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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.

# HAPPY NEW YEAR 2015

## TIS THE SEASON TO EXPRESS GRATITUDE!!!

The Grandmont community is a strong and active Detroit community where residents have opportunities to be heard, to get involved and see things happen as a result. The Grandmont Community Association allows residents to work together to engage in cooperative activities for the betterment of the community. **I THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT!**

This past year, those of you who volunteered outdid yourselves by giving relentlessly to the vision of the Grandmont Community Association. Our successes include: Dynamic Board of Directors, Energetic Committee Chairs, Motivated Street & Block Captains, "HOT NIGHTS/COOL JAZZ", Ramsay Park Cleanups, Edison School Christmas Project, Ramsay Park Adopt-A - Park Partnership with StarrVista, Volunteer Citizens Radio Patrol, "TRASH TALKIN'" Cleanup, 8<sup>th</sup> Annual "ARISE DETROIT" Day Southfield Service Drive Cleanup, Arts and Craft Fair, Vacant Property Task Force, GRANDMONITOR Team, Grandmont's Holiday Appreciation Luncheon, Annual Business Dinner Meeting, High School Graduation Scholarship, Metro Detroit Youth Day, "RIPPLING HOPE" Home Repair Program, Grandmont Rosedale Development Corporation's 25th Anniversary Picnic, Northwest Detroit Farmers Market at the N. Rosedale Park Community House, and the Community Garden Project. Furthermore, your volunteerism is spectacular!

Also, a special **THANK YOU** goes to the Grandmont dues paying residents. Some of these activities would not have happened without your monetary support. Your support afforded to us confirms my beliefs that there are others equally concerned and actively involved in positively impacting our community.

Respectfully yours,

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



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

EMAIL:

[grandmontcommunitycrimealerts@googlegroups.com](mailto:grandmontcommunitycrimealerts@googlegroups.com)  
 and/or [www.1800speakup.org](http://www.1800speakup.org)

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



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

TEXT “TIP411” (847411) add DPD to msg

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

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

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

REWARDS ARE AVAILABLE FOR INFORMATION LEADING TO  
 ARREST AND PROSECUTION.

# GRANDMONT COMMUNITY MEETING

**SAT, FEBRUARY 7, 2015, 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

**MON, FEBRUARY 2, 2015, 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:

2011 \_\_\_\_\_ **2015** \_\_\_\_\_

2012 \_\_\_\_\_ 2016 \_\_\_\_\_

2013 \_\_\_\_\_ 2017 \_\_\_\_\_

2014 \_\_\_\_\_ 2018 \_\_\_\_\_

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

### 2015 GRANDMONT MEMBERSHIP DUES BLITZ

Our first Grandmont New Year Dues Collection Blitz for 2015 will be held on Saturday, January 10<sup>th</sup> at 10 AM if the weather permits.

The Grandmont Board of Directors with the Street/Block Captains will blitz every month starting in January. We plan to go door to door to meet the residents and collect the \$25.00 annual dues (\$10.00 on Southfield and Longacre Apts.)

We plan to continue the monthly membership dues blitz in order to keep providing valuable community services like snow removal, special events and this newsletter.

## DECEMBER, 2014 PRESIDENT'S REPORT ~ CORA DUNCAN-FOSTER

1. GCA Scholarship Committee of Charlotte Hoefler, Joanne Podlucky and I met to review Dominique Taylor's scholarship packet. We had only one scholarship applicant to apply. Ms. Taylor had maintained a 3.51 grade point average at Renaissance High School and is now attending Siena Heights University. She will be interviewed by a panel from the Grandmont Board of Directors, Scholarship Committee Members and other Committee Chairs at a later date. Her father, Anthony Taylor, is now the Block Captain for 14101-14260 block of Longacre.
2. We need a Street Captain for the Southfield Service Drive and Abington Streets. Also, there is a Block Captain vacancy for 14500-600 Southfield Service Drive.
3. The GCA Board of Directors approved a motion to accept **GREENER STILL'S** Snow Removal Contract. Again, this year **GREENER STILL, INC.** will be plowing our streets. Choice was made because **GREENER STILL** is bonded with liability insurance and is a licensed snow removal company.
4. The Northwest District 6<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> Police Community Relations meeting was held November 24<sup>th</sup> at Bushnell Congregational Church. The guest speaker was Rodney Liggons, Detroit Land Bank Authority (**DLBA**). The **DLBA** is a public entity created to tackle the huge surplus of vacant, abandoned and foreclosed property in the city and return them to productive use. You can find additional information on their website at [www.buildingdetroit.org](http://www.buildingdetroit.org). In order for property to be demolished by the **DLBA**, it must be: vacant, residential property of four units or less, owned by the **DLBA** and located within one of the hardest hit fund target areas. Contact the district manager or website at [www.detroitmi.gov](http://www.detroitmi.gov) under the Department of Neighborhoods link if a property doesn't meet the criteria. When a house is to be demolished, posters will go out and information is distributed to the neighboring houses. This process takes approximately 6-8 weeks. During demolition, people and pets should stay indoors as much as possible with windows and doors closed. The Nuisance Abatement Program sues private owners of vacant properties that are boarded, open to trespass, abandoned or neglected that pose immediate threat to the quality of life of nearby residents. The goal is for owners to sign an agreement to rehabilitate the property or demolish the property at their cost. Owners that fail to respond to lawsuit risk losing their rights to the property at a court hearing.
5. The North Rosedale Park Block Captains' Special Meeting was held Tuesday, November 18<sup>th</sup> at the N. Rosedale Park Community House. The topic was City of Detroit Home Repair. The City of Detroit Planning and Development Department Supervisor Eric Johnson presented. The City of Detroit, through its Planning & Development Department, provides home repair services under the City of Detroit Building Grant Home Rehabilitation Program. Grant funds provided by the Department of Housing and Urban Development (**HUD**) assist homeowners with their home repair needs, eliminate lead-based paint hazards and address structural defects effecting health and safety of its residents. Additionally, the **CDBG** Home Rehabilitation Program supports the city's efforts to preserve existing housing inventory and stabilize neighborhoods. The Housing Rehabilitation Program Waiting List is now **CLOSED**. No further entries will be accepted at this time. The accepted names are drawn from this list to receive a **CDBG** Home Rehabilitation Application as targeted areas are identified and home repair funds are made available. The phone number is **(313) 224-3461** for additional information.
6. I requested a "*SPIRIT OF DETROIT*" Award for Sam Bell from Council Member James Tate's office. The Board voted to give him this award for mowing Ramsay Park at a very low rate.



## Grandmont's 2014 Holiday Appreciation Luncheon

GRANDMONT'S HOLIDAY APPRECIATION LUNCHEON was once again – thanks to **Krystal Thurmond** and **Barbara Halley-Peterson** – a fabulous event! It's so nice to spend quality time with friends and neighbors who strive to make our community "THE HOME OF GOOD NEIGHBORS" and our City a better place to call home. The luncheon was held on Saturday, December 13<sup>th</sup> at **KABUKI'S JAPANESE STEAKHOUSE & SUSHI BAR** located on Michigan Ave. in Dearborn to honor Grandmont's 'warrior volunteers' for their dedicated service during this past year. The volunteers who were honored are:

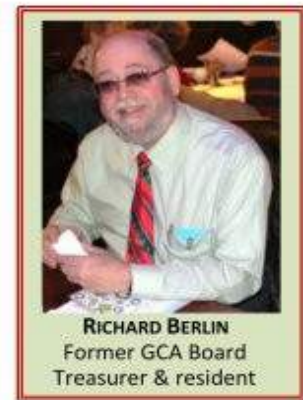


KABUKI'S JAPANESE STEAKHOUSE & SUSHI BAR

- ◆ our Street & Block Captains who deliver this **GRANDMONITOR** right to our doors, collect dues to keep our snowy streets plowed and a myriad of other important activities -
- ◆ volunteers who are on many of our important committees -
- ◆ volunteers who are voted in as Board of Directors to make decisions on behalf of Grandmont residents -
- ◆ volunteers who keep Ramsay Park maintained -
- ◆ volunteers who are on the Radio Patrol and Safety/Security Committee who helps keep us safe and aware of what's going on in the community -
- ◆ volunteers who put together the **GRANDMONITOR** and get ad's to sustain it -

AND . . . WELL, YOU GET THE PICTURE. . .

The energetic **Cora Duncan-Foster**, our current GCA Board President and Mistress of Ceremonies, kept the festivities on track by also reading a letter from Detroit's Mayor Mike Duggan acknowledging our Grandmont volunteers. Each guest also received a copy in their program. Cora acknowledged the honorees and read a letter she had written especially for the volunteers, while Board member Mark Janusch presented former resident **Richard Berlin** with a 'DISTINGUISHED' award-plaque, collage and photo album while **Krystal Thurmond**, Social Planning Chair and return Board member made presentations to long-time residents such as **Janet Adams**, **Grace Bazmore**, **David and Karen Bradfield**, **Charles and Patricia Edmonson**, **John Edwards**, **Mark and Julie Janusch**, **Robert and Diane Patterson**, **Sue Rayborn**, **Rose Weeks** and special recognition to North Rosedale Park volunteer, **Ms. Clarend Webb**. Some have been volunteering since before 1981 and all are STILL hard at work in Grandmont!



**RICHARD BERLIN**  
Former GCA Board  
Treasurer & resident



**GLEN TUCKER & GEORGE BENSON**

Special thanks to our friend, neighbor and saxophonist extraordinaire **George Benson** and accomplished pianist **Glen Tucker** who provided wonderful background music to usher in the holiday season for all of us to enjoy. To those volunteers we may have missed, or who could not attend, please know that **YOU** are also **APPRECIATED** and your neighborhood thanks you for all you do in Grandmont. A heartfelt **THANK YOU** is always in order!

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## GRANDMONT YOUTH AND EDUCATION COMMITTEE NEWS



Once again, the Grandmont Community's Youth & Education Committee gave the gifts of hats, gloves, scarves and candy canes in bright red gift bags to 60 deserving students at the Thomas A. Edison Elementary School this year for Christmas. Edison is located at 17045 Grand River Ave., Detroit, MI 48227, (313) 852-1066 and is a Detroit Public School.



Principal Marcus Davenport welcomed the gifts and thanked the Grandmont Community Association for their continued support. Edison School is always looking for community volunteers. As a community we have to help our schools teach our children about being good neighbors. Pick up a volunteer form at Edison School and give a day, an hour, or a year of your time.

A Nigerian Proverb states, "IT TAKES A WHOLE VILLAGE TO RAISE A CHILD". We are the "HOME OF GOOD NEIGHBORS" and it is our responsibility to lead by example and pass the torch to our Grandmont Youth of Tomorrow.

As the Youth and Education Chairperson, it has been difficult getting Grandmont youth to attend our free tutoring services at Chaney Library. Therefore, I will be volunteering two days a month at Edison School. There will be upcoming Grandmont Youth Events and they will be posted in the GRANDMONITOR and Grandmont's website ([www.grandmontcommunity.org](http://www.grandmontcommunity.org)) beginning in March 2015.



*Thanks, Carla White-Smith  
GCA Youth & Education Chairperson*

## IMPORTANT GRANDMONT UPCOMING EVENTS

### FREE TAX FORECLOSURE PREVENTION WORKSHOP

Thursday, January 15, 2015      6 PM – 8 PM

**NORTH ROSEDALE PARK COMMUNITY HOUSE**  
18445 Scarsdale, Detroit, MI 48223

**HOMEOWNERS OR TENANTS IN ANY STAGE OF  
FORECLOSURE ARE STRONGLY ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND**

**Get FREE, ON-SITE ASSISTANCE from a trusted source.**

#### PLEASE BRING THE FOLLOWING DOCUMENTS WITH YOU:

- ◆ Copy of your deed
- ◆ Driver's license or state identification card
- ◆ Recent DTE bill, phone or other letter with your name and address on it
- ◆ Any and all correspondence from Wayne County

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:  
BECKI KENDERES at GRDC, 313-387-4732, x-101**

### RIPPLING HOPE HOME REPAIR PROGRAM COMING IN FEBRUARY 2015

The 2015 District 8 Home Repair Program is sponsored by former State Representative David E. Nathan and the "RIPPLING HOPE" Ministry. This home repair program is about building stronger communities and standing together to help one another.

The "RIPPLING HOPE" Ministry's goal is to connect communities, channel hope and change lives. Last year, 85 Grandmont residents applied for and received home repair. All the work is done by volunteers.

Volunteers travel here from other states to help Detroiters. The volunteers are not only from Michigan but from Illinois, Minnesota, Iowa, Missouri, Kansas, Indiana, Ohio, North Carolina and Ontario Canada as well. Local volunteers pay \$25.00 for a one day registration fee. The other volunteers pay \$250.00 for a week of service.

"RIPPLING HOPE" volunteers will assess the home repair work that is to be completed. All you have to do is to purchase the materials needed to complete the home repair. Also you must pay the \$25.00 Grandmont dues and complete the application in order to be eligible. Applications will be available in February, 2015.

## ENVIRONMENTAL CORNER

**B**a' humbug! Winter is the ultimate wonderland of paradox; sunlight reflecting off the new fallen snow and ice crystals gleaming off tree branches, beautiful from the comfort of your living room. The reality is winter is a challenge for most and it is all about *environment*. Be *proactive* and keep your walkways, steps and driveway clear of snow. This creates a safe environment, reducing the possibility of slips and falls.

**REMINDER: STREET SNOW REMOVAL IS NOT FREE;** it is covered by paying your annual Grandmont dues of only **\$25.00**.



Take part and enroll in the convenient GCA snow removal program. "**GREENER STILL, INC.**" is our community's service provider. You must contract with them separately to have the sidewalk in front of your house cleared ~ saving you the hassle of time, energy and money when the inevitable snow does come. Their advertisement is listed on **page 14** in this newsletter.



Consider placing debris out on the curb the day before bulk pickup instead of days ahead of pickup. This diminishes the possibility of the debris being tossed about and frozen to the ground thus unmovable.

"**SLOW YOUR ROLL**" when driving through the community. Black ice, visible ice, snow banks, poor visibility due to heavy snowfall, pedestrians, objects in the street covered by snow, freezing rain, etc. all could contribute to an unfortunate accident. **SLOW IS SAFE!**

Winter is often harsh on cars. If a car appears to be abandoned on your street, inoperable for some time, contact the Environment Committee (**page 2**) or our 8<sup>th</sup> Pct. NPO Shawn Childrey (**page 12**) to facilitate removal.

- **ISSUE ONE:** Have you considered *recycling* your trash? Begin with the obvious items that will not decompose in the landfill; plastic, glass and metal. Contact **ADVANCE DISPOSAL** for program details (**page 12**). Be a steward of mother earth and help clean up our environment.



- **ISSUE TWO:** Vacant homes may attract squatters both animal and human. If you observe occupancy of a known vacant home, contact the Vacant Property Task Force (**page 2**). Cold weather, harsh conditions and low temps may motivate illegal occupancy of the property.

Submitted by: *Harrison R. Duke III, Chairperson*

## VACANT PROPERTY TASK FORCE

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

"Be always at war with your vices, at peace with your neighbors, and let each new year find you a better person."  
 ~ Benjamin Franklin

Our neighborhood relies on the good will and extra effort of each of us to make a good "first impression" of our community. Below are a few suggestions to help get the new year off to a good start and create better first impressions while unifying Grandmont Community expectations:

Curtains, drapery, and blinds should be in good condition and hung in the windows properly.

Sweep, shovel, or rake the street area in front of your home. Remove litter promptly!

Dogs should be leashed when being walked – and don't forget to carry and use the "pooper scooper" when needed.

Do not park your vehicles on the lawn or city-berm area.

Commercial trucks need to be parked **OUTSIDE** of our R-1 Zoned neighborhood. These vehicles are not allowed.

Remember that Basketball Hoops are illegal in the street. This is a serious safety concern for parents and children considering speeders and distracted drivers. **SLOW DOWN. PAY ATTENTION. BE SAFE!**

Park your vehicles off the street whenever possible – especially during our winter street snow-removal season! This request is for your (and your vehicle) safety and security. Please park in your driveway or garage.

Don't you agree that everyone should be able to enjoy a pleasant and serene view when we look out of our windows? Resolve in the New Year of 2015 to help make that view a reality in Grandmont.

### VACANT PROPERTY TASK FORCE:

Our December Vacant Property Task Force Fundraiser at the Redford Theatre on Friday December 5<sup>th</sup> was a great success. The movie, "*National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation*" might not be to everyone's taste – but you had to laugh at many of the ridiculous – yet often relatable and sometimes personal – family traditions gone wrong trying to achieve the perfect holiday!

The beautiful gift baskets arranged by **GRDC** staff members were an extra incentive to encourage participation. The church choir from Christ the King helped 'sing in' the Christmas Spirit to add joy to our event! **THANK YOU!** Also, thanks to the local merchants who so generously donated items to make these gift baskets full of wonderful items and certificates to help multiply the joy of the season! If you haven't been to the Redford Theatre,

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**INTERNET SAFETY PRESENTATION BY COUNTY SHERIFF** – The Community Safety Program’s Crime Prevention Task Force will host an Internet Safety Presentation by the Wayne County Sheriff Department, Saturday, Jan. 24<sup>th</sup> from Noon - 2:00 PM. The workshop is free and open to the public and will be held at the **GRDC** offices, 19800 Grand River. Light refreshments will be served. For more information, contact Karen Johnson Moore at [kmoore@grandmontrosedale.com](mailto:kmoore@grandmontrosedale.com) or call **313-387-4732, ext. 110**.

**THE GRAND RIVER WORKPLACE ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS** – Grandmont Rosedale’s new co-working space, the Grand River WorkPlace, 19120 Grand River, is accepting applications from entrepreneurs interested in becoming a part of our shared work space. If you are interested in applying, or would like to find out more about our co-working space, contact Tom Goddeeris at [tgoddeeris@grandmontrosedale.com](mailto:tgoddeeris@grandmontrosedale.com).



**COMING SOON: NEWLY RENOVATED HOUSES FOR SALE** – **GRDC** will soon have two beautifully renovated houses for sale in Grandmont Rosedale. Each home will be updated, move-in ready, and homebuyers will receive down payment assistance and free homebuyer counseling to insure that homebuyers get off on the right foot in their new homes. Be sure to check out [www.grandmontrosedale.com](http://www.grandmontrosedale.com) for details about our latest listings.

**PROSPERUS TRAINING OFFERS WINTER CLASSES** – **PROSPERUS DETROIT** will begin a 20-week winter training session this February, 2015. **PROSPERUS** is a place-based community development program that empowers local entrepreneurs, operating on the principle that every neighborhood has untapped talent and the potential to revitalize itself and its local economy. The program teams up with community organizations in targeted Detroit neighborhoods to host its training sessions. Over the course of the training, students develop a business plan, receive 10 hours of follow up one-on-one training, and upon graduation become eligible to apply for loans and technical assistance. The **PROSPERUS** Training will take place at the **GRDC** offices, 19800 Grand River. For more information, or to **RSVP**, contact Jordan Mulka at **313-297-0064** or [jmulka@swsol.org](mailto:jmulka@swsol.org).



### **VACANT PROPERTY TASK FORCE, *cont'd from pg. 7:***

I encourage you to see a movie there and assist with ongoing restoration of their oriental-themed movie theatre. Our group sincerely appreciates all the support from our five communities. We raised over **\$1,000.00** to help with vacant property security and lawn maintenance. All of the money we make from fundraising goes toward keeping vacant properties and vacant lots clean and clear of debris in order to create a healthier environment for all of us. As an extra bonus, one of our Grandmont residents ~ Mary Muhammad ~ won a gift basket. Congratulations, Mary!

#### **2014 ACCOMPLISHMENTS:**

As part of the Vacant Property Task Force representing Grandmont in our **GRDC** neighborhoods, we accomplished many things in 2014. Vacant Properties have been secured, some demolished, boards have been painted, lawns cut, etc. We also prevented and actually worked to remove squatters from properties! **GRDC** hosted a Press Conference in November where our committee was instrumental – hand in

hand with exceptional Detroit Police work – to apprehend someone in our community who pled guilty to deed fraud and who took money from people and ‘sold’ properties he did not own. Another reason to trust – but verify! Check with the Register of Deeds as well as go to the Assessments Division of the Coleman A. Young Municipal Center (8<sup>th</sup> floor) with proof of ownership to change the name and address of any tax record.

**NEW IN 2015!** The City has said it will provide boards for securing vacant properties with a few days advance notice. Stephanie Young or Reg Davis (District 1 Neighborhood Representatives) have the details for this new program. If you would be willing to help secure properties, please let me know. If there is a vacant property that needs securing, please let me know. We also will have a ‘painting of the boards’ party in late spring or early summer. More information when available – so stay connected.

*Diane Patterson, Chairperson, 313-836-3736*





## Detroit Police Department Communications Operations Senior & Veteran 911 Profile Agreement

The Detroit Police Department and its members are firmly committed to providing professional service to all citizens in general. However, in an effort to improve our service delivery model for our senior citizens (65 years of age or older) and military veterans, the Detroit Police Department will be implementing a new service **(Senior & Veteran 911 Profile)**. This service will allow our senior citizens and veterans to have their individual profiles stored in our 911 database and provide critical care information to the 911 call-takers in the event of an emergency situation. This should improve the call taking, dispatch and emergency response process.

The following agreement outlines the customer rights, responsibilities and use of the service. It shall also be used as a guide to identify what you can expect from the service. You are required to read, understand and agree to this agreement in its entirety. This form can be submitted either at your local district, via telephone (1-313-596-1777) or via fax (1-313-596-1610).

### **Rights, responsibilities, usage:**

- You must be 65 years of age or older to utilize this service.
- You bear the sole and entire responsibility to keep your information accurate and current in our 911 database.
- You have full control over the information that you choose to share with 911. Only provide information that you want us to have access to.
- Your profile will be stored in our database for 1 year and must be renewed on an annual basis.
- You may terminate this service at any time.
- Veterans may have a family member or caregiver make the request and/or sign for them

### **Service expectations:**

- The information provided shall not be the sole means by which you will communicate information to 911 in the event of an emergency and is not intended to replace the most reliable method of supplying information to 911 personnel that being verbal transmission over the telephone.
- This does not constitute an agreement that emergency personnel will be dispatched to your event regardless of the situation.
- We accept no responsibility nor are we obligated to contact any person whom you have identified as a person of contact as part of your profile.
- There may be a time where factors either technical or operational that may prevent your profile from being provided to 911 personnel.

I, \_\_\_\_\_, understand and voluntarily agree to all of the above terms and conditions of service.

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# Senior & Veteran 911 Profile

\*Name:

\*Address:

Upper / Lower

Apt. #

Bldg.#

Unit #

\*Call Back Telephone Number:

\*Age:

Gender:

Emergency Contact Persons:

1.

Name

Number

2.

Name

Number

Disabilities:

Rescue points:

Pets in the Home:

Miscellaneous:

\*For Veterans Only:

Military Branch;

Do you prefer a phone call or visit:

Do you object to a visit from a Chaplain:

\* Required fields.

# Grandmont's 2014 Holiday Appreciation Luncheon, cont'd:

After singing a couple of Christmas carols, Rev. Willie Smith blessed the food which was a delicious dining experience. We dined on Hibachi Chicken, Shrimp Tempura, Beef Bulgogi, Chicken Teriyaki and for the vegetarians - a vegetable platter. Dessert came in the surprise of Red-Velvet Cheesecake-Swirl Brownies donated by consummate baker Kevin Hewitt, proprietor of **NUTTIN' BUT BROWNIES**.



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After finishing our delicious meal in attractive surroundings, Toastmaster, **Muhsin Muhammad**, President of Grandmont's Radio Patrol and Chair of our Safety/Security Committee, had us hold our glasses high and gave a heartfelt toast to Grandmont. Everyone left with a smile on their face and a gift bag in their hand, including the community of friends that came to join us.

## HAPPY NEW YEAR, GRANDMONT!

*Diane Patterson and Kris Thurmond*



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**NEW DPD SMARTPHONE APP IS HERE!**



**RELEASE DATE: December 9, 2014**

**PRESS RELEASE**

On December 9, 2014, the Detroit Police Department unveiled "DPD Connect", a new smart phone application meant to connect the citizens of Detroit with their police department.

Once downloaded, the app will give the user access to vital information such as press releases, wanted or missing persons and significant events that have occurred in the city. They will be provided a list of phone numbers that will put them in contact with their respective Precinct, Neighborhood Police Officers and Detectives, just to name a few. Users will be given access to a direct link to the department's Facebook, Twitter and YouTube pages, where they will be able to view additional information concerning DPD, or post your concerns about what is occurring in Detroit. Lastly, citizens will be able to leave an anonymous tip, allowing them to help the police department take dangerous criminals off of the street, yet still remain anonymous.

We would like to thank Mr. Will McDowell and his team at Detroit Labs, (based right here in Detroit), for their help in creating this App. Their generosity and hard work has been unwavering throughout this entire process. It is the relationship with businesses like theirs that keeps our department a step above the rest.

We have made a commitment to the citizens of this great city, that we will become more accessible to the community. DPD Connect will be a key tool in facilitating that access. DPD Connect is now available for free in the Google Play and Apple iTunes stores.

**PR-14-210**

*For additional information, please contact the Office of Public Information at 313-596-2200.*

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## CITY SERVICES

<b>TRASH PICKUP DAY: FRIDAY</b>	<b>YARD WASTE COLLECTION WILL RESUME MID-APRIL 2015</b>
<b>TRASH PICKUP HOLIDAY SCHEDULE</b>	<b>BULK PICKUP SCHEDULE 2015:</b>
<i>If any of the following holidays is on or before your collection day, your service will be one day later:</i>	<b>EVERY OTHER MONDAY</b>
<b>NEW YEAR'S DAY</b> ..... MARTIN LUTHER KING'S BIRTHDAY	<b>JAN 12 &amp; JAN 26 ~ FEB 9 &amp; FEB 23 ~ MAR 9 &amp; MAR 23</b>
<b>MEMORIAL DAY</b> ..... INDEPENDENCE DAY	
<b>LABOR DAY</b> ..... THANKSGIVING DAY	<b>NEAREST BULK DROP-OFF LOCATION:</b>
	<b>FACILITY:</b> Southfield Yard
<b>POLICE DISTRICT:</b>	<b>LOCATION:</b> 12255 Southfield Svc Dr. (SOUTH OF SCHOOLCRAFT)
<b>POLICE PRECINCT/DISTRICT: 8<sup>th</sup> / NORTHWEST DISTRICT</b>	Detroit, MI 48228
11450 Warwick	<b>OPEN MONDAY – FRIDAY, 8:00 AM – 5 PM</b>
Detroit, MI 48228	<b>PHONE: 1 (844) 2-DETROIT (338764)</b>
313-596-5600	<b>EMAIL: DetroitMIResidential@AdvancedDisposal.com</b>
<b>NEIGHBORHOOD POLICE OFFICER:</b>	<a href="http://www.advanceddisposal.com/mi/detroit/detroit-residential-collection">http://www.advanceddisposal.com/mi/detroit/detroit-residential-collection</a>
<b>NPO – OFFICER SHAWN CHILDREY</b>	
<b>313-596-5217</b>	
	<b>DEPARTMENT OF NEIGHBORHOODS DISTRICT OFFICE:</b>
<b>POLICE MINI-STATION LOCATION: 8<sup>th</sup></b>	Crowell Recreation Center
Crowell Recreation Center	16630 Lahser
16630 Lahser	Detroit, MI 48219
Detroit, MI 48219	<b>STEPHANIE YOUNG, MANAGER</b>
	<b>PHONE: 313-236-3473</b>
<b>CITY COUNCIL DISTRICT: DISTRICT 1:</b>	<b>EMAIL: youngst@detroitmi.gov</b>
Council Representative James Tate	<b>REGGIE "REG" DAVIS, ASST. MANAGER</b>
<b>PHONE: 313-224-1027</b>	<b>PHONE: 1 (844) 2-DETROIT (338764)</b>
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### YARD WASTE PICK-UP HAS ENDED FOR THE SEASON!

#### BULK ONLY EVERY OTHER MONDAY

PLEASE DO NOT PUT BULK ITEMS OUT ANY EARLIER THAN THE DAY BEFORE OUR BULK PICKUP! THANK YOU.

RESIDENTS WITH PROPER IDENTIFICATION MAY USE THE DROP-OFF LOCATIONS TO DISCARD YARD WASTE, BULK ITEMS AND RECYCLABLE ITEMS. THESE HOURS ARE IN EFFECT FROM NOW THROUGH THE END OF MARCH 2015 FOR THE DROP-OFF SITES:

#### CHRISTMAS TREES

LAST DATE TO COLLECT CHRISTMAS TREES WILL BE JAN 12<sup>th</sup>

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#### JANUARY, 2015 RECYCLE DATES

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### VISIT OUR NEIGHBORHOOD LIBRARY

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Currently, the branch serves a diverse population. The collection includes books and audio tapes. There is a strong emphasis on African-American literature and testing materials. Educational and entertaining programming, including book discussion groups, computer classes, and story hours, is available for children and adults throughout the year.

Library location: 16101 Grand River (at Mansfield), Detroit, MI, 48227. Phone: [\(313\) 481-1570](tel:3134811570).

For further information about Chaney Library's calendar of programs and services, go to:

[www.detroitpubliclibrary.org/branch/chaney](http://www.detroitpubliclibrary.org/branch/chaney)

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

February 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28			

# JANUARY 2015

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<a href="http://www.grandmontcommunity.org">www.grandmontcommunity.org</a> View Grandmonitor in color						
4 	5 7PM—Grandmont Patrol meeting at GRDC Office, 19800 Grand River	6 	7  RECYLCE PICKUP	8 New Years Day 	9	10
11	12  Bulk Pickup ONLY Last day to pick up Christmas trees	13	14	15	16	17
18	19  Martin Luther King Day	20 	21  RECYLCE PICKUP 7PM—GRDC Board Meeting at GRDC office	22 6:30PM—Grandmont Rosedale Neighborhood Safety Meeting at N Rosedale Park Community	23	24 10AM—District 1 Meeting Location TBA 12noon—2:PM—WSC Internet Safety Presentation at GRDC Office, 19800 Grand River
25	26  Bulk Pickup ONLY 7PM—NW District Police Community Relations mtg on at Bushnell Church	27	28	29	30	31  Chinese New Year
GRANDMONT PATROL MEETING GRDC OFFICE, 19800 GRAND RIVER~ MONDAY, FEBRUARY 2 2015~7 PM GRANDMONT COMMUNITY BOARD MEETING GRDC OFFICE, 19800 GRAND RIVER—Saturday, FEBRUARY 7, 2015~10 AM						
GRANDMONT~ROSEDALE NEIGHBORHOOD SAFETY MTG: N. ROSEDALE PARK COMMUNITY HOUSE—THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2015 ~ 6:30PM DPD DISTRICT POLICE COMMUNITY RELATIONS MTG: BUSHNELL CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH—Monday, FEBRUARY 26, 2015 ~ 7PM						
<b>FEBRUARY MEETINGS 2015</b>						