosedale.com.

GRAND RIVER WORKPLACE OPEN NOW – In October, **GRDC** opened the Grand River **WORKPLACE** co-working space and small business incubator. **WORKPLACE** offers flexible office space for start-up businesses and independent workers at very affordable prices. **WORKPLACE** will also bring together a number of small business support organizations under one roof to provide training, technical assistance and micro-loans to local entrepreneurs. **GRDC** is partnering with **TECHTOWN**, **REVOLVE DETROIT**, **PROSPERUS DETROIT**, **CEED**, the **NEW ECONOMY INITIATIVE** and others to make **WORKPLACE** the perfect launch pad for small business development in northwest Detroit.

For more information contact Yvette Jenkins at **313-387-4732 ext 120** or at yjenkins@grandmontrosedale.com.

NEIGHBORHOOD BENEFITS DISTRICT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED – For the past two years, **GRDC** has led an effort to enact legislation to create a Neighborhood Benefits District (**NBD**) in our community. An **NBD** would allow for the implementation of enhanced security and snow removal services through a special tax assessment on all area property. An ordinance was passed earlier this year by City Council allowing for the creation of these districts. **GRDC** is seeking residents and other property owners interested in implementing this concept in the Grandmont Rosedale area. To get involved in this historic effort to make our community safer, contact Cassie Richard at **313-487-4732 ext. 109** or crichard@grandmontrosedale.com.



6th AND 8th POLICE PRECINCT ANNUAL COAT DRIVE – GRDC will again be a drop-off location for the 6th and 8th Precinct Annual Coat Drive. Please bring your clean, new, and gently used coats and other warm items like gloves, hats, and scarves to our annex office, 19566 Grand River, until Thursday, November 20th. Drop off items during regular business hours, or bring them to the 6:30 PM Thursday, October 23rd. Neighborhood Safety Meeting at the North Rosedale Park Community House, 18445 Scarsdale. All cold weather items will be distributed from the 6th and 8th Precinct, 11450 Warwick on Saturday, November 22nd from 10 AM - 3:00 PM. For more information contact Officer Tanda Rawls-Owens at [313-643-0501](tel:313-643-0501) or rawlst919@detroitmi.gov.



JOIN THE GRANDMONT ROSEDALE CRIME ALERT – Want to become more involved in preventing crime in your community? The Grandmont Rosedale Crime Alert encourages you to join the Crime Alert to report suspicious activity. You can access the link by going to: grandmontrosedalecrimealert@googlegroups.com. For more information and to get a list of the suggested details to include in the alert, contact Karen Johnson Moore at [313-387-4732](tel:313-387-4732), ext. 110 or kmoore@grandmontrosedale.com.

DON'T MISS OUT ON WHAT'S HAPPENING IN GRANDMONT ROSEDALE! – There are many ways to stay informed! You can read about Grandmont Rosedale community events at mygrandmontrosedale.org. The website features articles about the many community events as well as Grandmont Rosedale residents. Neighborhood association newsletters are available here as is a community calendar which offers a quick way to find out what's going on.



If you are a Facebook user, “LIKE” us at facebook.com/MyGrandmontRosedale. If you'd like to receive a weekly Wednesday morning email newsletter to keep up to date on all that's happening, send an email to info@grandmontrosedale.com and ask to be added to the list.

SUCCESSFUL DEMOLITION OF 14574 ABINGTON

Grandmont is a very beautiful neighborhood and many residents work very hard to keep it that way on a regular basis. Unfortunately, due to many arson fires – *over a dozen!* – we had a very sad eyesore on Abington for over two years. Due to the diligence of Grandmont's Safety/Security Chair, Coach Muhsin Muhammad, our Vacant Property Task Force Chair, Diane Patterson and many, many residents who signed petitions and contacted city officials on a regular basis, the house was torn down after **ONLY TWO YEARS**. Too often houses like these take 7 – 10 years to be demolished!! Neighboring residents have pledged to maintain the cleared property. **THANK YOU** to everyone who participated in this effort to help keep our community safe and beautiful and keep **GRANDMONT “THE HOME OF GOOD NEIGHBORS”!**



14574 Abington



Many arson fires left this once beautiful home a dangerous eyesore!



Demolished in one day!



Neighbors will maintain the property

OCTOBER, 2014 PRESIDENT'S REPORT, cont'd from pg. 4

10. Kyle Bartell, Inventor of "SIT ON IT DETROIT" Benches was present. Benches are made of recycled wood with books inside. Twenty-two benches are placed at bus stops while four others are in parks. This allows persons waiting for bus to read. None of the benches have been damaged or stolen. It was suggested by James Tate to place a bench at the corner of Longacre and Grand River at the bus stop.
11. Enjoyed the North Rosedale Park (NRP) Civic Association Community House Groundbreaking Celebration held Wednesday, October 1st. Did you know that NRP is the only association in Detroit with a community house? It was built in 1924. This association has developed the Legacy Project to raise funds to correct structural problems and handicap accessibility. They have received gifts from **\$10.00 - \$100,000.00**. Construction will start soon.
12. Attended the Michigan Community Resources 16th Annual Event & Awards Ceremony held October 2nd at Stroh's River Place Atrium. Michigan Community Resources provides service to communities based in low income areas. 2014 Awardees are: Joe Wloszek, Volunteer of the Year; Miller Canfield, Law Firm of the Year; West Grand Boulevard Collaborative, Outstanding Community Action and Denby High School, Partner of the Year.

COME ON GRANDMONT HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES APPLY FOR THE GRANDMONT COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIP!

The 2014 Grandmont Scholarship Application is still available. The Grandmont Community Association (GCA) has been awarding scholarships to our high school graduates since 1997. It started with the proceeds from the Grandmont Community Association Arts and Crafts Fair. Part of our vision is the enhancement of the life of our community. So, 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 the high school graduates for their achievement and positive effort as to bring about positive change. We need 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 honoree's dream a possibility.

You can apply for the scholarship if you have graduated from high school in June 2014 and are a freshman in college or technical school. As of yet, no high school graduate has applied. The reception isn't until December. The deadline date to apply has been postponed to November 30, 2014.

I am sure Grandmont has scholars. Let's find them! Contact Cora at **(313) 273-7914** for additional information or to get an application.

Grandmont Community Association

Grandmont: Detroit's Home of Good Neighbors

P.O. Box 27790, Detroit, Michigan 48227

September 5, 2014

THANK YOU STEPHANIE A. YOUNG, DISTRICT ONE MANAGER

As President of the Grandmont Community Association (GCA) and on behalf of its Board and residents, I thank Stephanie A. Young for a job well done! She is a jewel in the Mayor's office. Ms. Young is an exceptional District One Manager. She is a strong supporter of our community programs and activities; is fair, cheerful and follows businesslike procedures to accomplish objectives; fulfills all commitments and handles sensitive situations with confidence. Ms. Young presented at our annual meeting last April, assisted us with our **ARISE DETROIT** activity; helped us with our **STARRVISTA PARTNERSHIP**; and contacted **DPW** to have the flood refuse and trees removed off Longacre from Grand River to Lyndon just in time before our "**HOT NIGHT COOL JAZZ**" event was to be held in adjacent Ramsay Park. She has a giving spirit and always wants to help! By email, Stephanie keeps me abreast of all city important information. This shows that she not only cares about our community but Detroit as well.

Grandmont appreciates you! THANK YOU!

Cora A. Duncan-Foster, President
Grandmont Community Association Board of Directors

October 17, 2014

THANK YOU HONORABLE DETROIT CITY COUNCIL MEMBER JAMES E. TATE

As President of the Grandmont Community Association (GCA) and on behalf of its Board and residents, I thank you, Council Member James E. Tate, for your professionalism, community spirit and for being a strong supporter of all Grandmont Community Association programs as well. You have many talents but are not limited to the following: possesses an invaluable source of knowledge that keeps the community informed of pertinent legislation and regulations, displays genuineness in dealing with others and can be trusted to provide support. The only way to assist a community association is to know their needs. It is amazing that you or one of your assistants is in attendance at our monthly Grandmont Community Association Board of Director's meetings. Last year, we asked you for the Detroit City Council Spirit Awards for our outstanding residents. Not only did you make them available but you presented the awards at our annual meeting. At your District One meetings which are most informative, you convey an impression which reflects favorably upon the public relations of the Detroit Community. With your busy schedule, you even found the time to attend many of our community events like the many art fairs, our "**HOT NIGHT COOL JAZZ**" event and more. By email, you always keep us abreast of all city important information. Your availability and commitment to the Detroit community is commendable.

Grandmont appreciates you! THANK YOU!

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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
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 Christmas Day

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Council Representative James Tate

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Reggie "Reg" Davis, Asst. Manager 313-544-6312

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Monday, November 17th

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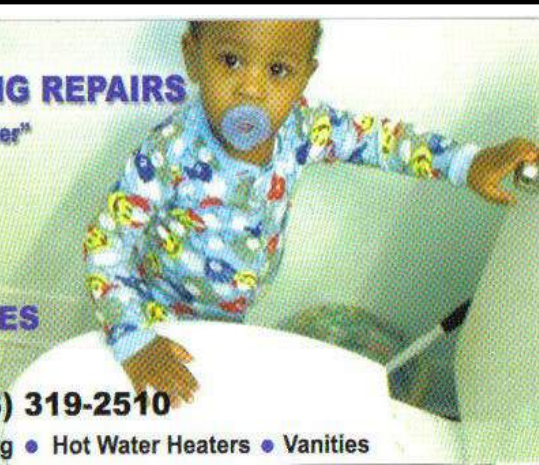
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November 2014

December 2014

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>2</p>  <p>DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS</p>	<p>www.grandmontcommunity.org View Grandmonitor in color</p>					
<p>3</p>  <p>Yard Waste and Bulk Pickup 7PM—Grandmont Patrol Meeting at GDRC Office</p>	<p>4</p>  <p>ELECTION DAY</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6</p> 	<p>7</p>	<p>8</p>	<p>1</p> <p>10AM—GCA Community Meeting GRDC Office at 19800 Grand River</p>
<p>9</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11</p>  <p>VETERANS DAY</p>	<p>12</p>  <p>RECYLCE PICKUP</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14</p> 	<p>15</p> <p>10am—2pm—AMERICA RECYCLES DAY & LAST ROSEDALE RECYCLES AT Christ the King Church</p>
<p>16</p>	<p>17</p>  <p>Yard Waste and Bulk Pickup</p>	<p>18</p>	<p>19</p> <p>7PM—GRDC Board Meeting at GRDC Office 19800 Grand River</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21</p>	<p>22</p>  <p>10AM—District 1 Meetings Location TBD</p>
<p>23</p>	<p>24</p> <p>7PM—NW District Police Community Relations mtg on at Bushnell Church</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26</p>  <p>RECYLCE PICKUP</p>	<p>27</p>  <p>THANKSGIVING</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29</p> 
<p>30</p>	<p>GRANDMONT PATROL MEETING GRDC OFFICE, 19800 GRAND RIVER~ MONDAY, DECEMBER 1 2014~7 PM</p> <p>GRANDMONT COMMUNITY BOARD MEETING GRDC OFFICE, 19800 GRAND RIVER—Saturday, DECEMBER, 6, 2014~10 AM</p>					
<p>DECEMBER MEETINGS 2014</p> <p>GRANDMONT~ROSEDALE NEIGHBORHOOD SAFETY MTG: N. ROSEDALE PARK COMMUNITY HOUSE—THURSDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2014 ~ 6PM</p> <p>NW DISTRICT POLICE COMMUNITY RELATIONS MTG: BUSHNELL CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH—Monday, NO MEETING~ 7PM</p>						